

## Basic Primary Sources for Gelles and Griffel Genealogy

### Edward Gelles

(gathered before 2003)

#### Gelles

- 1 **Edward Gelles** - Birth Certificate –  
Geburtsurkunde issued by the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Vienna.  
Eduard Gelles Date of birth 24 November 1927.  
Parents : Dr. David Itzig Gelles (Rechtsanwalt) and Regina, geb. Griffel
- 2 **Edward Gelles**,  
Confirmation of British Naturalisation of 9 October 1953, included in my  
father's certificate of naturalization No. BZ 3973 dated 29 April 1948
- 3 **Parents Marriage Certificate-**  
Heiratsurkunde issued by the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Vienna (copy dated 21  
August 1964) confirming the marriage on 18 August 1921 at the Stadt Tempel  
Vienna of **David Itzig Gelles**, Rechtsanwalt, born Kurdynce 24 December 1883 to  
**Regina Griffel**, born Nadworna 18 March 1900, the respective parents of groom and  
bride being given as Nuchem Ira Gelles & Ester geb. Weinstein and Dawid Mendel  
Griffel & Chawy geb. Wahl.
- 4 **Dr. David Gelles** –  
University of Vienna - Degree of Doctor Juris, 13 November 1915
- 5 **Dr. David Gelles** – Testimonial signed by Professor Joseph Schumpeter, 4 July 1912
- 6,7 **Dr. David Gelles** – Certificates - Admission to Advocates List issued by  
Oberlandesgericht Vienna 30 December 1916
- 8 **Dr. David Gelles** – Death Certificate-  
Sterbeurkunde issued by Standesamt Vienna recording the death of Dr. David Gelles  
of Vienna 1, Stubenring 14 on 20 August 1964
- 9 Death certificate issued by British Consulate-general Vienna recording death of the  
above and his British Naturalisation Certificate No. BZ 3973 issued 29 April 1948
- 10 Letter from the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Vienna dated 29 November 1999 re  
**Dr. David Gelles**, his death on 20 August 1964 and details of his burial at Vienna  
Central cemetery ( T4/0200/001/021),

and also details of his brother **Dr. Max Gellis**- date of birth 25 March 1897 and date of death 26 March, 1973 in Tel Aviv.

- 11 **Dr. David Gelles** –  
Obituary of Dr. David Gelles. “Zum Gedenken an Dr. David Gelles”, in the newspaper *Heruth*, 4 September 1964
- 12 **Dr. Lotte Kallman geb. Gelles** – my father’s youngest sister  
Copy of the Doctor Juris Certificate for Dr. Lotte Kallmann, nee Gelles dated 21 December 1921
- 13,14 Copies of letters dated March 1941 and 23 June 1948 from my mother’s cousin, Nathan Loew of New York, addressed to the American Consul General London relating to his offer of affidavits, and bearing on the tragedy of my brother **Ludwig Friedrich Gelles, born in Vienna on 3 June 1922**
- 15,16 Letters from Dr. Peter Trawnicek dated 31 October 1999 concerning the inscription on the tombstone of Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles, and also dated 25 November 1999 **about the book on Austrian Company Law written by Dr. Max Gellis**
- 17 **Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles** - death record of my grandfather  
Letter from the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde dated 20 October 1999 concerning the death of Nahum Uri Gelles, born Narayow 18 February 1852 and died Vienna on 18 November 1934
- 18,19 **Rabbi Nahum Uri Gelles** - birth record  
from the Register of Births 1839-186 for Narayow, Austrian Galicia, 12 February 1852, to Dawid Gelis and Sura
- 20 Letter from Juedisches Museum Wien dated 10 October 2001 concerning the Tora Mantle in the collection of the museum which was originally presented to the **Eisenstadt Synagogue by their Vorsteher, Rabbi Ahron Ber Gelles and his wife Feila** on the occasion of their son Morcecai’s Bar-Mitzvah on 20 February 1858. (For Ahron Ber Gelles of Loreto, see also Wachstein)
- 21 Extracts from the Vital and Property Records of Brody

## Griffel

- 1 **Regina Griffel**.- my mother's burial record -  
Records of the Jewish Cemetary in Streatham, London, S.W.  
born Nadworna, Austria, 18 March 1900.  
Date of death 10 June 1954. Row E 20, Grave 10  
(Telephone contact with office : 7724-8121)
- 2 **Eliezer Griffel** – birth record of my maternal great-grandfather  
Nadworna Birth Records 1850-1865 supplied by Rabbi Moshe Leib Kolesnik of  
Stanislau, the most important item being the birth record of my great-grandfather  
Eliezer Griffel on 26 March 1850 to David and Taube Griffel  
including 8 sheets of records with Eliezer's birth recorded on page 1.
- 3 **David Menel Griffel** – birth record of my grandfather  
Nadworna Birth Records obtained from the Warsaw State Archives-  
on the first of 3 sheets is the record of birth of my grandfather David Mendel Griffel  
on 2 November 1875 to Leiser and Sara Griffel
- 4 Memorial List from Nadworna translated from the Yiddish by Ada Greenblatt
- 5 Letter from the United States Holocaust Museum dated 4 October 2001 stating that  
the death of **my grandparents David Mendel Griffel and Chawa Wahl** could not  
be traced. An earlier enquiry at Yad Vashem had also drawn a blank.
- 6 Search for GRIFFEL under Krakow on the Internet. (3 sheets)
- 7 Nadworna birth records for some of Leiser and Sara Griffel's children on the  
Internet (3 sheets) and death records 1868-1892 (1 sheet)
- 8 Descendants of David Mendel Griffel (the father of Eliezer Griffel) prepared by my  
cousin Boruch ben Shmuel Schmelke ben Isaac Chaim Griffel of Jerusalem
- 9 The 1935 Stanislawow Address Book. An Extract.
- 10 Nadwornor Gravestones from Baron Hirsch Cemetary, Staten Island, New York  
from the Internet:  
**my uncle, Edward Griffel (Isaac Chaim ben David Menachem)**  
died 8 February 1959 - Age 54 years,  
husband of Susan, died 22 June 1978, Age 67 years, wife of Edward, beloved  
wife and devoted mother  
**my uncle, Zygmunt Griffel**, died 16 May 1951, Age 53

- 11 A Passport application by **David Mendel Griffel, a son of my great-uncle Isaac Chaim Griffel**, supported by a letter from his father on headed notepaper and dated Stansilawow 18 Septemeber 1924.
- 12 A lecture and some notes on the family by my second cousin **Andrew Griffel, son of Rabbi Henry Griffel**.
- 13 The tragic murder of Andrew's wife, Anita Griffel, in October 1985, as reported on the Internet, and the courage of his daughter, Tali
- 14 A note on our **cousin Yigal Griffel, acting mayor of Tel Aviv in 1979**
- 15,16,17 Interesting tables of distant Griffel cousins prepared by David S. Goldstein (related by marriage) including a Viennese branch.
- 18 Letter from the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Vienna dated 13 December 1999 regarding **Dr. Jacob Griffel and his wife**
- 19 An extract from the Jewish Community Records of GRIFFELS buried in Vienna
- 20 A rough sketch of distant family connections made by the late Shmuel Schmelke Griffel including the suggestion of Raw Leizer Neches of Lemberg as an ancestor around 1709, leading via Raw Jacob Leib of Lemberg (1772) to Meier Leib Griffel (1828).
- 21 Title Page of a Book "Toratho Shel Shem" by Rabbi Solomon Michael Neches Jerusalem 1930, followed by a note on the Neches ancestry
- 22 **Eric Griffel** –  
Birth certificate of my first cousin Eric Griffel born Cracow 15. July 1930
- 23 Birth certificate for **Diana Margaret Griffel** born London 27. 10. 1943