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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

INCORPORATED

~~221 WEST 57TH STREET~~

NEW YORK

TELEPHONE · CIRCLE 6-3175

CABLE ADDRESS · COUNJEW · N. Y.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN  
1819 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear Madam Chairman:

The name of this newly arrived immigrant is sent you with the request that you or your committee make a prompt and friendly call. As you know, it is the policy of our organization to follow up all new arrivals through the local Sections of the National Council of Jewish Women.

There are a number of friendly services which you will be able to render, helping to solve questions of education, citizenship, recreation, etc., either by rendering direct assistance or by establishing the necessary contacts with outside agencies.

We know that this newcomer will welcome your interest, since she has already come under the friendly care of our organization upon her arrival in this country. Great effort should be made to visit her at once, otherwise it may not be possible to locate her at the original address given.

Will you kindly send us a report after you have visited the above, informing us as to the present situation and the services you are planning to render. In the event that you have not been able to locate this immigrant, please notify us. When reporting to us, will you be good enough to let us know how long the immigrant had to wait before she received her visa from the American Consul and how many visits she made to the Consulate.

Sincerely yours,

*Cecilia Razovsky*

Cecilia Razovsky,  
Associate Director.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL  
and  
PRELIMINARY FORM FOR PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

No. \_\_\_\_\_

For use in searching records of arrival:

RECORDS EXAMINED

RECORD FOUND

Card index \_\_\_\_\_  
Index books \_\_\_\_\_  
Manifests \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Manner \_\_\_\_\_

Use Form 160-Im. in issuing certificate of arrival on this application.

(Signature of person making search)

TO THE APPLICANT: Do not write above this line. Read carefully and follow the instructions on last page hereof.  
Take or mail this application and your money order to—  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
U. S. Courthouse,  
El Paso, Tex.

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1938

I, Mrs. Sonia Rosenfeld, residing at 204 W. California St  
El Paso (City or town) Tex (State), desire to file petition for naturalization in the  
Court at \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State), in accordance with  
the naturalization law. I submit herewith a statement of facts to be used in filing such petition, two photographs of me, each of  
which I have signed, and my declaration of intention (first paper), if one is required.

See instructions on page 4 hereof, paragraph entitled "Money Order." If you are not exempted therefrom you must secure a money order in payment for a certificate of arrival and fill in the blank below:  
I hereby apply for a certificate of arrival showing my lawful entry into the United States for permanent residence, and inclose money order No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the sum of \$2.50 made payable to the order of the "Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D.C.," in payment for the certificate of my arrival.

I arrived in the United States through the port of New York  
under the name of SORA GITLA VEL SONIA KOTOWSKA, on May 14 1938  
on the vessel M.S. BATORY  
(If otherwise than by vessel, show manner of arrival)

Additional facts to aid in locating a record of my arrival:

- I have \_\_\_\_\_ used another name in this country than that given above. (If so) It was SONIA KAHN  
I used that name because \_\_\_\_\_
- The full name of the person shown on my steamship ticket was Sonia Kotowska
- I was born in Orla POLAND on June 10 1896  
(City or town) (Country) (Month) (Day) (Year)
- My father's full name is/was WOLF KOTOWSKA
- My mother's maiden name was MENUCHA MIRKIN
- (If a married woman) My maiden name was SORA GITLA VEL SONIA KOTOWSKA
- My last foreign residence was GRODNO, POLAND
- The place where I took the ship or train which landed me in the United States was Gdyni POLAND  
(City or town) (Country)
- The ticket on which I came to this country was bought at El Paso Texas  
(City) (Country)
- (If arrival by ship) Name of steamship line was \_\_\_\_\_  
first, second, or third cabin Second I arrived as a passenger, stowaway, seaman, member of crew, or otherwise PASSENGER  
(State which)
- I traveled on (an immigration visa, a passport, or permit to reenter) Immigration Visa
- My original Immigrant Identification Card No. 936871 is hereto attached. If not herewith, it is because \_\_\_\_\_
- I paid \$ 8.00 head tax at So. Pacific R.R. Co. ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year)
- I was yes examined by United States immigration officers at ELLIS ISLAND N.Y.  
(City or town) (State or country)
- (If not examined, state why, and give the circumstances of your entry)
- The person in the United States to whom I was coming was Sam Kahn my brother
- The place in the United States to which I was going was El Paso Texas
- The names of some of the passengers or other persons I traveled with and their relationship to me, if any, are \_\_\_\_\_

I was previously in the United States from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

I have set forth below my answer to the following questions asked of me:

19. Have you been absent from the United States since the date of your arrival as stated on page 1 of this form? no  
If so, state month and year you left \_\_\_\_\_; month and year you returned \_\_\_\_\_  
To what country did you go? \_\_\_\_\_ For what reason? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this the only time you have been out of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, give full particulars as to other absences \_\_\_\_\_

20. In what places in the United States have you resided?  
El Paso Tex  
From \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)  
From \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)  
From \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

21. What were the names and addresses of your employers during the five years immediately prior to the date of this statement?  
not employed  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. Do you understand the principles of government of the United States? yes  
23. Do you fully believe in the form of government of the United States? yes  
24. Are you ready to answer questions as to the principles and form of government of the United States? yes  
What have you done to prepare yourself for an examination on the government of the United States? I attended Vocational School

25. Have you read the following oath of allegiance? yes  
I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to \_\_\_\_\_, of whom (which) I have heretofore been a subject (or citizen); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So HELP ME GOD.

Are you willing to take this oath in becoming a citizen? yes  
26. If necessary, are you willing to take up arms in defense of this country? yes  
Did you claim exemption from the draft during the World War because you were an alien? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you surrender your declaration (first paper) at that time? \_\_\_\_\_

27. If not now married, have you ever been married? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you divorced? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a believer in the practice of polygamy? no

28. Are you a believer in anarchy? no Do you belong to or are you associated with any organization which teaches or advocates anarchy or the overthrow of existing government in this country? no

29. Have you ever been an inmate of an insane asylum? no

30. Have you ever been arrested or charged with violation of any law of the United States or State or any city ordinance or traffic regulation? never If so, give full particulars \_\_\_\_\_

31. (a) In what place in the United States did you meet for the first time your first witness named on the opposite page? El Paso Tex  
How often have you seen this witness each month since the date you first met him (her)? \_\_\_\_\_

At what places? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) In what place in the United States did you meet for the first time your second witness named on the opposite page? El Paso Tex  
How often have you seen this witness each month since the date you first met him (her)? \_\_\_\_\_

At what places? \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all the statements made by me in this application and form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of applicant)

No 757247

Registered under the Alien Registration Act of 1940.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO BE USED IN FILING MY PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

My name is {Mr. Mrs. Miss} Mrs. Sonia H. Rosenfeld (Full true name, without abbreviation and any other name which has been used, must appear here)

- 1. My present residence is 204 W. Californial St El Paso Tex
2. My occupation is merchant
3. I was born in orla Poland on June 10 1896 My race is Hebrew
4. I declared my intention to become a citizen (first paper) on Jan. 8 1941 in the U.S. DISTRICT Court of El Paso Tex. at El Paso
5. I am married. The name of my wife or husband is Hyman Rosenfeld
We were married on July 1 at El Paso Tex.
She or he was born at Minsk Russia on June 4 1893
arrived in the United States at El Paso Tex on Mar. 4 1939 for permanent residence, and now resides at 204 W. Californial St El Paso Tex. WAS naturalized on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_ and certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

I have No children, whose names, dates and places of birth, and places of residence are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, NOW RESIDING AT-

GRODNO GDYN POLAND

- 6. My last foreign residence was GDYN POLAND
The place where I took the ship or train which landed me in the United States was GDYNI Poland
7. The foreign country of which I am now a subject or citizen is poland
8. I can speak English.
9. I have resided continuously in the United States since May 14 1938
I have resided continuously in the county where I now live since June 15 1938
10. I have not previously made petition for naturalization (second paper). If so, it was No. \_\_\_\_\_, made in the \_\_\_\_\_ Court at \_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_ and was not granted because \_\_\_\_\_

(If you wish to have your name changed, give full name you desire \_\_\_\_\_)
(Give names, occupations, and addresses of two citizens you expect to bring with you as witnesses when you appear for examination to file your petition. These witnesses must have personal knowledge of your residence in the county at least, and of your character and other qualifications. A foreign-born witness must bring proof of his citizenship).

- (1st) Leon Sabotky Lawyer residing at 800 W. 1st St El Paso Tex
I first met this witness on June 11 1938
(2d) Joseph Sadman merchant residing at 1300 W. El Paso El Paso Tex
I first met this witness on June 15 1938

I certify that the above statement of facts has been read by me and that the statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NOTE.—Have you enclosed (if required)—
DECLARATION OF INTENTION.
IMMIGRANT IDENTIFICATION CARD.
3 TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOURSELF.
MONEY ORDER FOR \$2.50.

(Signature of applicant)

(Address at which applicant receives mail)

Name: KOLONKA, SOBA

Address:

912 N. Oregon  
El Paso, Tex.

Steamer: SS Batory

Port: New York or Ellis Island

Date of arr: 5/14/38

Quota: Non-Quota:

Age: 42 Conj. Cond: single

Nationality: Polish

Accomp. by:

Destined to: Simon Kahn, brother

Admitted to: Pauline Kuipene, cousin  
558 Bedford Ave.

Referred to: Brooklyn, N.Y.