

BANNŪRAH-DĀHIR Background



Banoura Ayoub was born on March 15, 1895 in Syria. Bannūrah had several relatives in the USA and she decided to travel to Columbus, Ohio to the home of her uncle. Bannūrah boarded the Titanic with her cousins at Cherbourg as a third-class passenger. When the Titanic struck the iceberg, she was able to get into one of the lifeboats. Bannūrah was sheltered and cared for by the New York Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Bannūrah was married on September 11, 1912 to Michael Deyoub. The couple settled in Michigan with their children in 1917. Despite her experience on the Titanic she loved boating. She remained a devout Catholic for the rest of her life.

Bannūrah died in Detroit on
December 3, 1970.



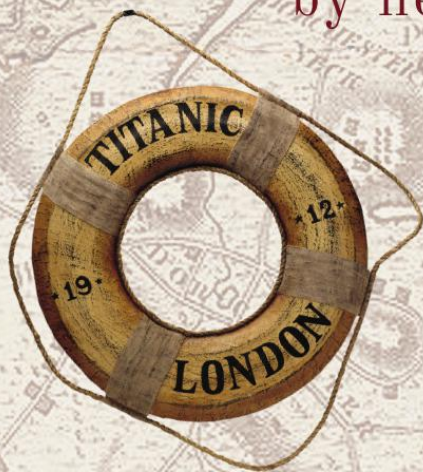
FATĪMAH MUSLAMĀNĪ Background



Fatima Moslimani was born in Lebanon on January 12, 1890. Fatīmah boarded the Titanic at Cherbourg as a third-class passenger having already made the voyage from Beirut to Marseille. Treated in New York for the effects of exposure, Fatīmah continued to Michigan City, Indiana and was married on May 7, 1912 to Mohammad Mustafa Ajamy.

She was naturalized as a US Citizen in January 1927. In the 1940s Fatima paid a return visit to Lebanon; she returned to the USA and arrived there on December 1, 1947.

Fatima spent the remainder of her life in Dearborn, Michigan where she was surrounded by her extended family. She died on February 16, 1971.



HANNAH O'BRIEN Background



Hannah Godfrey was born on June 4, 1884 in Kyle, Cappamore, Co Limerick, Ireland. By 1912 Hannah was married to Thomas O'Brien and was pregnant. Hannah and Thomas boarded the Titanic at Queenstown as third class passengers bound to emigrate to America. Hannah was rescued, in which lifeboat is unknown, Thomas was lost. Hannah was rescued, in which lifeboat is unknown, Thomas was lost. On September 3, 1912 she gave birth to a daughter and named her Marion and they made their home Brooklyn. Hannah was remarried to a fireman James Quinn in 1908. The couple had son, also named James. Hannah died from influenza on October 17, 1918.



JENNIE LOUISE HANSEN Background



Jennie Louise Howard was born in Wisconsin on December 20, 1866. Jennie was married to Claus Hansen on July 25, 1900; they would have no children. In addition to surviving the Titanic: she was a pastry cook in the Blake Opera House and Hotel which burned to the ground on December 27, 1884. In 1912 Peter and Jennie were going to Denmark to visit his parents. When it was time to come home, they boarded the Titanic as third class passengers. On the night to remember, she was pried away from her husband's embrace and thrown into the boat, striking her head which left her feeling stunned for some time. She recalled the ship's lights burning brilliantly. Jennie died on December 15, 1952.



JOHAN SVENSSON Background



Johan Cervin Svensson was born in Knäred, Halland, Sweden on March 5, 1898. Johan's father emigrated to South Dakota and he planned to join him in 1911. When ready to go his mother sewed 15 Kr into his jacket lining as spare cash. When the Titanic was sinking he sneaked onto the first class boat deck and after being refused twice finally got into a lifeboat. On board the Carpathia he was at first thought to be a first-class passenger but looking upon his clothes it was realized that was not possible and he was sent down to join the other steerage passengers. Once he got to South Dakota he changed his name to John C. Johnson and worked as a farmhand for his father. He passed away on July 4, 1981.



KARLMIDTSJØ Background



Karl Albert Midtsjø was born in Norway on August 4, 1890. In 1912 he decided to emigrate to the USA buying a third class ticket aboard the Titanic. When the accident occurred Karl was given permission by First Officer Murdoch to climb down the tackle and into lifeboat 15. After some days at the hospital Karl Albert travelled by train to Chicago. On September 15, 1913 Karl was married to Anna Paulson. In 1915 the couple had a son and moved to Illinois, where Karl worked as a caretaker. Karl Albert, even as a young man, suffered from hereditary heart disease and died January 25, 1939.



MARY DAVISON Background



Mary Finkenagel was born on February 19, 1878 in Malmesbury, Wiltshire, England. Mary was married in 1902 to Thomas Henry Davison, a blacksmith. The couple had two children. The couple had spent time in Cleveland, Ohio around 1908 where Mary's parents lived and they decided to emigrate to Bedford, Ohio. The Davisons boarded the Titanic at Southampton as third class passengers. After the crash, Mary recalled being thrown into a lifeboat. She said that they boat was so full of people they barely moved in fear of it capsizing. Her husband was lost at sea. Mary died as a result of cancer on March 26, 1939. The skirt Mary wore to leave Titanic is still in the possession of her family.



MAY HOWARD Background



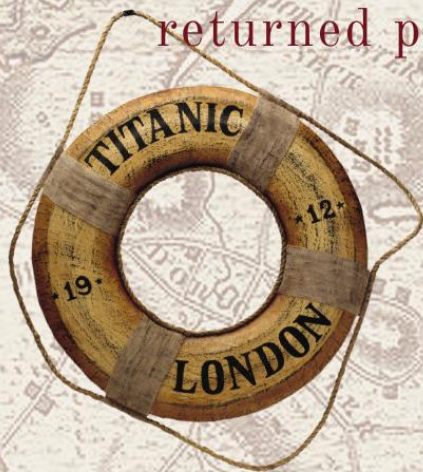
May Elizabeth Howard was born in North Walsham, Norfolk, England on May 2, 1885. May boarded the Titanic at Southampton as a third class passenger. She was intending to join her brother in Toronto, Ontario. On the night of the sinking, May was initially told to go back to bed, but was later instructed to grab her life vest and had to collapsible C. After arriving in New York she entered into the employment of the Kenyon family. May, who was never married, is remembered by the Kenyon family as a very sweet lady who was wonderful with children but who was quiet and reserved and ever fearful of water. May Howard died in the Rochester State Hospital on November 28, 1958.



NĀSĪF ABĪ-AL-MUNÀ Background



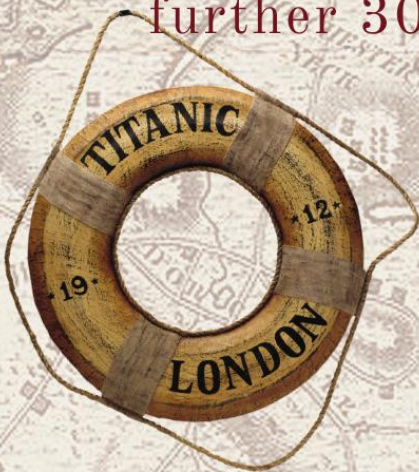
Nāsīf Qāsim Abī-Al-Munà was born in Shānā, Lebanon on September 29, 1884. Nāsīf had emigrated to the USA in 1903 and was a naturalized citizen living in Fredericksburg, Virginia working as a successful merchant. It seems he returned to Lebanon around the latter half of 1910 where he married a lady named Hisn. On his return to America Nāsīf boarded the Titanic at Cherbourg as third-class passengers. After the collision he was fortunate that a lifeboat passed by him and he was helped aboard. The truth of this account is questionable and it is almost certain that Nāsīf got into lifeboat 15 before it was lowered from the deck. By the 1940s Nāsīf was living in North Carolina and worked as a clerk in a café. Following his retirement in the late 1940s he returned permanently to Lebanon where he died in 1962.



OLAUS ABELSETH Background



Olaus Jørgensen Abelseth was born June 10, 1886 in Norway. He went to America with his brother Hans in 1902 and lived in North Dakota where he worked on different farms in the Red River Valley. In 1908 he established a livestock farm in South Dakota. After a difficult period at his farm Olaus decided to visit his relatives in Norway. He boarded the Titanic with relatives as third class passengers. After the collision and all the boats had gone, Olaus waited aboard the ship until it was a mere five feet away before jumping in. Olaus swam for twenty minutes in the icy water before finally reaching collapsible A. In July 1915 he married Anna Grinde in South Dakota. Olaus worked his farm for a further 30 years. He died on December 4, 1980.



PATRICK O'KEEFFE

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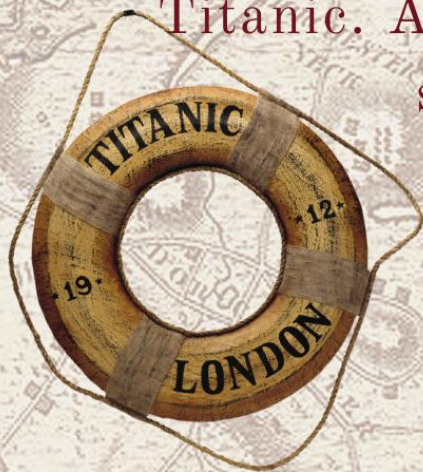
Patrick O'Keeffe was born in Waterford City, Co Waterford, Ireland on July 11, 1890. In 1910 young Pat decided to strike out for the USA and would travel with two uncles, Pat returned to Ireland for a month's holiday in 1912. For his return to the USA Patrick boarded the Titanic at Queenstown as a third class passenger. On the night of the sinking Patrick ascended to the upper decks and presumably remained board the ship during her final throes and jumped overboard. A strong swimmer, he found himself in the water and managed to pull himself aboard the capsized Lifeboat B. In New York Patrick later worked as a window dresser in a department store and later as an elevator operator in an office building, rising to a supervisory position which he maintained for the rest of his life. O'Keeffe returned to New York and began a relationship with Anna Nolan . The couple were wed in Jersey City, New Jersey on 19 September 1923 and had two children: Margaret Veronica and Edward. Patrick died on December 16, 1939 aged 49 and he was buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, New York.



ANNA SOFIA NYSTEN Background



Anna Sofia Nystén was born on January 22, 1890 in Sweden. Anna had been persuaded to travel to the USA by a family friend who had spent time living there with his wife and son. Anna and her group boarded the Titanic at Southampton on April 10, 1912 all as third class passengers. On the night of the sinking, she escaped the ship in a lifeboat. The Woman's Relief Committee gave her \$25 upon arriving in New York. Anna was married in Des Moines on October 20, 1920 to fellow Swede Frans Gustafsson. Anna later worked as a cook at the Grand View College and was a member of the First Lutheran Church. Anna would give occasional interviews regarding her time on Titanic. Anna died following complications from surgery on March 28, 1977.



AUGUST ABRAHAMSSON Background



August Abrahamsson was born in Dragsfjärd, Finland on July 15, 1892. He boarded the Titanic at Southampton as a third class passenger and was travelling to Hoboken, New Jersey where his brother Anton lived. Once the iceberg was struck August managed to get to the upper decks, and entered one of the last lifeboats, most likely lifeboat 15. After his arrival in New York August was quartered at St. Vincent Hospital in New York. He went back to Finland in 1914, got married to his wife Martha, and returned to America. August and Martha settled in Brooklyn, New York but had no children. August worked as a ship's carpenter. He became a naturalized US citizen in 1919. August died on August 16, 1961.

