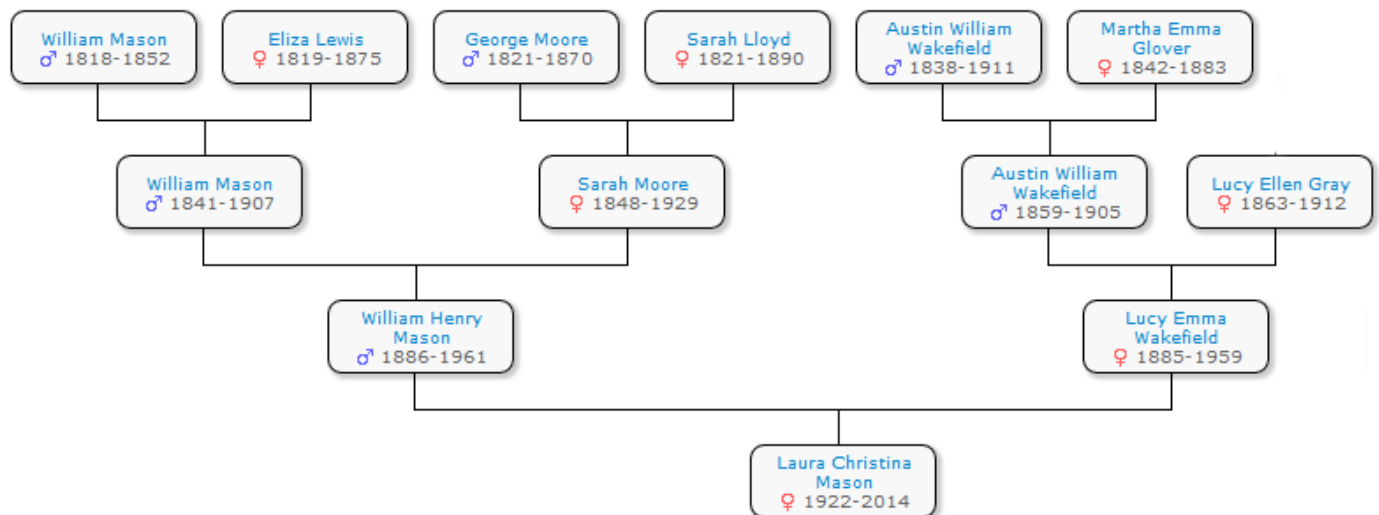

Mason Family Tree & Timeline



*The Ancestors of
Laura Christina Mason
(1922-2014)*

*Billy Wakefield
(last updated 4th Feb 2020)*

Foreword



A chart showing the ancestors of Laura Christina Mason – her great grandparents William and Eliza Lewis are only possibilities as no definitive birth registration has been found for her grandfather William Mason born 1841.

No research into family history can be 100% accurate. Ideally each new fact should be confirmed by another unique item of information - much like constructing a jigsaw where pieces are assembled to form a larger picture. Many things make this task challenging - the coincidence of similar names, dates and places, poor literacy and errors on original records and errors made transcribing documents are just a few. These possibilities have to be considered when assessing the relevance of any data.

Often items come to light that are lacking in substance where only a name, date and reference number are included. For example, during the period 1852-1869 there are many Royal Navy Seaman's records for ratings named 'William Mason' but none of them contain sufficient information to include in this family history.

Luckily, Laura Christina Mason provided a lot of guidance which was extremely helpful when researching the lives of her ancestors. One cornerstone is the birth record of her father William Henry Mason. He was born 1st Jan 1886 at 13, Whiston Street, Haggerston – in the registration District of Shoreditch and county of Middlesex in England. The family lived at this address from at least 1881 (source: England & Wales Census 1881) to 1906 (source: London Electoral Registers 1832-1965) or later. The address is important as it provided proof that various records were directly linked to the family.

So far it has been a challenge to find the exact date of William Mason's demise – after 31 March 1901 census but before 2 April 1911 census. Aunt Laura recalled “...he died (possibly of a stroke, unable to speak and bed-ridden for a while prior to his death) after June 1909 and prior to June 1912”.

None of the deaths registered in Shoreditch district between 1909 & 1911 relate to William Mason. However, there is one on 27 Nov 1907 for a William Mason, aged 69 years, who died in Shoreditch Infirmary and his widow was called Sarah Mason. Their residence was 69, Angrave Street, Shoreditch – just a few doors from where Lucy Emma Wakefield resided in 1909. This puts a new address into the mix.

There appears to be no record of William or Sarah Mason at Whiston Street on the London Electoral Registers after 1906. The Electoral Registers have entries for a William Mason in 1907 & 1908 at 69, Angrave Street. Then there was a move to 17, Dunston Road, Shoreditch. This is the address given by their son, William Henry Mason, on his marriage record in June 1909. The entry for 17, Dunston Road in the London Electoral Registers of 1910 is under the name of Sarah Mason. As these Registers are probably compiled a year in advance so we must assume that William Mason passed away between 1907 & 1909 – this gives a lot of credence to the death record of 27 Nov 1907.

The correct birth of William Mason is also proving elusive. The census records of 1871 to 1901 give his birth year between 1837 and 1843 in the parish of St Luke or district of Shoreditch. There is a possibility he misled the Royal Navy about his true age when he joined up - did he continue with this falsification after he left the Navy? Was he really 69 years old at death in 1907 or was it his 'amended' age?

Until his true birth record is discovered any data on the following pages prior to 1869 has to be judged as speculative. From 1869 most of the information is supported by solid sources, generally in the form of images, within the 'Timeline' text.

Basic Descendants List from William Mason

Generation: 1



[William Mason](#) was born about 1841 in the parish of St Luke within the district of Shoreditch, Middlesex, England. Shoreditch later became part of the East End of London within the London Borough of Hackney.

It is a reasonable possibility that his parents were William Mason (c.1819-1852) & Eliza Lewis (c.1819-1875), both from the Parish of St Luke, Middlesex but positive proof is yet to be found.

William died 27 Nov 1907, Shoreditch Infirmary, London, England; buried 5 Dec 1907 in Manor Park Cemetery (Newham), London.

William married [Mary Ann Hillman](#) 10 Aug 1869, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England. Mary was born 1841, Shoreditch, Middlesex, England; died 6 Dec 1883, Shoreditch Infirmary, Hoxton Street, Haggerston, London, England. There were no children.

William married [Sarah Moore](#) 5 Aug 1885, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England. Sarah (daughter of [George Moore](#) and [Sarah Lloyd](#)) was born 02 Jun 1850, Shoreditch, London, England; died 17 Oct 1929, 10, Ipswich Road, Haggerston, London, England; was buried 23 Oct 1929, Manor Park Cemetery, London, England.

Children:

- [William Henry Mason](#) was born 1 Jan 1886, 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 24 Jan 1886, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died Jul 1961, Manitoba, Canada; was buried Jul 1961, Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.
- [Eliza Emily Mason](#) was born 21 Oct 1887, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 28 Dec 1887, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England. (Eliza was crippled and lived with her mother, Sarah, at Ipswich Road, Shoreditch 1928, 1929; died 02 Apr 1955 St Faiths LCC Hospital, Brentwood, London, England.
- [John Mason](#) was born 30 Jul 1889, 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 18 Aug 1889, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died Oct-Dec 1889, Shoreditch, London, England.
- [Ellen Cornelia Mason](#) was born 9 Nov 1890, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 30 Nov 1890, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died Jan-Mar 1966, Hackney, London, England.

Generation: 2



[William Henry Mason](#) (1.[William](#)¹) was born 1 Jan 1886, 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 24 Jan 1886, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died Jul 1961, Manitoba, Canada; was buried Jul 1961, Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.

William married [Lucy Emma Wakefield](#) 20 Jun 1909, All Saints Anglican Church, Haggerston, Hackney, London, England. Lucy (daughter of [Austin William Wakefield](#) and [Lucy Ellen Gray](#)) was born 21 Oct 1885, Homerton, London, England; died 1959, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; was buried 1959, Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.

Children:

- [William Henry Frederick Mason](#) was born Jul-Sep 1909, Shoreditch, London, England; died 11 Feb 1910, 65, Angrave Street, Haggerston, London, England; was buried 14 Feb 1910, Manor Park Cemetery, London, England.
- [Irene Elizabeth Mason](#) was born 22 Jun 1918, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada; died Aug 1958, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- [Laura Christina Mason](#) was born 22 Apr 1922, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada; died 26 Aug 2014, Hartney Community Center, Manitoba, Canada; was buried 29 Aug 2014, Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba.



[Eliza Emily Mason](#) (1.[William](#)¹) was born 21 Oct 1887, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 28 Dec 1887, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died 02 Apr 1955 St Faiths LCC Hospital, Brentwood, London, England.



[John Mason](#) (1.[William](#)¹) was born 30 Jul 1889, 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 18 Aug 1889, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died Oct-Dec 1889, Shoreditch, London, England.



[Ellen Cornelia Mason](#) (1.[William](#)¹) was born 9 Nov 1890, Shoreditch, London, England; was christened 30 Nov 1890, Parish of St. James The Great, Bethnal Green, London, England; died Jan-Mar 1966, Hackney, London, England.

Ellen married [George Walker](#) 5 Aug 1911, All Saints Anglican Church, Haggerston, Hackney, London, England. George (son of [Ernest Thomas Walker](#) and [Amelia Buck](#)) was born 1890, Shoreditch, London, England.

Children:

- [George Ernest Walker](#) was born Jan-Mar 1914, Shoreditch, London, England.

Generation: 3



[William Henry Frederick Mason](#) (2.[William](#)², 1.[William](#)¹) was born Jul-Sep 1909, Shoreditch, London, England; died 11 Feb 1910, 65, Angrave Street, Haggerston, London, England; was buried 14 Feb 1910, Manor Park Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England.



[Irene Elizabeth Mason](#) (2.[William](#)², 1.[William](#)¹) was born 22 Jun 1918, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada; died Aug 1958, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Irene married [Francis Leslie Johnson](#) 28 Sep 1940, Manitoba, Canada. Francis died 1993, Manitoba, Canada.

Children:

- [Lois Lorraine Johnson](#) was born 15 May 1941, Deloraine, Manitoba, Canada.
- [Francis Elizabeth Johnson](#) was born 25 Jul 1942, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.



[Laura Christina Mason](#) (2.[William](#)², 1.[William](#)¹) was born 22 Apr 1922, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada; died 26 Aug 2014, Hartney Community Center, Hartney, Manitoba, Canada; was buried 29 Aug 2014, Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.

Laura married [Sven Eric Carlson](#) 2 Jun 1945, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada. Sven was born 1901, Vasteras, Sweden; died 21 Nov 1960, Manitoba, Canada; was buried Aft 21 Nov 1960, Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.

Children:

- [Barbara Ann Carlson](#) was born 21 Nov 1948, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.



[George Ernest Walker](#) (5.[Ellen](#)², 1.[William](#)¹) was born Jan-Mar 1914, Shoreditch, London, England; death registered Jan-Mar 1980 in Hertfordshire, England.

George married a lady called 'Sadie' - a diminutive for Sarah. He married Sarah M. Edgar in 1936 at Willesden, London, England. The 1939 Register shows them living with George's parents at 84, Broke Road, Shoreditch, London. Sarah's DOB is recorded as 14 Jan 1918 but unable to locate any birth registration for that year.

They had a son called Stuart (or Stewart) who went on to become a lawyer in London.

Mason Family Timeline including sources

The England & Wales census reports from 1871-1901 indicate William Mason (grandfather of Laura Christina Carlson) was born in St Luke/Shoreditch, Middlesex between 1837 & 1843. Both of William's marriage records (to Mary Ann Hillman/Humberston & Sarah Moore/Lloyd) show his father was named William Mason and was deceased before 1869.

1841

This 1941 census transcript shows a William Mason born in Q1 of 1941 to Parents William & Eliza Mason at Charles Street, St Luke, London.

William Mason in 1841						
1841 England, Wales & Scotland Census						
Charles Street, St Luke, London & Middlesex, England						
View original record Add to tree Print More actions						
Household members (7 people)						
First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Birth place	
William	Mason	Male	30	1811	Carman	Not this parish
Eliza	Mason	Female	28	1813	Middlesex, England	
Eliza	Mason	Female	7	1834	Middlesex, England	
William	Mason	Male	3 months 0	1841	Middlesex, England	

Image:1841 census - William Mason & family

Young William Mason was born 14 January 1841 and baptised on 16 May 1841.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>St. Mary Islington</i> in the County of <i>Middlesex</i> in the Year 1841.						
When Baptised.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>18th May 16. Born 14 Jan. 1841.</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Eliza</i>	<i>Charles Street</i>	<i>Carman</i>	<i>Henry Rhodes</i>
No. 65						

Baptised: 16 May 1841 Born: 14 Jan 1841

Image:William Mason baptized 1841

There were at least 43 births registered 1837-1843 in the districts of London/Middlesex for children named William Mason. However, not one of them include 'Lewis' as the mother's name. It is possible that his birth was never officially registered as his parents were not married until 02 Feb 1841.

Checking birth registrations for children John & Eleanor Mason on the later 1851 census gives their mother's maiden name as LEWIS. William Mason married Eliza Lewis on 02 Feb 1841 at Saint Giles, Cripplegate, London, England

1851



1851 England, Wales & Scotland Census Transcription
Vine Court, Saint Luke Middlesex, St Luke, London, England
[Learn more](#)

Household Members

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Gender	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
William	Mason	Head	Married	Male	32	1819	Coster Monger	St Luke's, Middlesex, England
Eliza	Mason	Wife	- nee: Lewis	Female	32	1819	-	St Luke's, Middlesex, England
William	Mason	Son		Male	10	1841	-	St Luke's, Middlesex, England
John	Mason	Son	- mother: Lewis	Male	4	1847	-	St Luke's, Middlesex, England
Elliner	Mason	Daughter	- mother: Lewis	Female	1	1850	-	St Luke's, Middlesex, England

Image:1851 census - William Mason & family

1852

William Mason Senior died and was buried in the Parish of Saint Luke 02 May 1852.

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BURIALS in the Parish of *Saint Luke*
in the County of *Middlesex* in the Year 18*52*

Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<i>William Mason</i>	<i>Bell Alley</i>	<i>May 2nd</i>	<i>32</i>	

No. 1736.

Abode: Bell Alley is same address lived when daughter Eleanor was baptised 12 Aug 1849 in Parish of St. Lukes

Image: William Mason buried 02 May 1852

1852 / 1853

William Mason (junior) joined the Royal Navy – he lied about his age. His father's death may have been a reason.

Aunt Laura recalled "William was in the British Navy serving on a British Man of War and travelled to the Far East (India & China). He possibly joined when he was 12 or 13. We don't know the name of the ship or what rank he left with. The name of the captain of the ship may have been Captain Sterling".

Captain Frederick Henry Stirling commanded various ships (HMS Winchester 1854, HMS Barracouta 1855, HMS Wasp 1856/7, HMS Hero 1859/60 and HMS Warrior 1869/70). Perhaps William served on one of these ships?

1861

A search of the England & Wales census for 1861 offers only two seamen with the name William Mason...

- *One was William Mason who served on board HMS St Jean D'Acre which was off the coast of Spain at the time of the census. He was born 1837 in London, Middlesex. He was later discovered to have been born 19 Dec 1837 in St Pancras, Middlesex and had signed on as 'Boy 2nd Class' in 1854 for 10 years.*
- *The other seaman was aboard HMS Dauntless on census night. The census describes him as 'ordinary seaman' born 1843 in London, Middlesex. This listing was for 'British Ships in Home Ports' and is unlikely to be the William Mason we are seeking.*

1869

Aunt Laura recalled "...grandfather William Mason had probably quit sailing by the time of his first marriage. There were no children from this marriage. He was a Green Grocer, who started his business when he left the Queens Navy".

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1869. Marriage solemnized at *the Church* in the parish of *St James the Great* in the County of *Middlesex*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
238	Aug 10 1869	William Mason	full	Bachelor	Traveller	Bethnal Green	William Mason	Deceased
		Mary Ann Humberstone	full	Widow		Bethnal Green	Thomas Hillman	Shoemaker

Married in the *parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *James* or after _____ by me, *J. G. Latham*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { *Wm Mason* } in the Presence of us, { *James Hillman* }
 { *Mary Ann Humberstone* } { *James Hillman* }

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Image: Marriage record of William Mason & Mary Ann (Hillman) Humberston

By this time William's father (also called William Mason) was deceased. It appears that neither William nor Mary Ann could write as the record is signed with their marks (X). William's profession was 'Traveller'.

1871

By 2 Apr 1871 they lived at Kenning Terrace, St Leonard Shoreditch and William's birth is listed as 1841 in St Luke, Middlesex. They had no children from their marriage, but Emma Hillman (niece) was staying with them.

William's occupation was 'Costermonger' (fruit seller or hawker – seller of goods on the street) which fits with Aunt Laura's recollection that William was a Greengrocer when he left the Queens Navy.

1871 census - household transcription

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation	Where Born
MASON, William	Head		M	30	1841	Costermonger **	Middlesex St. Lukes
MASON, Mary A	Wife (nee Hillman)		F	27	1844		Middlesex Shoreditch
HILLMAN, Emma	Niece		F	9	1862		Middlesex St. Lukes
RG number:		Piece:	Folio:		Page:		
RG10		460	40		40		
Registration District:		Sub District:	Enumeration District:		Ecclesiastical Parish:		
Shoreditch		Hoxton Old Town	24				
Civil Parish:		Municipal Borough:	Address:		County:		
St Leonard Shoreditch			Kenning Terrace, St Leonard Shoreditch		London, Middlesex		

** Costermonger: Fruit seller, peddler or hawker - seller of goods on the street.

Image: 1871 census transcript

1881

1881 census - household transcription

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation Disability	Where Born
MASON, William	Head	Married	M	38	1843	General Dealer	Shoreditch Middlesex
MASON, Mary A	Wife	Married	F	39	1842	No Occn	Shoreditch Middlesex
BOSWELL, John	Visitor	Single	M	9	1872		Notting Hill Middlesex
RG number:		Piece:	Folio:		Page:		
RG11		406	48		11		
Registration District:		Sub District:	Enumeration District:		Ecclesiastical Parish:		
Shoreditch		Haggerston					
Civil Parish:		Municipal Borough:	Address:		County:		
Shoreditch			*probable enumerator error - should be 13 11, Whiston St, Shoreditch		Middlesex		

Image: 1881 census transcript

The 1881 census shows William is now a General Dealer and they reside at 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch. William's birth year is shown as 1843 in Shoreditch. Though the transcript indicates house number 11, the original census sheet records it as number 13. They had a young visitor, John Boswell from Notting Hill, Middlesex, staying with them.

1883

Mary Ann Mason died 6 Dec 1883 aged 42 years. The death was registered in Haggerston, Shoreditch, Middlesex.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 5980003-2

REGISTRATION DISTRICT				SHOREDITCH			
1883 DEATH in the Sub-district of Haggerston				in the County of Middlesex			

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

5	6th December 1883 Shoreditch Infirmary	Mary Ann Mason	Female	42 years	Wife of William Mason, a Hawker of 13 Whiston Street	Apoplexy certified by R. M. Forbes M.D. F.R.C.P.	R. M. Forbes Medical Superintendent Shoreditch Infirmary Haggerston	6th December 1883	A. A. Lough Registrar
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Image: death record of Mary Ann Mason in Shoreditch Infirmary

She died in Shoreditch Infirmary, Hoxton Road, Haggerston and was described as 'wife of William Mason, a Hawker of 13, Whiston Street'. The cause of death was Apoplexy which would now be classified as a stroke. No burial records have yet been found for Mary Ann Mason for December 1883.

1885

Less than two years later, on 5 Aug 1885, William married widow Sarah Lloyd (formerly Moore) in the parish church of St James the Great, Middlesex. William and Sarah both signed the record with their 'mark' (X). Both gave their residence as Bethnal Green. (Note: Sarah's father is shown as George Moore, deceased. The same info applied when she married Harry Lloyd in 1870 which, if correct, helps to locate her parents.)

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1885. Marriage solemnized at the church in the parish of St James the Great in the County of Middlesex

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
410	Aug 5- 1885	William Mason	full	Widower	Dealer	Bethnal Green	William Mason	Deceased
		Sarah Lloyd	full	Widow		Bethnal Green	George Moore	Deceased

Married in the parish church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Canon or after 7 by me, F. Birch

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { William Mason } in the Presence of us, { Elizabeth Clay }
 { Sarah Lloyd } { F. Birch }

Image: marriage record of William Mason & Sarah Lloyd

1886

William & Sarah had a son, William Henry Mason, born 1st Jan 1886 and baptised on 24 Jan 1886, in the parish church of St James the Great, Bethnal Green, Middlesex. At that time William's profession was 'Dealer'.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *St James the Great*
in the County of *Middlesex* in the Year 18*86*

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>Jan. 24</i> <i>born</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Mason</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Arston</i>	<i>Dealer</i>	<i>St John</i>
<i>Jan 1</i> <i>No. 2128.</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Sarah</i>		<i>Ar</i>		

Abode: 13 Whiston St confirmed by Birth certificate

Image: baptism of William Henry Mason at St James the Great Parish Church

There is an error recording the family 'Abode' as 15 Arston Street – this should have been 13, Whiston Street as confirmed by the copy of the birth registration below. This is not an uncommon occurrence and the parents would not have realized the mistake as they were not able to read or write.

CERTIFIED COPY of an Entry in a REGISTER OF BIRTHS
(6 & 7 Wm. IV., cap. 86).

In any correspondence respecting this certificate the following number should be quoted — 70042

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT: *Haggerston* SHROPSHIRE

BIRTH in the Sub-District of *Haggerston* in the County of *Middlesex*

No.	When and where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maternal Surname of Mother.	Rank or Trade of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name, if added after Registration of Birth.
161	<i>First</i> <i>January</i> <i>1886</i> <i>13 Whiston</i> <i>Street</i>	<i>William</i> <i>Henry</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>William</i> <i>Mason</i>	<i>Sarah</i> <i>Mason</i> <i>formerly</i> <i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Hawker</i>	<i>x The Mark of</i> <i>Sarah Mason</i> <i>Mother</i> <i>13 Whiston Street</i> <i>Haggerston</i>	<i>Sixteenth</i> <i>February</i> <i>1886</i>	<i>A.A.</i> <i>Lough</i> <i>Registrar</i>	

(CERTIFIED to be a true Copy of an Entry in the Certified Copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *5th* day of *October* 19*19*.)

The Act of 6 & 7 Wm. IV., c. 86, sec. 28, enacts that "The Registrar-General shall cause to be made a Seal of the said Register Office, and the Registrar-General shall cause to be sealed or stamped therewith all Certified Copies of Entries given in the said Office; and all Certified Copies of Entries purporting to be sealed or stamped with the Seal of the said Register Office, shall be received as evidence of the Birth, Death, or Marriage to which the same relate without any further or other proof of such Entries; and no Certified Copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is so sealed or stamped as aforesaid."

The Act 14 & 21 Vict., c. 86, sec. 34, enacts that "Whoever shall unlawfully destroy, deface, or injure, or cause or permit to be destroyed, defaced, or injured, any Register of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, or Burials, or any Certified Copy of any such Register, or any part thereof, or shall offer, sell, dispose of, or put off any such Register, Entry, Certified Copy, Certificate, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of Felony, and be liable to Penal Servitude, or to Imprisonment with Hard Labour."

The Act 3 & 4 Geo. 5, c. 26, sec. 1, enacts that "Forgery of the following documents, if committed with intent to defraud or deceive, shall be felony and punishable with Penal Servitude for any term not exceeding fourteen years:—Any Register or record of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, Burials, which now is, or hereafter may be, by law authorized or required to be kept in the United Kingdom, relating to any Birth, Baptism, Marriage, Death, Burial, or any part of any such Register, or any Certified Copy of any such Register, or of any part thereof."

Section 5 of the same Act enacts that "Forgery of the following Seals, if committed with intent to defraud or deceive, shall be Felony, and punishable with Penal Servitude for life:—(a) The Seal of the Office of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages."

Section 6 of the same Act enacts that "Every person who utters any forged Document, Seal, shall be guilty of an offence of the like degree (whether Felony or Misdemeanor) and be convicted thereof shall be liable to the same punishment as if he himself had forged the Document, Seal."

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Image: copy of birth registration for William Henry Mason

The Birth registration certificate of William Henry Mason confirms...

- (1) Date of Birth: 1st Jan 1886 (2) Place born: 13 Whiston Street, Haggerston (3) Names of father & mother: William Mason & Sarah Mason, formerly Lloyd (4) Profession of father: Hawker.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>St James the Great</u> in the County of <u>Middlesex</u> in the Year 18 <u>87</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 ⁸⁷ Oct 23 born Dec 28 No. 977.	Eliza Emily	William Sarah	Mason	13 Weston St.	Chopper	G. M. Stippell

Born 28 Dec ? should this be Sep ? Abode: 13 Whiston St

Image :baptism record of Eliza Emily Mason

Eliza Emily Mason was baptised 23 Oct 1887 but the birth is shown as 28 Dec – This must be an error as her birth was registered Oct-Dec 1887 in Shoreditch Registration District, ref 01C/122 and Mother's name is Moore.

Strangely, the Maidstone Street School admissions register for 16 April 1894 lists her DOB as 17 Dec 1887. It proves that errors do occur and not to put too much faith in the information provided on all records.

1889

Two years later another child – a son called John Mason.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>St James the Great</u> in the County of <u>Middlesex</u> in the Year 18 <u>89</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 Aug. born July 30 No. 2875.	John	William Sarah	Mason	13 Weston St.	Wood- Chopper	G. M. Stippell

Abode: 13 Whiston St

Image:baptism of John Mason at St James the Great Parish Church

John Mason was born 30 July 1889 at 13, Whiston Street, Haggerston and baptised 18 Aug 1889 in the parish church of St James the Great, Middlesex. Sadly John did not survive and died after a few short months.

BMD Search result details

Civil Registration event: Death

Name:	MASON, John
Registration District:	Shoreditch
County:	London
Year of Registration:	1889
Quarter of Registration:	Oct-Nov-Dec
Age at death:	0
Volume No:	1C
Page No:	101

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Image: death transcription for John Mason registered in Shoreditch

John Mason's death was registered during Oct-Dec 1889 in the Registration District of Shoreditch.

1890

The following year Ellen 'Nell' Cornelia Mason was born on 9 Nov 1890 and baptised 30 Nov 1890 in the parish church of St James the Great, Middlesex. Again the 'Abode' is incorrectly noted as '13 Weston Street'.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>St James the Great</i> in the County of <i>Middlesex</i> in the Year 18 <i>90</i>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>Nov. 30</i>	<i>Ellen</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Mason</i>	<i>13 Weston St</i>	<i>Chapman & Flock</i>	
<i>Nov. 9</i>	<i>Cornelia</i>	<i>Sarah</i>				

Abode: 13 Whiston St

Image: baptism record of Ellen Cornelia Mason

1891

1891 census - household transcription

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation Disability	Where Born
MASON, William	Head	Married	M	52	1839	Wood Chopper	Shoreditch London
MASON, Sarah	Wife	Married	F	42	1849		Shoreditch London
MASON, John ***	Son	Single	M	18	1873	Wood Chopper	Shoreditch London
MASON, Elizabeth **	Daughter	Single	F	20	1871	Collar Ironer	Shoreditch London
MASON, Sarah **	Daughter	Single	F	15	1876	Wood Chopper	Shoreditch London
MASON, William H	Son	Single	M	5	1886	Scholar	Shoreditch London
MASON, Eliza E	Daughter	Single	F	3	1888		Shoreditch London
MASON, Ellen	Daughter	Single	F	0 (5M)	1891		Shoreditch London
RG number: RG12	Piece: 254	Folio: 14				Page: 22	
Registration District: Shoreditch	Sub District: Haggerston	Enumeration District: 22				Ecclesiastical Parish: St Augustines	
Civil Parish: Shoreditch	Municipal Borough: Haggerston	Address: 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch, Haggerston				County: London	
** Elizabeth & Sarah were born with Lloyd surname & were from wife Sarah's (formerly Moore) first marriage to Henry Lloyd							
*** Is this John Boswell (visitor) born 1872 on 1881 census ??							

Image : 1891 census transcript for William & Sarah Mason

The 1891 census transcript above includes John Mason, a Wood Chopper' born 1873 - he may be the visitor named 'John Boswell' shown on the 1871 census. Note that Elizabeth & Sarah Mason were born with the surname Lloyd. They are children from Sarah's first marriage to Henry 'Harry' Lloyd at St James the Great church in 1870.

Aunt Laura recalled "...2nd marriage to Sarah Moore (a widow + 2 daughters). One daughter married a man named Evans..."

Note: Elizabeth Lloyd did indeed marry Richard William Evans on 17 Apr 1892 at Holy Trinity Church, Dalston in the Borough of Hackney. By the 1911 census Elizabeth had 14 children but only ten survived to the 1911 census date. Sadly, Elizabeth died on 21st January 1913 (cause: hemorrhage after childbirth) just 13 days after giving birth to child number 15, Frank Evans.

Aunt Laura recalled "Elizabeth's youngest daughter, Alma Ada Evans, never married. She lived with her half-sister Nell and her husband George Walker. George Walker owned a box making factory. They had a son George who married a women named Sadie. During World War2, my father was overseas in England and visited with George & Sadie Walker, who was then running the box factory - I believe it was called Walkers Box Factory. About this time, Alma Ada Evans was working in the box factory. The last contact I had with her was the early 1960's at 32 Lavender Grove, Queens Road, Dalston, London. At that time she was using the name Alma Evans. Her boyfriend was killed in WW2".

Note: Alma's birth was registered as Ada Evans in the 'Jan-Mar' quarter of 1911 in Hackney. She was listed in the 1964 London Electoral Register as resident of no. 30, Lavender Grove. She appears to have died in 1977 in the town of Barnstable in the county of Devon as Ada Alma Evans. Her DOB is given as 14 Dec 1910 which agrees with the entry on the 2nd April 1911 census which shows her age as three months old.

No trace of George E. Walker's marriage to 'Sadie' has been found. Sadie is a diminutive of 'Sarah' and there are some for that name but not in the registration areas of Shoreditch or Hackney between 1930 & 1945 – it's possible they married elsewhere. Similarly, the birth of their son, Stuart Walker, is evading discovery within the London/Middlesex district and time frame 1930-1950. Perhaps Stuart (or Stewart) is his middle name and his birth was registered under a different first name?

1893

The Elementary Education Act 1870, commonly known as Forster's Education Act, set the framework for schooling of all children between the ages of 5 and 13 in England and Wales. Education was not compulsory until 1880 as many factory owners feared losing children as a source of cheap labour.

The first record of William Henry Mason's education was when he was enrolled in Maidstone Street School from 24 Apr 1893 – the school was opened in 1874 and was renamed Sebright School in 1951.

36A Maidstone Street School Admissions - William Mason 24 April 1893

Admission Number.	DATE OF ADMISSION OR RE-ADMISSION.			NAME IN FULL.	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.	RESIDENCE.	Whether exemption from Religious Instruction is claimed.	DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH.		
	Day.	Month.	Year.					Day.	Month.	Year.
5107	24	4	93	Morlon Hy	John	6 Wharf Road		2	85	
2				Fennett Alex	Geo.	8 Wharf Road		7	85	
3				Bell Thos	Geo.	4 Mtan Place		8	85	
4				Page Hy	Geo.	39 Whiston St		11	85	
5				Burnell Bert	Geo.	65 Maidstone St		11	85	
6				Mack Alex	Hy.	129 Boston St		12	85	
7				Troward Hy	Geo.	2 Alfred Place		12	85	
8				Cooper Wm	Geo.	24 Myle St		12	85	
9				College Jas	Jas.	11 Dove Road		12	85	
5110				Olin Alex	Eliza	12 Downall Rd		12	85	
11				Corby Fred	Jas	123 Gold. Hill		12	85	
12				Corino Thos	Geo.	17 Elsey Place		12	85	
13				Trower Auth	Chas	43 Tuckers St		1	86	
14				Walby Hy	Edw	2 Bush St		1	86	
15				Mason Wm	Wm	13 Whiston St		1	86	
16				Bragg Robert	Robt	6 Trafalgar Rd		1	86	

Image: Maidstone Street School admissions register 1893

1894

Eliza Mason was enrolled into the same school as her brother, William Henry, on 16 April 1894.

30A Maidstone Street School Admissions 1894

Admission Number.	DATE OF ADMISSION OR RE-ADMISSION.			NAME IN FULL.	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.	RESIDENCE.	Whether exemption from Religious Instruction is claimed.	DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH.		
	Day.	Month.	Year.					Day.	Month.	Year.
9621	16	4	94	Heal Emma	Charles Heal	40 Whiston St	"	11	12	87
9622	"	"	"	Mason Eliza	Wm. Mason	13 " "	"	17	12	87
9623	"	"	"	Oliver Ellen	Harry Oliver	39 " "	"	10	12	87
9624	"	"	"	Forbes Ellen	Geo. Forbes	95 Maidstone St	"	4	1	89

Image: Maidstone Street School admissions register 1894

Eliza's DOB is reported as 17 Dec 1887 which differs from the details on her baptism record.

1897

Ellen (Nell) Mason was enrolled into Maidstone Street School 1st April 1897

44A Maidstone Street School Admissions 1897

Admission Number.	DATE OF ADMISSION OR RE-ADMISSION.			NAME IN FULL.	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.	RESIDENCE.	Whether exemption from Religious Instruction is claimed.	DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH.		
	Day.	Month.	Year.					Day.	Month.	Year.
289	1	4	97	Lynks Alice	John Lynks	103 Goldsmith Rd		17	4	90
290	"	"	"	Murray Eliza	Wm Murray	11 Hill St		4	1	91
291	"	"	"	Mason Ellen	Wm Mason	13 Whiston St		9	11	90
292	"	"	"	Marshall Eliza	Harry Marshall	108 St. Cambridge St		10	1	91

Image: Maidstone Street School admissions register 1897

This time her DOB matches that on her baptism record – 9th November 1890.

1901

In 1901 there were 12,084 people living in 1,469 inhabited houses in the Haggerston Sub District (Ward) of Shoreditch. This equates to a staggering 178 people per acre – an acre is about 80% the size of an American football field.

Aunt Laura recalled "William & Sarah may have also had a "foster child" Ben Gogay who later worked in Gasworks"

A Benjamin Gogay (previously a labourer in Gas Works) also occupied a single room in the same house as the Mason family in 1901. There were at least three Gas Works close to Whiston Street – see map of Haggerston at end of document.

Benjamin Gogay had a son called Benjamin born in 1882 who, in 1900, married Eliza Brown. Ben and Eliza lived in the Borough of Poplar with three children and by 1911 he became a Green Grocer.

Aunt Laura recalled "After he left school young William Henry worked with his father as a Hawker. His parents insisted that he should have a trade even though he would have preferred to be a Butcher and apprenticed him as a Distiller. He spent about 7 years with London Distillery".

1901 census - household transcription

Name	Relation	Condition	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation Disability	Where Born
MASON, William	Head	Married	M	64	1837	Firewood Chopper	St Luke's London
MASON, Sarah	Wife	Married	F	51	1850		Shoreditch London
MASON, Sarah **	Daughter	Single	F	24	1877	Firewood Chopper	Shoreditch London
MASON, William	Son		M	15	1886	Errand Boy	Shoreditch London
MASON, Eliza	Daughter		F	13	1888	School	Shoreditch London
MASON, Ellen	Daughter		F	10	1891	School	Shoreditch London
RG number: RG13		Piece: 279		Folio: 141		Page: 3	
Registration District: Shoreditch		Sub District: Haggerston		Enumeration District: 15		Ecclesiastical Parish: St Augustine Haggerston	
Civil Parish: Shoreditch		Municipal Borough:		Address: 13, Whiston Street, Shoreditch		County: London	

**Sarah Mason was born Sarah Lloyd - daughter from mothers first marriage.

NOTE: Masons occupied 3 rooms at 13, Whiston Street. Another room was occupied by BENJAMIN GOGAY, age 60 years and a widower who was originally born in Bethnal Green.

Image: 1901 census transcript

On the England & Wales census transcript for 1901 (31 Mar 1901) young William's profession is listed as 'errand boy'. His apprenticeship with the distillery company must have commenced after this date. Unfortunately, no further information has come to light concerning his apprenticeship.

1906

This is the last year that William Mason appears on the London Electoral Register at 13, Whiston Street, Haggerston.

1906 HAGGERSTON DIVISION.			
HAGGERSTON WARD.—Polling District No. 8.			
Names of Electors in full, Surname being first.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Description of Qualifying Property.
WHISTON STREET			
5082 Clarke, Stephen	3 Whiston street	dwelling house	3 Whiston street
5083 Short, John	5 Whiston street	dwelling house	5 Whiston street
5084 Brown, James	7 Whiston street	dwelling house	7 Whiston street
5085 Phillips, Edward	11 Whiston street	dwelling house	11 Whiston street
5086 Mason, William	13 Whiston street	dwelling house	13 Whiston street
5087 Aris, George Edward	15 Whiston street	dwelling house	15 Whiston street
5088 Williams, David	19 Whiston street	dwelling house	19 Whiston street
5089 Smith, Thomas	24 Victoria park road,	workshop	21 Whiston street

Image: page from London Electoral Registers for 1906

1907

The London Electoral Registers for the year of 1907 lists William Mason at 69, Angrave Street.

London, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1965	
Name:	William Mason
Year:	1907
County or Borough:	Hackney
Ward or Division/Constituency:	Haggerston
Street address:	69 Angrave street

Image: London Electoral Registers transcription for 1907

Aunt Laura recalled "...he died (possibly of a stroke, unable to speak and bed-ridden for a while prior to his death) after June 1909 and prior to June 1912".

William Mason died a little earlier – see the death registration certificate below.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT SHOREDITCH

1907 DEATH in the Sub-district of Shoreditch North West in the County of London

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
196	Twenty seventh November 1907 Shoreditch Infirmary	William Mason	Male	69 years	Retired	Senile Decay	X The mark of Sarah Mason Widow of deceased 69 Angrave Street Shoreditch	Twenty ninth November 1907	C. H. Walters Registrar

Image: death registration of William Mason in Shoreditch Infirmary

William Mason died 27 Nov 1907 at Shoreditch Infirmary, aged 69 years old from 'Senile Decay'. His widow Sarah Mason, now of 69 Angrave Street, signed the record with her 'mark' (X). He was buried 5 Dec 1907 in Manor Park Cemetery (grave #45/279)

MANOR PARK CEMETERY COMPANY, LIMITED, EAST HAM, ESSEX.

Office:—THE CEMETERY.

REGISTER OF BURIALS AT THE CEMETERY IN THE YEAR 1907

Folio	No.	Date	NAME	AGE	DATE ABOVE	Where Buried	Name of Officiating Minister	Date of Certificate of Death	Name and District of Registrar	Name and Address of Undertaker
						Square	Grave			
570	20648	Dec 5	Mason William	69 yrs	Shoreditch Infirmary	45	279	29 Nov 07	C. H. Walters North West Shoreditch	J. Recknelt 26 Galsworthy Lane

Image: entry from burial register at Manor Park Cemetery 1907

1908

The London Electoral Registers 1908 still list William Mason at 69, Angrave Street. The register was probably compiled before William Mason's death.

London, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1965

Name:	William Mason
Year:	1908
County or Borough:	Hackney
Ward or Division/Constituency:	Haggerston
Street address:	69 Angrave street

Image: London Electoral Registers transcription for 1908

It was possibly around this time William Henry Mason was employed as a Carman by Fred Gedge (Frederick Edwin Gedge) who was publican of the Bacchus House in Hoxton Street, Shoreditch.

The Licence for the Bacchus House, 177, Hoxton Street, Shoreditch was held by Frederick Edwin Gedge from 1899 until his death in 1931. It was carried on by his wife, Laura Dorothy Gedge, until at least 1934.

The photo on the right was taken in 1999 (from original 1908 picture displayed in the Bacchus Public House) by Lois Howard/Faye Podolsky. It probably shows Fredrick E. Gedge and possibly wife Dorothy Laura & daughter Florence Edna. Perhaps young William Henry Mason is in there too!

Aunt Laura recalled "Later, during his employment at the Bacchus House a certain type of liquor was in short supply & William, with his knowledge of distilling, was able to mix liquors to produce the necessary blend in the basement of Bacchus House.

This was a trade secret and no-one was told until William was leaving for Canada".



1909

William Henry Mason married Lucy Emma Wakefield. Lucy Emma was the eldest child of Austin William & Lucy Ellen (Gray) Wakefield. She was born 21 Oct 1885 at Homerton, Hackney, London. Even at the age of 15 (on the 1901 English census) she was described as a 'French Polisher learner'.

They married 20 Jun 1909 at the All Saints Anglican Church at Haggerston. William Henry gave his mother's address in Dunston Road as his residence while Lucy Emma Wakefield opted for 65, Angrave Street.

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1909. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of All Saints Haggerston in the County of London

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
367	June 20 1909	William Henry Mason	23	Bachelor	Carman	17 Dunston Road	William Mason	General Dealer
		Lucy Ellen Emma Wakefield	23	Spinster	—	65 Angrave Street	William Austin Wakefield	Garment Maker

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by 1 or after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { William Henry Mason } in the Presence of us, { Frederick Gedge } { Lucy Ellen } { William Henry Mason } { Lucy Emma Wakefield }

Image: marriage record of William Henry Mason & Lucy Emma Wakefield 1909

This may only be part truth as they possibly lived together at 65, Angrave Street - a first floor unfurnished single room. Certainly the London Electoral Register shows William at this address for the period 1910-1911. (Note: Lucy's brother, Reuben Herbert Wakefield, also stayed at this address from 21-25 May 1909 shortly before he died in the National Hospital).

Aunt Laura recalled "Following William Henry & Lucy Wakefields marriage they had a "falling out with Sarah" and didn't speak to each other".

Note: This family info was passed on by Lois Howard. "We are also aware that following my grandfather's marriage to Lucy Wakefield, Sarah Mason wanted my grandparents to live with her. They refused and Sarah sort of disowned them, as the story goes Sarah threw my grandfather a gold coin and told him that was all he ever would get from her. He left and they came to Canada. Barbara has that original coin. So from this I gather there was very little communication after my grandparents left England."

Several months later William & Lucy had a son, William Henry Frederick Mason. The birth was registered Jul-Sep 1909 in the Shoreditch Registration District.

1910

Sarah Mason was listed on the 1910 London Electoral Registers at 17, Dunston Road, Shoreditch.

1910			
961			
ACTON WARD.—Polling District No. 9. Div. 3.			
Names of Electors in full, Surname being first.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Description of Qualifying Property.
DUNSTON ROAD (KINGSLAND ROAD)			
9385 Bevan, Charlotte	11 Dunston road	dwelling house	11 Dunston road
9386 Mason, Sarah	17 Dunston road	dwelling house	17 Dunston road
9387 Baylis, Susan	23 Dunston road	dwelling house	23 Dunston road
9388 Trails, Emma	33 Dunston road	dwelling house	33 Dunston road
9389 Hayes, John	4 Dunstan road	dwelling house	4 Dunstan road
9390 Harwood, Caroline	12 Dunston road	dwelling house	12 Dunston road
9391 Swann, Eliza	16 Dunston road	dwelling house	16 Dunston road
9392 Short, Francis	22 Dunston road	dwelling house	22 Dunston road

Image: page from London Electoral registers for 1910

Sadly, on 11 Feb 1910 William Henry Frederick Mason, son of William Henry & Lucy Mason, died at the age of five months. At that time they still resided at 65, Angrave Street, Haggerston North East.

MANOR PARK CEMETERY COMPANY, LIMITED, EAST HAM, ES							
Office :—THE CEMETERY.							
REGISTER OF BURIALS AT THE CEMETERY IN THE YEAR 1910							
Date.	NAME.	AGE.	LAST ABODE.	Where Buried.		Name of Officiating Minister.	Date of Certificate of Death.
				Square.	Grave.		
Feb	Mason	5 Mths	65 Angrave Street,	41	255		Feb
11	William Henry Frederick		Haggerston N.E.				11
							Deputy Coroner.

Image: entry from burial register at Manor Park Cemetery 1910

William Henry Frederick Mason was buried at Manor Park Cemetery on 14 Feb 1910 in grave #41-255.

1911 census - household transcription

Name	Relation	Condition/ Yrs married	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation	Where Born
MASON, Sarah	Head	Widow	F	67	1844		Shoreditch London
MASON, Eliza E	Daughter	Single	F	23	1888	Cardboard Box Maker	Shoreditch London
MASON, Ellen	Daughter	Single	F	20	1891	Cardboard Box Maker	Shoreditch London
RG number: RG14		Piece: 1381		Reference: RG14PN1381 RG78PN48 RD16 SD3 ED18 SN233			
Registration District: Shoreditch		Sub District: Shoreditch North East		Enumeration District: 18			Parish: Shoreditch
Address: 17 Dunston Road Haggerston N E						County: London	

Image: 1911 census transcription for 17, Dunston Street

1911

This 1911 census confirms the family now resided at 17, Dunston Road. Sarah Mason is now a widow and lives with her daughters Eliza Emily and Ellen (Nell) Cornelia, who are both Cardboard Box Makers.

William Henry & Lucy Emma Mason were now living just around the corner at 6, Clarissa Street, Haggerston North East.

1911 census transcript

1911 census transcript							
Name	Relation	Condition/ Yrs married	Sex	Age	Birth Year	Occupation	Where Born
MASON, William H	Head	Married	M	25	1886	Carman	Haggerston London
MASON, Lucy E	Wife	Married 2 years	M	25	1886	French Polisher	Wanstead Essex
RG number: RG14		Piece: 1380		Reference: RG14PN1380 RG78PN48 RD16 SD3 ED17 SN130			
Registration District: Shoreditch		Sub District: Shoreditch North East		Enumeration District: 17		Parish: Shoreditch	
Address: 6 Clarissa ST							County: London

Image: 1911 census transcription for 6, Clarissa Street

Several months after the census Ellen Cornelia Mason married George Walker on 5 Aug 1911 at All Saints Parish Church, Haggerston in the Borough of Hackney.

Ellen lived with her widowed mother at 17, Dunston Road and George Walker gave his residence as 6, Clarissa Street, which was close by – and the home of William Henry & Lucy Mason.

1911. Marriage solemnized at <i>The Parish Church in the Parish of All Saints, Rye, Sussex in the County of London</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
439	<i>Aug 1st 1911</i>	<i>George Walker</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Card Board Box Cutter</i>	<i>6 Clarissa St</i>	<i>Ernest Thomas Walker</i>	<i>Pipe Maker (bnd)</i>
		<i>Ellen Cornelia Mason</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Card Board Box Maker</i>	<i>14 Banstead Rd.</i>	<i>William Mason</i>	<i>Good Chaffer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Established Church</i> by <i>—</i> or after <i>Banns</i> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>George Walker</i>	In the Presence of us,		<i>Eliza Mason</i>	<i>Ernest Thomas Walker</i>	<i>W. J. Mason</i>	<i>W. J. Mason</i>

Image: marriage record for George Walker & Ellen Cornelia Mason 1911

The bride's sister Eliza Mason, brother William Mason & Ernest Thomas Walker, brother of George Walker, were witnesses.

1912

At some stage William Henry & Lucy Emma made the decision to start a new life elsewhere. Maybe the 'falling out' with Sarah Mason helped make their decision and perhaps the death of their son in 1910 contributed. William Mason senior had also passed away some years earlier, after a stroke and several years of incapacity.

Lucy Emma Wakefield had also suffered family tragedies. Her father, Austin William Wakefield, had passed away in 1905 and two of her brothers (Reuben Herbert Wakefield & James Robin Wakefield) both died in 1909. Her mother, Lucy Ellen Wakefield, died in March 1912 which meant that her two sisters (Jenny & Laura) were put into children's homes.

Note: Laura Wakefield was one of the 'Home Children' and transported to Ontario in 1920. She married David Spence Bell in 1928 and had three daughters, one of whom is Heather (Bell) Young – cousin to Laura Christina (Mason) Carlson. Heather has spent a lot of time researching her Wakefield roots and some of you have met her – picture on right.



On 12 June 1912 William Henry & Lucy Emma Mason sailed from the port of Avonmouth/Bristol aboard the 'Royal George', heading for Quebec, Canada – there were over 1000 other passengers on board.



Image: photo of 'Royal George' entering Avonmouth/Bristol Dock

passenger transcript details

Name:	William MASON	Lucy MASON
Date of departure:	12 June 1912	12 June 1912
Port of departure:	Bristol	Bristol
Passenger destination port:	Quebec, Canada	Quebec, Canada
Passenger destination:	Quebec, Canada	Quebec, Canada
Date of Birth:	1888 (calculated from age)	1888 (calculated from age)
Age:	24	24
Marital status:	Married	Married
Sex:	Male	Female
Occupation:	Labourer	Wife
Ship:	ROYAL GEORGE	ROYAL GEORGE
Official Number:	125643	125643
Master's name:	James Harrison	James Harrison
Steamship Line:	Royal Line	Royal Line
Where bound:	Montreal, Canada	Montreal, Canada
Square feet:	15283	15283
Registered tonnage:	5685	5685
Passengers on voyage:	1008	1008

Image: passenger transcript of 'Royal George' June 1912

1916




Wm Henry Mason
Canada Census, 1916

Name:	Wm Henry Mason
Event Type:	Census
Event Date:	1916
Event Place:	Manitoba, Canada
Gender:	Male
Age:	31
Marital Status:	Married
Ethnicity:	English
Relationship to Head of Household:	Self
Birthplace:	England
Birth Year (Estimated):	1885
Township:	1
Province:	Manitoba
District Number:	11 Souris
Sub-District Number:	21
Enumeration District:	1
Page:	1
Affiliate Film Number:	T-21939

Household	Role	Gender	Age	Birthplace
Wm Henry Mason	Self	M	31y	England
Lucy Ellen Mason	Wife	F	31y	England

Family Number: **6**, Line Number: **26**, Digital Folder Number: **004363968**, Image Number: **00086**

Image: transcript entry of Canada census 1916

William Henry & Lucy Ellen Mason on 1916 Canadian Census. Note that Lucy used her mother's middle name instead of her own, which should have been Lucy Emma Mason.

1918

Irene Elizabeth Mason was born 22 Jun 1918 at Waskada to parents William Henry & Lucy Mason.

1921

William H. Mason, Lucy E. E. Mason, Irene E. Mason on 1921 Canadian Census, residing in Arthur Municipality, Manitoba. William was a Labourer on a farm & Lucy was a House Keeper, also on a farm.

Sarah Mason and daughter Elisa Emily were recorded on 1921 England Census at 62 Broke Road, Dalston, Shoreditch, London.

1922

Laura Christina Mason was born 22 Apr 1922 at Waskada to parents William Henry & Lucy Mason.

1928

Sarah Mason next shows up in the London Electoral Registers in 1928. She is living at 10, Ipswich Road, Shoreditch in the Borough of Hackney, London, England.

London, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1965	
Name:	Sarah Mason
Year:	1928
County or Borough:	Hackney
Ward or Division/Constituency:	Shoreditch
Street address:	10 Ipswich Road

Image: London Electoral Registers transcription for 1928

1929

Sarah Mason and her daughter Eliza are both listed in the London Electoral Registers for 1929. They still resided at 10, Ipswich Road, Shoreditch in the Borough of Hackney, London, England.

POLLING DISTRICT Q.				ACTON WARD (Part of).	
Q 1555	R	O	King, George James	9	IPSWICH ROAD— <i>contd.</i>
Q 1556	Rw	Dw	Campbell, Elizabeth	10	
Q 1557	R	O	Campbell, William	10	
Q 1558	R	—	Campbell, Henry James	10	
Q 1559	Rw	Ow	Mason, Sarah	10	
Q 1560	Rw	—	Mason, Eliza	10	
Q 1561	R	O	Barnet, Edward	11	

Image: page from London Electoral Registers transcription for 1929

Aunt Laura recalled "William's wife Sarah was born 1848 or 1849 and may be buried in the same cemetery in grave # 1047. She died in 1929 at # 10 Ipswich Rd, Hagerstown - possible living with her daughter Eliza who was a cripple."

MANOR PARK CEMETERY, EAST HAM, ESSEX - REGISTER OF BURIALS AT THE CEMETERY FOR YEAR 1929									
DATE	NAME	AGE	Date of Death	LATE ADDRESS	SQUARE	GRAVE	OFFICIATING MINISTER	DATE OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	NAME AND DISTRICT OF REGISTRAR
Oct 23	Mason Sarah	81 years	Oct 17	10 Ipswich Road Dalston. E.8.	A	1047	J. H. Oliver & J. Hunter	October 17	E. J. Sibley, N.E. Shoreditch

Image: entry from burial register at Manor Park Cemetery 1929

Aunt Laura was correct – Sarah (Moore/Lloyd) Mason died 17 Oct 1929 and was buried 23 Oct 1929 in Manor Park Cemetery (address now known as Newham) in grave #A-1047. She was survived by Eliza Emily Mason who died in 1955.



Manor Park Cemetery, Serbert Road, Forest Gate, London

(photo: Google)

1955

Eliza Emily Mason, who had been a patient at St Faiths LCC Hospital, Brentwood, London, died there on 2 April. The cause of death was Carcinoma of the Ovary & Idiopathic Epilepsy.

1959

Lucy Emma (Wakefield) Mason died 1959 and was buried in Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada. She was a well-known and well-respected member of her community.

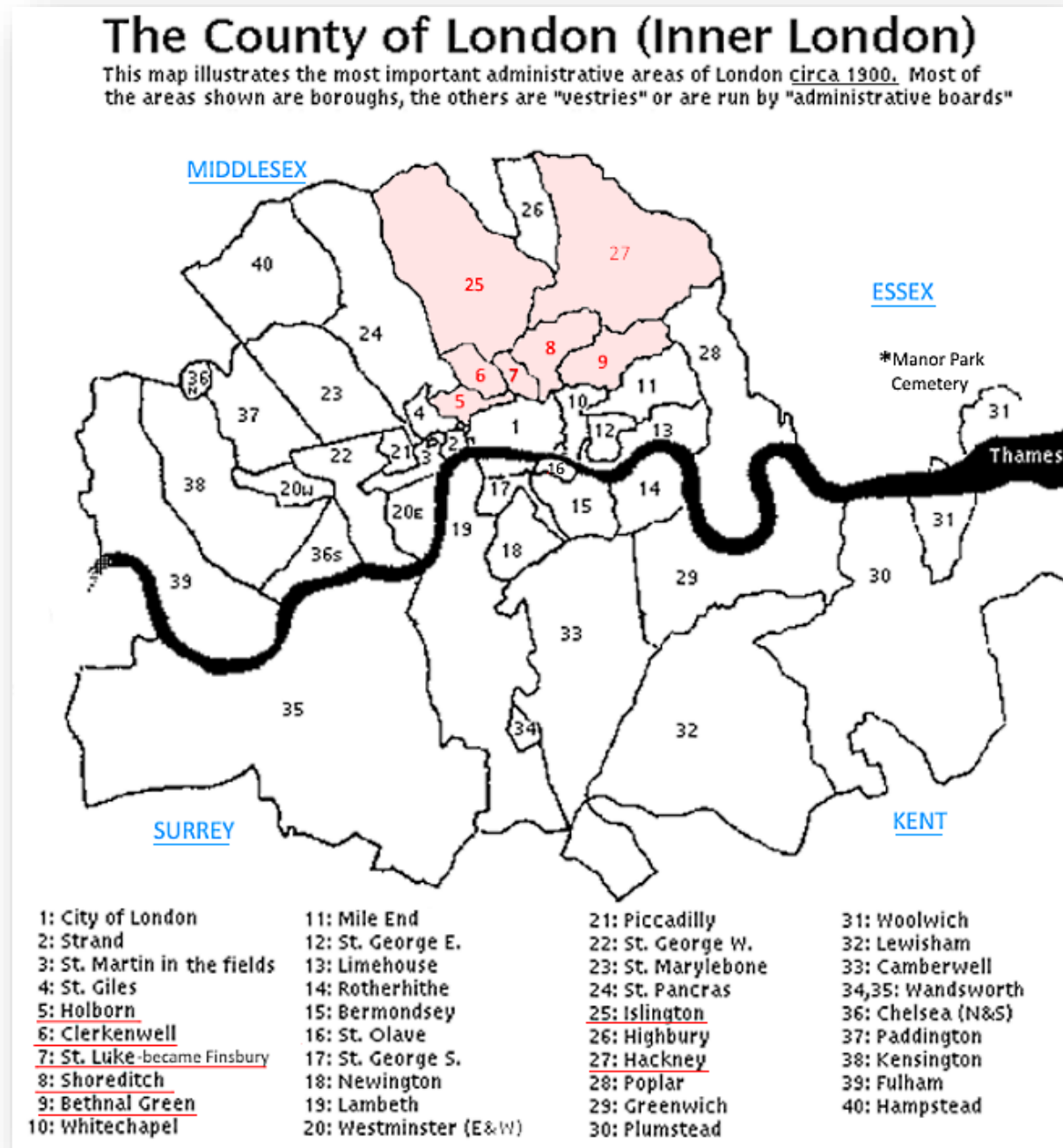
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William Henry Mason died in July 1961 and was buried in Waskada Cemetery, Waskada, Manitoba, Canada.

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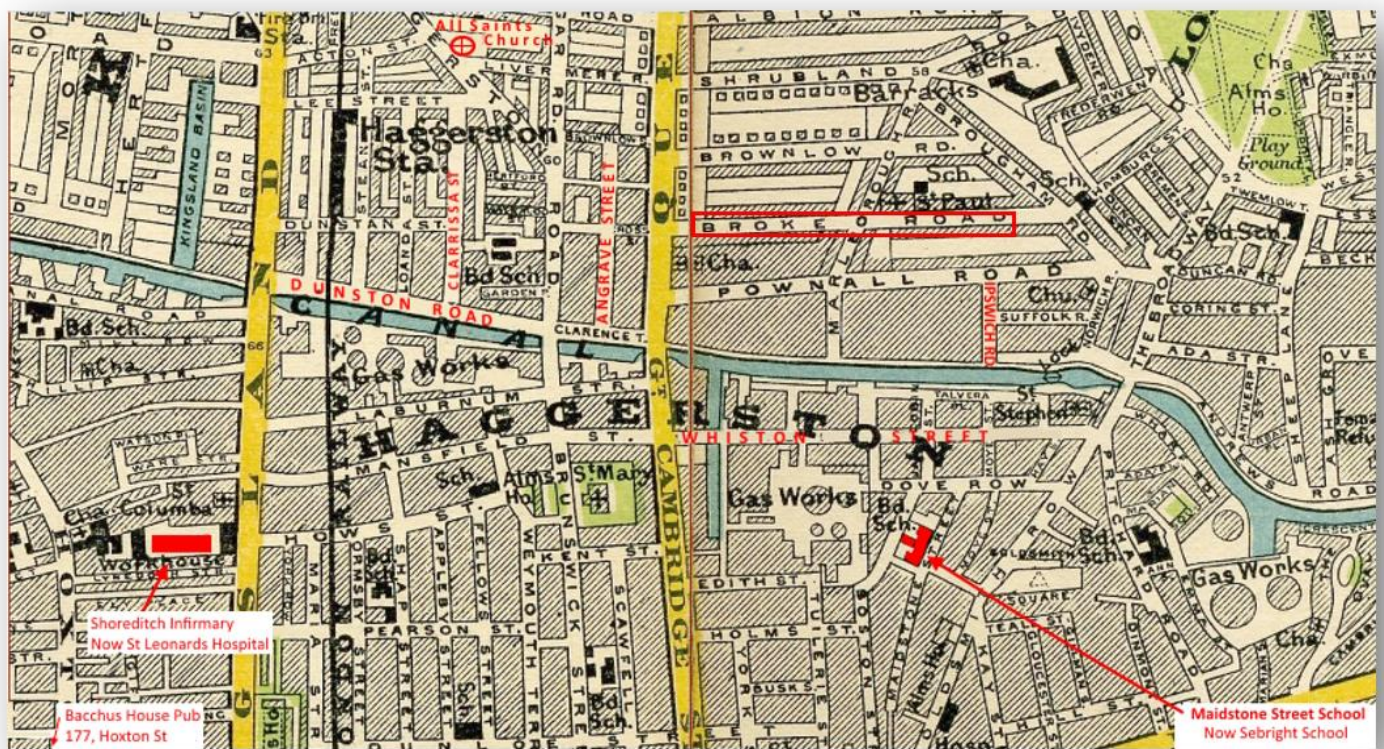
Appendix

Map showing Administrative areas of London about 1900



Place	Sub District	Parish	Registration District
6, Clarissa Street	Shoreditch North East	Shoreditch	Shoreditch
10, Ipswich Road, Dalston	Shoreditch North East	Shoreditch	Shoreditch
13, Whiston Street	Haggerston	Shoreditch	Shoreditch
17, Dunston Road	Shoreditch North East	Shoreditch	Shoreditch
62, Broke Road, Dalston	Shoreditch	Shoreditch	Shoreditch
69, Angrave Street	Haggerston	Shoreditch	Shoreditch
Bacchus House, Hoxton Street	Shoreditch	Shoreditch	Shoreditch

Map of Haggerston, London from 1897 showing Whiston Street, Dunston Road, Broke Road, Clarrissa Street, Angrave Street and Ipswich Road. Also, the locations of Shoreditch Infirmary, Maidstone Street School, Bacchus House, All Saints Church.



Parents of Sarah Moore/Lloyd/Mason

Using the census information, it seems that Sarah was born between 1848-1851 probably in/near the district of Shoreditch. The 1871 census records her year of birth 1848 Bethnal Green, 1881 census as 1851 Shoreditch, 1891 census as 1849 Shoreditch & 1901 census as 1850 Shoreditch.

Checking the 1851/1861 census records for Sarah Moore, with a father called George Moore, who lived in Shoreditch district produced the census record below. By checking the mother's name on six of the children born between 1844-1863 I discovered her maiden name was 'Lloyd'. Similar birth/christening records for most of their other children also show the same Christening Place and parent names.

There is a marriage record of George Moore marrying Sarah Lloyd in the district of Islington, London in 1842.



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1, Britannia Road, Saint Leonards Shoreditch, Shoreditch, Middlesex, England

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First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Gender	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
George	Moore	Head	Married	Male	30	1821	Laborer	St Luke's, Middlesex, England
Sarah	Moore	Wife	Married	Female	30	1821	Seamstress	St Sepulchre, Middlesex, England
John	Moore	Son	Unmarried	Male	6	1845		St Luke's, Middlesex, England
Elizath	Moore	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	3	1848		St Luke's, Middlesex, England
Sarah	Moore	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	0 9 months	1851 1850		Hoxton, Middlesex, England

The census above indicates that Sarah was 9 months old – born mid-1850. It has been a challenge to find her birth registration and my initial thought was Jul-Sep 1850 in Shoreditch ref: 2/436. Info from UK General Records Office (GRO) indicates the mother's name as Hawksbee. It's possible the parents of this 'Sarah Moore' were Ann Hawksbee & Thomas James Moore who married 04 Feb 1850 in Shoreditch but did not have another child until 1864. Then we have this Christening record which muddies the water.

Sarah Moore

England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975



Name:	Sarah Moore
Gender:	Female
Christening Date:	19 Jun 1850
Christening Date (Original):	19 JUN 1850
Christening Place:	SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, SHOREDITCH, LONDON, ENGL AND
Birth Date:	02 Jun 1850
Father's Name:	George Moore
Mother's Name:	Sarah

The Christening place details match those of George Moore & Sarah Lloyd's other children. Further. My feeling is that the Christening record above is for Sarah Moore, child of Ann Hawksbee, BUT some circumstance has occurred that required she be adopted by George & Sarah Moore.

This is a possible explanation that ticks all the boxes.