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Morris Robert Forman (1894 - 1963)

Born **25 Aug 1894** in **Russian Empire**

Son of [Isaac Forman](#) and [Celia \(Milman\) Forman](#)

— married [date unknown] [location unknown]

Father of [Leonard Forman](#)

Died **1963** at about age 68 in **Baltimore, Maryland, United States**

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Biography

Birth

In his 'U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942', Morris Robert Forman gave his birth date as 25 August 1896 and the location as Russia^[1].

Naturalization Application

Morris Robert Forman's application for naturalization in the District Court was declared on 4 October 1912 when he was 18 years of age. He gave his occupation as a Stenographer and stated that he was born in Posville, Russia on 25 August 1894. He was resident at 209 S. Exeter Street, Baltimore, Maryland. He had emigrated to the United States of America from Bremen, Germany on the vessel "GrosserRurfurst" with his last foreign residence as Posville, Russia. It

was his intention to renounce all allegiance to Nicholas II, Emperor of all the Russias. He had arrived at the port of New York in the State of New York on the 2nd of October 1900. He signed and swore to the declaration on the 4th October 1912^[2]. According to the 'Maryland Naturalization Petitions, 1906-1931' record naturalization was granted in Maryland in 1917^[3] and ^[4].

Military Service WWI

The birth date is given as 25 August 1895 in his 'U.S., Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940', which also has the Military Date as 13 February 1919 and his residence in Baltimore, Maryland. His death date is given as 29 December 1963^[5]. However, the 'United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918' has his birth date as the one he gave on naturalization of 25 August 1894^[6]. According to his son's - 'LEN FORMAN'S MEMOIRS, SUCH AS THEY ARE of JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1989' - he served "as a yeoman or a clerk at the then coal loading piers that the Navy maintained in Norfolk, Virginia"

Marriage

No record has been found so far but in the 'Memoirs' Leonard has the year as 1919.

Residence and occupation

In the 1920 United States Federal Census, we find Morris Forman as the 25 yrs old son of Isaac Forman (65) Head and his wife Jennie Forman (63) with all 3 giving the year of their immigration as 1911 but only Morris having been naturalized, in 1919. In fact a relative has identified Jennie as the 2nd daughter of Celia and Isaac, which accounts for the seemingly odd ages given for her. While Morris and Isaac stated they could read and write, both having achieved grade eight, Jennie said she could not, but all 3 said they were born in Lithuania and spoke Yiddish. While his father gave his occupation as a Presser in the Clothing Industry, Morris was a Retail Paper Store Industry Salesman. They were resident at House No. 209 S. Exeter Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. Also present was Morris' Daughter-in-Law Sarah Forman (23) with all 4 indicating they were married but with Sarah born in Maryland of Lithuanian parents^{[7][8]}. This was the start of his involvement with the paper industry described in more detail in his son's 'Memoirs', and would lead to him teaching his son a lot about the paper manufacturing industry.

In the 'U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995', for 1929 Morris R Forman, wife Sarah, gave his occupation as dist mgr Advance Bag & Paper Co., house 3709, Towanda Ave., Baltimore, Maryland^[9].

By the time of the 1930 USFC Morris R Forman (34) owned his property valued at \$4500 at House No. 3709 Baltimore City, Maryland. He had married his wife Sarah (31) when aged 24 and

she had been 21. This time he gave his birthplace as Russia and of Russian Parents, while Sarah had been born in Maryland and now also indicated her parents had been Russian. Morris was a Salesman in the Paper Bag Co. Industry. They had 2 children, Leonard Forman (8) and Elaine Forman (1 11/12) both born in Maryland, with Leonard attending school. Also present was Sarah's sister Mary Katzen (38) single and born in Maryland of Russian parents who was in the Tailoring Business^[10].

Details for the 1940 United States Federal Census are in their son [Leonard Forman](#)'s profile, and the 1950 in his wife [Sarah Katzen](#)'s.

Death

Morris Robert Forman's death date is given in his WWI Military Service record as 29 December 1963 (ref.2).

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