

PROJECT PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 7.00–8.00 PM ROOM: K3

UKRAINIAN ROMANY TESTIMONIES

The presentation will be delivered on the testimonies recorded in 1996-1998 by the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation from Romanies who survived Nazi and Romanian persecution during WWII in Ukraine. First, Mr. Tyaglyy will explore the quantitative parameters of the collection, that is the number of the testimonies, the average duration of a Romany testimony, and the geography of that part of Ukraine covered by the testimonies. Second, he will focus on the qualitative characteristics of the collection: the structure of a testimony received from a Romani survivor; the customary profile of the information in a testimony usually; the way a Romani survivor usually presents his/her experience; the psychological peculiarities of a “Romany” testimony compared with the records of the other victim groups stored at the USC SFI. Particular points of interest in his work are the issues of (1) how the Romani collection reflects the tragic events of the Nazi/Romanian persecution during WWII; (2) in what way the Romani evidences should be used in Holocaust education.

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