

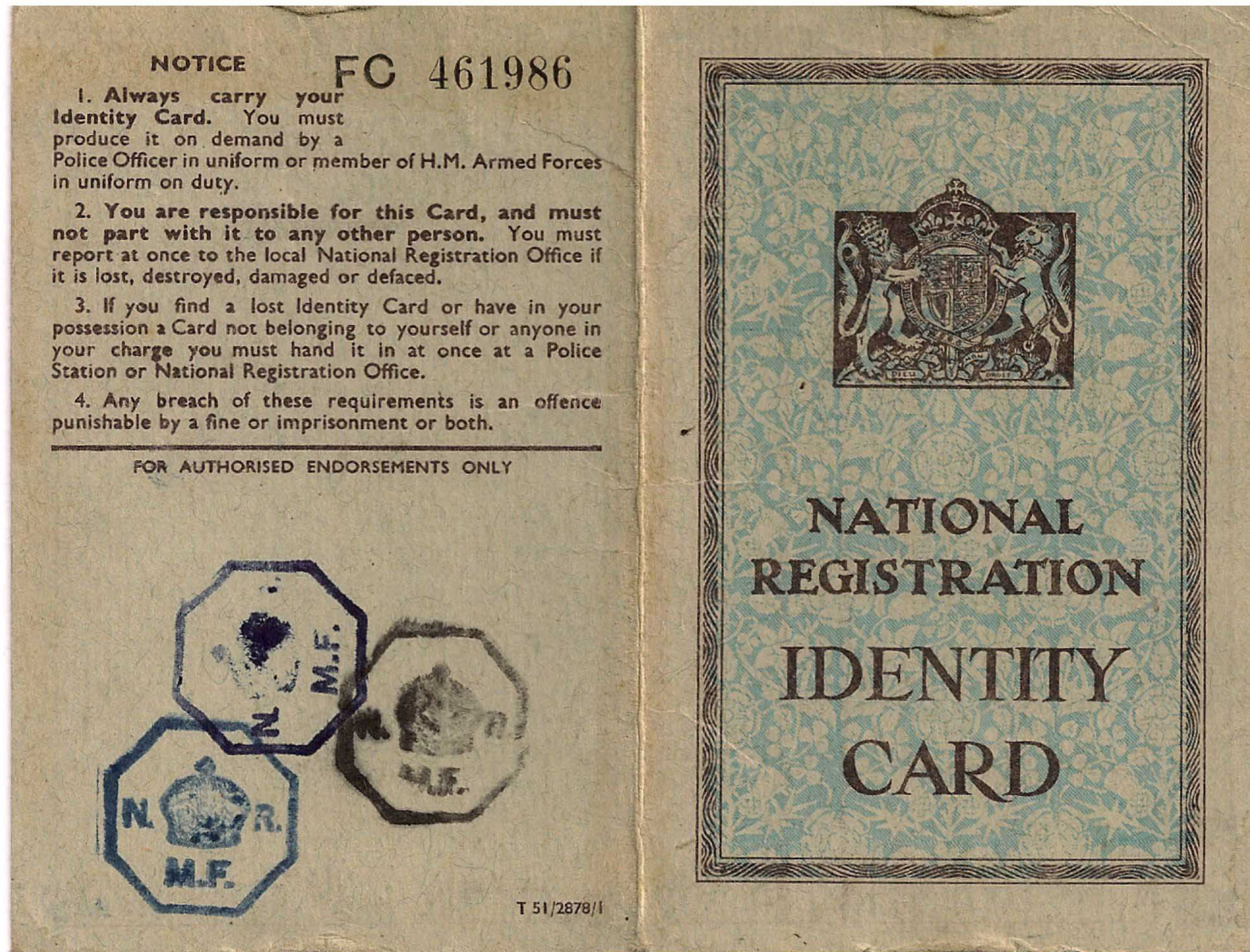
# **HOW DO I KNOW WHO YOU ARE? PROVING IDENTITY IN ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN HISTORY**

## **LECTURE 1: IDENTITY AND IDENTIFICATION**

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**University of Oxford**

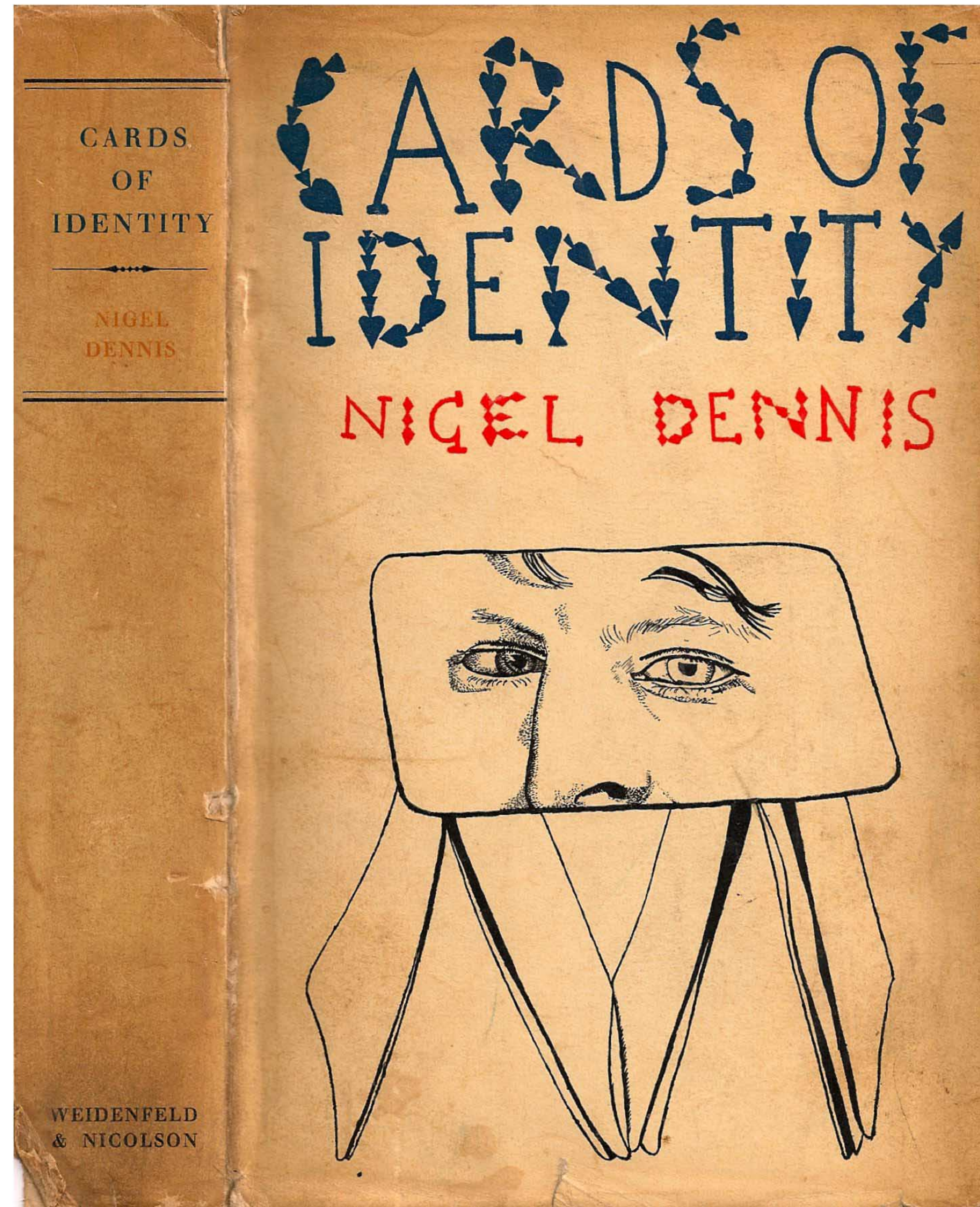


# National Registration Card 1939






# Nigel Dennis, *Cards of Identity* (1955)








To wit. *Thomas Anderson Henry Water*  
*William Sampson and John Benner*  
 Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of  
*Newington* in the  
 County of *Essex* aforesaid, do hereby own and acknowledge  
*Alexander Chalk and Marcy his Wife*  
 to be Inhabitants legally settled  
 in the Parish of *Newington*  
 aforesaid. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and  
 Seals, this *12<sup>th</sup>* Day of *September* in the *17<sup>th</sup>* Year of the  
 Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George the 3<sup>d</sup>* by the Grace of God,  
 of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender  
 And in the Year of our Lord 1747

Attested by  
*Henry Water*  
*John Benner*  
*William Sampson*  
*Mark of Thomas Inan*





London. *WE* *William, Esq. John Buckton and Benja*  
 Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of  
*St. Martin in the City* of *London*  
 aforesaid, do hereby own and acknowledge *Pottor, Knight*  
*and his wife now living in the parish of*  
*St. Martin*  
 to be *full* Inhabitants  
 legally settled in the Parish of *St. Martin in the City*  
 aforesaid. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our  
 Hands and Seals, the *22<sup>th</sup>* Day of *August* 1715  
 in the *5<sup>th</sup>* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord  
*King George* by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France,  
 and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno; Dom. 1715

Attested by  
*Church Wardens*  
*And Overseers*  
*William Buss*  
*John Buckton*  
*Benja Hall*

To the Church-Wardens and Over-  
 seers of the Poor of the Parish of  
*St. Martin in the City* of *London*  
 or to any or either of them.

*WE* whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, Justices of  
 the Peace of the *City* of *London*  
 aforesaid, do allow of the Certificate abovewritten. Dated  
 the *25<sup>th</sup>* Day of *August* Anno Dom. 1715  
*Sam Stanier*  
*Wm Humphrey Mayor*

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# Register of Baptisms (1684) & Certificate of Birth (1819)

## Christningo' and Baptizing July: 13<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1684

- 13 Hannah Woorth d. of Robert and Mary in the Street
- 15 Thomas Biggarstag son of Robert & Elizabeth
- 18 Martha Buck da: of Charles & Martha Calhoun
- 21 Stephen Trotter son of William and Mary 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Street
- 20 John Elgike son of John and Mary in the Church
- 20 Ann Curry d. of Bartholomew and Elinor in the Church
- 20 Elizabeth Tamyson da: of Richard & Phoebe in the Church

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THESE are to certify, That *George Castle Gowland*  
 Son of *Stephen Gowland*  
 and *Jane Gowland* his Wife, who was Daughter of  
*of James & Ann West of Deat* was Born in *Stile End*  
 in the Parish of *Stepney*  
 in the County of *Middlesex* the *Twenty Six*  
 Day of *April* in the Year *One Thousand Eight*  
*Hundred and four* at whose Birth we were present.

*Jane Cook* *Richard ...*  
 Witnesses *J. Hart*

*her Mark* *Francis Earl*  
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*Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1819* *Thos Morgan* Registrar.

The above should be signed by Two or more Persons, who were present at the Birth; and, if such Witnesses cannot write, their Marks should be attested by Two credible Persons, who shall specify their Places of Abode. The Date of the Birth should be in Words at Length, and not in Figures.

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# **How do I Know Who you Are?**

**Professor Jane Caplan**

**1pm Museum Of London**

**What's in a Name? More Than You Might Think**

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June*

**Your Hand: Writing and the Signature**

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June*

**Speaking Scars: Tattoos and Identification**

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June*



**I. Signs of Identity**

**II. Identity and Identification**

**III. Identification in British History**

**IV. Conclusion**



# Odysseus's scar recognized





# ID: India, Ireland, Canada



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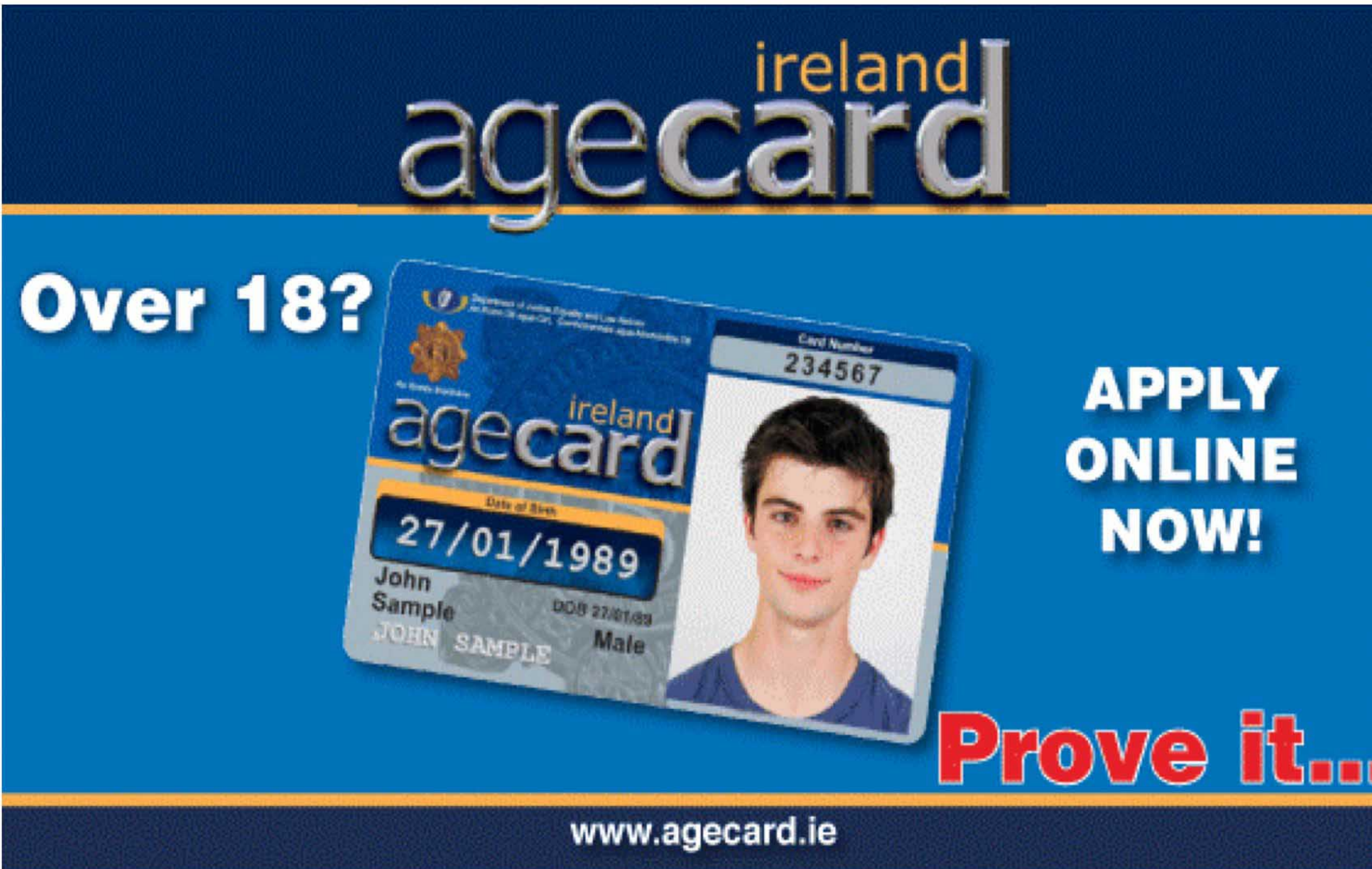
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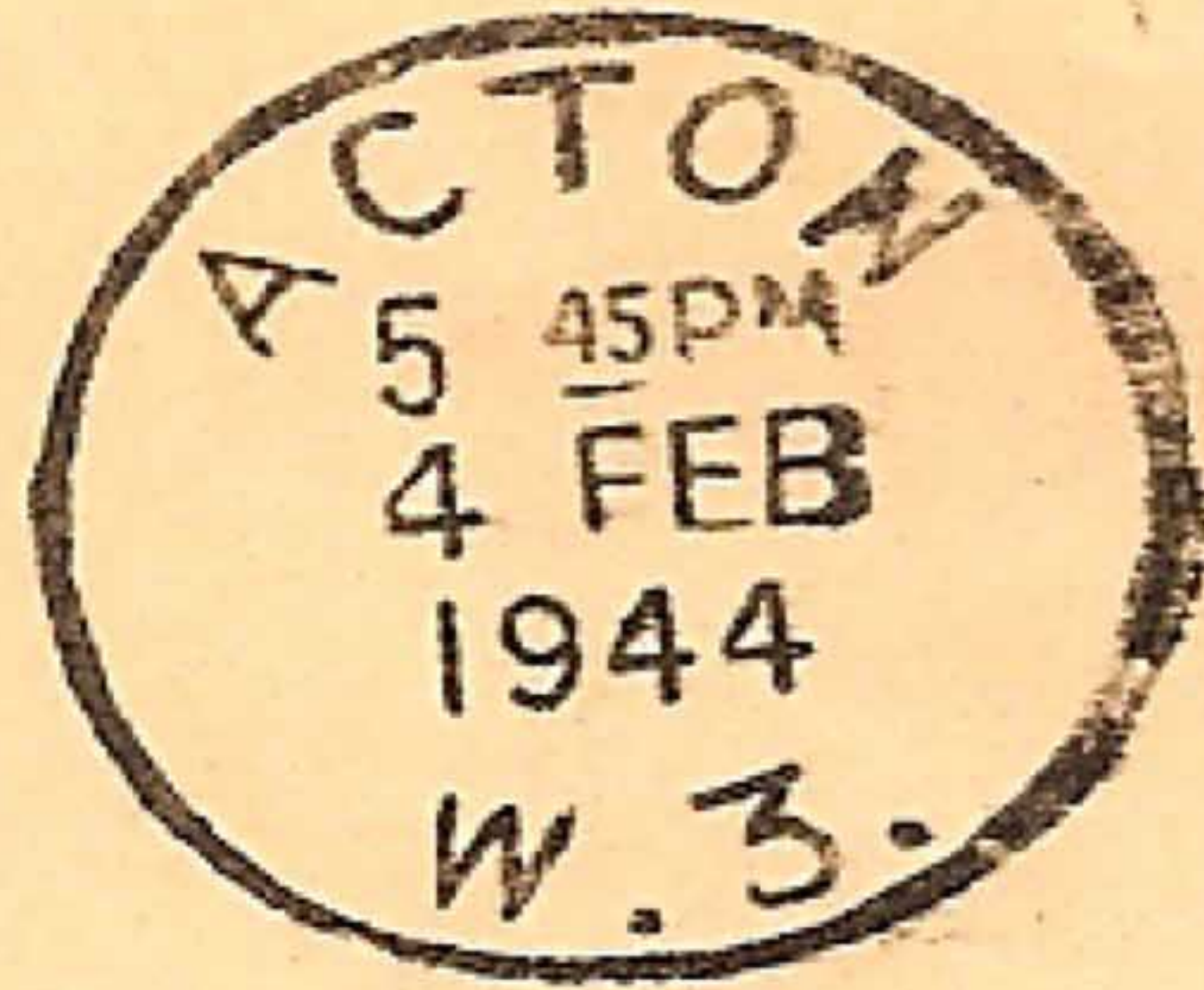
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Mrs. W. A. Alexander  
60 Julian Avenue,  
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# British Passport 1920

## DESCRIPTION OF BEARER.

Age 42 Profession Minister of Religion  
 Place & date of birth Russia April 15/1878  
 Maiden name of widow or married woman travelling singly  
 Height 5 feet 5 inches  
 Forehead normal Eyes Brown  
 Nose Regular Mouth Regular  
 Chin Round Colour of Hair Black  
 Complexion Fresh Face Oval  
 Any special peculiarities  
 National Status Naturalized British subject (1914) of Russian origin (Germans)

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## DESCRIPTION OF WIFE OF BEARER.

Age 37 Profession  
 Place & date of birth Madagar An  
 Maiden name Harris  
 Height 5 feet 1 1/2 inches  
 Forehead normal Eyes Blue  
 Nose Regular Mouth Regular  
 Chin Round Colour of Hair Black  
 Complexion Fresh Face Oval  
 Any special peculiarities

## PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS

Name	Age	Sex
Joseph	15 years	M
Kilda Lena	13 years	F
Constance	10 years	F
Isador	8 years	M
Daniel	4 years	M

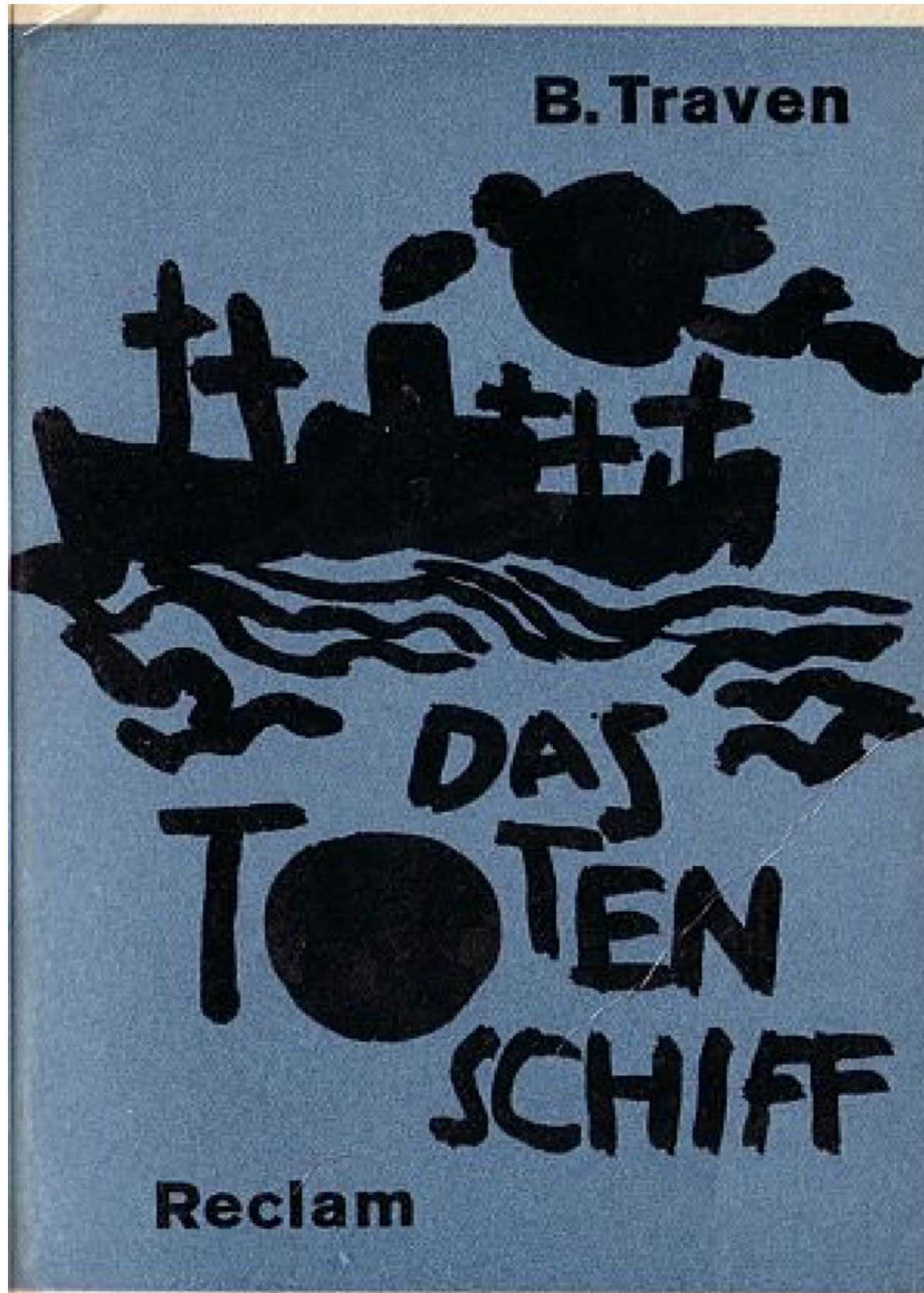


# UK Passport 2010





**B. Traven, *The Death Ship* (1926)**






# National Registration Cards 1915

This is to Certify that  
*Francis Francis Powney*  
*105, White Lytle Street 30*

*is of a legal full age*

has been Registered under the  
NATIONAL REGISTRATION  
ACT, 1915.




Signature *M. J. Powney*  
GOD SAVE THE KING.

105 White Lytle Street  
110 Coventry  
112 Postal Address

This Certificate must be signed and carefully preserved by the person to whom it is issued.

If the place of residence of the holder of the Certificate is changed otherwise than temporarily, the Certificate must within 28 days be handed in at a Post Office or sent or delivered to the Clerk of the Council of the Borough, Urban or Rural District in which the new residence is situate (or, in Scotland, the Town or County Clerk), with the new address written in the space below. A fresh Certificate will be supplied in due course.

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