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1. Leah Friend Herzberg was born in 1852 (tombstone). Our Leah Friend was born 1867 (census). They are not the same Leah Friend.
2. Leah Friend, born in England 1867, emigrated to US 1913, had a son Sam Friend, born in England, widowed 1920, apparently had 5 sisters: Rita, Rose, Anna, Marta, Carrie (Caroline) (Lewis, born in England, mentions Leah Friend and Sam Friend in will)
3. Rita Michelson, had a daughter Sarah Michelson. (Lewis mentions sister-in-law Rita and niece Sarah in will)
4. Anna Sackrider (Lewis mentions sister-in-law Anna in will)
5. Rose Lobell (Leah Friend, widow, lives in house of brother-in-law Joseph Lobell and his wife Rose Lobell --1920 census)
- 5.5 My grandmother Stella Mandelbaum frequently talked with a Flossie LaBelle on the phone (Aunt AnnaLeah)
6. Marta Weber (Lewis Hamburg mentions sister-in-law Marta in will)
7. Caroline (Carrie) Hamburg, wife of Lewis E Hamburg, the undertaker .
8. The father of Lewis Hamburg the undertaker was Ephraim Hambujer (Hamburg) my great grandfather.
9. I have an antique photo of 2 women. On the back is written in pencil: "Chicago June 14/95 To darling Leopold from your aunties Rose and Ritta". Leopold Hambujer died shortly after at age 17 (or 20-22) of consumption (Tb). Leopold was brother to Lewis Hamburg the undertaker and my grandmother Estella Hamburg Mandelbaum. I now, after puzzling over this photo for 50 years, I believe at last I have identified aunties Rose and Rita...see above.)
10. The remaining mystery is who was the husband of Leah Friend born in 1867 that gave her the married last name Friend? If she was married at age 20 that would be 1887. What male Friend was age 21-30 in 1887. Max Friend was born 1860, so in 1887, Max was 27, when Leah was 20. That fits except Leah claimed she was a widow in 1920. What male Friend died before 1920 to make Leah Friend a widow? Or was there a secret Max-Leah divorce?