

INTRODUCTION

EPHRAIM HAMBUJER

Ephraim is pronounced ē'frēum or ē'frum according to the Random House Dictionary. It means "very fruitful" in Hebrew.

If the name Hambujer was originally Hamburger, it is possible that his parents were citizens of the city Hamburg about the year 1800 when all Jews were required to adopt last names. Hamburg is a city on the Elbe River in Germany, in the northwestern part of the country near the Netherlands. Hamburg was in the Kingdom of Hanover until 1866 when Hanover became part of Prussia. Ref.: Historical Atlas; C.S. Hammond Co. The name Hambujer is pronounced Hambyujer.

What follows is the biography of a remarkable man; he was a very successful professional magician, a land speculator, and an inventor with more than 33 patents to his credit. He was father to 11 children, all of them upstanding and successful in their own right. He lived from 1826 in Prussia, to 1850-1859 in England, then emigrated to New York, then Detroit, then Chicago, and died in 1913 at the age of 86. The following are the photographs, biography, documents, patents, and family groups he left.