

## SELECTED RECORDS FROM THE DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIVES OF CREUSE, 1939–1945

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**Scope and Content:** Materials of the Cabinet du Préfet, the Service du Travail Obligatoire (office sending French workers to Germany), and summer camps for city children; documents on the surveillance and internment of foreigners, including prewar German, Austrian, and Polish political refugees; documentation of the activities of the French gendarmerie and of the 1943 deportations.

**Historical Note:**

The Creuse was a sparsely-populated rural area of France. Children from Paris from all backgrounds were sent there to various summer camps. Due to the arrival of a great number of Spanish refugees following the Spanish Civil War, camps were established as early as 1937 to shelter them: Pionnant; de Clocher; and Bosmoreau-les-Mines. The French Jewish aid organization OSE (Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants) had 3 children's homes in the Creuse: the Château de Chabannes in the village of Saint-Pierre-de-Fursac, run by Félix Chevrier, the Château du Masgelier and the Château de Chaumont. There were forced labor groups such as the 420th Groupe de Travailleurs Étrangers, places where foreigners were interned and camps for Roma (Camp de Chassagne).

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