

Summary of birth dates of Mordecai and Elizabeth's children

Written: 23rd December 2025, by: John Shrimski

As a result of some communication with Gary Luke (descendant of Rebecca Elizabeth Solomon, and active researcher), he provided me with interesting details of the original birth records of Mordecai and Elizabeth's children.

Below, in *italics* is a copy of an email received from him on 20-12-2025

John

Attached are your Mordecai & Elizebeth births from the Births Register of the York Street Synagogue. It's scans of prints I made from a microfilm reader over two decades ago, hence the dotty background noise. A few explanations. Note the screen clip from the NSW BDMs for Sarah with ref: "67/1836 V183667 136" and also note the scrawled number 67 on the Synagogue register. After 1856 when NSW legislated colonial registration of births, deaths & marriages they requested submission from Churches of their registers to be transcribed into government records. The Synagogue registers weren't submitted until the 1870s. As the clerks transcribed each entry they wrote the sequential number of their transcribed entries into the register into that entry. The other number after "No" is the number on that page of the register. Vol.136 is a reference to the microfilm copies of the Registrar's transcriptions - it has York Street burials 1846-1866, Sydney Synagogue births 1826-1867, then York Street Synagogue births 1846-1877.

The first column for Circumcision or Naming is blank for all your births. Date of naming was when named during a Synagogue service. The entries with a date also have a rabbi's name in the last column.

Gary

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Here are the scans Gary sent :

Headings for each entry (later years have the same layout as 1836)

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New South Wales Jewish Births in the Parish of *1836*
in the County of *1836* in the Year *184*, corresponding
with *a. m. 5596* *560*

When Circumcised: <i>or Named</i>	When Born.	Sex.		Parents' Name.	Abode.	Where Born.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Male.	Female.				

Sarah (Ref. 67/1836)

<i>67</i>	<i>1 June</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Mordecai and Elizabeth Solomon</i>	<i>Shawana Shawana</i>		
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Meyer (Ref. 110/1837)

<i>110</i>	<i>9 September</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Mordecai and Elizabeth Solomons</i>			
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Jane (Ref. 127/1838)

<i>127</i>	<i>10 December</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Mordecai and Elizabeth Solomon</i>	<i>Shawana Shawana</i>		
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Henry (Ref. 167/1840)

<i>167</i>	<i>18 September</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Mordecai & Elizabeth Solomon</i>	<i>Sydney Sydney</i>		
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Ellen (Ref. 218/1842)

<i>218</i>	<i>20 July</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Mordecai and Elizabeth Solomon</i>	<i>Sydney Sydney</i>		
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Joseph (Ref. 287/1844)

<i>287</i>	<i>26 July</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Mordecai and Elizabeth Solomons</i>	<i>Sydney Sydney</i>		
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Births Search Results

	Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District	PDF availability
<input type="checkbox"/>	? SOLOMON SARAH	67/1836 V183667 136	MORDECAI	ELIZABETH	ED	Unavailable
<input type="checkbox"/>	? SOLOMON JANE	127/1838 V1838127 136	MORDECAI	ELIZABETH	ED	Unavailable
<input type="checkbox"/>	? SOLOMON HENRY	167/1840 V1840167 136	MORDECAI	ELIZABETH	EA	Readily Available
<input type="checkbox"/>	? SOLOMON ELLEN	218/1842 V1842218 136	MORDECAI	ELIZABETH	EA	Unavailable
<input type="checkbox"/>	? SOLOMON JOSEPH	287/1844 V1844287 136	MORDECAI	ELIZABETH	EA	Unavailable

The above birth records are as a result of a search of the on-line records of the NSW BDM site at <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/> and if you search on births from 1835 to 1850, for surname Solomon and father's first name Mordecai, the above is the result you will get. The results for Meyer, Catherine and Lewis are missing.

The registration numbers line up with the original hand-written entries. There is a facility at the NSW BDM site to search by Registration Number, so I tried 110/1837 for Meyer and a result appeared (see below)

Births Search Results

	Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District	PDF availability
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MEYERS SOLOMON	110/1837 V1837110 136	MORDECAI	ELIZABETH	EA	Unavailable

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His first and last name have been transposed i.e., he has been entered as "Solomon Meyers" instead of "Meyer Solomon.

I have still not been able to locate the birth records (synagogue entries and/or NSW/BDM) for Catherine and Lewis. If anyone has this information please share it.

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Records kept by Ellen Solomon (1842-1894) – 5th child of Mordecai and Elizabeth

At our 2018 Bicentenary Celebration, Keren Wise referred to a "family bible" where important dates were recorded. Later, Keren sent me a copy of a relevant page (I think it was Keren, but not 100% sure), see below.

The image shows a handwritten page from a family bible, with the following text:

Sarah	born	1 st May	1836
Myer	"	9 th September	1837
Jane	"	15 th December	1838
Benny	"	18 th September	1840
Ellen	"	20 th July	1842
Joseph	"	26 th July	1844
Hate	"	21 st October	1846
Louis	"	1 st November	1848

Elizabeth Solomon departed this life
3rd Nov. 1852. 5613.

Nov. 9th Wed. 22 of Keshvan. 1884

Mordecai Solomon departed this life March
1883 2 days in Adar 19th Feb. 1882

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The 1st 6 entries (by Ellen) correspond exactly with the handwritten entries in the Synagogue register. On this basis I suggest that the entries for Catherine (Kate) and Lewis are also correct.

Other points to note

- Gary has noted that there were no remarks in the “circumcision” or “by whom the ceremony was performed” columns. Given that Myer and Henry (see later) were born in Dapto, I would assume that there was no suitable religious person available to perform the circumcision (or naming) ceremony. A naming ceremony for females was probably the custom but none appear in the records. I don't know why.
- Recorded place of birth seems to have some room for discussion.
 - **EA** Represents the code for **Hebrew congregations/records in Sydney**
 - **ED** Represents the code for **Hebrew congregations/records in the Illawarra region**.

Here is a table of “where born” allocations –

Name	Dob	handwritten	NSW BDM	Comments
Sarah	1-5-1836	Illawarra	ED	ok
Myer	9-9-1837	blank	EA	Error ----- born in Illawarra
Jane	10-12-1838	Illawarra	ED	ok
Henry	18-9-1840	Sydney	EA	Error --- I believe he was born in Dapto, which his obituary says. It also ties in with the Abraham Solomons' census
Ellen	20-7-1842	Sydney	EA	ok
Joseph	26-7-1844	Sydney	EA	ok
Catherine	21-10-1846			Sydney
Lewis	1-11-1848			Sydney

Hopefully this is a useful working document.