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Hans Bernhard Braun

Oeverseegasse 28

Jüdische Opfer

VERBUNDENE GEDENKSTEINE

Erich Bonyhady
Otmar Silberstein
Kurt Eisler
Edgar "Edi" Düdner
Franz Adler
Karl Walter Neufeld
Alfred Deutsch
Helmut Neufeld

Familie:
Mutter Grete (Margarethe) Braun, geboren am 20. Jänner 1900;
Vater Oskar Braun.
Großeltern mütterlicherseits Jakob und Gisela Fischer.

Wohnort:
Schmiedgasse 31/II bis Oktober 1938

Hans Bernhard Braun wurde am 2. November 1924 in Graz geboren. Nach dem frühen Tod seines Vaters Oskar wenige Jahre später, oblag Grete Braun das Obsorgerecht. Bis Ende Oktober 1938 lebten die beiden in einer Wohnung in der Schmiedgasse 31 im 2. Stock.
Bereits im Sommer 1938 musste der 13jährige Hans Braun das Gymnasium in der Oeverseegasse verlassen, indem er seit vier Jahren zur Schule ging. Zumindest bis Mitte Dezember desselben Jahres war seine Mutter noch in Graz bei der Adresse Stifting 32 gemeldet.

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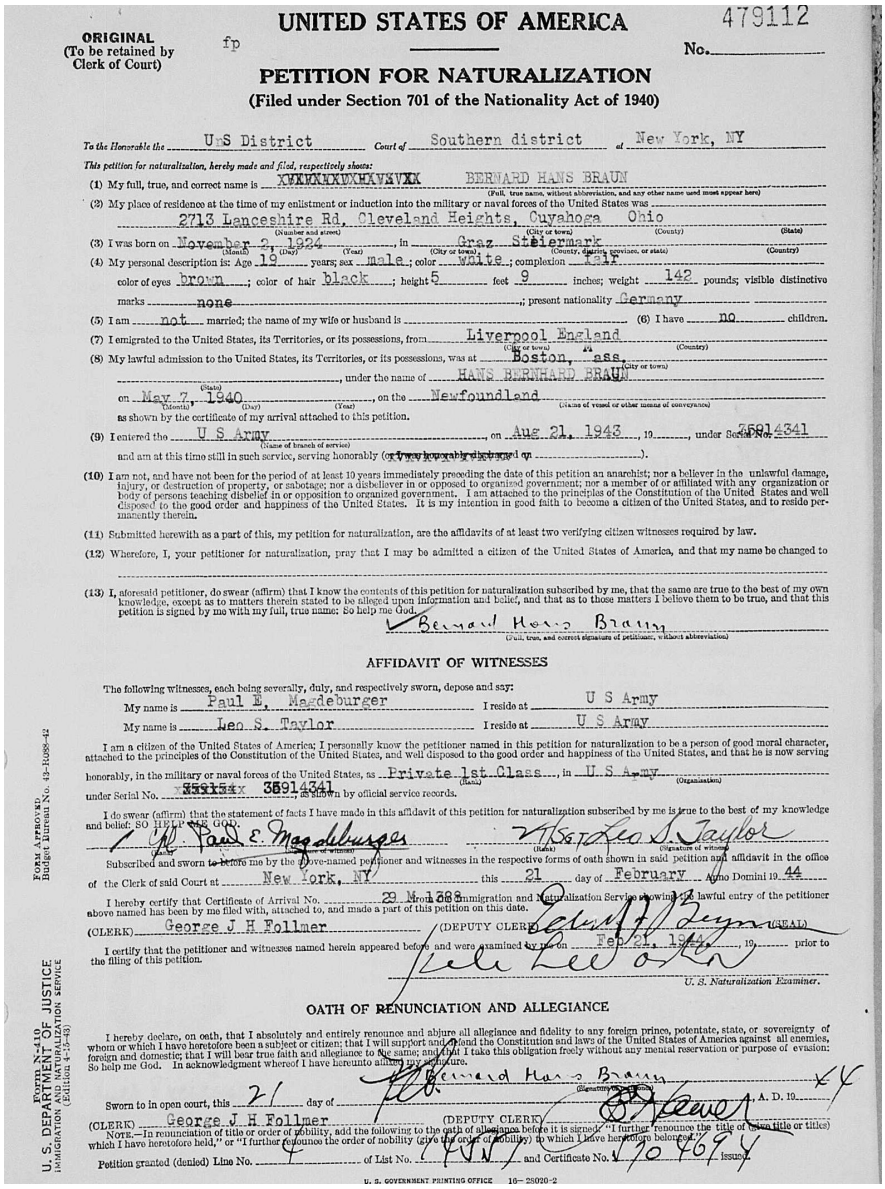
Grete Braun, geboren am 20. Jänner 1900 in Graz als Margarethe Fischer, hatte zum Zeitpunkt der Machtergreifung der Nationalsozialisten bereits ihren Vater Jakob Fischer und ihren Mann Oskar Braun verloren, der als Kaufmann die Existenz gesichert hatte. Seit dem Februar 1928 lebte sie gemeinsam mit ihrer Mutter Gisela Fischer und ihrem Sohn Hans Bernhard in der Schmiedgasse 31. Das Einkommen verdiente sie sich als kaufmännische Hilfskraft. Ihr Schicksal und das ihrer Mutter nach dem Dezember 1938 sind unbekannt.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 479112

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION
(Filed under Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940)

To the Honorable the U.S District Court of Southern district at New York, NY

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectively shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX BERNARD HANS BRAUN (Full, true name, without abbreviation, and any other name used must appear here)

(2) My place of residence at the time of my enlistment or induction into the military or naval forces of the United States was 2713 Lanceshire Rd, Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga Ohio (Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State)

(3) I was born on November 2, 1924 (Month) (Day) (Year), in Graz Steiermark (City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country)

(4) My personal description is: Age 19 years; sex male; color white; complexion fair; color of eyes brown; color of hair black; height 5 feet 9 inches; weight 142 pounds; visible distinctive marks none; present nationality Germany

(5) I am not married; the name of my wife or husband is ____ (6) I have no children.

(7) I emigrated to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, from Liverpool England (City or town) (Country)

(8) My lawful admission to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, was at Boston, mass. (City or town) (State), under the name of HANS BERNHARD BRAUN, on May 7, 1940 (Month) (Day) (Year), on the Newfoundland (Name of vessel or other means of conveyance) as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.

(9) I entered the U S Army (Name of branch of service) on Aug 21, 1943, 19__, under Serial No. 35914341 and am at this time still in such service, serving honorably (or ~~I was honorably discharged on~~ ____).

(10) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition an anarchist; nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage; nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States, and to reside permanently therein.

(11) Submitted herewith as a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying citizen witnesses required by law.

(12) Wherefore, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to ____

(13) I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name; So help me God.

Bernard Hans Braun
(Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

My name is Paul E. Magdeburger I reside at U S Army

My name is Leo S. Taylor I reside at U S Army

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I personally know the petitioner named in this petition for naturalization to be a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and that he is now serving honorably, in the military or naval forces of the United States, as Private 1st Class (Rank), in U S Army (Organization) under Serial No. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 35914341, as shown by official service records.

I do swear (affirm) that the statement of facts I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief: SO HELP ME GOD.

Paul E. Magdeburger (Signature of witness) (Date) Leo S. Taylor (Signature of witness) (Date)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective forms of oath shown in said petition and affidavit in the office of the Clerk of said Court at New York, NY this 21 day of February Anno Domini 19 44

I hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. 23 issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service showing the lawful entry of the petitioner above named has been by me filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

(CLERK) George J H Follmer (DEPUTY CLERK) (SEAL)

I certify that the petitioner and witnesses named herein appeared before and were examined by me on Feb 21, 1944, 19__ prior to the filing of this petition.

U. S. Naturalization Examiner.

OATH OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE

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 of whom or 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. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Bernard Hans Braun (Signature of applicant)

Sworn to in open court, this 21 day of ____ A. D. 19__

(CLERK) George J H Follmer (DEPUTY CLERK)

NOTE.—In renunciation of title or order of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (insert title or titles) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of nobility (give the order of nobility) to which I have heretofore belonged."

Petition granted (denied) Line No. 1 of List No. 1 and Certificate No. 1 Issued.

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Hans Bernhard Braun gelang über England die Flucht in die USA, wo er am 7. Mai 1940 von Liverpool kommend in Boston eintraf. Drei Jahre später am 21. August 1943 trat er als 18jähriger in die US Army ein, dürfte zu diesem Zeitpunkt in Cleveland/Ohio wohnhaft gewesen sein. Sein Familienstand wird vom Military Service als „ledig, ohne Angehörige“ beschrieben.
Braun dürfte NS-Herrschaft und Weltkrieg überlebt haben und sich nach 1945 in den USA eine neue Existenz aufgebaut haben.

Quellen:
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