Help is wanted with the following;

I have two interesting entries from the GRO (General Registry Office) records that always puzzled me;

Cyril E and Edward Minny extracted from the consular birth register dated 1922. The GRO references are Vol 10 215 & 216.

The GRO website (http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/research/searchingforoverseasrecords/index.asp#0) states that registering birth, marriages and deaths with them from these overseas locations was not compulsory. It could be that these births occurred some time before 1922.

The spelling of the surname intrigued me as well as the odd location.

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Hugo Minney, the grandson of Rubeigh James Minney (R J was born Calcutta 29th Aug 1895) supplied the following;

R J Minney's father was Joseph Rubyn Minney, born in Hong Kong in 1870. Joseph wed Esthere Mayohas whose family were Sephardic Jews from Spain. Joseph was born a cripple and did not walk until 19 years old. Joseph was the youngest of three. When Joseph's parents died they left him their money. This caused a rift and one of Joseph's brothers changed his name to Minny and he had at least one son named Cyril. This family migrated to Australia after 1945.

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The following has been very kindly supplied by Leanne Minny;

"From the Rivers of Babylon to the Whangpoo - A Century of Sephardi Jewish Life in Shanghai" written by Maisie J Meyer in 2003 has the following references to the Minny family;

Page 91-92 The weddings recorded in the North-China Herald and Israel's Messenger make interesting reading....Leah Benjamin to Cyril Minney in 1932. (This is Michael's grandparents)

Page 115 The community reacted strongly to an article in The Celestial Empire in January 1893 entitled "Jerusalem Jews" which referred to the nuisance caused by some women, who as it turned out were in fact not Jewish, begging in the foreign enclave. Cyril Minny recorded that it reflected great discredit on the Jewish community of Shanghai "who have in almost every instance on the arrival of any needy Jewish families looked to their wants with a private subscription amongst themselves" (Not sure of the Cyril referred to here as our Cyril was not born until 1898)

Page 126 - talks about the new Jewish school in Shanghai completed at the end of 1930. One of the main contributors was the Edward Minny Trust Fund. (This is probably Michaels dad's Uncle Edward who he was named after)

Page 233 Solomon Ruben Minny gravestone 1866-1827 (This is Michael's grandfather - the gravestone actually has the dates 1866 to 1822. He was born in Hong Kong and died in Shanghai)

The Israel's Messenger
1 Dec 1930 page 9 –
report on Edward Minny 30 years old who fell from a pony

2 Sep 1932 page 6 - Marriage of Leah Benjamin and Cyril Minny

Interned at Weihsien Internment Camp by the Japanese May 1943 to Aug 1945 were the following Minny family: From official records
Moselle Minny (maiden name Gatton) - born 29 November 1879 Baghdad - British citizen - mother of Cyril Ezekiel Minny - born 14 November 1898 Shanghai - British citizen
Leah Lillian Minny (maiden name Benjamin) born 28 February 1912 Shanghai - British citizen - wife of Cyril.

From our records Cyril's children; Moselle Hazel Minny, Edward Ronald Minny, June Flora Minny were also interned Anthony Raymond Minny was born in the camp in 1944.

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Interesting article on Lost Jewish Graves in Shanghai;
http://www.shanghaijewishmemorial.com/asianwallstreet.htm
They list Solomon's gravestone and possibly Ester Minny as well.
And another;
http://www.cityweekend.com.cn/en/beijing/features/2002_07/Travel_ShanghaiGrave

Article on history of Jews in Iraq;
http://www.bjcny.org/our.htm

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I will add this to the website along with an Excel report on Minneys recorded in India. Apart from the two entries mentioned for Shanghai I have no other entries in the database for China and none for Iraq.

Leanne Minny (mlminny3@optusnet.com.au) and myself would love to hear from those of you with lineage to India and Shanghai, particularly if you have any other information to add, whether it's anecdotal or fact.

Best wishes
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