

**RETURN OF JEWISH BIRTHS IN THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
GRAAFF REINET**

**Signed by Edw Nathan President
H Wertheimer Hon Sec and Treasurer**

Born	Father and Birthplace	Mother and Birthplace	Name	Date Registered	Place of Birth
29.2.1881	Joseph Finestone Neustadt, Russia	Leah Fink Hull, England	Kate	1.10.1881	Graaff Reinet #94
23.9.1881	Herman Wertheim Hessen Cassel, Germany	Mathilde Japhet Hessen Cassel Germany	Julius	24.10.1881	Graaff Reinet #95
24.10.1881	Carl Nathan Hamburg Germany	Cecilia Sarah Nathan Hamburg Germany	Edward	12.11.1881	Hanover, Cape #96
3.11.1881	Dr August Hanau Friedberg Germany	Mathilde Lilienfeld Hamburg Germany	Rudolf Ludwig	21.11.1881	Victoria West #97
28.5.1881	Julius Katzenstein Borgenstreich Westphalia Germany	Mathilde Hanau Friedberg Germany	Johanna	19.1.1882	Victoria West #98
8.7.1882	Sigmund Lomnitz Bischhausen Germany	Jeanette Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	Sophie	31.7.1882	Hope Town #99
28.7.1882	Isidor Hanau Friedberg Hessen Darmstatt Germany	Harriet Hoffa Richmond Cape of Good Hope	Alfred	25.9.1882	Victoria West #100
25.10.1882	Dr A Hanau, MD Victoria West Cape of Good Hope	Mathilde Lilienfeld Hamburg Germany	Carl Sigmund	13.11.1882	Victoria West #101
13.12.1882	Hermann Wertheim Cassel. Germany	Mathilde Japhet Cassel, Germany	Max	18.12.1882	Graaff Reinet #102
16.11.1882	Philip Lowenstein Heunen Westphalia, Germany	Mathilde Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	Annie	3.2.1883	Hope Town #103
5.2.1883	Julius Gers Sondershausen Germany	Friedericke Blumenthal Wanfried, Hessen Germany	Minna	10.4.1883	Mazelfontein #104 District Hope Town

2.10.1883	Sigmund Lomnitz Bischhausen Germany	Jeanette Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	William August Hope Town	11.10.1883 #105
26.11.1883	Carl Hanau Victoria West Cape Colony	Sophie Baumann Middelburg Cape Colony	Rosa Victoria West	15.8.1884 #106
22.6.1884	Carl Nathan Hamburg Germany	Cecilia Sarah Nathan Hamburg Germany	Erna Hanover, Cape	26.8.1884 #107
31.12.1884	Isidor Hanau Friedberg Hessen Darmstatt Germany	Harriet Hoffa Richmond Cape of Good Hope	Edgar Victoria West	22.1.1885 #108
19.8.1884	Abraham Blumenthal Wanfried, Hessen Germany	Clara Kurinker Cottbus Germany	Richard Hope Town	29.8.1885 #109
15.8.1885	Sigmund Lomnitz Bischhausen Germany	Jeanette Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	Emily Hope Town	29.8.1885 #110
15.4.1885	Carl Hanau Victoria West Cape of Good Hope	Sophie Baumann Middelburg Cape of Good Hope	Julius Victoria West	18.9.1885 #111
11.10.1886	Dr August Hanau Friedberg i.d.N Germany	Mathilde Lilienfeld Hamburg Germany	Carl Sigmund Victoria West	5.3.1886 #112
2.10.1886	Hermann Wertheim Cassel. Germany	Mathilde Japhet Cassel, Germany	Fanny Graaff Reiniet	2.10.1886 #113
<i>Dup. Handed to Max Wertheim to be sent to his father in Cassel 18/7/08</i>				
10.10.1886	Isidor Hanau Friedberg Hessen Darmstatt Germany	Harriet Hoffa Richmond Cape Colony	Harry Victoria West	25.11.1886 #114
19.3.1887	Sigmund Lomnitz Bischhausen Germany	Jeanette Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	Ernst Hope Town	1.10.1887 #115
11.9.1887	Abraham Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	Clara Kurinker Cottbus Germany	Harry Hope Town	16.1.1888 #116

18.3.1890	Isidor Hanau Friedberg Germany	Harriet Hoffa Richmond Cape Colony	Beatrice Johanna Victoria West #117	3.4.1890
29.5.1890	Sigmund Lomnitz Bischhausen Germany	Jeanette Blumenthal Wanfried Germany	Ida Hope Town #118	17.6.1890

Among the objects found by the Jewish Board of Deputies (Cape Council) when the new South African Jewish Museum handed over to it, as trustees, the possessions of the original Jewish Museum that it did not wish to display, were some boxes filled with old files, electricity accounts, advertising leaflets and insurance statements.

At the bottom of one box was a large leather-cornered book that contained the register of Jewish births, in triplicate, for Graaff-Reinet.

Starting on 29.2.1881 and ending on 29 May 1890 with many more pages to go, it registered 24 births from twelve sets of parents living in Graaff-Reinet, Victoria West, Hanover, Hopetown and Mazelfontien, district Hopetown. The three couples who lived in Graaff-Reinet registered four babies, the couple in Hanover had two children within the time covered by the register, the four families in Victoria West had ten children and the three married couples in Hopetown and the one from Hopetown district registered eight births.

What information can be garnered from these records? (Names mentioned in the register appear in bold in this article.)

Why were the births from places as distant from Graaff-Reinet as Victoria West, Hanover or Hopetown registered there? Although it was only a small Karoo town, it was one of South Africa's oldest towns, the fourth oldest town in the country established in 1786, and as a result it became the administrative hub for the area. There was also a Jewish community there.

What was the attraction to cause Jews to settle in these far-flung areas? **Hope Town** was near the Northern border of the Cape Colony and it was there, on a farm north of Hope Town that a diamond was first found in 1865, that led to a diamond rush. It was prominently positioned on what became the "Diamond High Way" and fortune hunters pouring into the little village on route to the diamond fields and Kimberley. It became a vital stop for supplying necessities to the Diamond Fields and business in Hopetown boomed. Until the first railway line arrived. This bypassed Hopetown by nine miles and the village sank back into oblivion but while it was booming there were possibilities for trade and these Jewish immigrants took

Victoria West was founded in 1843 and named after the queen. Like Hopetown, it came into its own when diamond fever began sparked by the discovery of the gem at Hopetown because it lay on the main route from Cape Town to Kimberley and the Jewish traders helped provide thezxczxx. Until the first railway line arrived. This bypassed Victoria West by twelve kilometers and this village too sank back into oblivion but here as well,

Hanover ... Carl Nathan was the only Jewish family in Hanover. He was the brother of Edward one son was Emile who. He established a business in Hanover, Cape where Manfred was born in 1875, followed by six others, two of whom died young. They were

It was a long way to go from Victoria West, Hanover or Hopetown to register a birth in Graaff-Reinet. **Johanna Katzenstein's** birth in Victoria West was not registered for seven months and it was eight months before **Rosa Hanau** of Victoria West had her birth registered and a year before **Richard Blumenthal** of Hopetown had his details entered, on the same day as his cousin **Emily Lomnitz** of Hopetown, both at the end of August, with **Julius Hanau** aged five-months of Victoria

West being registered a fortnight later. Probably the families had journeyed down to spend the high Holy days with their co-religionists in Graaff-Reinet which had a settled Jewish community.. Judging by the dates in the register it looks as though the registration of nine-month **Rosa Hanau** and two-month old **Erna Nathan** of Hanover also coincided with a Yom Tov visit to Graaff-Reinet.

Where did these Karoo Jews come from? Not, surprisingly, from Eastern Europe. With the exception of **Joseph Finestone** from Lithuania (from Neustadt, where Sammy Marks came from), with his wife from Hull, England, all the others were from Germany, although two wives Sophie Bauman (Middelberg) and Harriet Hoffa (Richmond) were born in the Cape from German immigrant parents. Another point of interest is that most of the babies registered seem to have come from two families, the Hanau family from Victoria West and the Blumenthal family from Hopetown.

Writing about the Graaff-Reinet, Abraham Addelson notes: These early Jews and others like Hanau, Hoffa, Wertheim and Rothschild, were all of German origin. So was Edward Nathan, honorary secretary of the congregation until 1862 and later its president, whose son Emile attained distinction as a political figure and a noted benefactor of public institutions.”¹

With the exception of the name Rothschild, all these names appear in the ten years covered by the birth register. Furthermore, these German immigrants came from similar areas. The **Nathans** and **Lilienfelds** came from Hamburg, the 4 **Hanau** siblings came from Friedberg, Hessen Darmstadt, the 4 **Blumenfeld** siblings came from Wanfried, Hessen, **Mathilde Japhet** came from Hessen Cassel, as did the **Baumanns**. two came from Westphalia, (**Julius Katzenstein** from Borgenstreich, **Philip Lowenstein** from Heunen). **Julius Gers** was from Sondershausen, **Sigmund Lomnitz** from Bischhausen and **Clara Kurinker** from Cottbus.

The HANAU family settled in Victoria West. There were brothers **Dr August** (married Mathilde Lilienfeld of Hamburg), **Isidor** (married Harriet Hoffa from Richmond, Cape) and **Carl** (married Sophie Baumann from Middelburg, Cape) and sister **Mathilde** (married Julius Katzenstein)

The BLUMENTHAL family from Wanfried Germany settled in Hope Town. There was brother **Abraham** Blumenthal (married Clara Kurinker) and sisters **Mathilde** (married Philip Lowenstein); **Jeanette** (married Sigmund Lomnitz) and **Fredericke** (married Julius Gers settled in Mazelfontein, district Hopetown).

There is a missing link to these apparent connections. That name does not appear in the register and is not Rothschild It is Mosenthals and the Mosenthals also from Germany are directly interlinked with most of these families. Through their chain of trading stations they were able to supply the wants of widely separated communities and isolated farmsteads and they created an organised system of commerce by means of which the produce of the individual farmer, in its life economically insignificant, could profitably reach the national and world consumer market . The Mosenthals not only acted as the intermediaries who bought and sold, they were also the financiers and the bankers,²The Mosenthals, zxxz zxxzx zxxzxz Among their stores were branches in both Graaff Reinett (established in 1849 where Adolph Mosenthal lived) and Hopetown.

“Firms like the Mosenthals were responsible for attracting to South Africa , as assistants, many good-class immigrants who were able to give services otherwise almost impossible to supply in the comparatively undeveloped state of commerce and finance. These men in turn contributed towards the further extension of trade and industry in their new homes.”³

The Mosenthals were related directly or by marriage to the **Gers**, the **Hoffas**, the **Lilienfelds** and the **Hanaus**, and they also brought out the **Nathans** and their boyhood friend **Isaac Baumann**.

They put these relatives and friends into their various Mosenthal branches although many of them subsequently opened their own stores.

The **Baumanns** were one of the first families to settle in Graaff-Reinet, arriving in 1836 to join the Mosenthal's branch there, later becoming identified with the development of Bloemfontein..

The Birth Register lists Edward Nathan as the President of the Graaff-Reinet Hebrew congregation. He was one of the founders of the Graaff-Reinet Hebrew Congregation, and was elected mayor in 1862-1866. It was the Mosenthals who brought out Edward and Fredericke **Nathan** and family from Hamburg Germany to Graaff-Reinet in 1854 and put them into the business. They later owned their own wholesale and produce merchants known as Nathan Brothers which sole gunpowder. Brother **Carl Nathan, the father of two of the children named in the register** arrived aged in 1856 aged 18..

They made their homes in remote places some of which were destined largely through their efforts, to grow into important centres of commerce and population. ... Hopetown, Victoria West... are (among_ the best-known of these smaller centres of Jewish settlement, together with the larger towns of ... Graaff-Reinet...Names like...Baumann... Lilienfeld, Hanau... and Nathan figure prominently among those of the traders who did much to vitalise the flow of economic life in SA before the coming of diamonds and gold transformed the scene and widened the stage ⁴

Joseph Mosenthal then persuaded his sister Johanna with her husband Adolf **Gers** to come to Graaff-Reinet with her son **Julius** and her three daughters Bertha, Minna and Sara. The three Gers girls had married the three **Lilienfeld brothers**, Dr Abraham, Martin and Gustave. The Mosenthals thought Graaff-Reinet needed a doctor and Abraham Lilienfeld had trained as a doctor and surgeon at the University of Utrecht and before 1856 he was in general practice in Graaff-Reinet. Two years later the Mosenthals opened a branch in Hopetown and put Martin and Gustave Lilienfeld in to run it. Later the shop became Lilienfeld Brothers of Hopetown, general merchants. It was the Lilienfelds who were responsible for the diamond rush. At was another brother, Leopold, not one married to a Gers girl, who bought some of the first diamonds found in the nearby river gravels, including the first big diamond found, the Star of South, which he sold through Mosenthals.⁵

– but all his children were born in Graaff-Reinet, possibly because they felt his brother as a doctor would ensure good medical care for them

Their cousin Julius Gers married **Friedericke Blumenthal** also settled in the Hope Town District and registered the birth of a daughter.⁶ There was also a C Gers in Graaff-Reinet in 1861.

The Mosenthals were related by marriage to **F Hoffa** and he moved to Graaff Reinet in 1861, joined the Volunteers and was made a Corporal in 1863. Maurice and Mathilde Hoffa from Germany were in Graaff-Reinet in 1854 where he was a shareholder of the SA Central Bank.

The Hoffas were related to the Hanau family from Germany who were also brought out by the Mosenthals. They ran a store in Victoria West called Hannau & Hoffa ¹ In due course **his sons Isidor Hanau** married **Harriet Hoffa** from Richmond, Cape. **Dr August Hanau** married **Mathilde Lilienfeld** of Hamburg who might have been Dr Lilienfeld's daughter and was recorded as practising as a general practitioner in Victoria West⁷, **Carl Hanau** married Sophie Baumann from Middelburg, Cape) and sister **Mathilde** married Julius Katzenstein. There was also a Dr Maurice Hoffa in practice in Richmond in 1854⁸ and a Dr J Hanau in Carnarvon.

Many of these German Jews seemed traditional and observant – Edward Nathan established the Graaff-Reinet Hebrew Congregation, in the absence of a mohel, both Dr Lilienfeld and Dr Hoffa performed circumcisions⁹

Unlike the Lithuanian Jews who started to come out from the 1880s, and came to stay, these German immigrants were happy in Germany, and many returned to Europe once they had made their fortune. Jacob Bauman returned to Germany as did August Bauman after 30 years in South Africa and Herman Wertheim, his wife and daughter. Both Gustave and Martin Lilienfeld returned to Germany in the 1870s where they used the knowledge and connections they had gained in Hopetown to become diamond dealers,, after their experience with diamonds gained in Hopetow and Carl Hanau who had come to South Africa when he was three, was later sent to school in Germany returning to South Africa when he was 19.. When he married Sophie Bauman, he took his new bride to Europe on honeymoon, returning to Victoria West shortly before their first child was due. Carl Nathan visited Germany in 1870 and married his second cousin Caecilie Nathan, 15 years his junior, then aged 17.

What else do we know about the parents whose names feature in the register?

Carl Nathan was made a corporal in the Graaff-Reinet Volunteers in 1860 and a sergeant in 1865¹⁰.

Carl Hanau moved from Victoria West made a name for himself as one of the early speculators in Johannesburg. actively engaged in large-scale mining on the Rand S&G 147, one of the firsts prominent Jewish speculators on the Rand. First Jew to serve on the Johannesburg stock Exchange, for biography,, ,married Sophia Baumann of Graaff-Reinet in 1882, went to Europe on honeymoon, returned in 1883, became transport contractor for General Charles Warren's Bechuanaland Expedition, invested in Barberton gold fields, unsuccessfully, went to Kimberley, formed the Hanau Syndicate, speculated in stock exchange and mining claims, associated with Rand Mines, Ferreira Mines, his syndicate formed East Rand Proprietary Mines Ltd, pioneered development of East Rand, helped found Johannesburg City Tramways, an executive of first Chamber of Mines, foundation member of the Rand Club, the Wanderers Club, the German Club and a steward of the Johannesburg Turf Club, went to live in Berlin germany where Sophie and his three children had gone to live in 1896, returning to the rand in 1897, 1904 president of Doornfontein Hebrew Congregation, chairman of Coronation Syndicate, moved to England in 1904, lost fortunes in speculating on Stock ex change , in betting and gambling, declared insolvent, died 1930, gambler, generous to Jewish causes Witwatersrand old Hebrew congregations boiling fund¹¹

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store for his boyhood friends, the Mosenthals, and then later opened his own store. Later his relations Joseph and Rosa joined him and his three brothers Jacob, Louis and August. August, a jeweller, arrived in 1862 and settled first in Middelburg, where he sold gunpowder, and where his daughter **Sophie** Hanau was born¹², before he moved to Graaff-Reinet. did the Mosenthals Joseph Mosenthal sister

So much about the parents. What about the children whose names appear in the register? We know from an in inscription in the register that **Max Wertheim**, born on 13.12.1882 at Graaff Reinet Hermann Wertheim and Mathilde nee Japhet of Cassel. Germany applied 24 years later on 18/7/08

for a duplicate birth certificate of his sister Fanny's born 2.10.1886 and that this was to be sent to his father in Cassel. As Fanny was then 22 it can be presumed from this that she needed it for her marriage and that the Wertheims had retired to their home town of Cassel. Max had remained behind in South Africa. Saron and Hotz (328) note that there was general dealer in Fauresmith in 1875 called A Wertheim, and it is very possible that he was related to Herman

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Hon Sec Herman Wertheim and his wife, both from Cassel,. Germany, had 3, born in 1881, 1882,1886

Edward Nathan born 12.11.1881 was named after his uncle and went on to establish the law firm Edward Nathan and Friedland. Chairman of Pony and Galloway Club and steward of the Jockey Club, first council of Transvaal Law Society His older brother Manfred also trained as a lawyer, but joined the Star as a journalist, and wrote an autobiography and many books on SA law and history and was vice president of the first SAZF and JBOD. ¹³

Carl Sigmund Hanau born 1882 probably died young as his parents Dr August Hanau gave their son born 1886 the identical name.

Fanny Wertheim born 1886 moved to Germany.

What happened to the others, I leave for readers to provide the answers.

The families were closely spaced. Among the Blumenthals August had three 1881, 1882, 1886, Isidor had 4 1882,1884,1886.1890, Carl had 2 1883,1885 and Mathilde had 1 in 1881

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The names Hanau, Hoffa, Wertheim and Nathan all appear in the register.

in **S&H 313 321, Eastern province** friends the Mosenthal brothers 1837 (1840 – two dates)– later moved to Bloemfontein. Mosenthals established Victoria West was founded in 1843. when the Dutch Reformed Church bought a part of the farm Zeekoegat from Mr J.H. Claassens. The town was then named after Queen Victoria of England. marks the beginning of the Diamond Way, lying on the main route from Cape Town to Kimberley. In 1866 diamond fever was sparked with the discovery of the gem at Hopetown and then at Kimberley. The railway from Cape Town was also lured north but, perplexingly, missed Victoria West by 12km (See Hutchinson). Though Victoria West has suffered a devastating flood and dustbowl-drought, it has thrived.

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Dr August Lilienthal in 18 184954,1855m1855 1858 1859 1861 1865

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25 babies in 10 years

There were fashions in names- four of the German immigrant women were called Mathilde – none of their children were, two men were Carl,

Only two men Joseph (neustatdt and Sabrham had traditional Jewihs names and ,two women Leah fink cecilia Sarah

Of the 22 names in the birth register, 1 was from Lithuania, 1 was from England, 2 from the Cape and 18 from Germany!!.

Please would you place these names in two columns- German names and non-German names.

I am looking at how the immigrant generation adapts to the new environment by giving their children names fashionable locally or keep to the traditional names.

These are the names of the children

Alfred, Annie, Beatrice Johanna, Carl Sigmund. Edgar, Edward, Emily, Erna, Ernst, Fanny, Harry (2), Ida, Johanna Sophie , Julius (3), Kate, Max, Minna, Richard, Rosa, Rudolf Ludwig, William,

There were two Carl Sigmunds, born to the same parents four years apart- so I think the first one must have died.

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Abraham, August, Carl (2), Hermann, Isidor, Joseph, Julius(2), Philip, Sigmund,

Cecilia Sarah, Clara, Fredericke, Harriet, Jeanette, Leah, Mathilde (3), Sophie,

I know several have the same names

Joseph Mosenthal from germany 1839 brought out brother adolph general; merchants, ewstablished brances in hoptown stores and trading posts chain of tradinmg stores

In 1853 the Dutch Reformed Church in Graaf-Reinett was petitioned by the farmers at Hopetown

Birth Records

of the

Graaff-Reinet

Hebrew Congregation

(1851-1880)

**Compiled by Paul Cheifitz
Cape Town 1997**

Alphabetical list of Births.

Alsberg: Adele Charlotte, 48.

 Antonie Edith, 79.

Baumann: Adolph, 82.

 Albert, 55.

 Alexander Noah, 9.

 Alfred Moritz, 24.

 August, 52.

 Bertha, 10.

 Carl Otto, 76.

 Caroline, 62.

 Charles, 53.

 Gustav, 13.

 Helena, 19.

 Helena, 51.

 Helene, 60.

 Henry, 56.

 Herbert James, 34.

 Jacob, 57.

 Jeanette, 75.

 Joseph, 8.

 Joseph, 63.

 Lorenzo, 65.

 Louis, 54.

 Richard, 64.

 Sophia, 11.

 Sophie, 61

Benjamin: Lionel Harry, 14.

Cohen: Frederic, 46.

 Johanna Henriette, 50.

David: Emilie Friedericke, 70.

 Helene Mathilde, 69.

Davis, Brandon Herbert, 80.

Gers, Adolph, 86.

 Bertha, 91.

 Johanna Augusta, 85.

 Ludwig, 89.

Hanau: Johanna, 47.

 Louis John, 92.

 Rosa, 43.

Hoffa: Amelia, 36.

 Bertha, 83.

 Bertha Friederika, 6.

 Emil Paul, 78.

 Frederick, 25.

 Harriet, 77.

 Henrietta, 21.

Herrmann, 7.
James Albert, 15.
John Adolphus, 73.
Pauline, 66.
Katzenstein: Ludwig, 88.
Lomnitz, Harriet, 93.
Lilienfeld: Albert, 37.
Alfonse, 31.
Alfred, 23.
Alice, 38.
Arthur, 49.
Bertha, 29.
Charles Joseph, 20.
Emily, 30.
Emma, 3.
Florence, 33.
Harriet, 18.
Harry, 2.
Henry, 28.
Herrmann, 4.
Hermann William, 84.
Ida, 32.
Johanna, 67.
Minna, 16.
Richard, 5.
Rosa, 58.
Rosa, 68.
Siegmond Alfred, 44.
Walter, 40.
William Joseph, 74.
Moss: Joseph, 71.
Louis, 72.
Myers: Charlotte, 26.
Hannah, 41.
Wolf, 35.
Nathan: Ellen, 45.
Emile, 17.
Evelyn, 90.
Henriette, 22.
Jane, 87.
Johanna, 27.
Lewis Edward, 12.
Maurice Edward, 1.
Max, 39.
Meyer Manfred, 81.
Weinthal: Ida, 59.
Leo, 41.

Return of Jewish Births in the Cape of Good Hope,
GRAAFF-REINET, no's 1-93.

1. 7 September 1857, at Market Square, corner of Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Maurice Edward Nathan, Moshe Menachem, son of Edward Nathan, Yechezkel ben Yacov Meir, born at Hamburgh, Germany, and Friedrike Weinthal, born in Deventer, Holland, circumcised by Dr. Hoffa 4 October 1857.
2. 8 May 1854, at Somerset Street, corner Church Street, Graaff-Reinet, Harry, son of Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.
3. 20 July 1855, at Somerset Street, corner of Church Street, Graaff-Reinet, Emma, daughter of, Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born Sondershausen, Germany.
4. 4 December 1856, at Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Herrmann, son of Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born Sondershausen, Germany, died Graaf Reinet, 5 April 1857.
5. 6 January 1858, at Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Richard, son of Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.
6. 31 January 1856, at Richmond, Bertha Friederika, daughter of Maurice Hoffa, M.D., born at Cassel, Germany, and Mathilda Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany.
7. 23 July 1857, at Richmond, Herrmann, son of Maurice Hoffa, born at Cassel, Germany, and Mathilda Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany.
8. 20 March 1853, at Bloemfontein, Orange River Freestate, Joseph, son of Isaac Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany.
9. 19 June 1854, at Graaff-Reinet, Alexander Noah, son of Isaac Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, Cassel, Germany.
10. 17 November 1855, Bloemfontein, Orange River Freestate, Bertha, daughter of Isaac Baumann, born Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany. Later Mrs Henry Adler.
11. 22 April 1857, at Bloemfontein, Orange River Freestate, Sophia, daughter of Isaac Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany.

12. 1 November 1858, at Market Street, corner of Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Lewis Edward, Yehuda ben Yechezkel, son of Edward Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Friederike Weinthal, born at Deventer, Holland, circumcised by Dr Hoffa of Richmond on 19 November 1858, died at Graaff-Reinet, 11 January 1859.
13. 21 November 1858, at Bloemfontein, Gustav, son of Isaac Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany.
14. 1 June 1858, at Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Lionel Harry, Yehuda ben Menachem, son of Michael Henry Benjamin, born at London, and Rachel Benjamin, born at London.
15. 3 March 1859, at Market Square, Richmond, James Albert, son of Maurice Hoffa, M.D., born at Cassel, Germany, and Mathilda Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany.
16. 4 June 1859, Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Minna, daughter of Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany, died 6 September 1861.
17. 23 December 1859, at Bank and Watson Streets, Graaff-Reinet, Emile, Aylra? ben Yechezkel, son of Edward Nathan, Yechezkel ben Yacov Meir, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Friedrike Weinthal, Rachel bat Levi, born at Deventer, Holland, circumcised by Dr Hoffa, Richmond on 9 February 1860.
18. 26 June 1860, at Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Harriet, daughter of Martin Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Minna Gers.
19. 28 July 1860, at Bloemfontein, Orange River Freestate, Helena, daughter of Isaac Baumann, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany.
20. 26 November 1860, at Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Charles Joseph, son of Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.
21. 12 November 1860, at Market Square, Richmond, Henrietta, daughter of Maurice Hoffa, M.D., born at Cassel, Germany, and Mathilde Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany.
22. 17 January 1862, at the house of Chr. Schewper?, Market Square, Graaff-Reinet, Henriette, daughter of Edward Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Friederike Weinthal, born at Deventer, Holland, died 2 February 1862.

23. 17 December 1861, at Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Alfred, son of Abraham A. Lilienfeld, M.D., born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.
24. 28 June 1862, at Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Alfred Moritz, son of Isaac Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany.
25. 7 September 1862, at Richmond, Frederick, son of Maurice Hoffa, born at Cassel, and Mathilde Lilienfeld, born at Marburg.
26. 4 September 1863, at Parsonage Street, Graaff-Reinet, Charlotte, daughter of Joel Myers, born at Chelmsford, England, and Aletta Charlotte Adendorff.
27. 20 April 1864, at Market Square, Graaff-Reinet, Johanna, Chana bat Yechezkel, daughter of Edward Nathan, born at Hamburgth, Germany, and Friedeike Weinthal, born at Deventer, Holland.
28. 29 October 1858, at Hopetown, Henry, son of Gustav Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Sarah Gers, born at Sondershausen.
29. 16 April 1860, at Hopetown, Bertha, daughter of Gustav Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Sarah Gers, born at Sondershausen.
30. 14 February 1862, at Hopetown, Emily, daughter of Gustav Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Sarah Gers, born at Sondershausen.
31. 16 September 1863, at Hopetown, Alphonse, son of Gustav Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Sarah Gers, born at Sondershausen.
32. 6 August 1862, Hopetown, Ida, daughter of Leopold Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Regina Herrlich, born in Cassel.
33. 27 December 1863, at Hopetown, Florence, daughter of Leopold Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Regina Herrlich, born at Cassel.
34. 26 November 1864, at Port Elizabeth, Herbert James, son of Isaac Baumann, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany.
35. 28 December 1865, at Parsonage Street, Graaff-Reinet, Wolf, son of Joel Myers, born at Chelmsford, England, and Aletta Charlotte Adendorff, circumcised by Dr Lilienfeld.
36. 10 December 1864, at Market Square, Richmond, Amelia, daughter of Maurice Hoffa, born Cassel, Germany, and Mathilde Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany.

37. 16 March 1862, Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Albert, son of Martin Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Minna Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.
38. 8 February 1864, at Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Alice, daughter of Martin Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Minna Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.
39. 27 July 1865, at Market Square, Graaff-Reinet, Max, Meir ben Yechezkel, son of Edward Nathan, born at Hamburgh, Germany, and Fredeicke Weinthal, born at Deventer, Holland, circumcised by Dr Lilienfeld, 20 August 1865.
40. 27 August 1865, Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Walter, son of Abraham Albert Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany, died, on board the steamer "Uitenhage".
41. 24 September 1865, at Market Square, Graaff-Reinet, Leo, son of Sally Weinthal, born at Hamburgh, Germany, and Rebecca Plaat, born at Hamburgh, Germany, circumcised by Dr Lilienfeld, 1 October 1865.
42. 2 October 1866, at Aberdeen, Hannah, daughter of Joel Myers, born at Chelmsford, England, and Aletta Charlotte Adendorff.
43. 12 June 1866, at Church Street, Erf no. 91, Victoria West, Rosa, daughter of Jacob Hanau, born at Friedberg, Grand Duchy of Hesse, Germany, and Bella Lilienfeld, born at Marburg.
44. 19 August 1867, at Hopetown, Siegmund Alfred, son of Leopold Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Germany, and Regina Herrlich, born at Cassel.
45. 29 July 1867, at Market Square, Graaff-Reinet, Ellen (Helena), Leah bat Yechezkel, daughter of Edward Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Friedricke Weinthal, born at Deventer, Holland.
46. 30 August 1867, at the farm of Mr D. Hobson, Paardefontein, district Uitenhage, Frederic, Lelo'ay?, son of Dr Jacob Cohen, born at Riga, Liefeland, lately from Brakel, Westphalia, Prussia, and Sophia Hoffa, born at Cassel, Germany.
47. 7 January 1868, at Erf no. 9, Church Street, Victoria West, Johanna, daughter of Jacob Hanau, born at Friedberg, Grand Duchy of Hesse, Germany, and Bella Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Germany.
48. 29 September 1868, at Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, Adele Charlotte, daughter of Moritz Alsberg, M.D., born at Cassel, Germany, and Anna Phillippsohn, born at Cassel, Germany.

49. 7 July 1865, at Cassel, Germany, Arthur, son of Gustav Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, and Sarah Gers, born at Sondershausen.
50. 18 April 1869, at Victoria West, Johanna Henriette, daughter of Dr Jacob Cohen, born at Riga, Liefland, lately of Brakel, Westphalia, Prussia, and Sophia Hoffa, born at Cassel, Germany.
51. 15 July 1854, born at the corner of Market Square and Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Helena, daughter of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel.
52. 6 December 1855, born at the corner of Market Square and Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, August, son of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany.
53. 21 October 1857, at the corner of Market Square and Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Charles, son of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel.
54. 15 August 1859, at Napier Street, Graaff-Reinet, Louis, son of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel, died 17 September 1859, buried at the Cemetery, Graaff-Reinet.
55. 14 February 1862, at Napier Street, Graaff-Reinet, Albert, son of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel, died 15 February 1862, buried at the Cemetery, Graaff-Reinet.
56. 14 February 1860, at Napier Street, Graaff-Reinet, Henry, son of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel.
57. 22 June 1851, at Cassel, Germany, Jacob, son of Joseph Baumann, born at Cassel, and Rosa Baumann, born at Cassel, circumcised by R. Landau 30 June 1851 at Cassel.
58. 21 May 1869, at Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Rosa, daughter of Gustav Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Germany, and Sarah Gers, born at Sondershausen.
59. 1 October 1868, at Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Ida, daughter of Sally Weinthal, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Rebecca Plaat, born at Hamburg, Germany.
60. 13 August 1858, at Middelburg, Helene, daughter of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
61. 27 February 1860, at Middelburg, Sophia, daughter of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.

62. 21 November 1861, at Middelburg, Caroline, daughter of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
63. 11 December 1863, at Middelburg, Joseph, son of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
64. 13 July 1866, at Port Elizabeth, Richard, son of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
65. 19 September 1868, at Port Elizabeth, Lorenzo, son of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
66. 29 December 1870, at Victoria West, Pauline, daughter of Friedrich Hoffa, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Rosalie Herrlich, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
67. 6 July 1868, at Hopetown, Johanna, daughter of Leopold Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Germany, and Regina Herrlich, born at Cassel, Germany.
68. 25 January 1870, at Hopetown, Rosa, daughter of Leopold Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Germany, and Regina Herrlich, born at Cassel, Germany.
69. 31 August 1870, at Somerset East, Helene Mathilde, daughter of Hermann David, born at Frankenhausen, Germany, and Sophie Berlein, born at Rotenburg, Germany.
70. 13 September 1871, at Somerset East, Emilie Friedercke, daughter of Hermann David, born at Frankenhausen, Germany, and Sophie Berlein, born at Rotenberg, Germany.
71. 23 February 1870, at Port Elizabeth, Joseph, son of Mark Moss, born at Grahamstown, and Bertha Gabriel, born at Schiffelbein, Prussia.
72. 21 April 1871, at Port Elizabeth, Louis, son of Mark Moss, born at Grahamstown, and Bertha Gabriel, born at Schiffelbein, Prussia.
73. 5 May 1872, at Victoria West, John Adolphus, son of Fritz (Friedrick) Hoffa, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany and Rosalier Herrlich, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany.
74. 3 August 1872, at Somerset Street, Graaff-Reinet, William Joseph, son of Abraham Albert Lilienfeld, M.D., born at Marburg, Hesse Cassel, Germany and Bertha Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany.

75. 2 March 1867, at Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Jeanette, daughter of Izaak Baumann, born at Hesse Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany.
76. 20 February 1873, at Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Carl Otto, son of Izaak Baumann, born at Cassel, Germany, and Caroline Allenberg, born at Cassel, Germany.
77. 11 August 1873, at Victoria West, Harriet, daughter of Fritz Hoffa, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Rosalie Herrlich, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
78. 9 June 1874, at Graaf-Reinet, Emil Paul, son of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
79. 5 October 1874, at Caledon Street, Graaff-Reinet, Antonie Edith, daughter of Moritz Alsberg, M.D., born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Johanna (called Anna) Philippsohn, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
80. 16 June 1874, at Du Toit's Pan, Diamond Fields, Brandon Herbert, son of Montague Davis, born at Liverpool, England, and Angeline Hond, born at Amsterdam, Holland.
81. 18 November 1875, at Hanover, Meyer Manfred, son of Carl Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Caecilie Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany.
82. 1 January 1876, at Graaff-Reinet, Adolph, son of August Baumann, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Bertha Rosenstein, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, died 19 December 1877.
83. 29 May 1876, at Victoria West, Bertha, daughter of Fritz Hoffa, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany, and Rosalie Herrlich, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
84. 1 March 1873, at Cassel, Germany, Hermann William, son of Leopold Lilienfeld, born at Marburg, Germany, and Regina Herrlich, born at Hessen Cassel, Germany.
85. 14 November 1874, at Hopetown, Johanna Augusta, daughter of Julius Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany, and Friedericke Blumenthal, born at Wanfried, Kurhessen, Germany.
86. 20 August 1876, at Hopetown, Adolph, son of Julius Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany, and Friedericke Blumenthal, born at Wanfried, Kurhessen, Germany.

87. 3 January 1878, at Hanover, Jane, daughter of Carl Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Caecilie Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany.
88. 24 September 1879, at Victoria West, Ludwig, son of Julius Katzenstein, born at Borgentreich, Westphalia, Germany, and Mathilde Hanau, born at Friedberg, Germany.
89. 1 January 1874, at Waterford, Griqualand West, Ludwig, son of Caesar Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany, and Sophie Blumenthal, born at Wanfried, Germany.
90. 23 January 1880, at Hanover, Evelyn, daughter of Carl Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany, and Cecilie Nathan, born at Hamburg, Germany.
91. 29 December 1879, at De Hoek, district Hopetown, Bertha, daughter of Julius Gers, born at Sondershausen, Germany, and Friederike Blumenthal, born at Wanfried, Hessen, Germany.
92. 21 February 1880, at Victoria West, Louis John, Leib Yonah, son of Isidor Hanau, born at Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and Harriet Hoffa, born at Richmond, Cape.
93. 9 June 1880, at Hopetown, Harriet, daughter of Siegmund Lomnitz, born at Bischhausen, Germany, and Jeanette Blumenthal, born at Wanfried, Germany.

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