The Michaels Family - Interesting Facts

In 1921 Henry Michaels (1894 – 1990) married Ada Eidelman (1898 – N/K). In the 1939 Register Henry is alone living in Hendon and his record says he is a widower, but I cannot find a death entry for his wife. I found a tree on Ancestry that said Ada died in 1993 but I haven't been able to find that record. I also, cannot find Ada in the 1939 Register.

In the 3rd Quarter of 1871 two Michaels infants, both aged 1 year, died. I wondered whether they had died of the same thing as there had been a significant smallpox epidemic at that time so I sent off for their death certificates. Neither of these girls died of smallpox, one died of Rubeola (Measles) with Pneumonia and the other died of Tubercular Meningitis. These 2 girls were first cousins and both families lived in Spitalfields so I presume they knew each other and I hope the families provided support for each other to get through their grief.

3rd Quarter 1871 District Whitechapel Vol. 1c Page 218
Sophia Michaels died (aged 1)

3rd Quarter 1871 District Whitechapel Vol. 1c Page 219
Amelia Michaels died (aged 1)

Mark Michaels (1895 – 1945) and his brother Samuel Michaels (1898 – 1973) both got married during the 4th Quarter of 1918, in fact as the reference numbers for their marriage entries are the same, they may have got married together. The way to determine this would be to get copies of their marriage certificates.

4th Quarter 1918 District Mile End Vol. 1c Page 597
Mark Michaels married Janey Laybofski

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Samuel Michaels married Frances Levy

In 1884 Humphrey Michaels (1860 – 1945) married Sarah Denot (1864 – 1940) and in 1889 Humphrey's sister Esther Michaels (1870 – 1942) married Marcus Moses De Nat (1861 – 1933). Although their surnames were spelt differently in the marriage records, I believe that Sarah and Marcus were brother and sister.

4th Quarter 1884 District London C. Vol. 1c Page 149
Humphrey Michaels married Sarah Denot

2nd Quarter 1889 District Mile End Vol. 1c Page 923
Esther Michaels married Mark Moses De Nat

I wish that today's family historians, like me, could travel back in time to tell our ancestors how difficult they make things for us by using the same names over and over again. For example, in the 4th Quarter of 1883 two Simon Michaels got married. They both married women whose first name was Esther. One was Esther Kohn and the other was Esther Levy. I had to obtain the marriage certificate of one of them

to check the father's name to make sure I put the wives, and therefore children, on the correct lines of the tree.

4th Quarter 1883 District London City Vol. 1c Page 135
Simon Michaels married Esther Kohn

4th Quarter 1883 District London City Vol. 1c Page 140
Sim Michaels married Esther Levy

Sometimes we family historians come across very sad cases in our research and I found one such example in the Michaels. Moses Michaels (1839 – 1874) seemed to be a very ordinary person who was a Hat Maker who married in 1857. He seemed to be an ordinary person raising a fairly large family of 8 children, although one of them, Sophia, died when she was only 1 in 1871, but something happened to him which meant he was admitted to a Lunatic Asylum in September 1873 where he sadly died in November 1874, aged only 41.

His death certificate said his cause of death was 'Found dead – Convulsions fit arising from paralysis'.

UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912

Name:	Moses Michaels
Gender:	Male
Record Type:	Admission
Admission Date:	25th September 1873
Institution:	Bethnal
Institution Place:	London, England
Death Date:	7th November 1874
Death Place:	London, England

4th Quarter 1874 District Bethnal Green Vol. 1c Page 194 (entered as Michoels)
Moses Michaels died (aged 41)