

"THERE ONCE WAS A TOWN" TRANSCRIPTS AND TAPE LOGS, circa 1997-1999 2014.544.31

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Descriptive summary

Title: "There Once Was a Town" transcripts and tape logs

Dates: circa 1997-1999

Accession number: 2014.544.31

Creator: Bieber, Jeff.

Extent: 1.0 linear foot (2 boxes)

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Abstract: The collection includes oral history interview transcripts and tape logs related to the documentary film "There Once Was a Town," produced and directed by Jeff Bieber in 1999 for WETA, a Public Broadcasting Service station. The interviews were conducted with Yaffa Eliach, author of *There Once Was a World: A 900-Year Chronicle of the Shtetl of Eishyshok*, other survivors of Eishyshok, Poland (now Eišiškės, Lithuania), and their children.

Languages: English

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Jeff Bieber donated the "There Once Was a Town" transcripts and tape logs to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2014.

Separated materials: Jeff Bieber also donated oral history interviews and film footage related to the project (RG-50.760.0001 through RG-50.760.0030) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, September 2019

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The "There Once Was a Town" transcripts and tape logs are arranged as two series:

Series 1: Interview transcripts, 1997-1999

Series 2: Tape logs, circa 1997-1999

Indexing terms

Personal names

Eliach, Yaffa.

Topical terms

Jews--Lithuania--Eišišķės--History.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Lithuania--Eišišķės.

Geographic terms

Eišišķės (Lithuania)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Interview transcripts, 1997-1999

Box/Folder	Description
1.1-1.3	Interview with Barbara and Abraham Asner, January 18, 1999 (3 folders)
1.4	Interview with Edna Atai, December 2, 1997
1.5	Interview with Mr. Berkowitz, circa 1998
1.6-1.9	Interview with Yaffa Eliach, February 21, 1999 (4 folders)
1.10-1.14	Interview with Leon Kahn, December 28, 1998 (5 folders)

1.15-1.16	Interview with Zwi Michaelowsky, February 7, 1999, copy 1 (2 folders)
1.17-1.18	Interview with Zwi Michaelowsky, February 7, 1999, copy 2 (2 folders)
1.19	Interview with Zwi Michaelowsky, circa 1999
2.1	Interview with Reuven Paikowski, circa 1998
2.2	Interview with Ze'ev Paikowski, March 3, 1998
2.3-2.5	Interview with Miriam K. Shulman, December 2, 1997 (3 folders)
2.6	Interview with Yitzhak Sonenson, circa 1998
2.7	Interview with Barbara Wiener (Asner), circa 1997-1999
2.8	Interview with Etna, March 10, 1998
2.9	Interview with Kinit, March 9, 1998
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Series 2: Tape logs, circa 1997-1999

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