

Hans Herman Friend (nee Freund) – Born December 9, 1921 in Oppeln, Upper Silesia

Parents – Father – Eugen Freund (born 10/4/1885); had 1 brother, Max, who went to Shanghai; 8 sisters (all but one died in Holocaust); was a Ph.D. of math in charge of science instruction for the Education Ministry. **Mother** – Cecilie Freund (nee Goldhammer) from Glivisik. Died in Holocaust. **Sister** – Marianna Freund; emigrated to Australia in 1939

Before the War - Lived in Oppeln until 1933; father transferred to Pachau; there till 1936; transferred to Breslau. Father thrown out of state service in 1936; then taught at Jewish school in Breslau. Moved to Berlin in 1937. Friend of Father called on night of Kristallnacht; told him to take Hans and leave apartment. Saved from being rounded up. Died two weeks later from stomach ulcer. Father's friend arranged for Hans to get on a Children's Transport (5/1939) to England because he was a "half orphan". Got to England in June; lived in hostel in London, then a holiday camp. Tried to get mother out, but unsuccessful.

During the War - Declared a "Friendly Enemy Alien"; not allowed to work, but did illegally at optical factory. June 1940 – Avoided being sent to Canada or Australia, but was sent to Hutchinson Internment Camp on Isle of Man. There 7/1940 to 6/1941. Part of Pioneer Corps, worked as skilled optical worker. Then back to London, worked at M. Freeman Optical Company, then Levers Company.

After the War - Got optometrist degree in 1945. Became British citizen in January 1948. In 1949, sister's wanted him to move to Australia – went thinking it would be temporary. Stayed, sent for girlfriend, Marian Cruteau; married in 1949 (divorced 22 years later). Had two daughters – Naomi (1952) and Timmi (1956). Became lecturer in optometry at Melbourne University.