

Maurice Leon's Second False Identity Card



This is my second false identity card, issued on 17th March 1944. We left Thessaloniki and went into hiding in Athens. This was during the Italian occupation of Athens. But things changed and the German occupation also started in Athens. We thought that we couldn't stay any more in Athens. We had to leave. We escaped to the island of Skopelos where we stayed until the end of the war. The first ID card I had was issued on 18th May 1943 and said my name was Mavropoulos Georgios, son of Christos and Eirini. But if the Germans had found us in Skopelos with this identity card they would have started questioning what we were doing there. Also the type of the IDs had changed and it was now both in Greek and German language. So I had a second ID issued, stating that my name was Mavropoulos Giorgos, son of Cristos and Eirini, born in Drama, citizen of Glossa, Orthodox Christian of Greek nationality. Mr. Mitzeliotis, the president of the Community of Glossa himself signed the new identity cards. He was the one that saved us.