

# Gratze

## Family History



Heinrich Hartwig GRATZE  
and  
Alice Ann BELSHAW

August 2003

Dedicated to  
Margaret Ann Backhouse  
*nee Gratze*

On the occasion of her  
80th Birthday  
August 7, 2003

With special thanks to

Derek Gratze  
Helen Gould  
Tony Backhouse  
Thomas Backhouse

## Introduction

*To trace lineage, to love and record the names and actions of those without whom we never could have been, who moulded and made us what we are, and whom the very greatest of all must know to have propagated influences into his being which must subtly but certainly act upon his whole conduct in this world, all this is implied in ancestry and the love of it, and it is natural and good.*

- Westminster Review, July 1823

I couldn't agree more with the person who wrote these words. No matter how much we might try to ignore or even deny our roots, they claim us in ways we don't even know. When we search for our ancestors, we honor them through our efforts, and doing so is as much for our own benefit as for theirs.

The term Family History used to be regarded as synonymous with Genealogy, but now it applies to biographical research into one's ancestors - the aim typically being to produce a well-documented narrative history, of interest to family members and perhaps future generations. Thus the study of family history involves putting flesh on the skeleton that is produced by genealogy - and involves the study of the historical circumstances and geographical situation in which ancestors lived.

My goal with this Gratze family history is to not only find and document family members, but to try to present the history in such a way that it has more meaning. However, a family history is never "finished" and there is always more to discover.

Despite all care, it is inevitable that this document contains errors. Please excuse any misspellings, incorrect dates, etc. and correct them as needed.

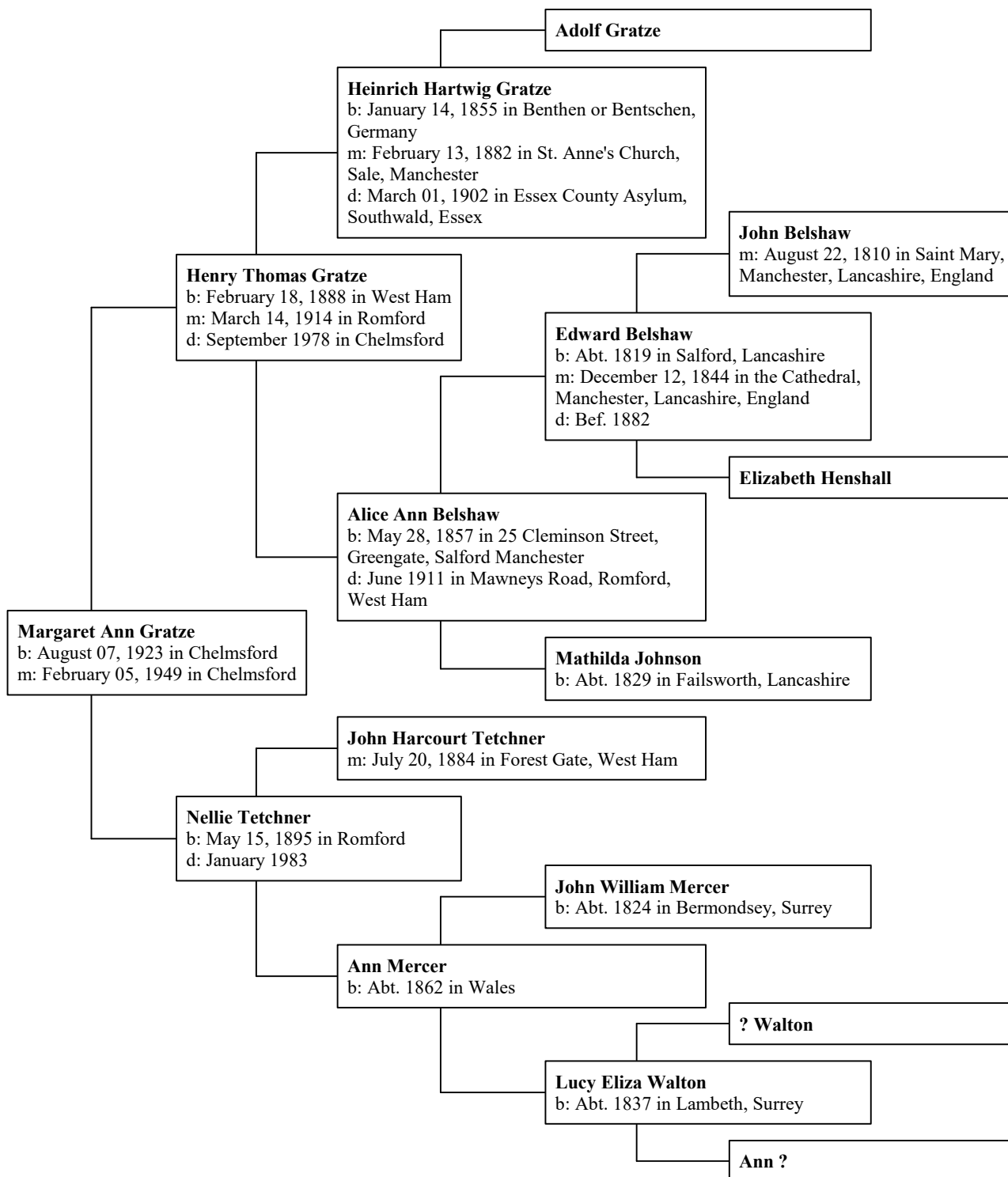
I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Gratzes, Belshaws, Tetchners and others and hope this history gives pleasure to you and future generations.

Peggy McKenzie  
June 2003

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# Ancestors of Margaret Ann Backhouse nee Gratze



## John William Mercer, great-grandfather of Margaret Ann Gratze

### *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> MERCER was born Abt. 1824 in Bermondsey, Surrey. He married LUCY ELIZA WALTON, daughter of ? WALTON and ANN ?. She was born Abt. 1837 in Lambeth, Surrey.

Notes for JOHN WILLIAM MERCER:

Based on the 1881 census, it is assumed that these are Ann's parents albeit not yet confirmed.

The family was living at Whalebone Farm, Romford Rd., Dagenham, Essex.

Children of JOHN MERCER and LUCY WALTON are:

- i. ELLEN<sup>2</sup> MERCER, b. Abt. 1850.

Notes for ELLEN MERCER:

Margaret remembers having an unmarried aunt, her grandmother's sister, called Nell or Nellie Mercer who lived, latterly, in Chelmsford and who was visited regularly by Margaret's mother.

In the 1881 census, Ellen Mercer is living at 1a Alfred Street, Lambeth, Surrey.  
Occupation: Ironer

2.       ii. JOHN MERCER, b. Abt. 1855, Walworth, Surrey.
- iii. EMMA ELIZA MERCER, b. Abt. 1858, Walworth, Surrey.
3.       iv. ANN MERCER, b. Abt. 1862, Wales.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> MERCER (*JOHN WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1855 in Walworth, Surrey. He married ANNE RUSBY, daughter of ? RUSBY and MARY ?. She was born 1853 in Walworth, Surrey.

Children of JOHN MERCER and ANNE RUSBY are:

- i. JOHN J.<sup>3</sup> MERCER, b. 1878.
- ii. SAMUEL MERCER, b. 1880.
- iii. FRANK MERCER, b. 1881.

3. ANN<sup>2</sup> MERCER (*JOHN WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1862 in Wales. She married JOHN HARCOURT TETCHNER July 20, 1884 in Forest Gate, West Ham.

Notes for ANN MERCER:

She was known as Nancy

Notes for JOHN HARCOURT TETCHNER:

Occupation was Painter and Decorator

Child of ANN MERCER and JOHN TETCHNER is:

4.       i. NELLIE<sup>3</sup> TETCHNER, b. May 15, 1895, Romford; d. January 1983.

*Generation No. 3*

4. NELLIE<sup>3</sup> TETCHNER (*ANN<sup>2</sup> MERCER, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 15, 1895 in Romford, and died January 1983. She married HENRY THOMAS GRATZE March 14, 1914 in Romford, son of HEINRICH GRATZE and ALICE BELSHAW. He was born February 18, 1888 in West Ham, and died September 1978 in Chelmsford.

Notes for NELLIE TETCHNER:

Address in 1914 on Marriage Certificate was 40 Mildmay Road, Romford

Notes for HENRY THOMAS GRATZE:

Occupation in 1914 was Instrument Maker, according to Marriage Certificate. Address on Marriage Certificate was: 40 Mildmay Road, Romford.

Children of NELLIE TETCHNER and HENRY GRATZE are:

- i. HENRY JOHN SIDNEY<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, b. September 14, 1915, Chelmsford; d. March 07, 1963; m. ANN MOSS, April 19, 1940; b. April 19, 1915.
- ii. MARGARET ANN GRATZE, b. August 07, 1923, Chelmsford; m. THOMAS WYNTER BACKHOUSE, February 05, 1949, Chelmsford; b. May 05, 1922, Horwich, Lancashire.
- iii. DEREK HUGH GRATZE, b. December 31, 1926, Chelmsford; m. EVELYN WYATT, July 06, 1950; b. May 06, 1927.

## Descendants of John Belshaw, great-great-Grandfather of Margaret Ann Gratze

### *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> BELSHAW He married ELIZABETH HENSHALL August 22, 1810 in Saint Mary, Manchester, Lancashire, England.

Children of JOHN BELSHAW and ELIZABETH HENSHALL are:

- i. ANN<sup>2</sup> BELSHAW, b. 1811.

More About ANN BELSHAW:

Christening: August 21, 1881, Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England

- 2.
  - ii. EDWARD BELSHAW, b. Abt. 1819, Salford, Lancashire; d. Bef. 1882.
  - iii. ALICE BELSHAW, b. 1821.

More About ALICE BELSHAW:

Christening: November 11, 1821, Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England

- iv. WILLIAM BELSHAW, b. 1826.

More About WILLIAM BELSHAW:

Christening: October 08, 1826, Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England

### *Generation No. 2*

2. EDWARD<sup>2</sup> BELSHAW (JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1819 in Salford, Lancashire, and died Bef. 1882. He married MATHILDA JOHNSON December 12, 1844 in the Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England. She was born Abt. 1829 in Failsworth, Lancashire.

Notes for EDWARD BELSHAW:

In 1881 British Census, the family was living at 3 Shakspeare Street, Ardwick, Lancashire. Edward's occupation was Mechanic.

His occupation as listed on Alice's marriage certificate: Engineer

More About EDWARD BELSHAW:

Christening: November 11, 1821, Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England

Children of EDWARD BELSHAW and MATHILDA JOHNSON are:

- i. EMMA<sup>3</sup> BELSHAW, b. Abt. 1848, Salford Lancashire.
- ii. LOUISA BELSHAW, b. Abt. 1856, Salford, Lancashire.

Notes for LOUISA BELSHAW:

Louisa was a witness to the marriage of Alice Belshaw and Henry Gratze.

- iii. ALICE ANN BELSHAW, b. May 28, 1857, 25 Cleminson Street, Greengate, Salford Manchester; d. June 1911, Mawneys Road, Romford, West Ham; m. HEINRICH HARTWIG GRATZE, February 13, 1882, St. Anne's Church, Sale, Manchester; b. January 14, 1855, Benthen or Bentschen, Germany; d. March 01, 1902, Essex County Asylum, Southwald, Essex.



Notes for ALICE ANN BELSHAW:

In 1881 British Census, Alice was living in her parents home at 3 Shakspeare Street, Ardwick, Lancashire. Her age is listed as 23 and her occupation was dressmaker.

In 1901 British Census, Alice's age is listed as 43 and her occupation as Dress Mantle Maker.

Death record in index 1911, Quarter Apr-May-June: 4a 101 West Ham

Notes for HEINRICH HARTWIG GRATZE:

At the 1881 British Census, Henry was boarding with Margaret Lloyd at 54 Sewerby Street, Moss Side, Lancashire. He is listed as 25 years old, born in Berlin, Germany, occupation: Designers.

Marriage certificate Application Number B62168, District of Altringham

Occupation listed on marriage certificate: Warehouseman

Address: Sale

In the 1891 British Census, Henry is living in West Ham, age 33, occupation: Dress Mantle Maker and Employer.

Address: 86 Clova Road, Forest Gate.

Also listed: Ellen Draper, general servant and Frank Knight, Groom/Coachman

At the 1901 British Census, Henry is living at East Ham. He is listed as 43 years old, German F.S., occupation: Ladies Mantle manufacturer.

Address: 48 Sheringham, Manor Park, East Ham

Death Certificate: died at the Essex County Asylum, Brentwood

Cause of death: General Paralysis from admission

Occupation: Traveller (vagrant)

- iv. THOMAS BELSHAW, b. Abt. 1860, Salford, Lancashire.

Notes for THOMAS BELSHAW:

Thomas was a witness to the marriage of Alice Belshaw and Henry Gratze.

- v. JOHN EDWARD BELSHAW, b. Abt. 1862, Salford, Lancashire; m. MARY E. ?; b. Abt. 1868, Penkridge Staff.

Notes for JOHN EDWARD BELSHAW:

In the 1901 census John is living with his family on 24 Drake Street, Manchester. He has 4 children:

Norman E. age 10, Thomas A. age 8, Rosa G. age 3, and Hubert age 1.

- vi. JANE BELSHAW, b. Abt. 1864, Burton, Stafford.

## Henry and Alice Gratze

Grandparents of Margaret Ann Backhouse *nee* Gratze



about 1900

Alice Ann Belshaw was born May 27, 1857 in Salford, Manchester, the daughter of Edward and Mathilda (nee Johnson) Belshaw.

(Copy of Alice's Birth Certificate is in the document section)



Copy of Birth Certificate for Alice Ann Belshaw

Heinrich Hartwig Gratze was born January 14, 1855 in Germany.

Henry was a German immigrant living in a boarding house in Moss Side, Manchester in 1881<sup>(1)</sup>. He was a designer. In the same year, Alice was living with her parents and siblings in Ardwick, Manchester and working as a dressmaker<sup>(1)</sup>.











## Notes on the Gratze Family by William Martin

*William Martin, son of Johanna Beatrice, wrote his recollections of the family in 1985. Keep in mind that this is an oral history with many interesting tales but based solely on memory. My notes and comments are in brackets [PMcK].*

### GRANDPARENTS:

Gratze, the family used this form, but the German spelling was also acknowledged to be correct Graetz.

Both grandparents died before my own parents were married, so I can only try to remember what I was told about them. I cannot remember ever having been informed of their Christian names. Grandfather was from a Jewish family of either German or Austrian origin. Mother always spoke of them as the former, and mentioned that once she was taken to visit relatives for a holiday in Germany when very small. On the other hand, Uncle Harry [*Henry Thomas -PMcK*] who claimed to have done some research on the matter, thought that they originally came from Graz in Austria.

Grandfather evidently had a very good position in the 'Gown and Mantle' business, and married my Grandmother, who came from Manchester, and whose family were also in what we now call the 'Rag Trade'. This would have been about 1882. Because he was marrying outside the Jewish faith, he was cast out from his family. [*If he was cast out, why did the family visit relatives in Germany? -PMcK*].

At first they were quite prosperous, and lived in very comfortable circumstances at Theydon Bois, in Essex where the first four children were born [*research has shown that the first 3 children were born the Manchester area -PMcK*]. They had servants, horses and a carriage with their own stables and groom; but in spite of this, the children were taught to work and help. Mother learned at an early age to ply her needle and help to make and mend clothes for the younger brothers and sisters (hence she became a Dressmaker by trade when old enough). The business began to decline however, due to too much time and money being devoted to horses. As things grew worse the family moved from one house to another, in a process of gradual decline. I think this had a salutary effect on all the children, because the gambling instinct was quite strong in most of them, but was kept very much in control and limited to the occasional flutter or game of cards.

When the parents died, I do not know, although Grandfather went first. The children still kept house together, the older ones looking after their younger and when Mother and Uncle Harry married and set up their own homes, they each took one of the youngest under their wings for a time, besides keeping an eye on the rest who were now living at Romford.

### A FEW GENERAL REMARKS

The family were all of shortish stature, taking after the father. They all inherited certain 'Germanic' characteristics, i.e. most of them were of industrious dispositions, and practical in the use of their hands. Again all were strict disciplinarians with their own children (even Uncle Ted). As I said, they suffered harshly in this direction themselves.





## Descendants of Henry Hartwig Gratzke and Alice Ann Belshaw (Outline)

1 Heinrich Hartwig Gratzke b: January 14, 1855 in Benthon or Bentschen, Germany d: March 01, 1902 in Essex County Asylum, Southwold, Essex  
 +Alice Ann Belshaw b: May 28, 1857 in 25 Cleminson Street, Greengate, Salford Manchester m: February 13, 1882 in St. Anne's Church, Sale, Manchester d: June 1911 in Mawneys Road, Romford, West Ham  
 ..... 2 Alice Beatrice Gratzke b: July 21, 1882 in Altringham d: July 22, 1882  
 ..... 2 Henry Gratzke b: July 21, 1882 in Altringham d: July 22, 1882  
 ..... 2 Eugene Victor Gratzke b: September 11, 1883 in Everton, Manchester  
 ..... +Irene Hayes  
 ..... 3 Victor Patrick B. Hayes-Gratzke b: 1913 in Hendon d: 1945  
 ..... +Juliette Muter  
 ..... 3 Terence E. H. Hayes-Gratzke b: August 14, 1914 in Erpingham  
 ..... +Peggy Ball m: 1940  
 ..... 4 Jackie Gratzke  
 ..... +David Mason Johns m: April 28, 1984  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Eugene Victor Gratzke:  
 ..... +Josephine Pyke  
 ..... 2 Johanna Beatrice Gratzke b: August 19, 1885 in Forest Gate, West Ham  
 ..... +Charles Martin m: 1909 in West Ham  
 ..... 3 Dorothy Martin b: November 24, 1909  
 ..... +Leonard Whitwood m: 1931  
 ..... 4 Beryl Whitwood b: September 26, 1936  
 ..... +Roger Hoare b: September 26, 1939  
 ..... 5 Paul Hoare b: January 12, 1961  
 ..... 5 Susan Hoare b: June 08, 1967  
 ..... 3 Eric Martin  
 ..... 3 Stafford Martin  
 ..... 3 Baby Boy Martin  
 ..... 3 William Ronald Martin b: April 21, 1915  
 ..... +Katherine ? m: September 02, 1944  
 ..... 4 Richard Martin b: February 12, 1946  
 ..... +Susan Cootie m: 1971  
 ..... 5 Jeremy Martin  
 ..... 5 Isobel Martin  
 ..... 4 Brian Martin b: August 05, 1947  
 ..... +Sue ?  
 ..... 5 Kate Martin b: June 01, 1978  
 ..... 5 Nick Martin b: August 18, 1980  
 ..... 2 Francis Edith Gratzke b: March 03, 1887 in Forest Gate, West Ham  
 ..... +Frank Goslin m: 1920 in West Ham  
 ..... 3 David Goslin b: May 14, 1928  
 ..... +Valerie Estelle  
 ..... 4 Sarah Goslin  
 ..... +David Oxnard  
 ..... 5 Michael Oxnard  
 ..... 4 John Goslin  
 ..... 3 Geoffrey Goslin  
 ..... +Jean ?  
 ..... 4 Alison Goslin  
 ..... 2 Henry Thomas Gratzke b: February 18, 1888 in West Ham d: September 1978 in Chelmsford  
 ..... +Nellie Tetchner b: May 15, 1895 in Romford m: March 14, 1914 in Romford d: January 1983  
 ..... 3 Henry John Sidney Gratzke b: September 14, 1915 in Chelmsford d: March 07, 1963  
 ..... +Ann Moss b: April 19, 1915 m: April 19, 1940  
 ..... 4 Helen Elizabeth Gratzke b: April 11, 1949  
 ..... +Timothy Ralph Gould b: January 31, 1950 in Feering m: July 28, 1972  
 ..... 5 Rebecca Elizabeth Gould b: July 29, 1977  
 ..... 3 Margaret Ann Gratzke b: August 07, 1923 in Chelmsford  
 ..... +Thomas Wynter Backhouse b: May 05, 1922 in Horwich, Lancashire m: February 05, 1949 in Chelmsford  
 ..... 4 Anthony Wynter Backhouse b: September 28, 1950 in Folkestone, Kent  
 ..... +Susan Virginia Mayne b: March 27, 1953 in Plymouth, Devon m: February 15, 1975 in Soberton, Hampshire  
 ..... 5 Claudia Backhouse b: October 06, 1978 in Alexandria, Scotland  
 ..... +Keith Hewitt  
 ..... 6 Daniel Hewitt b: February 25, 2002 in Stoke-on-Trent  
 ..... 5 Mathilda (Tillie) Backhouse b: March 23, 1980 in Alexandria, Scotland  
 ..... 5 Emily Backhouse b: January 19, 1982 in Plymouth, Devon  
 ..... 5 Fergus Wynter Backhouse b: April 15, 1984 in Ft. Belvoir, Alexandria, Virginia, USA  
 ..... 4 Philip Thomas Wynter Backhouse b: March 04, 1954 in Middlesex Hospital, London  
 ..... +Margaret Helen Ross m: December 08, 1979 in Glasgow  
 ..... 5 Andrew Wynter Backhouse b: February 10, 1981 in Kings Lynn Norfolk  
 ..... 5 Michael Ross Backhouse b: January 19, 1983 in Margate, Kent  
 ..... 5 Alison Backhouse b: September 25, 1985 in Kings Lynn, Norfolk  
 ..... 4 David Wynter Backhouse b: March 02, 1955 in Middlesex Hospital, London  
 ..... +Denise Turner m: April 26, 1980 in Hove, Sussex  
 ..... 5 Elena Stephanie Wynter Backhouse b: April 18, 1995  
 ..... 4 John Wynter Backhouse b: December 14, 1958 in Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire  
 ..... +Jackie Nixon  
 ..... 5 Scott Wynter Nixon b: February 17, 1986  
 ..... \*1st Wife of John Wynter Backhouse:  
 ..... +Susan Mary Macdonald b: August 13, 1964 in Inverness m: August 24, 1991 in Nairn, Invernesshire  
 ..... 5 Douglas Backhouse b: January 31, 1996 in Coventry  
 ..... 5 Jennifer Backhouse b: May 26, 1998 in Banbury  
 ..... 3 Derek Hugh Gratzke b: December 31, 1926 in Chelmsford  
 ..... +Evelyn Wyatt b: May 06, 1927 m: July 06, 1950  
 ..... 4 Lynda Margaret Gratzke b: November 17, 1953  
 ..... +Stephen Potter m: October 18, 1978  
 ..... 5 Madeline Potter b: November 29, 1981  
 ..... 5 Jonathan Potter b: September 21, 1983  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Lynda Margaret Gratzke:  
 ..... +John Burton m: April 11, 1991  
 ..... 4 Jeremy Michael Gratzke b: December 08, 1955  
 ..... +Joanne Hubbard m: January 01, 1980  
 ..... 5 Matthew Gratzke b: November 26, 1981  
 ..... 5 Jennifer Gratzke b: June 12, 1985  
 ..... 4 Christopher John Gratzke b: September 03, 1963  
 ..... +Catherine Clark b: September 25, 1963  
 ..... 5 Casey Gratzke b: October 04, 1989  
 ..... 5 Callum Gratzke b: July 21, 1991  
 ..... 5 Cameron Gratzke b: June 21, 1993  
 ..... 5 Camilla Gratzke b: May 15, 1996  
 ..... 2 Rosa Millicent Alice Gratzke b: June 01, 1891 in Forest Gate, West Ham d: February 20, 1931 in Christchurch, New Zealand  
 ..... +Joseph Henry Day b: December 19, 1891 m: 1913 in Romford d: October 06, 1927 in Christchurch, New Zealand  
 ..... 3 Cecil Owen Henry Day b: June 17, 1914 in Abbey Wood, Kent

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..... +Joan Elisabeth Cameron b: July 11, 1910 m: December 24, 1940 in Wellington, New Zealand  
..... 3 Dennis Leslie Day b: May 15, 1920 in Abbey Wood, Kent  
..... 3 Rex Neil Day b: 1926 in Christchurch, New Zealand d: 1934  
..... 3 Lorraine Dorothy Day b: October 28, 1927 in Christchurch, New Zealand  
..... +Alan Johanson  
..... \*2nd Husband of Lorraine Dorothy Day:  
..... +Alan Richardson  
..... 4 Catherine Sally (Johanson) Richardson  
..... +Merrett Smith  
..... 2 Violet Ethel Grace Gratze b: February 16, 1894 in Ilford, Romford  
..... +William James b: April 05, 1895 m: July 19, 1919 in Woolwich d: September 03, 1983  
..... 3 Muriel James b: May 28, 1920  
..... +John Buckland b: April 07, 1912 m: August 01, 1940  
..... 4 Vivienne Buckland b: October 14, 1941  
..... +Gerald Reuban b: July 26, 1940 m: March 16, 1963  
..... 5 Alina Reuban b: March 31, 1965  
..... 5 Karen Susanna Reuban b: February 08, 1967  
..... 4 Anthony Buckland b: September 24, 1950  
..... +Yvonne Samuel m: March 16, 1974  
..... 3 Desmond William James b: May 28, 1924  
..... +Elizabeth ?  
..... 4 Carole James  
..... 4 Paul James  
..... 4 Lynn James  
..... 4 David James  
..... 4 Mark James  
..... 3 Keith James b: February 13, 1928  
..... +Hilary ?  
..... 4 8 Children James  
..... 3 Stanley James  
..... 4 Deborah James  
..... +David Brown m: April 02, 1983  
..... 4 David James  
..... 4 Joanne James  
..... 2 Ernestina Caroline Gratze b: December 16, 1896 in Forest Gate, West Ham  
..... 2 Edward William Gratze b: November 19, 1898 in Manor Park, West Ham  
..... +? Baker m: 1925 in Romford  
..... 3 Edwin J. Gratze b: 1926 in Romford  
..... 4 Sandra Gratze  
..... +Eric ?  
..... 4 Robin Gratze  
..... \*2nd Wife of Edward William Gratze:  
..... +Vera May Garod  
..... 3 Robert D. Gratze b: August 23, 1938 in Colchester  
..... +Jean ? m: August 26, 1961  
..... 4 Una Gratze b: October 15, 1971  
..... 4 Stephan Gratze  
..... 2 Thomas Leslie Gratze b: May 31, 1901 in Manor Park, East Ham, Essex d: March 13, 1965 in Chelmsford  
..... +Hilda Florence Acres b: September 22, 1903 m: April 22, 1922 in Chelmsford  
..... 3 Martin Leslie Gratze b: February 04, 1927 in Chelmsford d: September 24, 1983  
..... +Brenda Joan Dyer b: March 16, 1936  
..... 4 Patricia Ann Gratze b: May 04, 1959 in Chelmsford  
..... +John David Daines b: March 16, 1962 m: July 07, 1984  
..... 5 Robert John Daines b: November 12, 1985 in Chelmsford  
..... 4 Alan Leslie Gratze b: August 01, 1962 in Chelmsford  
..... +Susan Hallett b: August 19, 1960  
..... 5 Christopher Leslie Gratze b: January 12, 1983 in Braintree  
..... 4 Wendy Phyllis Gratze b: October 17, 1965 in Braintree  
..... +Paul Anthony Hallett b: June 21, 1959 m: July 05, 1986  
..... 3 Doreen Hilda Gratze b: February 14, 1931 in Chelmsford  
..... +John Reginald George m: March 28, 1953  
..... 3 Stephen Cecil Gratze b: August 26, 1945 in Chelmsford  
..... +Jennifer Collins b: June 11, 1947 in Ealing m: August 05, 1967 in Perivale  
..... 4 Judith Stephanie Gratze b: April 23, 1968 in Chelmsford  
..... 4 Angela Karin Gratze b: September 09, 1969 in Chelmsford  
..... 4 Lorna Delphine Gratze b: February 17, 1971 in Chelmsford  
..... 4 Robert William S. Gratze b: May 02, 1972 in Chelmsford

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## Descendants of Henry Hartwig Gratze and Alice Ann Belshaw

### *Generation No. 1*

1. HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup> GRATZE (*ADOLF*<sup>1</sup>) was born January 14, 1855 in Benthén or Bentschen, Germany, and died March 01, 1902 in Essex County Asylum, Southwold, Essex. He married ALICE ANN BELSHAW February 13, 1882 in St. Anne's Church, Sale, Manchester, daughter of EDWARD BELSHAW and MATHILDA JOHNSON. She was born May 28, 1857 in 25 Cleminson Street, Greengate, Salford Manchester, and died June 1911 in Mawneys Road, Romford, West Ham.

Notes for HEINRICH HARTWIG GRATZE:

At the 1881 British Census, Henry was boarding with Margaret Lloyd at 54 Sewerby Street, Moss Side, Lancashire. He is listed as 25 years old, born in Berlin, Germany, occupation: Designers.

Marriage certificate Application Number B62168, District of Altringham

Occupation listed on marriage certificate: Warehouseman

Address: Sale

In the 1891 British Census, Henry is living in West Ham, age 33, occupation: Dress Mantle Maker and Employer.

Address: 86 Clova Road, Forest Gate.

Also listed: Ellen Draper, general servant and Frank Knight, Groom/Coachman

At the 1901 British Census, Henry is living at East Ham. He is listed as 43 years old, German F.S., occupation: Ladies Mantle manufacturer.

Address: 48 Sheringham, Manor Park, East Ham

Death Certificate: died at the Essex County Asylum, Brentwood

Cause of death: General Paralysis from admission

Occupation: Traveller (vagrant)

Notes for ALICE ANN BELSHAW:

In 1881 British Census, Alice was living in her parents home at 3 Shakspeare Street, Ardwick, Lancashire. Her age is listed as 23 and her occupation was dressmaker.

In 1901 British Census, Alice's age is listed as 43 and her occupation as Dress Mantle Maker.

Death record in index 1911, Quarter Apr-May-June: 4a 101 West Ham

Children of HEINRICH GRATZE and ALICE BELSHAW are:

- i. ALICE BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, b. July 21, 1882, Altringham; d. July 22, 1882.

Notes for ALICE BEATRICE GRATZE:

Twin to Henry

- ii. HENRY GRATZE, b. July 21, 1882, Altringham; d. July 22, 1882.

Notes for HENRY GRATZE:

Twin to Alice Beatrice

2. iii. EUGENE VICTOR GRATZE, b. September 11, 1883, Everton, Manchester.
3. iv. JOHANNA BEATRICE GRATZE, b. August 19, 1885, Forest Gate, West Ham.
4. v. FRANCIS EDITH GRATZE, b. March 03, 1887, Forest Gate, West Ham.
5. vi. HENRY THOMAS GRATZE, b. February 18, 1888, West Ham; d. September 1978, Chelmsford.
6. vii. ROSA MILLICENT ALICE GRATZE, b. June 01, 1891, Forest Gate, West Ham; d. February 20, 1931, Christchurch, New Zealand.
7. viii. VIOLET ETHEL GRACE GRATZE, b. February 16, 1894, Ilford, Romford.
- ix. ERNESTINA CAROLINE GRATZE, b. December 16, 1896, Forest Gate, West Ham.

Notes for ERNESTINA CAROLINE GRATZE:  
Died fairly young, known as Billy

8. x. EDWARD WILLIAM GRATZE, b. November 19, 1898, Manor Park, West Ham.
9. xi. THOMAS LESLIE GRATZE, b. May 31, 1901, Manor Park, East Ham, Essex; d. March 13, 1965, Chelmsford.

*Generation No. 2*

2. EUGENE VICTOR<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 11, 1883 in Everton, Manchester. He married (1) IRENE HAYES. He married (2) JOSEPHINE PYKE.

Notes for EUGENE VICTOR GRATZE:  
Victor's nickname was "Spud".

More About EUGENE VICTOR GRATZE:  
Baptism: Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England

Children of EUGENE GRATZE and IRENE HAYES are:

- i. VICTOR PATRICK B.<sup>4</sup> HAYES-GRATZE, b. 1913, Hendon; d. 1945; m. JULIETTE MUTER.
10. ii. TERENCE E. H. HAYES-GRATZE, b. August 14, 1914, Erpingham.

3. JOHANNA BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 19, 1885 in Forest Gate, West Ham. She married CHARLES MARTIN 1909 in West Ham.

Children of JOHANNA GRATZE and CHARLES MARTIN are:

11. i. DOROTHY<sup>4</sup> MARTIN, b. November 24, 1909.
- ii. ERIC MARTIN.
- iii. STAFFORD MARTIN.
- iv. BABY BOY MARTIN.
12. v. WILLIAM RONALD MARTIN, b. April 21, 1915.

4. FRANCIS EDITH<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 03, 1887 in Forest Gate, West Ham. She married FRANK GOSLIN 1920 in West Ham.

Children of FRANCIS GRATZE and FRANK GOSLIN are:

13. i. DAVID<sup>4</sup> GOSLIN, b. May 14, 1928.
14. ii. GEOFFREY GOSLIN.

5. HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 18, 1888 in West Ham, and died September 1978 in Chelmsford. He married NELLIE TETCHNER March 14, 1914 in Romford, daughter of JOHN TETCHNER and ANN MERCER. She was born May 15, 1895 in Romford, and died January 1983.

Notes for HENRY THOMAS GRATZE:  
Occupation in 1914 was Instrument Maker, according to Marriage Certificate. Address on Marriage Certificate was: 40 Mildmay Road, Romford.

Notes for NELLIE TETCHNER:  
Address in 1914 on Marriage Certificate was 40 Mildmay Road, Romford

Children of HENRY GRATZE and NELLIE TETCHNER are:

15. i. HENRY JOHN SIDNEY<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, b. September 14, 1915, Chelmsford; d. March 07, 1963.
16. ii. MARGARET ANN GRATZE, b. August 07, 1923, Chelmsford.
17. iii. DEREK HUGH GRATZE, b. December 31, 1926, Chelmsford.

6. ROSA MILLICENT ALICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 01, 1891 in Forest Gate, West Ham, and died February 20, 1931 in Christchurch, New Zealand. She married JOSEPH HENRY DAY 1913 in Romford. He was born December 19, 1891, and died October 06, 1927 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Notes for ROSA MILLICENT ALICE GRATZE:  
Died from pneumonia following operative treatment for toxic goitre.

Notes for JOSEPH HENRY DAY:  
Emigrated to New Zealand in 1920

Died of heart attack following influenzal virus

Children of ROSA GRATZE and JOSEPH DAY are:

- i. CECIL OWEN HENRY<sup>4</sup> DAY, b. June 17, 1914, Abbey Wood, Kent; m. JOAN ELISABETH CAMERON, December 24, 1940, Wellington, New Zealand; b. July 11, 1910.
- ii. DENNIS LESLIE DAY, b. May 15, 1920, Abbey Wood, Kent.

Notes for DENNIS LESLIE DAY:

As noted by his brother Cecil in 1987: As far as is known, he did not marry and has died. Contact was lost a long time ago.

- iii. REX NEIL DAY, b. 1926, Christchurch, New Zealand; d. 1934.

Notes for REX NEIL DAY:

Cause of death: meningitis

18. iv. LORRAINE DOROTHY DAY, b. October 28, 1927, Christchurch, New Zealand.

7. VIOLET ETHEL GRACE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 16, 1894 in Ilford, Romford. She married WILLIAM JAMES July 19, 1919 in Woolwich. He was born April 05, 1895, and died September 03, 1983.

Notes for WILLIAM JAMES:

William was a New Zealander, family settled in New Zealand but returned to the U.K in the 1930's.

Children of VIOLET GRATZE and WILLIAM JAMES are:

19. i. MURIEL<sup>4</sup> JAMES, b. May 28, 1920.
20. ii. DESMOND WILLIAM JAMES, b. May 28, 1924.
21. iii. KEITH JAMES, b. February 13, 1928.
22. iv. STANLEY JAMES.

8. EDWARD WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 19, 1898 in Manor Park, West Ham. He married (1) ? BAKER 1925 in Romford. He married (2) VERA MAY GAROD.

Child of EDWARD GRATZE and ? BAKER is:

23. i. EDWIN J.<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, b. 1926, Romford.

Child of EDWARD GRATZE and VERA GAROD is:

24. ii. ROBERT D.<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, b. August 23, 1938, Colchester.

9. THOMAS LESLIE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE (*HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 31, 1901 in Manor Park, East Ham, Essex, and died March 13, 1965 in Chelmsford. He married HILDA FLORENCE ACRES April 22, 1922 in Chelmsford. She was born September 22, 1903.

Children of THOMAS GRATZE and HILDA ACRES are:

25. i. MARTIN LESLIE<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, b. February 04, 1927, Chelmsford; d. September 24, 1983.
- ii. DOREEN HILDA GRATZE, b. February 14, 1931, Chelmsford; m. JOHN REGINALD GEORGE, March 28, 1953.
26. iii. STEPHEN CECIL GRATZE, b. August 26, 1945, Chelmsford.

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10. TERENCE E. H.<sup>4</sup> HAYES-GRATZE (*EUGENE VICTOR<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 14, 1914 in Erpingham. He married PEGGY BALL 1940.

Child of TERENCE HAYES-GRATZE and PEGGY BALL is:

- i. JACKIE<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, m. DAVID MASON JOHNS, April 28, 1984.

11. DOROTHY<sup>4</sup> MARTIN (*JOHANNA BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 24, 1909. She married LEONARD WHITWOOD 1931.

Child of DOROTHY MARTIN and LEONARD WHITWOOD is:

27. i. BERYL<sup>5</sup> WHITWOOD, b. September 26, 1936.

12. WILLIAM RONALD<sup>4</sup> MARTIN (*JOHANNA BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 21, 1915. He married KATHERINE ? September 02, 1944.

Children of WILLIAM MARTIN and KATHERINE ? are:

28. i. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> MARTIN, b. February 12, 1946.  
29. ii. BRIAN MARTIN, b. August 05, 1947.

13. DAVID<sup>4</sup> GOSLIN (*FRANCIS EDITH<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 14, 1928. He married VALERIE ESTELLE.

Children of DAVID GOSLIN and VALERIE ESTELLE are:

30. i. SARAH<sup>5</sup> GOSLIN.  
ii. JOHN GOSLIN.

14. GEOFFREY<sup>4</sup> GOSLIN (*FRANCIS EDITH<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) He married JEAN ?.

Child of GEOFFREY GOSLIN and JEAN ? is:

- i. ALISON<sup>5</sup> GOSLIN.

15. HENRY JOHN SIDNEY<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 14, 1915 in Chelmsford, and died March 07, 1963. He married ANN MOSS April 19, 1940. She was born April 19, 1915.

Child of HENRY GRATZE and ANN MOSS is:

31. i. HELEN ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, b. April 11, 1949.

16. MARGARET ANN<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 07, 1923 in Chelmsford. She married THOMAS WYNTER BACKHOUSE February 05, 1949 in Chelmsford. He was born May 05, 1922 in Horwich, Lancashire.

Children of MARGARET GRATZE and THOMAS BACKHOUSE are:

32. i. ANTHONY WYNTER<sup>5</sup> BACKHOUSE, b. September 28, 1950, Folkestone, Kent.  
33. ii. PHILIP THOMAS WYNTER BACKHOUSE, b. March 04, 1954, Middlesex Hospital, London.  
34. iii. DAVID WYNTER BACKHOUSE, b. March 02, 1955, Middlesex Hospital, London.  
35. iv. JOHN WYNTER BACKHOUSE, b. December 14, 1958, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

17. DEREK HUGH<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 31, 1926 in Chelmsford. He married EVELYN WYATT July 06, 1950. She was born May 06, 1927.

Children of DEREK GRATZE and EVELYN WYATT are:

36. i. LYNDIA MARGARET<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, b. November 17, 1953.  
37. ii. JEREMY MICHAEL GRATZE, b. December 08, 1955.  
38. iii. CHRISTOPHER JOHN GRATZE, b. September 03, 1963.

18. LORRAINE DOROTHY<sup>4</sup> DAY (*ROSA MILLICENT ALICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 28, 1927 in Christchurch, New Zealand. She married (1) ALAN JOHANSON. She married (2) ALAN RICHARDSON.

Notes for ALAN JOHANSON:

Was killed in an aircraft accident. He was an ariel top-dressing pilot.

Child of LORRAINE DAY and ALAN RICHARDSON is:

- i. CATHERINE SALLY (JOHANSON)<sup>5</sup> RICHARDSON, m. MERRETT SMITH.

Notes for CATHERINE SALLY (JOHANSON) RICHARDSON:

Catherine Sally took the name of her mother's second husband as her father had died while she was a baby.

19. MURIEL<sup>4</sup> JAMES (*VIOLET ETHEL GRACE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 28, 1920. She married JOHN BUCKLAND August 01, 1940. He was born April 07, 1912.

Children of MURIEL JAMES and JOHN BUCKLAND are:

39. i. VIVIENNE<sup>5</sup> BUCKLAND, b. October 14, 1941.
- ii. ANTHONY BUCKLAND, b. September 24, 1950; m. YVONNE SAMUEL, March 16, 1974.

**20.** DESMOND WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> JAMES (*VIOLET ETHEL GRACE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 28, 1924. He married ELIZABETH ?.

Children of DESMOND JAMES and ELIZABETH ? are:

- i. CAROLE<sup>5</sup> JAMES.
- ii. PAUL JAMES.
- iii. LYNN JAMES.
- iv. DAVID JAMES.
- v. MARK JAMES.

**21.** KEITH<sup>4</sup> JAMES (*VIOLET ETHEL GRACE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 13, 1928. He married HILARY ?.

Child of KEITH JAMES and HILARY ? is:

- i. 8 CHILDREN<sup>5</sup> JAMES.

**22.** STANLEY<sup>4</sup> JAMES (*VIOLET ETHEL GRACE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*)

Children of STANLEY JAMES are:

- i. DEBORAH<sup>5</sup> JAMES, m. DAVID BROWN, April 02, 1983.
- ii. DAVID JAMES.
- iii. JOANNE JAMES.

**23.** EDWIN J.<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*EDWARD WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1926 in Romford.

Children of EDWIN J. GRATZE are:

- i. SANDRA<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, m. ERIC ?.
- ii. ROBIN GRATZE.

**24.** ROBERT D.<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*EDWARD WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 23, 1938 in Colchester. He married JEAN ? August 26, 1961.

Children of ROBERT GRATZE and JEAN ? are:

- i. UNA<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, b. October 15, 1971.
- ii. STEPHAN GRATZE.

**25.** MARTIN LESLIE<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*THOMAS LESLIE<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 04, 1927 in Chelmsford, and died September 24, 1983. He married BRENDA JOAN DYER. She was born March 16, 1936.

Children of MARTIN GRATZE and BRENDA DYER are:

40. i. PATRICIA ANN<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, b. May 04, 1959, Chelmsford.
41. ii. ALAN LESLIE GRATZE, b. August 01, 1962, Chelmsford.
- iii. WENDY PHYLLIS GRATZE, b. October 17, 1965, Braintree; m. PAUL ANTHONY HALLETT, July 05, 1986; b. June 21, 1959.

**26.** STEPHEN CECIL<sup>4</sup> GRATZE (*THOMAS LESLIE<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 26, 1945 in Chelmsford. He married JENNIFER COLLINS August 05, 1967 in Perivale. She was born June 11, 1947 in Ealing.

Children of STEPHEN GRATZE and JENNIFER COLLINS are:

- i. JUDITH STEPHANIE<sup>5</sup> GRATZE, b. April 23, 1968, Chelmsford.
- ii. ANGELA KARIN GRATZE, b. September 09, 1969, Chelmsford.
- iii. LORNA DELPHINE GRATZE, b. February 17, 1971, Chelmsford.
- iv. ROBERT WILLIAM S. GRATZE, b. May 02, 1972, Chelmsford.

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**27.** BERYL<sup>5</sup> WHITWOOD (*DOROTHY<sup>4</sup> MARTIN, JOHANNA BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 26, 1936. She married ROGER HOARE. He was born September 26, 1939.



Children of BERYL WHITWOOD and ROGER HOARE are:

- i. PAUL<sup>6</sup> HOARE, b. January 12, 1961.
- ii. SUSAN HOARE, b. June 08, 1967.

**28.** RICHARD<sup>5</sup> MARTIN (*WILLIAM RONALD<sup>4</sup>, JOHANNA BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 12, 1946. He married SUSAN COOTE 1971.

Children of RICHARD MARTIN and SUSAN COOTE are:

- i. JEREMY<sup>6</sup> MARTIN.
- ii. ISOBEL MARTIN.

**29.** BRIAN<sup>5</sup> MARTIN (*WILLIAM RONALD<sup>4</sup>, JOHANNA BEATRICE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 05, 1947. He married SUE ?.

Children of BRIAN MARTIN and SUE ? are:

- i. KATE<sup>6</sup> MARTIN, b. June 01, 1978.
- ii. NICK MARTIN, b. August 18, 1980.

**30.** SARAH<sup>5</sup> GOSLIN (*DAVID<sup>4</sup>, FRANCIS EDITH<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) She married DAVID OXNARD.

Child of SARAH GOSLIN and DAVID OXNARD is:

- i. MICHAEL<sup>6</sup> OXNARD.

**31.** HELEN ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> GRATZE (*HENRY JOHN SIDNEY<sup>4</sup>, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 11, 1949. She married TIMOTHY RALPH GOULD July 28, 1972. He was born January 31, 1950 in Feering.

Child of HELEN GRATZE and TIMOTHY GOULD is:

- i. REBECCA ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> GOULD, b. July 29, 1977.

**32.** ANTHONY WYNTER<sup>5</sup> BACKHOUSE (*MARGARET ANN<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 28, 1950 in Folkestone, Kent. He married SUSAN VIRGINIA MAYNE February 15, 1975 in Soberton, Hampshire. She was born March 27, 1953 in Plymouth, Devon.

Children of ANTHONY BACKHOUSE and SUSAN MAYNE are:

42. i. CLAUDIA<sup>6</sup> BACKHOUSE, b. October 06, 1978, Alexandria, Scotland.
- ii. MATHILDA (TILLIE) BACKHOUSE, b. March 23, 1980, Alexandria, Scotland.
- iii. EMILY BACKHOUSE, b. January 19, 1982, Plymouth, Devon.
- iv. FERGUS WYNTER BACKHOUSE, b. April 15, 1984, Ft. Belvoir, Alexandria, Virginia, USA.

**33.** PHILIP THOMAS WYNTER<sup>5</sup> BACKHOUSE (*MARGARET ANN<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 04, 1954 in Middlesex Hospital, London. He married MARGARET HELEN ROSS December 08, 1979 in Glasgow.

Children of PHILIP BACKHOUSE and MARGARET ROSS are:

- i. ANDREW WYNTER<sup>6</sup> BACKHOUSE, b. February 10, 1981, Kings Lynn Norfolk.
- ii. MICHAEL ROSS BACKHOUSE, b. January 19, 1983, Margate, Kent.
- iii. ALISON BACKHOUSE, b. September 25, 1985, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

**34.** DAVID WYNTER<sup>5</sup> BACKHOUSE (*MARGARET ANN<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 02, 1955 in Middlesex Hospital, London. He married DENISE TURNER April 26, 1980 in Hove, Sussex.

Child of DAVID BACKHOUSE and DENISE TURNER is:

- i. ELENA STEPHANIE WYNTER<sup>6</sup> BACKHOUSE, b. April 18, 1995.

**35.** JOHN WYNTER<sup>5</sup> BACKHOUSE (*MARGARET ANN<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 14, 1958 in Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. He met (1) JACKIE NIXON. He married (2) SUSAN MARY MACDONALD August 24, 1991 in Nairn, Invernesshire. She was born August 13, 1964 in Inverness.

Child of JOHN BACKHOUSE and JACKIE NIXON is:

- i. SCOTT WYNTER<sup>6</sup> NIXON, b. February 17, 1986.

Children of JOHN BACKHOUSE and SUSAN MACDONALD are:

- ii. DOUGLAS<sup>6</sup> BACKHOUSE, b. January 31, 1996, Coventry.
- iii. JENNIFER BACKHOUSE, b. May 26, 1998, Banbury.

**36.** LYNDIA MARGARET<sup>5</sup> GRATZE (*DEREK HUGH<sup>4</sup>, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 17, 1953. She married (1) STEPHEN POTTER October 18, 1978. She married (2) JOHN BURTON April 11, 1991.

Children of LYNDIA GRATZE and STEPHEN POTTER are:

- i. MADELINE<sup>6</sup> POTTER, b. November 29, 1981.
- ii. JONATHAN POTTER, b. September 21, 1983.

**37.** JEREMY MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> GRATZE (*DEREK HUGH<sup>4</sup>, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 08, 1955. He married JOANNE HUBBARD January 01, 1980.

Children of JEREMY GRATZE and JOANNE HUBBARD are:

- i. MATTHEW<sup>6</sup> GRATZE, b. November 26, 1981.
- ii. JENNIFER GRATZE, b. June 12, 1985.

**38.** CHRISTOPHER JOHN<sup>5</sup> GRATZE (*DEREK HUGH<sup>4</sup>, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 03, 1963. He married CATHERINE CLARK. She was born September 25, 1963.

Children of CHRISTOPHER GRATZE and CATHERINE CLARK are:

- i. CASEY<sup>6</sup> GRATZE, b. October 04, 1989.
- ii. CALLUM GRATZE, b. July 21, 1991.
- iii. CAMERON GRATZE, b. June 21, 1993.
- iv. CAMILLA GRATZE, b. May 15, 1996.

**39.** VIVIENNE<sup>5</sup> BUCKLAND (*MURIEL<sup>4</sup> JAMES, VIOLET ETHEL GRACE<sup>3</sup> GRATZE, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 14, 1941. She married GERALD REUBAN March 16, 1963. He was born July 26, 1940.

Children of VIVIENNE BUCKLAND and GERALD REUBAN are:

- i. ALINA<sup>6</sup> REUBAN, b. March 31, 1965.
- ii. KAREN SUSANNA REUBAN, b. February 08, 1967.

**40.** PATRICIA ANN<sup>5</sup> GRATZE (*MARTIN LESLIE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS LESLIE<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 04, 1959 in Chelmsford. She married JOHN DAVID DAINES July 07, 1984. He was born March 16, 1962.

Child of PATRICIA GRATZE and JOHN DAINES is:

- i. ROBERT JOHN<sup>6</sup> DAINES, b. November 12, 1985, Chelmsford.

**41.** ALAN LESLIE<sup>5</sup> GRATZE (*MARTIN LESLIE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS LESLIE<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 01, 1962 in Chelmsford. He married SUSAN HALLETT. She was born August 19, 1960.

Child of ALAN GRATZE and SUSAN HALLETT is:

- i. CHRISTOPHER LESLIE<sup>6</sup> GRATZE, b. January 12, 1983, Braintree.

#### Generation No. 5

**42.** CLAUDIA<sup>6</sup> BACKHOUSE (*ANTHONY WYNTER<sup>5</sup>, MARGARET ANN<sup>4</sup> GRATZE, HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, HEINRICH HARTWIG<sup>2</sup>, ADOLF<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 06, 1978 in Alexandria, Scotland. She met KEITH HEWITT.

Child of CLAUDIA BACKHOUSE and KEITH HEWITT is:

- i. DANIEL<sup>7</sup> HEWITT, b. February 25, 2002, Stoke-on-Trent.

## **The Children of Henry and Alice Gratze**

Henry and Alice were the parents of 11 children.

Henry  
Alice Beatrice  
Eugene Victor Gratze  
Johanna Beatrice  
Francis Edith  
Henry Thomas  
Rosa Millicent Alice  
Violet Ethel Grace  
Ernestine Caroline  
Edward William  
Thomas Leslie

**Henry and Alice Beatrice**  
twins born July 21, 1882

Everything we know about these first children is from the family bible:



Bible Entry

Henry Gratze born July 21st 82  
died July 22d 82

Alice Beatrice born July 21st 82  
died July 22d (?) 82

**Eugene Victor Gratze**  
born September 11, 1883  
in Everton, Manchester

The record of Eugene's birth is from the Family Bible:



Bible Entry

Eugene Victor born Sept. 11th  
1883 Everton in(?) Manchester  
Bapt. Cathedral Manchester

Eugene married:

- 1) Irene HAYES
- 2) Josephine PYKE

He had 2 sons:

1. Victor Patrick B. Hayes-Gratze born 1913 in Hendon
2. Terence E. H. Hayes-Gratze born August 14, 1914 in Erpingham

Notes on Victor Eugene by William Martin (1985):

Uncle Vic I saw very little of. He established his own engineering business at an early age, and was very successful. He married into a titled family and grew away from his own, although he tried to help Harry and Les with their education and early engineering training. He was an inventor and dabbled in aviation in its early days, about 1910. I have a photograph of the plane that he built. He had two sons whose names I forget, both a little older than me. He added his wife's maiden name to his own - Hayes Gratze.



## **Johanna Beatrice Gratze**

born August 19, 1885  
in Forest Gate, West Ham

A birth certificate is not available and Johanna has not been found in the General Registry Index. It is also not known when or where she died.

Johanna married Charles MARTIN in 1909 in West Ham. They had 5 children:

1. Dorothy Martin born November 24, 1909
2. Eric Martin
3. Stafford Martin
4. Baby Boy Martin
5. William Ronald Martin born April 21, 1915

William, Johanna's son, wrote this about his mother in 1985:

My mother was born in 1885 and married Father - Charles Martin in 1909. She never lost the feeling of responsibility for the rest of her brothers and sisters, and indeed, they all seemed to turn to her naturally when wanting advice or help. At one time, just before World War 1, Uncle Les was living with them, when he was just a schoolboy. My sister Dorothy (Dot) was born in November 1909; and between her and myself, born April 1915, there were three other boys, Eric who died in his second year, Stafford who died in his first year, and the other baby who died at birth. My sister's wedding in 1931 was the last time when most of the family, including Ucle Vic, assembled together. My brother-in-law, Len, Father and Dot all died towards the end of the last War. My niece Beryl was born just before the War. She has two children, one now being married.

My wife Kathleen and I were married in 1944 and have two sons, both also married and each have a daughter and a son.

**Francis Edith Gratze**  
born March 3, 1887  
in Forest Gate, West Ham

Although a birth certificate is not available, Francis is listed in the General Registry Index with the reference number: J 1887 West Ham 4a 70. Francis died about 1970.

Francis married Frank GOSLIN in 1920 in West Ham. They had 2 sons:

1. David Goslin born May 14, 1928
2. Geoffrey Goslin

Notes on Francis Edith by William Martin (1985):

Auntie Edie was a nurse before she married Frank Goslin (about 1919). I have one or two very vague memories of this, as I have of Auntie Vi's wedding. They had two sons, both of whom now have families of their own as you will see from the chart that I have made up. They lived at Bedford where we often visited them. Auntie died about 15 years ago, but Uncle Frank who lives with the younger son in Glasgow, is 97 years old. We heard at Christmas that he is now blind. Should you want more detailed information, I suggest that you write to David.

David Goslin  
12 Garwhitter Drive  
Milngavie, GLASGOW G62 8DT



**Henry Thomas Gratze**  
born February 18, 1888  
in Forest Gate, West Ham  
died September 1978 in Chelmsford



Birth Certificate

There is also a more detailed, certified copy in the Documents section which contains the following information:

Born on 18 February 1888 at 5 Leonard Road in Forest Gate, Henry Thomas, a boy. Father is Henry Gratze, mother Alice Ann Gratze , formerly Belshaw. Father's occupation is Mantle Maker. The certificate is signed by the mother.





**Rosa Millicent Alice**  
born June 1, 1891  
in Forest Gate, West Ham  
died February 20, 1931  
in Christchurch, New Zealand

There is a certified copy of Rosa's birth in the Document Section. It contains the following information:

Born on the first of June 1891 at 86 Clova Road, Forest Gate, West Ham:  
Rosa Millicent Alice, a girl. Father was Henry Gratze, mother Alice Ann Gratze formerly Belshaw. Father's occupation Mantle Maker (Master). The certificate is signed by the mother.

Rosa married Joseph Henry DAY in 1913 at Romford.

They had 4 children:

1. Cecil Owen Henry DAY born June 17, 1914 at Abbey Wood
2. Dennis Leslie DAY born May 15 or 25, 1920 at Abbey Wood
3. Rex Neil DAY born 1926 at Christchurch, New Zealand
4. Lorraine Dorothy DAY born October 10, 1927 at Christchurch, New Zealand

Rosa and Joseph emigrated to New Zealand in 1920 with their first two children.

In 1980, Cecil wrote to Victor from New Zealand seeking information on the family. He had found the address in the London telephone directory. Another letter, written in 1987 to Stephan Gratze gave more information on the New Zealand branch of the Gratzes.

Both letters are in the Document Section.

Cecil is still living at the following address:

Cecil Day  
26 Clarendon Road  
St Heliers, Auckland 5  
New Zealand



## **Violet Ethel Grace Gratze**

born February 16, 1894  
in Ilford, Romford

Although a birth certificate is not available, Violet is listed in the General Registry Index with the reference number: J 1895 Romford 4a 423. It is not know when or where Violet died.

Violet married William James on July 19, 1919 at Wollwich.

They had 4 children:

1. Muriel James born May 28, 1920
2. Desmond William James born May 28, 1924
3. Keith James born February 13, 1928
4. Stanley James

William was a New Zealander and the family went to New Zealand shortly after they were married. However, they returned to England around 1930.

### Notes on Violet Ethel Grace by William Martin (1985):

I can just remember Auntie Vi's wedding which was held at Auntie Rosa's house. This would have been about 1918, but I expect you have this information from Muriel. Some of the menfolk were in uniform, Uncle Billy and his friends in that of the A.N.Z.A.C. forces and Uncle Ted and one or two others in British uniform. The couple went to New Zealand very soon after.

**Ernestina Caroline**  
born December 16, 1896  
at Forest Gate, West Ham

Although a birth certificate is not available, Ernestina is listed in the General Registry Index with the reference number: M 1897 West Ham 4a 212.

She died quite young and was always called 'Billie'. In the 1901 census, she is 4 years old.

Notes on Ernestine Caroline by William Martin (1985):

At what age Billie died I do not know. She was not very old and was very rarely mentioned in conversation.

**Edward William Gratze**  
born November 19, 1898  
Manor Park, West Ham

Although a birth certificate is not available, William is listed in the General Registry Index with the reference number: M 1899 West Ham 4a 234. It is not known when or where Edward died.

In 1926 Edward married a Miss Baker at Romford.  
They had one son:

1. Edwin J. Gratze born 1926 in Romford

Edward married again to Vera May Garod.  
They had one son:

2. Robert D. Gratze born August 23, 1938 in Colchester

Notes on Edward William by William Martin (1985):

Uncle Ted! I have to choose my words carefully here. He was the 'rebel' of the family, or regarded as such. Whereas all the rest of his brothers and sisters all harboured thoughts of their former grandeur (even though some of them were not even born at the time), Uncle Ted was a pragmatist. He accepted life as it came (which, due to his objection to authority, was pretty hard). Nevertheless, he was a 'character' with whom I had great sympathy. He saw service in France and Belgium in the 1914/18 war, and was evacuated from Dunkirk in the last war, before being discharged because of his age. In between, he took what work came along, mostly in the building trade as both bricklayer and later as painter and decorator. He always came up with a smile, and was always willing to give a helping hand where needed. Having had a similar period in my own early life, I have, as I said, always felt an affinity with Uncle Ted, and always admired his ability to come up fighting. Although the rest of the family seemed to have no great feeling for him, I think he had more affection for them than he cared to show. He married and had one son, Edward. Auntie Vi and family lived with him for a short time after they came back from 'Down Under'. His marriage broke up and what happened afterward is perhaps best left in obscurity. He has now passed on to, I hope, a much better life.



**Thomas Leslie Gratze**  
born May 31, 1901  
Manor Park, East Ham  
died March 13, 1965 in Chelmsford

There is a certified copy of Thomas's birth in the Document Section. It contains the following information:

Born on the thirty-first of May 1901 at 48 Sherringham Avenue,  
Manor Park, East Ham: Thomas Leslie Gratze, a boy.  
Father was Henry Gratze, mother Alice Ann Gratze formerly Belshaw.  
Father's occupation Mantle Maker (Master). The certificate is signed by the  
father.

Thomas married Hilda Florence Acres on April 22, 1922 in Chelmsford

They had three children:

1. Martin Leslie Gratze born February 4, 1927 in Chelmsford
2. Doreen Hilda Gratze born February 14, 1931 in Chelmsford
3. Stephen Cecil Gratze born August 26, 1945 in Chelmsford

Notes on Thomas Leslie by William Martin (1985):

The youngest, who being the baby, did not suffer the harsh discipline that the rest of the family experienced. This may account for the fact that he was a much more gentle person by nature. He also was a skilled craftsman at Marconis, where he could have progressed to supervisory positions, but rejected the opportunity. He was my chargehand when I started there. He was only a few years older than my sister, and his youngest son is only a year older than Richard, my eldest son. Uncle Les married Hilda Acres in I suppose 1922 or 3. They lived for a time on a farm belonging to an uncle of Auntie Hildas' and then moved to Great Leighs, Essex, where Auntie Hilda still lives (incidentally, she with Uncle Frank are the last two of that generation still alive). They had three children, of whom Martin, the eldest, is also now dead.

## The Origins of Heinrich Hartwig Gratze

### Beginning Information

The search for Heinrich's origins began with very little information. Further correspondence with family members yielded some oral traditions and bits of information. The most important source was a copy of a page of the family bible (in possession of Jackie Mason-Johns, Victor's grand-daughter).

This is a summary of the information on Henry that I was able to gather:

#### Name

German: Heinrich Hartwig GRATZE

English: Henry Hardwick GRATZE

Family tradition: Name was originally GRATZ, "e" was added by Henry

William Martin: Family name was GRAETZ and Jewish

#### Birth Year

Range from 1855 to 1861

- Family bible January 14, 1855
- 1881 census age 25 = born approx. 1856
- 1891 census age 33 = born approx. 1858
- 1901 census age 43 = born approx. 1858
- 1902 death age 41 = born approx. 1861

#### Birth Place

Family bible: Benthen or Bentshen, Germany



Family Bible Entry

1881 census Berlin, Germany

1891 census Berlin, Germany

1901 census Germany (foreign subject)

Family Tradition: Graz, Austria (William Martin says Henry Thomas believed this).



## The Name GRATZE

### General

It is important to remember that in earlier times, the spelling of name was often arbitrary. There were no hard and fast rules and people spelled their name as they felt was correct, sometimes several different versions in the same document. Also, an emigrant often changed the spelling of his name to make it easier to pronounce in his new country. Thus, it is important to consider all possible spellings of a name during research.

### Origin

#### **GRATZ, GRÄTZ, GRAETZ**

1. name related to the town of Graz in Austria (Königgrätz/Hradec Králové in Bhoemia)
2. a shortened form of the the family name PANKRATZ
3. name taken from occupation (Polish *gracz*, Low Sorbian *grac*) meaning player, musician.

#### **PANKRATZ, PANKRAZ**

A name of Greek origin (pan all, everything; kratos power). The name came from the holy martyr Panakratius whose cult spread through Germany in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Surnames which are variations of Pankratz are:

Pangratz	Pankrth	Bangratz	Pongratz
Bongra(t)z	Kratz	Kratzel	Kratzer
Gradl	Gratz	Gratze	Grätz
Graetz			

### Namespread in Germany and Austria

- 16 GRATZE in present-day Austria tel. book, mostly in southern Austria
- 22 GRATZE in present day German tel. book, mostly in western and SW Germany.
- 28 GRATZ in Berlin (no GRATZE)
- 150 GRAETZ in Berlin, many more Germany-wide

No results for searches in Poland.

## Place of Birth - Benthen or Bentschen?

On all British records (census, etc.) Henry gave his birthplace as Berlin, Germany. It should be noted, however, that was common for an emigrant to list the next large city as his birthplace, rather than give the name of a village.

### Family Bible

On the copy of the page from the bible, Henry wrote down his place of birth. I have spent quite a bit of time trying to figure out what this place could be. After comparing each letter with others on this page of the bible, I am fairly certain that Henry wrote

**Bentshen**      or possibly      **Benthen**

At first I was fairly certain that he had written **Benthen** but after careful comparison with the word Belshaw on the same page, I now believe there is the letter "s" between the "t" and the "h" resulting in **Bentshen**.

The two most likely villages are as follows:

### **BENTHEN**

Benthen is located a bit north of the town of Lübz, in the state of Mecklenburg, about 85 miles NW of Berlin in present-day Germany. For a long time I considered this small village to be the most likely one. However, when records were searched (church records, civil indexes, Jewish registries, etc.) not one GRATZ (or variation) was discovered. According to the eminent Jewish research, Norbert Franke, there were no Jewish Gratz/Graetz families in all of Mecklenburg. This pretty much eliminates Benthen as Henry's birthplace.



Location of Benthen





## Possible Jewish Ancestry

In my research, I found the name GRATZ or GRAETZ to mostly be of Jewish origin. Here is a list of various items that point in this direction.

### William Martin's Notes

*"Gratze, the family used this form, but the German spelling was also acknowledged to be correct Graetz. .... Grandfather was from a Jewish family of either German or Austrian origin."*

Even before I received William Martin's Notes, I had begun to suspect a Jewish connection. Today there are Jewish Graetz families in Australia and America.

### Famous Personalities named GRAETZ

The most notable one is Heinrich Jacob Graetz, a well-known Jewish Historian from Posen (present-day Poland).

### Jewish Family Research

A search of the Jewish Genealogy Databases yielded 7 Graetz families of Jewish origin being researched by genealogists located in America, German, Australia and Israel. So far, none of the researchers has found a connection to the English Gratze family.

A search of available Jewish records in Poland resulted in this family residing in the village of Gniezno, Posen in 1845-1847:

GRAETZ, Josef b. 1845

GRAETZ, Julius married at age 24 to Bertha neumann in 1845

GRAETZ, Ernestine born 1847, died 1847

### Henry's occupation

A research at the Manchester Family History Society wrote this in one of his emails:

*"Noting the German name and his apparent occupation, was the family originally Jewish?"*

### London Conference, Hyamson Papers

The Hyamson Papers is a collection of extensive research on pedigrees of Jewish families. The index includes the name GRAETZ. This resource is available on microfiche at the Society of genealogists in London.



## Possible Relatives and Famous Gratze Personalities

### Brothers

When I read the following in Derek's notes, I was hoping to find out more about Henry's origins through one of his brothers.

This is what Derek wrote about Henry:

*"I think he was one of 4 brothers: one went to Frankfurt (if I remember my father correctly, but memory is a fickle thing) and I think he became Burgermeister, one went to America and either he or a descendant, Paul Gratz (without the 'e') became involved in the film industry. What happened to No. 4, I don't know - probably stayed behind."*

### Bürgermeister in Frankfurt

These are the results of the search for a Gratze Bürgermeister in Frankfurt - basically a dead end:

A listing of all Bürgermeisters in Frankfurt am Main was found online - no Gratzes

I sent an email to the archives in Frankfurt am Oder. Their answer listed the Bürgermeisters from 1850 to 1920 - no Gratzes.

### Paul Gratz

This research yielded interesting results but shed nothing new on the origins of Henry. There were actually 3 famous persons named Paul Graetz. Two of them were in the film industry. All three were Jewish.

#### **Paul GRAETZ, born 4 June 1893, died 21 Oct, 1969, Jewish**

Not to be confused with the character actor of the same name, producer **Paul Graetz** was in charge of Germany's Terra Films from the mid-1920s to 1933. Fleeing his native country when Hitler came to power, Graetz relocated to France where he organized Transcontinental Films. Most of his productions were geared primarily for domestic consumption: exceptions include 1962's **A View From the Bridge** and 1966's **Is Paris Burning?**, his last film. During the late 1940s, Paul Graetz became one of the pioneers of European commercial television.





## Other Considerations

Following up a remote possibility that Heinrich's 2<sup>nd</sup> name, Hartwig, was a family surname, I did some research on Hartwigs. The results were surprising and, although I doubt there is a connection, I am including what I found in the name of general interest.

First I did a search on Heinrich Hartwig. The only one I found was:

### **Heinrich Adolph HARDTWIG, born 23 March 1826 in Berlin**

His mother was Henriette Hardtwig, father unknown (illegitimate?)

We know that our Heinrich's father was named Adolf (from Heinrich's marriage certificate) and since the date of Heinrich Adolph Hardtwig's birth would fit as far as possibly being our Heinrich's father, I investigated further.

Heinrich Adolph's mother was born Henriette Wilhelmine Hartwig on 18 March 1808, the daughter of Carl Friedrich Hartwig and Henriette Louise KRAATZ.

Of course this sent me on a flurry of research into the KRAATZ family with no significant results. There are many Kraatz families in Berlin but I did not find anything further that was of interest to this research.

## Conclusions

Although it is still not known just where Heinrich Hartwig Gratze was born and who his parents were, a lot of information has been gathered. Even where research yielded no results, this proves to be important. It at least helps eliminate some areas of research.

At this time I would speculate that Heinrich Hartwig Gratze was born in Bentschen, Posen of Jewish parents. It is very likely the family had connections to Berlin and perhaps England. Heinrich's father, Adolf, was an "agent", perhaps indicating that he was representing a foreign company (English?) in Germany. There was a large Jewish community in Manchester (Cheetham Hill) and it is probable that in the beginning of his time in England, Heinrich had contact with relatives there. During this time period, it was also not uncommon for a Jewish immigrant to marry an English girl and quietly renounce his Jewish faith. I have read several histories where Manchester families were surprised to discover their Jewish roots.

Research will continue and I will keep the Gratze family informed of any new discoveries.

Peggy McKenzie  
June 2003

## Places the Gratze Family Lived

Family History becomes more real to us when we understand the circumstances our ancestors lived in: where they lived, how they lived, and what was going on in their world at the time. Since they are no longer around for us to ask, we can only investigate historical information and try to imagine their lives.

This next section will describe some of the places Henry and Alice lived, including a bit of history and some interesting facts. Based on information available, the Gratzes lived in the following places:

### Known Addresses for Henry and Alice

1881(1)	Henry Gratze 54 Sewerby Street Moss Side, Manchester Lancashire	Alice Belshaw 3 Shakespeare Street Ardwick, Manchester Lancashire
1882(2)	Sale, Manchester	
1882(3)	Altringham, Manchester	
1883(4)	Everton, Manchester	



Manchester



## Manchester in the 1880's

When Henry and Alice met, they were both living Manchester. Henry was a boarder in Moss Side and Alice was living with her parents in Ardwick.

Ardwick was part of Chorlton Poor Law Union between 1837 and 1915. In 1838 it became part of the Borough of Manchester. Under the Divided Parishes Act of 1882 part of Chorlton township was added to Ardwick.

Moss Side was in the Manchester Ecclesiastical Parish and in the Chorlton Poor Law Union from 1837-1915, and in Manchester Poor Law Union from 1915-30. In 1856 a small detached part of the township was included in the area of Rusholme Local Board of Health and the remainder in the area of Moss Side Local Board of Health. In 1882 part of Withington township was included in the area of Moss Side Local Board. In 1885 part of Moss Side township was added to the City of Manchester. In 1894 Moss Side Urban District was established.



Manchester mid-1800's

When the couple married in 1882, they both gave their address as Sale, which is located SW of Greater Manchester.

Sale: Meaning "the place of the sallow (or willow) tree(s)", the name is known back as far as c1205. (Sallow = "salix" - Latin name of the willow tree). This township was in Cheshire. It was in Ashton upon Mersey Ecclesiastical Parish and in Bucklow Poor Law Union (which was called Altrincham Union until 1895). In 1867 Sale Local Board of Health was established for the area of the township. In 1894 the area of the Board became an Urban District.



Sale, late 1800's







## Forest Gate, Ilford and Manor Park

By 1884 Henry and Alice had moved to Forest Gate when their daughter, Johanna Beatrice was born. We have no information on why the family moved from Manchester or what they were doing until the 1891 census. Of course one can speculate but we may never know for sure.

Family oral history says they lived in a big house with a chase at the 'gateway to the forest (Epping Forest)' and employed servants and a coachman. This is confirmed by the 1891 census (copy in Document section).

The following is a nice description of the history of Forest Gate. Notice the mention of Clova Road, where the family were living 1891. The description is taken from the webpage: [www.forestgate.com](http://www.forestgate.com).

### Forest Gate

Although today Forest Gate is part of a bustling inner London borough, its origins lie in early Victorian times as a small clump of houses round a barrier to Epping Forest in what is now Woodford Road. The barrier was a gate designed to stop the cattle from the forest from straying onto the high road to Romford. It was not until the 1870s that the area to the south of Wanstead Flats become recognizably a London suburb.

In 1812 Samuel Gurney, a well-known Quaker philanthropist, purchased the Ham House estate established by Dr. John Fothergill, who had lived there since 1762. During his tenancy the house and grounds were known throughout Europe as a botanical rival to Kew, with 3,400 species of tropical plants. The house remained a family residence until 1852.



Forest Gate 1895

From the 1850s the estate, along with others owned by the Gurney family, was broken up and sold for property development. The western part of the estate became the West Ham and Jewish cemeteries and the Forest Gate Industrial School (later the Newham Maternity Hospital and now a housing estate and small park). The remainder became the Gurney housing estate, comprised of Hamfrith, Atherton, Norwich, Sprowston and Clova Roads, as well as Earlham Grove. This area is shown in the upper portion of the map on the left, which dates from 1895.



## Essex County Asylum

Essex County Lunatic Asylum opened 23.9.1853 at Brentwood. Probably built for 300 patients, it had 450 patients in 1858. Closed in June 2001.



*Plan and projected bird's eye view of Essex County Lunatic Asylum, Brentwood, Essex. This illustrates well the complexity of the airing courts and other designed spaces which immediately surrounded asylums. The courts were provided with ha-has on their outer sides to allow the patients to appreciate the view, while achieving good security. From The Builder, 16 May 1857*

## Kinship of Margaret Ann Gratze

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Name	Relationship with Margaret Gratze
?, Ann	2nd great-grandmother
?, Elizabeth	Wife of the 1st cousin
?, Eric	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
?, Hilary	Wife of the 1st cousin
?, Jean	Wife of the 1st cousin
?, Jean	Wife of the 1st cousin
?, Katherine	Wife of the 1st cousin
?, Mary E.	Wife of the granduncle
?, Sue	Wife of the 1st cousin once removed
Acres, Hilda Florence	Wife of the uncle
Backhouse, Alison	Granddaughter
Backhouse, Andrew Wynter	Grandson
Backhouse, Anthony Wynter	Son
Backhouse, Claudia	Granddaughter
Backhouse, David Wynter	Son
Backhouse, Douglas	Grandson
Backhouse, Elena Stephanie Wynter	Granddaughter
Backhouse, Emily	Granddaughter
Backhouse, Fergus Wynter	Grandson
Backhouse, Jennifer	Granddaughter
Backhouse, John Wynter	Son
Backhouse, Mathilda (Tillie)	Granddaughter
Backhouse, Michael Ross	Grandson
Backhouse, Philip Thomas Wynter	Son
Backhouse, Thomas Wynter	Husband
Baker, ?	Wife of the uncle
Ball, Peggy	Wife of the 1st cousin
Belshaw, Alice	Great-grandaunt
Belshaw, Alice Ann	Grandmother
Belshaw, Ann	Great-grandaunt
Belshaw, Edward	Great-grandfather
Belshaw, Emma	Grandaunt
Belshaw, Hubert	1st cousin once removed
Belshaw, Jane	Grandaunt
Belshaw, John	2nd great-grandfather
Belshaw, John Edward	Granduncle
Belshaw, Louisa	Grandaunt
Belshaw, Norman E.	1st cousin once removed
Belshaw, Rosa G.	1st cousin once removed
Belshaw, Thomas	Granduncle
Belshaw, Thomas A.	1st cousin once removed
Belshaw, William	Great-granduncle
Brown, David	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Buckland, Anthony	1st cousin once removed
Buckland, John	Husband of the 1st cousin

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Name	Relationship with Margaret Gratze
Buckland, Vivienne	1st cousin once removed
Burton, John	Husband of the niece
Cameron, Joan Elisabeth	Wife of the 1st cousin
Clark, Catherine	Wife of the nephew
Collins, Jennifer	Wife of the 1st cousin
Coote, Susan	Wife of the 1st cousin once removed
Daines, John David	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Daines, Robert John	1st cousin twice removed
Day, Cecil Owen Henry	1st cousin
Day, Dennis Leslie	1st cousin
Day, Joseph Henry	Husband of the aunt
Day, Lorraine Dorothy	1st cousin
Day, Rex Neil	1st cousin
Dyer, Brenda Joan	Wife of the 1st cousin
Estelle, Valerie	Wife of the 1st cousin
Garod, Vera May	Wife of the uncle
George, John Reginald	Husband of the 1st cousin
Goslin, Alison	1st cousin once removed
Goslin, David	1st cousin
Goslin, Frank	Husband of the aunt
Goslin, Geoffrey	1st cousin
Goslin, John	1st cousin once removed
Goslin, Sarah	1st cousin once removed
Gould, Rebecca Elizabeth	Grandniece
Gould, Timothy Ralph	Husband of the niece
Gratze, Adolf	Great-grandfather
Gratze, Alan Leslie	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Alice Beatrice	Aunt
Gratze, Angela Karin	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Callum	Grandnephew
Gratze, Cameron	Grandnephew
Gratze, Camilla	Grandniece
Gratze, Casey	Grandnephew
Gratze, Christopher John	Nephew
Gratze, Christopher Leslie	1st cousin twice removed
Gratze, Derek Hugh	Brother
Gratze, Doreen Hilda	1st cousin
Gratze, Edward William	Uncle
Gratze, Edwin J.	1st cousin
Gratze, Ernestina Caroline	Aunt
Gratze, Eugene Victor	Uncle
Gratze, Francis Edith	Aunt
Gratze, Heinrich Hartwig	Grandfather
Gratze, Helen Elizabeth	Niece
Gratze, Henry	Uncle
Gratze, Henry John Sidney	Brother



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Name	Relationship with Margaret Gratze
Gratze, Henry Thomas	Father
Gratze, Jackie	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Jennifer	Grandniece
Gratze, Jeremy Michael	Nephew
Gratze, Johanna Beatrice	Aunt
Gratze, Judith Stephanie	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Lorna Delphine	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Lynda Margaret	Niece
Gratze, Margaret Ann	Self
Gratze, Martin Leslie	1st cousin
Gratze, Matthew	Grandnephew
Gratze, Patricia Ann	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Robert D.	1st cousin
Gratze, Robert William S.	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Robin	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Rosa Millicent Alice	Aunt
Gratze, Sandra	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Stephan	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Stephen Cecil	1st cousin
Gratze, Thomas Leslie	Uncle
Gratze, Una	1st cousin once removed
Gratze, Violet Ethel Grace	Aunt
Gratze, Wendy Phyllis	1st cousin once removed
Hallett, Paul Anthony	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Hallett, Susan	Wife of the 1st cousin once removed
Hayes, Irene	Wife of the uncle
Hayes-Gratze, Terence E. H.	1st cousin
Hayes-Gratze, Victor Patrick B.	1st cousin
Henshall, Elizabeth	2nd great-grandmother
Hewitt, Daniel	Great-granddaughter
Hewitt, Keith	Friend of the granddaughter
Hoare, Paul	1st cousin twice removed
Hoare, Roger	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Hoare, Susan	1st cousin twice removed
Hubbard, Joanne	Wife of the nephew
James, 8 Children	1st cousin once removed
James, Carole	1st cousin once removed
James, David	1st cousin once removed
James, David	1st cousin once removed
James, Deborah	1st cousin once removed
James, Desmond William	1st cousin
James, Joanne	1st cousin once removed
James, Keith	1st cousin
James, Lynn	1st cousin once removed
James, Mark	1st cousin once removed
James, Muriel	1st cousin

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James, Paul	1st cousin once removed
James, Stanley	1st cousin
James, William	Husband of the aunt
Johanson, Alan	Husband of the 1st cousin
Johns, David Mason	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Johnson, Mathilda	Great-grandmother
Macdonald, Susan Mary	Daughter-in-law
Martin, Baby Boy	1st cousin
Martin, Brian	1st cousin once removed
Martin, Charles	Husband of the aunt
Martin, Dorothy	1st cousin
Martin, Eric	1st cousin
Martin, Isobel	1st cousin twice removed
Martin, Jeremy	1st cousin twice removed
Martin, Kate	1st cousin twice removed
Martin, Nick	1st cousin twice removed
Martin, Richard	1st cousin once removed
Martin, Stafford	1st cousin
Martin, William Ronald	1st cousin
Mayne, Susan Virginia	Daughter-in-law
Mercer, Ann	Grandmother
Mercer, Ellen	Grandaunt
Mercer, Emma Eliza	Grandaunt
Mercer, Frank	1st cousin once removed
Mercer, John	Granduncle
Mercer, John J.	1st cousin once removed
Mercer, John William	Great-grandfather
Mercer, Samuel	1st cousin once removed
Moss, Ann	Sister-in-law
Muter, Juliette	Wife of the 1st cousin
Nixon, Jackie	Friend of the son
Nixon, Scott Wynter	Grandson
Oxnard, David	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Oxnard, Michael	1st cousin twice removed
Potter, Jonathan	Grandnephew
Potter, Madeline	Grandniece
Potter, Stephen	Husband of the niece
Pyke, Josephine	Wife of the uncle
Reuban, Alina	1st cousin twice removed
Reuban, Gerald	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Reuban, Karen Susanna	1st cousin twice removed
Richardson, Alan	Husband of the 1st cousin
Richardson, Catherine Sally (Johanson)	1st cousin once removed
Ross, Margaret Helen	Daughter-in-law
Rusby, Anne	Wife of the granduncle
Samuel, Yvonne	Wife of the 1st cousin once removed

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Name	Relationship with Margaret Gratze
Smith, Merrett	Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Tetchner, John Harcourt	Grandfather
Tetchner, Nellie	Mother
Turner, Denise	Daughter-in-law
Walton, ?	2nd great-grandfather
Walton, Lucy Eliza	Great-grandmother
Whitwood, Beryl	1st cousin once removed
Whitwood, Leonard	Husband of the 1st cousin
Wyatt, Evelyn	Sister-in-law

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?, Eric		
?, Hilary		
?, Jean		
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?, Katherine		
?, Mary Ann		
?, Mary E.	Abt. 1868	
?, Sue		
Acres, Hilda Florence	September 22, 1903	
Backhouse, Alison	September 25, 1985	
Backhouse, Andrew Wynter	February 10, 1981	
Backhouse, Anthony Wynter	September 28, 1950	
Backhouse, Claudia	October 06, 1978	
Backhouse, David Wynter	March 02, 1955	
Backhouse, Douglas	January 31, 1996	
Backhouse, Elena Stephanie Wynter	April 18, 1995	
Backhouse, Emily	January 19, 1982	
Backhouse, Fergus Wynter	April 15, 1984	
Backhouse, Jennifer	May 26, 1998	
Backhouse, John Wynter	December 14, 1958	
Backhouse, Mathilda (Tillie)	March 23, 1980	
Backhouse, Michael Ross	January 19, 1983	
Backhouse, Philip Thomas Wynter	March 04, 1954	
Backhouse, Thomas Wynter	May 05, 1922	
Baker, ?		
Ball, Peggy		
Belshaw, Alice	1821	
Belshaw, Alice Ann	May 28, 1857	June 1911
Belshaw, Ann	1811	
Belshaw, Edward	Abt. 1819	Bef. 1882
Belshaw, Emma	Abt. 1848	
Belshaw, Hubert	Abt. 1900	
Belshaw, Jane	Abt. 1864	
Belshaw, John		
Belshaw, John Edward	Abt. 1862	
Belshaw, Louisa	Abt. 1856	
Belshaw, Norman E.	Abt. 1891	
Belshaw, Rosa G.	Abt. 1897	
Belshaw, Thomas	Abt. 1860	
Belshaw, Thomas A.	Abt. 1893	
Belshaw, William	1826	
Brown, David		



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Buckland, Anthony	September 24, 1950	
Buckland, John	April 07, 1912	
Buckland, Vivienne	October 14, 1941	
Burton, John		
Cameron, Joan Elisabeth	July 11, 1910	
Clark, Catherine	September 25, 1963	
Collins, Jennifer	June 11, 1947	
Coote, Susan		
Daines, John David	March 16, 1962	
Daines, Robert John	November 12, 1985	
Day, Cecil Owen Henry	June 17, 1914	
Day, Dennis Leslie	May 15, 1920	
Day, Joseph Henry	December 19, 1891	October 06, 1927
Day, Lorraine Dorothy	October 28, 1927	
Day, Rex Neil	1926	1934
Dyer, Brenda Joan	March 16, 1936	
Estelle, Valerie		
Garod, Vera May		
George, John Reginald		
Goslin, Alison		
Goslin, David	May 14, 1928	
Goslin, Frank		
Goslin, Geoffrey		
Goslin, John		
Goslin, Sarah		
Gould, Rebecca Elizabeth	July 29, 1977	
Gould, Timothy Ralph	January 31, 1950	
Gratze, Adolf		
Gratze, Alan Leslie	August 01, 1962	
Gratze, Alice Beatrice	July 21, 1882	July 22, 1882
Gratze, Angela Karin	September 09, 1969	
Gratze, Callum	July 21, 1991	
Gratze, Cameron	June 21, 1993	
Gratze, Camilla	May 15, 1996	
Gratze, Casey	October 04, 1989	
Gratze, Christopher John	September 03, 1963	
Gratze, Christopher Leslie	January 12, 1983	
Gratze, Derek Hugh	December 31, 1926	
Gratze, Doreen Hilda	February 14, 1931	
Gratze, Edward William	November 19, 1898	
Gratze, Edwin J.	1926	
Gratze, Ernestina Caroline	December 16, 1896	
Gratze, Eugene Victor	September 11, 1883	
Gratze, Francis Edith	March 03, 1887	
Gratze, Heinrich Hartwig	January 14, 1855	March 01, 1902
Gratze, Helen Elizabeth	April 11, 1949	

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Name	Birth date	Death date
Gratze, Henry	July 21, 1882	July 22, 1882
Gratze, Henry John Sidney	September 14, 1915	March 07, 1963
Gratze, Henry Thomas	February 18, 1888	September 1978
Gratze, Jackie		
Gratze, Jennifer	June 12, 1985	
Gratze, Jeremy Michael	December 08, 1955	
Gratze, Johanna Beatrice	August 19, 1885	
Gratze, Judith Stephanie	April 23, 1968	
Gratze, Lorna Delphine	February 17, 1971	
Gratze, Lynda Margaret	November 17, 1953	
Gratze, Margaret Ann	August 07, 1923	
Gratze, Martin Leslie	February 04, 1927	September 24, 1983
Gratze, Matthew	November 26, 1981	
Gratze, Patricia Ann	May 04, 1959	
Gratze, Robert D.	August 23, 1938	
Gratze, Robert William S.	May 02, 1972	
Gratze, Robin		
Gratze, Rosa Millicent Alice	June 01, 1891	February 20, 1931
Gratze, Sandra		
Gratze, Stephan		
Gratze, Stephen Cecil	August 26, 1945	
Gratze, Thomas Leslie	May 31, 1901	March 13, 1965
Gratze, Una	October 15, 1971	
Gratze, Violet Ethel Grace	February 16, 1894	
Gratze, Wendy Phyllis	October 17, 1965	
Hallett, Paul Anthony	June 21, 1959	
Hallett, Susan	August 19, 1960	
Hayes, Irene		
Hayes-Gratze, Terence E. H.	August 14, 1914	
Hayes-Gratze, Victor Patrick B.	1913	1945
Henshall, Elizabeth		
Hewitt, Daniel	February 25, 2002	
Hewitt, Keith		
Hoare, Paul	January 12, 1961	
Hoare, Roger	September 26, 1939	
Hoare, Susan	June 08, 1967	
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James, Deborah		
James, Desmond William	May 28, 1924	
James, Joanne		
James, Keith	February 13, 1928	
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James, Mark		
James, Muriel	May 28, 1920	
James, Paul		
James, Stanley		
James, William	April 05, 1895	September 03, 1983
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Johns, David Mason		
Johnson, Mathilda	Abt. 1829	
Macdonald, Susan Mary	August 13, 1964	
Martin, Baby Boy		
Martin, Brian	August 05, 1947	
Martin, Charles		
Martin, Dorothy	November 24, 1909	
Martin, Eric		
Martin, Isobel		
Martin, Jeremy		
Martin, Kate	June 01, 1978	
Martin, Nick	August 18, 1980	
Martin, Richard	February 12, 1946	
Martin, Stafford		
Martin, William Ronald	April 21, 1915	
Mayne, Susan Virginia	March 27, 1953	
Mercer, Ann	Abt. 1862	
Mercer, Ellen	Abt. 1850	
Mercer, Emma Eliza	Abt. 1858	
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Mercer, John J.	1878	
Mercer, John William	Abt. 1824	
Mercer, Samuel	1880	
Moss, Ann	April 19, 1915	
Muter, Juliette		
Nixon, Jackie		
Nixon, Scott Wynter	February 17, 1986	
Oxnard, David		
Oxnard, Michael		
Potter, Jonathan	September 21, 1983	
Potter, Madeline	November 29, 1981	
Potter, Stephen		
Pyke, Josephine		
Reuban, Alina	March 31, 1965	
Reuban, Gerald	July 26, 1940	
Reuban, Karen Susanna	February 08, 1967	
Richardson, Alan		
Richardson, Catherine Sally (Johanson)		
Ross, Margaret Helen		

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Rusby, ?		
Rusby, Anne	1853	
Samuel, Yvonne		
Smith, Merrett		
Tetchner, John Harcourt		
Tetchner, Nellie	May 15, 1895	January 1983
Turner, Denise		
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Walton, Lucy Eliza	Abt. 1837	
Whitwood, Beryl	September 26, 1936	
Whitwood, Leonard		
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