

(DE)PICCIOTTO :Merchant family from Leghorn in Tuscany, later well-known as a consular dynasty at Aleppo. Picciotto is the Italian form of the Portuguese name Peixotto meaning "little fish". At Aleppo the family retained its Tuscan nationality. Tuscany at that time was an independent state but was later ruled by Austrian Hapsburgs. Raphael Picciotto was appointed Austrian consul at Aleppo in 1784. As a result, Austria became the largest protector of the Jewish merchants at Aleppo until the nineteenth century when Britain began to extend its influence in Syria. Raphael also held the consulships or vice-consulships of Tuscany, the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, Denmark, Spain, and Ragusa at various times. In 1842, Daniel Picciotto settled in Manchester

SAFDIE :First documented name was Joseph Safdie (Safdeah)

SALEM :The families of Rahamim Salem and Murad Salem settled in Manchester.



Business stamp of I.M. Salem

SASSON/ASSOON :Family from Aleppo originally from Hamadan, Persia. According to family legend the founder of the family was taken captive as a boy by Arab slave traders in Hamadan at the time of the French Revolution and brought to Mesopotamia where the local Jews ransomed him. He told them that his name was Raphael but when he was freed they called him Sasson

meaning "joy" in Hebrew. Moses Joseph Sassoon settled in Manchester before World War I.

SETTON/SUTTON :The name may derive from Sitehon, dealer in grain. As is often the case with a common surname, some families assumed an additional distinguishing sobriquet such as Setton - Zaghul (squint-eyed), Setton-Dabbagh (ritual slaughterer), Menashe - Setton. The Settons are found in Manchester from the late 1850s.

SHABETAI :Raphael Shabetai came to Manchester from Aleppo via Egypt.

SHALOM :There were at least three Shalom families in Manchester. They do not appear to be related.



Joseph S. Shammah, born in Aleppo 1874, with his wife Nazli nee Gabbay.

SHAMMAH/SHAMA/SCIAMA
Name of several families from Aleppo, some also called Shammah Levy. The word shammah means "wax" or "candle", probably from an



Elihou Joseph Shamah 1881-1934 and his son Joe, Between them is Elie Salem

ancestor who was a chandler. The earliest Shammah in Manchester was Raphael Abraham Sciama.

SHARIM/CHREM :Name associated with Killis, a satellite town of Aleppo about 40 miles to the north, and now situated across the Syrian border in Turkey. Ezra Sharim came to England in 1859, and by 1864 had brought his wife and children to Manchester.



Elia Silvera, born in Aleppo 1844, and his wife Sarah.

SILVERA :The port of Leghorn in Tuscany was created in the mid-sixteenth century, and the Silveras were among Iberian exiles attracted to the city by the trading privileges offered to merchants by the Grand Duke of Tuscany in 1593. The Silveras were one of a number of families from Italy, such as Picciotto and Altaras, who settled in Aleppo in the eighteenth century. There they formed part of a merchant elite known locally as Franj or Franco meaning European. The Silveras