

The Agent from Nadwórna

Osias Knoll · Yehoshua

Ben's 2× great-grandfather · Knoll line · c. 1866 – 1935

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A commercial agent from Galicia who took the waters at Karlsbad, fled the First World War to Vienna and settled in the Leopoldstadt, Osias Knoll was remembered on his stone for an open hand.

On his headstone in Vienna he is Yehoshua, “son of Yaakov Kopel Knoll, of Nadwórna.” Osias Knoll was born about 1866 in Nadwórna (now Nadvirna, Ukraine), in the Stanisławów district of eastern Galicia, the son of **Kopel Knoll** and **Ides (Hidas) Rund**. The town’s birth index has an Osias (Ozjasz) Knoll born in 1870 or 1871, very probably him.

On 13 June 1890, as Ozyasz Knaul, a merchant of Nadwórna aged 24, he married **Ester Lichtman**, 20, daughter of **Wolf Lichtman** and **Chane Chaje**, in Stanisławów before Rabbi Isaac Horowitz. In November 1932 a note was added by decree of the provincial office: ‘the groom’s surname is Knoll, not Knaul.’ The young couple seem to have moved between towns. Ester’s first two children, **Marya** (1891) and **Feyga (Funnie)** (1893), were born in Kołomyja and registered under her surname; **Mendel (Emil)** (1895), **Chane Lea (Lea)** (1896) and **Beile** (1897) were born in Stanisławów. By 1903 they were back in Nadwórna, where the Jewish death register records little Beile, aged 6, at house no. 29.

Osias made his living as an agent. When Ester took the cure at Karlsbad alone in August 1898, the spa list entered her as ‘Frau Agent Osias Knoll’ of Nadworna. In August 1913 the couple came together and stayed at the Kurfürst on Egerstrasse, and they returned in August 1920, when she was written down as ‘Frau Erna’, a name she also carries in Lea’s marriage record.

Then came the war. In April 1914 the Atlas insurance company of Vienna sued ‘Osias Knoll, agent, last in Nadwórna in Galicia, whose

BORN	about 1866, Nadwórna, Galicia (now Nadvirna, Ukraine)
DIED	14 October 1935, Vorgartenstraße 150, Vienna II, aged 68
BURIED	Zentralfriedhof, Vienna, 4th Gate, Group 21, Row 11, Grave 7
HEBREW NAME	Yehoshua, son of Yaakov Kopel
ALSO WRITTEN	Ozyasz Knaul; Ozjasz Knoll
WORK	Agent; commercial agency in Vienna; managing director of a coal and timber firm (1924)
MARRIED	Ester (Erna) Lichtman, Stanisławów, 13 June 1890

whereabouts are unknown' for 400 crowns, a debt case that was probably him. Like many eastern Galician Jews, the family fled to Vienna. By 26 October 1914 Osias was signing as householder the registration card of his daughter Malcha and her husband **Hersch Ungar**, who lodged with him in the Darwingasse, Vienna II. In November 1915 the city gazette listed his new trade licence, 'Knoll Osias, Handelsagentur', at Darwingasse 12 in the Leopoldstadt.

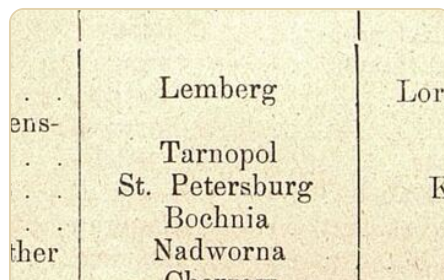
Vienna became home. Osias was named as the bride's father when Fanni married **Juda B. Katz** on 19 October 1917, and when Leontine (Lea) married **Jozef Schächter** on 27 May 1920, the record that ties the Knoll and Schechter families together. From 1919 the family lived at Vorgartenstraße 150, where his agency entered the city's trade-tax register in 1920. That summer an Osias Knoll in Vienna, almost certainly he, gave 800 crowns to the Palestine Office, which cared for Jewish emigrants. In June 1924 the commercial register recorded Osias Knoll, 'Kaufmann in Wien', appointed managing director of a coal and timber export-import company on the Praterstraße, to sign jointly with Baruch Löw.

Ester died at home on 22 February 1931, aged 60. Osias died there on 14 October 1935, aged 68, recorded as an organisation manager born in Nadwórna, and was buried on 16 October in the Jewish section of the Zentralfriedhof, in a different section from Ester. His Hebrew stone remembers "a good and generous-hearted man, whose hand was open to charity."

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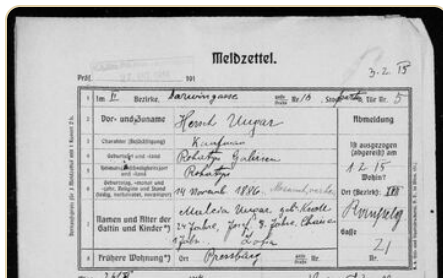
Marriage record, Stanisławów 13 Jun 1890 no. 24: Ozyasz Knaul (Knoll) × Ester Lichtman, with 1932 surname correction (AGAD 300/1884)



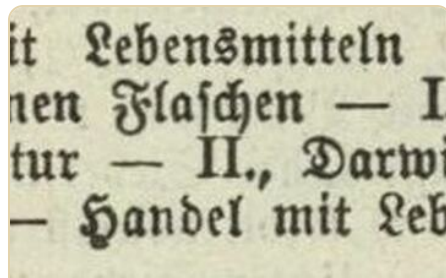
Karlsbad spa guest list, 6 Aug 1913: 'Herr Osias Knoll, Agent, mit Frau Esther', of Nadwórna, Hotel Kurfürst



Wiener Zeitung, 24 Apr 1914: the Atlas insurance company sues 'Osias Knoll, agent, last in Nadwórna, whereabouts unknown' for 400 Kronen (Bezirksgericht Josefstadt)



Vienna Meldezettel, 26 Oct 1914: Hersch Ungar (b. Rohatyn 14 Nov 1886), wife Malcia née Knoll (24), children Josef, Chane, Zofia; II, Darwingasse; landlord's signature 'Osias Knoll'



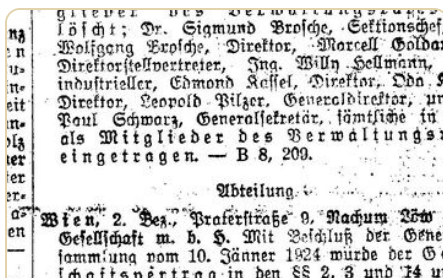
Amtsblatt der Stadt Wien, 19 Nov 1915 (new trade licences): 'Knoll Osias - Handelsagentur - II., Darwingasse 12'

II family (Leontine × Jozef Schächter 1917), searched 17 Oct 2026

Marriages (Enhanced)

m's age	Groom's Father	Groom's Mother	More
wife's age	Bride's Father	Bride's Mother	
	Meyer KATZ	Chane MANDEL	More
	Osias KNOLL		
	David SCHÄCHTER	Malka HALPERN	

Vienna Jewish marriage index (JewishGen): Fanni Knoll × Juda B. Katz 19 Oct 1917; Leontine Knoll × Jozef Schächter 27 May 1920 (parents named)



Wiener Zeitung, 10 Jun 1924 (company register): Osias Knoll, merchant in Vienna, appointed managing director of a coal-and-timber export-import GmbH



Osias Knoll's headstone, Zentralfriedhof Vienna, IV. Tor 21-11-7 (photo: Find a Grave contributor MDav)

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