

Friend

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Khan

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## Introduction

This is a compendium of a friend of Hans and Helga von Schweinitz, Mustafa Khan

In February 2019, Mustafa's grandson contacted Helga. He was asking about any information about his Grandfather, Mustafa. Mustafa had died in 2002. The grandson had heard stories from other family members, that his Grandfather had been to the West during his youth. But nobody knew what kind of adventures Mustafa had while in the West. By February 2019, Hans had already died (26 August 2015) and Helga was in a nursing home. Helga was able to describe to her daughter the story about Mustafa's adventures in the West.

This is what Helga remembers:

### Germany 1961 or 1962

Mustafa had met an American Army Officer while in Bahrain. The Officer promised Mustafa that if he came to Germany, all kinds of wonderful things would happen to Mustafa. Mustafa went to Wiesbaden Germany in about 1961 or 1962 to visit the American Army Officer. The promise of wonderful things did not happen. Instead, the Officer was assigned back to America. Mustafa was alone in Germany. The Officer knew Hans and asked Hans to help Mustafa.

Hans and Helga lived in a one room apartment in a boarding house. They had no kitchen and shared a bathroom with another apartment. Also, their apartment was on the third floor with no elevators, just stairs. And they had baby girl, Bettina.

So, they invited Mustafa into their home. Mustafa stayed with them for several weeks.

They showed Mustafa some of Europe by traveling to Holland, Brussels and various cities in Germany. While Hans drove, Mustafa would become tired and begin to fall asleep. But because Helga was also in the car, Mustafa could not go to sleep unless he put a handkerchief over his face. Mustafa explained that a woman, who was not his family, could not see him sleep?

They also introduced Mustafa to some of their friends. They would meet and have dance parties. Helga remembers that Mustafa at first was too shy to talk to other women. Eventually he could talk to women, but he never could dance with another women. Every time he tried to approach a woman to ask for her hand to dance, he would start to tremble.

Hans and Helga helped Mustafa find an apartment or room to rent. At one house, the room for rent did not come with its own bathroom. Mustafa asked landlord about the bathroom because he needed to wash his hands five times a day. The landlord refused to rent to Mustafa, because she would not rent to anyone who was so dirty that they had to wash their hands five times a day. Even when Hans explained that the hand washing was part of saying prayers, the landlord still could not understand. They found another room for Mustafa where the landlord was more understanding.

Mustafa did not seem to mind posing for photos. Included are a portrait photo, Mustafa in Wiesbaden walking with Helga, and Mustafa in a canal boat in Amsterdam Holland.

### **Hans, Helga, and Bettina moved to Roswell, New Mexico USA in 1963.**

In 1965, Mustafa traveled to Roswell New Mexico to visit Hans and Helga. In December 1964, Christopher was born, a son to Hans and Helga. When Mustafa arrived in 1965 he sent his Mother a photo with him holding Christopher. Helga remembers that Mustafa's Mother was so upset. She believed that Christopher was Mustafa's son and they both must immediately return to Bahrain to be with family. She wanted to proudly raise her grandson. The misunderstanding was resolved. But Mustafa's visit was cut short, because his mother said that she had found a wife

for him, and that Mustafa must return to Bahrain immediately. Mustafa flew home. The only photo of Mustafa in New Mexico is the portrait.

Over the next few years, Hans and Helga kept in contact with Mustafa, through letters.

### **Hans and Helga moved to Al Khobar/Dhahran Saudi Arabia in 1978.**

About April of 1978, Mustafa came to visit with his family. Mustafa lived in Bahrain, which was just a Dhow trip away. Except that Mustafa did take the car ferry so that he could bring his wife and three children. One child was still in diapers. They had a wonderful visit. Mustafa's family sat on the living room couch and posed for photos. Later everybody sat at the dining room table for Coffee and Cake. A very western visit.

As a gift, Mustafa brought an 'ash tray' made from copper that also had a bottle opener made to resemble a scorpion. Photos of this ash tray are included

A few months later, Hans traveled to Bahrain and visited Mustafa at his home. This visit was more in the Muslim style. They sat on carpets with pillows along the wall. The food was properly presented on the table cloth in the center of the room. Mustafa and a daughter posed for a photo with Hans. A very Muslim visit.

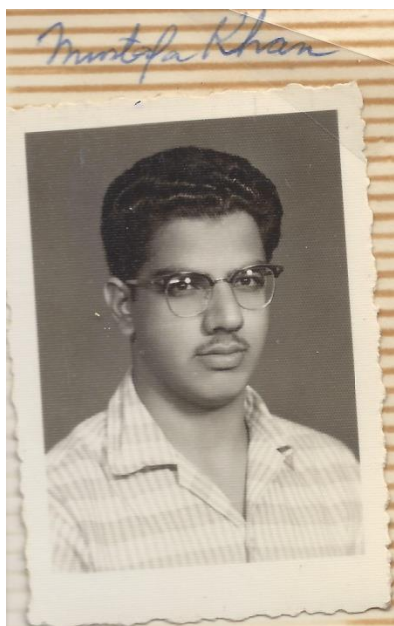
### **Photos**



1962 Mustafa and Helga Wiesbaden Germany



1962 Mustafa in Amsterdam Holland



in 1962 in Wiesbaden Germany



1965 Mustafa in Roswell New Mexico USA  
Mustafa and family in Al Khobar, 1978









Hans visiting Mustafa and family in Bahrain in 1978







Gift from Mustafa and family to Hans and Helga. Ash tray with Scorpion bottle opener



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