



# JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

**UPCOMING MEETINGS: THE HUB, 33 JOHNSONVILLE RD, 7 FOR 7:30 PM**

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY	AUGUST: FAMILY HISTORY MONTH	WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
<i>Pictures of people &amp; places: finding images for your family history</i>	<b>(No Monthly Meeting)</b>  <b>Saturday 24 August, 10 am - 4 pm</b>  <i>DNA - but wait there's more...</i>	<i>FamilySearch</i>
<b>Joan McCracken (National Library)</b>	presented by <b>Fiona Brooker</b> Tawa Union Church, 6 Elena Place, Tawa	<b>Catherine and Eric Ruth</b>

## CONVENOR'S CORNER

### Pre-meeting Discussion Group, 17 July, 6-7:15



Greetings members

As I am writing this, it is weather for ducks and family historians! Wet cold weather is a good excuse to stay inside and do genealogy! I have been lucky to have Australian family staying with me for a few days. They came for my twins 21<sup>st</sup> party, and the upshot is the next generation, Ben and Chris, my grandson, and my cousin's daughter, have really gelled and become fast friends. It's great to know the family will continue even though we live in different countries. And they heard some family history and saw some photos of past generations.

I want to give a plug this month for the NZSG services I have used, mostly free of charge.

As an immigrant most of my family is overseas, and in the past, I have not realised how much help NZSG can be to me, especially living in Wellington. However, over the past year through NZSG, I have:

- Obtained 1921 census records free of charge
- Downloaded digital documents from National Archives UK free of charge
- Accessed and found newspaper reports through Gale Newspapers
- Borrowed a book from the NZSG library about a business my husband's family was involved with.

You do have to pay to send the book back to the library, but it was worth it to access a book I could not find elsewhere.

Sarah Hewitt, Chairperson, NZSG, spoke to us in October last year and covered NZSG Resources. Please see a review in our November 2023 newsletter.

I'm looking forward to our next speaker, Joan McCracken, as finding photos of our ancestors is one of my favourite parts of genealogy. I have found photos of my husband's family in several places.

Geraldine Needham-Girven,

Convenor, Wellington Branch

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## **Wellington Branch Meeting 19 June 2024**

### **‘Plating Up’ – the history of Wellington’s restaurant scene**

The guest speaker at the June Branch Meeting was Gábor Tóth who is the Local and New Zealand History Specialist at Wellington Libraries.

Food traditions in New Zealand in the 1950s had not changed throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Generally, food was stodgy British cuisine, the only ethnic offering being a small number of Chinese restaurants. Eating out was gender based with pubs for men and tearooms for women.

In 1925, the New Commercial Café opened in Lambton Quay, serving lunch and dinner. The Green Parrot opened in 1926. Both restaurants had a similar menu with dishes such as sausage and chips; sausage, egg and chips; steak and chips; and steak, egg and chips. The Green Parrot is Wellington’s oldest surviving restaurant and the menu today is largely unchanged from its early days.

Slowly the food scene started to change after World War II. People immigrated to New Zealand from countries other than the United Kingdom, such as other European countries and Scandinavia, and brought their food traditions with them.

In the 1940s, Mary Seddon, a member of the wealthy Seddon family, had the financial means to travel overseas. While there, she was exposed to different culinary traditions. In the 1950s, Mary opened Monde Marie in Marjoribanks Street. This was a café rather than a restaurant offering coffee, desserts, dishes like lasagne and chilli con carne, and live music. Monde Marie closed in 1972.

From the 1950s to the 1970s many cafes and fine dining restaurants were established in Wellington. The problem for these restaurants was that the liquor laws prevented them from obtaining a liquor licence. The law had changed in 1952 so that the standard required to get a liquor licence was so high that it was almost impossible to get one. This was to protect the two main breweries and the pubs.

During this period restaurants opened such as The Tulip, Café Du Boulevard and Orsini’s. The place to be seen was Le Normandie where avocado, scallops and paté were on the menu. Le Normandie was one of the first restaurants in New Zealand to get a liquor licence. It was very expensive along with other restaurants such as The Coachman and Bacchus.

By the 1980s family restaurants emerged such as Cobb and Co at the St George Hotel; The Woolshed, Plimmers Steps; Camelot, Brandon Street; and Manuel’s at the Broderick Inn, Johnsonville.

Things really started to change with the Fourth Labour Government in the late 1980s. The Sale of Liquor Act 1989 completely overhauled liquor licencing and opening hours. In addition, the liberalisation of immigration and labour laws meant that immigration from Asia and other parts of the world increased. The skilled migrant category included cooks so the 1980s/90s saw in, for instance, Indian (the Bengal Tiger); Mexican (the Mexican Cantina); Thai (the Oriental Thai) and Malaysian (Satay Kampong) food outlets. The increasing casualisation of eating out eventually had an impact on the fine dining restaurants.

The most recent change has been the coffee culture and craft brewing which once again has transformed Wellington physically and culturally.

Barb Marriott

## **FAMILY HISTORY MONTH 24 August 2024: Keynote Speaker will be Fiona Brooker**

Fiona Brooker is a professional genealogist (Memories In Time) who has been actively researching her family history for over 35 years, inspired by two marriage certificates and a collection of family letters written from New Zealand back to her immigrant ancestor's family in Devon. Whilst living and researching in the UK, she studied and gained a Higher Certificate in Genealogy from the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies and is a ProGen graduate. Fiona has served as both President and Treasurer of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG). She has organised family history conferences and expos in New Zealand. As well as helping people with their family history research, Fiona's passion is to preserve today as much as the past and to get the research out of folders and the computer and into the hands of family members so that they can learn about their heritage. Some of the webinars she offers are:

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Geraldine Needham-Girven reviews one of Fiona Brooker's Webinars:

### [Four Further Sources for NZ Family History](#)

I recently had the pleasure to listen to this Legacy webinar, given by Fiona Brooker who will be the keynote speaker at this year's Family History event on 24 August.

Legacy (<https://legacyfamilytree.com/>) is the family history software I use. It is owned by MyHeritage and is now free to use. In addition, Legacy hosts a huge number of webinars (<https://familytreewebinars.com/>), some of which are free and some require a membership. There is a wide range of topics. This one was free and followed three earlier webinars which are no longer free:

[Another Four Sources for New Zealand Family History - Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) (Intentions to Marry, Parish Registers, Police Gazettes, The Wilson Collection); [Four More Sources for New Zealand Family History - Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) (Military records, NZ Electoral Rolls, The Suffrage Petition, and The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand); and [Four Sources for New Zealand Family History - Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) (Cemetery, Probate, Newspaper, and Immigration records).

## **The Four Further Sources are:**

### **Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives (AJHR)**

These are sometimes known as "the A to Js", and are a collection of government-related reports published every year from 1858.

They are found on the Papers Past website [Papers Past \(natlib.govt.nz\)](http://papers.past.govt.nz) and you search in a similar way to the newspapers collection. I found my husband's great-grandfather had not only signed a petition to the government calling for a Rotorua to Taupo railway, but he had appeared before the Select Committee in 1929.

### **Health and Welfare Record Archives**

These held by Archives NZ and most records containing patient health details (with the exception of registers of patient deaths) are restricted for 100 years from the date of record closure. But you may get lucky and a few are even digitised. You need to be patient to search. For example, I found the Westland Hospital Register of Patients 1884-1908 has been digitised. But they are not indexed so it means looking at many pages to find relatives who may be included.

National Archives has research guides on Mental Health Records and Health Records for Christchurch.

### **Naturalisations prior to 1949**

Some of these are digitised – I found Arthur Policandriotis, [Fisherman], Auckland Date: 17 July 1911 Subject: Memorial for naturalisation.

National Archives has a guide on Citizenship which includes naturalisations.

### **Maps**

Fiona is a big fan of maps and suggests New Zealand Heritage Maps: <https://maps.recollect.co.nz/>

This site has been provided by NZMS (NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC) to make available to the public the high resolution images of large format maps created during the early European settlement and exploration of New Zealand. I didn't appreciate at the time, but on further research but they only seem to have South Island maps so far. You can either search or explore a map and find what maps are available.



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## SPEAKERS:

Fiona Brooker, [Memories in Time](#)

- Quick and Dirty DNA
- DNA Update with Q&A
- Family History in the A.I. Era

Luke Howison, [NZ Ancestor Search Helper](#)



## FROM LONDON TO NEW ZEALAND: A JEWISH FAMILY STORY by Gill Percy

This is some of the Barnett / Lipman family history from the mid-1700s to the present day in 2024. It is the story of a resourceful and adventurous family in London and later in New Zealand and Australia, with a strong Jewish heritage. Sources are oral family history and research by my Aunt Pam Mayo and myself, public domain family data, *The Jewish Chronicle*, Ancestry family database information, and sharing of family stories with current family in London and New Zealand. Investigations are still ongoing.

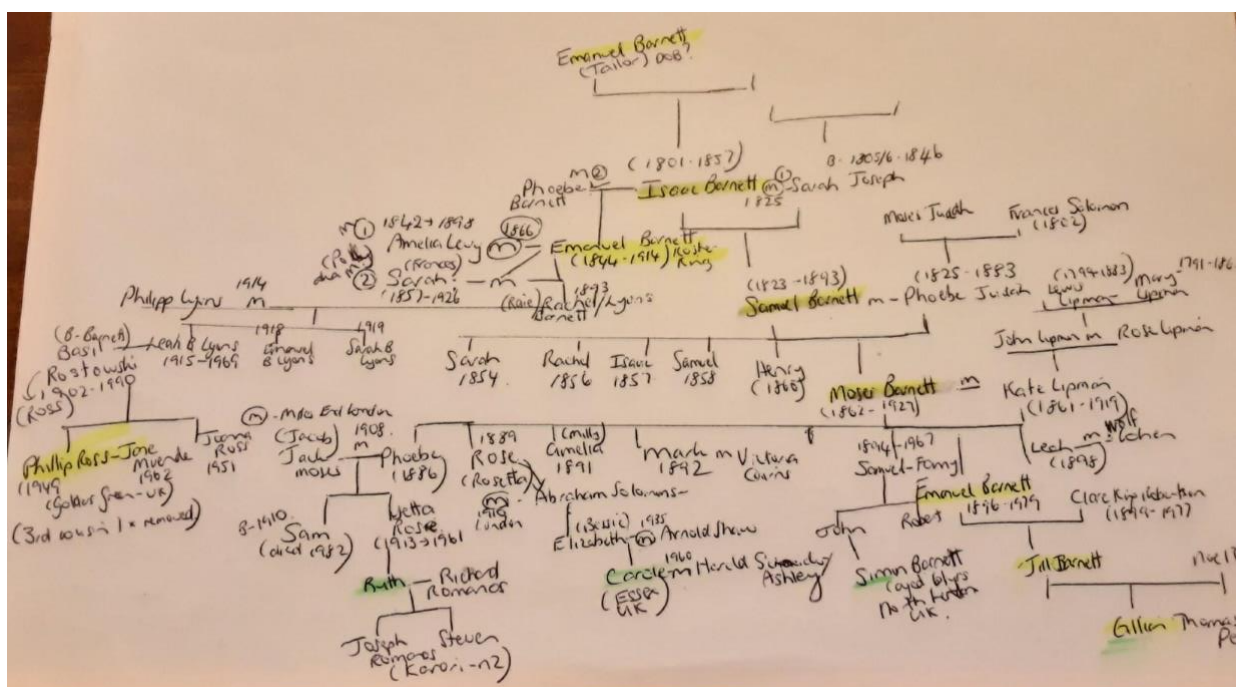
In 1979, just before my Grandad Emanuel Barnett died, I had a fascinating talk with him about his Jewish childhood in London's East End before he came to Wellington NZ in 1910 aged 14. He talked about visiting *The Poplars*, a substantial house and gardens in Seven Sisters Road, London. This was the home of a wealthy great-uncle named Emanuel Barnett, often called *The Kosher King of the East End*, who owned a well-known kosher butcher business in Petticoat Lane. Many of the Barnett family worked in this butchery business, including my great-grandad Moses Barnett. My Grandad Emanuel was named after his great-uncle. My Grandad Emanuel was not a practising Jew after he married our lovely Irish/ Scottish grandmother. He did not talk about his earlier family very much, and had little contact after his parents Moses and Kate Barnett died.

### These are some of the questions the family of today wanted to explore:

- Who was the wealthy relative and what can we find out about his business, family connections, and life?
- Why did Moses and Kate Barnett and some of the family come out from London to Wellington in 1910 and why did 16-year-old Samuel Barnett stay behind?
- Who are the earlier ancestors and where did they (Ashkenazi Jews) come from in Poland or Germany?
- What was life like in London for this family in the 1800s and early 1900s?
- Can we find any of the family descended from Grandad Emanuel and his other brothers and sisters in London or NZ?
- Are there any other stories and photos of this family, such as photos of great-grandparents Moses and Kate née Lipman?

In the last 5 years I was able to go to London several times and follow up on family history and meet my 2nd cousins Simon Barnett, Carole Ashley (and her husband Harrold), and Philip Ross, who is the great-grandson of the Kosher King Emanuel Barnett.

Here is some information and stories starting as far back as I can find at the moment. A family tree is included below. I have highlighted the paternal line through my mother. Also highlighted are the Kosher King Emanuel Barnett and Philip Ross as more distant family members who are important in this story.







When Isaac died in 1857, aged 56, he was buried in the Brady Street Jewish Cemetery, East End London. I was able to visit his grave in June 2018 and place a memorial stone on the grave, which has a substantial monument in good condition. Brady Street Cemetery, 1701 to 1858, is a closed locked Jewish cemetery and you need to get permission from the United Synagogues for someone to open it for you to visit. It is a peaceful place with a beautiful old stone wall and trees.



The inscription on the tombstone reads:

Sacred to the memory of Isaac Barnett of Middlesex Street Aldgate, who departed this life August 26 1857. Died 56 years. This monument was erected by his family and friends as the lasting tribute of respect for his departed remains. Beloved, esteemed and lamented.

The top part of the inscription is in Hebrew and is a general prayer for the departed.



**SAMUEL BARNETT** (1823—1893), my 2x great-grandfather

Samuel, Isaac's son, took over the coffee house / cook shop at 49 Middlesex Street. There is a record of an insurance policy saying Samuel took over the coffee house policy from his father Isaac Barnett (reference: Jewish- Gen database).

Samuel married Phoebe Judah (born 1825, died 1883, aged 58). Phoebe's father was Moses Judah of Houndsditch London and her mother was Frances Solomon, born 1802.

Samuel and Phoebe Barnett had 7 children (census records 1851, 1861, and 1871):

Isaac, born 1848; Sarah, 1854; Rachel, 1856; Samuel, 1858; Henry, 1860; **Moses**, 1862, my great-grandfather, kosher butcher; and Fanny, 1865.

**EMANUEL BARNETT** (1844—1914) **THE KOSHER KING**. Also known as **UNCLE MANNY**. Second son of Isaac Barnett (my 3x great-grandfather), and half-brother of my 2x great-grandfather Samuel. Great-uncle of my grandfather Emanuel Barnett, who is his namesake. Coffee house / cook shop owner.

Emanuel Barnett was known as the Jewish Kosher King of the East End and was a well-known identity in the East End community. He provided many jobs for his wider family (including my great-grandfather Moses Barnett) in his business, and eventually in other properties and businesses, e.g. a fish shop and a grocery shop. My grandfather Emanuel used to talk about his great-uncle Emanuel as a gruff man of 20 stone, with a large house down a long drive that they visited each Sunday for a substantial family meal.

Emanuel Barnett, Kosher King, started his own kosher butchery business around age 16, in 1860, in a small shop at 2 Stony Lane dealing originally with offal, then moving to other meats. When his shop and land were bought out by the local authority, Emanuel shifted his growing business to Middlesex Street, also known as Petticoat Lane, in the East End of London. This was a bustling, heavily populated area of Jewish families sometimes known as the Jewish Ghetto.



His next butcher's shop was at 42 Middlesex Street (reference: 1882 census). At this time Emanuel was married to his first wife Amelia née Levy. They were married in 1866 (there is a marriage record for the Great Synagogue or Dukes Place Synagogue). Amelia (Milly) died in 1898, aged 57 years. They had no children.



To the left is a recent photo of 42 Middlesex Street. The shop would have been downstairs, living accommodation upstairs. Today it is a bistro bar called Bire.

The kosher butcher business grew and moved to 79 to 83 Middlesex Street. By the 1901 census Emanuel, or Uncle Manny as he was widely known, had moved to a large home with grounds and stables, called *The Poplars* at 287 Seven Sisters Road, in the Finsbury Park area of London. *The Poplars* featured in the *Jewish Chronicle* as the place of many charitable occasions for the London community, both Jewish and

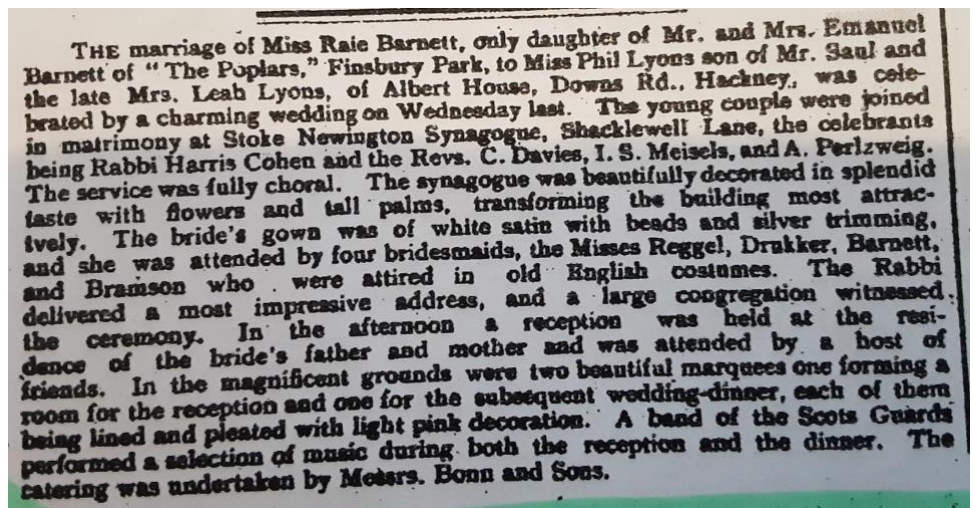
non-Jewish. The house was destroyed in the WW2 Blitz. Uncle Manny was a founding member of the Finsbury Park Synagogue which was later blitzed in WW2 and was also a seat holder of the United Synagogue. He was well known as a benefactor to local orphanages and community causes.

When he was 44, Uncle Manny married his second wife, Sarah, who was from Yorkshire and Norfolk. Sarah was originally called Frances but changed her name to Sarah, possibly as a Jewish convert. The family called her Polly. Uncle Manny and Sarah/Polly had a daughter, Rachel, known as Raie Barnett.

The kosher butchery business of *E Barnett and Co* flourished with other London branches added, and canned kosher meat was shipped overseas (including to Australia) to provide kosher food for the growing number of Jewish immigrants to new world countries in the 1900s. The business made kosher meat popular in London.

On the morning of his daughter Raie's wedding to Philip Lyons in June 1914, a grand occasion with a reception at *The Poplars*, Uncle Manny had a heart attack. He died a few days later in hospital. The wedding went ahead.

To the right is an article from the *Jewish Chronicle* about Raie Barnett's wedding.



On his death there were many obituaries including in *The Times*, a Perth newspaper; *The Jewish World*; and *The Jewish Chronicle*. The business continued with his new son-in-law, Philip Lyons, daughter Raie, and the Kosher King's widow, Sarah.

The original photos below of Emanuel Barnett, the Kosher King, are from Philip Ross, his great-grandson, and in the middle is a photo found in *The Jewish World* publication of July 1914.





# OBITUARY.

## MR. EMANUEL BARNETT.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Emanuel Barnett, at his residence, "The Poplars," Finsbury Park, on Friday morning last. Mr. Barnett was taken ill on the preceding Wednesday—the day fixed for the wedding of his only child. The marriage ceremony, as reported in our last issue, took place, but Mr. Barnett was unable to attend, and, as stated, he passed away two days later.

Emanuel Barnett was in very truth a Child of the Ghetto. He was born in it, he traded in it, and he loved it till the day of his death; while in his keen business instincts and generous temperament he personified the qualities which have made many another East End Jew prosperous and beloved. Mr. Barnett was born sixty-nine years ago in Middlesex Street—some six shops away from the present premises of the firm. He was the son of the late Isaac Barnett, who kept a noted refreshment house in the "Lane," and was much respected for his kindness of disposition. "Uncle Manny," as Emanuel Barnett subsequently came to be known popularly, was educated at the Jews' Free School, and drifted into the business of selling bullocks' offal. Here he prospered, adding subsequently a worsted and sausage business in Stoney Lane. When his premises in the latter thoroughfare were acquired by the Corporation he moved into No. 81, Middlesex Street (part of the present premises). Other moves gave him the important business of Mr. Lazarus, next door, and the butcher's business carried on at No. 87, Middlesex Street. In after years he established a poultry farm at Colchester, and the business gradually grew to be probably the largest of its kind in the world.

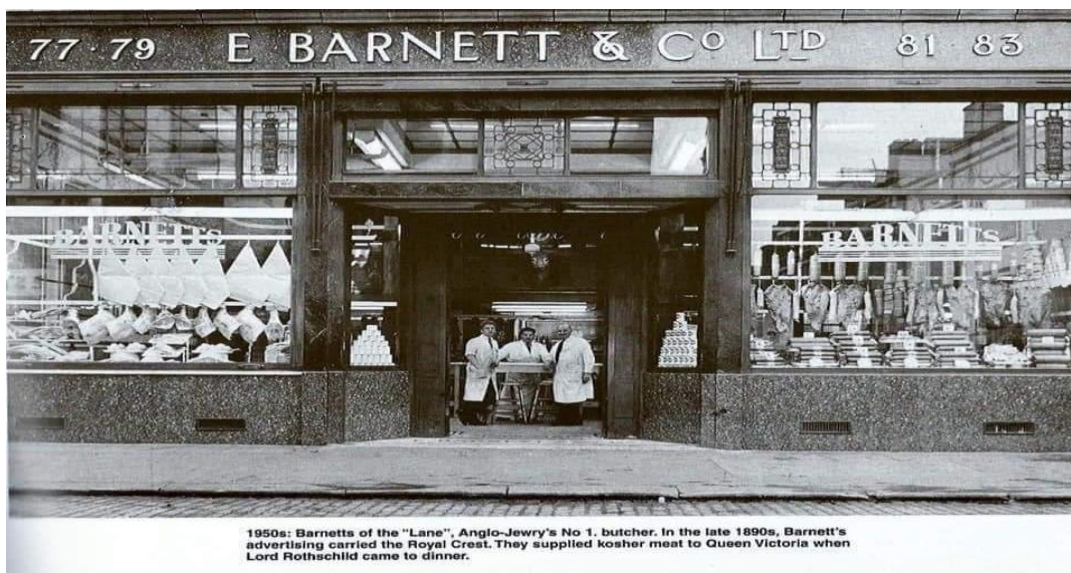
Incidentally, Mr. Barnett acquired a good deal of property in the neighbourhood—the freehold block comprising 75-83, Middlesex Street, vacant land at the corner of Stoney Lane (on which he built shops), George Court, and 87, Middlesex Street. In fact he bought up an appreciable slice of the old Ghetto, and he prospered greatly.

Nor did he confine his energies to the East End. Branches were opened in Euston Road, Dalston, and Hampstead, and a shipping business was begun which carried the products of the firm to the ends of the world. For the London trade alone the firm has now to employ sixteen horses and carts and thirty-two carrier cycles. Every week the firm sell 40 bullocks, 200 sheep, 40 calves, and 600 or 800 heads of poultry. They dispose every week in the winter of between four and five tons of kosher sausages, and every weekday of 500 dozen penny pies. On Sunday the number of pies rises to 1,500 dozen. Sandwiches are supplied in such large quantities, that at times sixteen employes are kept cutting them up as fast as they can. Jews of all social grades patronise the firm. Hampstead and St. George's-in-the-East meet on common ground at "Barnett's" in Middlesex Street. Christian "M.P.'s" have taken to eating the firm's Kosher meat. Barnett's have also supplied meat to Queen Victoria and the late King Edward (then Prince of Wales), and, by one of those quaint ironies frequently to be found in Jewish annals, many Christians celebrate Christmas with meat and poultry purchased at the famous house in the Ghetto.

Mr. Barnett was of an ingenious turn of mind, and he had one very laudable ambition—to make Kosher meat popular. In pursuance of that purpose he did his utmost to make his factory clean and up-to-date. He introduced machinery wherever he could. He was the first to put Kosher German sausages on the market. He even invented—quaint concession to the weaker brethren!—a Kosher ham. Of course, there was nothing of the pig in the delicacy; it was only a smoked shoulder of mutton. He supplied the meats to the first Jewish banquet at the Mansion House—the dinner which Sir George Faudel-Phillips gave during his Lord Mayoralty on behalf of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, of which he is the President. Barnett served the Guards at Albany Street Barracks one Christmas, and the City of London Police Hospital for a number of years. If the Guards can eat Kosher meat and enjoy it, even the laxest of Jews may begin to feel that there is something in it. In short Mr. Barnett



This photo of 1910 is of E Barnett & Co Butchers at 75 to 83 Middlesex Street on Petticoat Lane Market day. Maybe it is Uncle Manny himself standing in the doorway with his imposing figure and beard welcoming in his customers? There are stories from the Barnett family and others on a Facebook site about memories of the East End talking about a large live beast being in the window as an advertisement.



To the left is a photo of the shop in the 1950s and below of the restaurant on the same site in 1966 just before Barnetts was closed due to the council demolishing the buildings.



By this stage Barnetts was managed by the grandson of the Kosher King, Emanuel Barnett Lyons. Barnetts was famous for having the only kosher Wimpy Bar in the UK.

## MOSES BARNETT (1862—1927), my great-grandfather

My great-grandfather Moses Barnett was born in 1862 on Middlesex Street in East End, London. He married Kate/Katherine Lipman in 1885 in the Black Lion Tavern, 63 Hanbury Street, East End, which was managed by Kate's father, John Lipman. At the time of his marriage Moses was listed as a clothier cutter. By the time my grandad was born in 1896, his father Moses Barnett was working as a butcher at the Barnett family Kosher butchery.

Moses and Kate Barnett had seven children:

Phoebe 1886, Rose 1889, Amelia 1891, Mark 1892, Samuel 1894, Emanuel 1896 (my grandfather), Leah 1898

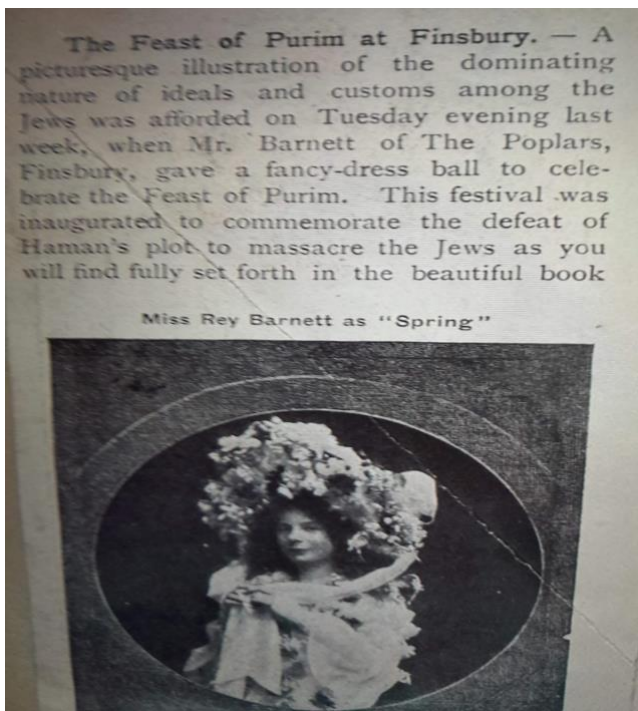
There are stories about the girls being very musical and singing well. My grandad could play the piano by ear. The family remained practising Jews.

There were many wonderful occasions held by the Kosher King at *The Poplars*. On connecting with my distant 3rd cousin once removed, Philip Ross, in 2023 in London I was able to share his family photos and find photos of my great-aunts and great-uncles, my grandfather, and my great-grandfather Moses Barnett taken by a professional photographer at a Jewish Purim festival held at *The Poplars* in 1905. It was the first time the NZ family and my UK second cousins had seen a photo of Moses Barnett, our mutual great-grandfather. These photos were of excellent quality and had appeared in an article about the Fancy Dress Purim Ball at *The Poplars* Finsbury Park, in the 1905 *Tatler* publication.



Clockwise from top left: Great-Aunt Rose; Great-Aunt Leah; Great-Aunt Amelia (Millie); Great-grandfather Moses; Great-Uncle Sam; and Great-Uncle Mark





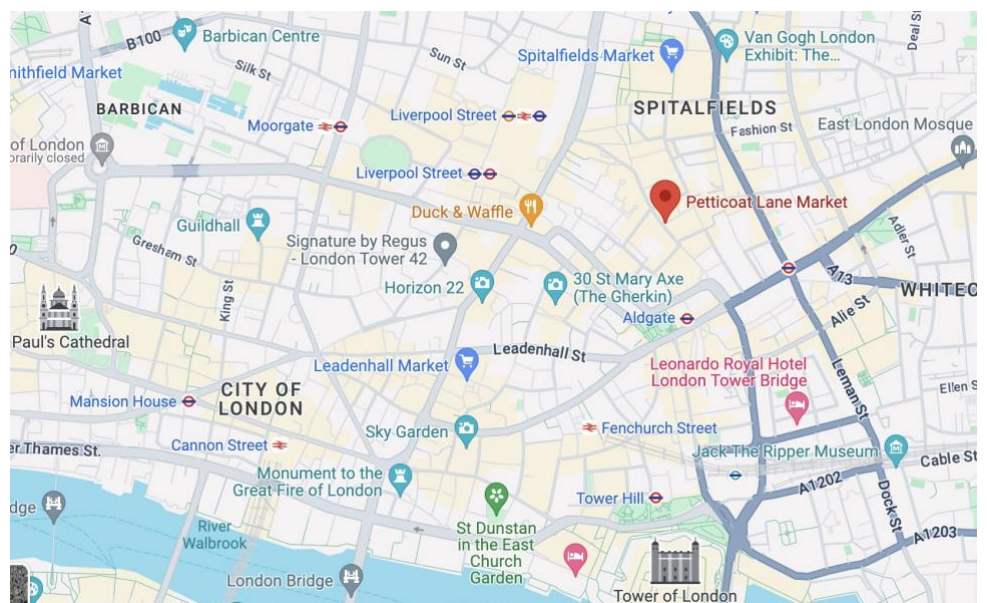
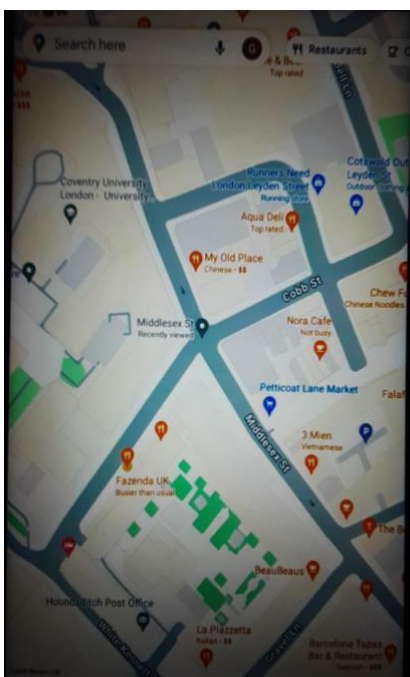
Left: Raie Barnett, daughter of the Kasher King, with an extract from the *Tatler* article, 1905; right: my grandfather Emanuel, aged 8, as Boy Blue



In 1910 Moses and Kate Barnett left London for a new life in Wellington, New Zealand. Moses was 48 and Kate was 47. Some of their children (Mark, Emanuel, Millie and Leah) left with them. Their oldest daughter Phoebe had already settled in Wellington in 1908 after her marriage to Jack Moses in London. Son Samuel and daughter Rose remained in London. Sam, aged about 16, seems to have lived at *The Poplars* with the Kasher King and family once his family left for NZ. Millie and Leah married in Wellington and moved to Australia with their Jewish husbands. I have yet to find their descendants.

The family story recently heard from my second cousin Carole Ashley was that her grandmother Rose Barnett was married in the morning in 1910 and in the afternoon the family left for Wellington. It is not known why they left a comfortable life in London but maybe they wanted new opportunities for the family and a healthier climate. They also may have wanted to join their daughter Phoebe. The London and New Zealand families only connected in the years after 2019 with my family research and when I went to London. Both sides of the family were excited to reunite and share stories about the Barnett family and our shared great-grandparents who are buried in the Karori Jewish cemetery.

**Maps of the London East End showing the Middlesex Street (Petticoat Lane) area where the Barnett family lived and worked until 1966.**



# WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWS

Our featured article this month is 'From London to New Zealand: A Jewish Family Story' by Gill Percy. Gill gave a great talk about this at the pre-meeting Discussion Group in May and kindly agreed to prepare it for the newsletter. It is a fascinating insight into a Jewish family living in London from the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century on.

The Discussion Group continues to be well attended and lively. I was unable to attend June's one but Robin reports that there was lots of chat and lots of useful websites were shared. Some which came up were:

- the 'Lost Cousins' site (good for help with DNA matches);
- Lynly Yates talked about the Upper Hutt Recollect site;
- a question about where to deposit a shipboard account from the 1800s led to a discussion about various repositories; and
- 'somehow' a debate about the pitfalls of Ancestry started.

A request by a member for help with Ancestry led to a match with a willing volunteer. It's great to see members connecting and helping each other. If you have questions or topics you wish to discuss, send them to [wellington@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:wellington@genealogy.org.nz) or just come along at 6:00 on 17 July.

August is Family History Month, and there will be no monthly meeting.

This month's newsletter has lots of information about the Wellington Area event planned for 24 August, which promises to be well worth attending. As always, I invite members to submit pieces for the August newsletter. In last month's newsletter, I suggested asking young children to draw a picture showing how their family members are connected. Don't show them what a family tree looks like first. Share the results with us!

**Do you have any questions about FamilySearch?** The speakers for our September meeting will be Catherine and Eric Ruth, who are experts at using the FamilySearch Website. Eric will talk about the history of FamilySearch, and Catherine will show us some of the new features of the website. If you have any questions about FamilySearch please let Ann Ball know by August 8 (via [wellington@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:wellington@genealogy.org.nz)) so that Catherine and Eric can cover them in their talks.

We welcome new member **Rodney Barber**. He reports that his family knew nothing about his father's father and his ancestors, so he has been trying to trace his ancestry and secure information about them. So far he has traced his 4x great-grandfather, John Barber (1753-1828), and 3x great-grandfather, Edward Barber (b. 1796), back to Pontefract, Yorkshire. His 2x great-grandfather, Joseph Barber, was born Yorkshire in 1839, immigrated to NZ, and died in Auckland in 1900. Rodney hopes to be able to trace the family back prior to 1753.

On 'The Magnificent Seven Cemeteries' in the June 2024 newsletter: Bridget Martin points out that some of these records may be available on other websites such as Ancestry or FindMyPast, but people need to be aware that records do not always remain on the same site.

Christine Franzen, Interim Newsletter Editor

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Thursday 1 August, 10:00 am	Wednesday 14 August, 7:30 pm	Thursday 18 July, 7:30 pm	Tuesday 23 July, 7:30 pm
<i>Presenting Your Family Story: The many creative ways you can share your family history</i>	DNA	Archives NZ & Pandora's Box	Bolton Street Cemetery
	Ann Ball and Kaye Batchelor	Dawn Chambers	Barbara Mulligan
Matairangi Room, Ākau Tangi Sports Centre, 72 Kemp St	Helen Smith Room Pataka Art + Museum, Porirua	The Masonic Centre 65 Udy St, Petone	Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu