



# FINDBUCH

FOR VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND AIMS**

In order to be able to process the applications received by the General Settlement Fund with the help of historical documents, Austrian archives have provided a wealth of information – so called Findbücher, or finding aids – on their file holdings relating to National Socialist property seizures and Austrian compensation and restitution measures. While working to process the applications, the staff of the General Settlement Fund were able to merge this data, sometimes adding to it, amending it and – if not already done – recording it electronically. The resulting database provides the foundation for the “Findbuch for Victims of National Socialism”.

Through regular communication with our applicants, numerous correspondence and personal contacts, we have come to realize that, even today, people’s desire to find out about the stories and fates of their family and friends remains unabated.

The information provided by the Findbuch on the files of the Austrian archives containing personal information does not allow inferences to be drawn about possible applicants to the National Fund of the Republic of Austria or the General Settlement Fund for Victims of National Socialism.

The main goal hoped to be achieved by publishing the Findbuch – also available in English – is to facilitate the search for “family traces” in Austrian archive holdings, not only for the victims of National Socialism from Austria and their descendents but also for academics and provenance or family researchers. It is intended to encourage people to come to terms with National Socialism and its aftermath in Austria, both in terms of family history research and at an academic, educational and societal level.

## **THE NATIONAL FUND AS DATABASE OPERATOR**

The objective of the National Fund, established in 1995, is “to express the special responsibility towards the victims of National Socialism” [Sec. 1 (2) of the National Fund Law]. The National Fund fulfils this task by rendering material benefits, e.g. in the form of gesture payments and project funding.

Along with these material benefits, the National Fund also expresses its responsibility in non-material ways (such as publishing life stories, managing the art database and coordinating the redesign of the Austrian national exhibition in the Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau). Moreover, in recent years responses have been provided to increasing numbers of inquiries from applicants keen to know more about their family history, their knowledge of which is often fragmented as a result of flight and persecution. In addition, the number of inquiries from the fields of science/academia and provenance research has also risen steeply.

In this respect, by publishing the online Findbuch, the National Fund is also building on its dedication in expressing its “special responsibility” towards the victims of National Socialism and their descendants.

The lawful use of data of the “Online Findbuch on Victims of National Socialism and Austrian Settlement Measures” has been registered with the Austrian Data Protection Commission under DVR-Nr. 0851655. The Data Protection Act has therefore been complied with.

Visit our website at [www.findbuch.at](http://www.findbuch.at)

## PRESENTATION OF THE FINDBUCH AT THE PARLIAMENT ON JANUARY 15 2013

The National Fund of the Republic of Austria presented the Findbuch for Victims of National Socialism within the scope of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27 January – the day of the liberation of the concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz.

The Findbuch was presented in the Austrian Parliament on 15 January 2013, followed by a panel discussion on the subject “Family stories. Restitution and compensation in generational memory”. In the discussion, chaired by Hannah Lessing, Secretary General of the National Fund and the General Settlement Fund, Katja Sturm-Schnabl, professor at the Institute for Slavic Studies at the University of Vienna, actor and author Miguel Herz-Kestranek, Albertina provenance researcher Pia Schölnberger and university professor emeritus at the Institute of Contemporary History of the University of Vienna, Gerhard Botz, discussed the impact the National Socialist era had had on the families’ memory and the meaning of restitution and compensation for the victims of National Socialism.

The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the National Fund, President of the National Council Barbara Prammer, believes that the Findbuch has come at the right time. The General Settlement Fund – established on the basis of the Washington Agreement –, whose work provides the foundation for the Findbuch, had almost completed its tasks. In the run-up to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, an important source of information had been made accessible, which not only benefited victims of National Socialism from Austria and their descendents but also historians, schools, universities and commemorative projects. “Undertaking research in the Findbuch is also a form of remembrance and commemoration and, as such, also forms part of the Austrian culture of remembrance”, continued Prammer.

“By publishing the Findbuch, the National Fund is further building on its dedication in expressing Austria’s special responsibility towards the victims of National Socialism and their descendents”, summed up Lessing.

**Fig. 1:** Secretary General of the National Fund and the General Settlement Fund, Hannah Lessing, and President of the National Council Barbara Prammer (from left).

**Fig. 2:** View towards the participants of the event. In the first row from right Hannah Lessing, Aviv Shir-On, Oskar Deutsch, Anna Elisabeth Haselbach, Barbara Prammer, Terezija Stoisits, Herwig Hösele, Harald Walser, Gerhard Botz.

**Fig.3:** The panel from left: Univ.-Prof. Katja Sturm-Schnabl, Institute of Slavic Studies at the University of Vienna; Miguel Herz-Kestranek, actor and author; Hannah Lessing, chairwoman and Secretary General of the National Fund; Pia Schölnberger, provenance researcher at the Albertina Museum; and university professor emeritus at the Institute of Contemporary History of the University of Vienna, Gerhard Botz.

**Fig. 4:** The journalist and former editor of “Jerusalem Post”, Ari Rath, speaking; in front to the left, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community in Vienna, Paul Chaim Eisenberg and the Findbuch project team members Annette Eisenberg, Iris Petrinja and Peter Stadlbauer.

**Fig.5:** Pia Schölnberger in conversation with Miguel Herz-Kestranek.



## **FEEDBACK FOR THE FINDBUCH**

“The Austrian State Archives are proud to have been able to contribute towards the successful realization of this necessary and long-overdue project through the extensive provision of fundamental historical source material.”

Director General of the Austrian State Archives, Univ.-Doz. Dr. Wolfgang Maderthaner

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“As one of the central heritage institutions of this country, the Austrian National Library has for the last ten years been striving to deal with its own National Socialist past in an exemplary and transparent manner. Particularly because of the proven key role it played in National Socialist looting and confiscation, and especially in view of the obvious failures and omissions of the initial post-war years, I have followed this matter very closely since taking on my current role.

We were very pleased to have been able to support the initiative of the National Fund in establishing the online Findbuch. It is still very difficult for the descendents of many victims to receive that to which they are entitled or even just to be able to shed light on the tragic fates of their relatives. I am convinced that an important tool has been created in this respect, in the form of the Findbuch for Victims of National Socialism.”

Dr. Johanna Rachinger, Director General of the Austrian National Library

“If you lose something and find it again, then you’re very pleased. In this case, people don’t even know that they have lost something, but they may find interesting things though. They’ll be able to gain a better idea of life back then, about the problems the people faced during that time. I believe it is something precious, no wonder it is being presented in the Parliament”.

Paul Chaim Eisenberg, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Religion Community in Vienna



“The Findbuch is a vital step in the provision of digital access to information, which benefits both the victims of National Socialism and their descendents as well as those undertaking academic and remembrance work. For the Vienna University Library, the work carried out in cooperation with the National Fund marks a further important step towards the rigorous effort to come to terms with our own history, as we are already in the process of doing with our provenance research.”

HR Maria Seissl, Director of the Vienna University Library

## **CONTENTS**

This new online portal makes it possible to search the holdings of several Austrian archives for material on National Socialist property seizures and Austrian restitution and compensation measures. The Findbuch currently contains around 130,000 records from the Austrian State Archives and the Provincial Archives of Burgenland, Upper Austria, Salzburg, Carinthia and Tyrol. New records are being added continually. It is possible to call up information such as the “property notices” Jewish people had to submit after the “Anschluss” of Austria in 1938 as well as the files of the Restitution Commissions which were established after the war.

In addition, the Findbuch provides in digital form historical address books and official handbooks on public offices and institutions which facilitate research on private individuals, companies or the authorities which were responsible for the National Socialist seizures of property or restitution post-1945. As such, the Findbuch is one of the most comprehensive collections of personal data on National Socialist property seizures and Austrian restitution and compensation measures after 1945.

## OVERVIEW OF THE ADDRESS BOOKS AND OFFICIAL HANDBOOKS

This page provides an overview of the address directories and official handbooks on public offices and institutions which have been digitized in cooperation with Austrian libraries and publishing houses and are now available online in the Findbuch.

Region	Address directory	Year of Publication	Digitized Pages
Burgenland	Address book and official directory	1937	288
Carinthia	Official gazette and address directory	1938	876
Carinthia	Official gazette and address directory	1939	849
Carinthia	Official gazette and address directory	1947	919
Lower Austria	Address directory Krems and Stein	1931	176
Lower Austria	Address directory St. Pölten	1936	251
Lower Austria	Official directory	1949	212
Upper Austria	Linz address directory	1940	1135
Upper Austria	Official directory Oberdonau	1939	522
Upper Austria	Official directory Oberdonau	1940	554
Styria	Graz official directory	1938	174
Styria	Graz address directory	1938	915
Styria	Graz address directory	1944	743
Styria	Graz directory of authorities	1949	75
Tyrol	Official directory and business address directory Tyrol and Vorarlberg	1943	218
Austria	Austrian address directory (Herold)	1938	2168
Austria	Ostmark yearbook (The Old Krakow Directory)	1942	548
Austria	Austrian authorities	1945	88
Austria	Austrian authorities	1946	221
Austria	Austrian (The Old Krakow) Directory	1946	194
Austria	Austrian authorities	1947	324
Austria	Austrian authorities	1948	420
<b>Total</b>			<b>11870</b>

## OVERVIEW OF THE ARCHIVES AND FILE TYPES

This table provides an overview of the types of files that have been imported into the database from the aforementioned Austrian archives, the year or period of their origin and the number of records currently contained in the Findbuch. File types for which no number of records is given are currently being processed.

Archives	File types	Beginning/ period	Data
Burgenländisches Landesarchiv (BLA)	Property notices - Burgenland	1938-1945	140
Burgenländisches Landesarchiv (BLA)	Aryanization files (Northern Burgenland and Southern Burgenland)	1938-1945	1819
Carinthian Regional Archives (KLA)	Slovenian resettlement and compensation - Carinthia	1938-1945; 1946	323
Carinthian Regional Archives (KLA)	Files of the Restitution Commission at the Provincial Court Klagenfurt	1947	
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Notifications of seized property - Upper Austria	1946	4126
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Property notices - Upper Austria (Holdings of the Jewish Community Linz)	1938-1945	506
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Restitution files of the Financial Directorates Upper Austria - restitution of assets	1946	2750
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Restitution files of the Financial Directorates Upper Austria - confiscated assets	1946	587
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Aryanization files - Upper Austria (Holdings of the Jewish Community Linz)	1938-1945	86
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Aryanization files Office of the Reich Governor - Upper Austria	1940-1945	750
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Aryanization files Gau-Self-administration - Upper Austria	1938-1945	43
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Files of the Restitution Commissions - Files of the finance department of the Province of Upper Austria - restitutions	1947	116
Archives of Upper Austria (OÖLA)	Files of the Restitution Commissions - Provincial Court Linz	1947	5099
Salzburger Landesarchiv (SLA)	Files of the Restitution Commissions - Provincial Court Salzburg	1947	675

<b>Archives</b>	<b>File types</b>	<b>Beginning/ period</b>	<b>Data</b>
Tyrolean Regional Archives (TLA)	Restitution files of the Financial Directorates - Tyrol and Vorarlberg	1946	321
Tyrolean Regional Archives (TLA)	Aryanization files List of assets seized/declared forfeited by the German Reich - Tyrol	1938-1945	414
Tyrolean Regional Archives (TLA)	Files of the Restitution Commissions - Provincial Court Innsbruck	1947	1793
Municipal and Provincial Archives of Vienna (MA 8)	Files of the Commercial Court Vienna	1937	
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Property notices	1938-1945	49228
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	List of the German Settlement Society Carinthia	1938-1945	357
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Collection Agencies A and B - negative files properties	1957	2317
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Collection Agencies A and B - negative files trade and commerce	1957	367
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Collection Agencies A and B - list of liquidated companies	1957	
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Collection Agencies A and B - index of companies (excluding Vienna and Lower Austria)	1957	
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Collection Agencies A and B - claims, equity and sale files	1957	
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Restitution files of the Financial Directorates (Upper Austria) - confiscated assets	1946	43677
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	List of Jewish shops/businesses in Vienna (March and April 1939)	March/April 1939	396
Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)	Files of the Compensation Fund	1962	13127
<b>Total</b>			<b>129017</b>

## HOMEPAGE

**INCREASE FONT SIZE  
(DE)ACTIVATE BACKGROUND/  
WALLPAPER**

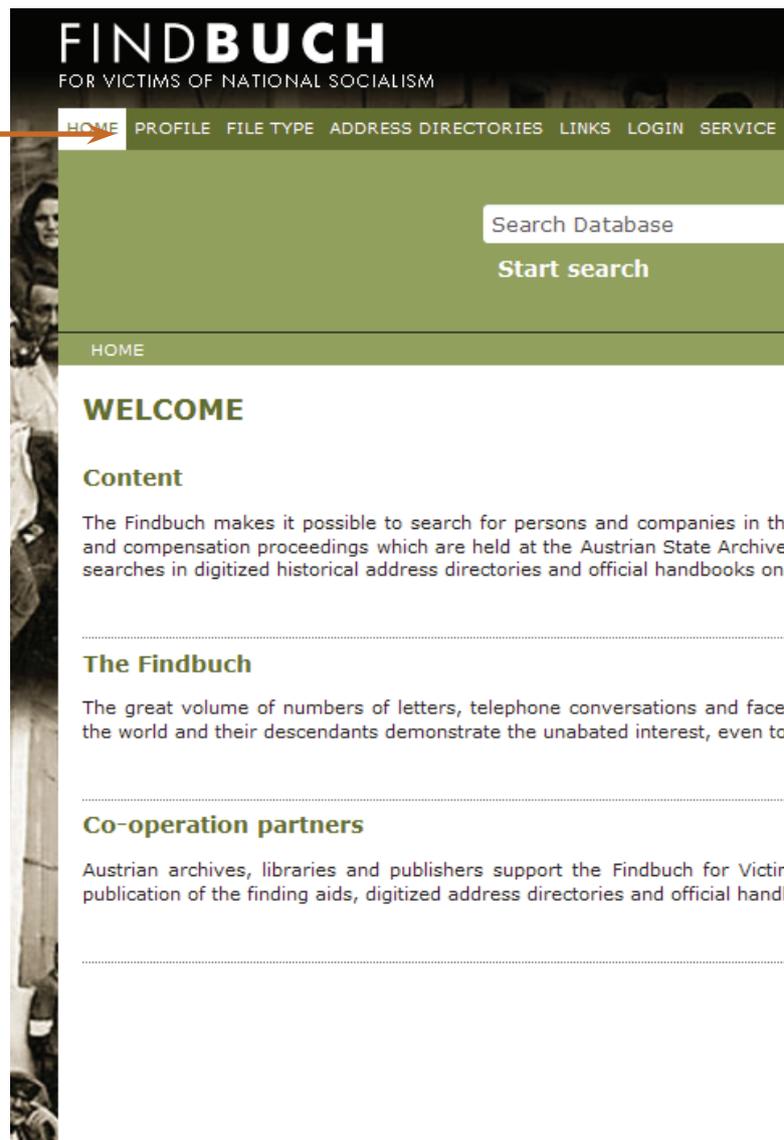
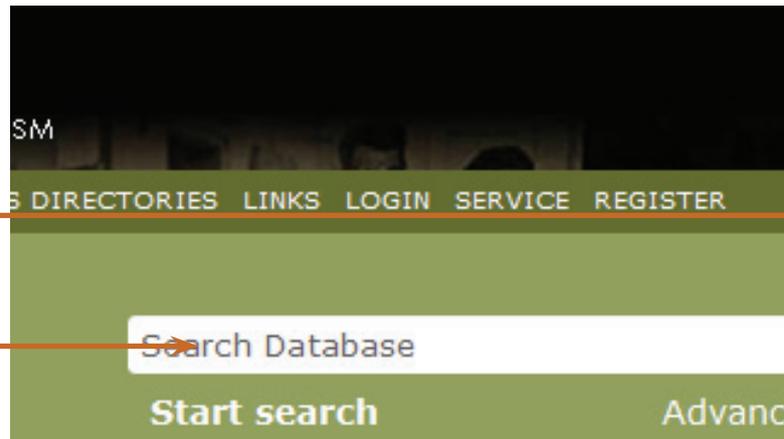
**SEARCH DATABASE  
(FULL TEXT SEARCH)**

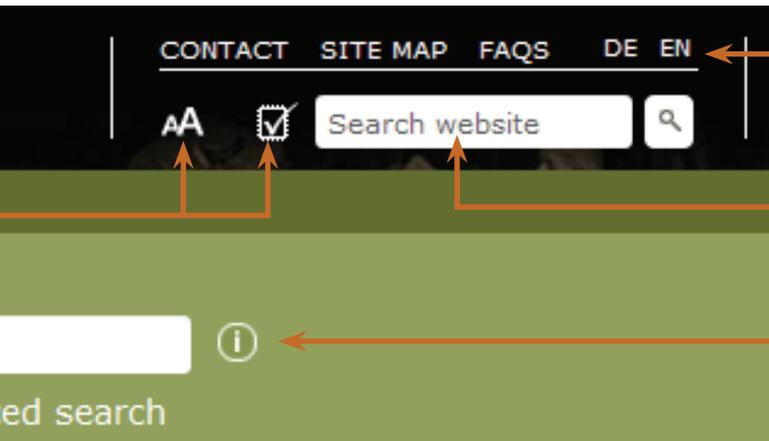
## MAIN NAVIGATION FUNCTION

- Home
- Profile
- File type
- Address directories
- Links
- Login
- Service
- Registration

## LOGIN / REGISTERED USERS

- “My Findbuch”
  - Favourites
  - Personal data
- Logout

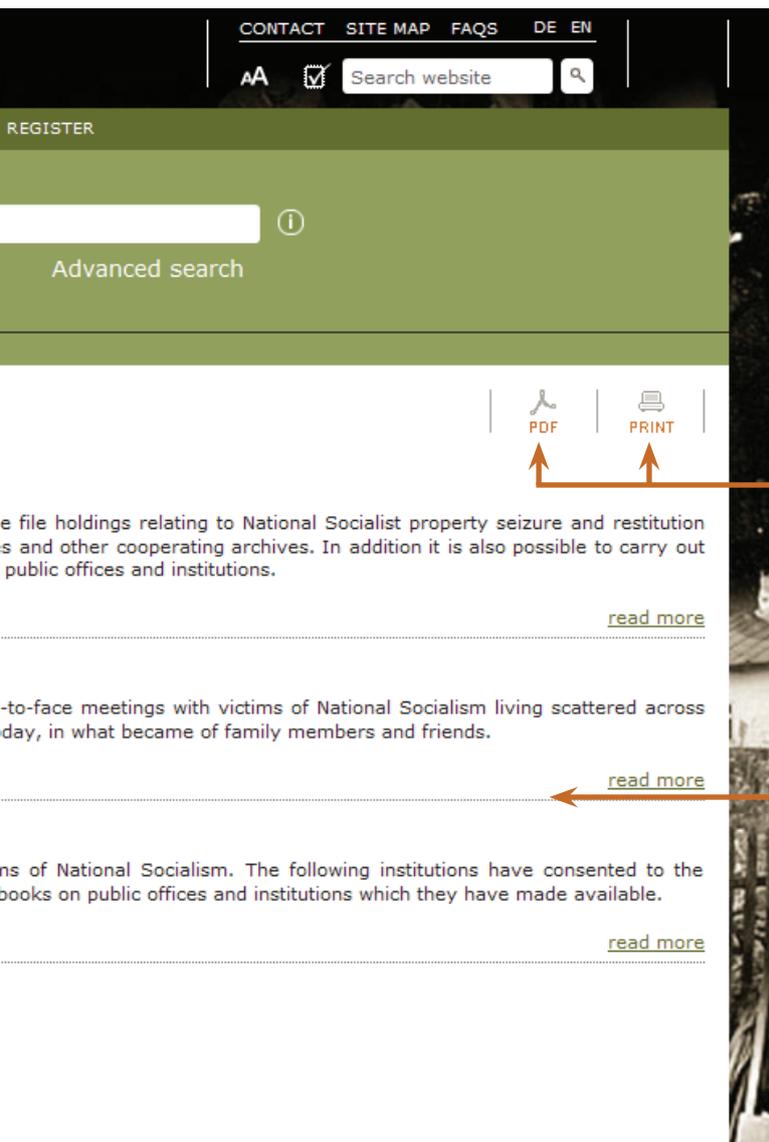




**LANGUAGE SELECTION**

**SEARCH THE WEBSITE**

**SEARCH HELP**



**PDF + PRINT FUNCTION**

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Fig. 1:  
Homepage of the Findbuch

## TYPES OF FILES

The file holdings contained in the Findbuch are described in the menu option “File types”. Explanatory notes on historical background information, file content, informational content and alternative source information are provided for each file type. Moreover, information is provided on the holdings of the respective archives and on data processing.

The screenshot shows the 'FILE TYPE' menu with the following items:

- Property notices
- Aryanization files
- Holdings of the Jewish Community Linz
- List of Jewish shops/businesses in Vienna (March and April 1939)
- Notifications of seized property
- Restitution files of the Financial Directorates
- Files of the Restitution Commissions
- Collection Agencies A and B - claims, equity and sale files
- Files of the Compensation Fund

Below the menu, the 'PROPERTY NOTICES' section is detailed:

**Property notices**  
[Titles of the holdings](#)  
[Origins of the holdings](#)  
[Contents of the holdings](#)  
[Informational content](#)  
[Alternative sources of information](#)  
[Explanations and comments](#)  
[Austrian State Archives](#)  
[Burgenländisches Landesarchiv](#)  
[Archives of Upper Austria](#)

**Titles of the holdings**

**Austrian State Archives/Archives of the Republic**  
 Record group: *Entschädigungs- und Restitutionsangelegenheiten* ("Compensation and restitution matters") 1938–1945  
 Holdings: *Vermögensverkehrsstelle* ("Property Transaction Office"), 1938–1945  
 File series: *Vermögensanmeldungen* ("Property notices"), 1938–1945

**Burgenland**  
**Burgenländisches Landesarchiv**  
 Record group: *Forschungsarchiv* ("Research Archive")  
 Holdings: *Behördliche Archivbestände* ("Authorities' archive holdings")  
 Sub-holdings: *Arisierungsakten (Nordburgenland und Südburgenland)* ("Aryanization files [North Burgenland and South Burgenland]"), 1938–1945  
 File series: *Vermögensanmeldungen NÖ, Verzeichnis über das Vermögen von Juden* ("Property notices Lower Austria, list of Jewish property")

**Upper Austria**  
**Archives of Upper Austria**  
 Record Group: *Weitere Bestände* ("further holdings")  
 Holdings: *Sonderbestände* ("special holdings")  
 Sub-holdings: *Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Linz* ("Jewish Community Linz"), 1938–1945  
 File series: *Vermögensanmeldungen* ("property notices")

Abbreviation for this type of file: VA

Fig. 2: Types of files

## ADDRESS DIRECTORIES AND OFFICIAL HANDBOOKS

The historical Austrian address directories and official handbooks contained in the Findbuch are shown in the menu option “address directories”. For each digitized printed work an overview is provided with bibliographical records, information about the origin and copyright, as well as an index, which will enable you to access the appropriate chapters and pages. The contents were processed using OCR software and can be browsed as PDF file.

The screenshot displays the website's interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for HOME, PROFILE, FILE TYPE, ADDRESS DIRECTORIES, LINKS, MY FINDING AID, SERVICE, and LOGOUT. Below this, a dropdown menu for 'ADDRESS DIRECTORIES' lists regions: Austria, Burgenland, Carinthia, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria, and Tyrol. Each region is linked to a specific document title and year, such as 'Austrian address directory (Herold) 1938' for Austria and 'Austrian authorities 1946' for Upper Austria.

The main content area shows a detailed view for the document 'Österreichische Behörden nach dem Stande vom Juli 1946'. A table provides bibliographic details:

Title	Österreichische Behörden nach dem Stande vom Juli 1946
Publisher	Österreich
Place of publication	Wien
Year of publication	1946
Digitized pages	221

Below the table, there is a list of PDF links for various sections of the document, such as 'TITEL | UND INHALTSVERZEICHNIS', 'REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH | ORGANE DES BUNDES | SEITEN 5 - 13', and 'BUNDESKANZLERAMT | SEITEN 14 - 22'.

An inset window shows a scanned page from the document, page 82, containing the following text:

Stellvertreter: Sektionsrat Dr. Friedrich Lang.

**Abteilung 3:**  
Angelegenheiten betreffend das Vermögen der NSDAP, der sonstigen dem Staate verfallenen und heimgefallenen Vermögen und Vermögensstücke.  
Leiter: Oberregierungsrat Dr. Viktor Mally.  
Stellvertreter: Oberregierungsrat Carl Hübner.

**Abteilung 4 a:** Wien I., Hohenstaufengasse 3, Telephon: U-27-5-20.  
Verwaltung unbeweglichen Vermögens mit Ausnahme des NSDAP-Vermögens und der sonstigen dem Staate verfallenen und heimgefallenen Vermögen.  
Leiter: Hofrat Dr. Andreas Morsey.  
Stellvertreter: Ministerialrat Alexander Bauer.

**Abteilung 4 b:** Wien I., Hohenstaufengasse 3, Telephon: U-27-5-20.  
Verwaltung beweglichen Vermögens mit Ausnahme des NSDAP-Vermögens und der sonstigen dem Staate verfallenen und heimgefallenen Vermögen.  
Leiter: Ministerialrat Dr. Egon Wallentin.  
Stellvertreter: Dipl. Kfm. Georg Radotic.

**Abteilung 6:**  
Öffentliche Verwalter und öffentliche Aufsichtspersonen.  
Leiter: Dr. Franz Stangelberger.  
Stellvertreter: Ministerialrat Dr. Johann Granichstaedten-Czerva.

The page number '82' is visible at the bottom of the scanned snippet.

Fig. 3: Address directories and official handbooks

## REGISTRATION

Registration is necessary in order to access the personal data holdings of the online Findbuch. Only after successful verification of both the identity and research purposes of the user will the account be activated and the user able to fully utilize the database.

Access to detailed data will not be granted by the search tool without registration/login.

HOME PROFILE FILE TYPE ADDRESS DIRECTORIES LINKS LOGIN SERVICE REGISTER

Search Database ⓘ

Start search Advanced search

REGISTER

### REGISTER

[Information on registration](#) | [Printversion](#)

ANREDE

MALE  FEMALE

TITLE

FORENAME\*

SURNAME\*

DATE OF BIRTH (FORMAT: YYYY-MM-DD)\*

ORGANISATION

ADDRESS LINE 1\*

ZIP / POST CODE\*

ADDRESS LINE 2\*

COUNTRY

▼

Fig. 4: Registration

## LOGIN AREA: "MY FINDBUCH"

The personal area "My Findbuch" will be available to users once they have logged in. Personal data as well as saved search results may be administered in this area.

HOME PROFILE FILE TYPE ADDRESS DIRECTORIES LINKS MY FINDING AID SERVICE LOGOUT

ⓘ
   
Start search Advanced search

MY FINDING AID > FAVORITES

### FAVORITES

PDF PRINT

Here you can find a list of your saved search results, which you can view or delete from your favorites.

#	Date	Forename	Surname	Date of birth	Archive	File type	
1	15-01-2013	Eugen,			Österreichisches Staatsarchiv	Finanzlandesdirektion für Wien, Niederösterreich und Burgenland, ÖStA	👁   ✕
2	15-01-2013	Andreas			Kärntner Landesarchiv	Slowenenaussiedlung und Wiedergutmachung (ehemals Hofakten)	👁   ✕
3	15-01-2013	Eugen			Österreichisches Staatsarchiv	Vermögensanmeldungen Wien, ÖStA	👁   ✕
4	21-01-2013	Hedy			Österreichisches Staatsarchiv	Abgeltungsfonds, ÖStA	👁   ✕
5	21-01-2013	Eva			Österreichisches Staatsarchiv	Finanzlandesdirektion für Wien, Niederösterreich und Burgenland, ÖStA	👁   ✕
6	21-01-2013	Anna			Österreichisches Staatsarchiv	Finanzlandesdirektion für Wien, Niederösterreich und Burgenland, ÖStA	👁   ✕

Fig. 5: My Findbuch

## FULL TEXT SEARCH

The entire records of the Findbuch database can be searched for sequences of letters with the use of the full text search. The data entry fields regarding people (forename, surname, maiden name, street, district, region, place), regarding businesses (name of company, type of company, street, place), as well as the explanatory notes and file number are searched.

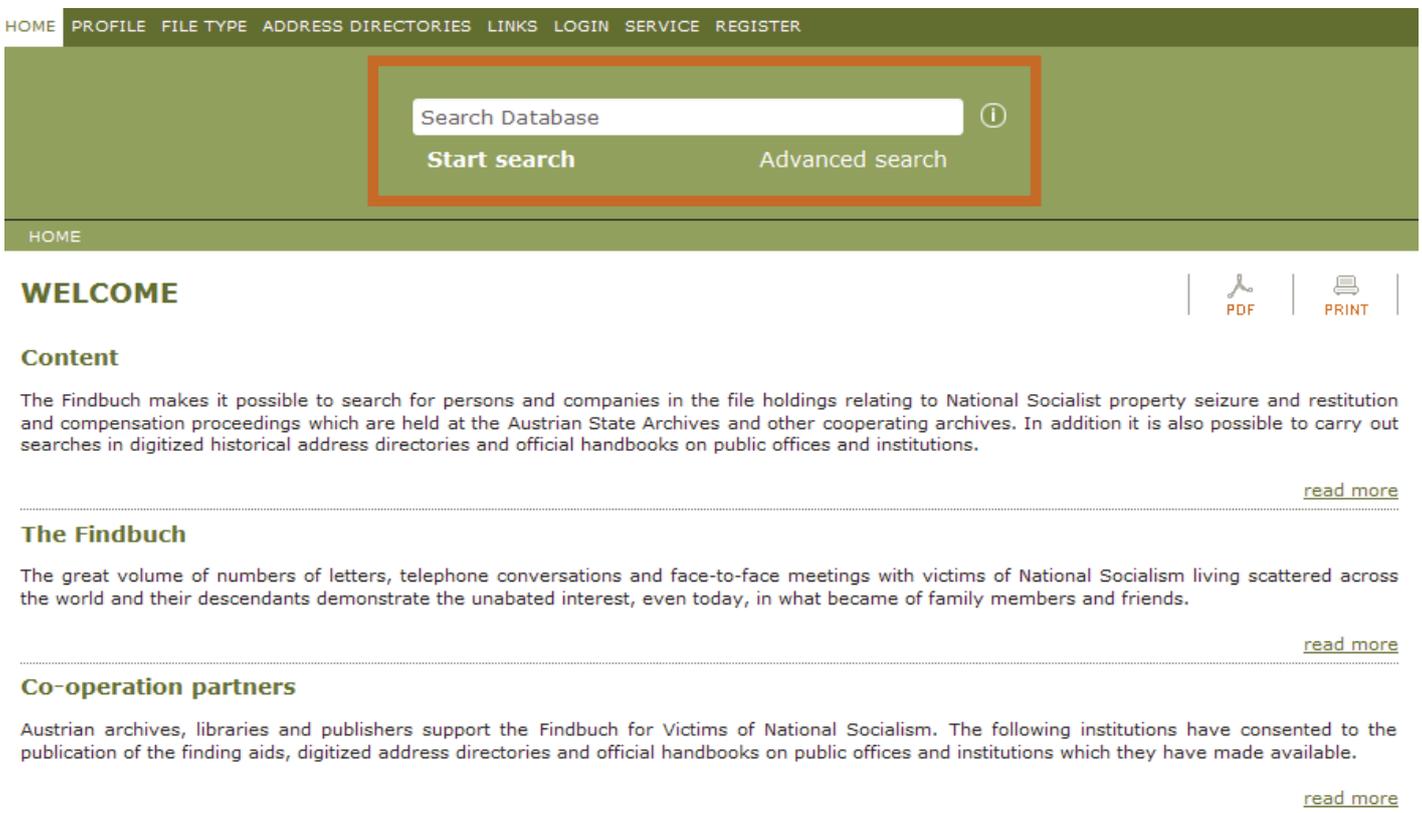


Fig. 6: Full text search

## ADVANCED SEARCH

There is also the option of using the advanced search, where the search criteria can be more closely refined and specified. Additional functions such as the “phonetic search” or “exact results only” search can be used to further refine the search results.

HOME PROFILE FILE TYPE ADDRESS DIRECTORIES LINKS MY FINDING AID SERVICE LOGOUT

ⓘ

Start search
Advanced search

**ADVANCED SEARCH**

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**Person**

SURNAME	FORENAME	DATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS LINE 1 (STREET)	ADDRESS LINE 2 (TOWN)
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> ▼ <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> ▼ <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> ▼	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

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**Business / Institution / Organisation**

NAME	TYPE	STREET	CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			

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**Common**

FILE TYPE	FILE NUMBER	ARCHIVE	ONLY SHOW EXACT RESULTS PHONETIC SEARCH
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Please select"/> ▼	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Please select"/> ▼	<input type="checkbox"/> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>

[Clear all fields](#) [Search help](#)

Fig. 7: Advanced search

## SEARCH RESULT LIST

The search results are shown in a table and can be sorted and refined according to various criteria. Clicking on an entry will take you to the detail view.

The screenshot shows a web interface for a search engine. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, PROFILE, FILE TYPE, ADDRESS DIRECTORIES, LINKS, MY FINDING AID, SERVICE, LOGOUT. Below this is a search bar with a text input field and a search button labeled 'Start search'. To the right of the search bar is an information icon (i) and a link for 'Advanced search'. Below the search bar is a header section titled 'FINDING AID' with icons for PDF and PRINT. A search history or suggestion box says 'Did you mean:'. Below that, it states 'You have searched for "Full text search: Wagner".' and '148 entries found.' There are links for 'Advanced search' and 'Search help'. On the right side, there is a page indicator '1 / 8' with navigation arrows. Below the search results, there are filters: 'SORT ACCORDING TO' (set to 'Relevance'), 'PER PAGE' (set to '20'), 'ONLY EXACT RESULTS' (checkbox), and 'PHONETIC SEARCH' (checkbox). An 'Update' button is present. A dropdown menu is open under 'SORT ACCORDING TO', listing various sorting options: Relevance, Surname (A-Z), Surname (Z-A), Forename (A-Z), Forename (Z-A), Date of birth (Old to young), Date of birth (Young to old), Business name (A-Z), Business name (Z-A), Archive (A-Z), Archive (Z-A), File type (A-Z), File type (Z-A), File number (A-Z), and File number (Z-A). Below the filters, a table of search results is displayed. The table has columns for 'Date of birth', 'Business name', 'Archive', 'File type', and 'File number'. The first row shows 'Austrian State Archives' under 'Archive' and 'Abgeltungsfonds, ÖStA' under 'File type'. The second row shows 'Austrian State Archives' under 'Archive' and 'Abgeltungsfonds, ÖStA' under 'File type'. The third row shows 'Austrian State Archives' under 'Archive' and 'Abgeltungsfonds, ÖStA' under 'File type'.

Fig. 8: Search result list

## DETAIL VIEW

All information regarding a record will be shown in the detail view. These include details of persons or businesses as well as information required to order a file from the archive holding the files. With the option “remember”, data entries can be saved in “favorites”.

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### HISTORICAL PERSON

Surname	██████████
Forename	Erna
Maiden name	-
Address line 1 (street)	-
Address line 2 (town)	-
Town/city	-
State/region	-
Country	-
Date of birth	-

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### ARCHIVE DATA

Archive	<a href="#">Austrian State Archives (ÖStA)</a>
Archive details	gdpost@oesta.gv.at   +43-1-79540-0
Holdings	Archiv der Republik/ Entschädigungs- und Restitutionsangelegenheiten/ Finanzlandesdirektion
File type	Finanzlandesdirektion für Wien, Niederösterreich und Burgenland, ÖStA
File number	██████████
Signature	AT-ÖStA/AdR E-uReang Finanzlandesdirektion ██████████
Provenance	Data collected, digitized, edited and prepared for the database by staff of the General Settlement Fund
Information on data processing	<a href="#">Rückstellungsakten der Finanzlandesdirektion Wien, Niederösterreich und Burgenland</a>

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Fig. 9: Detail view

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Pursuant to Sec. 6 (1) item 5 of the Data Protection Act, records can only be stored “in a form that permits identification of data subjects as long as this is necessary for the purpose for which the data was collected; a longer period of storage may be laid down in specific laws, particularly laws concerning archives”. With reference to this passage, the Federal Archives Act stipulates that “documents are to be examined as to their suitability as archive material prior to their deletion or disposal” (Sec. 5 (3) of the Federal Archives Act). This matter is resolved by the Ordinance on Federal Archive Material, which declares that “documents on matters of restitution and compensation” are deemed archive-worthy material (annex regarding Sec. 2 (1) of this Ordinance).

The data holdings of the Findbuch are comprised, firstly, of personal data on certain identified or identifiable individuals (Sec. 4 item 1 of the Data Protection Act) and, secondly, of sensitive records or records which are especially worthy of protection (Sec. 4 item 2 of the Data Protection Act). The interests worthy of protection pursuant to Sec. 9 (3) of the Data Protection Act are not infringed through processing and transmission of sensitive data if an “authorization [...] stipulated by laws” exists and “insofar as they serve an important public interest”. The expression of the special responsibility towards the victims of National Socialism which, as described under the heading “The National Fund of the Republic of Austria as database Operator”, extends beyond rendering solely material benefits, is covered by the National Fund Law.

The fact that beyond this, the legislator also presumes the existence of an “important public interest” in the accessibility of records relating to National Socialism, can be gathered from the order of the Data Protection Commission of 5 April 2006, which interprets Sec. 46 (3) of the Data Protection Act as follows: “In conjunction with academic investigations into the National Socialist era, the Data Protection Commission routinely presumes an important public interest [...], as research and objective appraisal of the National Socialist past will positively influence the international perception of Austria.”

All data published in the database concerns finding aids from the cooperating archives. In the archives these finding aids serve to locate the files. These can then be viewed for official, personal, journalistic purposes or for warranted personal reasons (see Sec. 9 of the Federal Archives Act and the provincial archive legislation and regulations for use). The period of protection has already expired for this archive material (see Sec. 8 of the Federal Archives Act and the provincial archive legislation and regulations for use).

The records published in the Findbuch are already generally available in accordance with their archival origins and, as such, they are not subject to the right of non-disclosure pursuant to Sec. 1 (1) of the Data Protection Act, as an "interest in non-disclosure which is worthy of protection [is] precluded from the outset, [...]. This includes data which was published permissibly and is accessible on grounds of other statutory provisions, such as the land register or the commercial register. Nothing to the contrary can apply for the archives of the Federation and the provinces, provided their archive material has been legally authorized for use". (Iris Eisenberger/Ronald Faber, Naming Names, *juridikum* 1/2003, p. 28).

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Pursuant to the Data Protection Act 2000, the National Fund, having notified the Data Processing Register (DVR-Nr. 0851655) as to how this data will be used, is authorized to save personal data in automated form.

The registration required to use the Findbuch for Victims of National Socialism is based on the requests which must be submitted under usual circumstances when registering with any of our cooperating archives. For this reason, we reserve the right to take the personal details (forename, surname, date of birth, address, organization), the purpose of the research (see Sec. 9 of the Federal Archives Law and others) and a copy of a state-issued photo-ID. User information is never passed on to third parties.

The special protection of users' data, which forms the foundation for the Data Protection Act, is not only ensured through organizational measures but also through technical precautions. The National Fund uses a SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) key for the Findbuch website in order to guarantee secure communications between users and the data application.

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