

Out of Habura on the Normandie

Baruch (Bernard) Moskovic

Brooke's grandfather · Moskovic line · 1912 – 1985



A 26-year-old store worker from Habura, Baruch Moskovic sailed for New York in September 1938, barely a year before the war, and so, nearly alone among the Habura Moskovics, he lived.

Baruch Moskovic was born on 5 June 1912 in Habura, the village of his father **Moses Moskovic**. His mother, **Mariam**, a Schlesinger of Kosárvágása, had married into Habura in 1889, and together they raised a large family; Baruch was their youngest son. Both parents died in Habura in 1935, Mariam on 29 June and Moses on 12 November, three years before he left.

His 1938 arrival manifest tells the story of the crossing. A store worker of Habura, aged 26, he sailed on the SS Normandie from Le Havre on 21 September 1938 and reached New York on 26 September, four days before Munich. Line 26 names his nearest relative back home as his brother-in-law Mozes Bobker, the husband of his sister **Eszter**, and sends him to a relative at 2186 Creston Avenue in the Bronx: his brother **Jack Moskowitz**, who by the 1940 census was living a few doors away at 2188. Getting out barely a year before the war is why he, nearly alone among the Habura Moskovics, lived. His brother **Khaim**'s family in Slovakia would not survive, and most of the children who stayed behind were later murdered in the Shoah.

In America the papers followed quickly. His Declaration of Intention, filed in the Southern District of New York on 9 February 1939 and bearing his photograph, describes a delivery boy of 2188 Creston Avenue, born in Habura on 5 June 1912, who had arrived as Baruch Moskovic on the Normandie. By his Second World War draft card of 16 October 1940 he was Bernard Moskowitz, with the same birth date and village, and his brother Jack as his contact.

BORN	5 June 1912, Habura
DIED	21 September 1985
BURIED	Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Glendale, Queens
ALSO KNOWN AS	Bernard Moskowitz
ARRIVED	New York, 26 September 1938, on the SS Normandie from Le Havre
WORK	Store worker (1938); delivery boy (1939); furrier
MARRIED	Elaine (Ilona) Fried, Brooklyn, 11 February 1941
PARENTS	Moses Moskovic and Mariam née Schlesinger

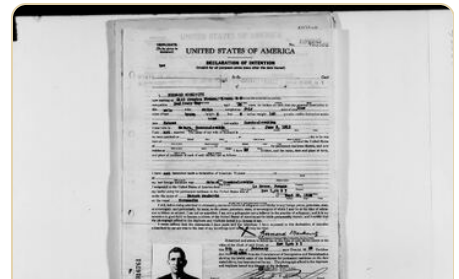
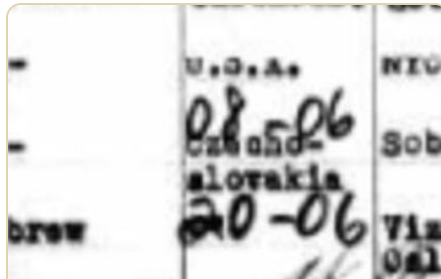
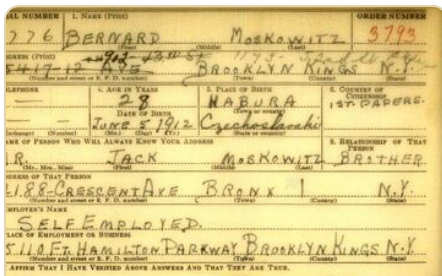
On 11 February 1941 he married **Elaine (Ilona) Fried** at the Brooklyn Municipal Building, with her sister **Cecilia** as witness. Elaine came from Budkovce, so the wedding joined Budkovce and Habura. His Petition for Naturalization in the Eastern District of New York (no. 403588) finds him a furrier at 1173 52nd Street, Brooklyn, and records the marriage. Bernard and Elaine are Brooke's grandparents.

Bernard died on 21 September 1985 and is buried at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Glendale, Queens. Elaine, who died in 2000, is likely buried with him there.

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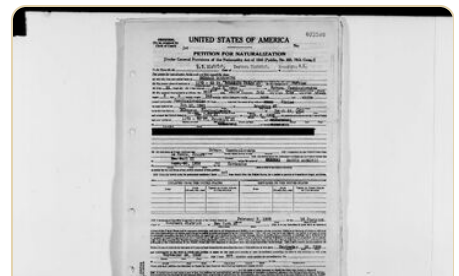
His 1938 SS Normandie arrival manifest (line 26)

WWII draft card, 16 Oct 1940: Bernard Moskowicz, born Habura 5 Jun 1912; contact brother Jack



1941 marriage license



His Petition for Naturalization, EDNY no. 403588: furrier, 1173 52nd St, Brooklyn; married Elaine (born Budkovce 19 Mar 1912) on 11 Feb 1941 (child's line redacted)

Moskowitz

Unknown

1 Sep 1985

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