

Hersch Horschowski

Hersch Horschowski is born in Dolina (Poland) on 14 July 1903. In 1931 he moves with his parents to Hamborn, a submunicipality of Duisburg, Germany, where he marries Ester Baranker Willner on 6 April 1932. In those days, Duisburg had an extensive Jewish community that in the course of the 1930's was increasingly targeted by anti-semitic incidents and gradually marginalized. Probably due to these circumstances, Hersch and Ester—who is heavily pregnant—feel compelled to flee to Amby in April 1933. They are joined by Hersch's two brothers Abraham and Moses and his sister-in-law Lea. While in Amby, Hersch and Ester are relocated several times, including at the Bergerstraat no. 47. In those days Amby was a little village that sheltered 117 Jewish refugee families from Germany and Eastern Europe in August 1933. Soon after arriving in Amby, their daughter Jetschen is born followed five years later by son Abraham Marcus.

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Ester Horschowski

Ester Baranker Willner is born in Brzozow, Poland, on 19 January 1900 to Abraham Hersch Baranker and Yenta Willner. She had one elder brother Moses and probably one elder sister Augusta. After the death of her father, Ester and her family move to Duisburg, Germany, in 1912. When Ester's mother passes away as well, Ester moves in with her brother and his family. At the age of 32, she marries Hersch Horschowski in Duisburg. In those days, Duisburg had an extensive Jewish community that was increasingly marginalized from society in the course of the 1930's. The growing insecurity probably made Ester—heavily pregnant—and Hersch decide to flee to Amby in April 1933. During their stay in Amby, Ester and Hersch are relocated several times, including at the Bergerstraat no. 47. In those days Amby was a little village that sheltered 117 Jewish refugee families from Germany and Eastern Europe in August 1933. Soon after

arriving in Amby, Ester gives birth to daughter Jetschen. Five years later, when Ester is 38 years of age, son Abraham Marcus is born.

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Jetschen Horschowski

Jetschen Horschowski is born in The Netherlands on June 8, 1933. She is the first born of Hersch Horschowski and Ester Baranker Willner. Jetschen's parents are Polish Jews who moved to Hamborn, a city district of Duisburg, Germany, in the early 1930's. Duisburg had an extensive Jewish community in those days. Presumably triggered by the increasing discrimination and violence against Jews, Hersch and Lea –heavily pregnant of Jetschen- feel compelled to flee to Amby in April 1933. Back then, Amby was a small village that sheltered 117 Jewish refugee families from Germany and Eastern Europe, including Hersch's two brothers and his sister-in-law. During their stay in Amby, Hersch and Ester are relocated several times, including at the Bergerstraat no. 47. Only a couple of weeks after Hersch's and Ester's arrival in Amby, Jetschen is born on June 8, 1933. When she is 5 years of age, her brother Abraham Marcus is born.

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Underway to Auschwitz, at Cosel station, Jetschen's father is taken off the train, selected for forced labour purposes and sent to a camp near the town of Blechhammer (Silesia, then German territory, nowadays it belongs to Poland). After 2,5 years of hard labour and suffering from hardship, Hersch and the other prisoners are moved to concentration camp Gross Rosen on 21 January 1945. The group has to cover the distance of 200 km to Gross Rosen on foot and Hersch collapses soon after arriving there. On 7 February 1945 he dies at the age of 41.

Abraham Marcus Horschowski

On 26 November 1938, Abraham Marcus Horschowski is born in Heerlen, The Netherlands. He is the second child of Hersch Horschowski and Ester Baranker Willner. His parents are Polish Jews who had settled in Hamborn, part of the German city Duisburg, in the early 1930's. Duisburg had an extensive Jewish community in those days. The increasing anti-jewish sentiments and discriminating measures presumably triggered Hersch and Lea to flee to Amby in April 1933. They are joined by Hersch's two brothers and his sister-in-law. Back then, Amby was a small village that sheltered 117 Jewish refugee families from Germany and Eastern Europe. During their stay in Amby, Hersch and Ester are relocated several times, including at the Bergerstraat no. 47. Marcus has a five years elderly sister Jetschen, who was born on 8 June 1933.

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Underway to Auschwitz, at Cosel station, Abraham Marcus' father is taken off the train, selected for forced labour purposes and sent to a camp near the town of Blechhammer (Silesia, then German territory, nowadays it belongs to Poland). After 2.5 years of tough labour and suffering from hardship, Hersch and the other prisoners are moved to concentration camp Gross Rosen on 21 January 1945. The group has to cover the distance of 200 km to Gross Rosen on foot and Hersch collapses soon after arriving there. On 7 February 1945 he dies at the age of 41.