

Ollie Ross *1901-1971* MW-SWL Expert -

With his early roots in Maine, Ollie's step father Joseph Dukas a Polish baker and Mary Dukas, an older brother Louis S. The family eventually making their way to the Bay Area in California. The family business, baking.

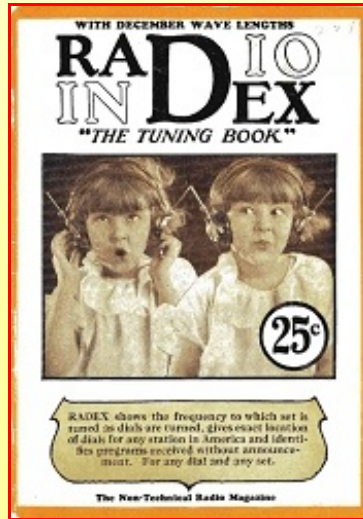
We find Ollie in the 1930 Census in a rooming house in Vallejo, Calif, occupation baker, bread, pastry. Known as the "Count." The Baker of Vallejo Calif, Solano County. As of 1931 Ollie had a claimed list of 1,309 stations in his personal log. He made public statements to have heard every radio station in the world. Supposedly his receiving station was using a special ground system and seldom mentioned special designed array.

A mid summer (Jun-Jul-Aug) Radex Magazine of 1929 a letter to the Columnist from Ollie Ross of Sanger, Calif., we find interesting statements by our subject. A world Dx-er, Ollie Ross one chap who is out for the worlds record for the most veries, reception of stations all over the world. "I do not believe there is anyone anywhere that can show more verifications than I. At one point in a three month period, logging sometimes as much as 22 hours per day, totaling 1452 hours." He had been traveling and experimented with antennas and ground systems in 36 states of the U.S. RADEX (Sept 1931) P10 - Plus he had received foreign acclaim.

Remember at that time, far fewer stations were on the air and Ross had a good chance to hear many things that we couldn't today in the Midwest and Eastern USA. For example, the 1.6 broadcast band opened in the 2000's I could hear KXBT Vallejo, California each night at eleven PM eastern time, it was a station in the Bay area and then the frequencies filled up, It was impossible to hear the Californian any longer.

The 1940 U.S. Census finds Ollie and the Dukas family at 522 Virginia Ave., Vallejo, Calif., step sons Ollie and Louis S. Ross residing with parents Joe and Mary Dukas, both parents born in Poland and in the Bakery business. The Ross brothers are listed as helpers, both single.

There is little written about Ollie, but what we find are some skeptics, but some ancestry exists. Ollie Ross was eventually married to Mary Elizabeth Riggs, they had a daughter Alexis May Ross born 8 May 1949 Solano, Ca. Alexis was always known to her family as Lolly. She inherited the title of Countess from her father but chose her US Citizenship at age 21 therefore gave up the title. Ancestry information, Family Tree Maker Online. 8-11-12 American Radio History Dot Com.



A vacation record inbound passenger list was found for the family in 1950, first class passage on the SS President Wilson to Hawaii, residency Moana Hotel Honolulu. Ollie was listed as age 46 and born in Maine.

We are using State of California death records because other material we found to show Ollie's date of birth from one to three years in error, plus census sur-name misspelling. Was our subject pre judged and misunderstood?

The Family tree Maker stated "He (Ollie) was a Count. Having been given the honor of developing a radio antenna." When a person can seemingly accomplish something that no others can, it is either a fake or truly a gift. No reference exists on Polish internet inventions for patents. Ollie, "The Distant Listener" which were you? I'll have a croissant and coffee with cream please. Glazed donuts to go, one dozen please.

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