jerseyborn
day daughter
of a Jersey born
Gunner in peacetime

son
of a London born clerk
Sergeant
with the Royal Army Pay Corps
during the Second World War

son
of a Bavarian born
professional carver
at a German delicatessen
in Charlotte Street
London, W1
a police-registered
male enemy alien
exempt from internment
during that same war

married
to a Jersey born
spinster of Irish descent
a woman
of no occupation
who
although
at birth a British subject
was ordered to swear
an Oath of Allegiance
to His Majesty
King George the Sixth
in 1943
to obtain
a Certificate of Naturalization
granting
to all intents and purposes
the status of a natural-born
British subject
a status
stripped from her
by the British Nationality
and Status of Aliens Act
1914
the wife of an alien
shall be deemed
to be an alien

making her
Nationality: German
married to
a subject of a State at war
with His Majesty

now (in 1939)
living in West Worthing, Sussex

a female enemy alien
internee at liberty

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