Our Davis Family Tree and History

Family Iree

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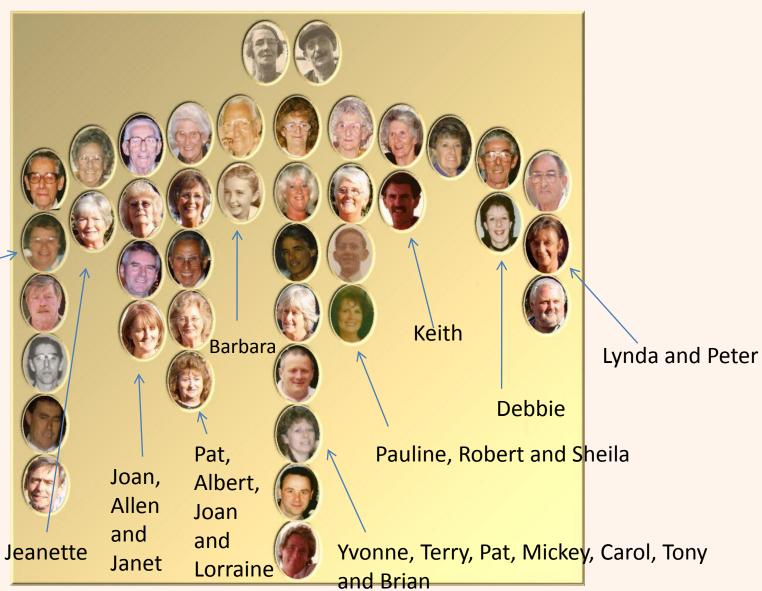
Top Row: Our Nan and Grandad - Levy Davis born 1888 in Newington and Hannah Clark born 1889 in Dulwich Second Row: Our Davis parents in order of age, left to right —

Freddie (Levy), Florrie (Florance), Ernie (Ernest), Alice, John, Milly (Amelia), Hannah, Leah, Eileen, Georgie (George) and Charlie (Charles) Davis

Underneath going down are the children of each and we are 'the cousins.'

Their children are down and in age from top to bottom. All names are as I know them and might not be what is on their birth certificates!

Hetty,
Ronnie,
Freddie boy,
John and
David.



Introduction

I was born Lynda Diana Davis on May 11th 1960 in St-Alfeges Hospital, Greenwich, London SE10 and this is our ancestry up to our Davis parent. There are 28 first cousins within the Davis family since the generation of the people in the first picture. This tree goes back to circa 1770 until our parents married and moved away from The Elephant & Castle area of Newington.

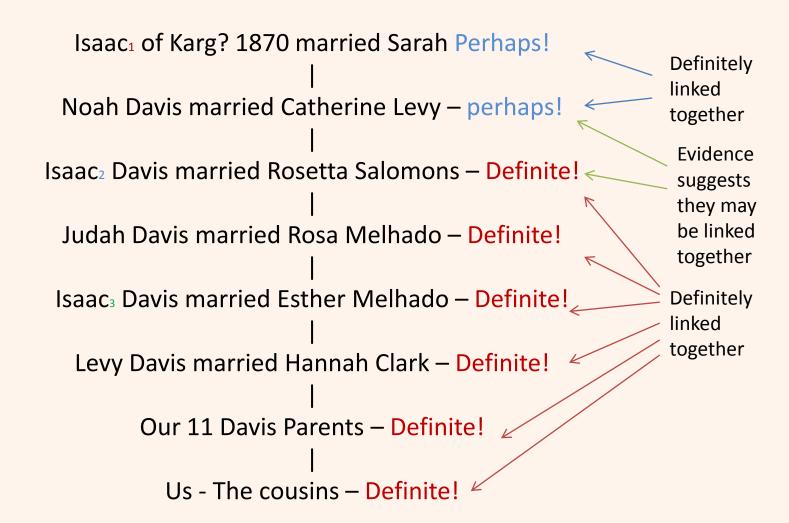
Since then most of the cousins and our parents have spread out across the surrounding areas into various parts of England and others to Australia, Canada, Spain and Italy. From the Elephant & Castle onwards each of our personal ancestry trees branch further to give at least two more generations to include our children and Grandchildren. There might even be a Great-Grandchild by now. so its up to you to add yours from here. ©

- The details and documents here have been put together to form the Davis/Melhado ancestry in England only and includes the most up-to-date information and data as of January 2011, including two more possible generations that contradictory records do seem to link with our definite family. It might not tally with previous information on the Davis website written whilst my research was still ongoing. The Melhado tree is so big and links in a totally different direction. Elias Melhado and his wife Leah Mendes are included. Their tree actually dates back to Torino, Piedmont, Italy 1720 and joined by the Mendes family back to Istanbul, Turkey in 1692. The name 'Melhado' developed in Portugal before moving out after the inquisition. All Melhados are of the Sephardic Jewish tradition and all are related even though some don't link for hundreds of years back. The Ashkanazi Davis family are very different in culture.
- All details here have been checked, double checked, backwards, forwards and sideways to siblings, and include documents and hints of information collected during my researcher. It is the truest and most accurate account so far.
- We have Isaac₁, born around 1770 married to Sarah Isaac₂, born 1811 married to Rosetta Solomons Isaac₃ born 1856 married to Esther Melhado and several other Isaacs in the family who are cousins. I have only numbered our 3 direct ancestors to save confusion.

The biggest problem have been variants in spelling and transcribers of actual documents as you will see as you read through this tree. I am starting at the beginning with the first to arrive in England.

Our Direct Davis Parent Ancestors at a glance

You might want to print this before reading the rest of the document so you don't get confused!



The earliest documented Davis found so far

Recent information added on 1st August 2010 at <u>www.cemeteryscribes.com</u> shows Isaac₂, his brothers and a sister, parents and Grandfather – Isaac₁. I found it after I searched one last time before putting this document together!

Copied from their web site:

Title www.synagoguescribes.com

Short Title SynagogueScribes.com

Source ID S66

Text A new one-stop gateway to Anglo-Jewish community records: Synagogue Scribes offers a unique and fully searchable database of London Ashkenazi Synagogue records, with the emphasis on pre UK civil registration, which began on 1st July 1837.

Other useful information included on this site was that records were kept but without useful data before the 1841 census. Ages are often 5 years out because in 1841 if you were over 15 years old because the age was rounded up or down. If you were 42 you become 40 etc. This makes a lot of sense as you will see......

From here I am going forwards from Isaac₁ and including all of my thoughts, evidence and documentation along side everything else I think is associated to any of our possible two new family branch connections for future use.

Circa 1770 Isaac₁

Isaac from Karg? Davis₁

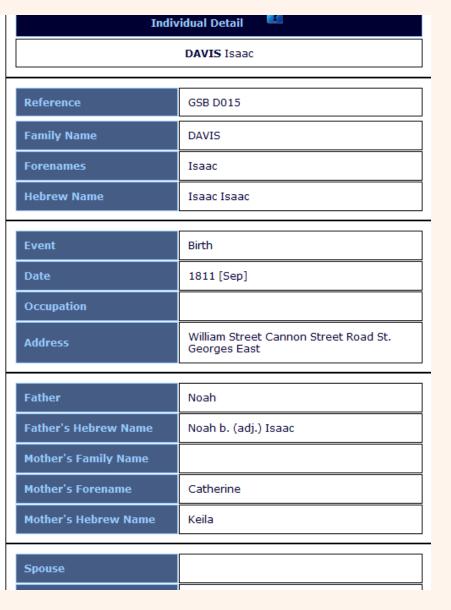
This name was attached to a document of his Grandson Isaac₂ and named his son as Noah born in 1791. That would make Isaac₁ born roughly around 1770 give or take a year or two.

Noah is called Noach on his wife's gravestone but that could be a transcription error. The 1841 census states he was born in Middlesex but the 1851 census states Noah as born in Prussia.

Aunty Florrie told me their name was NOT Davis until they arrived in England so I knew I had to find a grave for the original name. I now know Ashkenazi Jews didn't use surnames and were known as bat — meaning 'son of' - as part of their Hebrew name. Davis was probably added to the name rather than changed from something else because they were forced by law to have names in England!

This Isaac is the first of our line to arrive in England and is more likely to be the Son of David. Often names were linked to their Fathers or Grandfathers name, perhaps he said son of Davids and the 'd' was left out when written because of his accent?

I found this in The Great Synagogue records. This document actually states their Hebrew names as Isaac Isaac, son of Noah Isaac and Keila. I cannot find any other birth record for Isaac² Davis. All these years I've been searching for their Hebrew name, expecting it to be something exotic or unpronounceable and it was the same as the first name!



Our Isaac2 is definitely the only Isaac born in Middlesex between 1810-1817 that I can find associated with The Great Synagogue where he was married in 1835. People tended to stay with the same Synagogues/Churches and definitely in the same religion. All documents found in other London Synagogues were combined as they closed one by one. I searched these years because he states his age different on census documents that show he was born either in 1811 or 1816.

Here it states his fathers Hebrew name as Noah b Isaac.

Note: The marriage certificate in 1835 of Isaac² and Rosetta states the father as Yudah as the Hebrew name but we don't know his English name on that one. This could also be a transcription or translation era, which seems to be very common because of wear and tear on documents and tombstones.

I also found this 1797 marriage record for another Isaac Isaac Davis showing his Fathers Hebrew name as Kalman Becker he married a woman who couldn't speak English so we don't really know if this could be Sarah, wife of Isaac1 as seen on the 1841 census. This family might be the parents of Isaac2. Either way one of these families is correct and they could all be related. Proof might come later when arrival records can be found for both families.

Individual Detail		
	DAVIS Isaac	
Reference	GSM 036/6	
Family Name	DAVIS	
Forenames	Isaac	
Hebrew Name	Isaac	
Event	Marriage	
Date	1797	
Occupation		
Address		
Father		
Father's Hebrew Name	Kalman Becker	
Mother's Family Name		
Mother's Forename		
Mother's Hebrew Name		
Spouse	[No English]	
Notes		

Individual Detail			
	NR		
Reference	GSM 036/6		
Family Name	NR		
Forenames			
Hebrew Name	??		
Event	Marriaga		
	Marriage		
Date	1797		
Occupation			
Address			
Father			
Father's Hebrew Name	Yozefa (Joseph) Haarschneider or barber		
Mother's Family Name			
Mother's Forename			
Mother's Hebrew Name			
Spouse	DAVIS Isaac		
Notes			

This is our Isaac² when he married Rose Soloman in 1835 so the previous one, related to the same family in Synagogue records, must be his Grandad who married Sarah or an uncle, unless Noah had a brother also called Isaac Isaac, which is definitely a possibility as you will soon see.

Our Isaac₂ has a Hebrew name too – Isaac Isaac Eizak – His Father who we know as Noah now has the Hebrew name of Yehuda. So confusing!

Rose has a Hebrew name, Bluma, her future Grandaughter has the same name too and later she calls herself Rosetta, then changes to Rosa. She also changes her age frequently on different census documents but at the same address for the exact same family!

Oh and her Grandaughters parents will be their son Judah and daughter-in-law Rosa!

DAVIS Isaac			
Reference	GSM 303/23		
Family Name	DAVIS		
Forenames	Isaac		
Hebrew Name	Isaac Eizak		
Event	Marriage		
Date	1835 [3 Mar]		
Occupation			
Address			
Father			
Father's Hebrew Name	Yehuda		
Mother's Family Name			
Mother's Forename			
Mother's Hebrew Name			
Spouse	SOLOMON Rose		
Notes			

SOLOMON Rose		
Reference	GSM 303/23	
Family Name	SOLOMON	
Forenames	Rose	
Hebrew Name	Bluma	
Event	Marriage	
Date	1835 [3 Mar]	
Occupation		
Address		
Father		
Father's Hebrew Name	Moshe Isaac	
Mother's Family Name		
Mother's Forename		
Mother's Hebrew Name		
Spouse	DAVIS Isaac	
Notes		

From the Susser Archives Inscriptions in the Alderney Road, London E1 Cemetery 1697 - 1853

CA11 Here lies an upright and proper man, the noble ... Isaac Isaac [Eizak] ben Shneour [?ZL or ?LEVI] died at the outgoing of the Sabbath 9 Adar 5532 [= 13 February 1772] and was buried on Sunday.

INTRODUCTION

There is a little known cemetery near to London's Stepney Green Underground Station. It is the first Ashkenasi burial ground in England after the Resettlement in 1656.

The first Jews to live openly and freely in England qua Jews after the Expulsion in 1290 were mostly Sephardim, Jews emanating from Spain and Portugal. They had lived in London as crypto Jews, Marranos, from about 1630, but when war broke out between England and Spain in 1656 Antonio Rodrigues Robles successfully petitioned the Courts that as a Jew, although of Spanish birth, he was not to be regarded as an enemy alien. Once Robles was allowed to remain in England it was not long before his co-religionists 'came out of the closet'. They formed a Jewish community, worshipping and conducting itself according to the Sephardi rite. Full article and records are here: http://www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/susser/alderneyroad.htm

Judah Davis and Leah Mendosa 1808. They are not direct family but could be related. Perhaps Judah is Isaac2s brother or cousin? Both of these surnames are definitely linked to us through a Melhado family tree I found but I can't remember which family it was – I wonder why! The tree did have accurate information that linked to us though!

Individual Detail		In	dividual Detail
DAVIS Judah		MENDOSA Leah	
Reference	GSM 112/07	Reference	GSM 112/07
Family Name	DAVIS	Family Name	MENDOSA
Forenames	Judah	Forenames	Leah
Hebrew Name	Yehuda	Hebrew Name	Leah
Event	Marriage	Event	Marriage
Date	1808 [5 Jan]	Date	1808 [5 Jan]
Occupation	1505 [3 341]	Occupation	
Address		Address	
Father		Father	
Father's Hebrew Name	Isaac Lemplek	Father's Hebrew Name	Isaac Sephardi
Mother's Family Name		Mother's Family Name	
Mother's Forename		Mother's Forename	
Mother's Hebrew Name		Mother's Hebrew Name	
Spouse	MENDOSA Leah	Spouse	DAVIS Judah
Notes		Notes	

8th Aug 1855 Marriage of Judah Davis and Rosa Melhado

Father: Isaac2 and another way to spell Yudah

Individual Detail		
DAVIS Uder		
Reference	GSM2 184/56	
Family Name	DAVIS	
Forenames	Uder	
Hebrew Name	Yehuda	
Event	Marriage	
Date	1855 [8 Aug]	
Occupation		
Address		
Father		
Father's Hebrew Name	Isaac	
Mother's Family Name		
Mother's Forename		
Mother's Hebrew Name		
Spouse	MELHADO Rosa	
Notes		

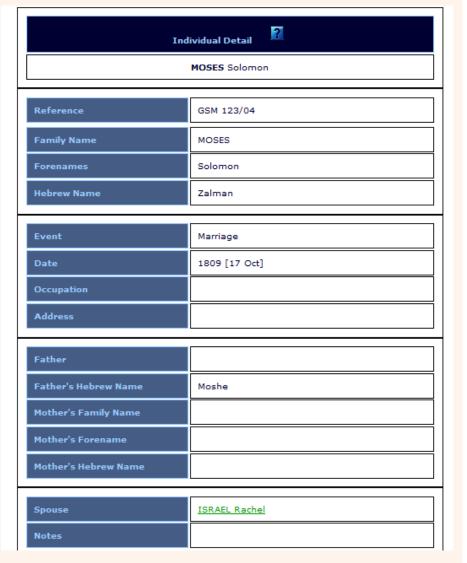
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Individual Detail		
	MELHADO Rosa	
Reference	GSM2 184/56	
Family Name	MELHADO	
Forenames	Rosa	
Hebrew Name	Merel	
Event	Marriage	
Date	1855 [8 Aug]	
Occupation		
Address		
Father		
Father's Hebrew Name	Jonah Melede	
Mother's Family Name		
Mother's Forename		
Mother's Hebrew Name		
Spouse	DAVIS Uder	
Notes		

Marriage of Moses Isaac Solomon to Phebe Levy 22nd August 1792 Parents of Rosetta Solomon

Individual Detail			
so	SOLOMON Moses Isaac		
Reference GSM 007/6			
Family Name	SOLOMON		
Forenames	Moses Isaac		
Hebrew Name	Isaac		
Event	Marriage		
Date	1792 [22 Aug]		
Occupation			
Address			
Father			
Father's Hebrew Name	Jacob Milk-man		
Mother's Family Name			
Mother's Forename			
Mother's Hebrew Name			
Spouse	LEVY Phebe		
Notes			

Individual Detail		
	LEVY Phebe	
Reference	GSM 007/6	
Family Name	LEVY	
Forenames	Phebe	
Hebrew Name	Fradel	
Event	Marriage	
Date	1792 [22 Aug]	
Occupation		
Address		
Father		
Father's Hebrew Name	David Salisbury	
Mother's Family Name		
Mother's Forename		
Mother's Hebrew Name		
Spouse	SOLOMON Moses Isaac	
Notes		

Two more marriages. Perhaps Rosettas relatives?



Individual Detail			
	SOLOMON Moses		
Reference NSM2 135			
Family Name	SOLOMON		
Forenames	Moses		
Hebrew Name			
Event	Marriage		
Date	1841 [Mar 11]		
Occupation	stationer		
Address	19 Middlesex Street Aldgate		
Father	z.		
Father's Hebrew Name			
Mother's Family Name			
Mother's Forename			
Mother's Hebrew Name			
Spouse	ABRAHAMS Leah		
Notes	Bride a minor. Married at groom's address		

History and some interesting facts

Searching for Isaac₁s hometown Karg?

When I typed in Karg... on the ancestry web site I got the list on the right. There is definitely a fifth letter because a question mark symbolised a letter that couldn't be read properly. That rules out Karg. I don't know if there is only one more letter or several....

Anyway, Aunty Florrie adamantly said the Davis family was from Russia. It appears she could be right as there are 3 places in Russia starting with Karg... and none in Poland, Germany, Denmark or Holland, which are all possible routes.

It appears he was probably born in one of these places if this family story is proven true:

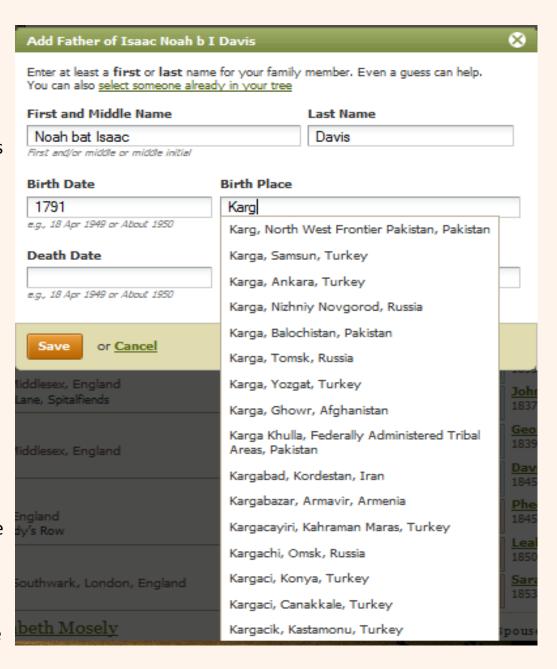
- Karga, Nizhnity, Novgorod, Russia
- Karga, Tomsk, Russia
- Kargachi, Omsk, Russia

All family stories I knew of needed to be checked. Three stories have been passed down to me.

- The Davis family were from Russia (Florrie

 the second eldest and the oldest girl in
 the family.)
- The Davis family were from Poland (Freddie – the oldest boy in the family)
- The Davis family were from Holland (Alice

 the 4th child, second eldest girl)



But type Karg into google maps...



Karg... brings up towns in India, Germany, Poland, Russia and a road in Australia! Was Isaac from one of these places?

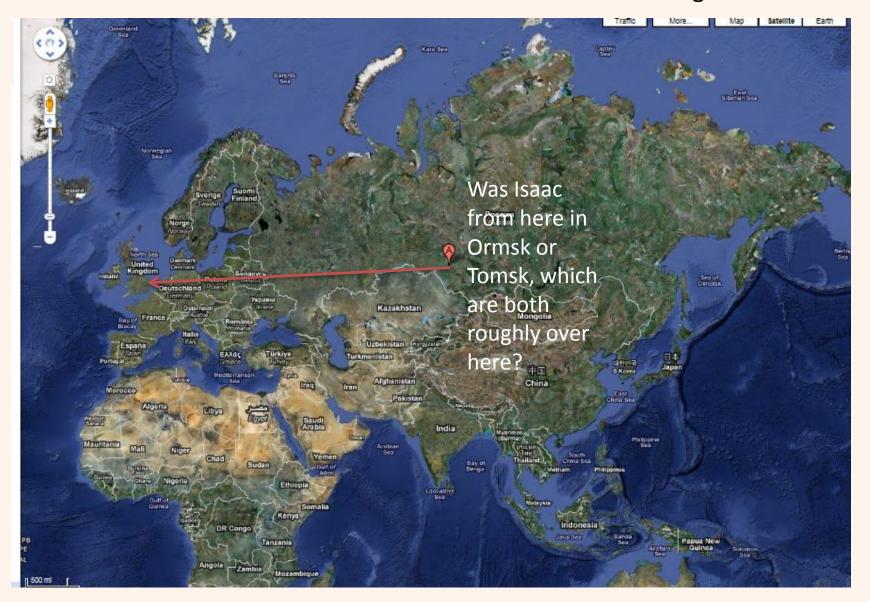
A search of Prussia brought these town to my attention.

GOV - the genealogical gazeteer

number of search results

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	Superordinate objects	Postal code	GOV id \$
Anton-Karg-Haus	Gebäude	Kufstein-Kaisertal, Kufstein, Kufstein, Kufstein, Tirol, Österreich	A-6330	ANTAUSJN67DN
<u>Karqe</u>	Kirchenkreis	Grenzmark Posen-Westpreußen, Evangelische Kirche der altpreußischen Union		object_164685
Karge	Gutsbezirk	Bomst, Posen, Wartheland		object_330929
Karge, Kargowa Wieś	Ort	Züllichau-Schwiebus, Neumark, Polen	51142	KARRGEJ072WB
Karge-Unruhstadt	parish	Karge, Grenzmark Posen-Westpreußen, Evangelische Kirche der altpreußischen Union		object_164759
Karge-Unruhstadt	church	Karge-Unruhstadt, Karge, Grenzmark Posen-Westpreußen, Evangelische Kirche der altpreußischen Union		object_164760
Kargen	hamlet	Sigmarszell, Sigmarszell, Lindau (Bodensee), Schwaben, Bayern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	88138	KARGEN_W8995
Kargen	hamlet	Kempten (Allgäu), Schwaben, Bayern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	W8960	KARGEN_W8960
Karql vorm Wald	solitude	Passau, Niederbayern, Bayern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	94094	KARALD_W8399
Karqlhof	Ort	Regen, Niederbayern, Bayern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	94262	KARHOF_W8371
Karqlöd	solitude	Aldersbach, Passau, Niederbayern, Bayern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	94501	KARLOD_W8359
<u>Karqow</u>	municipality Ortsteil	Federow, Waren, Evangelisch-Lutherische Landeskirche Mecklenburgs, Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland	17192	KARGO1JO63JM
Kargow	municipality	Seenlandschaft Waren, Müritz, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	17192	KARGOWJ063JM
Kargow-Unterdorf	Ortsteil	Kargow, Seenlandschaft Waren, Müritz, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	17192	KARORFJ063JL
Kargowa Górna, Oberdorf	Ortsteil	Unruhstadt, Züllichau-Schwiebus, Neumark, Polen	51142	OBEORFJ072WB
Kargowa, Unruhstadt	Ort	Züllichau-Schwiebus, Neumark, Polen	51142	UNRADTJ072WB
Karqsinn	solitude	Oberneukirchen, Mühldorf am Inn, Oberbayern, Bayern, Bundesrepublik Deutschland	84565	KARINN_W8261
Neudorf, Zamieście, Neudorf Karqe	Ortsteil	Karge, Züllichau-Schwiebus, Neumark, Polen	63346	NEUORFJ072WB
Niederdorf, Kargowa Dolna	Ortsteil	Unruhstadt, Züllichau-Schwiebus, Neumark, Polen	51142	NIEORFJ072WB

Evidence – Lets assume the family story is right. Was Isaac₁ born somewhere in this part of Russia? He probably travelled through Poland and Denmark or even Holland to the UK. All stories could be right!



A possible reason to travel

 Jews had moved into Eastern Europe - from the Middle East, the Mediterranean areas and Western Europe - in mediaeval times. Most lived under Polish rule, maintaining their own strong religious customs. Between 1770 and 1795 the Kingdom of Poland underwent three partitions and, by the close of the 18th century, the majority of Jews found themselves living under Russian rule. Most lived in small towns and villages called <a href="https://shttps://

A number of immigrants from this period left their memoirs of life in the *shtetl* Word of mouth was very important for passing on their history and keeping some of their heritage. Often information gets changed especially over 120 years of passing it from generation to generation.

And so to England - 1700s England History

Jew Bill of 1753

- Main article: Jewish Naturalization Act 1753
- The Jewish Naturalization Act 1753 was an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, which received royal assent on 7 July 1753 but was repealed in 1754 due to widespread opposition to its provisions.
- During the Jacobite rising of 1745, the Jews had shown particular loyalty to the government. Their chief financier, Samson Gideon, had strengthened the stock market, and several of the younger members had volunteered in the corps raised to defend London. Possibly as a reward, Henry Pelham in 1753 brought in the Jew Bill of 1753, which allowed Jews to become naturalized by application to Parliament. It passed the Lords without much opposition, but on being brought down to the House of Commons, the Tories made a great outcry against this "abandonment of Christianity", as they called it. The Whigs, however, persisted in carrying out at least one part of their general policy of religious toleration, and the bill was passed and received the royal assent (26 Geo. II., cap. 26).

Nizhny Novgorod History

(Note: Karga no longer exists here and this is the only 1780's reference I found to the place name near the time of the birth of Isaac₁)

Known as part of the Russian heartland, Nizhny Novgorod is one of Russia's largest cities (1.5 million residents). It was founded in 1221 by the Grand Duke George II at the confluence of two great rivers (the Volga and the Oka) The city was among several other Russian cities that were spared from the Mongols. One hundred years after its founding Grand Duke Dmitry Konstantinovich ordered the construction of several stone cathedrals and churches in the city.

In the first few hundred years the city was attacked and burned by the Tatars several times, however the Nizhny Novgorod Kremlin, constructed about 500 years ago, withstood the Tatar attacks.

In the 1700s, Nizhny Novgorod was the capital of the region and became known as a centre for education, trade, medicine, and culture.

By the second half of the 19th century, Nizhny Novgorod began its industrial age becoming a manufacturing centre and excelled in the ship construction. During this time, Nizhny Novgorod produced riverboats and railroad cars. During the Soviet era, MIG fighters were produced here. The city was renamed Gorky after Soviet literature writer Aleksy Maximovich Pyeshkov's pseudonym "Maxim Gorky" and reverted back to its original name after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Currently Nizhny Novgorod is progressive and vibrant, with a highly educated work force, one of the most democratic cities in Russia.

1791 Noah bat Isaac Davis

Birth	00 Sep 1811	William Street Cannon Street Road St. Georges East [1]	
Gender	Male		
Person ID	I12410	<u>CemeteryScribes.com</u>	
Last Modified	01 Aug 2010		
Father	DAVIS Noah [Noah b Isaac from Karg (?)], b. 1791, Foreign 🔑		
Mother	LEVY Catherine [Keila b Chaim SGL], b. 1796, Middx P, d. 00 Nov 1852		
Married	28 Nov 1810	Great Synagogue A	
Census	1841 Upper Terrace, St Mary Islington A		
Family ID	F2339	Group Sheet	
Sources	[S66] SynagogueScribes.com.		

According to this record, assuming we have the right person, Isaac₂ was born in 1811, William Street, Cannon Street, St. Georges East.

He is the son of Noah (Noah b Isaac from Karg?) Davis. Born 1791, Foreign

Married 28th November 1810 at the Great Synagogue to Catherine (Keila b Chaim SGL) Levy born 1796, Middlesex.

They are on the 1841 census in Upper Terrace, St Mary, Islington

In Jewish names 'b' stands for bat, meaning 'Son of' or 'Daughter of'

Jewish names

A few surnames can be considered as Jewish with a very high probability. They are essentially **COHEN** and **LEVY** and their variants. (We have a Levy in every generation until our Grandad).

It is well known that the Cohanim were the priests and that this function was transmitted through the males. Since the Hebrew language does not use vowels, each country, each region coined its own variant of this surname. In France, one can find COHEN, CAHEN, CAEN, CAIN, but also COHN, KOHN, KAHN, KANN, KAHANE. In Russia, since the H is pronounced G, one finds KAGAN (and of course the derivative KAGANOVITCH) hence KOGAN or COGAN. In some countries, such as Alsace, COHEN became KATZ, an acronym for Kohen tsedek, "priest of justice".

LEVY or LEVI is known to be the servant of the priests, but this surname is not spread in all countries as much as for COHEN and there are countries (such as Tunisia) where this name is rare. In a recent paper in our Journal (Revue du CGJ, # 76, October 2003, p.8), the author shows that there exists a MICHEL-LEVY family, in a village of French Jura, which has been Roman catholic for many centuries. Its name probably originates from a nickname. This amusing exception should not hide the truth, LEVY is indeed a Jewish surname. In some German-speaking countries, it is sometimes written LOEWY or LÖWY, although one can wonder whether it is a variant of LOEWE (=Lion). Finally, one of the many hypotheses about the origin of the name WEIL is that it is an anagram of LEVI. Note that LEVI is sometimes replaced by SEGAL (SGL) which is a shortened version of segan levijeh = prince of levites.

When they were forced to choose a family name, as was the case in **the French Empire** in 1808, they often adopted their father's given name or sometimes their grandfather's. Hence the very numerous MOYSE, SALOMON, MAYER, LION, GOUDCHAUX, NATHAN....

In **German-speaking countries**, (*The Davis' probably are if Prussia is their origin*) the same process gives MENDELSSOHN (=son of Mendel) or JACOBSOHN. But it should not be forgotten that in Protestant countries (Germany, Great-Britain, USA...), biblical given names have been very popular. Therefore JACOB or JACOBSON and similar surnames can quite well be born by Protestants. (*Could Davis be a short form of Davids son?*)

http://www.genealoj.org/ENtexte/page15.html

Source 2

Additional names indicated either descent from the Kohanim (Jewish priestly caste) or Levites. Among the expressions that label the Kohanim, most common are Ha-Kohen and the acronym KTs (Katz), meaning priest of righteousness. Levite origin is expressed by Hebrew Ha-Levi and the acronym SGL (Segal), associate of the Levitic order. I assume Keila was Catherine's Jewish name, and according to Ashkenazi tradition, Chaim should be her Mothers name but might be her fathers name.

Levite in the Bible

- Meaning: a descendant of the tribe of Levi (Ex. 6:25; Lev. 25:32; Num. 35:2; Josh. 21:3, 41)
- This name is, however, generally used as the title of that portion of the tribe which was set apart for the subordinate offices of the sanctuary service (1 Kings 8:4; Ezra 2:70), as assistants to the priests.
- When the Israelites left Egypt, the ancient manner of worship was still observed by them, the eldest son of each house inheriting the priest's office. At Sinai the first change in this ancient practice was made. A hereditary priesthood in the family of Aaron was then instituted (Ex. 28:1). But it was not till that terrible scene in connection with the sin of the golden calf that the tribe of Levi stood apart and began to occupy a distinct position (Ex. 32). The religious primogeniture was then conferred on this tribe, which henceforth was devoted to the service of the sanctuary (Num. 3:11-13). They were selected for this purpose because of their zeal for the glory of God (Ex. 32:26), and because, as the tribe to which Moses and Aaron belonged, they would naturally stand by the lawgiver in his work.
- The Levitical order consisted of all the descendants of Levi's three sons, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari; whilst Aaron, Amram's son (Amram, son of Kohat), and his issue constituted the priestly order.
- The age and qualification for Levitical service are specified in Num. 4:3, 23, 30, 39, 43, 47.

They were not included among the armies of Israel (Num. 1:47; 2:33; 26:62), but were reckoned by themselves. They were the special guardians of the tabernacle (Num. 1:51; 18:22-24). The Gershonites pitched their tents on the west of the tabernacle (3:23), the Kohathites on the south (3:29), the Merarites on the north (3:35), and the priests on the east (3:38). It was their duty to move the tent and carry the parts of the sacred structure from place to place. They were given to Aaron and his sons the priests to wait upon them and do work for them at the sanctuary services (Num. 8:19; 18:2-6).

As being wholly consecrated to the service of the Lord, they had no territorial possessions. Jehovah was their inheritance (Num. 18:20; 26:62; Deut. 10:9; 18:1, 2), and for their support it was ordained that they should receive from the other tribes the tithes of the produce of the land. Forty-eight cities also were assigned to them, thirteen of which were for the priests "to dwell in", i.e., along with their other inhabitants. Along with their dwellings they had "suburbs", i.e., "commons", for their herds and flocks, and also fields and vineyards (Num. 35:2-5). Nine of these cities were in Judah, three in Naphtali, and four in each of the other tribes (Josh. 21). Six of the Levitical cities were set apart as "cities of refuge" (q.v.). Thus the Levites were scattered among the tribes to keep alive among them the knowledge and service of God.

Who were the first Isaac and Judah family?

World English Bible

Abraham became the father of Isaac. Isaac became the father of Jacob. Jacob became the father of Judah and his brothers.

Full details and all the various translations are here: http://bible.cc/matthew/1-2.htm

Where is Jacob in our family of Isaac and Judahs?

We have 6 Jacobs in the family – all in the Mendes line of ancestry. Nothing to do with the Davis bloodline.

A clue about names from the Internet

Until the 19th Century most Ashkenazi Jews had no family names. Instead, they were named after their parents; Ya'akov ben Yitzhak becomes Jacob son of Isaac, or Sarah bat Rachel, which is Sarah daughter of Rachel. (*Most transcriptions just put 'b' instead of bat or ben and I can't always tell if I'm reading a boys name or a girls!*)

Sephardi and Ashkenazi names may sound different, but often mean the same thing. Montefiore, for instance, is identical in meaning to Bloomberg, Mountain of Flowers in Italian and German respectively. Certain surnames can be both Ashkenazic and Sephardic. Often these denote membership of a religious group, Cohen, Levi or Israel. Family names based on Biblical names (Moses, David, Jacob etc) are shared by all communities.

http://www.bje.org.au/learning/jewishself/family/familynames.html

Some old maps of Prussia starting from 1790 shows how politics changed the areas of this section of the world

Prussia 1790

"The Northern States of Europe including Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Russia. Prussia & Holland"



"Europe from the Best Authorities, 1805" engraved by Neele(?) and published in *A New Geographical Grammar ...*, 1805.



Prussia is a tiny place here

"Prussia" by J. Bartholomew, published in *Philip's General Atlas of the World*, 1867.





Data for Noah born 1791

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They found and linked the records by transcribing the gravestone of Noahs wife Catherine Davis, which is written in Hebrew.



Davis, Catherine (nee Levy)

Ref: KBp171



What is 21 Kislev?
Its 21st November in Hebrew

Balls Pond Road Cemetery information (where the headstone was found)

- Balls Pond Road Jewish Cemetery Kingsbury Rd, London, 1. England, UK
- Balls Pond Jewish Cemetery: Opened in 1840/3 and closed in 1951. Owned by West London Synagogue and described as being neatly kept and full of very large tombstones by Mrs Basil Holmes in 'London Burial Grounds' 1896, Fisher-Unwin.

For further information on burials at Balls Pond go to http://www.apex.net.au/~tmj/balls-pond/

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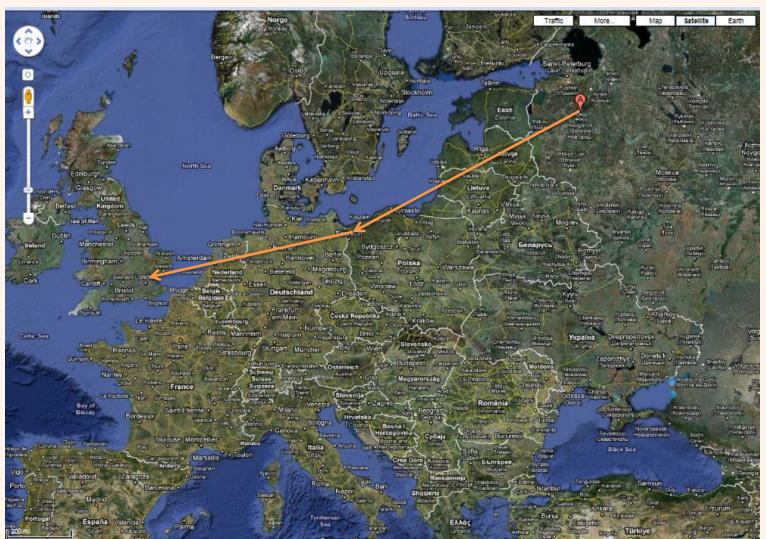


 The 1841 census actually shows Noah as born in Middlesex. The data from the Great Synagogue said he is 'foreign.'

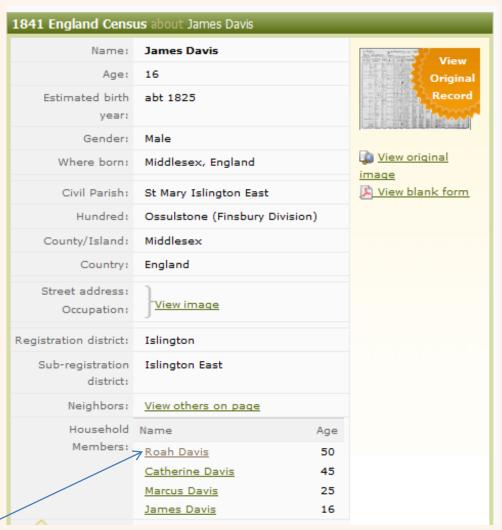
 On the 1851 census he actually states Prussia as his birthplace.

A more likely route from Karga, Novgorod to the UK

If Noah was born in Prussia then it seems likely that Isaac₁ of Karg? took this route, met Noah's mother and continued his travels with his new family, leaving Prussia after 1791 – This would now confirm two family stories and the third Dutch/Holland connection is the Melhado family. All stories are now right!

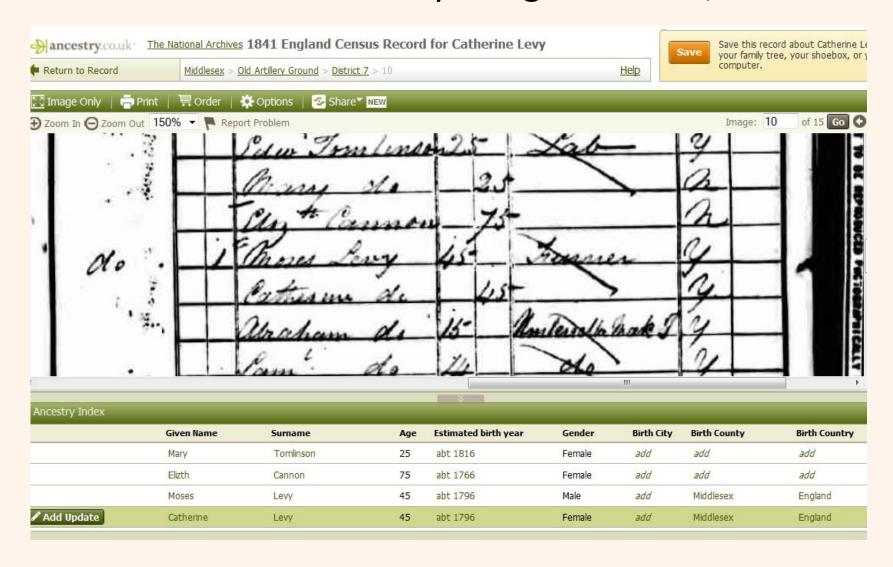


Noah on the 1841 census. Missing are Isaac (by now married to Rosetta and living in 19 Love Court), and Jane Davis



Yet another transcription error

There is also another Mrs Catherine Levy born in 1796 married t Moses Levy living in Duke St, London.



Search for the children of Noah Davis and Catherine Levy

1841 census 19 Love Court

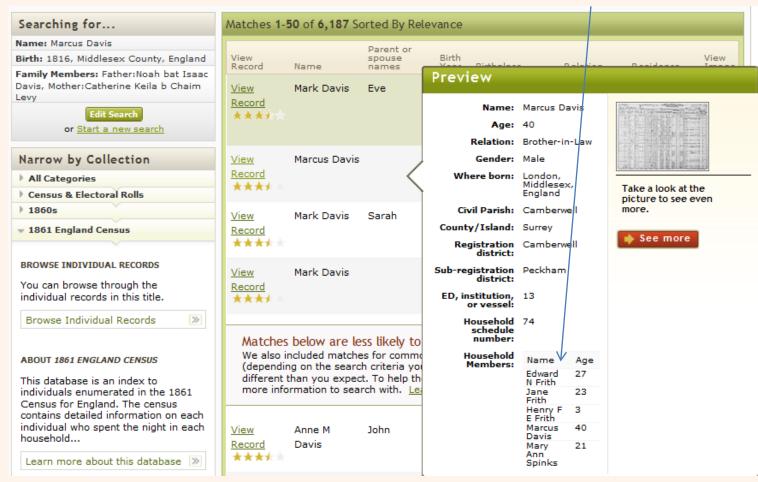
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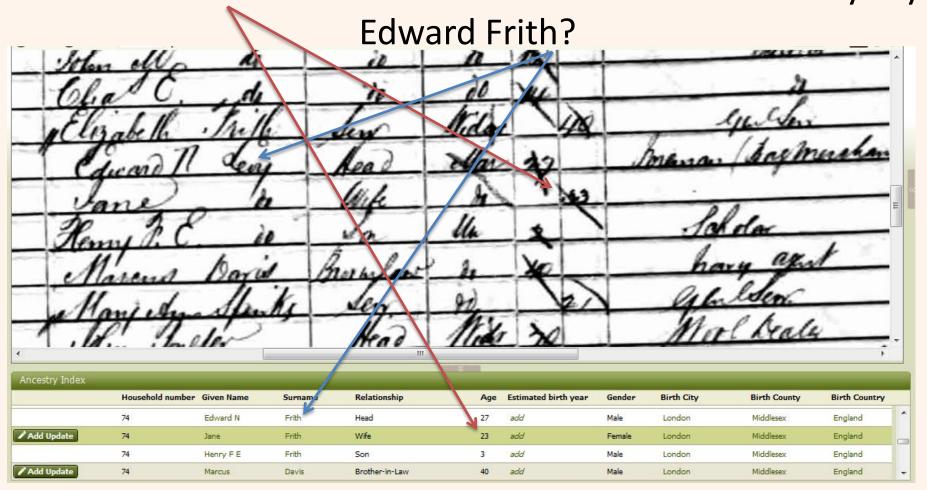
I cannot find Marcus in 1851.

In 1861 there is only 1 Marcus Davis, living with or visiting, the Frith family at 3 Grimby? Villas, Peckham, Newington. He is stated as a brother-in-law obviously of Jane Frith or his surname would also be Frith. Jane should be around 33 or 34 years old not 23 if she is Jane Davis (Isaac₂ and Marcus' sister) so now I am not so sure!

It does definitely say Frith doesn't it!



This is the actual 1861 document. What do you think now? It looks like 43 to me so it could be 33! Does this really say



Their surname IS Levy, confirmed from future census data at the same address. Was he a cousin and related to Catherine? Probably. That is the Jewish way. Never trust a census scribe and always check the actual document!

Here are Marcus Davis & Jane Levy in 1871

Marcus is described as a brother-in-law again. Occupation: law student



Marcus - Occupations in 1871

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Janes husband Edward is a sack merchant Marcus is a Law student Note they also have a cook and a housemaid.

Catherine Levy could be related to any or all of these people from the London traders directory in 1794

Directory of London and Westminster, & Borough of Southwark. 1794

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Davis' could be related to any or all of these people from the London traders directory in 1794

Directory of London and Westminster, & Borough of Southwark. 1794

- Davis & Bennett, Pin makers, 21, Fish street hill
- Davis H. Mercht. 5, Three Tun court, Miles's-I. Cannon str.
- Davis, Butt & Wood, Wharfingers, Davis's wharf, Horslydown
- Davis Richard, Corn chandler & Seedsman, Hackney
- Davis & Sharp, Hat makers, 6, Fish street hill
- Davis D. Necklace maker & Jeweller, 19, Middle Moorfields
- Davis S. Mercht. 5, Sugar loaf court, Leadenhall street
- Davis Richard, Haberdasher, 8, King street, Covent garden
- Davis & Idle, Hat Manufacturers & Hosiers, 56, Cheapside
- Davis Richard, Wine & Brandy Mercht. 7, Warwick lane
- Davis Evan, Paper stainer, 90, Blackman street, Southwark
- Davis John & Son, Hair Merchts. & Leather-sellers, 72, Bermondsey street
- Davis John, Grocer & Tea dealer, 54, Burr str. St.Catherine's
- Davis & Marsh, Distillers, 15, Oxford street
- Davis Willoby, Tinplate worker, 75, Whitechapel

An attempt to find the Levy family

From that I found this document on the Internet: **Probate Calendars - Wills and Admons 1858-1921**

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Note: This Edward is **NOT Janes** husband because he was alive in 1871 and this one isn't, but other Levys are mentioned here and one seems to be a barrister. They could be relatives. I also found this article. Full version at http://www.jhse.org/book/export/article/16630:

Sephardi Jews and the early years of The Bank of England1

By J. A. Giuseppi, f.s.a.
[The lists appended to this paper are being published in Miscellanies VI.]
INTRODUCTORY

Note these surnames highlighted here in red and remember them!
They are all in our Melhado tree.

In the chapter on the Proprietors of Bank Stock 1694-1797, in his history of the Bank of England, the late Sir John Clapham called attention to the high percentage of Spanish or Portuguese names of Jews of the Sephardim which appeared in the lists of the Proprietors in the Bank's early years. He noted that in 1701 these names constituted a full ninth of the group of 107 Proprietors who held the £4,000 stock and upwards which was the qualification for the Governorship; and that among these holders were two Da Costas, a Fonseca, a Henriquez, a Mendes, a Nunes, a Rodrigues, a Salvador, a Teixeira de Mattos, and Solomon de Medina, the great army contractor to King William III. There was, he showed, a parallel here with the case of the Bank of Amsterdam; when this was founded there were 25 Jews among the 731 Proprietors.

- The circumstances are evidently worthy of a fuller investigation than Sir John Clapham himself had time or occasion to conduct. At the suggestion of your Society, and with the approval of the Governor and Company of the Bank, to whom I am indebted for allowing me the time and facilities for conducting it, I embarked upon a more extensive investigation of the story in the summer of 1952, and this paper is the outcome of my researches.
- A few words regarding the sources of information may be of interest. The main record is the series of Bank Stock Ledgers, complete from the initial subscriptions of June 1694, and the alphabets or indices, to these ledgers. The latter are of prime importance, for as well as guiding the searcher to the accounts in the ledgers they alone in the early years contain any indication of the addresses of the stockholders. There are the stock transfer books—a complete series—and as well a number of the dividend books, lists compiled alphabetically of the stockholders entitled to the half-yearly dividends: both series of importance because in them the holders or their agents signed for the transfer and acceptance, of their stock, and for the receipt of their dividends. Other manuscript records include the books of the first and of subsequent subscriptions—the first is of out-standing importance, as Sir John Clapham's references to it show—and a series of Abstracts from the wills of deceased stockholders. It was the Bank's practice to extract from such wills all relevant particulars, and to note any specific reference to the disposal of the deceased's stock holding. The earliest of these extracts relating to a Jewish Proprietor may be cited as an example of their form.

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Memorand. That Benjamin Levy, late of the Parish of St. Catherine Coleman London Broker Deceased Dying possessed of £3,400: 5:—Stock in the Bank of England, Did by his last Will and Testament dated the nineteenth day of June

Paper read to the Jewish Historical Society of England, on Wednesday, the 18 March 1953.

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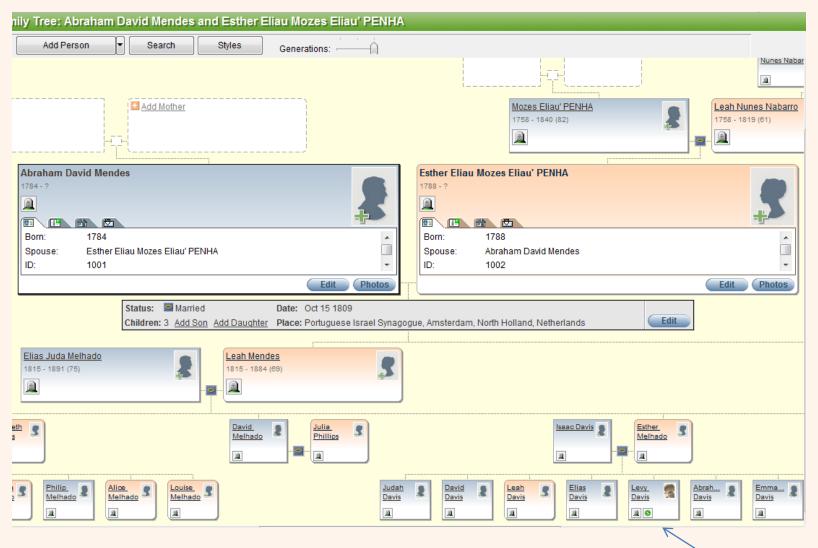
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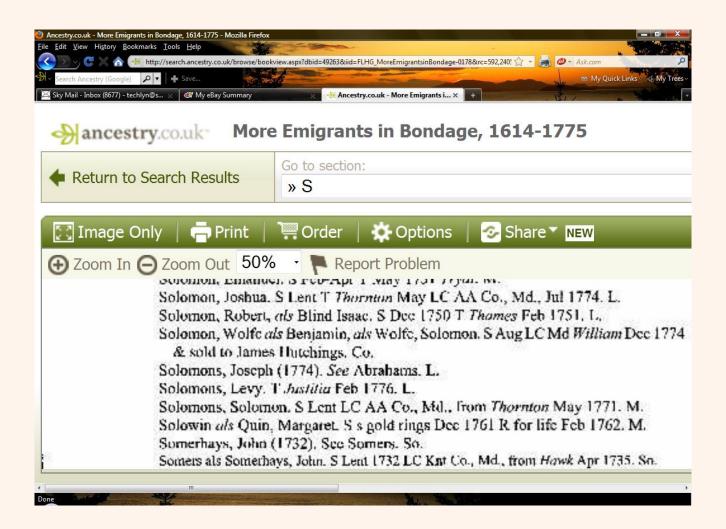
Registered this 23rd day of September Ano 1704.

Aunty Eileen remembers someone saying there was a link to the Rothschild family. Is that story also right but on the Mendes side? Now more searching is needed. Its never ending!

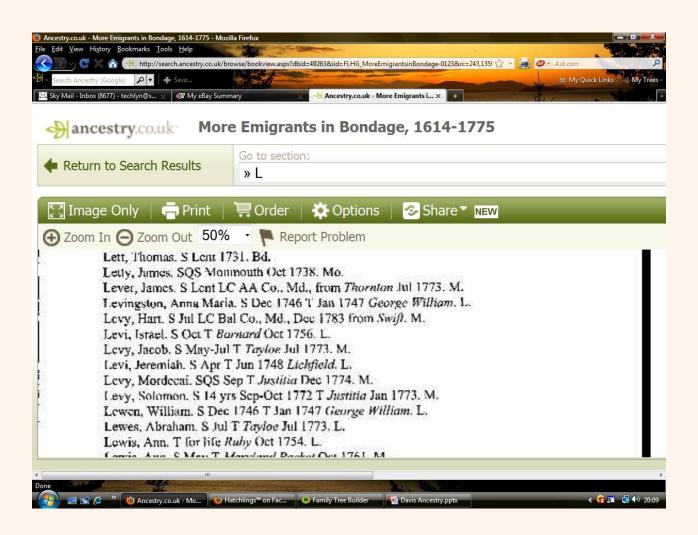
Do you recognise any names in our tree? All sephardi belong to the same one family name!



3 Salomons arrived in the UK as Emigrants in bondage – Solomon in 1771, Joseph in 1776 and Levy in 1776



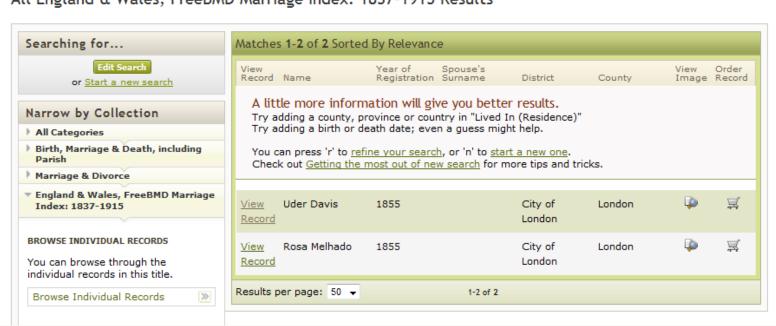
When I checked Levy there is Hart Levy in 1783, Jacob Levy in 1773. Mordecai Levy in 1774 and Solomon Levy in 1772



Back to Davis

1855 Marriage of Judah Davis & Rosa Melhado

All England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index: 1837-1915 Results



Name: Uder Davis

Year of Registration:

[1855]

Quarter of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep

District: City of London

County: London

Volume: 1c

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A Marriage
Certificate Ketubbah.
London, England,
1836

Our relatives would have had a certificate like this one.



Isaac & Rosetta Davis

Isaac Davis married Rosetta Salomons

(The Salomans name was information emailed to me from a researcher of the Melhado family)

Mar 3 1835

at

Great Synagogue of London

The **Great Synagogue of London** was, for centuries, the centre of Ashkenazi Synagogue and Jewish life in London. It was destroyed during World War II, in the Blitz.



It was situated in the Bishops Gate Ward of London

The Synagogue area in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (from Stowe's *Survey of London*, 1754)

A drawing of the Great Synagogue of London from Dukes Place



The Great Synagogue in 1809

(from Ackerman's Microcosm of London)



Difference between Ashkenazi & Sephardic Jews (from information via the Internet)

- Ashkenazi Jews descended from medieval Jewish communities of the Rhineland. Many Ashkenazi Jews migrated east towards Germany, Russia, Poland, and Hungary.
- If a Sephardic Jew marries an Ashkenazi Jew, then they bring their children up to be Ashkenazi as this is their ritual and a gentile who decides to convert to Judaism and takes on Ashkenazi religious practices becomes an Ashkenazi Jew.

This is either written wrong or not true. In our family the Davis' seemed to become Sephardi only after marrying into the Melhado family.

A Sephardic Jew is one that originated in the Iberian Peninsula, this includes Spain and Portugal. Even though Ashkenazi isn't as popular as it once was, (Perhaps because they married Sephardic Jews!) many non Ashkenazi's are Sephardic, since they need to choose a group; this is for religious purposes and are identified in modern Israel.

Other differences – views from various sources on the Internet

- Ashkenazi speak Yiddish Sephardic speak Judeo-Castillian.
- Rituals are slightly different.

Old family names in genealogy

- Ashkenazi surnames are of relatively recent origin, many, though not all, Sephardic surnames go back many centuries and sometimes a millennium or more. In Ashkenazi a family name is of less importance than the name of the ancestral shtetl. (A shtetl is a small community with a population which is primarily Jewish.)
- Sephardic family names suggest kinship, though the common ancestral link may have lived 500 or 600 years earlier. As such, the implication is that as we go further back in the centuries it becomes more likely that the person found bearing that surname is a common, though distant, ancestor but this is not always true for contemporaries. Although we should strictly follow the genealogist's rule of going backwards from known to unknown when building a personal family tree, there is some validity in researching an ancient Sephardic family name first and this coupled to the fact that many Sephardim can list several generations in their family, sometimes back to 1492 the date of the expulsion from Spain, makes such research of added interest. (It was this information that helped me find the Melhado family so easily and later Noah and Catherine Davis in Ashkenazi records).
- Researchers of Sephardic genealogy also need to be aware of the differences in child naming
 patterns among Sephardim and Ashkenazim. The most singular difference being the Sephardic
 tradition of naming children after their grandparents, especially if alive to honour the grandparent
 whereas Ashkenazim avoid naming children after living relatives. This is said to be in case the spirit
 takes the wrong person in death after muddling the same names.

It was after the marriage of Judah Davis and Rosa Melhado in 1855 that the eldest boy in each generation through the 1800s was always the Grandfathers name, hence Isaac₂, Judah, Isaac₃, Judah. If either Isaac₁ or Noahs wives were Saphardic it would have been Isaac, Noah, Isaac, Noah.

What are we?

We are both!

The Ashkenazi Jews arrived in Holland from North Western Europe, including Poland and were far more poor than their wealthy Sephardic counterparts. The Sephardim passed regulations restricting marriage and other involvements with the perceived socially inferior Ashkenazim. These poor Jews lived on the margins of the Sephardic community, relying on their charity, sharing Synagogues etc, and also for work. They came to England searching for work in the 1700's and by the 18th century the Ashkenazim were far more established in England by then too. The Davis family were Ashkenazi and were here before 1791.

Noah Davis and Catherine Levy, were married in an Ashkenazi Synagogue in 1810 and their Son Isaac² Davis and Rosetta Salomons 1835. Davis stories passed down also say they were Polish and/or Russian and we don't have the all important ancestry that are kept by Sephardic Jews on this side of the family. Instead we have only a country of origin passed by word of mouth.

Sephardic Jews actually originated from Spain and Portugal and fled to escape the Inquisition. Later the name Sephardic included all countries around the Mediterranean. True Sephardic were often quite wealthy and were governed by a secular rather than by a religious body, but were guided by the Jews of Venice re religious matters. They spoke Spanish and Portuguese, and then Dutch, and developed the silk and tobacco trades, as well as diamonds, trading with the East India companies. Enter the Melhado side from Holland, originally from Portugal who previously merged with the Mendes Italian born ancestry!

1841 Noah & Catherine Davis nee Levy

Address: Upper Terrace, St. Mary, Islington,

- Noah Davis Head 50 1791 Occupation: Illegible
- Catherine Davis Wife 45 1796
- Marcus Son 26 1816 Clock maker
- James Son 16 1825



1841 Census for Noah Davis & Catherine nee Levy

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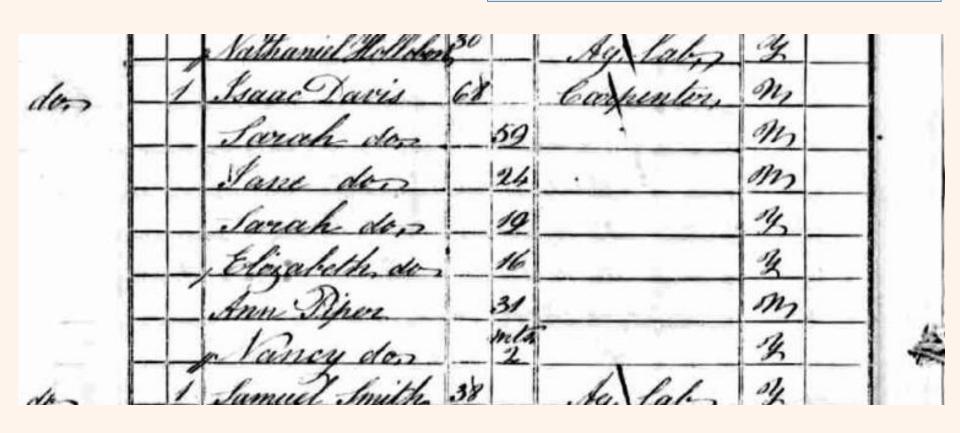
1841 Isaac₁ Willingdon Sussex

This should be Isaac₁, a foreign carpenter.

Wife: Sarah

Daughter: Jane 24
Daughter: Sarah 19
Daughter: Elizabeth 16

Often children died young and another baby was named after them. Did this Jane, born around 1817, later marry Edward Levy?
Sarah and Elizabeth were both born here.



Isaac₂ & Rosetta Davis

Isaac Davis was born in Spitalfields in 1811-16. The earliest document with his details to date is the 1841 English census stating his address as

19 Love Court, St Mary, Whitechapel North.



St Mary, Whitechapel

From the 1841 census:

Isaac Davis₁ Head age 25 born: 1816 Middlesex, Occupation: General Dealer

Rosetta Davis Wife age 30 born: 1811 Middlesex

Judah Davis Son age 6 born: 1835 Middlesex

John Davis Son age 2 born: 1839 Middlesex

Leah Davis Daughter age 2ms born: 1841 Middlesex

Mary Sullivan age 17 born: 1824 Middlesex Occupation: F. S.

Notes on the 1841 Census

 Although censuses of England and Wales had been conducted each decade since 1801, the first census really useful for family historians was held on Sunday 6th June 1841. The members of each household were named, with their occupations and ages. The ages of persons over 15 years were usually, but not always, rounded down to the nearest five years. Thus someone giving their age as 42 years would be recorded as 40 therefore documents online stating approximate years of birth are mostly wrong. No family relationships were recorded and places of birth were recorded as 'Yes' or 'Y' if born in the county of residence in 1841, 'No' or 'N' if born in another county, 'S' if born in Scotland, 'I' if born in Ireland or 'F' if born in foreign parts of the world. The total population in 1841 was estimated to be 15,914,000.

The 1841 Census for Scotland was taken on the night of 6 June 1841.

In 1851 Isaac² and Rosetta still lived at 19 Love Court. This census still has some discrepancies of age and place of birth that continue through the decades.

- Isaac₂ Davis Head age 36 born: 1816 Spitalfields, Middlesex Occupation: General Dealer
- Rosetta Davis Wife age 32 (40) born 1811 Whitechapel Middlesex
- Judah Davis Son 16 1835 Spitalfields. Middlesex Occupation: Butcher
- John Davis Son 14 1839 Cripplegate, Middlesex
- George Davis Son 12 1838 Spitalfields, Middlesex
- Phoebe Davis Daughter 6 1845 Whitechapel Middlesex
- Leah Davis Daughter 1 1849 Whitechapel Middlesex
- Hannah Griffin 40 Ireland Servant

Now Rosetta is 4 years younger instead of 5 years older, it could be the recorders fault. Isaac was said to be born in 1816 but it was actually 1811. The first Leah is not there but they have another baby daughter with the same name now added to the family. It was usual for children to die young, in particular of cholera, which was rife in this area. They live in the same house and they are the same names, yet the children all have different places of birth and they also have a servant or perhaps she is a lodger who works somewhere else as a servant? It says 'servant' in the relation to the head of house section. People were starting to share more because of overcrowding due to a new influx of immigrants from Holland and Ireland just starting to move in. They helped each other like immigrants still do today. Perhaps a 'servant' did so to pay her way by helping the family for free board.

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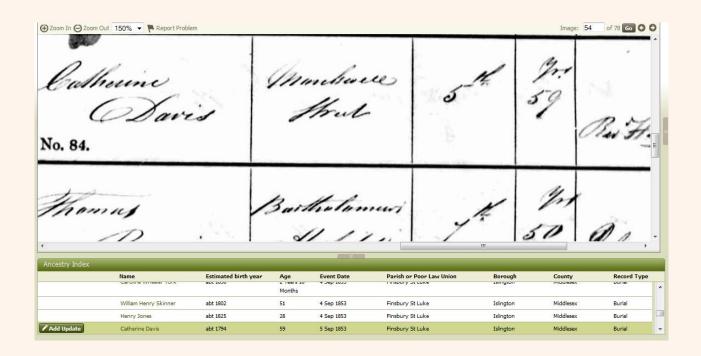
This is a record of when the brother of Judahs wife Rosa Davis (Melhado), arrived in London. Elias Melhado (Spelled Melyado on the document, perhaps a mistake or because of pronunciation by the Dutch speaking couple). Elias and Leah Mendes are the parents of Esther who later married Isaac₃, the son of Judah and Rosa. They are our Great-Great-Grandparents, who also show up on our ancestry as the brother of our direct ancestor, Great-Great-Great-Grandmother Rosa.

I don't know if this is the first visit to London from Amsterdam via Rotterdam.

The ship was called Adonis.

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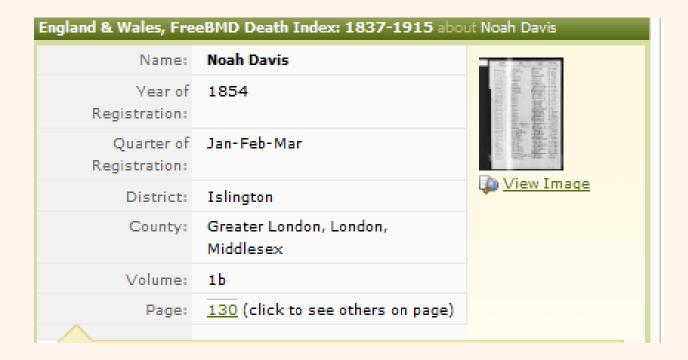
Catherine died November 1852 according to her gravestone translation but the only entry in public records are 5th Sep 1853 Islington for the Death of Catherine Davis



A search for Melhado in The National Archives England, Alien Arrivals, 1810-1811, 1826-1869 Record for Melhado only show one other Melhado arriving on 27th August 1843 onboard the Emerald from Boulogne, France to Folkstone in Kent, London.

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Noah dies in 1854



1861 Elias and Leah Melhado

The first census with this couple appears in 1861. Perhaps they liked it in 1852 and decided to stay or returned later to live here. People often returned to Amsterdam to marry in their local synagogues too.

Address: 151 Whites Row Christchurch Spitalfields Whitechapel

Elias Melhado Head 43 1818 Amsterdam General Dealer

Leah Melhado (Mendes) Wife 46 1815 Amsterdam

Judah Melhado Son 12 1849 Amsterdam

Abraham Son 9 1852 Amsterdam

David Son 8 1853 Mile End Road

Jonas Son 4 1857 Spitalfields (Later married to Emma Davis another possible relative)

Esthe Daughter 4 1857 Spitalfields

The first 3 children where born in Amsterdam. The first child born here was David Melhado in 1853, a year after they arrived in London.

Why was leahs maiden name used in 1852? Perhaps it is a Sephardic way to record her family name for the Melhado/Mendes ancestry tree, which we know is extremely important to Sephardic Jews. All ship passengers were documented.

1861 Census Elias & Leah Melhado

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The corner of Whites Row, Spitalfields





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No.5 White's Row was built in the 1730s, Spitalfields, London E1, "Trade" "No.5 White's Row", Commercial St



White's Row looking east, showing bomb damage, 1943.

White's Row history

- Spitalfields, London E1.
- Narrow thoroughfare running east-west from Commercial Street to Crispin Street. It originally formed the
 northern boundary of the Tenter Ground estate from around 1650 and the southern side was built up by
 Nathaniel Tilly quickly thereafter. The northern side followed suit in the 1670s. By the late 1600's, the street was
 known as 'New Fashion Street'. By 1707, the Tilly properties were owned by Nathaniel Shepherd (their names
 were commemorated in Shepherd Street now Toynbee Street and Tilley Street, now demolished) and under
 Shepherd's lease, No.5 White's Row was built in the 1730s (and is still standing). Access to the Tenter Ground
 Estate was also accessible by a large covered arch known as Shepherd's Place, constructed in the early 1800s.
- By the late 19th century, White's Row had become considered part of the slums of Spitalfields. It was home to a number of lodging houses, Nos. 8, 26, 35 and 36, although the latter three had been closed by 1854.
- Spitalfields Chambers was home to possible Ripper victim Annie Millwood at the time she was attacked on 25th February 1888.
- The 'Paul's Head Tavern' public house on the northern corner with Crispin Street was where the Whitechapel Vigilance Committee held a meeting on 13th November 1888 in order to consider how they may be able to assist the police following the murder of Mary Jane Kelly.
- Spitalfields Chambers was also where James Sadler and Frances Coles stayed on the night of 11th February 1891 and where they met the following evening after quarrelling when Sadler was mugged in Thrawl Street.
- Apart from No.5, much of White's Row was redeveloped in the 20th Century. The western end was destroyed by bombs during the Second World War. The most significant change came in 1963 with the demolition of the northern side to make way for a van and lorry park, opened in April 1964. The current White's Row Multi-storey car park was built c.1971 in its place.

Melhado Family

This family are Sephardic Jews with an ancestral history dating back to Italy in 1690 so far. They probably travelled to Italy from Portugal where the Melhado name is first recorded.

Melhado families are all linked and have businesses in London, New York and Jamaica. I will create a separate document about this side of the family later.

Time for a bit of history

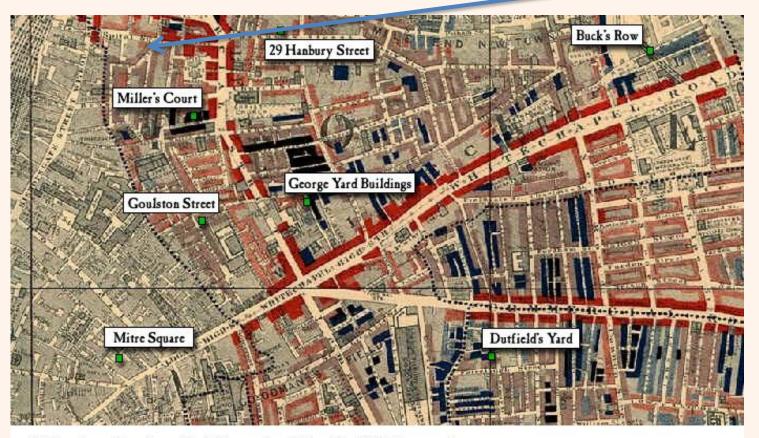
Love Court and surrounding streets looked similar to this in the late 1800s and it was the haunt of Jack the Ripper from 1887. One of the witnesses of the death of Elizabeth stride, Matthew Packer, was born in Goulston Street in 1831 while Isaac and Rosa still lived in nearby Love Court. Some of the victims, or their parents, might have been the Davis' customers.

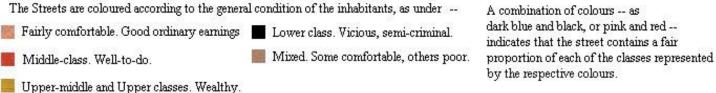






Charles Booth's Map of London Poverty, 1889. Highlighted areas are where Jack the Rippers murders occurred. Isaac and Rosetta had previously lived around this 'fairly comfortable' area.





Victorian Spitalfields Area then....



Dorset Street looking east, c.1900

Flower & Dean Street, Christ Church Spitalfields
"The People of the Abyss", by Jack London, 1902

More about Jack the Ripper is detailed here. Including evidence and court records: http://www.casebook.org/timeline.html



A Victorian Spitalfields alley

Sandy's Row about 1900

This shop in Artillery Lane, Spitalfields is advertising the sinking of the Titanic in 1912

Bell Lane





- In the 1850s Love Court was occupied with a new group of immigrants from the Netherlands. By 1888 each tiny 2 bedroom tenement was occupied by up to 20 people.
- Wealthier people started to move out of the area, including the Davis family. Most went South of the river Thames. Jane Davis, sister of Isaac₂ was already living in Peckham, Camberwell with her husband Edward Levy, a possible relative of her mother Catherine nee Levy.
- By the end of the 1800's many Russian Jews were enticed by a false view of the area and working potential. These were mainly the poorest Ashkenazi Jews.
- This angered the original people who were already established in the area for more than 100 years. No one wanted to help the new influx because outsiders tarred everyone with the same bad reputation of the new groups, which was unfair and caused more prejudice from non-Jewish people. The new immigrants were often homeless and large numbers caused more poverty than previously endured. Prostitution and stealing was now the only way for some of the poorer people to survive and feed their families. Some areas where full of only prostitutes, thieves and beggars. This area was designated a slum in the 1920s and was pulled down to be replaced with a new living area called the Holland Estate, situated in Bell Lane. It was named after the area from which the more recent unliked immigrants came from.

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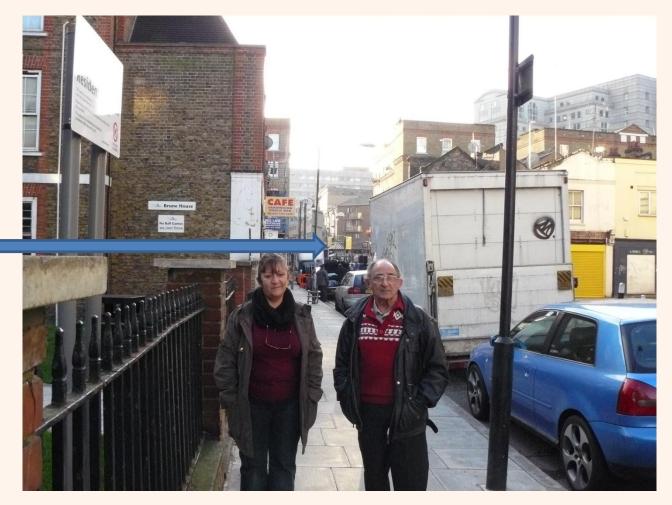
Residential area inside the Holland Estate

Inside Holland
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Lynda & Charlie outside Holland Estate

Stalls in the old
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here and stretch
left to Petticoat
Lane and right to
Middlesex
Street. This is
Bell Lane.



The Whitechapel





1861 Isaac & Rosetta Davis

By 1861 the family might have moved to 3 Dinah's Building in Tripe Yard, about 10-15 minutes walk away. A check of the census for 19 Love Court now shows a new family living there called Solomons. Are they related to Rosetta Solomons?

1861 3 Dinah Buildings, Christchurch Whitechapel, Artillery

Isaac Davis₁ Head 50 1811 Spitalfields General Dealer Rosa Wife 52 1809 Spitalfields Tailoress Phoebe Davis Daughter 13 1848 Spitalfields

Rosetta is now called Rosa born in 1809 instead of 1811 and 1816 as previously stated on the past 3 census'. She is now a tailoress and Phoebe is 13 and should be 16. Is this the same family? They are not consistent with the information they have so far given! Their son Judah is in the US in Poughkeepsie New York with his new wife Rosa Melhado.

Were Isaac & Rosetta with them or are these people relatives? It's the only Isaac and Rosa Davis I can find.

You won't believe this but last night, 27th January 2011, as I was falling asleep after another very late night searching documents, I saw in my mind a very smart woman aged around 24 years old. It was about 2am so really the date was the 28th of January. She was slim and wore a 1940s style suit and her hair was just slightly longer than shoulder length and a dark blonde red/golden wavy hair. The style was similar to a 1920s pin-wave style. She looked like a young Aunty Milly but it wasn't her because I have pictures and this lady looked different. I asked her who she was and she said 'Hannah.' She wasn't Aunty Hannah either or our Grandmother but she said she was a relative. Then my cat started meowing outside my bedroom door and broke the link. I spent all day today wondering where I get my looks from because she didn't look anything like me and nor does anyone else except my Dad and my daughter, Leah.

Tonight I researched the Solomon family and found a family tree. I clicked a random link to see who the family was and it contained a census document so I opened it. The head was Emanuel Solomon born in 1824 so he couldn't possibly be Rosettas father and it was attached to the wrong person, someone who was on this particular Solomon tree. Then I shut my eyes to stop them aching and fell asleep for about 5 minutes. Gary woke me up on his way to bed. I just thought I would look at the address to see how close they lived to our family. It was 19 Love Court, Whitechapel. I was instantly wide awake!

While typing the data into my database as a possible relative I noticed they have a baby daughter named Hannah, 10 months old, exactly 100 years older than me born in 1860. Was my visitor Hannah Solomon? I have included this document and now I will trace them back to search for a link to Rosetta and hopefully find out why Hannah visited me yesterday. She must be family!

1861

19 Love Court St Mary Whitechapel North

Emanuel Solomons Head 37 1824 Aldgate Bricklayer

Rachael Solomons Wife 31 1830 Aldgate

Rebecca Solomons Daughter 12 1849 Aldgate

Hannah Solomons Daughter 10 months 1860 Aldgate

Abraham Solomons Son 7 1854 Aldgate Scholar

Killy Folly Servant 15 1846 General servant

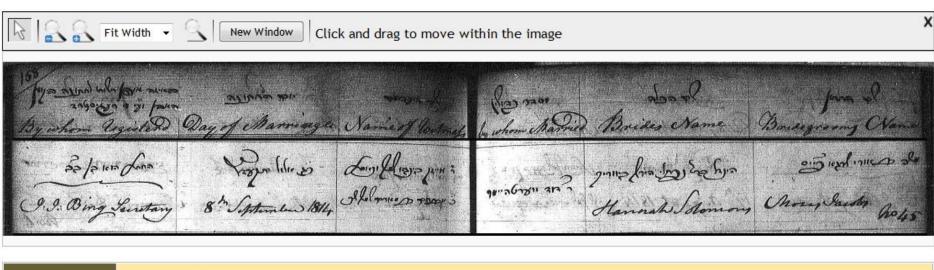
1861 19 Love Court

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I was certain that I had previously searched 19 Love Court and saw a family called Jacobs so I searched for Hannah Solomon and found this certificate of marriage for Hannah Solomon dated 1814 to Isaac Jacobs! Too many coincidences are now occurring!

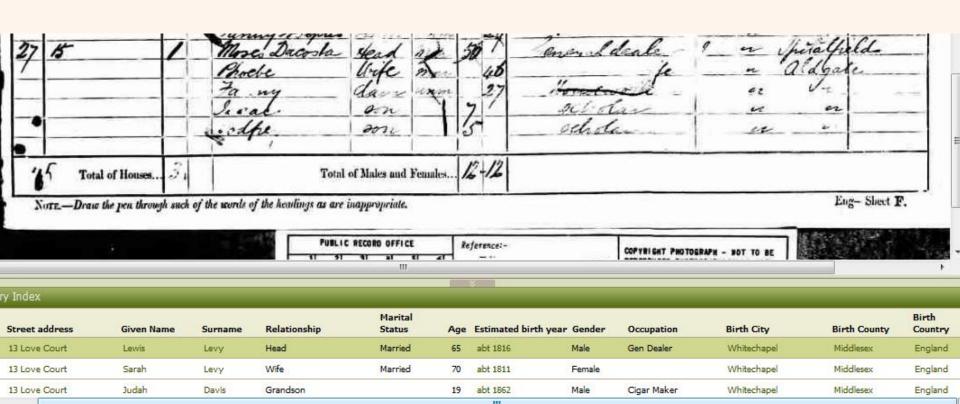
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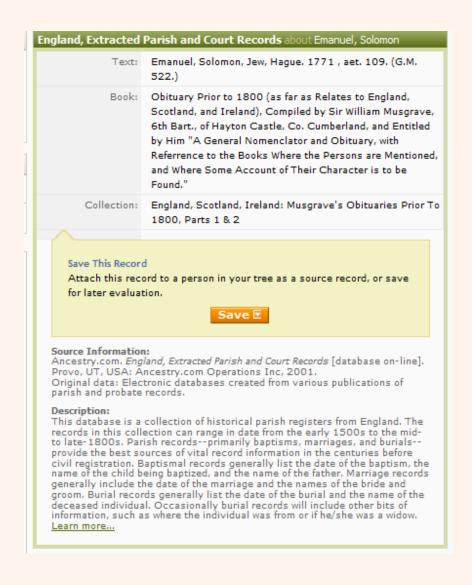
On the same tree another document attached to Pheobe Solomons shows her married to Moses Dacosta and living at 15 Love Court and a quick scroll through shows Lewis Levy living at No 13 Love Court and has a 19 year-old Grandson staying with him called Judah Davis born in Whitechapel.



I thought I might as well check No 19 Love Court and now Sarah Moses lives there with her two daughters Eve and Alice.



I can only find one other Emanuel Solomon. This is an obituary for 1771 and he is described as a Jew from Hague.



1861 Isaac₃ & Rosetta Davis

3 Dinah's Buildings, Tripe Yard, Spitalfields

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Dinah's building, Tripe Yard was situated somewhere close behind Sandy's Row Synagogue

Map



Love Court now Holland Estate Sandy's Synagogue is hidden away down a small place called Sandy's Row.



This original façade is behind Sandy's Row in Gun St. The building behind it is new. I included it because it shows the type of buildings in the area of Dinah's Building.



Lodging Houses

 The poorest people lived in slum houses many of them made of wood, in a furnished room with a bed, a table and a chair if they could afford it. Or perhaps they lived in a common lodging house most often sharing a bed. In 1888 there were 233 common lodging houses with over 8500 people in Whitechapel alone. The slums were degrading and sanitation was inadequate or non-existent. The filth and smells were said to be unbearable. In those days not all the streets were cobbled, more than half the roads were dirt tracks and a horse and cart was the best form of transport. In a survey carried out in 1851, there were 253 people to the acre living in Whitechapel, and as a contrast one person to the acre in Hampstead. Whitechapel covered 316 acres and Hampstead 2070 acres, the ultimate contrast of rich and poor!

History of Spitalfields - Whitechapel

AD 300/400

The site of a Roman cemetery.

1197

'The priory of St. Mary of the Spittle', a medieval hospital, is founded: the first part of the name 'Spitalfields' derives from the word 'hospital', which to the medieval mind was understood as 'hospitality', a place of rest as well as medicine.

1666

Following the Great Fire of London, thousands of displaced people camp on the Spital Fields.

1669

Samuel Pepys visits the Old Artillery-ground at Spitalfields, "where I never was before, but now by Captain Deane's invitation did go to see his new gun tried, this being the place where the officers of the Ordnance do try all their great guns."

1682

Charles II grants a Letters Patent to a silk thrower by the name of John Balch, allowing a market for flesh, fowl and roots in Spitalfields, an area known as a 'stronghold of Non-comformity'.

After 1700

Large numbers of Huguenots (French and Flemish Protestants & Jews who came to Whitechapel in the 1700's) fleeing religious persecution settle in the area, bringing with them new skills. Their silk-making expertise will make 'Spitalfields Silk' a world-famous export – and they also invent Oxtail soup and put together fish with chips. The French invented chips or (from the potato commonly believed to have been brought to Europe by Sir Walter Raleigh in the 17th century), and in 1839 Charles Dickens referred to a "fried fish warehouse" in Oliver Twist. In 1860, the first fish and chip shop was opened in London by Jewish proprietor Joseph Malin, who combined "fish fried in the Jewish fashion" with chips.

The following websites give details of the history and living conditions of the area.

http://www.casebook.org/victorian_london/spital1.html

1871

Issac and Rosa have now moved to 5 Little Surrey Street in Camberwell. The house was pulled down and the street is now called Davidge Street. Judah lives a short distance away at 43 Elliot's Row, Camberwell.

1871 -

5 Little Surrey Street (now Davidge Street, Camberwell) St George The Martyr Southwark St Saviour Southwark Borough Road

Isaac Davis1 Head 62 1809 Shadwell Warehouseman

Rosa Wife 64 1807 Algate Warehouseman

George Son 32 1839 Whitechapel Occupation: Illegible

Pheobe Daughter 22 1849 Whitechapel Chair maker?

Sarah Daughter 18 1853 Whitechapel Domestic Servant

Rachael Grandaughter 7 1864 New York Scholar

43 Elliot's Row (Camberwell SE11 4SZ) St George St Saviour Southwark London Road

Judah Davis Head 37 1834 London General Dealer

Rosa Davis (Melhado) Wife 35 1836 London

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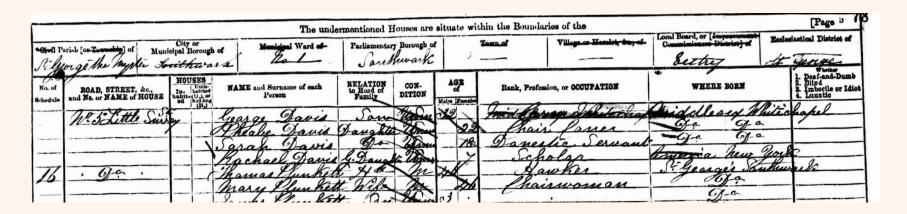
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1871 census for Isaac_{3 Part 2}



Sometimes a census carries on to the next page as this one did.

I know this is our Isaac because his Grandaughter Rachael is staying with the family. She is documented as being born in New York but this is the last time it comes up on a census. Future census documents say Middlesex and her sister Bluma as born in the US.

Isaac now states he was born in Shadwell in 1809 Rosetta is still Rosa as in 1861 but now born in Aldgate in 1807 and now only 2 years older than Isaac.

Little Surrey Street now Davidge Street. Pictures show both ends from the road in the middle





The census badly transcribed as Indal instead of Judah!

1871 Census for Judah

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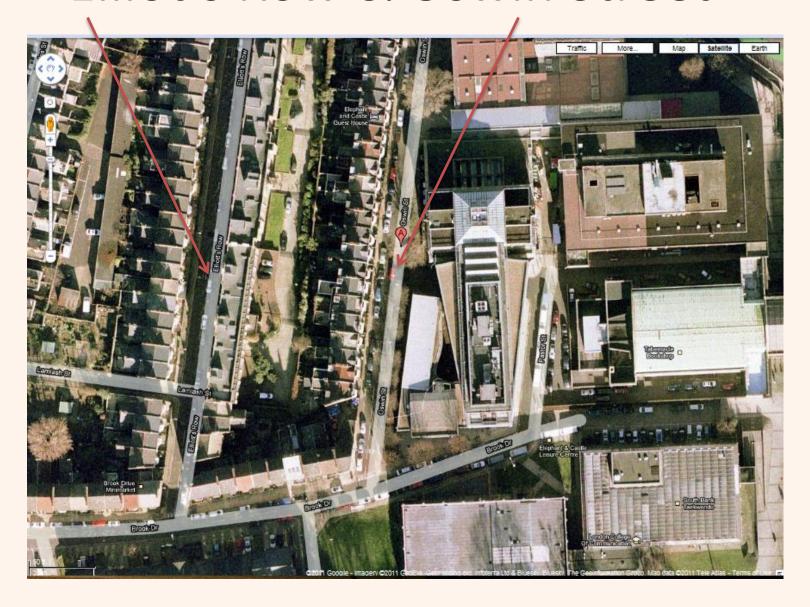


Not only is this house still standing but while taking my Dad on a tour of Davis homes he recognised the next street as being where his cousin Stan Davis lived in Oswin Street in the 1940's and 50's. Stans is Isaac₃'s Grandson. Stan is not yet born when his grandfather Isaac₃ lived here in 1871 with his Dad Judah. Abraham is our Grandads brother. In 1871 Abrahams dad, is now 15 years old living with his own Dad Judah in Elliot's

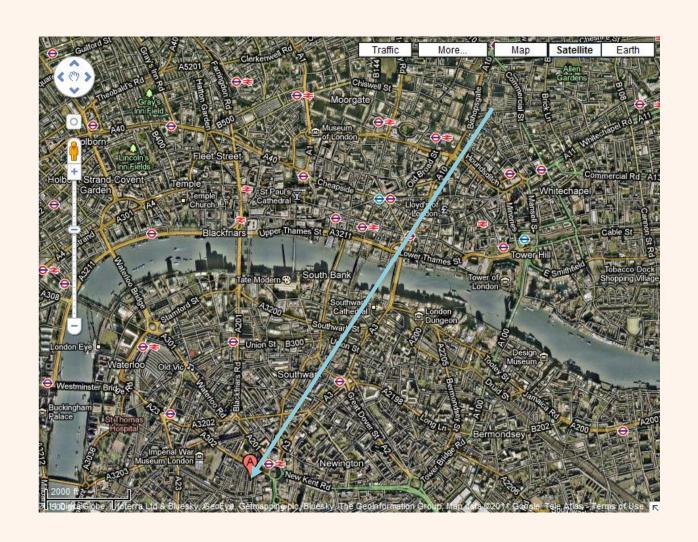
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Elliot's Row & Oswin Street



Love Court and Dinahs Building to 43 Elliot's Row (Camberwell SE11 4SZ) and 5 Little Surrey Street (now Davidge Street, Camberwell)



Both Isaac from Karg? and Haim Levy, father of Catherine, were born around 1770. Our tree so far looks like this after Judah marries into the Melhado family.



1871 Elias & Leah Melhado

Elias and Leah are now at 32 Whites Row Christchurch Whitechapel Spitalfields

- Elias Melhado Head 56 1815 Holland General Dealer
- Leah Wife 57 1814 Holland
- Yunda Son 22 1849 Holland General Dealer
- Abraham Son 19 1852 Holland Cigar maker
- David Son 17 1854 Mile End Cigar maker
- Jonas Son 14 1857 Christchurch Cigar maker
- Esther Daughter 14 1857 Christchurch Cap maker

Another son, Yunda, has now joined them from Amsterdam.

19th February 1878 Marriage of Isaac₃ Davis and Esther Melhado

All England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index: 1837-1915 Results



1879

At this time Rosetta had died in 1873 and Isaac has a new wife. He still lives at 5 Little Surrey Street with Elizabeth nee Mosely and her children. Elizabeth was previously married to Angell Asher Benjamin from Finsbury Long Alley, Whitechapel.

Isaac died shortly after and the new Mrs Davis then lived in Spitalfields with her Daughter and Son-in-law before the 1881 census.



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1881 census

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Isaac₂ & Elizabeth

1881 Judah and Isaac

By 1881 Judah had moved to 63 East Street known for its busy Sunday market. East Street is located off of Walworth Road, postcode SE17 1EL.

You can get to the market by Tube: Elephant and Castle or

Buses: 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 148, 171, 176, 343, 468

History of the market

- Most South and South East London people only know this market as 'East Lane,' or 'The Lane.' The other 'Lane' to shop is of course Petticoat Lane.
- There has been street trading in the Walworth area since the 16th Century, when farmers rested their livestock on Walworth Common before continuing to the city.
- During the industrial revolution, stalls lined the whole of the Walworth Road, which runs across the top of East Street.
- East Street market has only been officially running since 1880.

East Street



THE SUNDAY MARKET IN EAST STREET



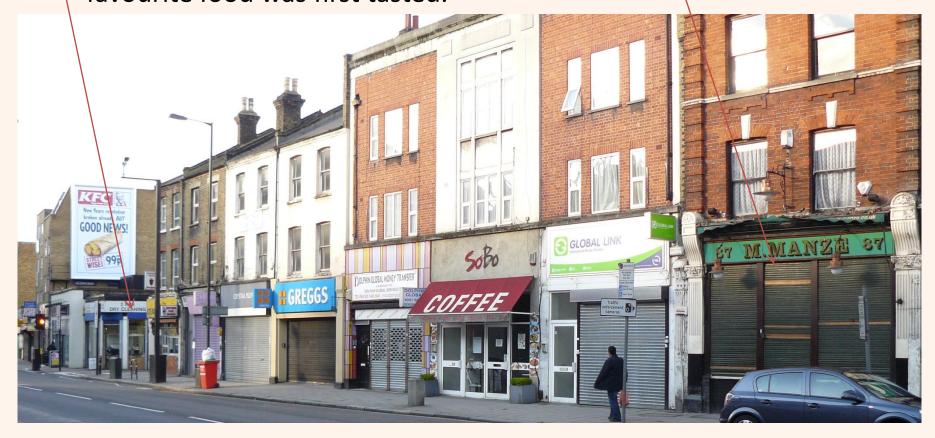
The Trocadero cinema at the Elephant & Castle (1963)

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1881 Isaac₃ & Esther 71 Tower Street

Judah was living at 63 East Street and his son Isaac moved to 71 Tower Street (now Tower Bridge Street with his new wife Esther Melhado. Isaac and Esther are first cousins, which was common in Jewish families. There is a Manze shop here and possibly where the Davis favourite food was first tasted.



The history of Pie 'n Mash and Jellied Eels – Yuk!

 The origins of pie and mash can be traced back to the 18th century with "Eel Pie and Mash Houses" being popular places to buy a cheap and filling meal.

Early pie and mash is very much different to the dishes we enjoy today, the first pies were filled with eels as these were cheap and plentiful and caught right from the Thames.

Pie and mash grew up in and around London with it's roots stuck firmly in the East End of London. The River Thames was a big influence in how food traditions were formed as it provided fresh water and salt water fish in good supply. London also had a great variety of meat, vegetable and fruit brought up the Thames from all over the world.

The main dish is pie, mash and liquor. This is a baked minced beef pie with mashed potato. Liquor is unique to pie and mash shops who all claim to have their very own secret recipe for the green parsley gravy. (Its actually made with the water the eels are cooked in).

Eels are another London speciality which are often sold in pie and mash shops. In the early days, these eels were caught locally in the Thames for vendors to then prepare and sell. Eels can now be offered as jellied eels or stewed eels in many pie and mash shops.







Tower Street was also a market road

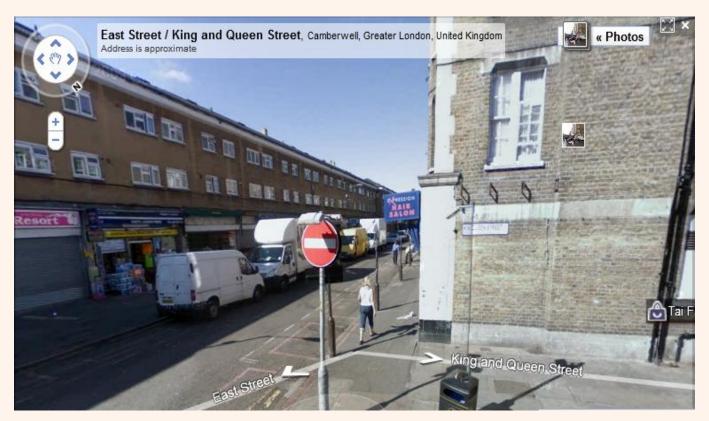


Southwark area



Borough High Street Junction with Southwark Street 1870 and 1990

63 East Street, Judah Davis & Rosa Davis (Melhado) 1881



1886 Death of Judah Davis

Name:	Judah Davis
Estimated birth year:	abt 1834
Year of Registration:	1886
Quarter of Registration:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Age at Death:	52
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1891

- In 1891, 56 East Street, was the home of Isaac₃ Davis & Esther Davis (Melhado) opposite their first shop at number 63 is Isaacs Grandmother, Rosa (Melhado) wife of Judah living at 26 and his cousin Levy lives at number 46.
- Next door to Isaac at 58 are David Davis (Judahs brother, son of Isaac₃) and his wife Caroline!
- There are also Davis families living in nearby Elstead Road.

East Street running from Old Kent Road to Walworth Road

1891 continued

56 Elstead Street Newington St Saviour Southwark St Peter, Walworth

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Hester Davis (melhado) Wife 45 1856 Whitechapel
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Elias Davis Son 21 1880 Lambeth Assistant Ironmonger
Leah Davis Daughter 16 1885 Walworth Assistant Stationer
David Davis Son 14 1887 Walworth Assistant Wholsterer
Levy Davis Son 13 1888 Walworth
Abraham Davis Son 11 1890 Walworth
Emmanuel Davis Son 9 1892 Walworth
Henry Davis Son 3 1898 Walworth

58 Elstead Street Newington St Saviour Southwark St Peter, Walworth

David Davis Head 48 1843 Walworth, London Metal Sorter Caroline Davis Wife 50 Walworth, London

46 East Street Newington St Saviour Southwark St Peter, Walworth

Levy Davis Head 27 1884 Walworth Illegible
Hannah Davis Wife 29 1882 Spitalfields
Rosa Davis Daughter 1 1900 Walworth
Rachel Davis 3 ms 1901 Walworth
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56 & 58 East Street Newington St Saviour Southwark St Peter, Walworth

Rosa Davis 52 Phoebe Davis 21 Florrie Mills 15 Levy Davis 17

My Dad remembered his uncle had a shop in East Street when he was young. Perhaps Levy stayed at 56 & 58 until at least 1940. In 1891 he was only 17 years old.

1891 census 56 & 58 Elstead St

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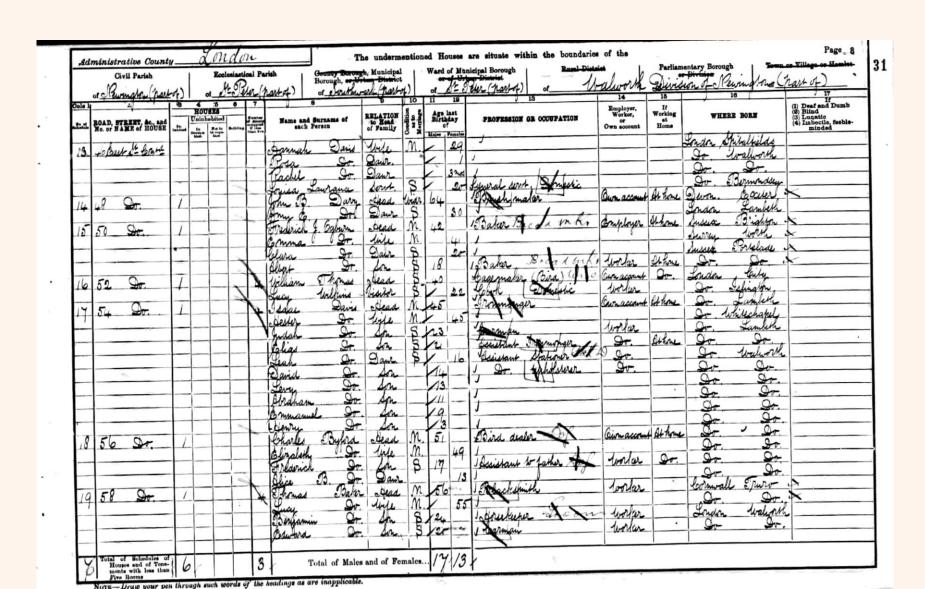
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1901 – Levys family are at the top and further down Isaac and Esther are at 54 East Street



Around 1910



Today No 61 & 63 are one shop called Fresh Quality Halal Meats

No 58 is A. H. Friends Halal Meat & Fish No 46 is Charles Worth Bags

And 26 is a small supermarket next to the Good Intent Public House.

A visit to these Davis homes on Sunday 16th
January 2011 shows the market is not how I remember it from my visits on Sunday mornings during the 1970s. I didn't take my camera because it looked so rough!

I used to go to buy a hot cup of sarsaparilla on cold winter mornings. It was on sale from about 10 stalls in amongst everything else you could buy. I would buy bottles of it to bring home with me. Today no one knows what sarsaparilla is here, the road was being dug up and it was full of the biggest fish on stalls I've ever seen. All out on show for people to touch and cough or sneeze over as they walk past. Yuk!



This picture from the Internet shows how it was in 1979.

This end, where East Street meets Walworth Road, starts at No 1 and the family shops are in this area of East Street.



Good Intent Pub

Picture from the Internet

No 26 where Judahs widow Rosa lived is on the left just here.



A picture from the Internet taken in the 70's



This is actually Esther Melhado!



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Other members of Helens side of the family



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King & Queen Street

In 1911 there are Davis' living in King & Queen Street, a small street off East Street. There are 2 males and 2 females.

My Dad was born at 27 King & Queen Street in 1932 and I expect other members of the family to have been born there too!

The houses were pulled down and replaced with flats. I don't know when this happened.

1911

 So far only the 1911 summery papers have been released. A search of East Street shows one Davis family of 5 at 99 East Street, 2 males and 3 females.

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A Davis family at 16 King & Queen Street 1911

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Gravestone of Rosa Davis (nee Melhado)

Rosa Davis died on the 29th of September 1912 age 74

This picture of the gravestone was sent to me from Helen Jones the Great-Grandaughter of Isaac and Esthers son Elias (our Grandads brother)

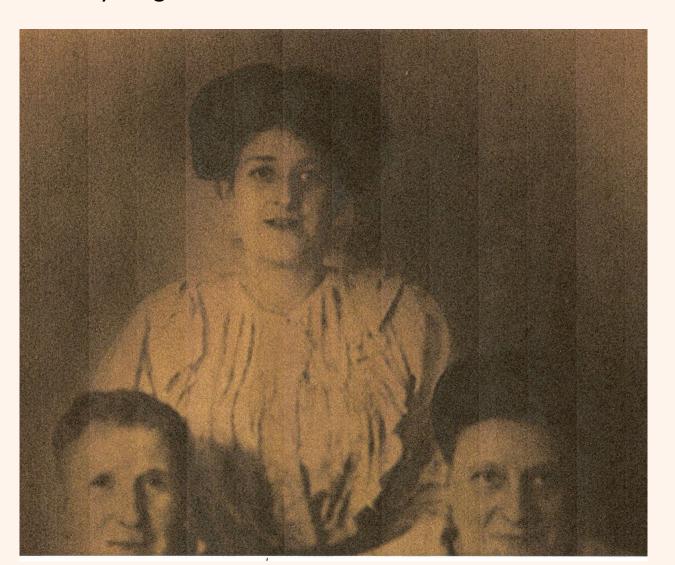




Both ladies look like most of our family

Could the young lady be a young Esther Melhado with our Great-Great Grandparents – Elias Melhado and Leah Mendes?

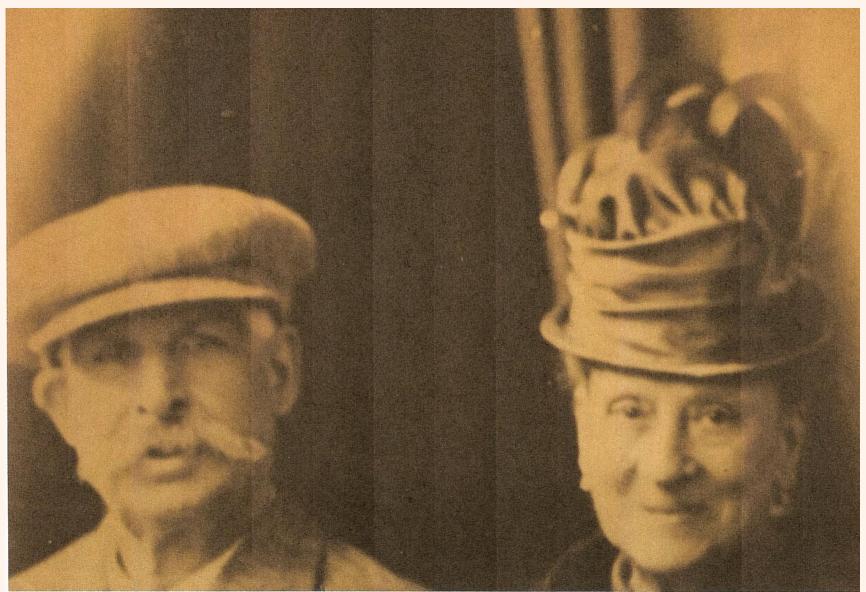
Or is this a younger Isaac and Esther with our Grandads sister Leah?



Our Great-Grandparents

Isaac Davis and wife Esther Melhado

Do you look like a Davis or a Melhado?



Elias and David Davis

our Grandad, Levys, brothers



Margaretta wife of Elias Davis

Our Grandads sister-in-law



I am not sure which Judah this is

Please let me know if you recognise them



Our side of the family



Hannah Clark

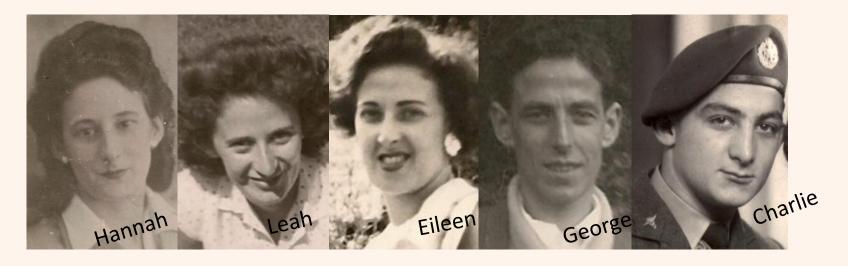


Hannah and Levy Davis with youngest child Charlie
On a boat trip

Children of Levy and Hannah Davis

(in order of age)





1970's





Levy & Hannah Davis (son of Isaac₃ born in 1888) lived at 27 King & Queen Street, which was here



The Newington Arms Lodge is now a hostel. It was a pub while the first Davis families lived here:

Gladstone, 24 King & Queen Street, Walworth, Newington, Surrey was a public house until around 1921.

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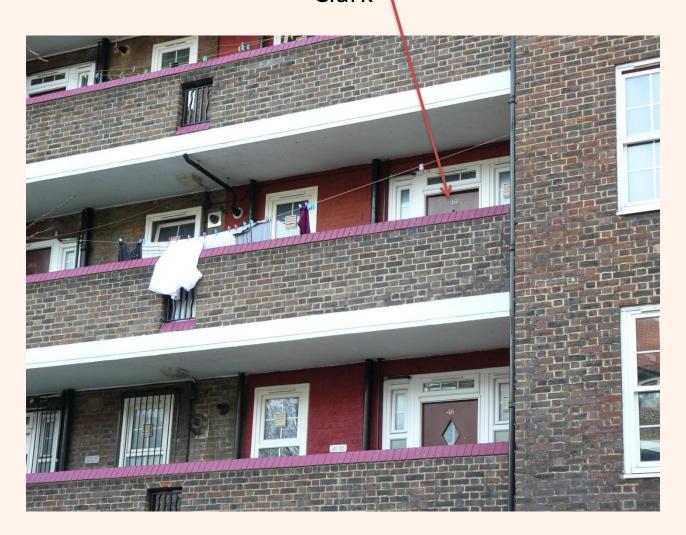
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1921/William James Bathe/Beer Retailer/../../Post Office Directory ****

49 Arrol House, Rockingham Estate, Elephant & Castle, Camberwell. Home of Isaacs Great-Grandson Levy Davis and Hannah Davis nee Clark \



Outside Arrol House

It still holds happy memories for my Dad who starts to remember all kinds of things from his teenage years when he lived here in the 1940/50s. Here he is excitedly telling me about a one armed neighbour being verbally abused before jumping from a second floor balcony and beating up his abuser. That reminded him of a man who insulted his Mum in the local pub before his Dad chased him down Rockingham Street to retaliate.

Other stories included that he kept his first bike in one of the small sheds behind him.



Full view of Arrol House January 2011





Peter Tatchell blue plaque unveiled by Sir Ian McKellen

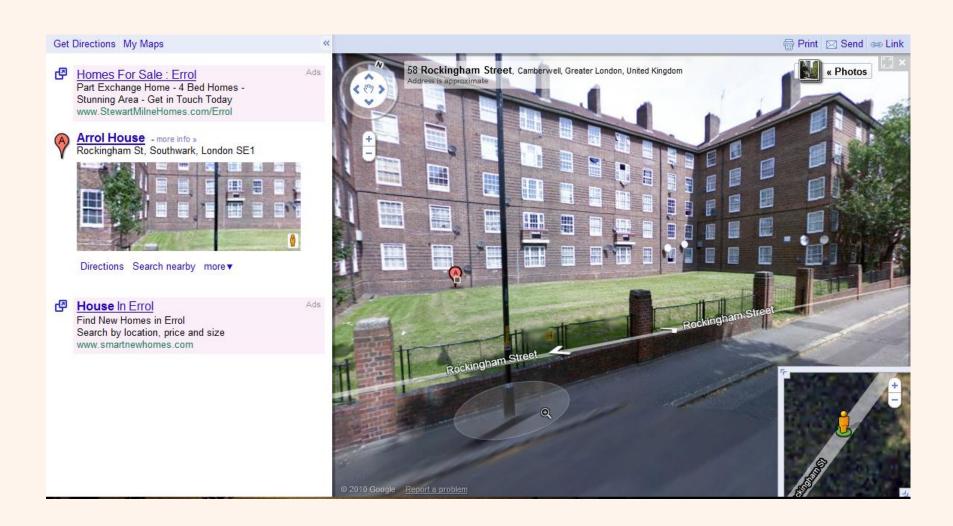
Wednesday 29 September 2010

A blue plaque to honour gay rights and human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell
has been unveiled on the Rockingham Estate by Sir Ian McKellen.

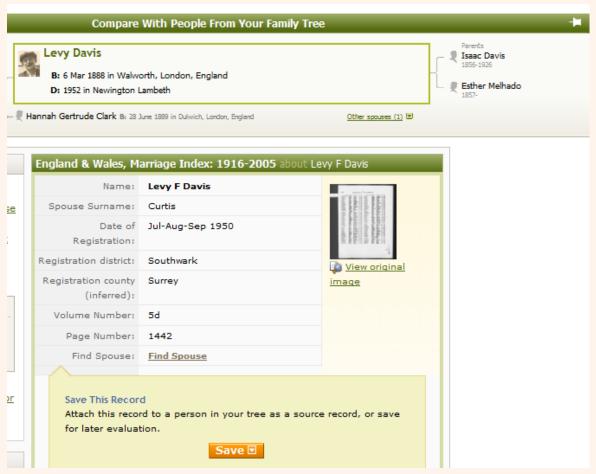


After the plaque had been unveiled, Peter Tatchell thanked those who had voted for him to be honoured with a plaque. "To be voted for by the people to have this honour is truly a great privilege, and I thank every one of them," he said. "I am gratified but a bit embarrassed. Normally you only get blue plaques when you are dead, and as you can see I am very much alive, and I am hoping to carry on campaigning for another 30 years or more."

The back of Arrol House



Second marriage of Levy Davis to Rose Curtis



After The Elephant & Castle



From here the children of Levy
Davis and Hannah Clark grew
up and went their separate
ways.

My Dad went here to 6
Habbington House,
Camberwell on the
Elmington Estate, which was
in Southhampton Way.

It was pulled down and redeveloped in 1982.

We searched for it last week and my Dad did not recognise where he was while we were in this area. I later found these pictures on the Internet.

Elmington Estate and area





Another victim of redevelopment was the factory Samuel Jones & Co. It was used as a landmark so without it we didn't even know if we were looking in the right area for Habbington House. The species of butterfly in the picture at the top was found first in Camberwell, known as the Camberwell Beauty. It has long fluttered away too.

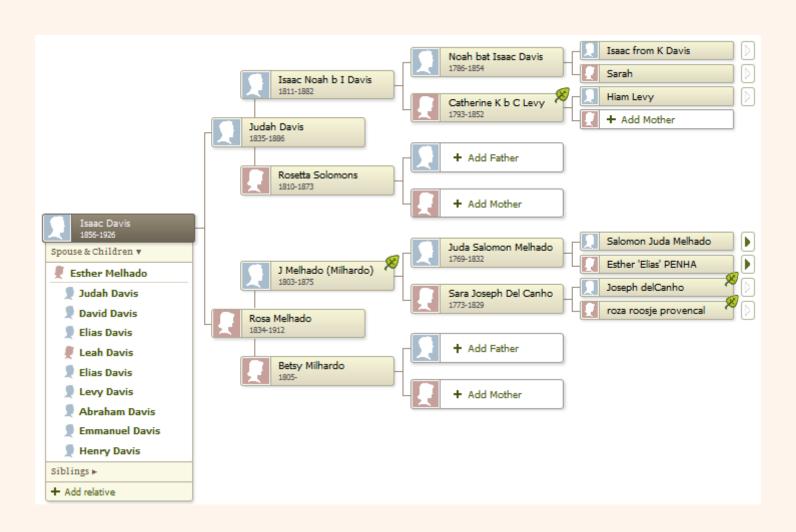
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Family trees – LEVY Davis

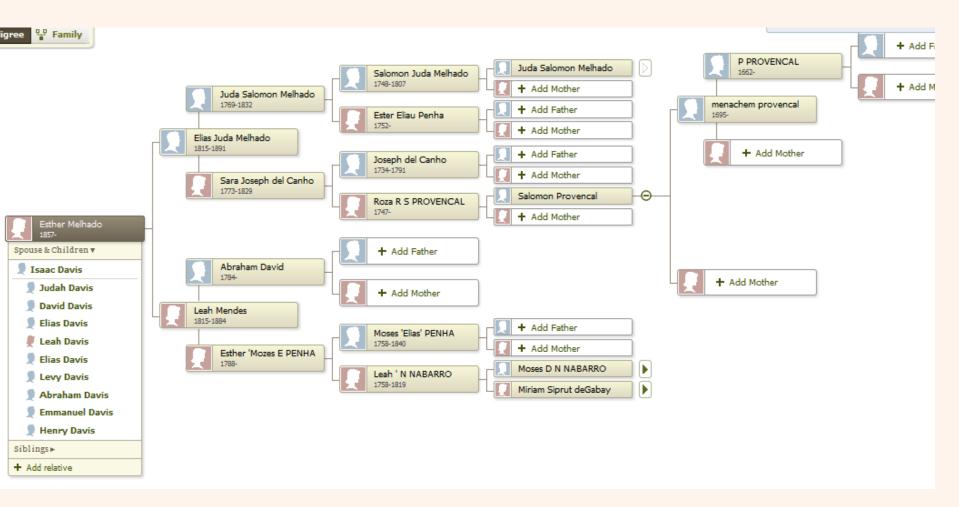


Family trees — Isaac₃ Davis

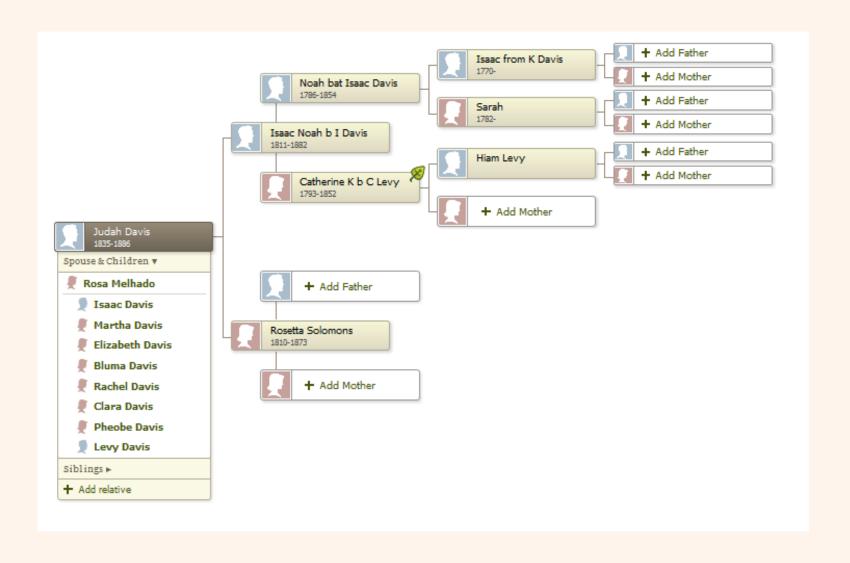


Family trees – Esther Melhado

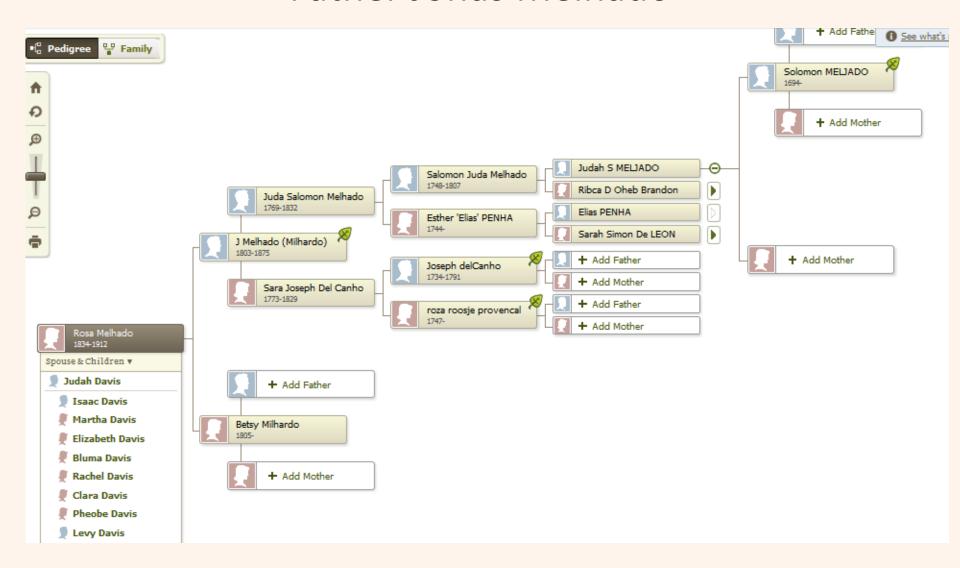
(So many of these are because each Melhado tree contains a bit more that you can't see in future generations)



Family trees – Judah Davis



Family trees – Rosa Melhado Father Jonas Melhado



Family trees – Jona Melhado Father Juda Melhado - mother Esther Penha

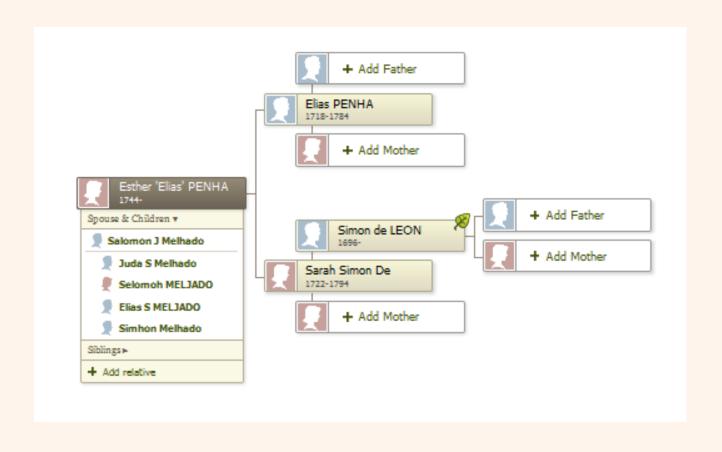


Family trees – Juda Melhado

Father Salomon Melhado (Possibly related somewhere to Rosetta Salomon)



Family trees – Esther Penha



Some of the cousins



I hope you enjoyed the memories and learned a little about our history and why you are you!

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Shalom Chaverim (PEACE FRIENDS, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN)



Sha - lom chaverim, Sha-lom chaverim, Sha-lom, sha-



lom! Le- hit-ra-ot, le- hit-ra-ot, Sha-lom, sha- lom!

Pronunciation: Shah-loam khah-vair-eem (hah will do if you can't make the "kh" sound); Luh-heet-rah-aut.

2nd time:

Hello, my dear friends, hello, my dear friends

Hello, Hello.

Hello, my dear friends, hello, my dear friends

Hello, Hello.

3rd time:

Peace my dear friends, In peace, my dear friends

May you go in peace.

'Til we meet again, 'til we meet again,

Shalom, Shalom

4th time: REPEAT HEBREW VERSE



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