

The Wigowsky family grew up across the street from Alice Lookianoff on 2nd Avenue in San Francisco. My brother Adolf was good friends with her. In fact, he was a member of the exclusive Geary Street Church young adult group that hung out together. Alice later wrote a book (a short memoir) about her escape from China. I will share her work here. <https://wigowsky.com/RGT/GearySt/AliceL1.jpg>



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Young adult group from Geary Street Church at the Garfield monument in Golden Gate Park:

Seated (left): Raya Soboloff, Luba Solovieff

Standing: Susan Shevchuk, Kathy Prasoloff, Peter Dubenko, Alice Lookianoff, Adolf Wigowsky, Bill Dubenko

<https://wigowsky.com/images/misc/AlicePhotos.pdf> Adolf's Photo Album

[Note: There was a story that Alice told me about her experience at the Geary Street Church. She went to George Washington High School in the Richmond District, and one year she was selected to be the prom queen. When the church council heard about it, they forced her to withdraw from the pageantry. I realized that being a Beauty Queen was too worldly for a member of a Christian church, and it occurred to me that Alice and the other young ladies in her circle were truly beautiful!]

Adolf's Photo Album of Alice & Geary St. Church



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**Alice Lookianoff, Luba Solovieff, Kathy Prasoloff
(at San Francisco Bay near former Candlestick Park)**

MANIFEST OF IN-BOUND PASSENGERS (ALIENS)

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on USNS GENERAL W. G. RAN arriving at port of San Francisco, Calif. Jan. 7 19 51

Line No.	Family Name—Given Name (Indication in United States)	Age (Years)	Sex (F or M)	Mar- ried (Yes or No)	Travel-Inv. No. Nationality	Remarks and Description of Points of Interest	Heat Tax Paid (Indicate)	Time Column for Use of Master, Passenger, and U.S. Customs
1	LEVITIN, Nicolai G. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	60	M	M	I-1138949 Stateless	X		
2	LEVITIN, Eugenia M. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	63	F	M	I-1138950 Stateless	X		
3	LEWIS-OF-MENAH, Jadwiga A. 145 East 32nd Street, New York, N.Y.	86	F	W	I-1321202 Stateless		106.1	
4	ORLOFF, Michael V. 145 East 32nd Street, New York, N.Y.	14	M	S	I-1321203 Stateless		106.3(b)	
5	LABA, Nicolai 101 E. 13th Street, Philadelphia Pa.	60	M	M	I-1321282 Stateless		106.1	
6	LI, Stanislaw 506 Ave. L. Brooklyn 30, New York	49	F	W	I-1211257 Stateless		106.1	
7	LI, George R. 806 Ave. L. Brooklyn 30, New York	15	M	S	I-1211258 Stateless		106.3(b)	
8	LINAROFF, Samson F. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	64	M	M	I-1138945 Stateless		106.1	
9	LINAROFF, Ksenia L. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	49	F	M	I-1138946 Stateless		106.1	
10	LIPOWKA, Valentina K. 1550 Fell St. San Francisco, Calif.	27	F	S	I-1211414 Stateless		106.1	
11	LISIAK, Eudoxia L. 759 23rd Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.	69	F	W	I-1138781 Stateless		106.1	
12	LISSINA, Maria H. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	56	F	W	I-1138590 Stateless		106.1	
13	LITVINKAYA, Anna K. 10610 Huston St., North Hollywood, Cal.	58	F	W	I-1211451 Stateless		106.1	
14	LIUBIMSKAYA, Antonina V. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	60	F	W	I-1138798 Stateless		106.1	
15	LIUBIMSKY, Genady 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	22	M	S	I-1138797 Stateless		106.1	
16	LIVANOFF, Victoria Ipswich, Mass.	57	F	W	I-1321047 Stateless		106.1	
17	LOOKIANOFF, Daria T. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	36	F	W	I-1211575 Stateless		106.1	
18	LOOKIANOFF, Iraida A. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	16	F	S	I-1211576 Stateless		106.1	
19	LOOKIANOFF, Alefina A. 214 East 21 Street, New York, N.Y.	11	F	S	I-1211577 Stateless		106.3(b)	
20	LOBSEFF, Eudokia I. 2814 Pacheco St., San Francisco, Calif.	63	F	W	I-1211246 Stateless		106.1	
21	LOUNIN, Nicholas P. 376-20th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.	40	M	M	I-774094 Stateless		106.1	
22	LOUNIN, Ehotina E. 376-20th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.	36	F	M	I-774095 Stateless		106.1	
23	LOUNIN, Kaleria N. 376-20th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.	13	F	S	I-774096 Stateless		106.3(b)	
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25	Lines 5 adm. under Sec. 3(b)(2) IF Act.				Paul H. Smith, Immig. Insp.			
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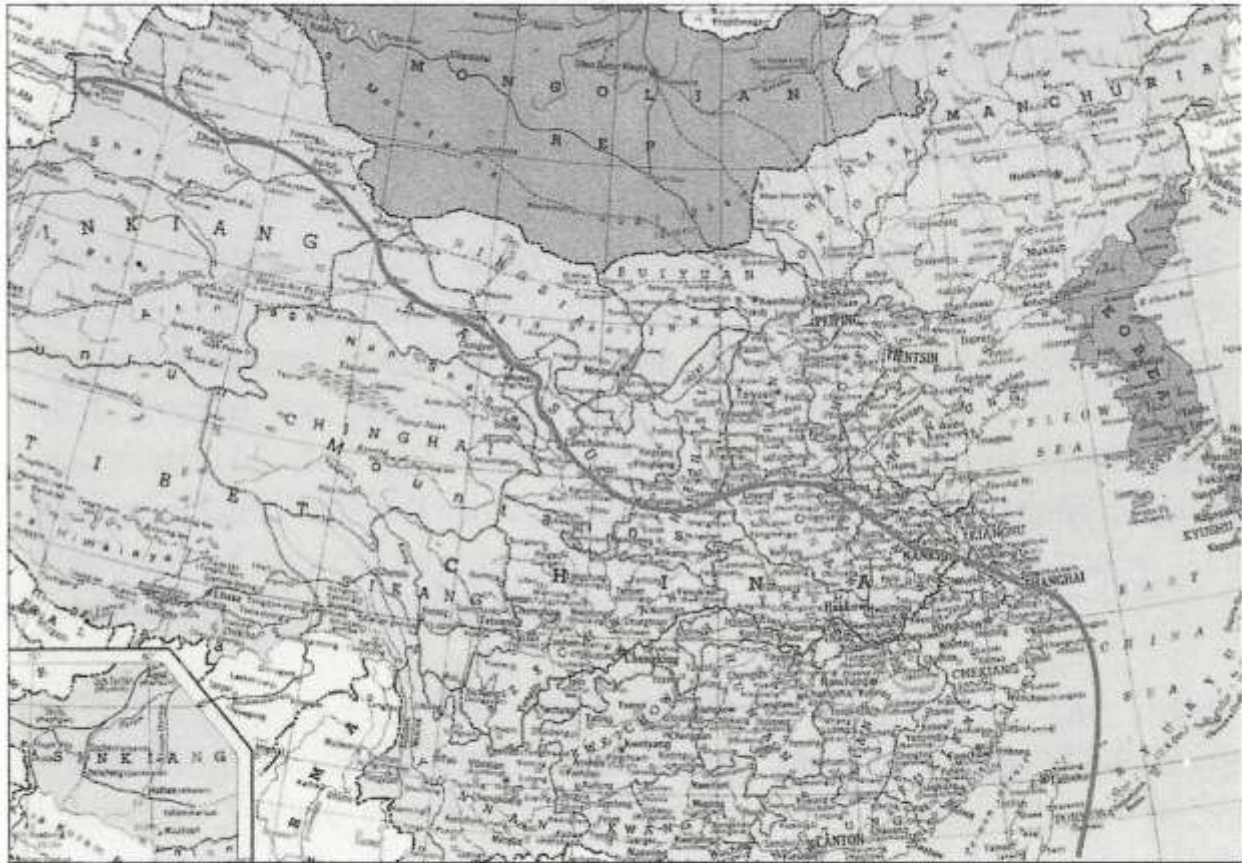
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<https://wigowsky.com/RGT/GearySt/AliceL2.jpg> Choir in the Philippines
 Notable people in this photo: Similar photo is here (from Peter Iliyn's book)



Church choir in the Tubabao refugee camp, 1949. Circled in back row: Mitrofan and Vanya. Middle row: Alex Shevchenko, Joseph and Marusia Lokteff. Front row: Lena.



1947 map of China showing the assumed route.

<https://wigowsky.com/RGT/GearySt/AliceL6.jpg>



Yining (China)

Yining^[3] (**Chinese**: 伊宁), Ghulja (**Uyghur**: غولجا) or Kulja (**Kazakh**: قۇلجا), is a county-level city in northwestern **Xinjiang**, China.

Review of book:

Amazon: This is an intriguing story of a family's journey to escape communism and emigrate to the United States. The setting is Northwestern China where many White Russian refugees had emigrated to. The memoir of Alice Moure describes how in late 1948, unrest and bloody massacres claimed the life of her father and forced her mom and her sister to flee China with a group of Christian White Russians to Shanghai, then to the Philippines and eventually to the United States. It was a 3 year journey laced with danger and surprises, prophecies, and miracles.

<https://wigowsky.com/RGT/books/AliceBook.pdf>

Excerpts: Today the city of Kulja is known as Yining, which is located in the northwestern province of Xinjiang. It is also known as Ghulja, but Kulja was the name most commonly used by the Russians. The Xinjiang province is located in the far northwestern part of the Peoples Republic of China, bordering Russia (Kazakhstan). Being a border town, there was a large community of White Russians who relocated there to escape the wrath of communism and World War II. As the communists began to dominate Russia, trade between the two countries decreased drastically. . . In 1944 the Soviet Union had designs on Chinese territory. Kulja was the center of their attention because it was the county seat. . .The assault on Kulja started on November 7, 1944. (Alice's Chinese father was killed)

There was talk among some church members of maybe trying to get to America, but it had to be done as secretly as possible. Making these intentions public could land us all in jail. We would just wait for the time being and trust God for direction, often quoting His promise in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV).

In 1945, World War II as well as the local war came to an end. . . At about this time in our lives, a Russian missionary from America suggested to us the possibility of escaping China for America. . . After months of praying and fasting, we received a prophecy through our pastor's wife, a very meek and quiet woman. The prophecy was: "Children, you must leave in January and your destination is Shanghai." Now, Shanghai was just less than 3,000 miles away. . . But on a cold January night in 1947, we all met at a predetermined location. There were about ninety of us. . . But there was no turning back. We prayed and went forward and relied on Proverbs 3:6, "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (ESV).

The first good-sized town we came to, was called Urumqi. . . After the few months in Urumchi, the men in our group hired four trucks and drivers to transport us to our next destination, Lanzhou, which was about a thousand miles away. . . We stayed in Lanzhou for a period of six months. Again we hired ourselves out as temporary labor, thereby replenishing our meager money supply. We were then able to hire two drivers and trucks for the 1,200-mile trip to Shanghai. . . In Shanghai we settled into military barracks and lived there for eight months. . . Finally, the Philippines came to our rescue and stated that they would grant us temporary asylum. In the summer of 1948, the US Navy sent one of their ships to transport us

to the Philippines. . . We arrived at Tobaboa Island in the Philippines, which was to be our home for the next two plus years.

We thank God that sponsors were finally found for us in San Francisco. Our papers were processed and we arrived in San Francisco in January 1951. I was 12, my sister was 16 and my mother was 36. We had our entire lives ahead of us in the most incredible country in the world, thanks be to God. Many in our group formed the Russian Pentecostal church and opened the doors in a rented building on Geary St. Eventually they were able to purchase land and build their own sanctuary on 17th St. The church grew becoming a place of worship for many Russian immigrants. Others in our party joined other Russian churches such as the First Russian Baptist Church on Potrero Hill. Still others settled in Bryte, CA, and others moved to Oregon. But wherever they went, they continued in their faith, carried on many of the Russian traditions they had grown accustomed to, and lived their lives with gratitude.

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8. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

These verses from Hebrews 11 has great meaning to me and my family. I can easily substitute Abrahams name with that of my Grandmother. In the 1940's by faith she embarked on foot, a 2500 mile journey across China seeking to come to the promised land of the United States. She took her two daughters Irene, my mother, and [Alice Moure](#), my aunt and along with 200 other White Russians, were able to escape communism and live as free people in this great land. That is my family legacy and I encourage all of you to consider buying my Aunt's book and reading about her story of courage and faith.

Alice is 82 years old. She, along with her mother and sister, walked across China in early 1940's to escape communism after her father was murdered. She came to this wonderful country to live the American dream and has been grateful to God for everything she has including her health. She praises God each and every day for all that she has but most people would say that she really does not have much. She wrote a short book about her experience that is titled "Led by the Holy Spirit" available on LULU. com.

Alice is a single mom that raised 4 children after divorcing from an abusive relationship. She has been through more than most people could ever bear in a lifetime, yet she continues to praise God for her family, life, and God's great provision and protection. She truly considers herself to be blessed. She would

never do a go fund me page or ask for financial assistance, but with encouragement from my brother, Svetlana and I just felt that now is the time to ask for help.

[Note: the cancer that Alice was fighting for several years finally took her life on April 9, 2022]



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"Well done good and faithful servant" My dear Aunt Alice is home with mom and grandma, what a reunion that must be! Can you imagine the storytelling that is going on right now? Oh how I miss you and all the stories. — with Alice Moure.



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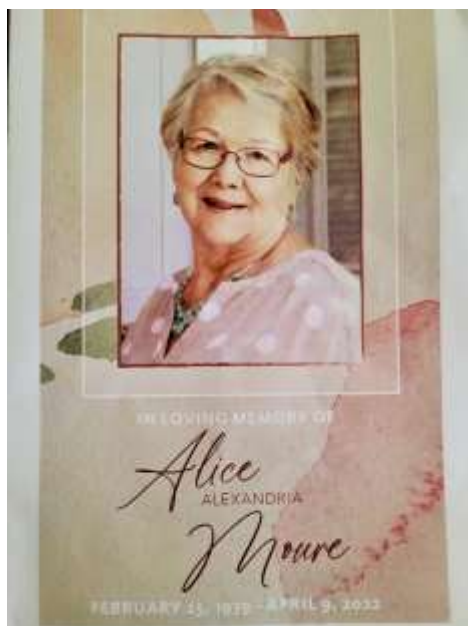
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Alice Moure
Yesterday at 7:24 AM · 🌐

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Good morning. Mom went to be with the Lord this morning at 4:50 this morning, Saturday, April 9, 2022. I will keep you posted for the memorial.



Alice Moure Feb. 25, 1939 – April 9, 2022

<https://happywonderer.com/2022/06/13/memorial-and-reunions/>



Paul J. Wigowsky ► Alice Moure

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My brother Adolf Wigowsky had some photos of Alice that I would like to share. We lived across the street from Alice Loukianoff on 2nd Ave. in San Francisco, and we went to the same Geary Street church. Alice was particularly fond of my brother Stanley (RIP) and she mentioned him frequently when we communicated on Facebook. In the words of our Russian-Ukrainian ancestors: "Пусть ей будет Царство Небесное." (May she inherit the Kingdom of Heaven) <http://wigowsky.com/image...> See more

