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**Summary**

Anne Gilbert (Westman), born 25 November 1923 in Berlin, Germany; Was the middle of three children, she had an older sister and a younger brother; father was from a very wealthy family, he fought in 1914 during WWI which he earned an Iron Cross First Class, after war became gynecological surgeon; mother, Myena Kultschwidt [ph] was also a doctor and trained opera singer; Anne's parents divorced in 1928; At the age of 10 Hitler first came to power; In 1933 her father learned of plan for his arrest for speaking out against Hitler, he left for England, the Gestapo arrived at his house shortly after he had left; In 1935 Anne's mother sent her 3 children to go live with their father in England due to increasing antisemitism, Anne anglicized her last name to Westman; Anne's mother fled to the United States, they didn't see each other for 11 years; While studying at Edinburgh University Anne signed up to volunteer with British Airforce – Women's Axillary Air Force; became part of intelligence work for the Air Force because of German language fluency, Anne broadcasted wrong messages to the German pilots to keep them away from British bombers coming over; worked 4 years in the Air Force; got married in 1945; 1947 moved to Rhodesia; she and her second husband moved to the United States in 1976