

**Family of Lisa Sheridan, royal photographer, and her cousin Phyllis Hiller, actress**

Arnold Budenberg was born 26/12/1824 in Hanover, Germany (IGI). He emigrated from Germany in the 1850s as an industrial revolution entrepreneur and he helped develop a steam gauge which greatly cut down the number of industrial accidents caused by steam boilers exploding.

The Budenberg gauges were used by British warships in both the First & Second World Wars and the company was only sold off in the last twenty years after being run by the family in all that time.

Arnold died on 27/11/1890 in Stockport aged 66 after 2½ years in the Lunatic Asylum with cerebral disease

**Christian Friedrich BUDENBERG**  
b. 1786, Germany

**Johanne Catherina Caroline SEEGER**  
b. 1790, Germany

**Arnold Friedrich Ottomar BUDENBERG**  
b. 1824, Hanover  
d. 1890, Stockport

**Juliane Wilhelmine (Minna) LÜDECKE**  
b. 1839, Germany  
d. 1869, Chorlton

Juliane died on 14/2/1869 in Chorlton, following childbirth.

After Juliane's death, Arnold was remarried on 5/2/1871 to Johanne Dorothea Schmeiding in Evangelisch, Buende, Westfalen, Preussen. Johanne was born in Buende in 1844.

There were several surviving children from this second marriage:

Anna Budenberg (1871)  
Arnold Frederick Budenberg (1873)  
Ernst Ferdinand Budenberg (1877)  
Charles Otto Budenberg (1880).

Johanne died on 11/5/1923 in Chorlton, aged 79.

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**Acknowledgement**

Much of the information on this chart has come from my contacts Tony Reeve \* and Jonathan ffrench, grandsons, respectively of Lisa and Phyllis

\* See far right for a note about Tony Reeve



Photograph of Lisa Sheridan from her autobiography "From Cabbages to Kings"

**Lisa Sheridan**  
royal photographer 'Studio Lisa'

**Lisa's family in 1901**

1901 census RG13-644-96-18      8 Quadrant Road, Croydon St Saviour, Surrey.

Gottlieb W. EVERTH, head, married, age 40, merchant & agent, born Germany (German subject).  
Henny EVERTH, wife, age 33, born Manchester, Lancs.  
Walter EVERTH, son, age 9, born Magdeburg, Germany.  
Lisa EVERTH, daur, age 7, born Kew, Surrey.  
Emily CLAYTON, serv, age 26, general servant (domestic), born Islington, London.

**Reminiscences from Jonathan ffrench**

Lisa and my grandmother Phyllis Hiller were first cousins and great friends, particularly when they both lived in London in the 20s. At this time Phyllis, who had been to ADA, had worked for the Beggars Opera Company and became stage manageress at the Lyric Hammersmith. So they had a lot in common !

Phyllis married my grandfather in 1929 and gave up the stage to live in Newcastle and have kids. Phyllis told me many stories about Lisa when I was a child which is how I know the correct pronunciation of her name ("Leezah" with equal stress on both syllables). Unfortunately I don't actually remember any of the stories ! They did look incredibly alike though ! It is very possible that the picture below was taken by Lisa !!!



Photograph of Phyllis Hiller supplied by Jon ffrench

**Phyllis's family in 1901**

1901 census RG13-3672-115-26      Oakholme Albert Rd, Withington, Lancashire

Edward G. HILLER, head, married, age 38, civil & electrical engineer, born Manchester, Lancs.  
Adolphina HILLER, wife, age 34, born Manchester, Lancs.  
Arnold H. HILLER, son, age 10, born Chorlton-c-Hdy, Lancs.  
Eric A. HILLER, son, age 8, born Chorlton-c-Hdy, Lancs.  
Phyllis M. HILLER, daur, age 3, born Chorlton-c-Hdy, Lancs.  
Elsie BREVVY, serv, single, age 21, governess, born Heston Chapel, Lancs.  
Jane HALL, serv, single, age 29, general servant domestic, born Wolverhampton, Staffs.  
Bessie D'ARCY, serv, single, age 19, housemaid domestic, born Ireland.

**Phyllis Hiller**  
actor and stage manager

**TONY REEVE**

Tony Reeve died in 2008. He was the son of Lisa's elder daughter Jill. A few months before he died, he sent me the following e-mail. Apart from the removal of a couple of paragraphs and correction of some typos, the text below is as Tony sent it, dated 15th November 2007.

Let's start with names. Jimmy Mec was born in Osaka, Japan, where his Russian father worked in his brother's business, victualling the Russian fleet. The family was originally Jewish and renounced the faith in the pogroms in the late 19th century. As jews their life was very different from many Jews who live in the "Pail" - Latvia and Lithuania. The company also victualled the Tsar's yacht, the *Standart*. Jimmy's father died when Jimmy was young, and he was adopted by his uncle, moving to St Petersburg. It's worth mentioning that I, and all male descendants of the family, have the freedom of the city of St Petersburg - though what good it serves me I have yet to discern.

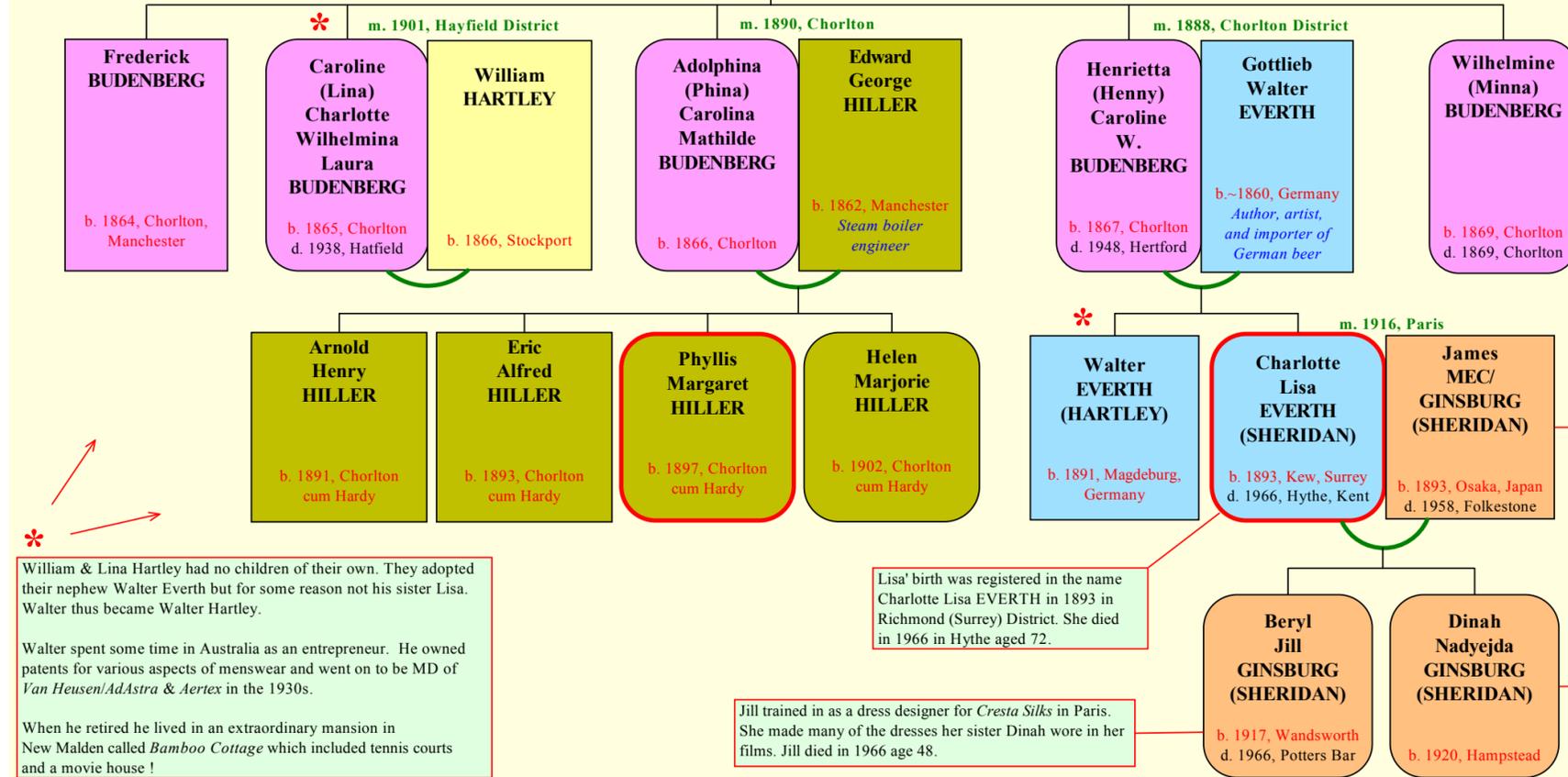
In the first world war Jimmy fought the Germans, and I was told that he was gassed and buried alive three times, which caused him much discomfort and he never really recovered all his life. He met Lisa when she was driving ambulances for the Allies at the time, and they married in Paris. While there Lisa fell pregnant (I believe that, for reasons not known, they had then changed their name to Ginsburg, according to my mother) and they decided to move to England - the reason being that if my mother was born in France if she had been a boy then French call up would have been obligatory wherever they lived in the world. She was nearly born in the street outside Holloway prison, but in the end the family ended up living in Castle House, Broadstairs - it was there that Jill and later Dinah went to school. By then the family had adopted the name Sheridan, which they picked from a telephone directory with a pin.

The bathroom picture only tells one small part of the story of that room; my mother always told me that Castle House, being a venerable property in the town centre, just off the High Street, originally had no bathroom, and it was built as a upstairs extension, supported by a "trestle" arrangement hanging on one side. The story she told was that my grandmother was in the bath, and my grandfather was playing the goat, dancing about with a towel wrapped around him in the room. The whole floor crashed to the ground, and, fortunately, they were both all right - but my mother said the two of them then tried to wake her up by tossing pebbles at her bedroom window - while they stood in the street sharing one small towel! Another story my mother used to tell was of the hours they used to spend wandering through the shops of the town looking for photogenic carrots; the idea of taking pictures of the raw products was a new venture, as all other catering photography consisted of pictures of completed dishes, cakes, etc.

The story of the pictures of the York family is well documented in the book, as was the move to Welwyn Garden City; the only thing I would mention is that I think you may have been mistaken about the dentist - I recall I could hear his drill when I stood in my grandmother's garden at 14 Parkway (which, in my childhood boasted a flagpole on the roof - with instructions from Buckingham Palace as to when the flag had to be flown - and a royal crest made by my father - these appear in the picture in the book). Dinah and Jimmy Hanley married and at the beginning of their married life lived in the "Wendy House" at the end of the garden of 14 Parkway - and the garage was extended backwards to make the studio and dark room - the studio had French windows which opened on to the garden, which were used in many pictures. The area outside the French windows had two or more cherry trees; I used to pick the cherries for my grandfather, as he was colour blind, and couldn't see them !

My mother, at the time Dinah was training as an actress, was undergoing a course of training in dress design at Cresta Silks in Paris - she was later to use these skills when she made all the dresses that Dinah wore in *Where No Vultures Fly*. My father and my mother met during the war when they both worked at Murphy Radio in Bessemer Road; he was a designer draughtsman, working in a reserved occupation constructing radios and working on radar, and she was a tracer. When I was 6 we moved lock stock and barrel to Dinah's house in Parkway (I forget the number, but it was further towards the A1 on the opposite side to Lisa and Jimmy's) as Dinah was off to Africa filming *Where No Vultures Fly*, and Jimmy Hanley was filming elsewhere - our task was to keep Jeremy and Jenny, and their children, company. Their house was bigger than our two bedroom house in Potters Bar. Dinah had arranged for me to have a daily taxi to take me to my school in Potters Bar - which I only used once, as I was then shipped to Chase Farm hospital to have a grumbling appendix removed. On my return it was the summer holiday, and then all four children (me, my brother David, and Jeremy and Jenny) all went down with mumps. By the time we had recovered Dinah had returned and we went back to Potters Bar.

After the war Lisa and Jimmy bought a house on West Parade, Hythe, Kent, from the Navy, who had commandered it during the war, as, being on the seafront, it commanded a terrific view of the Channel; the family used it for holidays until the mid 50s when the house in Welwyn was sold and Lisa and Jimmy moved there to try to let the sea air clear Jimmy's lungs; Jimmy died there in 1958. Lisa continued to live there until her death in 1966.



\* William & Lina Hartley had no children of their own. They adopted their nephew Walter Everth but for some reason not his sister Lisa. Walter thus became Walter Hartley.

Walter spent some time in Australia as an entrepreneur. He owned patents for various aspects of menswear and went on to be MD of *Van Heusen/AdAstra & Aertex* in the 1930s.

When he retired he lived in an extraordinary mansion in New Malden called *Bamboo Cottage* which included tennis courts and a movie house !

Lisa's birth was registered in the name Charlotte Lisa EVERTH in 1893 in Richmond (Surrey) District. She died in 1966 in Hythe aged 72.

Jill trained in as a dress designer for *Cresta Silks* in Paris. She made many of the dresses her sister Dinah wore in her films. Jill died in 1966 age 48.

Jimmy Mec was born in Osaka, Japan, where his Russian father worked in his brother's business, victualling the Russian fleet and also the Tsar's yacht, the *Standart*.

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Jimmy's father died in about 1915, and Jimmy was adopted by his uncle Moshe Ginsburg, moving to St Petersburg and changing his surname to Ginsburg.

Dinah was born on 17/11/1920 and her birth was registered in the name Dinah Nadyejda Ginsburg. Regarding the surname Sheridan, which was adopted by the whole family in the 1930's, the story goes that Dinah wanted a better stage name and picked "Sheridan" at random out of the London telephone directory.