

The Document Building

Shortly after the inauguration of the monument in 1965, survivors and visitors expressed the wish for an enlargement of the memorial site. Initially, the Hamburg Senate refused to consent to such plans, but the Amicale Internationale de Neuengamme and the Hamburg Working Committee of Persecutees' Associations remained steadfast in their demands. In 1979, the Senate finally decided to set up a document building at Neuengamme. It was inaugurated in October 1981 and housed the first exhibition on the grounds of the former concentration camp. After the exhibition was transferred to the former Walther works building in 1995, the document building was reopened as the House of Remembrance. Today, it houses the documentary exhibition of the names of the dead recorded on lengths of fabric.