

DAVID MANDELBAUM  
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DAVID MANDELBAUM is important to the story of the Chicago Mandelbaums because he was undoubtedly a brother of Daniel, the father of Aaron, and started a large family with many relationships to those of Daniel's lineage.

David Mandelbaum was born in Gehaus, Sachsen-Weimar, Germany, Dec. 13, 1816 and died Sept. 27, 1894 in Chicago, according to the gravestone inscription at Free Sons of Israel Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill. He was thus almost 78 years old, although his death certificate mistakenly states he was 67 yrs. & 10 months. His occupation was listed as "clothing cutter" and he had lived in the state of Illinois "25 yrs." This would mean that he moved to Illinois about 1869, which is probably true because the 5th child of David was born in Illinois and the one prior, the 4th, was born in Ohio.

His wife was Amelia (Gravestone inscription: In memory of David, beloved husband of Amelia.). On the same stone is repeated her name, AMELIA, born Dec. 3, 1832, Died Dec. 5, 1903.

The first mention of David Mandelbaum in the Chicago City Directory was in 1878 (p. 706) where he was listed as a cutter, living at 85 West Randolph street.

According to David Hale Mandelbaum (now age 76) of Chicago, son of Benjamin F. Mandelbaum and grandson of David Mandelbaum of Gehaus, David the elder was married twice. He and his first wife had two children, Sarah and Isaac.

SARAH MANDELBAUM, born about 1846, married ELIAS JOEL. Sarah died in Chicago and was buried about Oct. 15, 1921 at Free Sons Cemetery beside her husband Elias, who died Feb. 10, 1903. The last name listed for billing was ESTHER NOBLE. Esther is assumed to be "Essie" Noble. Sarah Joel was known as a cousin to Aaron Mandelbaum by David Noble, her grandson (phone interview).

ESSIE JOEL was PAULINE SIMON before adoption by the Joels. She married Ed Noble. Ed died about 1941; Essie died about 1951. Their children were David Noble, born 1901, of Chicago; Amy who lives in Phoenix, Ariz.; and Dorothy, of Cleveland, Ohio. (Ref.: Dave Noble.)

ISAAC MANDELBAUM (IKE), second child of David, was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1850, according to the 1880 census of Chicago. His wife was Carrie, born in Bavaria, who died Dec. 21, 1928 and is buried at Free Sons. Their children were Bella Rehor, born 1878 in Ill., d. 6/6/32, buried at Free Sons; Emma, died age 3 months, Sept. 6, 1881; Martha, born 1876 in Ill., died of Diphtheria 10/14/1885; Hattiel; Eva, born 1875; and Jacob Mandelbaum, born 1879. (Note that Jacob D. Mandelbaum was only 2-3 years older than this cousin of the same name.) (Ref.: a. 1880 census; b. David H. Mandelbaum; c. Free Sons Cem.)

Between 1850 and 1861, David married a second time to Amelia (Emilie, Emelia). Their first child was the 3rd of David; MYER R. MANDELBAUM, born 1861 (acc. to 1880 census). Myer died 6/5/1899, is buried at Free Sons.

The 4th child of F David Mandelbaum and Amelia was Benjamin F. Mandelbaum, born in 1865 in Canton, Ohio, was raised in the Masons in Apollo Lodge, died Feb. 22, 1915 in Chicago, buried at Free Sons. Middle name is Franklyn. His first wife was \_\_\_\_\_Abrams, died in childbirth. The child Abraham was adopted, became Abraham Franklin. The second wife of Benjamin was Hanna Breslauer, died age 72, buried at Free Sons Dec. 24, 1946. The children of Benjamin and Hanna were Bertha (Birdie), born 1893, now living in La Jolla, Calif, married Milton Rich; and David Hale Mandelbaum, born Nov. 5, 1898 in Chicago, married Mildred \_\_\_\_\_, who live at 331 Diversey Parkway, Chicago; phone 935-2099. (Ref.: David H. Mandelbaum.)

The 5th child of David Mandelbaum and Amelia was LOUIS MANDELBAUM. According to Dave Noble, Ike Mandelbaum's daughter BELL married FRANK REHOR. When Bell died, Frank married MAME \_\_\_\_\_. Then Frank Rehor died, and his wife Mame married LOUIS MANDELBAUM, the son of David. Louis was born in Ill. in 1870, died Jan. 24, 1930.

LENA MANDELBAUM, the 6th child of David, daughter of Amelia, was born in 1872, in Ill., married a Mr. MOST, died Oct. 30, 1911, is buried at Free Sons.

DORA, 7th child of David, 5th child of Amelia, was born 1875 in Illinois, married LOUIS UNGER. Dora died Jan. 15, 1943; her husband Louis died May 17, 1947. Both are buried in the family plot (D-48) at Free Sons of Israel Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill. The name of MAMIE FINKELSTEIN appears off the cemetery ledger as the person responsible for bills.

According to David Hale Mandelbaum, Mame and Belle Finkelstein lived with Dora and Louis Unger for many years and were related as cousins. The mother of Mame and Belle, Jennie Finkelstein, was remembered as a probable first cousin of David's father, Benjamin Mandelbaum. Therefore, this is indirect evidence that Jennie's father was a brother to David the elder.

David Hale Mandelbaum knows the children of Jake and Estella Mandelbaum well and recognizes them as cousins. He also knows May Bloom and Irma Weil as relatives.

The conclusion that there are 3 distinct Mandelbaum lines in Chicago seems established: 1. The line of Daniel through Aaron. 2. The line of David through Sarah, Isaac, Benjamin, Meyer, Louis, and Dora. 3. The line of an unknown Mandelbaum who was father to Lena, the wife of Aaron, Jennie Finkelstein, Solomon, Simon, Rosa Koblentzer, and ~~xxxx~~ Julia. Three other Mandelbaum lines in Chicago exist, but no connection has yet been found: 1. Samuel, b. 1834; 2. Henry, b. 1820; and 3. Max, b.?. Another Mandelbaum, Richard, who died 1900, father of Lester and Irving, is either a 4th unknown line or an offshoot of one of the previous 6 lines.