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April 23, 1940.

Miss Sara Dukore,  
1819 Broadway,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dukore:

Please assist me in securing a birth certificate or  
a refusal for Isadore Robinowitz, age 62, born in  
Copenhagen, Denmark, about February 8, 1878.

His Fathers name was: Herman Robinowitz, born in Poland

Mother: Bertha Kaplin Robinowitz, born in Lithuania.

Mr. & Mrs. Robinowitz moved to Stockholm, Sweden between  
1870 and 1875, then moved to Copenhagen. Denmark, where  
Isadore was born.

Herman Robinowitz, received Citizenship papers in the  
United States in Chemung County, Elmira, New York about  
1888. Insadore Robinowitz finds difficulty in establishing  
his Citizenship. The naturalization Department demand a  
birth certificate so that he may declare his own citizenship.

Please advise if you can help me in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

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April 23, 1940.

Dr. Hershletter,  
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Doctor:

Isadore Roberts (Robinowitz) appealed to us to clarify his status as Citizen of the United States, and has given us your name as the one person who is well acquainted with him and his brother, Morris.

Would it be possible for you to draw up an affidavit stating the length of time you have known Mr. Roberts, and that you know him to be Isadore Robinowitz, who has taken the name of Roberts?

Thanking you for an early response, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.  
1016 Olive Street,  
El Paso, Texas.

FZ:lg



May 3, 1940.

Dr. M. Herschleder,  
504 Broadway,  
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Herschleder:

Thank you so much for your prompt response in sending affidavit with reference to the Roberts case.

We now wonder if it will be possible for you to give us further assistance in clearing Mr. Robert's citizenship. The Naturalization Department is demanding in addition to your affidavit a birth certificate. Mr. Robert claims that his birthplace was Copenhagen, Denmark, and we are now in communication with our office in that Country. However, we doubt if we will get any response because of the present war conditions. Could you advise where I can secure more information about this family, when they arrived in the United States and the age of Isadore upon arrival? In fact we need a history of this family's movements from the time of their arrival in the United States to date.

I would appreciate any assistance you can offer.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive Street,  
El Paso, Texas.

FZ:LG



September 3, 1940.

Mr. Isadore (Robinowitz) Roberts,  
918 Magoffin Avenue,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

We have made every effort to secure your birth certificate from Copenhagen, Denmark, but due to hostilities abroad and because of German occupation of that territory, we find it impossible.

Inclosed you will find affidavit from Dr. M. Herschleder of Gary, Indiana and a letter from him dated May 13 which should clarify your case, also a letter from the Board of Education of Elmira, New York.

If we can be of any further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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(ENCS)



September 7, 1940.

Mrs. Jacob Mann  
847 S. Alvarado Street,  
Alvarado Apartments  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Mann:

Some time ago Mr. Isadore Roberts (Robinowitz) asked me to assist him in establishing his citizenship. Because he goes under the name of Roberts and his father became a naturalized citizen under the name of Robinowitz, which has complicated matters.

It is necessary that he prove himself the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robinowitz, and it is for that reason that I am writing to you for assistance, since he claims that you knew him when they lived in Cincinnati. If you will be kind enough to sign the enclosed affidavit before a Notary Public, it will be very much appreciated by both Mr. Roberts and myself, and will enable him to clarify his citizenship.

Thanking you, and hoping that this finds you and Mr. Mann enjoying the best of health, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,  
Secretary.

P.S. Inclosed you will find \$1.00 for Notary fee, and if there is any further expense, please let me know so that you may be reimbursed. Thanks.



October 29, 1940

Miss Leah S. Sapiro  
3636 Page Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Sapiro:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 25th, wish to advise that the name of the family we are interested is Herman or Hyman Rubinowitz and wife Bertha Kaplan Rubinowitz. They lived in St. Louis from about 1904 to 1925, and their last place of residence was the Knickerbocker Apartments. It appears that the widow who owned these apartments at the time was a personal friend. We were unsuccessful in securing the name of this widow. Should you be able to contact her an affidavit from her would be of great assistance. This affidavit will have to prove that Mr. and Mrs. Rubinowitz were living as man and wife and that Isadore is their son. She may make mention that Mr. and Mrs. R. often talked of their son having been born in Copenhagen, Denmark. I wish to add that Mrs. Rubinowitz died in about 1925 instead of 1910 as I had previously written. At the time of her death they were living in the Knickerbocker Apts. We will be glad to reimburse you for any expense incurred.

Thanking you for your interest and assistance, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive  
1016 Olive Street

FZ:LG



October 17, 1940

710 East Maryland

Mrs. William Schwab, President  
St. Louis Section,  
National Council of Jewish Women  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Schwab:

We seek information about a family who lived in St. Louis about thirty years ago. Their names were:

Mr. Herman (Hyman) Rubinowitz and wife  
Bertha Kaplin Rubinowitz

They had two sons, one named Isadore and the other Morris, also a daughter. This family lived in the Knickerbocker Apartments, and Mrs. Rubinowitz passed away and was buried in St. Louis. After that Mr. Rubinowitz left St. Louis, died in Indiana and his body was returned to St. Louis for burial.

Is it possible for you to secure information that would clarify the marital status of this couple. Perhaps in the death certificate there is some mention of the family history. The reason for this request is because we are trying to establish the citizenship of their son, Isadore, who derives citizenship through his father's Naturalization and the Naturalization Commissioner is insisting on establishing definite proof of marriage of the parents. If you are successful in securing this information from the Bureau of Vital Statistics or perhaps through the census of 1910 or some Religious Institution, we will appreciate it, and any expense attached thereto will be reimbursed.

Thanking you for your assistance, and awaiting your early advice, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive  
1016 Olive Street

FZ:LG



El Paso, Texas  
October 29, 1940

Polk-Gould Directory Company  
411 N. 10th Street  
St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen:

The Hudspeth Directory Company of this City advise that you could assist us in tracing a family who lived in St. Louis between the years of 1904 and 1925. Their names were: Herman (Hyman) Rubinowitz and wife Bertha Kaplan Rubinowitz, their three sons, Isadore, Morris and Louis, also a daughter. Their last place of residence was the Knickerbocker Apartments. Mrs. Rubinowitz died about 1925 and her husband left for Indiana where he passed away some seven years later and his body was returned to St. Louis for burial beside that of his wife.

If you find a page in any of the directories through that period in which we can establish the marital state of Mr. & Mrs. Rubinowitz, we will ask you to copy it in the form of an affidavit and whatever expense attached thereto, we will gladly reimburse you.

Our interest in this matter is to establish a derivative citizenship for the son Isadore, who now resides in El Paso under the name of Isadore Roberts.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Respectfully yours

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive  
1016 Olive Street.

FZ:LG



October 29, 1940

H. A. Manning Company  
33 Lyman  
Springfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Hudspeth Directory Company of this City informed us that you publish directories for Elmira, New York, and that you would be in position to assist us in tracing a family who lived in Elmira between the years of 1894 and 1904. Their names were: Herman or Hyman Rubinowitz and wife Bertha Kaplan Rubinowitz, their three sons, Isadore, Morris and Louis, also a daughter.

If you can find a page in any of the directories through that period and can send me a certified copy, of their names as they appear and their place of residence at that time, it will be of great assistance in establishing the citizenship of the son Isadore, who resides here. Any expense involved will be reimbursed you.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter,

I am

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive  
1016 Olive Street

FZ:LG



November 18, 1940

H. A. Manning Company,  
33 Lyman Street  
Springfield, Mass.

Gentlemen: Re: Herman (Hyman) Rubinowitz and wife  
Bertha Kaplan " and children  
Isadore, Morris, Louis and Gertrude.

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst., I am attaching hereto certified check for \$2.00 and will ask that you kindly send the notarized sheet of your directory showing the listing of this family.

Thanking you to give this your prompt attention, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive  
1016 Olive Street.

FZ: LG  
(ENC)



C O P Y

December 5, 1940

Miss Leah Sapiro  
Jewish Social Service Bureau  
3636 Page Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Sapiro:

Inclosed you will please find check for 50¢ to cover cost of death certificate of Bertha Rubinowitz, and wish to thank you for this and other information outlined in your letter of the 19th ult.

Assuring you of our appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG  
(ENC)



C O P Y

December 5, 1940

Miss Leah Sapiro  
Jewish Social Service Bureau  
3636 Page Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Miss Sapiro:

Inclosed you will please find check for 50¢ to cover cost of death certificate of Bertha Rubinowitz, and wish to thank you for this and other information outlined in your letter of the 19th ult.

Assuring you of our appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG  
(ENC)



January 23, 1941

Rabbi Benjamin Lapidus  
159 Madison Avenue  
Elmira, New York

Dear Rabbi Lapidus:

Your letter to Rabbi Roth regarding the Rubinowitz family, who at one time lived in Elmira, New York, was referred to me.

While the information is what we seek to help us establish Isadore Rubinowitz (Roberts) citizenship, it is necessary that we have an affidavit from Mr. Levi Herman, and will therefore ask you to kindly assist us in securing the necessary document.

The point at issue is that we must establish Mr. & Mrs. Herman Rubinowitz's marriage, and since they married in Europe, we are unable to secure documentary proof. Therefore, if Mr. Levi Herman will swear to an affidavit that Mr. & Mrs. Herman Rubinowitz were known to him during the years 1894-1904 and lived together with their five children, listing their names as follows: Morris, Isadore, Louis and Gertrude, such an affidavit will be acceptable to the Department of Naturalization.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive

FZ:LG

P.S. Any expense attached to the above request, will be reimbursed upon advice.



July 1, 1941

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this office made every attempt to secure a birth certificate for Isadore (Robinowitz) Roberts. He appealed to us to help him secure derivative citizenship. During our search to establish his claim, we compiled the following statistics:

Isadore, born Robinowitz, now Roberts, was born on February 22, 1878 in Copenhagen, Denmark, to

Bertha Kaplan Robinowitz (Mother), and  
Herman Robinowitz, (Father), both deceased.

We also traced that he came to the United States with his parents in 1883, and attended public schools in Elmira, New York.

All the above records and affidavits to support Isadore Robert's claim to the above date of his birth were examined by us and verified by the United States Bureau of Naturalization, who granted him a certificate of derivative citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky  
Field Executive.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of  
August, 1941.

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Sol Goldfarb  
Notary Public



El Paso, Texas  
March 31, 1942

Mr. M. E. Rubinowitz  
P. O. Box 204  
Litchfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rubinowitz:

Your brother, Isadore, informed me that you are having some difficulty in establishing your citizenship and has asked me to advise you about the procedure taken in his case, which enabled him to secure a Citizen's Certificate.

It is necessary that you ask for Derivative Citizenship blanks at your nearest Naturalization Office. The following information may assist you in completing the blanks:

Your father, Herman Rubinowitz, born in Poland, became a citizen of the United States, while residing at Elmira, N. Y. It is on record in that City.

Your birth certificate will be required, and I am sending you the original letter from Copenhagen with reference to Isadore's birth, which will apply to your birth as well. I will ask you to return this letter when it has served its purpose. This will serve in the absence of a birth certificate.

It will be necessary for you to establish your identity as the son of Herman and Bertha Kaplan Rubinowitz. That can be accomplished through affidavits from friends who knew your parents and yourself. In your brother's case, Dr. M. Herschler, 504 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, and Mrs. J. Marn, 847 So. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the affidavits.

Also you will find enclosed a letter from Rabbi Benjamin Lapidus, 159 Madison Avenue, Elmira, New York, which may be of assistance to you.

If I can be of any further service to you, please call on me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

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(ENCS)



El Paso, Texas  
April 13, 1942

Mr. Morris Rubinowitz  
Hotel McBride  
Litchfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rubinowitz:

At your brother Isadore's request, I have filled out application for Certificate for Derivative Citizenship. There were some questions I was unable to answer, such as:

The number of the money order, which you will have to attach to this application,

The date and place of your Father's death, question #23,

Your marital and divorce status, under Nos. 26 & 27

Under #26, you will have to furnish the names of witnesses to support this application.

The El Paso Naturalization Office will be glad to furnish your brother's (Isadore Rubinowitz Roberts) file as evidence to substantiate your claim. The File No. is 25-A-70. In making your application, please call attention to the aforementioned file.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please call on me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Fannie H. Zlabovsky  
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg  
El Paso, Texas

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