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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

1855-P-317

Kansas City, Missouri  
June 29, 1942

Mrs. Freda Shanin  
922 South Ninth  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Your preliminary form and all attached papers are returned for the reason checked (V) below. THEY MUST BE RESUBMITTED WITH YOUR REPLY.

- ( ) 1. Where checked, state whether you have been absent from the United States since your arrival. If so, give dates of departure from and return to the United States.
- ( ) 2. Where checked, give date of your arrival, the United States border port where you entered the United States, and name of the vessel or railroad.
- ( ) 3. You failed to answer the questions check-marked.
- ( ) 4. Your name was not signed at the bottom of pages 2 and 3.
- ( ) 5. Your declaration of intention (first paper) was not enclosed.
- ( ) 6. Your declaration of intention (first paper) is not yet 2 years old; when it is, you may return these papers to this office.
- ( ) 7. Your declaration of intention (first paper) is over 7 years old, therefore invalid. It will be necessary for you to take out a new first paper, and wait 2 years before making application for final papers. Enclosed is an application form (N-300) for first paper. Complete it as directed on page 4, and send it to this office with the required enclosures.
- (V) 8. You failed to enclose 3 photographs as required. *plus one more*
- ( ) 9. Your photographs do not meet the requirements of law. They must be:
  - ( ) 2 by 2 inches in size. ( ) On a light background. ( ) Exactly alike. ( ) On thin paper. ( ) Signed in full on the margin. ( ) Taken without hat. ( ) Taken within thirty days.
- ( ) 10. You failed to enclose postal or express money order as required.
- ( ) 11. Your money order is not correctly made out. It must be in the sum of ~~\$2.50~~ \$5.00 and made payable to "COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION, WASHINGTON, D. C." Send it to this office with your application.
- (V) 12. Before your application for certificate of citizenship may be accepted, you must furnish this office documentary proof of the date and place of your birth and the date and place of your parents' marriage. Your application, U. S. postal money order in the sum of \$5.00, & two signed photographs ARE enclosed herewith and may be returned to this office with the above requested documentary proof.

Money order No. 638474.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures.

*Sam L. Hoff*  
District Director.  
Kansas City District

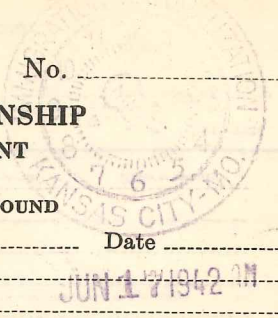
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF DERIVATIVE CITIZENSHIP  
INCLUDING STATEMENT CONCERNING ARRIVAL OF APPLICANT

For use in searching records of arrival:  
RECORDS EXAMINED

RECORD FOUND

Card index _____	Place _____	Date _____
Index books _____	Name _____	
Manifests _____	Manner _____	

(Signature of person making search)



TO THE APPLICANT: Do not write above this line. Read carefully and follow the instructions on page 4 hereof  
(This form must be completely filled out—preferably on a typewriter)

Take or mail this to—

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

1855-P-311

I hereby apply to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization for a certificate showing that I am a derivative citizen of the United States of America. Since the date I became a citizen of the United States as herein alleged, I have never become expatriated (a) by being naturalized in any foreign state, (b) by taking an oath of allegiance to any foreign state, (c) by marriage to an alien, (d) through the cancelation of the naturalization of the person through whom I claim to have derived citizenship, or (e) in any other manner, nor to the best of my knowledge and belief has the person through whom I claim to have derived citizenship become expatriated. I have never deserted the military or naval service of the United States in time of war and been tried for and convicted of such desertion. I verily believe, and upon such belief assert, that I am now a citizen of the United States of America, and I will take the oath of allegiance to the United States required by the naturalization laws of a petitioner for naturalization.

In support of my application I enclose two photographs of myself each of which I have signed, and a money order No. 648474 in the sum of \$5, made payable to the order of the "Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C.," in payment for this application, and my Immigrant Identification Card, No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or my Immigrant Identification Card, No. \_\_\_\_\_ is not attached because Lost in fire.) and submit the following facts:

1. My full true name is <sup>(Mr.)</sup> ~~Miss~~ <sup>(Mrs.)</sup> Mrs. Freda Shanin
2. The name given me at birth or baptism was Freda Mermorvitch
3. I have not used another name in this country. (If so) It was \_\_\_\_\_  
I used that name because \_\_\_\_\_
4. I now reside at 922 South Ninth St. St. Joseph, Missouri  
(Number and street) (City or town) (Country) (State)

Facts to aid in locating a record of my arrival:

5. I first arrived in the United States under the name of Mrs. Freda Shanin  
at the port of Ellis Island on (date) October 31st 1906  
on the vessel The Rhine  
(If otherwise than by vessel, show manner of arrival)
6. I emigrated from Russia, and embarked at the port of Bremen
7. (If arrival by ship) Name of steamship line was The Rhine  
First, second, or third cabin Second I arrived as a passenger, stowaway, seaman, member of crew, or otherwise passenger  
(State which) (State which, giving particulars)
8. I have been absent from the United States no times since the date of my first arrival. (If so, give date, port, and vessel of last arrival \_\_\_\_\_)
9. (If a married woman) My maiden name was Freda Mermorvitch
10. My mother's maiden name was Gertrude Ruth Mermorvitch
11. I paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ head tax at \_\_\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State or county)
12. I was born on April 12th 1880 in Lugonce Russia  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (Country)
13. I traveled on (an immigration visa, a passport, or permit to reenter) passport  
(State which)
14. The place in the United States to which I was going was St. Joseph, Mo.
15. The person in the United States to whom I was coming was Mr. Max Shanin (Husband)
16. The name of some of the passengers or other persons I traveled with are Two children  
Max Jr. and Lillie
17. I was \_\_\_\_\_ examined by United States immigration officers at Ellis Island, New York  
(City or town) (State or country)  
(If not examined, state why, and give the circumstances of your entry)

18. My occupation is Housewife My employer's address is \_\_\_\_\_  
 19. My personal description is: Age 62 years; sex Female; color White  
 complexion light; color of eyes Blue; color of hair Grey  
 height 5 feet 2 inches; weight 150 pounds; visible distinctive marks None  
 Marital status Widow; former nationality J. J. Russia  
(See instruction No. 6, page 4) (See instruction No. 6, page 4)

20. I claim to have derived citizenship in the United States of America by reason of—

- ~~(a) The naturalization of my father.~~
- ~~(b) The marriage of my mother to my stepfather.~~
- (c) The naturalization of my husband during our marriage.
- ~~(d) The resumption of citizenship by my mother.~~
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_

STRIKE OUT ALL INAPPLICABLE WORDS AND STATEMENTS. BUT ONE SUB-PARAGRAPH, EITHER (a), (b), (c), (d), OR (e) SHOULD BE USED.

21. The full true name of my father is Jacob Mermorvitch; he was born at  
Russia on (Died at 72 years of age about 15 years ago)  
(City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State or country)

He was formerly a citizen or subject of Russia and became a citizen of the United States on Died in Russia by reason of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Name of country) (State date and manner in which your father became a citizen; if through naturalization, give also name and location of court and number, if any, of certificate issued and name shown therein)

22. The full true name of my mother is Gertrude Ruth Mermorvitch; she was born at  
Russia on (Died about 25 years ago in Russia)  
(City or town) (County) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State or country)

She was formerly a citizen or subject of Russia and became a citizen of the United States on \_\_\_\_\_ by reason of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Name of country) (State date and manner in which your mother became a citizen; if through naturalization, give also name and location of court and number, if any, of certificate issued and name shown therein)

\_\_\_\_\_ and is now a citizen of see above

23. If citizenship is claimed through a stepfather, the information in this block must be given:

(a) The full name of my stepfather is \_\_\_\_\_

(b) He was born at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and is now  
 and now resides at \_\_\_\_\_ and is now  
 a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_; he acquired citizenship through  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{birth} \\ \text{naturalization} \end{array} \right.$   
(If naturalized, give date of naturalization, name and location of court, and number of certificate, if possible)

(c) He and my mother were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State or country)

24. The following are suggested as persons who may give testimony in support of my application:

Mr. Abraham Stone Mo. Iron & Metal Company owner St. Joseph, Mo.  
(Name) (Occupation) (Address, State number and street, city or town, and State)  
No relation Such person has known me 36 years.  
(Relationship, if any, to applicant)

My husband gave Mr. Stone the money to send to me in New York, for  
fare to St. Joseph, Mo. (Points upon which testimony is to be given)

Mr. A. Katz Retired Junk Dealer 1522 So. 12th St. Joseph, Mo.  
(Name) (Occupation) (Address, State number and street, city or town, and State)  
No relative Such person has known me 36 years.  
(Relationship, if any, to applicant)

We lived neighbors upon arrival in St. Joseph, Mo.  
(Points on which testimony is to be given)

25. If applicant is or was married, the information in this block must also be given:

(a) I was married to Mr. Max Shanin of Russia race  
(Give full and complete name of husband or wife)  
on August 1st 1900 at Lugonce, Russia  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State or country)

(b) My husband (wife) was born at Russia on July 6, 1880  
(City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
and now resides at Deceased (1918)  
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State or country)

(c) My husband (wife) was naturalized by the U.S. DISTRICT Court  
(Name of court)  
at St. Joseph Buchanan Missouri on March 1, 1915  
(City or town) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
Certificate No. 325846 (If citizenship was derived through his or her parent, briefly give facts  
of naturalization of such parent)

(d) Said marriage has been terminated. If so, on  
by { death of my husband (wife). 1918 Deceased  
divorce (Date)

(e) I have been married one times.  
(Names of persons to whom married.)  
the race of each, and date and place of each marriage)

26. I have not filed a declaration of intention or petition for naturalization  
(If so, give name and location of court in which  
filed, and date and number of papers)

27. Should a certificate of derivative citizenship be issued to me, I desire it to be issued in the name of:  
Mrs. Freda Shanin

28. I submit the following certificates or other documents in support of my application  
(Description of documents and  
names of persons to whom they relate. For a general description of the documents required in support of this application, see paragraph 7 of the instructions to the applicant on page 4)

29. I did not fill out this form. (If not) The person who filled out this form is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give full name and address of such person)

Mrs. Sylvia Bode, Elwood, Kansas

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statement of facts is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

X Mrs. Freda Shuman  
(Applicant's signature in full, without abbreviation)

State of Missouri  
County of Boone } ss:

The aforesaid applicant, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the person named herein and whose signature appears on page 4 hereof; that said applicant has read the foregoing application, comprising pages 1 to 4, inclusive, and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of applicant's own personal knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters applicant believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at St. Joseph, Mo. this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 1942

my com. expires Oct. 20, 1944

Hilbert Stueb  
(Signature of attester)  
Notary Public  
(Title of attester)

[SEAL] (Not required if sworn to before an immigration and naturalization officer.)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT**

- 1. Age requirement of applicant.**—You must be 21 years of age or over when you are sworn to this application.
- 2. Execution of this application.**—You must sign, and be sworn to, this application in the spaces provided above. No charge is made for oaths administered by an immigration and naturalization officer. If oath to the application is not executed by an immigration and naturalization officer, it must be administered by a notary public or other officer who is authorized to administer oaths.
- 3. Money order.**—You must obtain a postal or express money order in the sum of \$5, payable to the order of the "Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C.," and attach it to this application when it is submitted to the immigration and naturalization officer named on page 1.
- 4. Photographs.**—You must send with this application 2 photographs of yourself taken within 30 days thereof. They must be 2 by 2 inches in size, the distance from top of head to point of chin to be approximately 1 inch, on thin paper with a light background and clearly showing a front view of your face without hat. These photographs must not be pasted on a card or mounted in any other way and must be signed by you on the margin and not on the face or the clothing, such signatures to correspond with your name as signed in the application.
- 5. Facts concerning arrival in the United States.**—Detailed information is necessary in relation to your arrival in the United States. Every person who entered the United States for permanent residence on the basis of an immigration visa on or after July 1, 1928, should be in possession of an immigrant identification card, which bears a number in red ink, which card should be attached to this application, inserting the number of the card in the appropriate blank space on page 1. The card will be retained. If you arrived in the United States on or after July 1, 1928, and you do not have an immigrant identification card, you should so state where indicated on page 1. If you arrived in the United States before July 1, 1928, and do not know the exact date of arrival or name of the vessel, or port, and cannot secure this information, give the facts of your arrival to the best of your ability. If you have a passport, ship's card, or baggage labels, they may help you to give this information.
- 6. Marital status and nationality.**—In answering statement 19, page 2, as to your marital status, show whether you are single, married, divorced, a widow, or a widower, and as to your nationality, state the country of which you were a citizen or subject previous to your becoming a citizen of the United States.
- 7. Documents.**—Certain birth, marriage, divorce, and death records are usually required in support of applications for certificates of derivative citizenship. Describe in statement 28, page 3, such documents filed with your application.
- 8. Penalties.**—Paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 33 of the act of June 29, 1906, as amended, prescribe penalties of not exceeding \$10,000 in fines, or not exceeding 10 years' imprisonment, or both, for violation of the naturalization or citizenship laws in connection with any application for a certificate showing derivative citizenship.