

The Birth Was Registered



PROUD PARENTS

Papa Penguin (right) greets camera men at the Washington zoo, but Mamma hides the young beneath her so that he cannot see these first penguins of the *Spheniscus demersus* species ever hatched in captivity. They are named Malcolm and Minnie.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

State File No. _____
Registered No. 1938315

1. PLACE OF BIRTH: County _____ State DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Township _____ or Village _____
City Washington, D.C. No. Zoo Park St. _____ Ward _____

2. Full name of child Minnie Penguin

3. Sex Female 4. Twin, triplet, or other birth Single 5. Rank in order of birth (2) 6. Premature Full term 7. Legitimate Not 8. Date of birth Mar. 15 1938

9. Full name MALCOLM FATHER 18. Full maiden name MOLLIE MOTHER

10. Residence (usual place of abode) Washington, D.C. 19. Residence (usual place of abode) Washington, D.C.

11. Color or race Caucasian 12. Age at last birthday _____ (years) 20. Color or race Caucasian 21. Age at last birthday _____ (years)

13. Birthplace (city or place and State or country) Penguin Islands, South Africa 22. Birthplace (city or place and State or country) Penguin Islands, South Africa

14. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spouse, employer, housekeeper, etc. Clown 23. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as wife, employer, housekeeper, etc. Clown

15. Industry or business in which work was done, as with mill, newspaper, bank, etc. Zoo Park 24. Industry or business in which work was done, as with mill, newspaper, bank, etc. Zoo Park

16. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work Mar. 16 1938 17. Total time (years) spent in this work 2 years 25. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work Mar. 16 1938 26. Total time (years) spent in this work 2 years

27. Number of children of this mother (All those of this father and including this child.) (a) Born alive and now living 2 (b) Born alive but now dead _____ (c) Stillborn _____

28. If stillborn, period of gestation (months) _____ (last weeks) _____ 29. Cause of stillbirth _____ (Before labor) _____ (During labor) _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was _____ at _____ a.m. on the date above stated.
(When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return.)
(Signed) _____ M. D.
or Malcolm Davis _____ Midwife
Address Zoo Park 713 Irvine
Filed Mar. 16, 1938

GOOD CITIZENS

To stimulate interest in a national campaign for better birth registration, Dr. George C. Ruhland, District of Columbia Health Officer, went to the zoo and officially recorded the event. The birth certificate is shown at the right, the registration certificate in the upper right corner.

WITNESSES

Malcolm Davis, "Midwife" and bird keeper at the zoo made out the certificate (left, below) and Dr. Ruhland (center figure in picture on right) shows the forms to Dr. William M. Mann, director of the National Zoological Park, and Mr. Davis.

