

A Tale of Two Sisters

Staying Together



Cela and Bluma

"A 16 year old girl with no parents, no experience, and no sanitation anywhere, there was no hope for the end of the war, certainly no hope of defeat for the Germans. Only the solace of having my big sister there, knowing we would die together. What had happened to my world, and what had happened to my beautiful family?"
Bluma Tishgarten Goldberg, June 22, 1998



April 29, 1945--LIBERATION--The sisters are liberated from Kaufering VI in Turkheim by the 12th Armored Division of the United States Army, and taken to Holzhausen Hospital near Landsberg Germany where they are nursed back to health.

June, 1945-1949—Cela and Bluma move to a displaced persons camp (DP Camp) in Landsberg where they meet their future husbands, David Miller and Felix Goldberg. The 2 men were companions during the war and liberated from Buchenwald Concentration Camp on April 11, 1945. During this time, the sisters learn that their mother and sisters perished in Treblinka Concentration Camp and their father and brother died, only a few months before liberation, while fighting with the resistance.

July 9, 1946— Double wedding for Cela and David Miller, and Bluma and Felix Goldberg at the DP camp.



June 17, 1948—Bluma and Felix have their first son, Henry, in Landsberg, Germany.

May 12, 1949—Cela and David Miller emigrate to the US and settle in Columbia SC with the assistance of United Jewish Appeal and Hadassah.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
Application No. C 7 257 823
Personal description of holder of state of issuance of this certificate: Date of birth, May 3, 1925, sex, female, complexion, fair, color of eyes, brown, color of hair, brown, height, 5 feet, 2 inches, weight, 120 pounds, visible distinctive marks, none, Country of former nationality, Stateless-last Poland, Marital status, married.
Cela Miller
(Complete and true signature of holder)
Best known that Cela Miller, residing at 2503 Sylvan Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, having applied to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization for a Certificate of Naturalization and having presented the necessary affidavits and supporting evidence, is hereby declared to be a citizen of the United States a term of the United States District Court at Columbia, South Carolina on November 11, 1954.
It is the duty of the authority to maintain, Section 9231 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, this Certificate of Naturalization issued this Eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and the seal of the Department of Justice and the seal of the State of South Carolina.
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COPIES OF THIS CERTIFICATE ARE TO BE DESTROYED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
ORIGINAL TO BE GIVEN TO THE PERSON NATURALIZED
Application No. 1878
Personal description of holder of state of naturalization: Date of birth, June 10, 1928, sex, female, complexion, dark, color of eyes, blue, color of hair, black, height, five feet, six inches, weight, 38 pounds, visible distinctive marks, none, former nationality, Stateless, last Poland, Marital status, married.
Bluma Goldberg
(Complete and true signature of holder)
State of South Carolina, ss. County of Charleston, ss. District of the United States for the Eastern District of S. C. Held pursuant to court order, Charleston, South Carolina, on May 20, 1955. The Court having found that Bluma Goldberg, then residing at 2704 Park Wood Rd., Columbia, S. C., intends to reside permanently in the United States (as then so required by the Naturalization Laws of the United States), and in all other respects is qualified with the requisite qualifications of such naturalization laws, and was admitted to be admitted to citizenship, therefore ordered that, such person be and she was admitted as a citizen of the United States of America. In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of our Independence the one hundred and seventy-eighth.
ERNEST L. ALLEN, Clerk of the U. S. District Court
By: [Signature] Deputy Clerk
It is a violation of the U.S. Code and punishable as such to copy, print, photograph, or otherwise illegally use this certificate.

Spring, 1950—Following the lead of Cela, Bluma, Felix and young son, Henry, emigrate to the US and join the Millers in Columbia, SC. Both families become an active part of the Columbia Jewish Community.



Cela and David have 2 children after their arrival in the US, Rita and Henry. Both children marry and produce 2 grandchildren each for Cela and David. The Millers run 3 successful package store businesses.

Cela Tishgarten Miller passes away on March 19, 2000.

Bluma and Felix add 2 more children to their family, Karl and Esther. They have a total of 7 grandchildren and one great grandson. The Goldbergs have a successful tile business and have welcomed their 3 children and their spouses into the business.

Felix Goldberg passes away on November 24, 2000.

