

## Summary of Henry Olsen s Travels

In 195 Mervin Ihle provided support for an immigrant visa for Henry, support letter from Mervin for immigration visa is attached.

Henry came to the US on Feb. , 1951 arriving in New ork according to ship records.

Apparantly working on the farm was not fun.

On May , 195 Henry oined the Army and served in orea

On April , 195 he was discharged and return to Norway.

Information taken from the petition for naturalization.

Following service in the Army, Henry returned to Norway.

On Sept. 1 , 195 he returned to the US with a destination of the Tangeros home in Chicago according to the notation on the ship record.

According to the Email from Henry, he didn t find a ob and took a position on the yacht "Sis". The yacht traveled from lake Michigan to Miami.

While in Miami, Henry applied for naturalization on 11 an. 1955 and was sworn in Feb. 1955. The petition for naturalization and a picture of "sis" is attached.

After the "sis" trip, Henry returned to Chicago and meet Gerd Odegaard who had arrived in Chicago in Feb. 1955. According to an Email from Henry, he did not know Gerd prior to meeting her in Chicago.

Henry married Gerd, Nov. 195 in Chicago according to the attached Illinois marriage record.

**From:** Henry Olsen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 4:21 AM  
**To:** Jim Earthlink  
**Subject:** Re: Info from the past.

Sendt fra min iPad

Den 12 Mar 2019 kl. 11:17 skrev Henry Olsen <[henrykol@online.no](mailto:henrykol@online.no)>:

Hi Jim.

How in the world did you get hold of this.

I was stil working on the Sis at that time. I had no other address then. I was part of the crew as a deckhand. I had just returned from the Army, and I had hard time finding a job in Chicago. And then I when saw an ad in Chicago Tribune help wanted on a private yacht .

The yacht was moored at Belmont Harbor. I went down to take a look, and I discovered that the boat was identical to the boat I served on in Korea. Then they hired me right there as a deckhand. The boat had 2 engines.

I got all my belongings , in a duffel bag, and moved on the boat. That is why my address was Sis. The boat was owned by H Leslie Atlas, he was Vice president in CBS. Then we left Lake Michigan on Illinois Waterways over to Mississippi and then down that river to New Orleans . And then over to Miami where we had a dock behind a Hotel there. And that was my address that year.

Sendt fra min iPad

Den 08 Mar 2019 kl. 18:57 skrev Jim Earthlink <[james.ihle@earthlink.net](mailto:james.ihle@earthlink.net)>:

Henry,

What was it like living the yacht "sis".  
Remarkable what one can find on the net these days.  
Thought you might get a laugh.

All the best, Jim

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

<HenryNat.pdf>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

**PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION** No. 16,230  
(Under act of June 30, 1953, P. L. 86, 83d Congress, by a member or former member of the Armed Forces)

To the Honorable the \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Court of the United States  
at Miami, Florida

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

(1) My full true and correct name is HENRY KAARE OLSEN  
(Do not abbreviate. Show also any other name which has been used)

(2) My present place of residence is O/o Yacht "Sis", 6845 Bay Dr., Miami Beach, Dade, Fla.  
(Number and street) (City or town) (State or country)

(3) I was born on Oct. 21, 1932 in Tilsvang, Norway  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (Country)

(4) My personal description is as follows: Sex Male complexion Fair color of eyes Blue  
color of hair Blond height 5 feet 9 inches weight 170 pounds visible distinctive marks None  
(Number and street) (City or town) (State or country) (Date or country)

(5) I am not married; the name of my wife or husband is \_\_\_\_\_

(6) I have no children; and the name, sex, place and date of birth, and present places of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:

Name	Sex	Place Born	Date Born	Now Living at

(7) I was lawfully admitted to the United States at New York, N.Y.  
(City or town) (State)

under the name of Henry Kaare Olsen on February 28, 1951  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

on the SS Queen Elizabeth  
(Name of vessel or other means of conveyance)

(8) I actively served honorably in U.S. Army under Service No. RA 1641413  
(Name of branch of service)

from May 8, 1952 to April 30, 1954 It was physically present in the United States for a  
single period or at least 1 year at the time of entering such service.

(9) I desire to have my name changed to \_\_\_\_\_

(10) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and entirely all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at this time I am a subject or citizen. (11) It is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (12) I am not and have not been for a period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition a member of, or affiliated with, any organization proscribed by the Immigration and Nationality Act or any section, subsidiary, branch, affiliate, or subdivision thereof nor have I during such period engaged in or performed any of the acts or activities prohibited by that Act. (13) I am able to read, write, and speak the English language (unless exempted therefrom). (14) I am, and have been during all the periods required by law, 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. I am willing, if required by law, to bear arms on behalf of the United States, or to perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or to perform work of national importance under civilian direction (unless exempted therefrom). (15) Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying witnesses required by law.

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 knowledge and belief, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: **SO HELP ME GOD.**

Allen Registration No. 7 966 849 Henry Kaare Olsen  
(Full, legal, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

**CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION**

I CERTIFY that the petitioner and witnesses named herein appeared before me and were examined by me prior to the filing of this petition.

William S. Blaine  
U. S. Naturalization Examiner

16-5997-1

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

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

My name is Leo Ruotsala I reside at seaman, King Cole Hotel,  
(City or town) (State) (Number and street)

6845 Bay Dr., Miami Beach, Fla.  
(City or town) (State)

My name is John Helmer I reside at seaman  
(City or town) (State) (Number and street)

King Cole Hotel, 6845 Bay Dr., Miami Beach, Fla.

I personally know the petitioner named in this petition for naturalization, of which this affidavit is a part, 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. I do not know of any person named therein who is not a citizen of the United States.

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

Leo Ruotsala John Helmer  
(Signature of witness) (Signature of witness)

**WHEN OATH ADMINISTERED BY CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT**  
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 Miami  
Florida this 11th day of January A. D. 19 55

**WHEN OATH ADMINISTERED BY DESIGNATED EXAMINER**  
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 at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

JULIAN A. BLAKE Designated Examiner.  
Marion S. Raymond Deputy Clerk.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk.

**OATH OF 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 the laws of the United States of America, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by law; or that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; or that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; 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.

Sworn to in open court, this 4 day of Feb. A. D. 19 55  
Henry Kaare Olsen (Signature of petitioner)  
JULIAN A. BLAKE Clerk.  
By Marion S. Raymond 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (give 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 been attached."

Petition granted: Line No. 5 of List No. 6415 and Certificate No. 429842 ISSUED.  
Petition denied: List No. \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-5997-1



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AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

FOR

IMMIGRANT VISA TO THE UNITED STATES (QUOTA)

United States of America

State of Iowa

County of Boone

S. S.

I, the undersigned Mervin A. Ihle Age 33 years,

residing at the (full address) Slater, Iowa

being duly sworn on oath, do depose and say:

- 1. That I was born a citizen of the United States on: Date March 2, 1917 City Slater County Story State Iowa
That I was naturalized a citizen of the United States on: Date Certificate's number Court City County State
That I declared my intention of becoming a citizen of the United States on: Date Certificate's number Court City County State
2. That I arrived at the port of on the SS. (If by rail, state U. S. Immigr. Station at Border) date presenting American Consular Visa no. issued at and was duly admitted by th U. S. Immigration Authorities.
3. That I have resided in de United States for a term of 33 years 4. That I am married \*)
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9. That it is my intention and desire to have the following persons:

Table with 4 columns: NAME, AGE, FOREIGN ADDRESS, RELATIONSHIP TO DEPONENT. Row 1: Henry Kaare Olsen, 18, Ilsevaag, Via Stavanger, Norway, First cousin

come and remain with this deponent until such time as may become self-supporting:

- 10. That I am willing and able to receive, maintain and support said immigrant, and hereby assume such trust and guarantee the Immigration Commissioners of the United States that such passengers as are covered by this affidavit shall not become a burden to the United States, or any state, county city, village or township of the United States and that any children under the age of sixteen covered by this affidavit, will be sent to day-school until at least sixteen years old and will not be put to any work unsuited to their years.
11. That I am willing and able to furnish a bond upon behalf of the applicant in event that upon arrival of applicant at a United States Port, the giving of a suitable bond is required by the United States Immigration Authorities as a Condition precedent to admission.

Mervin A. Ihle Signature of deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, and personally known to the deponent of foregoing.

this 15th day of February A.D. 1950

[Signature] (Notary Public) My Commission expires July 4, 1951

CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE

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All documents should be sent to the applicant for forwarding to the Embassy.

\*) State whether married, single, widower, widow



AFFIDAVIT GUARANTEEING SUPPORT


State of Iowa,  
County of Story, ss

I, Mervin A. Ihle, of Slater, Story County, Iowa, first being duly sworn, on my oath depose and say that I was born at Slater, Story County, Iowa on March 2, 1917; that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that I have been engaged in the occupation of farming for myself since my return from the Armed Forces of the United States in 1945; that my income from farming my own 80 acres plus 40 acres which I rent, from dairying and custom work, from raising, feeding and selling livestock amounts to between \$3000. and \$4000. per year.

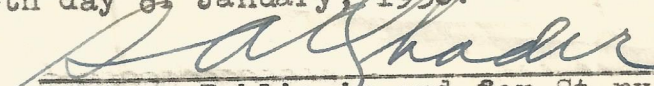
I further state that my total worth including 80 acres of land, 15 dairy cows, 13 dairy calves and 30 feeding cattle, farm machinery and equipment, moneys and credits amounts to \$33,600.00; that I filed a Federal Income Tax return for the year 1948 and paid income tax thereon; that I am now supporting my wife and two minor sons; that I am now residing with them at Rural Route 1, Slater, Story County, Iowa.

I further state that the prospective immigrant whom I will support is Henry Olson of Ilsevaag, Via Stavanger, Norway; that the said Henry Olson is my blood cousin, being the son of my mother's sister; that I am very much in need of his services on my farm as soon as possible in that there is a shortage of farm help in this area.

I further state that I hereby guarantee the support of said prospective immigrant, Henry Olson, so long as said immigrant shall remain in the United States and that I will never permit such immigrant to become a public charge.

  
Mervin A. Ihle

Subscribed and sworn to before me, S. A. Chader, a Notary Public in and for Story County, Iowa by Mervin A. Ihle personally known to me to be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Slater, Story County, Iowa this 4th day of January, 1950.

  
Notary Public in and for Story County, Iowa

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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF IOWA )  
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COUNTY OF BOONE )

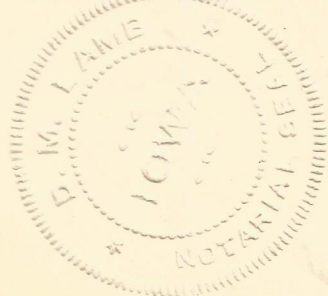
I, C. W. Anderson, of Madrid, Boone County, Iowa, first being duly sworn, on my oath depose and say that I am the Vice President of the City State Bank located at Madrid, Boone County, Iowa and that I am personally acquainted with Mervin A. Ihle of Slater, Story County, Iowa; that Mervin A. Ihle is a customer of this bank and that we have had extensive dealings with him, that our dealings have been of such a nature as to give us first hand information as to his financial worth and responsibility as a citizen and farmer in this community.

I further state that I know of my own knowledge that Mervin A. Ihle is possessed of certain chattels consisting of cows, calves, feeding cattle, hogs, farm machinery, equipment, monies and credits, and has title in his own right to eighty acres of land and that the foregoing chattels and realty have a net value of approximately \$32,000.00. I also know of my own knowledge that he rents and operates additional 40 acres of land. I also know of my own knowledge that he is married and has two minor sons. I also know that Mervin A. Ihle is of good character and habits and is well regarded and can and will give ample support to any one who has been so promised.

Made and signed this 3rd day of July, 1950 at Madrid, Boone County, Iowa.

C. W. Anderson  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, D. M. Lamb, a notary public in and for Boone County, Iowa by C. W. Anderson personally known to me to be the Vice President of the City State Bank, Madrid, Iowa and to be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Madrid, Boone County, Iowa, this 3rd day of July 1950.



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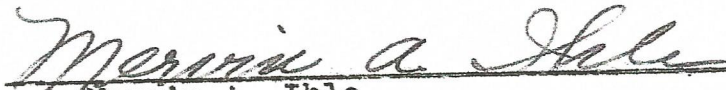
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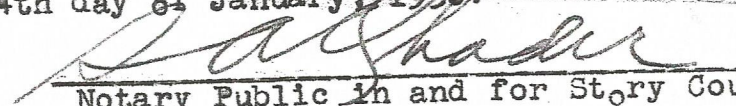
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CUNARD WHITE STAR

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| Date <u>March 2, 1917</u>                             | Date .....                                                | Date .....                                                                  |
| City <u>Slater</u>                                    | Certificate's number .....                                | Certificate's number .....                                                  |
| County <u>Story</u>                                   | Court .....                                               | Court .....                                                                 |
| State <u>Iowa</u>                                     | City .....                                                | City .....                                                                  |
|                                                       | County .....                                              | County .....                                                                |
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## Henry K. Olsen in the Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960

Name:	Henry K. Olsen
Marriage Date:	7 Nov 1956
Spouse:	Gerd Odegaard
Marriage Location:	Cook County, IL
Marriage license:	{8ACB5FCB-7842-4F8C-91F1-714667F7F824}
File Number:	2422109
Archive collection name:	Cook County Genealogy Records (Marriages)
Archive repository location:	Chicago, IL
Archive repository name:	Cook County Clerk

### Source Information

Ancestry.com. *Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.

Original data: Cook County Clerk, comp. *Cook County Clerk Genealogy Records*. Cook County Clerk's Office, Chicago, IL: Cook County Clerk, 2008.



Cook County, Illinois

### Description

This database contains an index to over 1.2 million marriages from 1930-1960 for Cook County, Illinois. Information listed in the index includes: name, spouse name, marriage date, file number, and marriage license ID. [Learn more...](#)