

Debarred from the United States

On April 22 1939, Stanley Kerr was involved in a bizarre attempt to transport over the US border at Blaine Washington a woman, Salina Rebecca Clark, nee Follis, with a police record. Both were debarred for entry into the United States for attempting to gain entry by false and misleading statements. Salina Clark was also debarred because of her clear police record.

The sworn disposition by Stanley Kerr reads as follows:

Q: Where were you married?

A: Dominion Bank Building 4/13/37 by Rev. [J. Dinnage] Hobden of the John Howard Society. *[The John Howard Society is a Canadian non-profit organization that seeks to develop understanding and effective responses to the problem of crime and prison reform. Its British Columbia branch was founded by Rev. Hobden in 1931.]*

Q: This woman with you is your wife?

A: Yes

Q: 548 true? (sic)

A: Absolutely.

Q: Have you ever been arrested?

A: Yes, for driving to the common danger; served 17 days in Oakalla *[a regional correction centre in Burnaby British Columbia]*.

Q: You have a letter addressed to you in your pocket which says "Dear Stanley and Edith". Who is Edith?

A: That is my wife.

Q: Is she with you now?

A: Yes.

Q: You are intoxicated are you not?

A: Right now I am.

Q: Is the woman with you your common law wife?

A: Yes she has been for several years.

However, Salina had a different story.

Q: where were you married?

A: Vancouver BC First United Church 5/2/1936 Rev. Rodden. *[The date matches Salina Follis's marriage to Alexander Martin Clark.]*

Q: Have you ever used any other name?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever been arrested?

A: Never.

Q: 548 true? (sic)

A: Yes.

Q: Have you ever been known by the name Edith?

A: No.

Q: Do you admit your name is not Kerr?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you also admit you attempted to gain entry by false and misleading statements?

A: Yes.

Q: Are you Mr. Kerr's common law wife?

A: No I live with my folks.