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Affidavit

I know what an affidavit is and that the submittal of a negligent affidavit can be strictly punished. It is also known to me, that this certificate is meant for presentation at the court and official offices.

Having said this, I swear the following to be true:

My previous name was Fritz Grunwald. I was born on the 15th of May in Gelsenkirchen. I am married and have 2 children at the age of 31 and 29 years.

I immigrated to Los Angeles in February 1939 coming from Wuppertal-Elberfeld. I visited the Realgymnasium until the end of the first year; then I participated in a clerk-apprenticeship. 1916 I became a soldier and was injured badly in the foot artillery, my left leg was amputated. I am 60% disabled and received mutilation allowance as well. Then I became a clerk in the company for men's shirts. I was then employed from 1920 until 1932 in the company of Hirsch & Wizinetzki in Elberfeld, shirt manufacturing. Toward the end, I was a board member. I received a salary of 24,000.- RM. Starting 1932, I was self-employed until I had to sell the company to von Baum in April 1938. I have no more documentation about my income, although I do believe that I earned at least 18,000.-. With the company von Baum KG, I reached an agreement in the composition proceedings in the amount of DM 35,000.- before the compensation court in Wuppertal. File nr. RÜ 547/50.

Furthermore, I have as the legal successor of my deceased mother-in-law Fanny Löwenstein, born Loeb, closed an agreement concerning land ownership in Lübbecke, represented by the attorney Brumke.

My compensation claims have already been made formally by the attorneys Brueck and Muehlhaus in Wuppertal-Elberfeld on the 15th of September 1954 under number 436579. To the claims, I can state the following in lieu of documents that I was not allowed to take with me, as usually practiced at the time:

- 1) For me, the most important is that as a severely disabled person, that I get my entitlement claims settled, especially my orthopedic claims. About this, a special procedure is pending at the pension office in Bremen, where I have registered an amount of \$1,680.00 for orthopedic claims. Due to me having been evicted like many other Jews in 1940, the pension office Bremen demands from the local offices the confirmation that I lost the citizenship due to nationalistic-socialistic measures. The case is pending with the pension office Bremen under the number R II 15c-(USA) G 818 and under my present name Fred Grunewald.

2) I have paid special duties that I can only state approximately; the revenue office may make its determinations. According to a bank statement of the German bank, RM 1740.20 were paid on the 21st of October 1938 to the revenue office in Wuppertal-Elberfeld. On the 30th of December of the same year, RM 409.00 were paid as far as I can remember, it concerns duties to the Golddiskontbank. On the 13th of December 1938, RM 4335.70 were paid as Jewish levy; which part was concerned, I cannot say. I migrated with my family, therefore, the 4 tickets coming from Düsseldorf via Hamburg and New York to Los Angeles. I paid the tickets at the travel agency, that was located in the Breitenbacherhof. According to the bank statement, the companies name was Hartmann. This bank statement shows two payments, one in the amount of 2000.—RM and the other 823.—RM, to this company. We rode first class with the steamer “President Harding” and then with the steamer “City of Los Angeles”. At the company Hartmann, I had made a down-payment of 3000.—RM. Except for the journey from Düsseldorf to Hamburg and before that, from Wuppertal to Stuttgart, where we received our visa, I think we spent 6500.—RM.

Due to my great war disability, the Foreign Exchange Board allowed my wife and me an excursion trip to Columbia, especially to examine whether the climate in Bogota, that is situated at a higher level was good for me. I was to the contrary not able to endure the climate. Therefore, we were not able to migrate to there. The travel expenses that occurred for this trip amounted to 7.000.—RM.

3) I took two Liftvans along to Los Angeles, coming from Wuppertal-Elberfeld, that were packed and shipped by the freight company Ludwig in Elberfeld, Königsstrasse 152-A. The cost of freight amounted to about 4000.—RM, whereby \$100 were still to be added for the freight from the ocean harbor to Los Angeles.

I was totally without income from the 04th of April 1938 until the 1st of August 1939, whereby I repeat that we arrived in America in March of 1939. From August 1939 until the 1st of March 1949 I fabricated shirts, without any income. Moreover, a loss occurred that amounted to \$ 1,340.— in the year 1939. In March 1949 the public trading company with me and Ludwig Marx started and the year 1940 closed with an income of \$131.13 on my side.

1941 I had an income of \$ 7,113.56; 1942 of \$ 5,870.05. Starting 1943, I had a regular income.

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