

In September, 1903, a Levy-Altman wedding was performed, with Mr. Daniel Cohen, of Perth, acting as Officiating Chazan.

The first marriage carried out in the Shule was between Mr. A. E. Abadee and Miss Fisher, who celebrated the occasion by planting trees in front of the building.

### **Some Genealogical Notes on the Family of Rebecca, wife of Walter Jacob Levi**

Dr. Bergman's article on Walter Jacob Levi in Volume 6, Part 8, includes an extract from Levi's Will which is "interesting from the point of view of certain English Jewish customs, which are now forgotten as the present of a 'mourning ring' to relatives, and also from the point of view of genealogy concerning his own and his wife's family". From the point of view of genealogy it amplifies my article in Volume 6, part 6, on the connections that exist between Australian Jewry and the old Jewish communities of South West England.

Rebecca Levi (1798-1876) was the daughter of Lemon Hart (1768-1845) by his second wife, Mary, daughter of Lazarus Solomon (d.1835). She was born in Penzance and represents the very earliest Cornish Jewish connection with Australia in that she lived in New South Wales from 1827 to 1831. Her father, Lemon Hart, was a distiller and became one of the largest spirits merchants in the country, for many years holding the contract for supplying the British Navy with rum, that all-important accessory of Nelson's victories. Lemon Hart's family had already been established in Penzance for some time, his father, Lazarus Hart (1739-1803), and his grandfather, "Rabbi" Abraham Hart (d.1784) having enjoyed some local reputation as scholars. Lemon Hart himself became the perpetual Warden (Parnass) of the Penzance Synagogue and was the man responsible for engaging the services for his community of Rabbi Barnet Asher Simmons (1784-1860), an ancestor of a number of Australian Jewish families. Simmons served the Penzance community for upward of 40 years. He was married to Flora Jacob (1790-1872) whose sister, Rebecca Jacob (1781-1853) (also an ancestress of many Australian Jews) was married to Lemon Wolf (1783-1848), the nephew, and cousin of Lemon Hart and his business partner in the spirits supplying firm. A niece of Rebecca Wolf and Flora Simmons mar-

ried Rev. Benjamin Aaron Selig (1812-72), at first an assistant to Rabbi Simmons, subsequently Minister to a Melbourne congregation and finally the first Minister to the Canterbury Hebrew Congregation at Christchurch, New Zealand. He was the father of Phineas Selig (1856-1941) who became the first President of the New Zealand Newspapers' Proprietors' Association.

Lemon Hart's spirits supplying business was incorporated within a commercial firm in 1878 and his name is commemorated to this day as a well-known brand name of rum. After the death of his son-in-law in New South Wales in 1828 his daughter returned home where she married her first cousin, Frederick Jacobs, a son of Lemon Hart's sister. By her marriage to Walter J. Levi she had four children but of their issue I have no information.

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