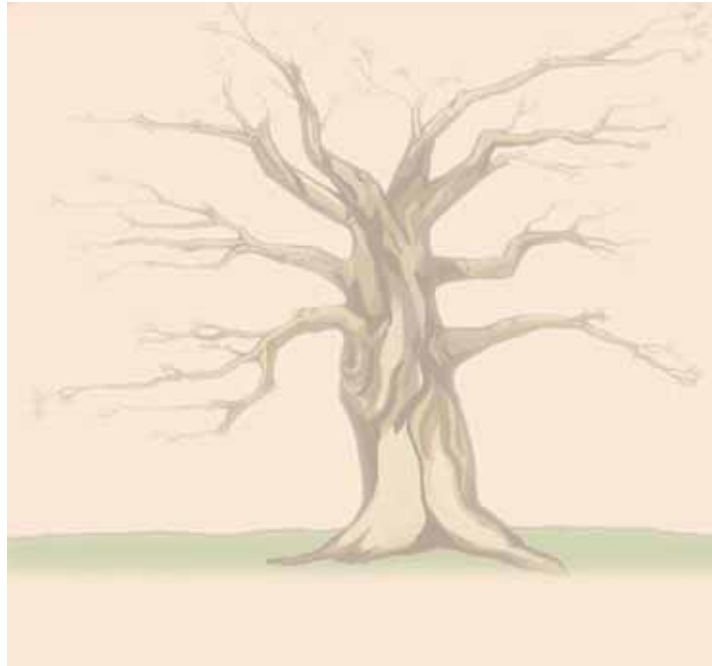


Welcome to our
Davis family tree
And History



This is the booklet from the website for those who do not have a computer.

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How it started - Cousins Reunited 15th September 2007

Ronnie Davis, our cousin in Canada, thought it was a good idea to have a get together in England. Joan and her husband Michael thought it was an excellent idea and invited all of us to her house. They bought us all a mug with the date and 'Cousins Reunited' written on it for all of us to keep as a memento and fed us all day. We thank you very much for that!

We all had such a good time and decided to create a web site for those who couldn't attend and to share all of our photographs. This will take time to complete because our Grand parents had 13 children. Two died very young so for between 70 to around 90 years there were 11 brothers and sisters growing up together. They were all born to our Grand parents Levy and Hannah (nee Clark) Davis. The two children who died were Thomas and Esther, one died at 6 months and the other aged two.



I also discovered at the Cousins reunion that Aunty Millie was born Amelia Davis. That could cause some problems in hundreds of years when someone searches for Millie Davis and only finds Amelia. Family trees are so important for future generations to save them from the problems we have today. I haven't even mentioned the future problem of step families - My own tree could get very complicated without adding anyone other than my children, step children and all their parents!

Any contributions to the Davis tree will be appreciated so I have added a link to my email for any important details and pictures that you might like to include on our web site.

Information needed for our trees include: Family member dates of birth, children and grandchildren; anything exciting such as important achievements to brag about; Careers and professions. I also need the surnames of married females because they are the most difficult to find when searching

family trees because they marry and change their surname. If you recognise yourself in any pictures please tell me who you are and what you can remember about the day and who else is in the picture. Most of all please tell me if I make spelling mistakes!

You probably know by now that I am on the Internet daily and I write something on a daily basis for fun as well as my work. So don't think I won't have time to scan pictures and up-date pages for you. I can even chat on the phone to you and up-date with the information while you tell me which bits to add or take out!

When everything is completed I can also put the whole website onto a DVD disc for each family to keep with a folder of the original full-quality pictures to print or view on your TV.

If we get it up-to-date and keep it that way as each new child is born we can leave important information for anyone (who might not be born yet) searching for the Davis ancestors in years to come!

This website is not advertised although a few might come across the pages eventually if they search google for specific names and/or quotes. (Try typing your own name into google with quote marks and see what happens! - such as "lynda archard" or "pictures of London") For this reason and for data protection there are things I won't include here such as your telephone numbers (mine is already all over the Internet), addresses and too personal information. I could add them to a DVD later, which will be Davis only information. Please let me know what you think is important for us to share with each other now while the site is 'live.'

Family history followed by some of our memories

Before I start I thought I would give you a quick run down of the Fathers before you get confused because of all the similar names.

Davis tree

Levy Davis (b1888) married Hannah Clark (b1889)

Parents of:

Freddie, Florrie, Tommy, Ernie, Alice, Esther, Johnny, Hannah, Milly, Leah, Eileen, Georgie,
Charlie

Parents of:

Us - The cousins

I have found the Clark family on the 1901 census using the information from my trip to Dorset. Either Polly was not at home on the day of the census or Polly is a nickname for Mary Ann. I couldn't find them before 1901. It looks as though they travelled around because only two of the children were born in the same town.

Thanks to Auntie Hannah these are the plot numbers for our Grandparents graves at Nunhead Cemetery. (And 'no' it has not been grassed over, built on or destroyed - except by overgrown plants such as blackberry and ivy!

Hannah was buried 27/02/1940 Grave No 40219

Levy was buried 10/01/1952 Grave No 42921 also on the card was 'Square 33' but it could be 88 or 83.

Note how similar the numbers are even though they are quite a way from each other!

These are pictures I took at Nunhead Cemetery:



These are the cleared graves and represent about 20% of them.



Believe it or not there are graves under the ivy!



The Chapel shell.

And here is a link to The Friends of Nunhead Cemetery with opening times, information and a picture gallery. <http://www.fonc.org.uk>

Religious facts: Levy or Levi is a Jewish surname that corresponds with the sons of the Jewish group of Levittes. They were the ones who were not given a land to live on because it was said they carried God with them and therefore could live anywhere in the world without needing a static place to call home! Jewish names all have meanings that are often sentences. When the sentences are put together within a group or family starting with the eldest it tells a story of where they originated or what the purpose of their existence on Earth is supposed to be. That might not be true today because it has probably been forgotten since Biblical days with so many people coming out of the religion or changing names to prevent persecution. I am still looking into this to see what else I can find or if it is just a story on a web site. Jewish culture is the only religion I haven't studied that much and I have now found it the most fascinating to research (even though I can't pronounce some of the words in their culture) and it is unlike any other religion I have studied. I would love to know which Davis first changed to Christianity. I hope it was a recent relative so I can use Jewish laws to try and trace the ones before them back through Russia. If I can find Isaac or Judahs gravestone it will probably have their Jewish name written in Hebrew above the name Davis. Then we will know where he came from and which sect of Jewish culture they were. Does anyone know where he was buried?

Family stories

Collected by Lynda Archard

Where did they originate - Family Stories

The first Davis to come to England could have been the father of Isaac before he was born in 1811 because this Isaac was born at Shadwell or Spitalfields in Middlesex (now London). Judah, his son did travel to the US regularly where his wife Rosa gave birth to their daughter Blumer and another of their daughters, Martha, was born at sea, probably on their journey home.

Aunty Eileen said she remembers a rumour that we were related or connected to the Rothchild family. As our family tree goes back to Whitechapel where the Rothchilds came from it is likely they at least knew each other or lived in a Rothchild building, which were available to rent in Spitalfields. Did one of the Davis girls have an affair with a Rothchild?

Aunty Florrie told me the first Davis came from Russia through Holland. She didn't know if they were Russian or if that was another country they had travelled through. She did know that they were not called Davis until they left Russia, which fits with the history of how Jewish people ended up with English names in the hope of being accepted into England. No one knows what their original name was or where they lived before or whilst in Russia. It is important we find Judah or even Isaacs headstone because the Jewish name is probably carved in Hebrew above the name 'Davis.' There is a record of an Isaac Davis buried in Whitechapel the year our Isaac was born. A Rabbi who died whilst trying to record the names from graves recorded him as Isaac Davis and written in Hebrew above was the name of HaCohen. I need to find evidence of the parents of our Isaac to discover if Isaac Davis-HaCohen was related.

Nearly all the Jewish community in Whitechapel at the turn of 1800 came from Holland. Many graves in the East End including Whitechapel and West Ham, have been destroyed and/or covered in Graffiti on a regular basis through the past two-hundred years. In 2003 the West Ham Jewish section of a graveyard was vandalised for the 117th time!

At the Cousins reunion Ronnie told me that he thought we stem from Russian Gypsies. I like this one because it could explain the psychic skills that run through some of us and I have it from both sides of my bit of the family.

My Dad had always said his Dad (Levy) came from Poland but can't remember who told him that. I suspect it was Alice. It certainly was not Levy because his Grandad Isaac was born here (1857) and lived around the corner from him in East Street and Isaacs Dad Judah was born here (1834) and so was his Dad yet another Isaac (1811). It is more difficult when you are the baby of a family to remember information given to you as a child or to know how many changes there have been in the verbal relay! Perhaps that was a family story to ensure knowledge was passed on and Poland was another country they lived in on their travels to London. My Dad could have assumed the story was about his own Dad and not his Grandad because Isaac died before he was born. His Mum died when he was 7 and he was really brought up by Alice. The Davis' could have just travelled through Poland, then Holland before reaching England. Pat (Alices daughter) says she was always told our Grandad was a Polish Jew. It makes sense that it was probably Alice who re-told that story.

Did your part of the family get a similar story to pass down?
Please let me know.

Aunt Alice remembers seeing her Grandad Isaac, who was Judah's son (Isaac and Rosetta's Grandson) but at that time he couldn't speak or hear after having 3 strokes. She said he was a very big man with white hair. His Doctor was Dr. Larkin and they had to sell the shop in East Street to pay his medical fees. He was buried in a Jewish section of the cemetery, which she thinks could be Nunhead, and his wife was outside the Jewish section somewhere.

She also remembers a family story that one of the wives probably Esther, Isaac's wife, was brought to the UK by the Davis' because she was a servant working and living in extremely poor conditions and so they escaped her destiny for a better life here and came from Poland. Because we know Judah was here before Isaac and Esther that could also apply to Rosa. Judah must have been rich and hard-working to travel and become established in business at that time. We don't know where that story came from because we don't know anything about Esther or Rosa other than Esther was a machinist and Rosa was a clothier. Isaac's Mother Rosa and her daughters were in the rag trade so they could have trained Esther or they might all have been self-taught.

After searching more than 2,500 Rosas born in Whitechapel on the 1851 Census I have found only 5 single girls and 2 older married women called Rosa. Out of the single girls there is only one who was 17 years old born in 1834 - Rosa Carter - a 17-year-old servant working in 63 Church Street, Shoreditch for Nathalon Kennett 30, Elizabeth Kennett 30 and Hakep Frike 39.

Ten years before that on the 1841 Census there is only one Rosa Carter born 1840 living in Sun Street, in the parish of St Botolph without Bishopsgate. Parents are: John Carter 27 Occupation Traveller and wife Mary 24.

There is no sign of either Judah, Rosa or the Carter family on the 1861 census but we know that Rosa had a daughter, Bluma, who was born about 1860 in the United States.

If Rosa was orphaned or abandoned at an early age then it is more than possible that she didn't know her real date of birth and later became a servant. Instead of the servant being brought here in Alice's story it is more likely that the servant was taken to the US to escape poverty and brought back as Mrs Rosa Davis. She obviously worked very hard all her life. This is a great love story isn't it?

That could explain why they went to the US and why Rosa kept changing her age and year of birth until she died. The story passed down to Ronnie about Russian Gypsies could have been distorted over the years because the gypsy girl married a Jew. I am still unsure of the Russian link that Aunt Florrie told me about. If that story is true then the Russian link would be back in the 1700s with the first Isaac's parents. We know that the Dutch link is through Esther and her family and the gypsy link is through Rosa wife of Judah. Rosa's parents, John and Mary, sound more likely to be Irish. Hannah was born to an English father and Irish mother so Russian can only be in the Davis family.

Ronnie's Dad Freddie was four years old when Rosa died and Florrie was only two years old. Could Rosa, their Great-Grandmother have told them this story and it got muddled over the years?

It seems Rosa who married Judah and is Isaac's mother and our parents' Great-Grandmother is likely to be the servant behind the story that Alice knew of. All the stories have a grain of truth that is starting to fit with the facts. What do you think?

I love it when someone asks me what my family ethnic origin is!

What should we say? We are English and, going back to our ancestors, with a bit of Russian, Polish and Dutch and possibly something else if they only travelled through Russia to get here. Oh and a bit of Irish! Then on my Mums side a bit of... and the list goes on!

I hate the cold and cold countries such as Russia do not appeal to me in any way even to visit for an hour. I can sit in the sun all day everyday and easily travel abroad for winter if I could. Is this generic?

Here are some thoughts for you.

Gary couldn't tell where I was when I mingled in the crowded market on holiday in Malta. I stood next to him while he looked around for me. We all looked the same. I felt so comfortable out there. I also get fed up with people from Greece, Cyprus, Italy or sometimes Spain talking to me in their language expecting me to understand them. I don't know what they are saying. My Dad (Charlie) loved his holiday in Cyprus. Do we come from a Mediterranean country? Some of us have already emigrated. Pat (Alice's daughter) lives in Spain and Mickey (Millie's son) lives in Italy. Ronnie and Hetty are in Canada, where some Jewish people came from to England in the early 1800s. Did they go back to our ancient roots? If so then who got the closest?

If you have any other information please email or telephone me! I could list your thoughts on a new page of the website.

Levy Davis (known as Fred)

Please remember that if you check the following information against the 1901 census this is what Auntie Alice remembers in the order of age and some might have changed their names or possibly be known by nicknames to family or not living at home when the census was taken. Missing names might have died young or moved away and would not have been known to our more immediate family.



Parents: Isaac and Hester lived first in 71 Tower Street then moved to a shop in 58 East Street, Walworth, London.

Levy Davis' Brothers and Sisters:

- Uda (Judah) married to Florrie, no children, lived at Blackwood Street, East Lane.
- Jack married to Rose, lived at East Street with 5 children.
- Lou - had 2 daughters and lived at Weston Supermare.
- Manny (Emmanuel)
- Harry had 2 sons.
- Dave married to Edie (pronounced E-D) with 5 children.
- Leah lived on the Isle of Wight
- Abie or Abe (Abraham) married to Alice children: Ronnie, Stanley (the professional boxer).

Hannah Davis nee Clark

No E on the end of Clark confirmed by birth certificates and census.

Alice said Hannah was born in a vicarage in County Cork Ireland. Her Mother is Bridget Clark (nee Bridget O'Rourke).

Hannah Clarks brothers and sisters:

- Tom married to Alice. Children: Alice, Tom, Sam, Billy and Albert. Also married Lydia Holden and lived in King & Queen St., off East Lane. Also married to Emmy.
- Frank was killed cleaning windows.
- Albert

Polly Clark (possibly Mary Ann on the census) married Charlie Bromfield with children: Mary (unmarried, no children), Billy (son Peter), Harry, Tom, George and Freddie.



Hannah Davis nee Clark

Polly Bromfield with her son Bobla, Dinny Sargent and Nobby (Alices husband)



Other Facts:

Levy was always known as Freddie. His eldest child, our Uncle Freddie, is also Levy known as Freddie and his son seems to be the only Freddie whose real name is actually Freddie but known as Freddie Boy!

There is 26 years between the oldest Of Levy and Hannahs children (Freddie) and the Youngest who is my Dad (Charlie) born in November 1932. At the time my Dad was born they lived at King and Queen Street just off East Street before moving to 49 Arrol House some time before 1940. Hannah died whilst living at Arrol House and my Dad remembers there were horses in the service and that he was about 8 years old.

Do you remember Granny Morbin

Granny Morbin lived with Levy, Hannah and the family at King and Queen Street (now demolished) and moved with them to Arrol House. My Dad remembers her wearing long Victorian clothes with loads of underskirts. She was the one who caught him and Georgie coming home late after the family were asleep because she had to let them in when my Dad was home from the Navy. She also gave them a shiny new coin every Sunday after they returned from their 6 years living in Devon as evacuees when my Dad was aged 12 and Georgie was 14.

Aunty Alices Pat remembers her clearly as being a small round lady and a proper 'Granny type.' This is also how my Dad described her too. Pat remembers... "I used to love to sit in her room in the evenings because she had a rocking chair which I used to sit in with her shawl wrapped round my shoulders. She used to give me cocoa and bread and jam. She had a daughter."



Granny Morbin and her daughter Sarah

The Trees

This is the provable Davis tree. I have loads more information but it is difficult to link before the first census in 1841 to Levy Davis who we know is definitely our Grandfather. Around 1816 when the first provable Isaac was born there were about 20 Davis families living around Whitechapel with sons called Isaac Davis, all born about the same time or within one year of our Isaac Davis. About 6 of them had fathers who were marked as foreign, one from Russia, one from Poland and two from Holland. All of which could be our ancestor.

I have used various colours to highlight the different generations and families so it is more clear and easier to see at a glance. Most of the families use all of the same names and I was getting muddled with brothers/sisters, aunts/uncles with the same names. When my head started throbbing I did this page to print so I could see the ages clearly and thought it might be better for you too.

Isaac born 1816 and family are Blue

Judah Davis born 1834 and family are Red

Isaac born 1856 and family are Green

Levy and his family are Navy

These are our definite relatives:

1835

Marriage of Isaac Davis and Rosa 1816 Solomons 1810 Aldgate in Great Synagogue, London
3 MAR 1835 Living at 19 Love Court, Whitechapel, London

1841

Isaac Davis age 25 1816 - Love Court Whitechapel Occupation: General Dealer

Rosetta Davis age 30 1811

Judah Davis age 6 born 1834

John Davis age 2 1839

Leah 2 months 1841

Mary Sullivan 17

John Carter 27 head - Sun Street Whitechapel, St. Boltoph without Bishopsgate - Occupation Traveller.

Mary Carter 24 wife.

Rosa Carter 1 born 1840 Whitechapel - Occupation Servant - 63 Church Street, Shoreditch

1851 -

Isaac age 36 head - 19 Love Court Whitechapel

Rosa 32 (or 42) wife

Judah age 16 son born 1834

John age 14 son 1836

George age 12 son 1838

David age 6 son 1844

Phoebe age 6 (should be 3) daughter

Leah age 1 daughter 1849

Hannah Griffin 40 (born in Ireland) occupation: Servant

Rosa Carter 17 born 1834 Whitechapel - Occupation Servant - 63 Church Street, Shoreditch

Nathalon Kennett 30

Elizabeth Kennett 30

Hakep Frike 39

1861 –

Isaac age 50 should be 45 or 46 head - 3 Dinah Bridge

Rosa 52 wife

Phoebe 13 daughter

Judah age 26 not on any census. He was in the US probably with Rosa Carter

Living at 95 Miles Row Whitechapel:

Elias Melhado 43 Head Occupation general dealer born Amsterdam Holland

Leah Melhado 46 born Holland

Yunda Melhado 12 Son Occupation General Dealer

Abraham Melhado 9 Son Occupation Cigar maker

David Melhado 8 Son born Mile end

Esther Melhado 4 Daughter born Mile end Occupation Cap maker

Jonas Melhado 4 Son born Mile end

1871 -

Judah age 37 head born 1834 - 43 Elliots Road, London

Rosa 35 wife 1834/6

Isaac 15 son

Eliza 12 daughter

Blumer 10 daughter born in the US 1861

Martha 5 daughter born at sea

Clara 3 daughter

Phoebe 1 daughter

Isaac age 62 head born about 1809 in Shadwell - 5 Little Surrey Street (occupation)

Warehouseman

Rosa 64 wife

George 32 son

Pheabe (phoebe) 22 daughter

Sarah 18 daughter (Domestic servant)

Rachael 7 Grandaughter 1864 (Judahs daughter)

Living at 95 Miles Row Whitechapel:

Elias Melhado 56 Head Occupation general dealer born Amsterdam Holland

Leah Melhado 57 born Holland

Yunda Melhado 22 Son Occupation General Dealer

Abraham Melhado 19 Son Occupation Cigar maker

David Melhado 17 Son born Mile end

Esther Melhado 14 Daughter born Mile end Occupation Cap maker

Jonas Melhado 14 Son born Mile end

1878

Marriage of Isaac Davis (Occupation: Metal Dealer) to Esther Melhado in the Jewish religion in a Synagogue both living at 63 East Street Walworth.

1881

Judah - 63 East Street – occupation broker

Rosa

Blumer 20 born in Pough Pelan, British Subject, US Occupation: domestic servant

Rachel 16

Martha 15 born at sea

Clara

Levy 7

Isaac not on census

Isaac 25 head – 71 Tower Street, London – occupation general dealer

Esther wife 25 occupation machinist

Judah 3 son

Elia (Eliza) 1 daughter

1886

Judah's death was registered in the first quarter of 1886 aged 52 in the district of St. Saviour, Southwark, London, Surrey.

1891

Isaac 34 head – 58 East Street – occupation general dealer

Esther wife 34

Judah 13

Elisa 11

David 4

Levy 3

Abraham 1y 6m

Rosa now age 52 - year now 1839 - 63 and 65 East Street – Widow - Occupation clothier. Born 1834 Whitechapel

Phoebe 21 - Occupation Dress Mantle Machinist

Levy 17 – Occupation: General Dealer.

Florence Mills aged 15 occupation servant.

1901

Rosa Davis head – 62 - 26 East Street born Whitechapel

Clara Byfield visitor 62 born Strand

Eleanor Wright 14 servant

Isaac Davis 45 head – 54 East Street – Occupation ironmonger born Lambeth

Hester Davis 45 wife - born Whitechapel

Judah Davis 23 son - born Lambeth – occupation, ?

David Davis 21 son -

Leah Davis 16 daughter - occupation assistant stationer

Elias Davis 14 son – occupation assistant ironmonger

Levy Davis 13 son -

Abraham Davis 11 son -

Emmanuel Davis 9 son -

Henry Davis 3 son - born Walworth

46 East Street:

Levy Davis (Head) age 27 (Our Grandads Uncle),

Hannah Davis (wife) age 29 born in Spitalfields,

Rosa (Daughter) age 1 born in Walworth,

Rachel (Daughter) age 3 months

Levy Davis born 1888 married Hannah Clark born 1889

After 1901

The death of Judahs wife Rosa Davis was registered in Southwark in the third quarter of 1912 age 74. Her year of birth was now 1838 but probably should be 1834. All through the census' she either gradually knocked years off her age or pretended to be older on her first census!

Death of Bridget Clark registered on 8th March 1914. She was buried in Streatham Park Cemetry 16th March 1914 - Plot Number 3505 Square 6. Found by Michael (Joan's husband).

This is the provable Clark tree so far.

1851

Living at 146 ?(Unreadable)

John Clark 67 head – born Elen Hatfield – Occupation ? (unreadable)

Elizabeth Clark 41 wife -

John C Clark 22 son born Hatfield occupation Smith

Martha Clark 19 daughter born

Rhoda Clark 18 daughter

Clara Clark 17 daughter

Halen Clark 15 daughter

Frederick Clark 11 daughter

William Clark 4 son

Henery Clark 2 son

Jane Clark 6 Mo daughter

Susana Goats 14 occupation House Servant

Edward Goodwin 45

1861

No record

1871

Living at Market Place, Castle Street, Bishops Stortford

Elizabeth Clark 61 head born Jakely, Essex

Occupation (looks like) Licenced Victuallar?

William Clark 24 son Occupation (looks like) Printer Computer?

Jane Clark 20 daughter occupation assistant to Mother

Henrietta Goodwin 10 Granddaughter<

George Woodcock 66 lodger Occupation Hosier

Francis I Risse 64 lodger Occupation Civil Engineer

John Woods 53 lodger Occupation Hawker

Elizabeth Thurfood 38 Occupation general servant

Ebenezer Adams 26 lodger Occupation Fishmonger

George Cant 20 ?

Susan Sawkins 18 Occupation general servant

1881

Living at: 33 Nutfield Road, Camberwell

William Clark 34 Head Occupation Tramway Conductor

Bridget O. Clark 35 born Ballymore, Wicklow, Ireland

Sam. E. Clark 4 born in Pomroy County Cork

Thomas I. Clark 2 born Aldershot

Mary Ann Clark 6months born Portsmouth

Martha Cattermole 50

W. J. Cattermole 40

Walter J. Cattermole 9

Charles Cattermole 7

1891

No record

1901

William J Clark Head 54 born in 1847 Bishops Stortford, Herts – 21 Eltham Street, Newington, London – Occupation Carpenter

Bridget Clark (nee O'Rourke) wife 55 born 1846 in Ireland

Alice Clark 22 daughter-in-law born in Rotherhithe

Thomas J Clark 22 son occupation packing case maker born in Aldershot, Hants

Mary Ann Clark 20 daughter born in Hilsea, Hants

Francis Clark 19 son born in Dulwich, Surrey

Hannah Clark 12 daughter born in Dulwich, Surrey

Alfred Wm Clark 1 son born in Newington

Definition of 'vict-u-al·er also vict-u-al·ler (vtl-r)' n.

1. A supplier of victuals; a sutler.
2. Chiefly British An innkeeper.
3. Nautical A supply ship.

Innkeeper would explain all the lodgers who lived with Williams mother, Elizabeth Clark.

Levy and Hannahs children: After 1901 - Facts at a glance:

Missing information and dates provided by Georgie and Joyce gained from Alice (please let me know if anything is wrong because the year of my Dads birth made him 1 year younger than he is). Years were guessed by rough guessing. If anyone has been left out sorry but remember I am one of the youngest cousins and I only know what I am told!

Freddie b 5th December 1908 (Died) married Hetty
Children: Freddie Boy, Ronnie, David, Hetty, John

Florrie (Florence) b 3rd February 1910 (Died March 2004) married: George Ross
Children: Jeanette married to Roy Edwards with 2 sons.

Tommy b 1912 Died 1912 aged 2 months.

Esther b 1913 died 1913 aged 6 weeks

Ernie b 14th July 1914 (Died 200) married Betty
Children: Alan married to Georgina, Joan, Janet,

Alice b 7th December 1916 married Albert Edward Tregent (Known as Nobby).
Children: Albert, Joan, Pat, Lorraine

Johnny b 1920 married Dolly 4th October 1947 (The same day as Queen Elizabeth II - see their webpage for newspaper clip)
Children: Barbara

Hannah b 18th March 1922 married Bill Crump then John Webb
Children: Robert, Pauline, Sheila

Millie (Amelia) b 30th May 1924 married Stan Harris 26th August 1944
Children: Yvonne, Terry, Pat, Micky, Carol, Tony, Brian

Leah b 3rd February 1926 unmarried
Children: Keith married to Karen - Children: Scott and Joanne

Eileen b 28th August 1928, married Fred Dennington
Children: None

Georgie b 5th March 1931 married Joyce
Children: Debbie

Charlie b 19th November 1932 married Pat Hancock 27/09/1958 second wife Maria 04/05/1993
Children: Lynda (11/05/1960), Peter (30/01/1962) and Step-daughter Vallerie (11/01/19).

2007

Today 61-63 East Street is a Hal-Al Butchers. 65 East Street is a Beauty Salon and 54 is a Fish Wholesaler and DIY Shop.

Isaac and Rosettas parents were more likely to have come from Holland or Poland according to history: According to the history of how the Jewish community came to Whitechapel in the 1700s and early 1800s states nearly all were from Holland or Poland. Most Russian Jews came to England from 1880 onwards. Isaacs wife Esther Melhado definitely was a Dutch Jewish descendent



The Cousins September 2007

Davis food traits - What is this Pie'n'Mash obsession?

I must be the only person in the family who would never consider covering my pie and mash in green slime and what you can a pie I call dog food!

Everyone keeps telling me it is fantastic. I trained as a chef and would not consider eating it. In fact Manzes and Goddard pies seem to be the most popular and pie and mash is an East End of London thing. The Goddard shop in Greenwich closed last summer but you can link to Manzes at London Bridge and order frozen meals to be delivered anywhere in the UK and Ireland from this page: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/A10357102> History of Pie and Mash. If you enjoy it or don't want to know what is in it or you don't want to be put off then do not visit this website!

The original pies were eel and cheap mince and the 'secret' ingredient in the liquor is the water that the eels were boiled in - yuk yuk yuk!

For those who don't live in London here are some recipes from the Internet:

Recipe for Parsley Liquor

From <http://www.hub-uk.com/foodpages36/1797.htm>

This is a recipe for the famous green gravy that is served with the East End (London, UK) speciality of *Pie, Mash and Liquor*.

Ingredients Parsley Liquor

25 Gram Butter (1 oz)
25 Gram Plain flour (1 oz)
300 ml Water (10 fl oz)
4 Tablespoon Chopped fresh parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 Teaspoon Malt vinegar, optional



How to make Parsley Liquor

- Melt the butter in a [saucepan](#). Add the flour and cook for 1 minute.
- Gradually add the water or stock. Bring to the boil, stirring continuously. Add the parsley and seasoning and [vinegar](#) if using.
- Serve with a [minced beef pie](#) and mashed potatoes.

Note:

You can use chicken stock to make your Parsley Liquor in place of the water

Serves 4

Recipe for eel pie

<http://www.batemanian.com/recipes/122099.html>

Fish Pie, with Tench and Eels

Ingredients:

2 tench, 2 eels, 2 onions, a faggot of herbs, 4 blades of mace, 3 anchovies, 1 pint of water, pepper and salt to taste, 1 teaspoonful of chopped parsley, the yokes of 6 hard-boiled eggs, puff-paste.

Mode:

Clean and bone the tench, skin and bone the eels, and cut them into pieces inches long, and leave the sides of the tench whole. Put the bones into a stewpan with the onions, herbs, mace, anchovies, water, and seasoning, and let them simmer gently for 1 hour. Strain it off, put it to cool, and skim off all the fat. Lay the tench and eels in a pie-dish, and between each layer put seasoning, chopped parsley, and hard-boiled eggs; pour in part of the strained liquor, cover with puff-paste, and bake for 1/2 hour or rather more. The oven should be rather quick, and when done, heat the remainder of the liquor, which pour into the pie.

Time:

1/2 hour to bake, or rather more if the oven is slow.

From Mrs. Beeton's Every Day Cookery and Housekeeping Book (facsimile of the 1865 edition)

Recipe for pie, mash and liquor

<http://www.curryfrenzy.com/curry/html/pie-mash-and-liquor.html>

Serves 4

Ingredients - Pie Filling

- 500g ground mince
- 1 red onion finely chopped
- Salt and Black Pepper
- 50ml of Beef Stock
- Dash Worcester sauce
- 100ml red wine or beer
- 4 tsp cornflour

Ingredients - Shortcrust Pastry

- 8oz plain flour
- 2oz butter
- 2oz Lard
- 4 tbsp water
- 1/2 tsp salt

Ingredients - Suet Pastry

- 12oz self raising flour

- 8oz Beef suet (Atona is fine)
- Salt and black pepper
- 4 tbsp water
- 1/2 tsp salt

Ingredients - Liquor

- 400ml Chicken stock
- 2 tbsp Arrow root
- 4 Tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 4 Tbsp potato water

Method

Filling

Fry the onion in a little oil until softened, add the mince and cook through. Then add the rest of the ingredients and stir in well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Leave to cool.

Pie Bottom

The pie bottom is suet based. Sift the the flour and mix with the suet in a big bowl, season and stir in with a knife (a fish knife works very well) then mix in the water till moist but still a solid mass. Roll out to about 2mm thickness.

Pastry top

For the pastry top make the shortcrust pastry. Combine all ingredients in a food processor add enough water to allow the pastry to roll without splitting. Roll out to 2mm thick.

Assemble pies

Ideally you will serve individual pies but you will be constrained by the utensils you have. I use a muffin tray which doesn't produce pie and mash shop shaped pies but work very well. butter the dishes well, line with the suet pastry. Fill with the mince meat and top with the shortcrust pastry. Cover with a damp cloth and leave until ready to bake. Bake in a Water bath or bain marie in the oven so the suet base is steamed and the top is crisply baked. The cooking time will depend on the pie sizes somewhat but around 20-30 minutes should be enough at 180 degrees. Cook your mash as you like, traditional pie and mash shop mash is pure potato, no butter or milk but remember this is traditional East and South London working class food so it was made cheaply, it can be improved on (though diehard fans will insist on making it like it was!). The liquor is made by melting the butter in a pan, add the arrowroot, stir in the stock, the water from the boiled potatoes, parsley and vinegar, if it goes lumpy use a hand processor to blend smooth. You can use cornflour instead of arrowroot but arrowroot thickens with a clearer finish and is more authentic. Serve with Malt vinegar as an accompaniment and hot jellied eels if you can find them, if you do, add the jelly to the liquor for a final authentic touch.

A recipe for jellied eels

<http://www.britannia.com/cooking/recipes/jelliedeels.html>

Jellied Eels

Jellied eels are an old East End (of London) favourite where they are still sold from street stalls, to be eaten from china bowls sprinkled with hot chilli vinegar. While jellied eels are the sort of street food you wolf down while standing up, perhaps on the way home from the pub, they are surprisingly easy to make yourself, so long as you can get very fresh eel.

INGREDIENTS: Eels - 900 g (2lb), Grated nutmeg - pinch, Lemon - *, zest and juice, Fresh herbs - a few, chopped, Fish stock - 600 ml (1 pint), Onion - 1 small, finely chopped, Carrot - 1 small, finely chopped, Celery - 1 small, finely chopped, Bouquet garni - 1, Gelatine - 15g (* oz).

COOKING: 1. Skin and bone the eels but do not cut them up. Lay them on the table, skin side down and sprinkle with grated nutmeg, a little grated lemon zest and the chopped herbs.
2. Cut the fish into pieces about 4 inches long. Roll up each piece and tie with strong cotton or fine string. Put the stock, vegetables and bouquet garni into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Add the eels and simmer very gently until tender, for about an hour.
3. Lift out the fish take off the cotton or string and place the eels in a basin. Measure the stock and make up to 450 ml (* pint) with water.
4. Add the gelatine to the lemon juice to dissolve the gelatine, then add this to the hot stock. Stir until completely dissolved. Strain this over the fish and leave to set.
5. Turn out when cold and serve with a green salad and sliced gherkins.

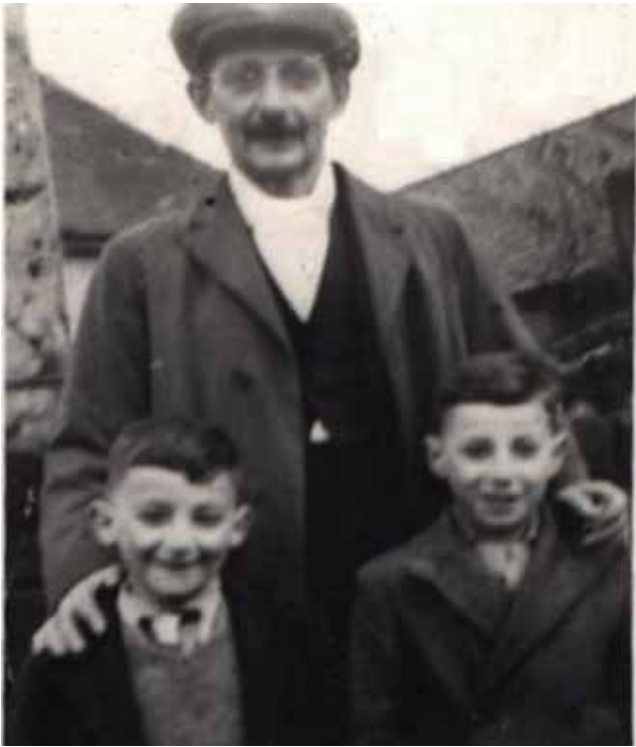
And now for good food

I do however love boiled rice with my roast dinner. Most of my friends like it but they think I am weird for cooking it. I remember back in the 70's asking my Dad why I am the only one of my friends who knows how to cook it and he didn't know and said it was something his family always cooked, mainly Alice. My Mum tried to cook it for him when I was about 14 and the first attempt was like having rice pudding on our dinner because she bought short grain rice that is used for sweet puddings. I then used Uncle Bens and followed the directions and found my own way to do it, which I have done since then. Then I found out how the Davis family cooked it while visiting Auntie Alice and she was cooking some for my Dad in the oven.

Alice told me you put peeled potatoes in a shallow roasting tin and fill with water so half of each potato is under water. Coat the tops with oil and sprinkle rice into the water around the potatoes. 30 minutes later you should have fluffy rice and potatoes that are half boiled and half roasted. It is healthier than a usual roast dinner because it uses less fat and was a cheap way to feed a large family.

Eat with meat and vegetables of your choice and cover with bisto gravy. (Not the instant lazy one!)

A selection of photographs





Freddie



Florrie



Ernie



Alice



Johnny



Millie



Hannah



Leah



Eileen



Georgie



Charlie



Cousins





