witnesses at the wedding of her friend Stella Grabowska, who after her divorce from Wenceslas Walter married a Polish singer Bohdan Gilewicz occurring in the US under the name Barry Gill.

returned to
the
columns
tabloid
press on
the
occasion of
his second
marriage.
April 5,
1935 r. In



Leo Robin, second husband Estelle Clark (Fig. Leorobin.com)

Angeles,

Los

she married Leonard Robin, American composer and lyricist, a descendant of immigrants from Chisinau (then belonging to Romania). The musician had to conquer her heart written in 1934. Song *Take a lesson from the Lark*, which ended with the words: Build a cozy little nest, / And love will do the rest with the advent of night, / Receive a lesson from the lark / and solace among the dark next to his beloved person. In the act of marriage occurs Estelle under

the name "Estelle H. Parker," although we do not have any information that in the years 1928-1935 was married.

The first years of marriage were happy for the State Robin. A couple living in a luxury home project esteemed architect Percy Parke'a Lewis in Los Angeles at the Conway Avenue. The apartment was located in the prestigious neighborhood of Holmby Hills, where lived the likes of Humphrey Bogart, Walt Disney or Gary Cooper.

Estelle quickly found himself in the role of lady of the house (in many classes wyręczała service it anyway) and the rock is constantly working on new songs Leo. Her husband and his family used to call it affectionately "Clarkie". In 1938. The spouses jointly celebrated the huge success of the artist - written by his song *Thanks for the Memory* won an Oscar for best original song. In later years, the song written by Robin sang, among others, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald and Bing Crosby. His best-known work, however, is immortal hit *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend*, who sang Marilyn Monroe in the film *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*.

After an



Estelle Clark (Fig. FanPix.Net)

initial period of idyll, Estelle i Leo Robin began to gradually move away from each other. Stas probably envied the growing popularity of her husband and she blame him for that too devoted to work. At the beginning of April 1944. He told reporters about the planned divorce, but a lawsuit filed until September of that year. 17 October 1944 r. In Los Angeles court ruled the marriage Robins. As reported the next day

the newspaper "The Pantagraph," she was the actress has decided to part ways with Leo, because he had no proper temperament for the role of her husband. There were no media disputes and Estelle emphasized in the press that Leo still considered as a great guy. She was even so generous that helped find him a new home.

After the divorce, Estelle Hedwig Robin withdrew from public life. She died on 3 December 1982. In Ventura, California at the age of 84 years.

Currently Estelle Clark is a character rather forgotten, though from time to time with the footsteps of her Hollywood career ... like auction sites. A few years ago, belongs to the collection of photographs of Hollywood stars (some with dedications) was put up for auction by one of the US sites with a starting price of 1,200 US dollars, and in February 2017. Put up for sale a house at Robins Conway Avenue. In turn, her bold, even for the 20s, images from the time of greatest popularity can be found on the websites dealing with the American silent cinema and its biggest stars.

## BIBILIOGRAFIA:

- · Literature:
  - Belcher William Henry, Belcher Joseph
     Warren, The Belcher Family in England and America, Detroit in 1941.

- Biskupski Mieczysław BB Hollywood's War with Poland 1939-1945, The University Press of Kentucky, 2010.
- Bolek Francis, Who's Who in Polish America:
   A Biographical Directory of the Polish American Leaders and Distinguished Resident
   Poles in the Americas , Harbinger House,
   New York 1943.
- Gorman Lyn, David McLean, media and society. Historical introduction, Jagiellonian University, Cracow, 2010.

## • Press:

- "Morning Newspaper. Illustrated Weekly
   Chronicle ", Lviv, No. 84, October 18, 1926 r.
- Albert Katherine A Comedienne From
   Poland. Estelle Clark strives for Situations
   Which Will Appeal to All of Us, [in] "Cinema
   Art. World's Greatest Photoplay Magazine",
   Vol. 5, No. 9, November 1926.
- *Is not Got No Love?* [In] "Reno Gazette-Journal", September 13, 1944.
- Do You Know That Is Estelle Clark Polish?
   [In], "Poland", T. 9, 1928.
- Miss Estelle Hedwig Zwolinski, [in], "Detroit Free Press", February 5, 1922.
- Ralph Rainger, Leo Robin. Here's how it's
   done, [in] "the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette", April
   15, 1935.

- Song Writer Robin's Wife Seeks Divorce, [in],
   "San Bernardino Sun", Vol. 50, April 7, 1944.
- Songwriters Can Sing A Personal Blues Tune ,
   [in] "The Pantagraph" 18 October 1944.

## · Websites:

- Faircloth Kelly, And Here's a Silent Movie
   Actress Posing Casually All Scandalous, [in]
   pictorial.jezebel.com [accessed: 03/30/17] <
   http://pictorial.jezebel.com/and-heres-a silent- movie-actress-posing-all-casually-sca 1698539430 >.
- 221 Conway Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90024,
   [in] openlistings.com [accessed: 03/30/17] 
   https://www.openlistings.com/p/221 conway-avenue-los-angeles-ca-90024 >.
- Bizarre Los Angeles. Forgotten photography
   and History: Estelle Clarke , [in] bizarrela.com
   [Access: 30/03/17] 
   https://bizarrela.com/2016/11/estelle-clarke/
   >.
- Collection of 22 Hollywood Photos for
   Estelle Clark, [in] liveauctioneers.com
   [accessed: 30/03/17] 
   https://new.liveauctioneers.com/item/41273891\_collection-of-22-hollywood-photos-for-estelle -clark >.
- Leo Robin. The Dean of Lyricists in Hollywood, [in] leorobin.com [accessed: 30/03/17] <</li>

```
http://leorobin.com/galleries/love-in-bloom/
 >.
• Zwolińska, Stas (Estelle Clark), [in] poles.org
 [Access: 03/30/17] <
 http://www.poles.org/db/Z names/Zwolinska S/Zwolinska S.html
```

When creating the article also used the documents available on the website genealogical Geneteka (
http://geneteka.genealodzy.pl) and the FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org).

Editors: Michał Woś



## Mirek | 2017-03-31 6:08

"April 5, 1935 r. In Los Angeles, she married Leonard Robin, American composer and lyricist, a descendant of immigrants from Chisinau (then belonging to the Soviet Union)."

Interesting article, but such a small note: in the years 1918 to 1940 as Chisinau He was part of Bessarabia to Romania.

Reply

Do you want to read our articles without pagination and without ads? Join Team Histmag.org!

