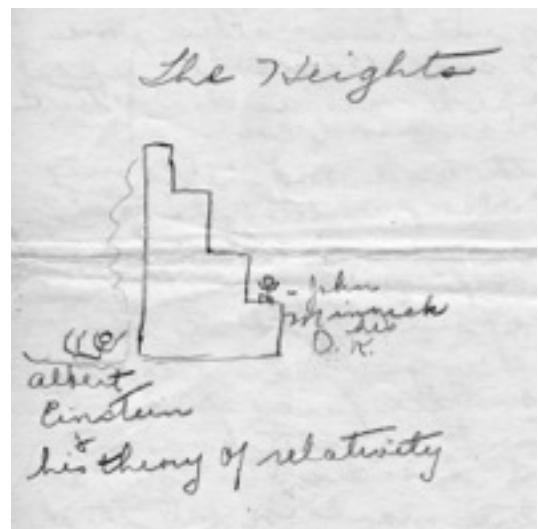


MARRIAGE AND BIRTH

Walter Thornton, second from left, then my mother, Bill Kent, and Mother, about the time of the *We The People* broadcast concerning the fake marriage problems for my mother and Bill....



<John Minneke, 1941. The diary entry praising him years earlier, below...



Florida, 1941....



NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
 This Marriage License is valid for the celebration of marriage in New York State only and it must be used within three days from the date of issuance. The Marriage Certificate on the reverse side should be given up and filed promptly by the Registrar or Registrar, with the Town or City Clerk who issued the license. See New York Marriage Act, Chapter 103, § 10-10.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
MARRIAGE LICENSE Number No. **100002**

Know all Men by this Certificate, that my parents authorized by law to perform marriage ceremonies within the state of New York, to whom they may come for, and knowing my lawful impediments thereof, I hereby authorized and expressed in substance the rite of matrimony between

DAVID M. W. and **ROSE W.**

In the county of **NEW YORK** and state of New York and **ROSE W.** **ADAM W.**

In the county of **NEW YORK** and state of New York and to certify the same to be said parties or either of them under his hand and seal in his authorized or official capacity and throughout to be reported to whom he certifies in the first month ensuing. The statements contained herein or contained therein, by me authorized, contain a full and true statement of all the facts concerning each party disclosed by their affidavits or verified statements presented to me upon the application for this license.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty one, the _____ day of _____.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 1941.

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The valid period during which the marriage may be celebrated begins at 12:00 P.M. on the _____ day of _____, 1941, and ends on the _____ day of _____, 1941.

The following is a full and true statement of all the facts disclosed by the affidavits or verified statements presented in an open application for the above license and a consent to give up the application and accompanied by such affidavits and verified statements of both parties to the marriage, and which are contained on both sides of the form, or which are contained on a separate sheet in case of a joint application.

Full name DAVID M. W.	Full name ROSE W.
Color WHITE	Color WHITE
Place of residence NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.	Place of residence NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.
Age 35	Age 35
Country of birth NEW YORK, N.Y.	Country of birth NEW YORK, N.Y.
Place of birth NEW YORK, N.Y.	Place of birth NEW YORK, N.Y.
State of groom's father NEW YORK, N.Y.	State of bride's father NEW YORK, N.Y.
County of bride's birth N.Y.	County of bride's birth N.Y.
Maternal name of groom's mother WILLIAMS	Maternal name of bride's mother WILLIAMS
Country of mother's birth N.Y.	Country of mother's birth N.Y.
Number of proposed marriage ONE	Number of proposed marriage ONE
Former wife or wives NONE	Former husband or husbands NONE
Is applicant a divorced person NO	Is applicant a divorced person NO
If so, when and where, and against whom divorce or divorces were granted	If so, when and where, and against whom divorced or divorces were granted
I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage with _____	I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage with _____

Application, **DAVID M. W.** accompanied by papers relative to construction and health of groom. Requirements as to construction and health of groom. **ROSE W.** accompanied with copy of a judge or justice.

The elapsed NY 1941 marriage license.

Greenville, South Carolina, July 25, 1941



with Mrs. Merrett, a forgotten witness,



<Officer McOwen B. Aycock, the other forgotten witness. Below, Peter King and Lucille Marjorie Widdecombe's Marriage License.

Marriage License

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

Whereas, it has been made to appear to me, GUY A. GULLICK, Judge of Probate for Greenville County, upon oath that Peter King of New York City and Lucille Marjorie Widdecombe of New York City are lawfully qualified to contract matrimony, that their ages are respectively 23 years and 23 months and 23 years and 23 months, that their race is white and their nativity is American

There are, therefore, in evidence any person qualified to perform marriage ceremonies to perform the marriage ceremony for the persons above named, and for the so doing this shall be sufficient warrant.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 25th day of July A. D. 1941.

Guy A. Gullick
Judge of Probate for Greenville County.

Temple Beth-El of Great Neck
 OLD MILL ROAD
 Great Neck, N. Y.

JACOB PHILIP BULLIN, RABBI
 7 OLD GARDEN LANE
 GREAT NECK, N.Y.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY CONCERN: - 3000-1200-

Lucille Alva Wilds of Great Neck having come before me, Jacob Philip Bullin, a Rabbi in Israel on this 23rd day of January, 1942 corresponding to the Hebrew date Shebat 8, 5702 with the expressed desire of joining the Jewish religion, and have declared her acceptance of the principles, doctrines, and institutes of Judaism, I, Jacob Philip Bullin, with the sanction of the two witnesses, whose names are appended hereto, have formally received the said Lucille Alva Wilds into the Jewish faith.

Jacob Philip Bullin
 Rabbi Congregation Temple Beth-El of Great Neck

Witnesses:
Walter Thornton
Mark Warnow

<The letter confirming her short-lived conversion to Judaism: Mark Warnow, below, the bandleader and friend at whose home the were married publicly in January, 1942.



'Queen of the Models' Weds

BLONDE Lucille Wilds, 22-year-old model, whose contract was torn up by Walter Thornton so she could marry William Kent, became the bride yesterday of David Levy, 29, producer of the radio program "We the People," at Great Neck, L. I. She was crowned by Thornton, her boss, as "queen of the models."

Lucille Wilds

'No-Marriage' Girl Up and Does It

Lucille Wilds, whose charm, poise, oh-oh figure and no-marriage contract with Walter Thornton, her agent, won her fame and fortune as America's No. 1 Model, eloped yesterday with David Levy, a radio director she met while broadcasting her displeasure because Thornton tried to hold her to word.

They were married around the corner from Lucille's family home in Great Neck, in the house of Mark Warnow, the orchestra leader. Matron of honor

LUCILLE WILDS
 America's No. 1 model, who wed radio director David Levy.

was Judith Thornton, wife of Lucille's agent. Lucille, daughter of an insurance broker, tried to get the courts to break her no-marriage contract. Thornton later tore it up.

New York Post, August 31, 1942

The Least They Might Do— Is Make Walter Thornton Godfather

Social Note: Mr. and Mrs. David Lee are the parents of an eight and one-half-pound boy, born at Doctors Hospital.

The way it all began, Lucille Wilds was a model—America's No. 1 model, in fact, if you'd listen to Walter Thornton.

To prevent untoward romances, Walter signed her to a contract calling for payment to him of \$10,000 if Lucille up and married.

But Lucille was 21 and — mmmm. Lovely. She met one William Kent of Brooklyn and allowed, contract or no contract, that they'd be married. Thornton, her agent, was obdurate at first but, finally, he gave in and tore up the contract last year.

Just about this time, Lee, a radio executive, entered the scene. Kent bowed out. And Lucille, the belle of Great Neck, L. I., became Mrs. Lee.



One of the telegrams that had no trouble finding Lucille Levy in the hospital the day I was born. Nanny & Poppy's came two days later...

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MRS DAVID LEVY *ML*

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I HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF YOUR HUSBAND AND REALLY REJOICING WITH HIM ON HIS FIRST BIG THRILL. HE DOESNT QUITE KNOW YET WHAT THIS MEANS BUT WILL WHEN LANCE IS ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THREE OF YOU AND WILL SEE YOU BEFORE YOU GET OUT REGARDS

TOM HARRINGTON

311A AUG 26

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