

## The Kyezor Family - Interesting Facts

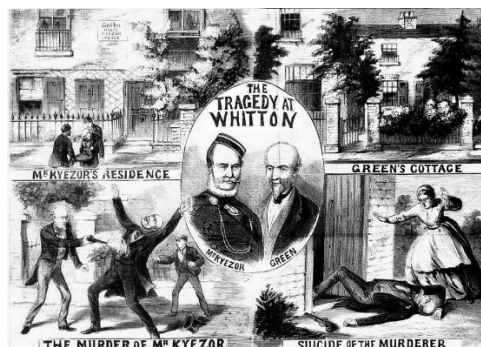
Thanks to one of my contacts (Keira Lockyer in Australia) I now know that the correct, original spelling of this name is KYEZOR. In censuses, BMD records and other documents it was frequently written incorrectly or they changed it so that it sounded less Germanic. Some of the incorrect spellings are Kyesor, Kyeser, Keyzor, Keysor, Keyser, Keyzer and one branch of the family changed their name to Kingsley.

On two occasions in census records this name was actually transcribed as Reysor & Heyzor which may explain why I haven't found some people, yet. In the 1881 census Fanny Keyzor was actually transcribed as Fanny Riggie. To save a bit of confusion I've entered them all as they were in the document unless it is wrong like Reysor.

The first member of the Kyezor family to appear in England was a David, born possibly in the 1720s, probably in Germany. He was a Silversmith who had a business in Cambridge and was listed in the Cambridge Directory of 1792. He had at least one son who was called Isaac, he was born abroad and he was a watchmaker, he married a Hannah Levy/Levi, the daughter of Moses Levy/Levi and their daughter Elizabeth's birth is registered in the Great Synagogue records as being born in July 1792 in Cambridge. After Elizabeth, Isaac and Hannah had at least 7 other children by 1813.

The first Kyezor, that we know a lot about, was Louis Kyezor, born in 1796, in Cambridge.

He was known as 'The King of Whitton', where he was a major land owner/landlord owning, by 1869, over 30 properties including 26 houses, 7 cottages and the Prince Albert Beer House. He lived at 1 Gotha House near the junction with Vicarage Rd (demolished 1972).



In 1869, Louis Kyezor was murdered by Thomas Hydon Green, a man who was on a Victorian 'Witness Protection Scheme' as he gave evidence on the 'Cato Street Conspiracy'. Obviously, the Kyezors are a fascinating family and I hope to learn more about them, in future.

There is a site with information about the life of Louis Kyezor at <http://www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/Community/doncaster/kyezor.htm>. Also, Keira Lockyer, Louis Kyezor's great great great granddaughter, the lady in Australia, has done a huge amount of research on the Kyezors and she has written books.



**Leonard Keysor VC**  
**(Photo courtesy of: the VC historian Richard Arman)**

Leonard Keysor (1885-1951) who was awarded the VC (Victoria Cross) while serving with the Australian Imperial Forces, following the battle of Lone Pine, Gallipoli in 1915. Leonard's father, Benjamin Kyezor changed the spelling of the family name to Keyzor in 1890 and Leonard was awarded the VC under the name of Leonard Keyzor. However, the official gazette announcement misspelt his name as Keysor and so Leonard changed his name to Keysor by deedpoll in 1920.



On the face of this clock, it states that the maker was L. Kyezor at 26 Tottenham Court Road, London.



This is 4 Jessie Cottage, Kyezor's Place now 82 Hounslow Road. The name was uncovered during refurbishment works. It was built 1850-51.

In the 1911 census Sophia Rebecca Kyezor (1888 – N/K) is a housemaid in the licensed premises of Frank Henry Hardy. Mr. Hardy is a Licensed Victualler and he is there with his wife and 2 young children. Unfortunately, Mrs. Hardy died during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1911 (see below). It is a bit suspicious that Mr. Hardy married Sophia Kyezor in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1912 (see below).

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1911 District Kensington Vol. 1a Page 204**

Rosa M M E Hardy died (age 32)

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1912 District Stroud Vol. 6a Page 833**

Sophia Keyser married Frank H Hardy

Baron Isaac Keyzor married Hannah Henson in 1887. I haven't found them in the 1891 Census but in 1898 he sued her for a divorce due to her adultery with Gustav Bernhard Nassauer. The divorce was made final on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1900.

I have found 2 marriage entries for Hannah Henson and Gustav Bernhard Nassauer, the first entry was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 1898, which was before her marriage was dissolved, therefore, she committed bigamy. The 2<sup>nd</sup> entry was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 1900 so it must have occurred straight after the final dissolution of the marriage.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1898 District Paddington Vol. 1a Page 130**

Di Henson married Gustav Bernhard Nassauer

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1900 District Kensington Vol. 1a Page 404**

Diamond Hannah Keyzor married Gustav Bernhard Nassauer

(Hannah was also entered as Diamond Hannah Henson, her maiden name)

Louis Kyezor (1832 – 1887) and his wife Julia Kyezor (nee Joseph, 1834 – 1917) had an amazing 16 children according to Julia's entry on the 1911 Census, but sadly 9 of them died. Unfortunately, I only know about 11 of their children, I would like to know the names and details of the other 5.

As shown below, on the 1911 Census Isaac Keyzor (1848 – 1935) and his wife Bessie Keyzor (nee Edwards, 1863 – N/K) were living in Mitcham, Surrey with 2 women who are down as Isaac's Stepdaughters. The first Stepdaughter was Mary Ann Cogan, born 1881 in Finsbury Park. It is interesting to note that in the 1921 Census Isaac and Bessie are still living in the same house with a daughter called Popsey Keyzor, who was born in 1881 in Finsbury Park.

Are Mary Ann Cogan and Popsey Keyzor the same person?

### **1911 Census**

**Living in 13 Sibthorpe Villas, London Road, Mitcham, Surrey** (RG14PN35 RG78PN1 RD1 SD1 ED35 SN383)

Isaac Keyzor b: 1848, Norwich, Norfolk

Agent

Wife: Bessie Keyzor (Edwards) b: 1863, Ipswich, Suffolk

Dress Maker

(Married 18 years, 0 children born 0 died)

Stepdaughter: Mary Ann Cogan b: 1881, Finsbury Park, London

Assistant Dress Maker

Stepdaughter: Constance Edwards b: 1885, Finsbury Park, London

### **1921 Census**

**Living in 13 Sibthorpe Terrace, Mitcham, Surrey**

(RG15 Piece No. 03569 Schedule No. 44 District Ref. RD 39 RS 6 ED 37)

Isaac Keyzor b: 1848, Norwich, Norfolk

Traveller Carry Fibre & C

Wife: Bessie Keyzor (Edwards) b: 1861, Ipswich, Suffolk

Dress Maker

Daughter: Popsey Keyzor b: 1881, Finsbury Park, London

Dress Makers Assistant

In the 1921 Census (see below) George Keyzor (1857 – 1924) is living in Paddington with his wife and son but their son Alan George (1889 – N/K) is using the surname Kaye and George's wife Adele is using

both names. Alan may have decided to change his name so that it did not sound so Germanic during the war. George died in 1924 and Alan and his mother are both using the surname Kaye in the 1939 Register.

NAME and SURNAME:— <small>of every person who is alive at midnight on the night of Sunday, 24th April 1921, and who, whether as member of the family or as visitor, boarder or servant in the household or establishment,—</small> (1) person that night in the dwelling of the household or establishment, or (2) arrives and is received into the household or establishment on the morning of Monday, 25th April, not having already been enumerated elsewhere. <small>No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back hereof.)</small>	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household. <small>State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Mother," "Son," "Daughter," "Step-son," or other relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant." (See Instruction No. 1.)</small>	AGE. <small>In years and months. For infants under one month write "Under one month." (See Examples.)</small>	SEX. <small>If male write "M," if female write "F." For children and girls write "Both Sexes" if both parents be alive. "Father Dead" if mother be dead; or "Both Dead" if both parents be dead.</small>	MARRIAGE or ORPHANHOOD. <small>For persons aged 15 and over write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or if marriage dissolved by divorce write "D.V."</small>	BIRTHPLACE and BIRTH DATE. <small>(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County and of the Town or Parish. (2) If born outside the United Kingdom, write the name of the Country, and of the State, Province or District, or "At Sea." (3) If born at Sea, write "At Sea."</small>
1 George Heygon	head	62   1	M	married	London Marylebone
2					
3 ALAN KAYE	SON	32   2	M	SINGLE	LONDON MARYLEBONE
4 Adile (Kaye) <sup>(Heygon)</sup>	Mother	49   5	F	married	Liverpool
5 Lilien Hastings Maddick	boarder	21   9	F	married	Sheffield

Extract from the 1921 Census