Evaluating and Publishing Files on Compensation Cases

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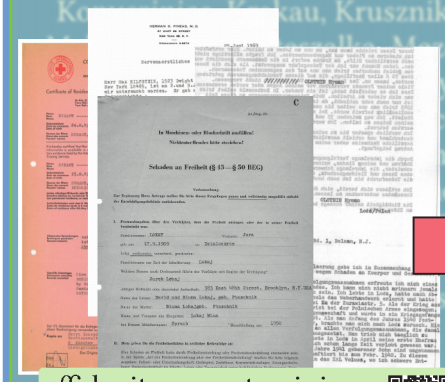
The Documents



affidavits, expert opinions, forms, certificates ...

Data contained

- **Biographical data**: Name, date and place of birth, education, fate during persecution (ghettos, camps, in hiding, escape to USSR), type of damage **(mostly health**, freedom, life, education, property), date of liberation, stay in Germany until emigration (Displaced Person Camps), emigration destination, fate of relatives
- **Affidavits** from applicants and witnesses/ **expert opinions describing the persecution**

in varying depth

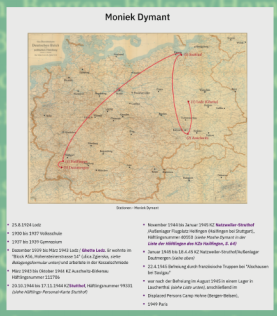
Developments

- **Initially no idea** of the content of the files/proceeding/law
- **Initial target: create one data record** per applicant, no specifications of data to be stored
- **New targets** with increasing familiarity: **make** content/existence of **files known**, **publish examples, show sources**
- with better knowledge: data sets were enhanced, older **data sets had to be updated**

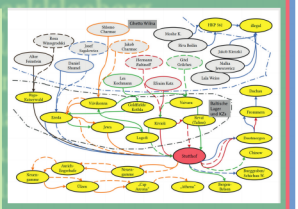
Results

Berkowicz, Moshe	2	2.5.9.1929	Radom/Polen;	Vater Metzger Wolanow, 10/40 Zwangsarbeit Strzalkow Radom (A: BauarbeitenBaracken Häuserbau), 1942 ZAL Bilzyn (A: Steinbruch), Herbst 1944 KZ Auschwitz # B-2050 (A: Ziegeltragen), KZ Auschwitz/ Monowitz – BUNA 5 (A: Trägerdienste, Holzhacken), KZ Sachsenhausen, KZ Flossenbürg, 1/45 KZ Buchenwald/Ohrdruf (Krähwinkel) (A: Munitionsfabrik), 3/45 Evakuierungsmarsch Bergen-Belsen, 4/45 Befreiung.	Verzögerung bei Komplettierung	Aktenauszug, Atteste, Schriftverkehr wg KZ-Nummer	Hamburg 1965-1972 W4 – 30929-16

data sets of 1500+ claimants (see barcode), excerpts from affidavits of 90+ claimants ...



... 32 biographies, fate of Vilnius Jews, description of proceeding, scanned documents of 600 claimants, various evaluations



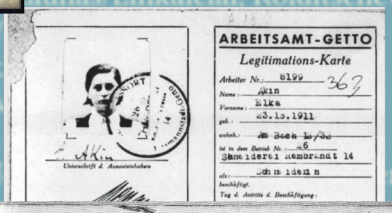
External Sources for Claimant related biographical Data

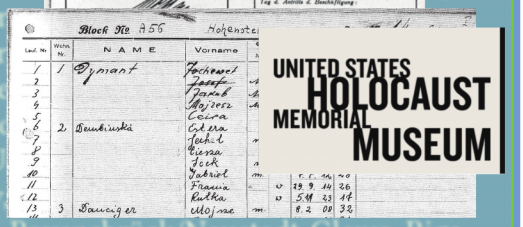
Online Sources

All kinds of additional information like dates, places, involved peoples/companies ..., e.g.

- documents related to claimant from USHMM
- documents related to claimant from Arolsen Archives
- interviews of at least 11 claimants, see e.g. Rachel Schper
- Yad Vashem deportation database, see Hermann Pineas' mother Therese
- Wilna/Karl Plagge: search for major plagge
- Leo-Baeck-Institute, see story of Herman Pineas
- the Auschwitz Trials, see Boris Piekny
- online databases of the Federal States' Archives: date of birth/date of death, archive signatures
- for more examples and further information see list of sources:

e.g. "Häftlings-Personal-Karten", transportlists, certificates of residence/ health/incarceration, post war registration documents





e.g. Resident lists, Working permits, questionnaires, ID cards, application forms, death certificates (ghetto administration)

Offline Sources

Files containing affidavits, expert opinons, application forms from compensation claims of the claimant from the archives of the federal states, currently used (incomplete list of claimants):

- Landesarchiv Niedersachsen (e.g. Boris Piekny), Staatsarchiv Ludwigsburg (e.g. Pinia Berkowicz), LANDESAMT FÜR FINANZEN, Amt für Wiedergutmachung, Rheinland-Pfalz (e.g. Sam Binke), Archives of courts (Lilli S., judgement with description of deathmarch)

Background picture: based on the names of more than 200 camps and ghettos mentioned in the files