



# MEMORIES OF THE SOVIET DEPORTATIONS ON 14TH JUNE 1941 IN THE COLLECTION OF THE MUSEUM OF THE OCCUPATION OF LATVIA

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# More than **75 000 items** in the Museum of the Occupation Archive all together

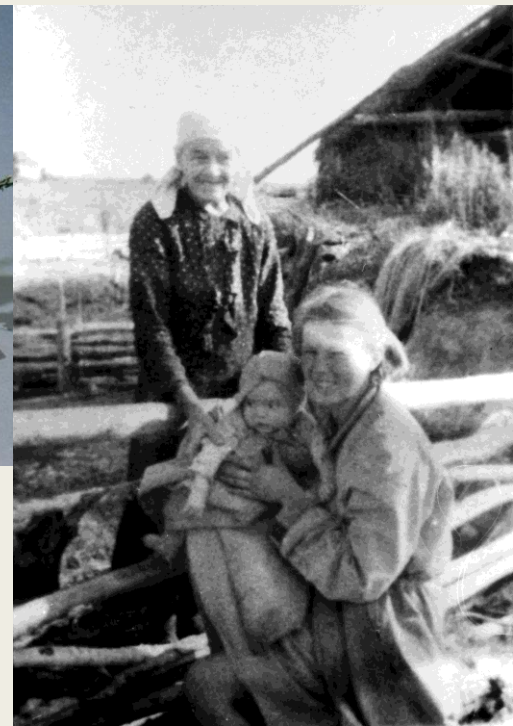
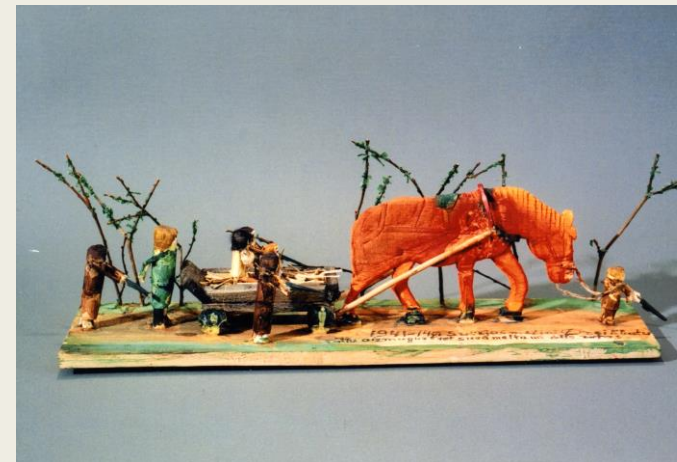


Thousands of testimonials about the June 14th, 1941

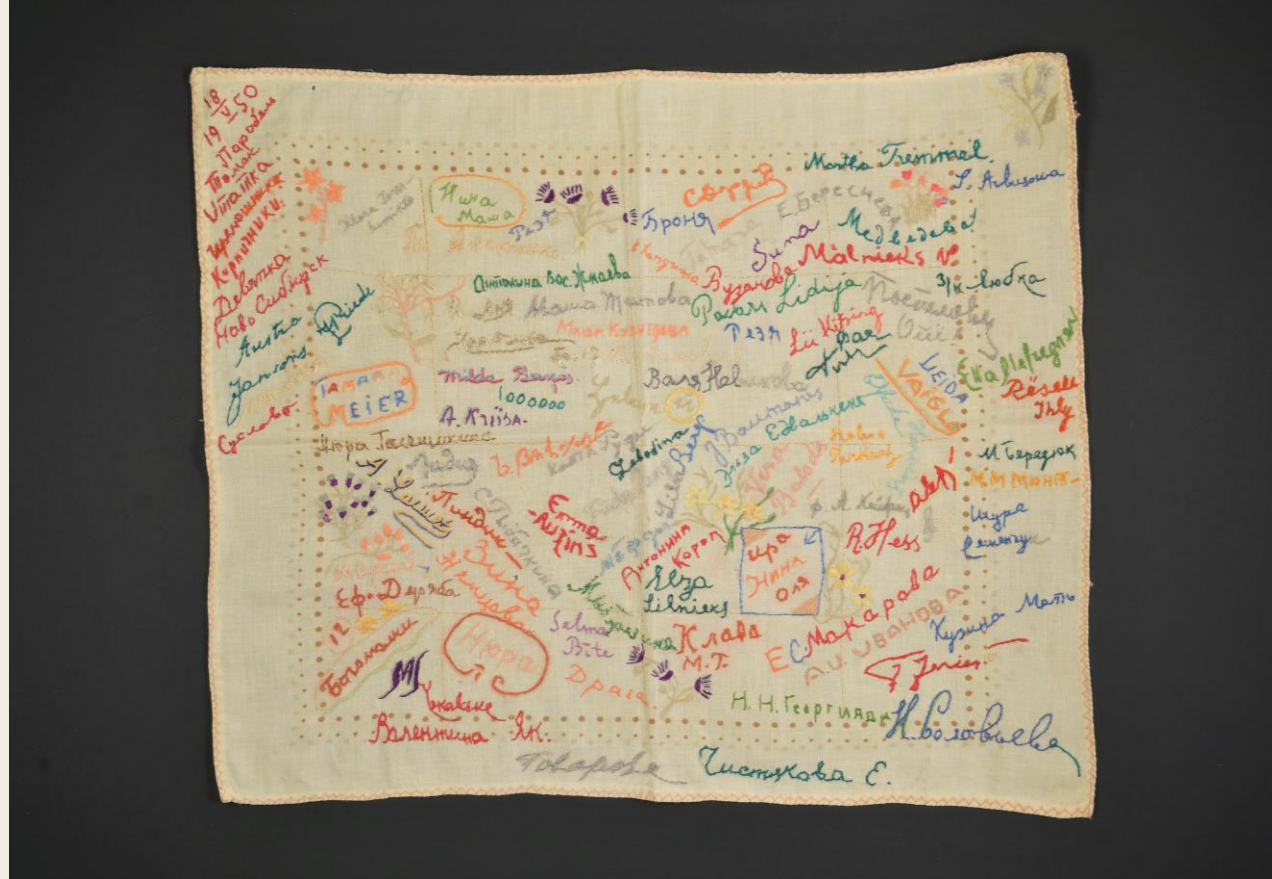


# Types of testimonies and items

- Written and oral memories of deportees /survivors
- Written and oral memories of eye-witnesses /bystanders
- Personal documents
- Diaries and letters
- Photographs (*taken from Latvia and made in forced settlement*)
- Items that were taken along with
- Items that were got/earned/gifted during the time in forced settlement
- Pieces of Art where experience transforms into a creative expression







# STORY OF THE HANDKERCHIEF OF MĒRIJA STAKLE



# Collection of the Video testimonies

(Inv. nr. OMF/2300)



- **2419** video testimonies (4475 h)
- **240** deportees of 14th June 1941
- Eye-witness memories of 14th June 1941



# 240

## Deportees of 14th June 1941

(1,55% from all deportees on 14th June 1941 \* )

- **38** adult\*\* of 1941 interviews. *(The oldest deported person that the Museum has interviewed, was **40 years old** on the deportation day (Edīte Kubuliņa, Inv.nr. OMF2300/218))*
- **3** adult men – one survived ‘Vyatlag’, two weren’t separated from their families
- **198** interviewees were deported to Krasnoyarsk region, **41** – Novosibirsk oblast
- **229** Latvians, **7** Jews, **1** Russian, **1** Pole, **1** Lithuanian from Kaunas, **1** Estonian from Pärnu.
- **4** later arrested, sentenced and imprisoned in GULAG
- **132** returned to Latvia soon after WWII 1945. – 1948. **62** from them were deported back to forced settlement.
- **143** returned to Latvia soon after release from forced settlement 1954 to 1960, **14** – from 1960 to 1993, **13** – didn’t return
- **15** interviews are in Russian, others in Latvian

\* **15 424** Latvian people were deported

\*\* Born till **1922** (including)

# Use of video testimonies about the Deportation 1941

- Books
- Magazines
- TV
- Radio



## Researches:

- Lelde Neimane, Personal experience of the deportations of 14 June 1941 in the collections of the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia: aspects of information and disinformation
- Evita Feldentāle, Image of Latvia in the eyes of the children born in forced resettlement: example of the June deportation of 1941

## Accessibility of the Museum collections

- Contacts of the Museum staff: <http://okupacijasmuzejs.lv/en/>
- Joint Catalogue of the National Holdings of Museums in Latvia - <http://www.nmkk.lv/> (*items and written memories, LV*)
- **Stanford University Library** - data base of the LOM Video testimony collection, English descriptions
- Youtube.com channel - **Latvijas Okupācijas muzejs** and **Latvijas Okupācijas muzeja Izglītības nodaļa**
- Online exhibit on **Stanford University Library** web page - <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/baltic-video/feature/the-museum-of-the-occupation-of-latvia-audiovisual-archive>





# THANK YOU!

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