

# JACOB JACOBS son of DAVID JACOBS

## STORIES, FACTS and SNIPPETS

Version 1.0



The Brick Lane Mosque, former Spitalfields Great Synagogue, former Methodist chapel, former Huguenot church. (National Maritime Museum, London)

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These notes are version 1.0 and will be eventually tied down to the numbering system you will find on the Jacobs Tree website and updated. Also as time passes, and more research is done, missing cousins found, 1911 census comes on line etc. these notes will expand into other versions.

Debbie Bozkurt 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008

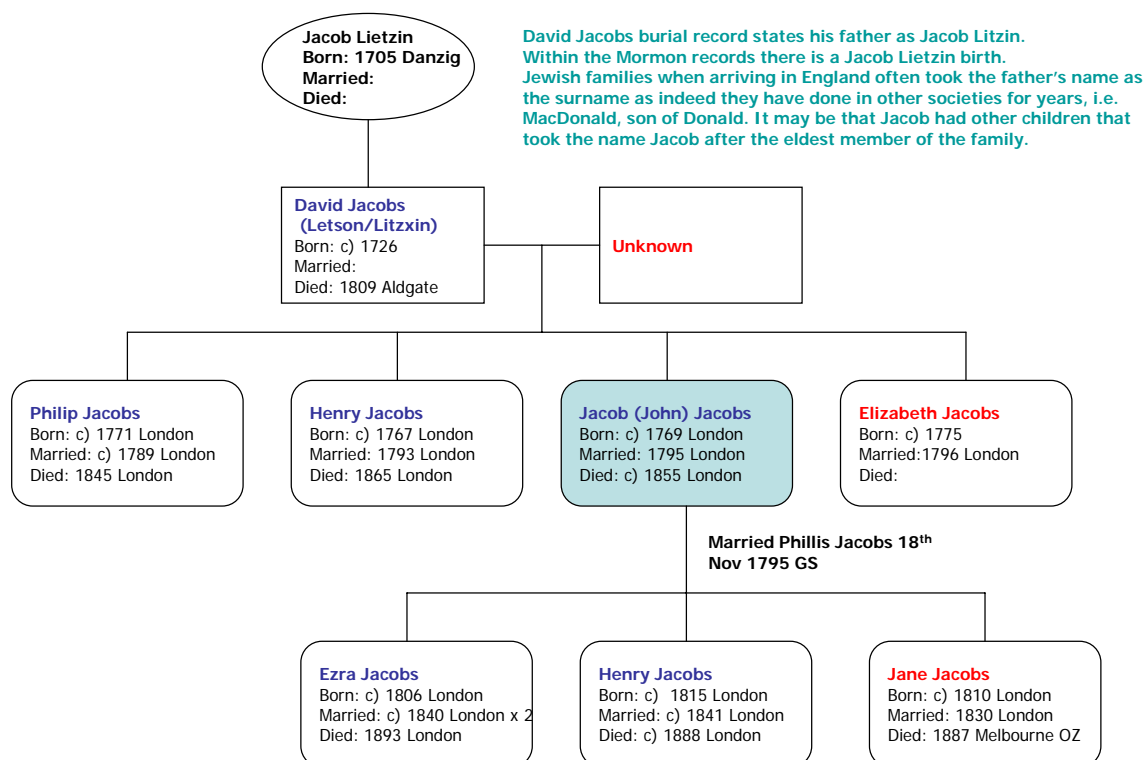
## **DEDICATION**

For my son Mehmet, now you can begin to understand some of our heritage, my late mum, and Aunty Moreen, and of course never forgetting Uncle Joe, whose company makes the world seem a better brighter place.

# CHAPTER 1

## Jacob Jacobs and descendants

Jacob Jacobs was born approx 1769 in Aldgate area and was the son of David Jacobs (known as Letson or Litzin depending on Hebrew translation. Jacob was one of 4 known siblings of David and unknown wife. His brothers were Henry and Phillip and he had a sister called Elizabeth who married David Isaac.



Jacob Jacobs can be found in the Great Synagogue Records marrying Phillis Jacobs on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1795, (Ref. G115 37), father David Litzin, no address is given. Jacob's Hebrew name is Coppel (various spelling translations) and on the Hyamson notes he is down as Koppel and marrying Phillis. Jacob is a private member of the Great Synagogue at the time of his known children's marriages.

Jacob Jacobs unlike his brothers became a butcher, he is also know under his anglicised name of John. There are various mentions of Jacob/John in the directories of the time, though its worth noting only from 1836 when he would have already been approx 67 years of age.

Pigot 1836 John Jacobs Butcher 102 Petticoat Lane  
Pigot 1840 Jacob Jacobs Butcher 101 Middlesex Street

(Petticoat Lane had its name change to Middlesex Street in the 1830s).

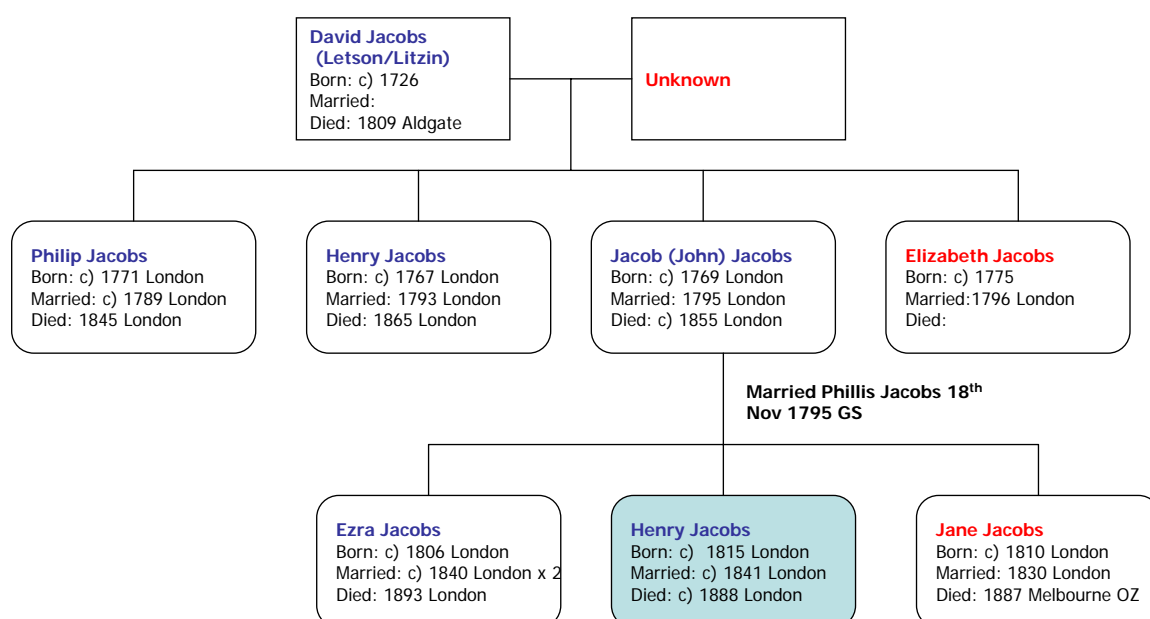
John has 3 known children that survived to adult hood, Ezra (Butcher), Jane, and Henry (Butcher). There is also a record of a burial of a child (Ref. GSBUR 125/863) born to Koppel b David Litzin 1799-1800. there is also another child's death in 1818 born to Koppel b David named Elizabeth. This would mean Jacob and Phillis had 5 known children.

## CHAPTER 2

### Henry son of Jacob Jacobs and descendants

#### Background

Henry Jacobs was the son of Jacob Jacobs, also known as John Jacobs (Butcher 102 Petticoat Lane/102 Middlesex street) and Grandson of David Jacobs (Letson/Litzin). Henry was born in Middlesex around 1815 and married Rebecca Isaacs 28<sup>th</sup> November 1841 at the Great Synagogue (Ref.2529.G113). Rebecca Isaacs was the daughter of Judah Isaacs deceased.



Rebecca was one of at least nine children born to Judah and Sarah Isaacs. Judah and Sarah Isaacs were Dutch Jews. Sarah had been born in Amsterdam about 1790. Rebecca was born in Holland around 1823 and her family came to London in about 1825. Judah Isaacs was a boot-maker and Sarah Isaacs was a boot and shoe dealer. Their daughter Rebecca was a tailoress.

By the time of Rebecca's marriage in 1841 Judah Isaacs was dead, leaving his widow Sarah to look after the large family at 13, Harrow Alley, Houndsditch. Rebecca and Henry were married at Sarah's home in Harrow Alley – Henry signed his name, but Rebecca was unable to.

Henry was a butcher and in 1841 census was with his parents at 102 Petticoat Lane<sup>1</sup>. On the census there is a Rebecca Jacobs too, this may have been his future wife rather than a sister but there is a Rebecca also on the Isaac's census. Henry and Rebecca had 8 living children and 1 that died Judah Jacobs age 2 on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1850 at 27 ½ Duke Street of Scarlet Fever<sup>2</sup>

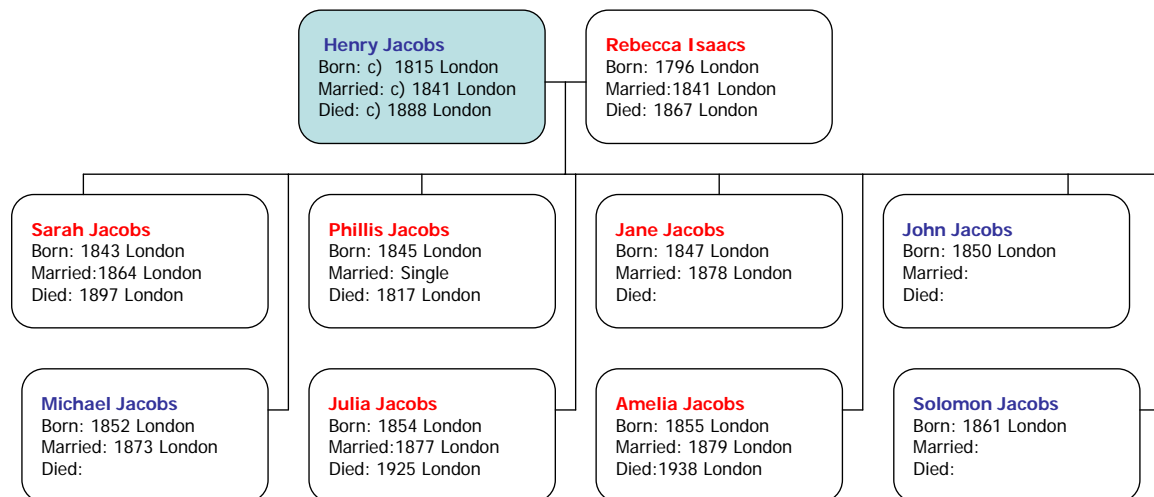
In the 1851 census Henry and Rebecca were living at 27 ½ Duke Street and Henry was a butcher. His father now widowed and aged 82 was also living with them. By the 1861 census Rebecca is on her own at 27 ½ Duke Street as Henry was in the Debtors prison with his brother Ezra as per London Gazette, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April:

Ezra Jacobs, late of No. 102, Middlesex-street, Whitechapel, Middlesex, Butcher.—In the Debtors' Prison for London and Middlesex.  
Henry Jacobs, late of No. 271/2 , Duke-street, Aldgate, London, Butcher.—In the Debtors' Prison for London and Middlesex,

In 1867 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Rebecca Isaacs dies age approx 49 and Henry is out of prison still working out of 27 ½ Duke Street as a Butcher. By 1881 census he is living with his daughter now Sarah Swaebe and daughter Phillis<sup>3</sup> and son Solomon at 4/34 Duke street. Henry dies May 1888 at 34 Duke Street.

## Henry and Rebecca's Descendants

The known children are taken from the census of 1851 and 1861 they all appear to have been registered in East London.



<sup>1</sup> Petticoat Lane changed to Middlesex street from the mid 1830s

<sup>2</sup> Death Certificate of Judah Jacobs says Scarlatina Anginosa

<sup>3</sup> Just note that both children named after their grandmother Phillis never married, Ezra had daughter called Phillis too

### **Sarah Jacobs born 1843 London died 1897 London**

Sarah was born in 1843 East London, she married Daniel Benmoya Swaebe 6<sup>th</sup> January 1864 at 27 ½ Duke Street. Sarah had a colourful marriage whilst it lasted and her 3 children also had interesting lives. I have therefore devoted chapter 5 to them.

### **Phillis Jacobs born 1845 London died Lambeth 1917**

Phillis was born 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1845 East London and never married. She lived with her parents until 1881 and worked as a tailoress or cap maker. By 1891 after the deaths of both her parents she moved in with her aunt and her husband Sophia and Daniel Myers, 44 Myddleton Square Clerkenwell a Jeweller. She was left £50 annuity in Daniel's will when he died in 1911. Phillis died in Lambeth 1917, although have not got death certificate, sister Jane Susman (nee Jacobs) lived in Lambeth with her husband.

### **Jane Jacobs born 1847 London died London date Unknown**

Jane was born 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1847, East London and acted as housekeeper to her father in the 1871 census. She married Julius Susman 12<sup>th</sup> June 1878 at the Great Synagogue.

Julius Susman was born 2 September 1854 in Posen , in the Kingdom of Prussia and his parents Isaac and Rose Susman also came from Prussia<sup>4</sup>. By the time he married Jane Jacobs he was an Auctioneer.

Once they married they moved to 368 Cold Harbour Lane Brixton where they remained to their deaths. The area they lived and worked (33 & 41 Railton Road) in is part of the area of Brixton that saw the riots in the 1980s and the large houses are now broken down into bedsits and flats<sup>5</sup>. By at least 1914 Julius also had 2 and 4 High Street Clapham as an Auctioneer's business.

**More recent projects include residential schemes at 368 Coldharbour Lane (£21m, due 2009) with Pollard Thomas and Edwards for Places for People**

Julius was awarded British Naturalisation in 1903, one of his witness was a Jacques Daniel Myers of 32 Belsize Park, Diamond Broker, this was the son of his wife's Aunt and Uncle Mr and Mrs [Daniel Myers](#), mentioned above. In Daniel's will he left £750 in trust for Sarah, Sophie and Rebecca Susman (Julius and Jane's daughters) and £3,000 in trust to Jane Susman and issue. The £3,000 left to Jane in today's money would have been £210,000. Both Jane and Julius were United Synagogue seat holders.

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<sup>4</sup> Copy of Julius Susman's naturalisation papers

<sup>5</sup> Debbie worked for nearly 2 years in Brixton and walked past their shop on the way to work every day, without knowing.

Jane died *unknown* and Julius died 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1937 at 368 Coldharbour Lane Brixton and was buried in the Willesden cemetery.

Jane and Julius Susman had 9 children, who are described in detail with descendants if known below:

Rose Susman – was born 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1874 Wandsworth and married Israel Berg on 1904, London City. Rose and Israel Berg was also left money in Daniel Myers will, £250 and £100 respectively. In 1905 at the time of their 1<sup>st</sup> child's birth they lived at 12 Corrance Road, Acre Lane, Brixton.

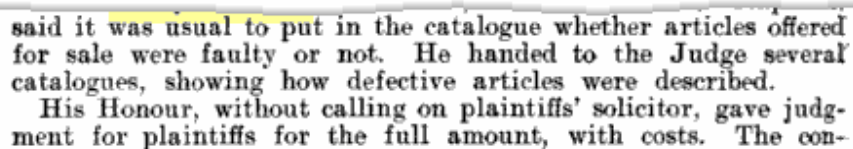
Rose had 4 children; Samuel Sydney Berg born 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1905, Lambeth, Jane Lillian Berg born 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1906, Lambeth, Abraham Alfred Berg born 6<sup>th</sup> September 1909 and died in January 1989, Merton Surrey, Lambeth and Sophia Doris Berg born 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1912, Lambeth.

Rose died on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1923 age only 47 and her shiva was next door to her father at 366 Coldharbour Lane.

Henry Susman – born 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1880 Wandsworth. Henry had the privilege of meeting the Duchess of York as per this small snippet form the Jewish Chronicles May 1895:

Henry Susman – of 368 Coldharbour lane, Brixton, pupil of Grosvenor College has been awarded a special prize by the SPCA, for his Essay on kindness to animals and had the honour of receiving the same from the duchess of York at Crystal Palace

Henry worked with his father as an Auctioneers clerk in 1901. Henry also worked from the 2 and 4 Clapham High Street Address. A search of on-line books has in the Estates Gazette Digest of Land and Property case the following: Mr. **Henry Susman**, auctioneer, of High Street. Clapham



said it was usual to put in the catalogue whether articles offered for sale were faulty or not. He handed to the Judge several catalogues, showing how defective articles were described. His Honour, without calling on plaintiffs' solicitor, gave judgment for plaintiffs for the full amount, with costs. The con-

There is only a snippet view so unsure of what happened.

Sophia Rebecca Susman – born 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1881 Lambeth, was living with parents on the 1901 census at 368 Coldharbour Lane.

Daniel Susman – born 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1882, Lambeth, Daniel was a Auctioneer Clerk on the 1901 census working with his father. Daniel married Lillie Joseph 1911 Southwark and went on to have a least one child, Albert Leonard Susman, who in-turn married Sybil Josephs, in 1939 at Brixton Synagogue. Daniel Susman and wife lived at 32 Brockwell Court, Effra Road in 1938. There are various Jewish Chronicle Announcements of Albert Susman's children's births and marriages up until 2000.



Rebecca Susman – born 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1883, Lambeth and was living with her parents on the 1901 census at 368 Coldharbour Lane.

Adolphus Alfred Susman – born 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1885, Lambeth. Adolphus travelled to Australia and arrived 9<sup>th</sup> June 1911 and made his home in Perth. He married Bertha Jacobs in Perth in 1915, I can not see any children registered to Adolphus and Bertha in Western Australia where they lived.<sup>6</sup>

In the Australian Electoral Registers for 1916 Adolphus and Bertha lived at Broome and Ruby Street, Perth he was a Traveller and she was a dressmaker In both 1925 and 1936 Adolphus and Bertha lived at 26 Regent Street, Perth he was a Traveller and she was a dressmaker

Adolphus died 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1945, Mount Lawley, Perth and was buried in Karrakatta Cemetery, plot CA 0087 age 60. Bertha his wife died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1958 Perth and was buried in Karrakatta Cemetery plot CA 0065 age 74<sup>7</sup>. There was a notice of death for Bertha and no children were mentioned, she left two sisters, Edith and Mabel in Sydney.

Sara Rachel Susman – was born 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1887 and married Lewis Szapira in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1919 Southwark. Lewis Szapira changed his name to Lewis Goldman and was a Jeweller at 26 White Rock, Hastings as per London Gazette article:

**London Gazette 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1925**

LEWIS GOLDMAN, of 26, White Rock, Hastings, in the county of Sussex, Jeweller, a natural born British subject, heretofore called and known by the name of Lewis Szapira, hereby give notice that I have renounced and abandoned the name of Lewis Szapira, and that I have assumed and intend henceforth on all occasions whatsoever and at all times to sign and use and to be called and known by the name of Lewis Goldman in lieu of and in substitution for my former name of Lewis Szapira. And I also hereby give notice that such change of name is formally declared and evidenced by a deed poll under my hand and seal dated the seventeenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twentyfive, duly executed and attested, and that such deed poll was enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature on the eighteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.—Dated this eighteenth day of December, 1925.  
LEWIS GOLDMAN, formerly Lewis Szapira.

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<sup>6</sup> [http://www.justice.wa.gov.au/\\_apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx](http://www.justice.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx)

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au/NameSearch/details.php?id=KB00109548>

Isaac Susman – born 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1888 Lambeth.

John Susman – born 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1892 Lambeth.

### **John Jacobs born 1850 London died**

John Jacobs was born 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 1850 East London.

### **Michael Jacobs born 1852 London died**

Michael Jacobs born 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1852 East London married Leah Schneider(s) 20<sup>th</sup> August 1873 at 63 Stepney Green her address, in the rites of the Jewish Religion. Michael's address was given as 65 Stepney Green age 21 and a commercial traveller, Leah is only age 18, her father 'Sadok' was a cap maker, her brother Michael was head of the family at 63 Stepney Green on the 1871 census. Although on the marriage certificate it says cap maker on the census it says they were hat and cap manufacturers, not sure if this meant they had their own business or were just workers. The Schneider's originated from Amsterdam, Holland, Leah's older brother was born in Holland but she was born in London.

Leah and Michael then travelled to Melbourne Victoria (unassisted passengers) in November 1873 on the SS Tweed. Michael was known by a slightly different name Alfred M Jacobs. They went on to have 3 children as follows, summarised from the Victorian BDM (Pioneer) Indexes. Note the various connotations of Michaels name<sup>8</sup>:

1874 Birth Henry Michael JACOBS Melbourne North (cn.4102) – fathers name Michael Alfred Jacobs mother Leah Schneiders

1875 Death Henry Michael JACOBS aged 1 Parents: Alfred Michael Jacobs and Leah Schneider @ Hotham (North Melbourne) (cn.13987).

1875 Birth Zadok Alfred JACOBS Melbourne (cn.17354<sup>9</sup>) - fathers name Michael Jacobs mother Leah Sniders

1876 Birth Rebecca Rosetta JACOBS Carlton (cn. 21672) - father's name Alfred Michael Jacobs mother Leah Schneiders

They lived at various addresses around Melbourne in the 6 years they stayed, Carlton and Hotham for example. Then by 1879 they had returned to London as Leah began Divorce proceedings<sup>10</sup>. Leah divorced Michael/Alfred Jacobs for Adultery, Cruelty and committing a bigamous marriage to Lavinia Hughes Southwark 1880. Michael was jailed for a month for that crime. He married

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<sup>8</sup> On birth Index and Marriage Certificate there is no mention of Alfred in his name, I am unsure where this name came from, but it is the correct Michael Jacobs, verifying against marriage certificates and birth certificates

<sup>9</sup> Have copy of actual certificate

<sup>10</sup> Copy of divorce proceedings downloaded from the National Archives site.

under the name Alfred Jacobs (Beabe). On the marriage certificate, their address is 47 Grosvenor Park Newington, Alfred Jacobs father is stated as Henry Jacobs Butcher. Lavinia Hughes father is James John Hughes a Comedian. One of the witness' was a Violet Hughes who was married to a Albert Hughes Comedian, who were living in Camberwell.

I have traced Albert Hughes and his father a James J Hughes to the 1871 census where the whole family are boarders in Northamptonshire and are professional vocalists. In 1861 they have a daughter Lavinia Hughes born in Stoke, she appears to be named Maud L Hughes in 1871 born in Stoke. There is also a Lavinia Hughes Birth Index for late 1860, Stoke. There is a family of Hughes headed by a Comedian with a Maud in the family in 1881 also living in Camberwell but the fathers name is Albert not James, all the other names are correct. Later census of the same family have the head back as James J Hughes. There is a Maud Liveney on the 1881 census with the family aged 19, scholar which has been corrected to Maud Hughes. Maud Lavinia Hughes married again in 1887 Camberwell where the family were living. **So where did Michael/Alfred Jacobs go to?**

Leah after 1881 readopted her maiden name of Schneiders and lived with her brother George in Hackney at least until 1901.

Zadok Alfred Jacobs – was born in 1875 Melbourne Australia. In the 1881 census he is living in a cottage in Kent with his sister. Zadok was going by the given name of Dick. Doesn't appear to be a relative, perhaps a home whilst the divorce was being finalised.

By the 1891 census Dick was using his mother maiden name as surname, i.e. Schneiders and was a warehouseman lodging in Hackney. There is a marriage for a Dick Schneiders in 1906 City of London.

Rebecca Rosetta Jacobs – was born in 1876 Melbourne Australia. In the 1881 English Census she is living in a cottage in Kent with her brother. Rebecca was known by the given name Rose or Rosa. In the 1891 census she is living with her mother in Hackney and has adopted her mother's maiden name of Schneiders.

In September 1895s Jewish Chronicle there is the following engagement notice:

**JACOBSON: SNIDERS** – Joseph Jacobson (of the firm of Lazarus and Jacobson, Johannesburg, South Africa) to Rose only daughter of Leah Sniders, 6 Victoria Street, South Hackney London.

Joseph and Rose marry in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1897, London City, Rose is married under her birth name of Rebecca Rosetta Jacobs, though the index also has the name Rose Sniders.

**Julia Jacobs born 1853 London died 1925 London<sup>11</sup>**

Julia Jacobs was born in Aldgate 1853. Some time after her mother's death, Julia went to live with Sarah Isaacs, her grandmother, and two of Sarah's unmarried daughters, in Watney Street, off the Commercial Road. Sarah Isaacs died in December 1871, but Julia stayed on in Watney Street, presumably looked after by her aunts, until her marriage to Michael Siegenberg.

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 1875, at the age of 22, Michael Siegenberg married Julia Jacobs. They were married by the Chief Rabbi at the New Synagogue (just off Bishopsgate, in the City). [Michael Siegenberg was the son of Jacob Siegenberg (born Whitechapel around 1817, died Hackney 1876) and Julia Abrahams (born Whitechapel around 1820, died Hackney 1885). Jacob was a furniture maker].

After the death of Jacob Siegenberg in 1876 his youngest child, Michael, carried on the furniture business at 362 Commercial Road until 1878. Michael and Julia's first child, Rebecca Florence (Becca), was born in 1878, followed a year later by their first son Jacob (Jack). Then in 1880 Michael Siegenberg moved his family and his business to 81, Graham Road, Dalston. Here their third child, Beatrice, was born on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1881, but she only survived 22 days.

Shortly after Beatrice's death, the family moved five houses up the road to Claremont House, 93 Graham Road and here their next child Julia was born on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1882. A second son, Henry (Harry) followed in 1883 and a third son, Alfred Jonas, was born in 1884 – but he only survived six months.

Shortly after the death of Alfred Jonas the family moved to High Elms, 265 Mare Street, Hackney. This move was presumably made so that Michael Siegenberg could be nearer to his work, for around 1885 he leased 1 Town Hall Buildings, Mare Street, Hackney as the



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premises for his furniture company, now called The Hackney Furnishing Company. Michael and Julia's seventh child, Dorothy Sarah (Dolly) was born at High Elms on July 13<sup>th</sup> 1890 and their last child, Lewis, was born there on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1892.

The Hackney Furnishing Company expanded until it took over most of Town Hall Buildings as its headquarters and the family remained a few doors down at High Elms until 1897, when they moved to 6 King Edward Road, Hackney.

Michael was greatly involved in works of charities and also encouraged his children to help with fund raising. Some of the many organisations Michael 'joined' were; Central Hackney Musical Benevolent Society, North Eastern Hospital for Children for which at a member of the Hackney Council he arranged a dinner chaired by the Mayor.

In 1904 Michael and Julia Siegenberg made their first of several moves to a hotel and went to live at the Hotel Cecil, in the Strand. At the same time the decision was made to drop the name Siegenberg and instead to adopt the name Stewart. The following announcement appeared in The Times and The Jewish Chronicle:

"I, Michael Siegenberg, of Town-Hall-Buildings, Mare-Street, Hackney, in the county of London, and of Hotel Cecil, Strand, in the said county, Managing Director of the Hackney Furnishing Company, Limited, do hereby give notice that I have ASSUMED and intend henceforth upon all occasions and at all times to sign and use, and be called and known by the NAME of ALFRED MICHAEL STEWART, in lieu of and in substitution for my present name of Michael Siegenberg, and that such intended change or assumption of name is formally declared and evidenced by Deed Poll, under my hand and seal, dated this day, and intended to be forthwith enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature. In testimony whereof I do hereby sign and subscribe myself by such my future name. Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1904. Alf. M. Stewart."

In the following year, 1905, Michael and Julia moved to 39 Belsize Avenue, Belsize Park. Sometime after this they moved into The Hotel Great Central, Marylebone and it was here that Michael died on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1915, after being involved in an unfortunate accident. His death certificate records that death resulted from: "Collision of taxi cab in which he was riding with obelisk at Great Central Station approach, Melcombe Place, such collision due to reduced lighting." The First World War had started a year before and the lighting was reduced for fear of air raids. The obelisk still stands today.

## Guardian Newspaper Obituary

**MR. A. M. STEWART.**—Mr. A. M. Stewart, the managing director of the Hackney Furnishing Company, who was a pioneer of the hire-purchase system, died on Wednesday at the Hotel Great Central, Marylebone, from the effects of a taxi-cab accident. Mr. Stewart, who was 62 years of age, commenced business in a private house some 40 years ago, and ten years later he founded the Hackney Furnishing Company.

Michael's widow Julia moved into the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, and died there on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1925. She left a will of £64,060 3s 3d, in today's money that would be worth £2.6 million and there was a large portfolio of properties on it as below:

### **FREEHOLD & LEASEHOLD**

Properties, in lots:

5, Abraham Road, Hackney; 11 & 13, Annis road, Hackney; Empire Mansions, Hackney; 19, Fremont Street, Hackney; 47 to 51, Harrowgate road, Hackney; 7, 20 & 32, Horton road, Hackney; 44 & 46, Kenton road, Hackney; 154 Ling Edward road, Hackney; 22 Manor place, Hackney; 19 & 23, Valentine road, Hackney; 110, Victoria Park road, Hackney; 84/88 & 92 & 94 Clifden road, Clapton; 53, Median road, Clapton; 2 Nightingale road, Clapton; 55 Brighton road, Stoke Newington; 8 & 9 Goldsmith Square, Stoke Newington; 46, 48 & 52, Lordship road, Stoke Newington; 23 Palatine road, Stoke Newington; 76 Church road, Manor Park; 6 Arlington square, Islington; 105 Arlington street, Islington; 36 Rockliffe street, Islington; 28 & 30 Warner street, Islington; 82 Gopsall street, Hoxton; 69, Herbert street, Hoxton; 18 Murray street, Hoxton; 26 & 28 Brougham road, Dalston; all let and together producing £3,231 3s 10d per annum.

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#### **FREEHOLD GROUND RENTS OF**

£162 10s 4d per annum secured on:

51 to 57, & 106 to 115 Poppleton road, Leytonstone; 24, 26, 34, 36, 38 & 46 Fladgate road, Leytonstone; 13, 19, 21, 27, 43, 45 & 57 Preston road, Leytonstone; 43 & 45 Woodstock road, Chiswick;

**Solicitors: Messrs. Syrett & Sons, 115 Moorgate, EC2**

**Particulars of the Auctioneers, Bunch and Duke, 360 Mare Street, Hackney, E8**

**Phones: Clissold 6498 and 6499**

They are buried in the cemetery of the United Synagogues, Willesden Green. Their monument is a large sculpted stone tree that has been suddenly cut in half, on either side of which are two stone books recording the names of the children who put up the monument. The Hebrew on the grave reads: "Here lies Michael son of Jacob, died 24<sup>th</sup> of Av 5675 and Gitel daughter of Reb Tsvi who died in the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> of Shevat 5685." The English reads: "In loving memory of Alfred M. Stewart, died August 4<sup>th</sup> 1915, aged 62. And Julia, his widow, died February 14<sup>th</sup> 1925, aged 70.

We think of them in silence, No eye can see us weep, But ever deep within our hearts, Their memory will we keep

Rebecca Florence Siegenberg was born in Stepney 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 1878. She married Alfred Kaufman 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 1897 Marylebone. She gave birth to a daughter on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1897 at 46 Highbury Grove.

Jacob/Jack Siegenberg was born in 1879 in London. He appears to be a budding conductor and in 1897 he arranged a concert at Morley Hall with his friend Sidney Kempner and raised the sum of 550 ½ shillings for the Daily Telegraph Fund. Also took part in entertaining the patients at the Home for Jewish Incurables in 1898. In 1901 Jack Siegenberg married Dorothy Franklin and had a daughter delivered on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1901.

Jack also changed his name in 1901 as the following notice in the Jewish Chronicles:

### **Jack Ernest Siegenberg**

I JACOB ERNEST SIEGENBERG (otherwise Jack Ernest Siegenberg) of 19 Highbury New park, Highbury, and 1 town hall buildings, Mare Street Hackney Middlesex, House Furnisher. HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that by deed poll dated 23 May 1901 to be intended to be forthwith enrolled in the central office of the supreme court of Judicature, I have abandoned the name of Jacob Ernest Siegenberg (otherwise Jack Ernest Siegenberg) and assumed the name of LESLIE JOHN STEWART by which name I authorise and require all and every person and persons whomever to designate, describe and address me. In testimony whereof I do hereby sign and subscribe myself by my future intended names LESLIE JOHN STEWART 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1901

In 1903 Leslie J Stewart of the Hackney Furnishing Co was admitted to the Freedom of the City of London. In 1904 the Observer reported the birth of another daughter for Leslie.

Leslie managed The Hackney Furnishing Co. after his father's death and the following articles relate to The Hackney Furnishing Co. mostly after his father's death in 1915.

### **The Hackney Furnishing Co**

The Hackney Furnishing Co. managed to build up a nationwide trade for its store in Hackney, providing a fleet of motor cars to ferry customers there from London main line stations.
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The Hackney furnishing co for example promoted its equitable system of house furnishing in a booklet that said: if you are a poor man with only a few rooms you may have as much real comfort in your home as the nobleman in his ancestral halls. They published a testimonial from one satisfied customer. I can easily pay you cash for this item but what's the use? You give me no advantage if I pay cash and why should I disturb my investments when your

system allows me to pay out of income. If I could get lower price elsewhere by paying cash I would go elsewhere but your prices are rock bottom<sup>12</sup>.

- The Hackney Furnishing Company (1928) Limited, was registered as a public company on October 25, with a nominal capital of £650,000 in 340,000 cumulative participating preference shares of £1 each and 620,000 ordinary shares of 10s. each. The objects are to acquire all or part of the issued share capital and all or part of the undertaking and assets (subject or not to the whole or any part of the liabilities) of the Hackney Furnishing Company, Limited (incorporated in 1901), the Alexandra Furnishing Company, Limited, Anfield and Company, Ltd., Masters and Sons, Limited, Edward Roaser, Joseph Emmanuel Silverman, Twigg and Sons, Turnpenny Brothers, Limited, Wickham and Company (Tunbridge Wells), Limited, and Sidney Zimmerman, to adopt an agreement with the Industrial Co-operative Trust, Ltd., and to carry on the business of manufacturers, importers and exporters of and wholesale and retail dealers in household furniture, ironmongery, turnery, and other household fittings and utensils and ornaments, &c. The first directors (to number not less than four nor more than seven) are:—J. A. Moodie (chairman of Scottish Finance Co., Ltd.); A. E. Somers (chairman of Beau Brummel (1928), Ltd.); L. J. Stewart (managing director of the Hackney Furnishing Company, Limited); H. Stewart (managing director of the Hackney Furnishing Company, Limited); and H. Lipkin (managing director of the Alexandra Furnishing Company, Limited). The registered office is at 3, London Wall Buildings, London, E.C. 2.

In 1933 the Hackney Furnishing Company went into Liquidation due to the most serious depression in living memory. Cancelled hire-purchase contracts rose from £75,000 in 1931 to £145,000 in 1932. It was hoped that a scheme of reconstruction would be possible with a surplus in shares for the shareholders.

In 1934 the Great Universal Stores Limited bought all the shares in the Hackney Furnishing copy and at it's general meeting it described the store as one of the oldest hire purchase business in the country and had over 50,000 open accounts on its books.

Julia Siegenberg was born Hackney 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1882, Julie married Frederick Jessel Benson and had 3 daughters, she died in 1967. Julia is Roderick Young's grandmother.

Harry Siegenberg was born Hackney 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1883. He was a Director in the Hackney Furnishing Company with his brother Leslie.

Sarah Dorothy Siegenberg was born Hackney 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1890

Lewis Siegenberg was born Hackney 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1892. Lewis changes his name to Louis Lewis in 1915 as per the following Jewish Chronicle Notice:

#### **CHANGE OF NAME BY DEED POLL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by deed poll under his hand and seal dated the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1915, JACOB LEWIS SIEGENBURG normally known as Lewis Siegenburg Jnr 121 Highbury New Park, London, house furnisher has from this date taken the name of LOUIS LEWIS to be

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<sup>12</sup> Furnishing the World 1987



his own and true proper name in the place of any other names by which he may of previously been known and hence forth he tends to be known by the said name of Louis Lewis only. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1915 Managing Director of Hackney Furnishing Company.

### **Amelia Jacobs born 1855 London died 1938 London**

Amelia Jacobs was born 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1855 East London and lived with her parents as a cap maker until her marriage on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1879 at the Great Synagogue to Isaiah Cohen a tailor living at 7 King Street Aldgate. Isaiah Cohen had no written English at the time of his marriage, i.e. signed the mark of Isaiah Cohen, although born in London.

Their 1<sup>st</sup> son Henry was born 28<sup>th</sup> January 1881, 7 King Street. By the 1891 census they were living at 8 Tewksbury Building and Isaiah was a Fruiterer. On the 1901 census they were living at 26 Sutton Street, St Georges and Isaiah was a Tailor again. On their last sons birth certificate they were living at 30 Lemon Street Whitechapel, Isaiah (Isaac on certificate) was at that point still a Fruiterer. They had 7 children, Nancy (1879) Henry (1881), Dinah (1883), Judah (1885), Samuel (1887), John (1891), Abraham (1895) and Julius (1897).

Amelia Cohen was left an annuity of £50 in Daniel Myers will in 1911.

Isaiah died on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1919, and Amelia Cohen died 1<sup>st</sup> November 1938, Jewish Chronicle Notice reads:

1<sup>st</sup> November 1938 widow of Isaiah Cohen mother of Mrs I Molen, Mrs D Simons, Judah, Samuel, John, Abraham and Julius (Tooney) Shiva at 40 Church Road, Manor Park, E12

On the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1945 a memorial stone was set for both Amelia and John Cohen her son.

Nancy Cohen was born 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1879 London City, Nancy Cohen was only on the 1891 census with her parents (spelt badly) but is not on the 1881 or 1901 census. She married Isaac Vandermolen<sup>13</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1904 London City, most of the correspondence in the Jewish Chronicles use the surname Molen rather than Vandermolen. She and Isaac had 4 Children, Jack, Sophia, Charles and Isidore (Doods)<sup>14</sup>.

Isaac Vandermolen came from a family of Dutch Jews, his father was Jacob Vandermolen and his mother was Bessie Devries. Isaac was born 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1883, Whitechapel. He died in 1953 and Nancy died in July 1959.

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<sup>13</sup> As confirmed by various JC Articles, e.g. Death of Amelia quotes a daughter Mrs I Molen, Family Tree on line quotes Nancy Molen as parents being Amelia Jacobs and Isaiah Cohen., plus BMD Index

<sup>14</sup> Death notice of Isaac Molen JC November 1953

Jack Molen (Nancy's eldest son) married in March 1930, at the West Ham Synagogue, Cissie Simons his 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, the Jewish Chronicles the engagement, 4<sup>th</sup> June 1926 notice quotes:

SIMONS-MOLEN – Cissie only daughter of Mrs and the late Phillip Simons of 30 Maldman Street, Burdett Road to Jack eldest son of Mr and Mrs Isaac Molen of 50 Hampton Road Forest Gate

Jack and Cissie went on to have two children, Philip and Ivan and in the Jewish Chronicles 1960 the notice to celebrate the birth of their grandchild quotes that the child is a great grandchild for Dinah Simons.

Henry/Harry Cohen was born 28<sup>th</sup> January 1881, 7 King Street on the 1901 census he was a boot maker living with his parents. He married Annie and they had two children Amelia and Abraham. Annie had a daughter from her previous marriage, Carrie who Harry adopted. He died 29<sup>th</sup> April 1933 aged 52 living at 159 High Street Homerton.

Dinah Cohen was born in 1883 London, by the 1901 census she was still living with her parents and was a Feather Dresser. She married Philip Simons in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1904, Whitechapel, he tragically died young on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1910, they had 2 children Cissie and one other. They lived at 30 Maidman Street Bow. Dinah never remarried and died aged 88, 12<sup>th</sup> July 1971.

Judah Cohen was born in 1885 London and lived at 107 Coronation Ave Stoke Newington at time of fathers death in 1919.

Samuel Cohen was born 1887 London

John Cohen was born in 1891 London and died in 1939 and the Jewish Chronicle notice reads as:

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 1939 John Cohen age 47 of 43 Waremead Road, Ilford. Deeply mourned by his heart broken wife Sophie (nee Hymans) daughter Amelia, sisters Mrs I Molen, Mrs D Simmons and brothers Samuel, Abraham (Mick), Julius (Tooney), sisters in law, brothers in law, nieces and nephews and a large circle of friends. Shiva at 40 Church Road, Manor Park E12.

His memorial stone was laid in 1945, he was married with children and he lived at 43 Waremead Road, Ilford. He was buried in Marlow Road Cemetery.

Abraham Cohen was born 1895 London

Julius Cohen was born 1897 London. Julius was known under his nickname Tooney. His memorial stone setting was 1981. The notice in the Jewish Chronicles was place by either his nephews or nieces.

### **Solomon Jacobs born 1861 London**

Solomon Jacobs was born 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1861, East London, at age 19 he was a Butcher at his sister Sarah Swaebe business on the 1881 census.

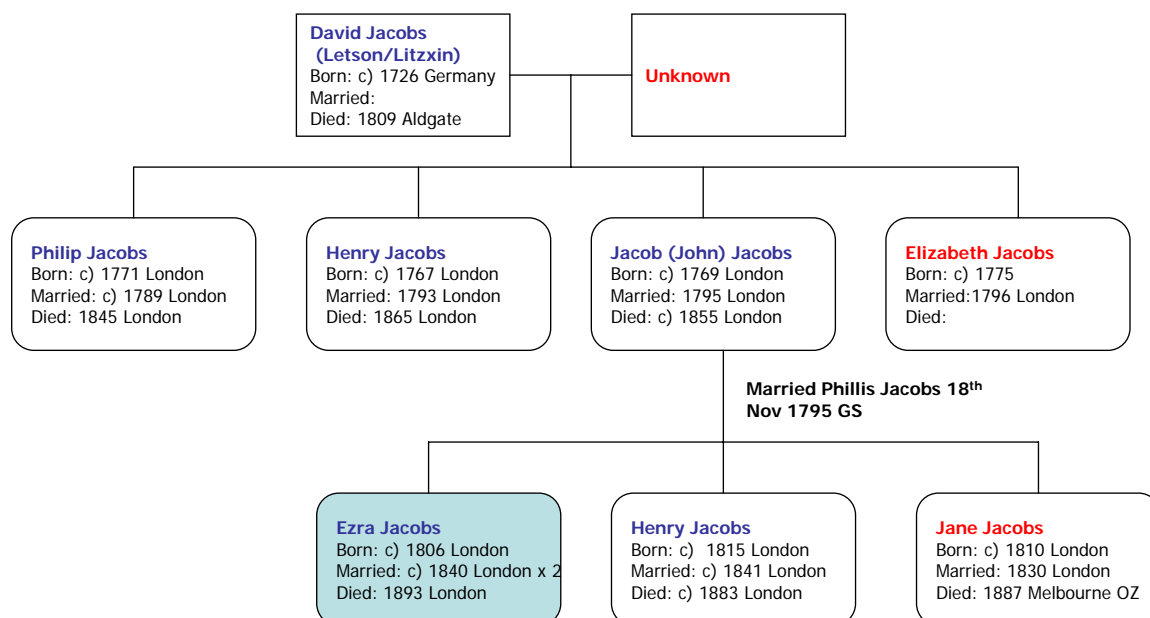
## CHAPTER 3

### Ezra son of Jacob Jacobs and descendants

#### Background

Ezra Jacobs was the son of Jacob Jacobs, also known as John Jacobs (Butcher 102 Petticoat Lane/102 Middlesex street) and Grandson of David Jacobs (Letson/Litzin). Ezra was born in Middlesex around 1806.

Ezra married Fanny Simmons 4<sup>th</sup> July 1832 (Ref G118 1938), whereby they had one son David Jacobs born approx 1833. Fanny died before 1840 as Ezra re-married (as widow on entry) Nancy Cohen from 15 Middlesex Street, father Moses Cohen 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1840 (Ref G118 2453). Ezra was living at 2 Wentworth Street which is off Middlesex Street.

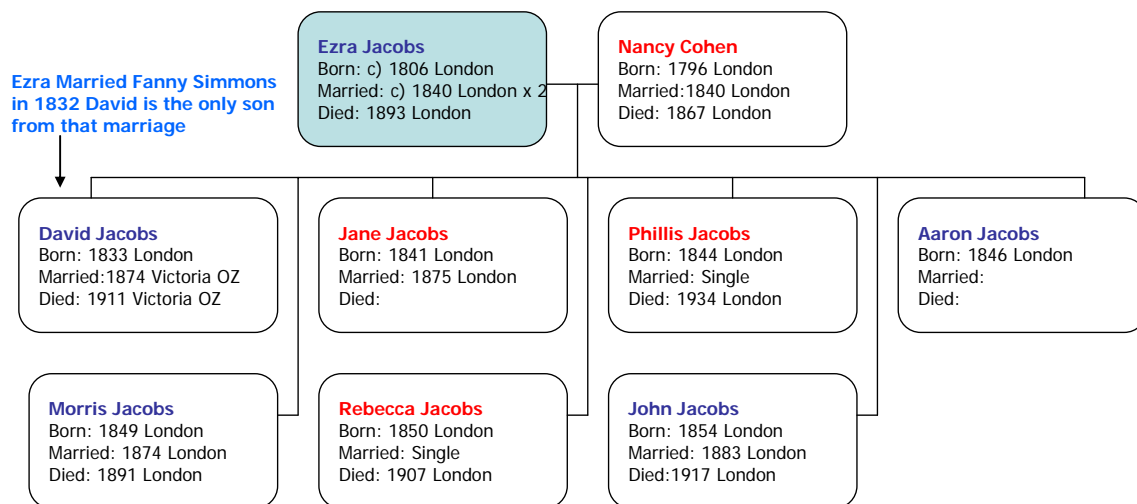


On the 1841 census he was living with Nancy/Ann at Wentworth Street with his son David age 9. By mid 1840s he had taken over his fathers business at 102 Petticoat Lane/ 102 Middlesex street as Butcher. In 1851 he was on the census at 102 Petticoat Lane with his extended family. In 1861 he was in the debtors prison with brother Henry, Nancy his wife remained at 102 Petticoat Lane, but was described as widower of butcher. In 1871 he still was at 102 Middlesex Street but by 1881 he had moved to 8 Bell Lane, parallel to Middlesex Street. He remained there until his death in 16<sup>th</sup> April 1893, with his 2 spinster daughters, Phillis and Rebecca. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Nancy died in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1888, Whitechapel aged 81.

His death notice by his son John in the Jewish Chronicles gave mention to his nick-name of Houser, and a request to copy for Australian Papers.

## Ezra and Nancy's Descendants

The offspring of Ezra and Nancy were taken from the census of 1851 and 1861, plus confirmation from the BMD Indexes. The children below include David, son from Ezra's 1<sup>st</sup> Marriage.



### David Jacobs born 1833 London died 1911 Victoria Australia

David was the son of Fanny Jacobs (nee Simons) and Ezra Jacobs, on the 1851 census he was living with his father and step mother at 102 Petticoat Lane as a Butcher.

David then travelled to Australia in approx 1852 his death certificate states 59 years in Victoria. By 1874 at least he was in the District of White Hills, Bendigo. Bendigo<sup>15</sup> is a city that is 'built on gold'. The first 'rush' had taken place in November 1851 when miners at Castlemaine (Forest Creek) heard of the new discovery. Alluvial gold was found in the area of its first discovery (present day Golden Square) and then the miners followed the gold down the creek to what is now Epsom and up the creek to the present suburb of Kangaroo Flat. Further discoveries were soon made in the tributary creeks at Eagle hawk and Diamond Hill. David may well have travelled to Australia to take part in the Gold Rush.



He married Esther Mary Canavan (age only 18) 27<sup>th</sup> June 1874 in St Luke's Church, White Hills. Esther Mary was the daughter of Alfred James Canavan. David was a Messenger for the Insolvent Court at the time of marriage. They had 7 Children as follows, Humphrey James Jacobs (1875), John Jacobs

<sup>15</sup> From the Bendigo Historical Society

(1877), Robert Orr Jacobs (1880) David Jacobs (1882), Catherine Jacobs (1889), David Ezra Jacobs (1895), Jas/James born (1897):

David died 27<sup>th</sup> June 1911 of senile decay and heart failure aged 79, Bendigo City Victoria Australia. He was buried in White hills Cemetery on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1911, cemetery plot 16053.

### **Jane Jacobs born 1841 died Unknown**

Jane Jacobs was born 1841 Whitechapel and lived with her parents as a Tailoress up to her marriage on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1875 to Samuel Barnett, father Moses Barnett ref (G119 6557). The address given in the GS Marriage list is 100 Middlesex Street. The Jewish Chronicles had this announcement:

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. At the Great Synagogue by the Rev. Dr Adler assisted by the Revs M Hast and S Gollance, Samuel Barnett late of Queensland, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Moses Barnett, 7A High Street Woolwich, to Jane Eldest daughter of Mr E Jacobs, Butcher 102, Middlesex St Whitechapel, Australian papers copy.

By at least 1907 Jane was in Sydney as mentioned at her sisters Rebecca's death notice. There is no trace of Samuel and Jane on English census after their marriage.

### **Phillis Jacobs born 1844 London died Hackney 1934**

Phillis Jacobs born 1844 Whitechapel was a cap maker up until the 1881 census and then she became a book keeper on the 1891 census. Once her father died in 1893 she appears to have moved in with her brother John and his wife at 67 Stoke Newington Green.

On the death of her spinster sister Rebecca she approved the will. She did not marry herself and died aged 86 (90 according to her Birth date) in Hackney 1934. Her death certificate said she died 230 high Street but her abode was 79 Park Lane Spinster, daughter of Hauser (Elisa nickname) Jacobs, Butcher deceased. The informant was an A Benjamin Cousin of 61 Woodstock Road.

### **Aaron Jacobs born 1846 London**

Aaron Jacobs was born in 1846 Whitechapel and was on the 1861 census age 14.

### **Morris Jacobs born 1849 London died 1891 London**

Morris Jacobs was born in 1849 Whitechapel. In the 1871 census he was recorded as being a Butcher's clerk. He married Sophia Lazarus aged on marriage index 22, 5<sup>th</sup> May 1874 at the Great Synagogue, Ref (G 119 6412). Sophia's father was recorded as George Hayter dec. but her Hebrew name

suggest Abraham, it was queried on the translation. Both Morris and Sophia had 28 St Peters Street as their address at time of marriage.

Morris may have died 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 1891, his wife Sophia (widower) is living at 41 Crispin Street with her daughter Annie (real name Nancy) 16, teacher and her grandmother Sophia Lazarus, living on her own means.

By 1901 Nancy (Annie) is married to Samuel Berkovitch and her mother Sophia is living with them. Nancy married Samuel at the Hammersmith Synagogue on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1896 by Rev Michael Adler. Samuel was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs S Berkovitch of 8 Lena Gardens West Kensington Park, the Jewish Chronicles also mentions as well as her mother and late father Morris, her uncle John Jacobs of 67 Stoke Newington Green. On the 1901 census Samuel is down as a Cigarette Manufacturer employer and they have one daughter Dorothy Berkovitch. There were 2 other Berkovitch's born in Fulham, Leonard Solomon 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1902 and Joseph 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1907. Prove is needed as could be brothers.

Samuel's parents were Solomon and Rebecca Berkovitch and Solomon owned the Cigarette Manufacturer at 39 Glass-House Street off Regent Street. Solomon died in 1898 and Samuel was still employer their in 1915 according to post office book and his change of name in 1917. Samuel sometimes known as Simon Berkovitch changed his name by deed pool to Samuel Berkley

### **Rebecca Jacobs born 1850 London died 1907 London**

Rebecca Jacobs born 1850, Whitechapel lived with her parents at 8 Bell Lane until her fathers death in 1893. She was a Tailoress until the 1891 census where she was described as a Bookkeeper CC. She died on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1907 after a long and painful illness<sup>16</sup>. She left £407 16s and 7d of property in her will.

### **John Jacobs born 1854 London died 1917 London**

John Jacobs was born in 1854, Whitechapel, he was living with his parents at Bell Lane as a Butcher until his marriage to Jane Collins on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1883, who was 10 years older than him. By 1891 he was living at 67 Stoke Newington Green and on the 1891 census and 1901 census he was described as a Butcher, both Rebecca and Phillis were living with their brother after 1901. Neither Rebecca or Phillis appear to be on the 1901 census and certainly not at their brothers. Jane Jacobs (nee Collins) died 20<sup>th</sup> October 1918, 20 Broughton Road Hackney. John and Jane had no children.

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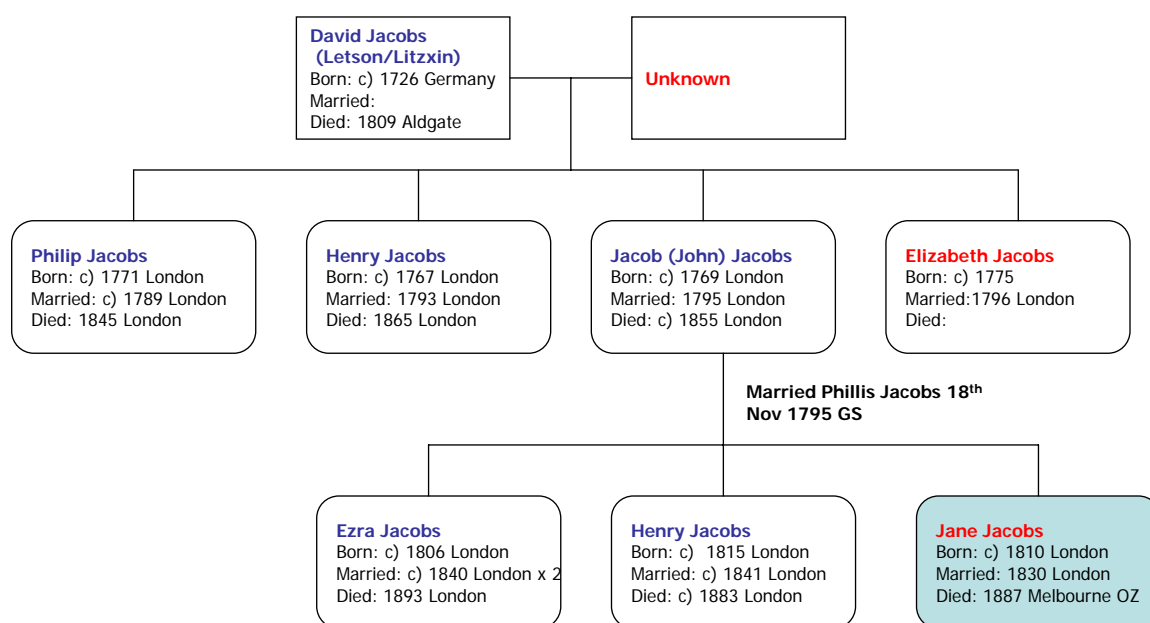
<sup>16</sup> Death Notice in Jewish Chronicles placed by John and Phillis Jacobs and Jane Barnett

## CHAPTER 4

### Jane daughter of Jacob Jacobs and descendants

#### Background

Jane Jacobs was the daughter of Jacob Jacobs, also known as John Jacobs (Butcher 102 Petticoat Lane/102 Middlesex street) and Granddaughter of David Jacobs (Letson/Litzin). Jane was born in Middlesex around 1810.



Jane married Lewis Pesman on 15 June 1830 Ref. (G115 1830). Lewis was the son of John Pesman and Esther Capua. Lewis added Capua as his surname after the death of his Grandfather Mordecai in 1840. Lewis Pesman Capua then appeared to take over his grandfather's business Orange Merchant at 3 St James Place/Duke's Place Aldgate. Lewis was in the debtors prison in 1851, White Crop Street, Cripple gate, note the address on notice not his previous address.

#### London Gazette 30<sup>th</sup> July 1850

Saturday the 27th day of July 1850.  
ORDERS have been made, vesting in the Provisional Assignee the Estates and Effects of the following Persons:  
On their own Petitions.  
**Lewis Pesman Capua**, late of No. 62, Dudley-street, Bloomsbury, Middlesex, Assistant to a Victualler.—In the Debtors' Prison for London and Middlesex

The interesting thing was that when his Grandfather Mordecai died in 1840 he was left approx £6,000 about **£394,000** in today's money and when his



Grandmother, Hannah Capua from his grandfather 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage died also in 1840, he was left the property in St James Place and all her remaining estate<sup>17</sup>. So where did all his money go! See note below on Jane leaving pre-1850 to start a new life in Australia.

Three of his children, Amelia, Mark and Esther were at 35 Duke Street, Aldgate, John the fourth son was not on the census that I can see. In the 1871 census Lewis was living with his daughter Esther and son in law Isaiah in Islington.

Lewis Pesman Capua died at Seymour Place, Edgware Rd and was buried on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1873 aged 66 in Balls Pond Cemetery.

#### Jane Pesman Capua – after 1841 census

Jane Pesman Capua remarried on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1874 in the County of Bourke, Melbourne, only 5 months after her husband died. The dates lead me to believe she was in Australia before her husband died, allowing for the burial, the grieving, the journey times to Australia, she found a new husband very quickly. Her death certificate confirmed this; her death certificate says she had been in South Australia 3 years and 35 years in Victoria, If that means 38 years in total and she died in 1887 she left for Australia in 1849. Can not find an assisted on non assisted travel into Australia or who she went with.

Her husband Daniel Dias was a bachelor aged 50. The interesting twist was that Daniel Dias father, John Dias was a Butcher (mother Rachel Pass) the same as Jane's father, and lived at 11 Duke Street on the 1841 census, a stones throw from Jane's and Lewis' house. I am unable to find Daniel Dias on the 1851 census but his death certificate in 1886 said he had been in Australia 30 years which would have meant him arriving in 1856.

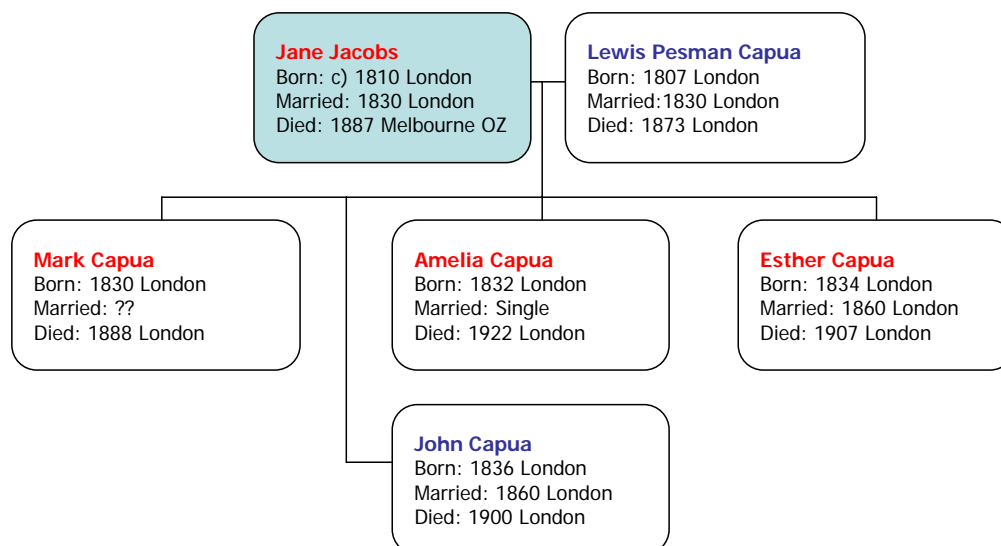
Jane knocked off about 12 years off her age on her wedding certificate but her death certificate had the correct age on it. On Daniels death certificate he said he had been married to Jane since he was 35 which would have been 25 years but he was only married 12. Daniel was a letter sorter at the time of his marriage and his death, both resident at Little Latrobe Street Melbourne at time of Marriage.

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<sup>17</sup> Eileen Bird, copy of both wills

## Jane and Lewis's Descendants

Jane and Lewis had 4 Children as shown below:



### Mark Capua born 1830 London died 1888 London

Mark was on the 1851 census as head of family with Esther and Amelia. He was age 21 and a Clerk. By approx 1854 he left to live in Australia. He married Abigail Solomon in approx 1868, Australia and they had no children<sup>18</sup>.

This is a snippet from a book called *The Jews in Victoria in the Nineteenth Century*. Mark Capua was obviously part of the Synagogue committee or such like.

which Mark Capua led in the Synagogue, and it was the latter who had to inform the Committee a week before the Consecration that all the choir except himself wanted payment for their services. The Committee had no alternative but to obey, and on the 17th September, 1865, Rintel, with the assistance of Phillip Phillips, D. Sussman and M. Capua, re-consecrated

In 1876 he was living at Eastern Arcade in Bourke Street East Melbourne.

He died whilst visiting his brother at 22 Sussex place, Regents Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1888. He was Buried 6<sup>th</sup> June 1888, at Balls Pond cemetery and his body exhumed, Feb. 21st 1889 and shipped to Melbourne - Isidore Harris Secy. His Address in Australia was 7 Swanson Street Melbourne.

Abigail dies 12<sup>th</sup> August 1913, East Melbourne of Heart Failure age 79.

<sup>18</sup> Abigail Capua death certificate, states 20 years married to Mark Capua and no issues

### **Amelia Capua born 1832 London died 1922 London**

Amelia was born 21<sup>st</sup> April 1832 Duke Street, on the 1851 census she was recorded as a school mistress. She lived with her sister Esther and her husband Isaiah Lazarus from at least 1871 in Islington until 1901. From 1881 this was at 34 Upper Berkeley Road, at the Synagogue where her brother-in-law was a Beadle.

She died at 59 Brondesbury Villas, Kilburn and was buried on the 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 1922 at Hoop Lane Cemetery age 90.

### **Esther Capua born 1834 London died 1907 London**

Esther was born 1834 in London and married Isaiah Lazarus on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1860 at the Great Synagogue (Ref.G118 4290). They were both resident at 145 High Street Whitechapel, although not there on the 1861 census, unable to find them on the 1861 census. Isaiah father was Moses Lazarus.



In 1871 census they are at Downham Road Islington and Isaiah is a Commissioning Agent. By 1881 they were resident at 34 Upper Berkeley Street at the West London Synagogue where Isaiah was keeper or Beadle. Isaiah worked at the West London Synagogue for 31 years, he also appeared to be Superintendent for Funerals according to the Jewish Chronicles in 1896. Isaiah died on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1902 the and his obituary in the Jewish Chronicles was as follows:

#### **Mr Isaiah Lazarus Obituary 17<sup>th</sup> January 1902**

We regret to announce the death of Mr Isaiah Lazarus, Beadle of Berkley Street Synagogue, which took place on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. The deceased had been suffering from a painful malady for some years but in continued but he continued in the active performance of his duties up till two or three weeks ago. Christmas day he retired to his apartment above the synagogue, and he never left them alive. By his death the Berkeley Street Congregation lose a faithful and capable servant who had greatly endeared himself to the members by his kindly manner and the readiness in which he placed himself at the service of people in every station of life. He possessed a powerful personality and identified himself very closely with the interests of the synagogue. He was a true friend of the poor who will miss him greatly. Much sympathy was manifested by all classes of the congregation when it was learnt that his illness had assumed a dangerous form. The funeral which took place on Sunday Morning was numerously attended, the gathering included the Wardens, Treasurer, the Chairman and members of the Council and the ministers. The deceased was buried at Hendon, The Rev. Isidore Harris officiating. Mr Lazarus leaves behind him a widower, three sons and one daughter. A granddaughter preceded him a couple of months ago and he never recovered from the shock of that loss. He was in his 71sy year and had been in the service of the congregation 31 years.

Esther died on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1907, 24<sup>th</sup> Oxford Rd, Kilburn aged 73 and was buried in Hoop Lane Cemetery. Isaiah and Esther had 6 children, Moses,

Sarah, Solomon and Mark, described below and 2 children who died in infancy, Lucy and John.

Moses Lazarus was born in 1862 (could only find .....as BMD), he was living with his parent on the 1881 census at the Synagogue and was described as a Traveller. Moses married Estelle Miriam Saqui on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1886 at the West London Synagogue. Estelle's father was John Saqui deceased. Moses had described his job as a Ostrich Feather Manufacturer, he may have worked with his uncle John Pesman Capua who was a witness at his wedding together with a A Saqui.

On the 1891 census he was living in Southport, with his wife Estelle and daughter Hilda Sara (born 90 Manchester Road Southport, 6<sup>th</sup> October 1889), he was incorrectly transcribed on the original census as...What was his job? In 1901 he was a monumental mason living..... and had another daughter called Gladys, date. These were Moses' known children. Moses eldest daughter died aged 12, Cranhurst Lodge, Cranhurst Road, Willesden on 23rd November 1901 and was buried at the Hoop Lane Cemetery.

Sarah Lazarus born 1865 Islington. She married Victor Emanuel Abrahams (age 21) on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1893 at the West London Synagogue, he was an Art Dealer of 32 St James Street. His father was Abraham Abrahams, gentleman, only age 52 already living on his own means according to the 1891 census. Their son Horace Bernton Abrahams was born at 5 Cornwall Mansions Clarence Gate Marylebone, 8<sup>th</sup> September 1894.

Sarah died January 1937 and was buried Hoop Lane 26<sup>th</sup> January 1937. Her address of death was St Mary Abbots Hospital, Kensington and her home address was Morbes Road W8.

Solomon Andrade Lazarus was born 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1867, Islington. He was on the census living with his parents at the Synagogue up to 1891. He married Esther Goldberg Quarter 3 1894 Islington. He was in partnership with his brother Mark in the clothing business but broke the partnership in 1898.

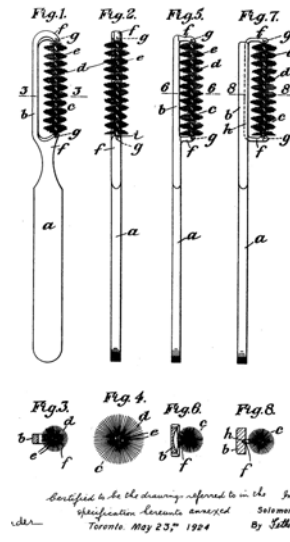
Solomon was obviously an inventor of some kind as he had 2 patents summarized below:

**Application number GB19270018093 19270707 7<sup>th</sup> January 1929**

I, SOLOMON ANDRADE LAZARUS, British subject, of Coronation House, 4, Lloyd's Avenue, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. 3, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows: This invention relates to holders for toilet rolls of paper of the kind in which one surface or side thereof is non-absorbent or waterproof, whilst the other surface or side is absorbent.

According to my invention I provide a holder, of the kind referred to with means for moistening the absorbent side of the toilet paper carried thereby.

I, SOLOMON ANDRADE LAZARUS, of Coronation House, 4, Lloyd's Avenue, in the City of London, British subject, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is - to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement: - - -



This invention relates to tooth-brushes and nail-brushes of the kind in which the bristles are secured to an axial wire or other support carried in bearings on the brush back so that when in use the said bristle member can rotate. Such a brush is described in the Specification of my former Patent No. 218,095.

The object of the present invention is to allow of securing the bristle member against rotation if required as in my concurrent Application No. 14,097/24 and to this end I construct a brush of the above described type with one or both of the bearings for the bristle member movably connected with the brush back to allow of end pressure being applied to the axial support of the said member to prevent rotation of the latter when in use.

Solomon's wife Esther died in 11<sup>th</sup> February 1932 at Valkyrie Road Westcliffe on Sea.

Mark Lazarus was born 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1868 Islington on the 1891 census he was visiting his brother Moses and sister in law Estelle in Southport.....job. The notice in the London Gazette below shows the break-up between Solomon Andrade Lazarus his brother and himself and Carlotta Myra Maybury in 1898

### London Gazette

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, Solomon Andrade Lazarus, Mark Lazarus, and Carlotta Myra Maybury, carrying on the .business of Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers, at 32 Middlesex-street. Aldgate, in the county of London, under the style or firm of Edward Osborne and Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 24th day of November, 1898. All debts due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid by the said Mark Lazarus and Carlotta Myra Maybury.—Dated this 24th day of November, 1898. S. A. LAZARUS.  
MARK LAZARUS.  
O. M. MAYBURY.

## **John Capua born 1836 London died 1900 London**

John was missing off the census in 1851, and doesn't appear back on the census until 1881. He marries Sarah Andrade on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1860 in London and they do not have any children. In the 1881 census he is living at 22 Sussex place, St Marylebone and is an Ostrich Feather Manufacturer.

There are numerous adverts in the Jewish Chronicles for Ostrich Curlers and Apprentices, one in March 1888 states:

Ostrich Feathers – Best Curlers (Indoor and Outdoor) also Apprentices S Andrade & Capua 39 Redcross Street Cripplegate EC

His wife Sarah Andrade died on 27 January 1893. John then dies on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1900 at the time of hers and his death he lives at Granville House, Granville-place, Portman-square<sup>19</sup>

### **London Gazette January 1901**

JOHN PESMAN CAPUA, Deceased.  
Pursuant to the Statute, 22nd and 23rd Victoria, chapter 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees."  
NOTICE is hereby given, that all creditors and other persons having any debts, claims, or demands against the estate of John Pesman Capua, late of **Granville House, Granville-place, Portman-square, in the county of Midd esex**, and of 39, Redcross-street, in the city of London, Ostrich Feather Merchant (who died on the 30th day of November, 1900, and whose will with two codicils thereto was proved by Lawrence Alfred Isaacs and Moses Hyman Isaacs, the executors therein named in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the 29th day of December, 1900), are hereby required to send particulars, in writing, of their debts, claims, or demands to us, the undersigned, as Solicitors to the said executors, on or before the first day of February, 1901; and notice is hereby given, that at the expiration of that time the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said testator among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts, claims, and demands of which they shall then have had notice; and that they will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose debt, claim, or demand they shall not then have had notice.—Dated this 31st day of December, 1900.  
H. S. HARRIS and CO., 63, Coleman-street, E. G.,  
Solicitors to the said Executors

In February 1901 John's particulars were sold, see extract from Jewish Chronicles:

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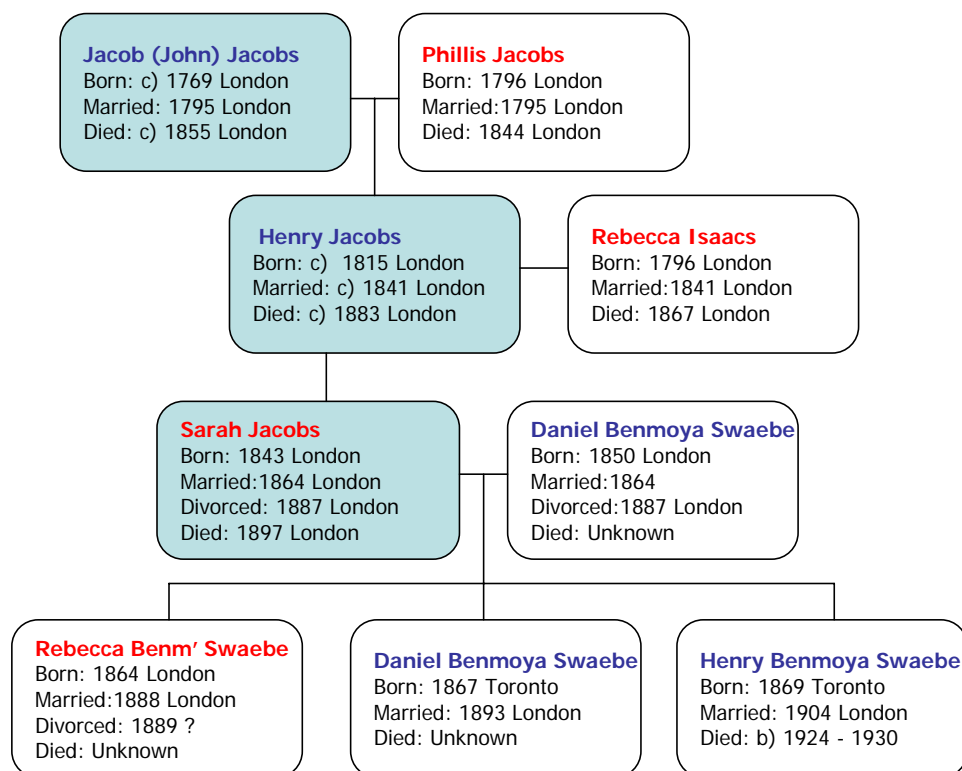
<sup>19</sup> Jewish Chronicles

**Conduit Street Auction Galleries, Plate and Jewels without reserve of the estate of the Late John Pesman Capua:**

Collection of Silver (1,100oz), inc a pair of chased silver bells for scrolls of the law, table and sideboard plate, gold watches, diamond ornaments, jewellery etc. The library, furniture, china, pictures etc. in the same estate will be sold on February 8th.

## CHAPTER 5

### Sarah Jacobs and her descendants from Husband Daniel Benmoya Swaebe



### Daniel Ben Moya Swaebe born 1850 died unknown USA

Daniel's father was Isaac Ben Moya (died in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1843 Whitechapel) his mother, Rebecca Mitchell (Jessey) first husband, his mother remarried David Swaebe a Dutch Cigar Manufacturer in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1844 City of London.

#### **London Gazette 1887 David Swaebe**

PUESUANT to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, made in an action in the matter of the estate of David Swaebe, deceased, Klingenstein and Co. against Brighten and another, 1887, S., No. 2823, the creditors of David Swaebe, late of No. 69, Bishopsgate-street Within and 201A, Bishopsgate-street Without, both in the city of London, Cigar Merchant and Tobacconist, who died on the 14th day of May, 1887, are, on or before the 7th day of September, 1887, to send by post, prepaid, to George Vandamm,

Daniel then adopted the double barrelled name which his children also had. Daniel married Sarah Jacobs at her abode 6<sup>th</sup> January 1864 with his brother Henry as witness. From the time of their marriage Daniel could not be found



on any census, the reason for this was found on the National Archive site, the Divorce. At the time of their marriage Daniel aged 20 (on marriage certificate) was a Tobacconist.

In 1868 he had been adjudged bankrupt and seemed to have left the country for America or Canada at around that time, not sure if he actually returned to England but was going under an alias in America according to his divorce hearing.

#### **London Gazette October 20<sup>th</sup> 1868**

Daniel Benmoya Swaebe (and not Daniel Benmorja Swaebe, as previously advertised), of No. 12, Albert-square, Commercial-road East, formerly of No. 16, Oxford-street, in the county of Middlesex, Cigar Dealer, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in Her Majesty's Court of Bankruptcy, in London, on the 1st day of September, 1868, a public sitting, for the said bankrupt to pass his Last Examination, and make application for his Discharge, will be held before Edward Hoiroyd, Esq., a Commissioner of the Court, on the 27th day of November next, at the said Court, at Basingball-street, in the city of London, at two o'clock in the afternoon precisely, the day last aforesaid being the day limited for the said bankrupt to surrender. Mr. Edward Watkin Edwards, of No. 22, Basinghall-street, London, is the Official Assignee, and Mr. W. G. Brighten, of No. 6, Bishopsgate-street Without, is the Solicitor acting in the bankruptcy.

Daniel and Sarah had one daughter Rebecca born 31<sup>st</sup> October 1864, they then moved to America<sup>20</sup> where their two other children, Daniel and Henry were born, 6<sup>th</sup> December 1867 (Daniel was registered in England, although on census it says Toronto) and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1869 respectively.

#### **Sarah Benmoya Swaebe (nee Jacobs)**

By 1881 Sarah had moved to 4/34 Duke Street where she was Butcher and head of the family. At the time her father was living with her, Phillis her sister, Solomon her brother and Daniel her son, no husband.

#### **Divorce 1888<sup>21</sup>**

Sarah Benmoya Swaebe first starting divorce proceedings in 1880, when she was living at 34 Duke Street. She claims that Daniel Benmoya Swaebe has deserted her for at least 2 years and committed adultery with several persons

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<sup>20</sup> According to Divorce they went to America on census Daniel and Henry described as being born in Canada

<sup>21</sup> Copy of Divorce papers downloaded from National Archives and kept on file, electronically and in paper form

in America. She also claims that he as lived and cohabited for a considerable time with a women whose name she believes to be Barry. She mentions that her and her husband travel around America.

Over a number of years various Avadavat were sworn until in July 1886 she files a supplementary petition alleging further adultery since the date of the original petition. She claims passing under the name of D S Vernon in the Gilman House, Portland, State of Oregon, 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1885 he committed adultery with a woman passing under the name of Mrs D S Vernon.

The decree was granted in 27<sup>th</sup> October 1887 after witnesses had been examined in America and the Absolute on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1888.

Sarah's Solicitors Houlder and Court place this notice in the Jewish Chronicles:

Mrs Sarah Benmoya Swaebe of 41 (formally 34) Duke Street begs to inform the creditors of the above business and also the customers that she arranged to purchase that business from the trustees, it having been settled in the year 1882 for her protection. All creditors are therefore desired to send a statement of their claims to the under signed who will give any information that may be required. The debts due in respect of the business will be paid by the trustees out of monies in their hands.

### **31<sup>st</sup> March 1890 Houlder and Court Solicitors**

Sarah was living at 140 Houndsditch as a Butcher on the 1891 with her son Henry, butcher's Assistant, she died in April 1897 aged only 54.

### **Rebecca Benmoya Swaebe**

Rebecca was born 31<sup>st</sup> October 1864 16 Oxford Street London. In the 1881 census she can be found at her Uncle Daniel Myers house at 44 Myddleton Square. She married Thomas Shore a Stock Exchange worker 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter London City 1888. She had 3 children Harold Thomas Shore born 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1890 who died 5<sup>th</sup> October 1890. Margerie Kellock Shore born 7<sup>th</sup> October 1891 and Harold Shore on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1894 who died 16<sup>th</sup> June 1894.

### **Divorce**<sup>22</sup>

In both 1895 and 1896 Rebecca attempted to Divorce Thomas Shore, using adultery, cruelty, violence, etc. He counterclaimed that she was committing adultery and that she hit him with a poker and damaged his eye, threw boiling water over him and tried to smash his head in with a hammer. Unsure the outcome of the divorce.

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<sup>22</sup> Partial Copy of Divorce papers downloaded from National Archives and kept on file, electronically and in paper form

Can find no trace of either of them on 1901 census or subsequently<sup>23</sup> but their daughter Marjorie Shore was living with her grandmother Marianne Shore in Devon.

### **Daniel Benmoya Swaebe**

**Daniel was born** 6<sup>th</sup> December 1867, either in America or Canada. He first appeared on the 1881 census age, with his mother, uncle Solomon, and Aunt Phillis at 4/34 Duke Street. He is not with his mother in 1891, I can not find him on 1891 census. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1893 Daniel Benmoya Swaebe marries Deborah Dora Abrahams. In 1881 Hyman Abrahams, Deborah's father was the publican of the King's Arms 141 Houndsditch, next door to the premises that Sarah Swaebe took over as butcher by 1891. On the 1901 Census he is living 163 Kings Street with his in laws both Daniel Swaebe and Hyman Abrahams working as Turf Commission Agents. Daniel and Deborah (normally known by the name Dora) went on to have 5 children, Gerald, Horace, Leslie, Geoffrey and Stanley.

Daniel appears to have moved from Central London to Southwark by 1907. He moves into running pubs and clubs and in 1907 was the landlord of the White Hart Walworth Road, until about 1917<sup>24</sup>. He was known under the name Dick at that point. Daniel also was a member of the Hebrew Order of Druids and was the Treasurer of the Joseph Steinhart Lodge No 2. Daniel owned other clubs in Hove including a Dance Club until the official receiver was called in as per London Gazette notice, note the date of release, 4 days after he left for America, as a retired gentleman.

### **London gazette 28<sup>th</sup> August 1923**

SWAEBE, Daniel, also trading as H. DICK, 86a, Church-road, formerly 2, New Church-road, and Gerrards Club, 114a, Western-road, all in Hove, Sussex. COMMISSION AGENT,' and also formerly Dancing Club Proprietor. Court—BRIGHTON and LEWES (at Brighton). No. of Matter—23 of 1922. Trustee's Name, Address and Description—West, Leslie Arthur, 12A, Marlborough-place, Brighton, Official Receiver. Date of Release—Aug. 22, 1923.

### **Move to America**

The Swaebes moved to America over a period of a couple of years. The tables below show first the ships passenger details and the second table is the Ellis Island entry details. Note Gerald Swaebe is on the Boston Passenger list and

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<sup>23</sup> Rebecca had been living with her Aunt and Uncle Daniel Myers for a number of years before her marriage and lived very close to them during her marriage but there is no mention of her or her child in Daniels will. I believe she may have married out of her faith.

<sup>24</sup> Phone Books on line at Ancestry.co.uk

doesn't appear to have gone through Ellis Island. On the shipping list is Gerald's daughter but no wife.

Name	Age	Occupation	Date Sail	Ship	Next of Kin	Address	Dest.
Gerald Swaebe	21	Engineer	25/01/1923	Andania	Father: Daniel Swaebe	86A Church Road Hove	Boston Mass
Daniel Swaebe	55	Retired	18/08/1923	Mauretania	Wife: Dora Swaebe	71 Permbroke Crescent Hove	Boston Mass
Leslie D Swaebe	15	Child	17/11/1923	Berengaria	Mum: Dora Swaebe	71 Permbroke Crescent Hove	Boston Mass
Deborah D Swaebe	54	Housewife	14/11/1924	Aquitania	Cousin: Mrs Levy	22 Church Road Hove	Boston Mass
Geoffrey J Swaebe	13	Child	14/11/1924	Aquitania	Cousin: Mrs Levy	22 Church Road Hove	Boston Mass
Stanley A Swaebe	11	Child	14/11/1924	Aquitania	Cousin: Mrs Levy	22 Church Road Hove	Boston Mass
Dora L Swaebe	3	Child	14/11/1924	Aquitania	Friend: Mrs Levy	22 Church Road Hove	Boston Mass

Name	Person Known USA	Address	Description	Marks
Daniel Swaebe	Brother: Henry Swaebe Uncle & Father Henry and Daniel Swaebe	218 Huntingdon Av Boston	5' 8" Fair, Brown Hair, Green Eyes	None
Leslie Swaebe	Daniel Swaebe	218 Huntingdon Av Boston	5' 8" Dark, Brown Hair, Brown Eyes	Scar under Jaw Bone
Deborah D Swaebe	Husband: Daniel Swaebe	623 Washington St Boston	5' 4" Fair, Fair Hair, Blue Eyes	None
Geoffrey J Swaebe	Father: Daniel Swaebe	623 Washington St Boston	4' 3" Dark, Dark Hair, Blue Eyes	None
Stanley A Swaebe	Father: Daniel Swaebe	623 Washington St Boston	4' 0" Fair, Fair Hair, Blue Eyes	None
Dora L Swaebe	G Father: Daniel Swaebe	623 Washington St Boston	2' 8" Fair, Fair Hair, Blue Eyes	None

### Gerald Swaebe

Gerald was born 25<sup>th</sup> August 1901, St Pancras. He married Olive L Miller in 1920 and they went on to have a daughter Dora Lillian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1921, Steyning, West Sussex. In the 1930 American Census he has remarried a Mildred Finer and is living with his father-in-law Winchester St, Brookline, Massachusetts and is a manager of a Film Company the house he was living in was owned by his father in law, Bertrum Finer and was worth in 1930 \$50,000. In 1947 Gerald was travelling back from England by air, he was then a Buyer from New Jersey. Gerald died September 1970, Milwaukee Wisconsin aged 69.

### Horace Swaebe

### Leslie Daniel Swaebe

Leslie was born 1908 Southwark, he was enlisted into the US Army in 1844. At that time he was a "Installer-Repairman, Telephone And Telegraph or Chief, Clerk or Railway Shop Dispatcher or Manager, Production or Entertainment Director" and married.

## Geoffrey Swaebe

Geoffrey Swaebe was born 23 March 1911 in Southwark he married Mary and had 1 son. Geoffrey<sup>25</sup> had a distinguished career and the later in politics becoming one of Ronald Regan's supporters. The following two notices give a summary of his career both early and in later years in politics. Geoffrey was still a active member of the Jewish Community.

### **Nomination of Geoffrey Swaebe To Be United States Representative to the European Office of the United Nations**

**October 7, 1981**

The President today announced his intention to nominate Geoffrey Swaebe, of California, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. He would succeed Gerald Bernard Helman.

Mr. Swaebe was executive officer with Florsheim Shoe Co., in Chicago, Ill., in 1936 - 38, and divisional merchandise manager with Thalhimers Department Store in Richmond, Va., in 1938 - 48. He was general merchandise manager with Pizitz Department Store in Birmingham, Ala., in 1948 - 50; general manager, director, and vice president of the Hecht Co., in Baltimore, Md., in 1950 - 62; and chairman of the board and president of the May Department Stores of California in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1962 - 72. Since 1972 he has been self-employed as a business and management consultant in Los Angeles.

Mr. Swaebe served as commissioner of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, and as a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee. He served in the United States Army in 1942 - 46 and attended Boston University. Mr. Swaebe is married, has one son, and resides in Los Angeles, Calif. He was born March 23, 1911, in London, England.

### **Geoffrey Swaebe, 86; Former Envoy to Belgium TIMES ORBITUARY**

By ROBERT MCG. THOMAS JR.

Published: February 24, 1997

Geoffrey Swaebe, a department store executive who ran the May Company's southern California operations for 10 years and later served five years as Ambassador to Belgium under Ronald Reagan, died on Tuesday at a hospital near his home in Los Angeles. He was 86.

His son, Geoffrey Jr., said the cause was complications of pneumonia.

By the time he settled down in California in 1962, Mr. Swaebe had been a merchandizer on the move. A native of London who came to Boston with his family when he was 12, he passed up college to take a job with the Florsheim Shoe Company. With time out to serve as an Army Captain in Europe in World War II, he eventually held executive positions with Florsheim and I. Miller & Sons in Chicago, with Thalheimers Department Store in Richmond, Va., with Pizitz Department Store in Birmingham, Ala., and, from 1950 to 1962, with the Hecht Company in Baltimore.

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<sup>25</sup> Thanks to my Cousin Dave Steiner who looked Geoffrey's parentage up in the Los Angeles library in the Who's Who to make sure there wasn't two Geoffrey Swaebes.

After the May Company took over the Hecht chain, Mr. Swaebe moved to Los Angeles in 1962 as president and chairman of its regional operations, remaining with the company until 1972, when he set up his own management consulting company.

Except for a brief stint in New York in 1976 as chief executive of Abercrombie & Fitch during the store's bankruptcy proceedings, Mr. Swaebe stayed in California, becoming increasingly active in civic affairs and Republican politics.

An early supporter of Mr. Reagan's run for President, he became a key fundraiser in the 1980 campaign. The next year the new President made him the United States' representative at the United Nations in Geneva. In 1983, Mr. Swaebe was named Ambassador to Belgium, where he again faced a problem in connection with efforts to persuade Belgium not to back out of a plan to accept American nuclear missiles.

In the face of a vocal opposition to the missiles that developed in Belgium early in 1985, Mr. Swaebe helped work out a plan that satisfied the Belgian leadership's political concerns.

Under the plan, the missiles were shipped in and secured on a Belgian base within 24 hours after the Government gave its final approval, virtually assuring there would be no protracted protests between the time of the Government's decision and the deployment.

Mr. Swaebe remained as Ambassador until 1988.

In addition to his son, a Justice Department official in New York, he is survived by his wife, Mary.

### Stanley Alexander Swaebe

Stanley was born in 29<sup>th</sup> July 1913 Southwark. He was enlisted in Boston as a private in the US Army 1841 his occupation was "Addressing-Embossing Machine Operator or Clerk, General", he was single. In 1944 he was living at 8 Dwight Street, Brookline with his parents when he was naturalised. He died in 1983, Barnstable, Massachusetts aged 70 years.

### Henry Benmoya Swaebe

Henry was born 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1869 either in Canada or USA. I can not find him on the 1881 census either with his mother Sarah or with his sister Rebecca at Daniel Myers. In 1891 he is butchers assistant with his mother at her new premises Houndsditch. When his mother died in 1897 he appeared to be living with his brother Daniel at 163 Kings Road, Camden, he was also there in 1899. Henry sold his business at 12 Stoney Lane (5 doors down from where his sister was living in 1896 when she started divorce proceedings), by April 1901 high class Jewish Butcher<sup>26</sup>. Henry married Abigail Solomons 1904 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Marylebone.

Abigail is recorded in England from 1881 census with her family in Whitechapel aged 9, born America. Her two younger brothers were born in England. On the 1891 census she is with her family aged 18 at Princes Block,

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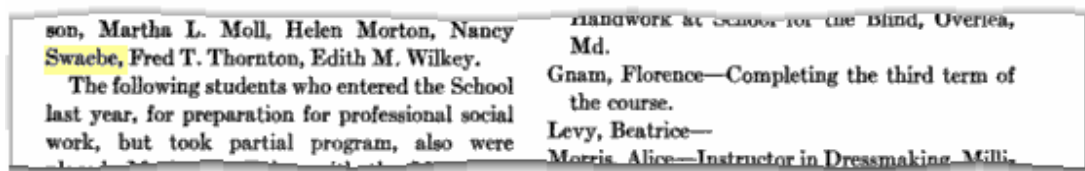
<sup>26</sup> Jewish Chronicles advert by new owner L E White

Aldgate where she is a feather curler. Abigail marries Abraham Gomes Da Costa in 1894 and had her daughter Nancy/Annie in about 1897 in South Africa. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> son born, named Henry Swaebe Jnr (on official USA Documents missing the name of Benmoya) on the 1910 USA census, England but probably her first husband son, although I can not find a English birth for him or the relevant death for Abraham Gomes Da Costa. Interestingly she was married 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to Henry Benmoya Swaebe Snr and according to Daniel Benmoya Swaebe death index he was born on 8th November 1904 in Massachusetts.

### Move to America

Henry Snr moved to USA in late 1904 after his marriage to Abigail, he was on the 1910 Census with wife Abigail in Boston Ward 19, Suffolk Massachusetts as waiter in a club with Annie Swaebe (Nancy Da Costa Swaebe), Henry Swaebe, Daniel B Swaebe and Sarah B Swaebe. On the census with Henry and his wife was Annie and Aaron Solomons his in-laws. On the USA 1920 census Henry is still in Boston as a waiter, his father in law appears to have died and he has had another daughter Sadie. His mother in law is still living with them. On 5<sup>th</sup> May 1924 in Massachusetts Henry Benmoya Swaebe signs his Oath of Allegiance, his home country is down as Canada. Henry dies between 1924 and 1930.

Annie (Nancy) Da Costa Swaebe was born in about 1897 South Africa. In the 1920 census she was a stenographer in a department store in Boston. She graduated from Simmons College (Simmons College review 1921 – 1922) as shown in the snippet below:



In June 1926 she married Barnett Larz Newton, as per Jewish Chronicles notice:

### **Mr B Larz Newton and Miss Swaebe**

The marriage of Mr B Larz Newton of Worcester, Massachusetts to Miss Nancy De Costa Swaebe, formerly of London, will be solemnised on Sunday next in Boston. Rabbi Harry Levi of the reform temple will officiate. Miss Swaebe received her early Education in England and was graduated from Simmons college USA. Mr Newton who is a prominent Barrister was born in Leeds and was educated in Harvard University. He was a member if the American Bar delegation that visited London 2 years ago. He was one of the organisers of the inter collegiate Zionist Association in America. Miss Swaebe is a talented artist and musician. She will be attended by her sisters Rachel and Benmoya and Mr Wilfred B Felga Barrister and prominent in B'nai British circles will be best man.

Barnett Larz Newton was born 15 October 1895 Leeds as Barnett Cohen, on the 1901 census he as Barnett Cohen lived with his parents Abraham (shoe maker) and Fannie Cohen, in Leeds. He came to Massachusetts with his parents in 1907. On the 1920 USA census Barnett is living in Chelsea Ward 1, Suffolk Massachusetts with his parents Abraham and Fannie Cohen, who originated from Russia and spoke Yiddish as their first language, they emigrated to USA in 1907. On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1918 Barnett signed his Oath of Allegiance<sup>27</sup> as Barnett Larz Newton not Cohen and then appears professionally to drop Barnett and uses his initial B in place of his first name. He was drafted into the World War 1 and also World War 2.

In the 1930 USA census, Nancy and B Larz Newton were living in Worcester Massachusetts with their daughter Gail F Newton aged 3. The family lived at 44 Monadnoch Rd, Worcester Massachusetts at the time of his call up in 1942.

B Larz Newton was an active member of the community and .....many books still to be bought today, e.g. He died 18<sup>th</sup> December 1981 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 86.

Henry Swaebe was born 25<sup>th</sup> July 1903 in England. It appears he was Henry Benmoya Swaebe adopted son. He travelled to USA age 1 and settled in Massachusetts with his parents and family. He swore his Oath of Allegiance 29<sup>th</sup> August 1929. In 1930 he was on the USA census age 26, living with his mother and sister Benmoya, occupation Dentist. See snippet from the Tufts Dental Club on New York.

<i>Vice President</i>	Dr. Leon Lieber (1929)
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Henry Swaebe (1929)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr. Robert M. Bailey III (1941)
<i>Editor</i>	Dr. Charles F. McKivergan (1937)
<i>Executive</i>	Dr. Thomas J. Ford (December 1943)
<i>Committee</i>	Dr. Robert T. Whittaker (1937)

He married a Pauline Connors and had 2 children. Henry died in 1980 in Massachusetts aged 77 and his wife Pauline died in 2006 age 96, her obituary is below:

Mrs. Swaebe was a late member and past president of the Belmont Garden Club, past president of the Women's Alliance of The First Church in Belmont, past president of Ikebana International Boston Chapter No. 17, committee member of Girl Scouts of Belmont, past president of the Girl Scouts Leaders Association, and a member of the Belmont Civil Defence.

She is survived by a son, a daughter and six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Daniel Benmoya Swaebe was born in Boston Massachusetts according to his death index on 8th November 1904 and died on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1957, Los Angeles.

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<sup>27</sup> All Oath of Allegiances found at website Footnote



Rachel Benmoya Swaebe was born in Boston Massachusetts in 1905, she attended her sister at her wedding in 1926 together with her sister Benmoya.

Sadie (Benmoya) Swaebe was born in Boston Massachusetts in 1910, Benmoya (appears to be her first name) was on the 1930 census with her mother and brother Henry in Boston, mother was widowed.