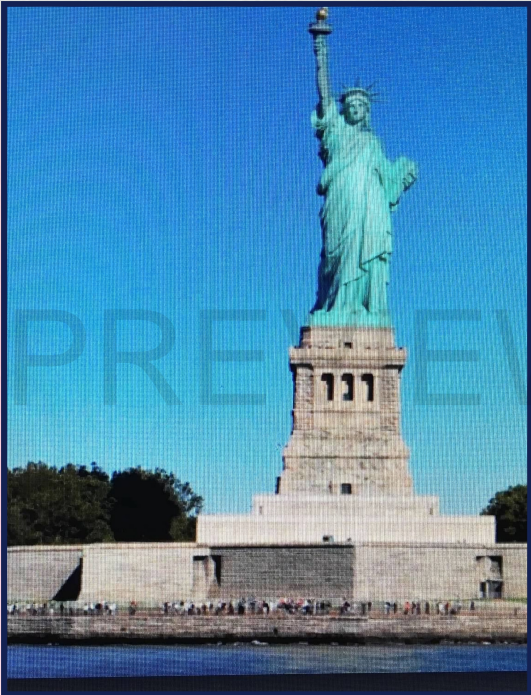


Coming to America



By Dottie Goldstein

*The following six people
emigrated to America from
Austria between 1938 and 1939
as World War II ravaged
throughout Europe.*

*They sailed to America on
various ships, from various ports,
on various dates. They were all
very lucky to arrive safely in the
USA.*

Sam Ekerling, May 1938

Alice Ekerling, January 1939

Hedwig Breuner, December 1939

Bertle Breuner, December 1939

Marcus Ekerling, December 1939

Rosa Ekerling, December 1939



Austria

to



USA

SAMUEL (SAM) EKERLING WAS BORN IN DALESCOWA, POLAND ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1911.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA No. 88656
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In the DISTRICT Court
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA at THE UNITED STATES LOS ANGELES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, Samuel Ekerling
now residing at 4816 W. 30th St. Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif
occupation laborer aged 26 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex Male color White complexion White color of eyes Brown
color of hair Brown height 5 feet 7 inches; weight 190 pounds; visible distinctive marks
None
race Hebrew; nationality Austria, Germany
I was born in Dalescowa, Poland on Sept 25, 1911
I am married. The names of my wife or husband is Alice Ekerling; she or he was
we were married on May 2, 1938 at Vienna, Austria, Germany
born at Vienna, Austria Germany on April 19, 1912 entered the United States
at Never in U. S. A. for permanent residence therein, and I now
resides at Vienna, Germany I have no children, and the name, date and place of birth,
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____ ON _____
at _____
my last foreign residence was Vienna, Austria, Germany
I emigrated to the United States of America from Cherbourg, France
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N. Y.
under the name of Samuel Ekerling ON May 23, 1938
on the vessel SS. Queen Mary

I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me: So HELP ME GOD.

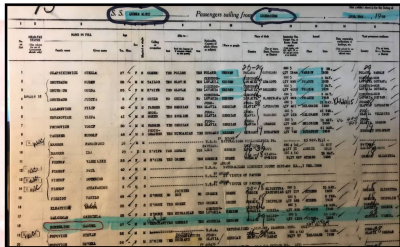
Samuel Ekerling

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court, Los Angeles this 19th day of Nov. Anno Domini 1938 Certification 123-64922 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

By Maurice E. Gross Deputy Clerk
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE



No. 24856

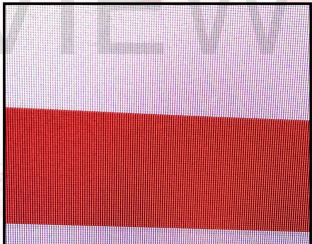


SS QUEEN MARY Passenger safety form

NO.	NAME IN FULL	AGE	SEX	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	RELIGION	EDUCATION	PROFESSION	INDUSTRY	RESIDENCE	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEPARTURE	DATE OF ARRIVAL	STATUS	REMARKS
1	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
2	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
3	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
4	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
5	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
6	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
7	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		
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10	WILSON, SAMUEL	35	M	B	B	F	R	H	ENGINEER	NAVY	NEW YORK	MAY 16 1938	MAY 23 1938	1		

Sam left Europe from Cherbourg, France on May 16, 1938 on the SS Queen Mary.

HE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON MAY 23, 1938.



Poland
Capital: Warsaw
Population: 38,502,396
Total area: 312,685 km²

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 92031

TRIPPLICATE
(To be given to
declarant)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In the DISTRICT Court
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA ss: of THE UNITED STATES at LOS ANGELES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, Alice Breuner Klerling, of the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
now residing at 4216 W. 50th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
occupation none, aged 27 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex Female, color White, complexion Light, color of eyes Brown
color of hair Dark Brown, height 5 feet 0 inches, weight 117 pounds; visible distinctive marks
None
race Hebrew, nationality German, born April 19 1912
I was born in Vienna, Germany, on April 19 1912
I am married. The name of my husband is Samuel Klerling, of Germany. We were
married on May 2 1939 at Vienna, Germany. I entered the United States
born at Dalescowa, Poland, on Sept. 25 1911 for permanent residence therein, and now
at New York, N.Y., on May 23 1939. I have no children, and the name, date and place of birth,
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____, on _____, at _____
my last foreign residence was Vienna, Germany
I emigrated to the United States of America from Charbourg, France
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y.
under the name of Alice Breuner Klerling, on Jan. 20 1939
on the vessel SS Aquitania

I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me.


I swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.

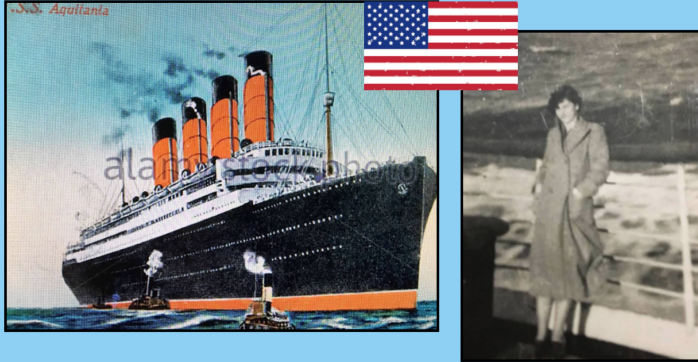
Alice Breuner Klerling
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath shown above in the
office of the Clerk of said Court, at Los Angeles, Calif.,
this 16th day of May, anno Domini, 1939. Certification
N23-70646 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization
showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date
stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate
and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

By E. E. Engstrom, Clerk U. S. District Court
Clerk of the Court, District of California Court.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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 Breuner Alice
 Klerling
 1939





Alice (Breuner) Ekerling was born in Vienna on April 19, 1912. She left for the USA on Jan. 20, 1939 on the SS Aquitania from Cherbourg, France. She arrived in New York City one week later. She traveled to Los Angeles to unite with her husband, Sam.

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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

S. S. Aquitania Passengers sailing from Cherbourg, France, Jan. 20, 1939

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Occupation	Marital Status	Destination	Remarks
1	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
2	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
3	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
4	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
5	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
6	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
7	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
8	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
9	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
10	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
11	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
12	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
13	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
14	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
15	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
16	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
17	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
18	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
19	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	
20	PEREIRA, SAUL	41	M	Portugal	Merchant	Married	Los Angeles	

TRIPPLICATE
(To be given to
declarant)

No. 100656


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

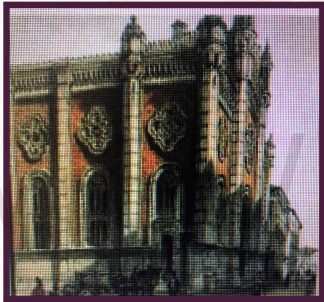
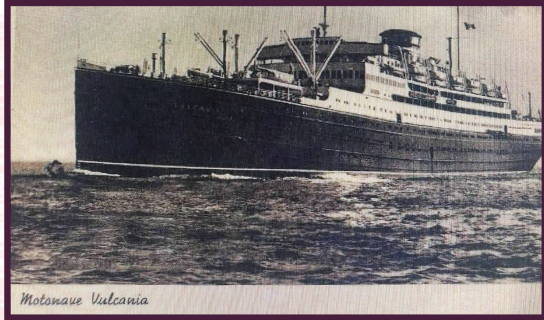
DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

In the DISTRICT Court

of THE UNITED STATES at LOS ANGELES

I, MORDKA EKERLING
now residing at 2808-1/2 Hillcrest Dr., Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California,
occupation Business Man, aged 58 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex Male, color White, complexion Dark, color of eyes Brown
color of hair Grey/Black, height 5 feet 6 inches; weight 190 pounds; visible distinctive marks
Whitespot in left eye;
race Hebrew; nationality German
I was born in Dabki, Poland on January 22, 1886
I am married. The name of my wife Reisla
we were married on February 23, 1909 at Dabki, Poland she was
born at Dabki, Poland on January 12, 1886, entered the United States
at New York City, New York on Dec. 6, 1939, for permanent residence therein, and now
resides with me. I have 2 children, and the name, date and place of birth,
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:
Samuel, 9/11, Dales Bowa, Poland, Los Angeles, Calif.;
Peretz, 11/25/09, do do do
I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____ on _____
at _____
my last foreign residence was Vienna, Germany
I emigrated to the United States of America from Genoa, Italy
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York City, New York,
under the name of Mordka Ekerling on Dec. 6, 1939
on the vessel SS "Vulcania".
I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an
anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a
citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the
duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me.
I swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention
subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: So help me God.
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath shown above in the
office of the Clerk of said Court, at Los Angeles, California,
this 2nd day of August, anno Domini, 19NO Certification
No. 23 84571 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization
showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date
stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate
and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.
By S. Zimmerman, Clerk U. S. District Court,
Clerk Southern District of California Court.
By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE





Marcus (Mordka) Ekerling was born in Poland in 1886. He married Rosa Hubscher in 1909. They had two sons, Peter (1909) and Sam (1911). He sailed with Rosa to the USA from Genoa on December 6, 1939 on the SS Vulcania, less than 2 months after receiving the CALL UP LETTER.

TRIPPLICATE
 (To be given to declarant when originally issued; to be made a part of the petition for naturalization when petition is filed; and to be retained as part of the petition in the records of the court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

No. 115205

In the SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA Court
 of THE UNITED STATES at LOS ANGELES

REISIE ECKERLING

(1) My full, true, and correct name is REISIE ECKERLING
 (2) My present place of residence is 2637 1/2 Hillcrest Dr., I.A. Cal.
 (3) My occupation is housewife (4) I am 56 years old. (5) I was born on Jan 12, 1886
 in Hebora, Poland
 (6) My personal description is as follows: Sex, female
white complexion. 1.1 color of eyes brn color of hair gray height 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, weight 150 pounds,
 visible distinctive marks none race White nationality Polish
 (7) I am married; the name of my wife or husband is Mordka
Hebora, Poland, Dabki he or she was born Hebora, Poland
 on Jan 22, 1886 and entered the United States at New York NY
 on December 6, 1939 and permanent residence in the United States, and with me
 (8) I have two children and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:
Samuel m 9-25-11 Dales Bowa Poland I.A. Cal.
Peretz m 11-25-09 " " Australia
 (9) My last place of foreign residence was Vienna Austria (10) I immigrated to the United States from Genoa Italy
 at New York NY (11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was
 on Dec 6, 1939 under the name of Reisie Eckerling
 (12) Since my lawful entry for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods, of 6 months or longer, as follows:
 DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES: None RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES: None


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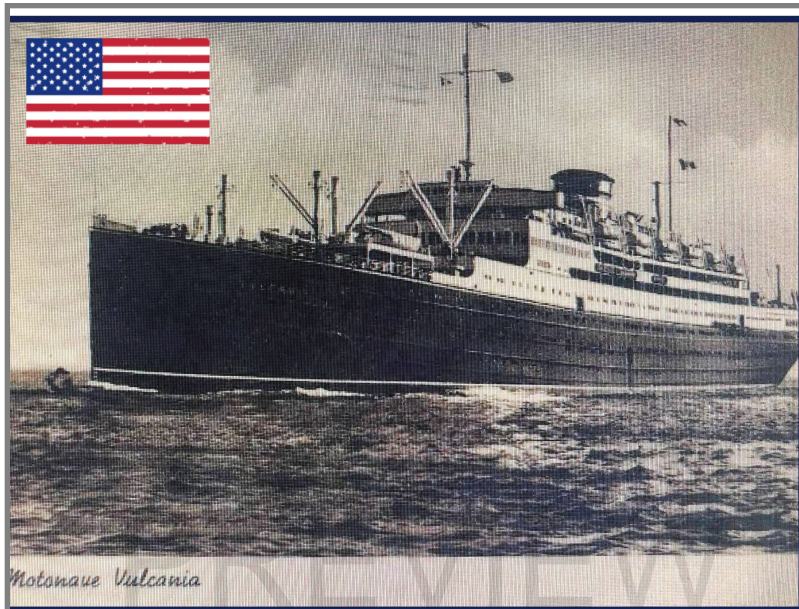
(13) I have not heretofore made declaration of intention: No. _____ on _____ (Month) (Year) at _____ (City or town) _____ (County) _____ (State)

(14) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to reside permanently therein. (15) I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which in the line of admission to citizenship I may be a subject or citizen. (16) I am not an anarchist nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury or destruction of property, or sabotage, nor a subscriber in or opposed to organized government, nor a member of or affiliated with any organization of body of persons (including families) in or opposition to organized government. (17) I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me and was signed by me. I do swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: **SO HELP ME GOD.**

X Reisie Eckerling
 Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me in the form of oath shown above in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Los Angeles, Calif.
 this 5th day of May, anno Domini 1942 I hereby certify that
 Certification NS-3-112885 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the declarant above named on the date stated in this declaration of intention, has been received by me, and that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

(REEL)
B. S. Zimmerman, Clerk, U. S. District Court,
Los Angeles District of California
 Deputy Clerk.
 Form N-315
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 415-8112-11





SS Vulcania

Rosa (Reisie) Hubscher was born in Poland in January 1886. She married Mordka (Marcus) Ekerling and they had two sons. Peretz (Peter) was born in 1909, and Samuel (Sam) followed in 1911. Rosa sailed with Marcus to the USA from Genoa on the SS Vulcania in December 1939.

No. 91124

TRIPPLICATE
(To be given to declarant)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

I, HEDWIG BREUNER, of the Southern District of California District, Los Angeles Court, in the United States of the United States at Los Angeles

I, HEDWIG BREUNER, now residing at 3910-1/8 Montclair St., Los Angeles, California occupation Housewife aged 62 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Sex Female, color White, complexion Dark, color of eyes Brown, color of hair Gray-Black, height 5 feet 4 inches; weight 138 pounds; visible distinctive marks None

race Hebrew; nationality German

I was born in Nove Zamky, Czechoslovakia on 5/2/78

I was married. The name of my husband is Leopold; she or he was born at Vienna, Germany on 12/23/00 and 1/25/64 entered the United States at Vienna, Germany for permanent residence therein, and now deceased. I have two children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:

Berta, 7/8/03, Vienna, Germany; resides Los Angeles, Cal.

Alice, 4/19/12, do.

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____ at _____

my last foreign residence was Vienna, Germany


I emigrated to the United States of America from Rotterdam, Holland

my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y. under the name of Hedwig Breuner on 12/2/39 on the vessel "ROTTERDAM"

I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me.

I swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath above in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Los Angeles, Cal., this 9th day of March, anno Domini, 1940. Certification No. 25-80421 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.



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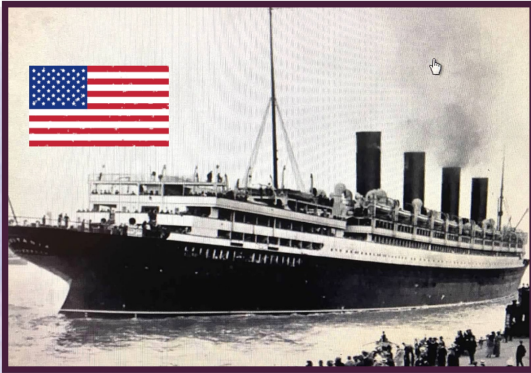
Hedwig Breuner
Original signature of declarant with date of declaration, and place, if none.

Clerk of Southern District of California Court.

By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

14-2812



Hedwig Kohn was born in Czechoslovakia in June 1878. She married Leopold Breuner in December 1900 in Vienna. They had two daughters, Bertl (1903) and Liesel (Alice 1912). Hedwig left for the USA from Rotterdam, on the ship of the same name, in December 1939 with her daughter, Bertle.





Bertle Breuner was born in July, 1903, in Vienna to Hedwig and Leopold Breuner. She left for the USA in December 1939, with her mother, from the port of Rotterdam, on a ship of the same name.

Leopold did not make it to the USA. He died in Vienna in 1930. Bertle was engaged to a member of the Nazi Party (unbeknownst to her). He did not report the family; however, she remained single until her passing in Los Angeles in 1988.





1939
Alice and Sam
Ekerling
were united in Los
Angeles.
This was their first
market and their
first auto.



Vienna 1938

Peter Ekerling, Alice and Sam Ekerling



Peter Ekerling traveled to London from Vienna with his wife, Paula, and their young child, Herb, in 1938. They were planning to go to the USA. Peter was fluent in German. This was considered suspicious for males between the ages of 18-35. As a result, Peter was sent to Australia. Paula and her young son, Herb, came to the USA in 1940 and settled in Los Angeles with the rest of the family. Peter was sent back to London in 1945, but he died of liver complications and he did not arrive in the USA.

**1940
LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA**



ALICE EKERLING

SAM EKERLING

PAULA EKERLING

HERB EKERLING

CARLA SOBEL (FAMILY FRIEND)

You and all members of your family (those over 16 years of age) are selected by official order to be relocated and to be included in the transport probably leaving October 27. You are advised that only men will be leaving at this time, but there is a great probability that women and other members of the families of the previously transported will follow soon.

Please fill out each item of the attached questionnaire and bring this as well as all personal and other travel documents and two passport pictures for each member of your family on October 25, 1939, at 10:00 to the Temple where you will receive further instructions regarding all applicable formalities.

We have to call your attention to the fact that you are obligated to follow this official summons or are responsible for all consequences. Special attention is called to the fact that an extension of the transport is impossible.

The Jewish community is in charge of the above-mentioned activity and will endeavor to alleviate as many of the hardships as possible. It is in your own interest to assist the Jewish community in this very difficult and responsible task.

P.S. All previous summonses as well as an appointment for a medical examination are hereby rendered invalid.

**CALL UP LETTER FOR MARCUS
EKERLING, OCTOBER 19, 1939.**

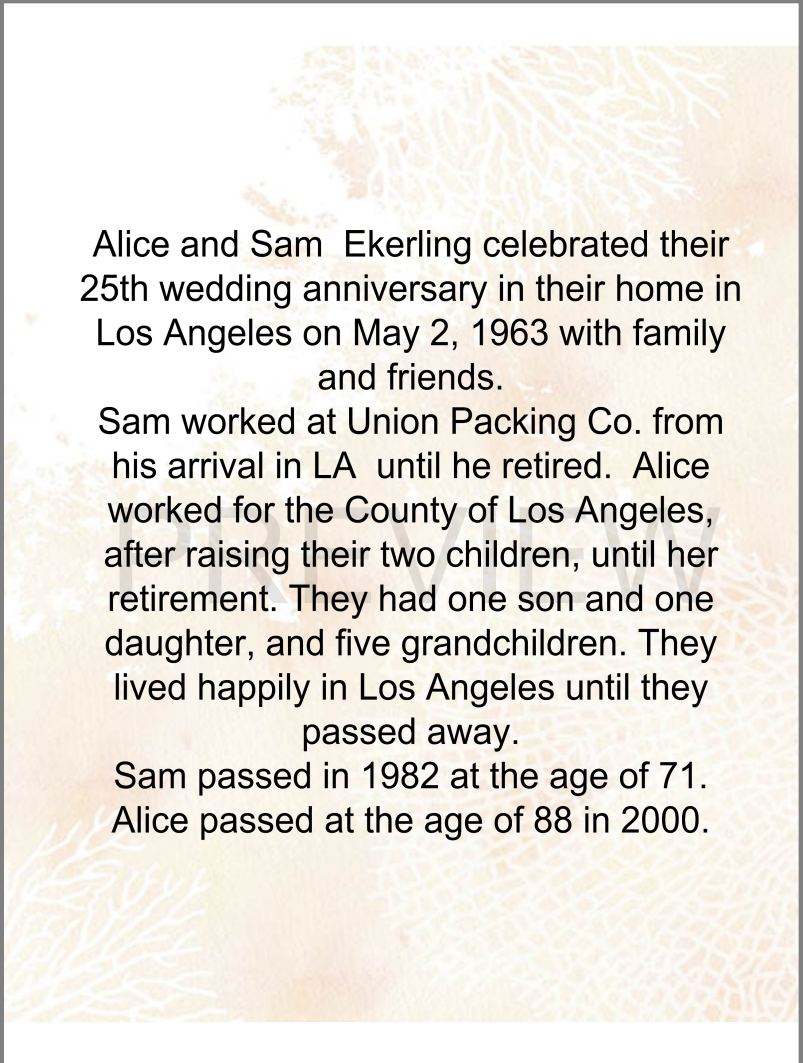
Marcus and Rosa were married in 1909 in Poland.



Alice and Sam were married on May 2, 1938 in Vienna. The temple remains at its original location. Sam left for the USA 2 weeks later without his wife because his Visa was only for one person. They were united in Los Angeles in January 1939.







Alice and Sam Ekerling celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in their home in Los Angeles on May 2, 1963 with family and friends.

Sam worked at Union Packing Co. from his arrival in LA until he retired. Alice worked for the County of Los Angeles, after raising their two children, until her retirement. They had one son and one daughter, and five grandchildren. They lived happily in Los Angeles until they passed away.

Sam passed in 1982 at the age of 71.
Alice passed at the age of 88 in 2000.



