

# Biography of Anna Amalie le Coutre, née Jacobsohn

01.11.1893 - 22.07.1940

Anna Amalie le Coutre was born November 01 1893 in Deutsch-Eylau. Her parents were the Jewish salesman Adolf Jacobsohn and his wife Henriette Jacobsohn, née Lindemann. Her younger brother was the lawyer Dr. jur. Kurt Alexander Jacobsohn, born 02.09.1897 in Deutsch-Eylau who was murdered 15.05.1944 in Auschwitz together with his wife Lisbeth Jacobsohn, née Guthmann, and their son Hans Jacobsohn. Her younger sister was Regina Pfeiffer-Horn, née Jacobsohn (born 30.03.1895 in Deutsch-Eylau). Regina Pfeiffer-Horn emigrated to the United States and was first married to Alfred Horn and later to Dr. Alfred Pfeiffer.

On 27.03.1916 Anna Amalie le Coutre married the physician Dr. Paul Bruno Richard le Coutre (born 31.03.1888 died 19.03.1941) in Deutsch-Eylau. Upon her marriage Anna le Coutre converted from Judaism to Protestantism as Paul le Coutre was protestant. Anna and Paul le Coutre had as children Charlotte Louise le Coutre (born 26.12.1916 in Wartenburg died 28.10.1991 in Portland, Maine) and Joachim le Coutre (born 11.02.1918 in Wartenburg died 26.06.2010 in Göttingen).

Anna and Paul le Coutre were divorced on 19.02.1923. After the divorce of their parents Charlotte and Joachim le Coutre stayed with their father Paul le Coutre who in 1926 married Ruth Stöckert (born 02.10.1902 died 14.03.1989) with whom he had the four children Eberhard (born 07.03.1928 died 19.01.2014), Jutta (born 21.03.1931 died 13.04.2017), Leberecht (born 22.05.1934) and Christian (born 27.01.1939 died 01.01.2022). The family was living in Rügenwalde. Charlotte and Joachim le Coutre both kept in contact with their mother Anna and saw her regularly. Paul le Coutre died in 1941 of a natural death. At the end of the war Ruth le Coutre fled to Husum with her younger children.

The biography of Anna le Coutre after the divorce from Paul le Coutre in 1923 can not be fully reconstructed. She most probably lived in Berlin. It is not known where and how exactly Anna le Coutre used to live in Berlin before being captured. But she was in contact with her brother Dr. Kurt Jacobsohn in Berlin during this time. Therefore, her Stolperstein is placed where he and his family used to live and are commemorated in Berlin Wilmersdorf, Gieselerstrasse 12.

Leberecht le Coutre documented her memory over decades in private family archives but a precise biography could not be established due to lack of available documents and conflicting narratives. Only in 2021 some details of Anna le Coutre's last years were retrieved from National archives accessible to the public.

After National Socialism gained power in Germany there were unproven narratives that Anna le Coutre was considered mentally sick and was permanently kept in an Institution. It is documented that in 1938 Anna le Coutre was transferred from Wittenauer Heilstätten to Landesanstalt Neuruppin. On 18.07.1940 she was taken from there to Heil- und Pflegeanstalt Berlin Buch. On 20.07.1940 she was transferred to Tötungsanstalt Brandenburg where she was murdered on

22.07.1940. She was killed as part of the notorious T4-program because of her alleged mental disorder and being Jewish.

Charlotte le Coutre escaped to New York City, USA, in 1938 and married Harry Stass (born 24.06.1906 died 12.07.2000 in New York City) with whom she had the children Peter Stass (born March 1940 died summer of 1945), George Stass (born 08.04.1941), Irene Sarnelli (born 21.07.1942), Mary Rokosz (born 18.12.1943), Nancy le Coutre (born 02.11.1948) and Simone le Coutre (born 16.09.1952). She also helped raise John Stass, her husband's first child from a previous marriage.

Joachim le Coutre stayed with his father and stepmother, spent some time in Brasil but returned to Germany and eventually was drafted to Wehrmacht despite his Jewish background until being dismissed. He had two children, Thomas le Coutre and Dr. Christine Gross, née le Coutre.

Altogether Anna le Coutre had 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren, all of them are living in the USA or in Germany. When Anna le Coutre was killed she probably was not aware her daughter was married and that she already had one grand-child.

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