

**Adele Nasser** (Nasrallah) was the daughter of Habib Hakim and his wife Ator Achem (Rose Gresati) from Zahle, Lebanon.

She was newly married to **Nicholas Nasser** and boarded the *Titanic* with her new husband at **Cherbourg** as second class passengers. She was pregnant at the age of 14 on the *Titanic*. To reach their destination **New York**, they bought **ticket number 237736** for £30 1s 5d.

In the rushing to and fro which followed the *Titanic's* collision with the iceberg Mrs. Nasser was torn from the arms of her husband and lifted into the lifeboat where Mrs. **Madeleine Astor** was in too. The two women huddled together for warmth during the hours before they were picked up by the rescue liner *Carpathia*. Mrs. Astor tried to speak to the Syrian girl, but her language was incomprehensible to the grieving girl. (Mrs. Nasrallah has the mysterious eyes of the Syrian desert)

Mrs Nasser survived the sinking, whereas her husband did not. To the Immigration Officer she gave her destination as Cleveland, Ohio, but unknown address. This was given in the Senate's list as 652 Bolivia Road.

She wrote a letter to **Madeleine Astor**, who she befriended in **lifeboat 4**.

Dear Mrs. Astor. I sat in the same boat which saved you when the Titanic went down. I also will soon have a baby. My husband, Nicholas, was drowned. All our money and things went down with him.....I am twenty-one. I married Nicholas nearly three years ago. He used to have a tannery in Brazil. We were returning to the old country and had got as far as France when we learned that Turkey and Italy were fighting. We started back for New York on the Titanic. Alas, that we did. This is all that is necessary to let you know. Hoping you will live forever in my (illegible). ADELE NASRALLAH.

Her little boy was born on 9 December 1912 but died hours later.

She later remarried to Albert A. Shamaley who was born 15 May 1884 and died in a car accident in August of 1969.

She died in El Paso Texas on 20 January 1970. She was survived by her four children and her sister Mary and brother Richard who had also emigrated to America.