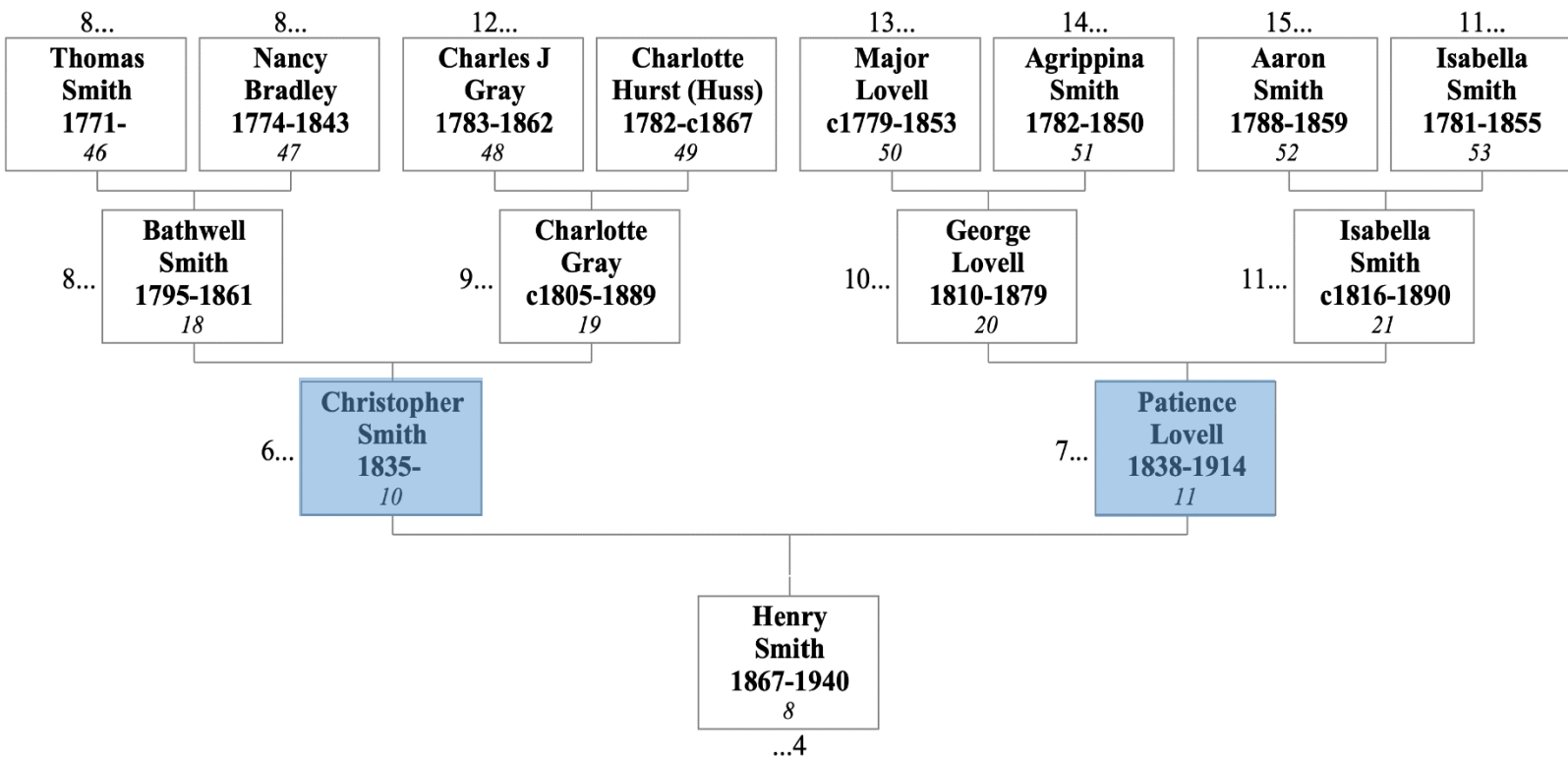


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I was contacted by Reverend Dean Shaw, a member of the Anglo-Romani community, after he received a surprising outcome from his ancestry DNA test. The test confirmed he was Romani (13% Indian Sub-Continent) which he already knew, but it also contained some surprising news. He had Ashkenazi-Jewish ancestry. Based on this unforeseen outcome, various family members, all members of the Anglo-Romani community, also took an ancestry DNA test. The result was the same. His mother, his father, his maternal uncle, his maternal cousin, his maternal cousin's wife who was a distant cousin, his paternal cousin and his nephew all had significant Ashkenazi-Jewish ancestry.

Jewish ancestry came as shock to the Reverend Dean Shaw because, as far as he knew, he was 100% English Romani. His parents were Anglo-Romani. Indeed, they were cousins. His family tree reveals 400 years of documented English-Romani ancestry - a family tree that is literally a who's who of English-Romani families. The family tree includes the Lees, the Boswells, the Smiths, the Herons (Young), the Buckleys, the Winters, the Hearn and the Shaws. Most people with "Anglo-Romani" ancestry descend from one of these legendary families. This family descended from many of them.

Looking at Reverend Shaw's family tree, what is true is this: though the family is Anglo-Romani, they consistently only married into certain families. Reverend Shaw explained that the family married amongst "their sort", which was to say, families that were like them in terms of adhering to Romani language, custom and culture. They did not marry people "different" from them. And for the 400 years of documented family history, they married amongst themselves.

The question was, where did his Jewish heritage come from? When did it enter the family tree? There were no Jewish ancestors in the memory of the immediate or extended family. The family tree, which again, is documented for nearly 400 years, showed no obvious signs of Jewish persons marrying into the family. So, the question really was, where did this Jewish descent come from? Another question would be, how did no one know about it?

Crypto-Jews

In Crypto-Jewish families, at some point, a member or members, chose to hide their Jewish identity (Crypto = hidden). Early on, family members would have known they were Jewish. But as generations pass, the secret isn't passed down and gets forgotten. The further away from that moment when the Jewish members of the family went underground that you get, the less the family knows about their Jewish ancestry. It appeared to me that this Anglo-Romani family were also Crypto Jews.

Investigating a Crypto-Jewish Family

When investigating Hidden Jewish Ancestry, it's a lot about detective work. You must look for clues that might not mean anything to the average person, but hint of Jewish ancestry. Donald Yates, the leading independent researcher in the field of Crypto-Judaism, developed a system of investigating Crypto Jews. It's a system I have used, repeatedly. Yates says to learn about one's Hidden Jewish Ancestry, look to

history, ancestry DNA, surnames, forenames, marriage patterns and family customs. I applied the Yates method to learn more about this mysterious Anglo-Romani family.

A Clue from History

Most Jewish families go from being Jewish families to being Crypto-Jewish families as a matter of survival. And that would appear to be the case with this Anglo-Romani family.

Jews were expelled from England in 1290 and were not permitted to enter England until 1656. It was illegal to be a Jew in England for 266 years. If you got caught, you were hung. As for the Romani, in 1530 Henry VIII's ministers passed the Egyptian Act of 1530 which prohibited Romani from being in England. Henry's daughter, Mary I, passed the Egyptian Act of 1554, also prohibiting Romani from residing in England. In 1596, 106 Romani were rounded up in York and sentenced to death for being Romani. Nine were executed. This continued for another 200 years.

The first family member to appear in the United Kingdom was a man by the name of Faa in 1520. Based on the Faa family tree and how far back in history it reaches, this family existed in England at a time when it was illegal to be Jewish or Romani. From their first day in England, they had to obscure their identities to the best of their ability or risk being hung. From the earliest day, they were "illegal" and had to keep contact with the authorities to a minimum and their ancestry a secret. They had to have lived in fear of discovery. They would not have discussed their origins with anyone, even with their children.

This family arrived at a time when it was illegal to be a Jew or a Romani. For reasons we will never know, they buried their Jewish origins and became "Anglo Romani".

DNA Does Not Lie

Yates always says, "DNA does not lie". When Reverend Shaw contacted me he was in receipt of a commercial DNA test revealing he had Ashkenazi-Jewish ancestry. Some family members had already had ancestry DNA testing done and had the same result. With Reverend Shaw's encouragement, other family members were tested. Ultimately, testing revealed his mother, his father, his maternal uncle, his maternal cousin, his paternal cousin, his paternal cousin's wife (who was from the family) and his nephew all showed Ashkenazi Jewish on their ancestry DNA test report. One person with such a result could be a coincidence. Eight family members with the same result is a pattern.

Commercial ancestry tests are pretty crude and they miss a lot. So, if a commercial test says you are 10% Ashkenazi Jewish, you are 10% or more. All members of the family had 7-10% Ashkenazi-Jewish ancestry in their commercial ancestry report.

Here are the results Reverend Shaw got from the commercial DNA company.

34%	Scandinavian
16%	East European
11%	Italian
7%	Ashkenazi Jewish
3%	Scot, Welsh, Irish
12%	South Asian
9%	West Asian
3%	Central Asian

As far as tools go, a commercial testing company's test is like a bad camera. It will give you a snapshot of your ancestry, but not a good one. The snapshot will be blurry, and it will be hard to make out the images. They give you a rough idea of your ancestry, emphasis on the word "rough". There are much better ancestry DNA testing tools out there that give more specific and accurate results. Because all eight family members showed Ashkenazi-Jewish DNA, I wanted to test their DNA using more sophisticated tools to see what else could be found.

All eight family members' raw DNA files were uploaded onto the GedMatch.com platform. This platform gives you the opportunity to compare DNA samples to more specific populations, which in turn, gives you a more precise ancestry report. My goal was to confirm the commercial testing company's findings - that the family had Jewish ancestry - and try to find out more about that Jewish heritage.

The result from the commercial testing had the story partly right, but not completely right. Analyzing Reverend Shaw's DNA using the Gedmatch.com calculator, Dodecad V3, there was a slightly different result. The Gedmatch.com result is found in bold.

34%	Scandinavian
16%	East European = Ashkenazi Jewish
11%	Italian = Italian Jewish (Italian)
7%	Ashkenazi Jewish = German Jewish
3%	Scottish, Welsh, Irish
12%	South Asia = Cochin or Indian Jewish
9%	West Asian = Mizrahi Jewish
3%	Central Asian = Georgian or Uzbeki Jewish

So, the Reverend Dean Shaw turned out to be more like 58% Jewish not 7% Ashkenazi Jewish!

Breaking News

This is where things become interesting. The accepted belief is that the Romani people originated in northern India (Rajasthan) and slowly migrated towards Western Europe. And that is true, many European Romani have Rajasthani DNA.

However, all the calculators available on GedMatch.com indicate this is not Reverend Shaw's Anglo-Romani ancestry story. This family does not descend from Indian people who migrated from Rajasthan. They descend from Jewish Indians from Southern India, specifically the Cochin Jews. Using Dodecad V3, it appears all members of the family descend from people who left India as Jews. Cochin-Jews, Bnei Menashe and Bene Israel included. And not a little bit, a lot.

Here is the result from one of the calculators for Reverend Dean Shaw's father.

Using 4 populations approximation:

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1 Bnei_Menashe_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_HGDP + Tuscan_Henn @ 1.995350
2 Bnei_Menashe_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_HGDP + Tuscan_Xing @ 2.052449
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5 Bnei_Menashe_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_Dodecad + Tuscan_Xing @ 2.217801
6 Bnei_Menashe_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_Dodecad + Tuscan_Henn @ 2.220199
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19 Ashkenazy_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_Basque_HGDP + Pathan_HGDP @ 2.466283
20 Bnei_Menashe_Jews_Behar + C_Italian_Dodecad + FIN_1000Genomes + Kent_1000 Genomes @ 2.468042

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Here is the result from one of the calculators for Reverend Dean Shaw's Mother:

Using 4 populations approximation:

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1 C_Italian_Dodecad + Cochin_Jews_Behar + Dutch_Dodecad + FIN_1000Genomes @ 1.669318
2 Cochin_Jews_Behar + Hungarians_Behar + Norwegian_Dodecad + TSI_HapMap @ 1.669555
3 Cochin_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_HGDP + TSI_HapMap @ 1.677184
4 German_Dodecad + German_Dodecad + Tuscan_Henn + Meghawal_Reich @ 1.732917
5 Cochin_Jews_Behar + Hungarians_Behar + Norwegian_Dodecad + Tuscan_Henn @ 1.745505
6 Cochin_Jews_Behar + German_Dodecad + German_Dodecad + Tuscan_Henn @ 1.762995
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8 Cochin_Jews_Behar + German_Dodecad + German_Dodecad + TSI_HapMap @ 1.789403
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10 Cochin_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_HGDP + Tuscan_Xing @ 1.804612
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13 FIN_1000Genomes + French_Dodecad + O_Italian_Dodecad + Sindhi_HGDP @ 1.808608
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15 FIN_1000Genomes + French_Dodecad + Sindhi_HGDP + Tuscan_Xing @ 1.826947
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17 Hungarians_Behar + Norwegian_Dodecad + O_Italian_Dodecad + Meghawal_Reich @ 1.842577
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19 Cochin_Jews_Behar + FIN_1000Genomes + French_HGDP + Tuscan_Henn @ 1.851127
20 German_Dodecad + German_Dodecad + TSI_HapMap + Meghawal_Reich @ 1.858432

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If a single family member's Indian origin was Jewish India it could be a coincidence. But again, with all eight members getting the same result, it is a pattern.

Based on the results of all the eight family members, produced by the DNA calculators available on Gedmatch.com, here is the astonishing Jewish history of this Anglo-Romani family.

The Jews of Yemen

The family descends from the Jews of Southern India. The Jews of India descend from the Jews of Yemen. From about 100 B.C., Jews left the land of Israel for Yemen. The first synagogue was built there around that time. In 70 A.D., Titus destroyed Israel. More members of the Tribe of Judah, the Yehudi (Jews), escaped Israel. At this time, more Jews fled to the Yemenite-Jewish community in Saana. It became a thriving center of Jewish trade, art and religion.



A Yemenite Bride



A Yemenite-Jewish Family

Moses used 2,000 pounds of cinnamon to anoint the Tabernacle in 1000 B.C. Cinnamon moved out of the Indian ports, across the Indian Ocean to Yemen and then on to Israel. So, the ties between Israel and India go back as far as 1000 B.C.



But, based on accepted history, this family's travel starts in the 4th century when Yemenite trading Jews made the 3500-mile voyage across the Indian ocean, from Yemen to Kochi, Kerala, India.

The Jews of Kerala

Once in India, the Yemenite Jews became successful traders and craftsmen. They married local women and their numbers grew. They became known as the Cochin Jews.

At the same time, there were other Jewish communities in India, though they were all interconnected. The Bene Israel are said to have arrived on the Kochi coast before the 4th century. Some think their ancestors fled Judea during the Roman persecution of Antiochus IV Epiphanes around 175 B.C., at which time they made India their home. The Bnei Menashe, or sons of Manasseh, מְנַשֵּׁה, claim ancestry back to one of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

While earlier Jewish communities may have existed before the 4th century, there was absolutely a Jewish community, descended from Yemenite-Jewish immigrants, from the 4th century forward.

A Cochin-Jewish Family



Another Cochin-Jewish Family



The Jews of Kerala lived in their own communities from the 4th century until the foundation of the state of Israel. However, at some time, for some unknown reason, this family left the Jewish communities of India and made their way west to Europe.

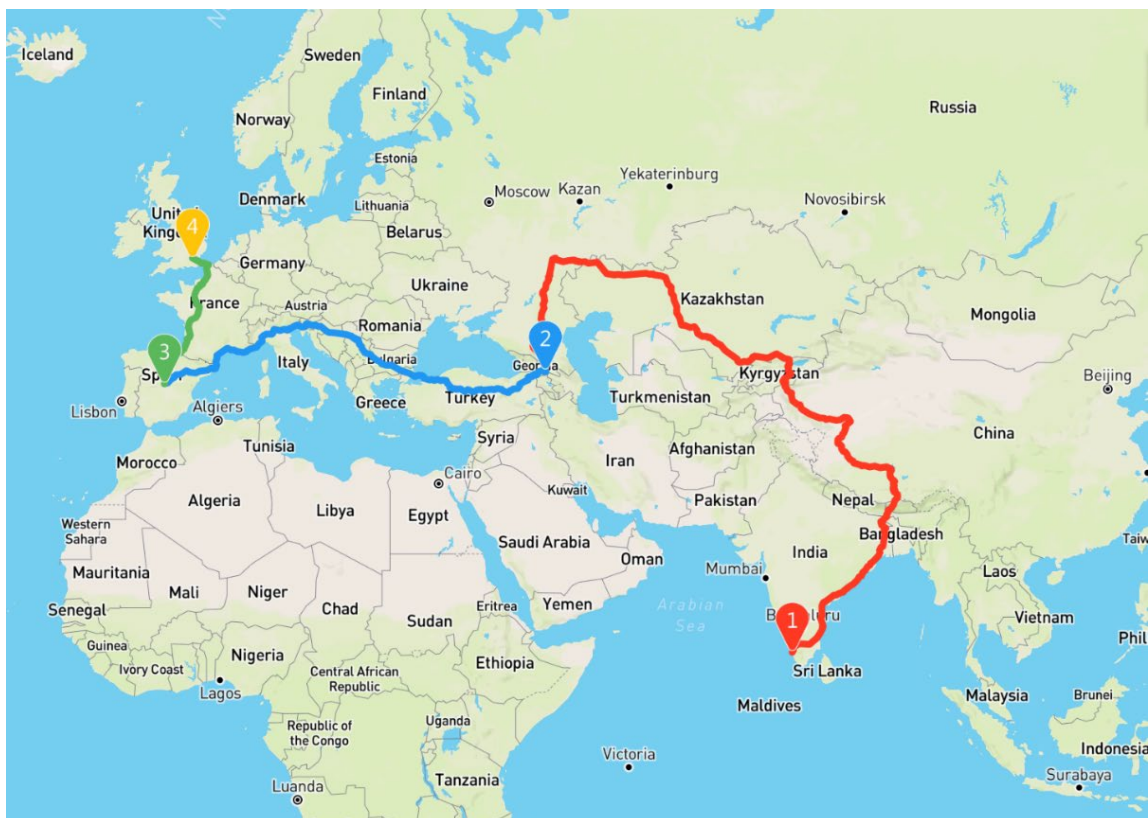
The Longest Trek

The family began migrating from India towards Europe between the 8th and the 12th century. Their entire trek, from Jewish villages in Kerala, India to England was 11,174 miles. It happened over the course of many lifetimes, long before railways and cars existed. This was a trek made by way of horse and donkey.

The family's DNA reveals that they followed the silk road, and along the way, married Jews from the places they passed through. When they passed through the Caucuses, Iranian Jews, Azari Jews, Armenian Jews, Uzbeki Jews, and Georgian Jews joined the family. When they passed through Greece, Romaniote Jews joined the family. When they passed through Italy, Italim Jews joined the family.

At some point during their stay in Italy, the family split up and took different roads. Some travelled to Spain and Sephardic Jews were added to the mix. Some travelled to Germany and Ashkenazi Jews were now incorporated.

And then, at a place and time we do not know, the family had a reunion in England. Family members that had lived in Germany and Spain migrated to England. The two branches of the family, German and Spanish, both with roots in the Jewish-Indian villages, came back together in this Anglo-Romani family.



To summarize, DNA does not lie. All the members of this Anglo-Romani family have a similar DNA history: they left India as Jews, and married Jews of different countries as they made the 12,000-mile trip to the United Kingdom. Genetically, they are the United Nations of Jewish ethnicities: carrying Indian, Mizrahi, Caucasian, Greek, Italim, Sephardic and Ashkenazic ancestry.

Another legacy of this family's long journey is the forenames they use. While the better portion of names come from Hebrew (Abenigo, Kezia, Zilah), others come from the cultures they passed through: Indian (Mandra, Sinti, Siari, Vansi), Persian (Asho, Odar), Central Asian (Genti), Greek (Damaris, Ananias), Italian (Amoretta, Consellea, Teresa), Spanish (Anita, Eldorai, Manuel, Rosa) and German (Berta, Elvina, Godrey).

More Evidence

Reverend Dean Shaw was surprised to discover he was 10% Ashkenazi Jewish. Using the commercial testing results and the calculators on GedMatch.com, there were more surprises in store. It turns out he and his family members are a lot more than 10% Ashkenazi Jewish. They carry more like 50 - 70% Jewish ancestry and from all over the world! Because this research was all based on one commercial ancestry testing company's findings and the result was so thoroughly surprising, I thought it would be good to have confirmation of all this Jewish ancestry from other testing companies.

DNA Consultants in a genetic genealogy testing company that does ancestry testing in an entirely different way from other companies. They do forensic genetic genealogy testing using real populations of people rather than the computer simulations used by other companies. In their Jewish Fingerprint Plus test, they test for four known Jewish DNA markers. Reverend Shaw agreed to take the Jewish Fingerprint Plus test to confirm what had already been discovered. Here are the four Jewish markers the company tests for:

Marker 1: The most common marker found in Jewish Poles, Russians, Germans, Romanians, Slavic people who intermarried with Ashkenazi Jews and Spanish, Portuguese and Moroccan Jews.

Marker 2: This is the strongest marker and indicates the family has intermarried with other Jews for centuries.

Marker 3: This marker indicates Middle Eastern Jewish roots and is particularly common in Sephardic Jews.

Marker 4: This marker indicates Jewish-Tartar or Jewish Khazar heritage.

The result was that the Anglo-Romani Reverend Dean Shaw inherited all four markers from his parents. The DNA Consultants forensic genealogy test confirmed that which was already found; this family carries Jewish heritage from around the world.

Family Tree DNA has the reputation of being the foremost ancestry company that deals with Jewish DNA. I have not found them to be any better at identifying Jewish DNA than any of the other commercial testing companies, but they do provide some information not provided by other companies. Again, Reverend Shaw agreed to take the Family Tree DNA test to see if the company would confirm the findings of the other commercial testing companies – GedMatch.com and DNA Consultants.

The result was the same. The Family Tree DNA test revealed Jewish ancestry. And even here there was another surprise. People inherit pairs of chromosomes from their parents. Family Tree provides you with the ability to look at where your different ethnicities appear on which chromosome. The first surprise was that Reverend Shaw had pieces of Jewish DNA on all of his pairs. On a chromosomal level, he had bits of Jewish ancestry on all his chromosomes! He was Jewish, through and through!

And there is more remarkable news. Earlier research revealed that Reverend Shaw's ancestors began their journey in Israel, moving from there to Yemen in the 1st century and in the 4th century, from Yemen to the Kerala coast of India. Sometime between the 8th and 12th century, the family left Jewish India and began making their way along the silk road to Europe. Records indicate they had made their way to the British Isles as early as 1520. The Family Tree Ancestry DNA test revealed Reverend Dean Shaw was 2% Yemenite Jewish. That means Yemenite genes had been passed through his family, from family member to family member, for 1600 years in an uninterrupted flow. Reverend Shaw inherited genes from a Yemenite-merchant Jew, who braved the Indian ocean and set up a new life in India in the 4th century!

This family has an incredible Jewish history which includes Jews migrating from Yemen across the Indian Ocean in the 4th century, Jews travelling overland along the silk road by horse and cart and marrying different Jews from different places along their journey.

At some point in history, the family stopped being wandering Jews and became an Anglo-Romani family. They became Crypto Jews, but not your average run-of-the-mill Crypto Jews - Crypto Jews from almost every known Jewish ethnicity. When did the family lose contact with their Jewish ancestry? When did it become so hidden that the family itself did not know that they were Jewish? No one knows. But, at some point, their ancestry was hidden and over time, it was forgotten. This is the most remarkable story of Hidden Jewish Ancestry.

[An Anglo-Romani with Jewish Romani Relatives All Over Europe!](#)

Not only is this Anglo-Romani family Jewish, but they have Jewish-Romani relatives that live all over Europe. Looking at the DNA matches of Reverend Shaw's mother and father, available on Gedmatch.com, this becomes clear. The Matriarch and the Patriarch of this Anglo-Romani family each have closely related DNA relatives, who are also genetically Jewish Romani. The people from Spain have more Sephardic-Jewish ancestry and the people from Northern Europe have more Ashkenazi-Jewish ancestry. But all share Indian-Jewish ancestry.

The Patriarchs DNA Matches

Astudillo-Barrea family ----- Spain
 Cohen family ----- Israel
 Denaj family ----- Turkey
 Hernandez family----- Spain
 Mihai family ----- Greece
 Molnar family ----- Hungary
 Oneiroopolos family----- Greece
 Perez family----- Spain
 Rinehart family----- France
 Rhinehart family----- France
 Romanova family----- Latvia
 Szigetvari family ----- Hungary
 Tumashevich family----- Ukraine
 Zuzmeykh family ----- Ukraine

The Matriarchs DNA Matches

Amaya family----- Spain
 Arap family----- Greece
 Campo family----- Spain
 Canale family----- Spain
 Catalono family ----- Spain
 Christia family----- Italy
 Frosig family ----- Finland
 Fyedak family----- Bulgaria
 Gaeta family ----- Spain
 Ivanchova family----- Russia
 Kaukas family----- Finland
 Marin-Diaz family ----- Spain
 Oancea family ----- Romania
 Radicsne family ----- Hungary
 Rafael family----- Spain
 Rinehart family----- France
 Rheinhardt family ----- France
 Scharpf family ----- Poland
 Skolov family ----- Russia
 Stanciu family ----- Romania
 Szolt family----- Hungary
 Valakov family----- Russia

Relatives in Spain

This Anglo-Romani family has a surprising number of close DNA matches to Spanish-Jewish Romani. This is amazing as they have been recorded as living in England since at least 1700. Despite being separated by a body of water for at least 325 years, this Anglo-Romani family and the Spanish-Jewish Romani are still closely related. This indicates both always married within the family, preserving their Jewish ancestry.

Reverend Dean Shaw's Anglo-Romani family and his Spanish relatives know they are Jewish. They have known they were Jewish for some time. Antonio Sevilla, a relative from Cadiz, Spain is very active in establishing Jewish Romani as a recognized ethnic group. Lisardo Cano, the leading expert on Spanish-Jewish Romani has written three books on the subject and maintains an extensive archive of historical, genetic, cultural records and books relating to them. Both gentlemen are Spanish-Jewish Romani and produce YouTube videos educating the world about the Spanish Jewish Romani.

The Spanish-Jewish Romani community firmly believes they are Jewish Romani, and that they represent a different, unrecognized Jewish ethnicity, a unique identity. They feel that Italian Jews and Indian Jews represent a distinct Jewish ethnicity, and they are another Jewish ethnicity, Jewish Romani.

Conclusion

In addition to being Jewish, I am Romani. I always assumed I was just a product of the colonies, a mixture of many different people who came from many different countries. I thought my family was unusual and came about because of chance. This is not the case.

When Reverend Shaw contacted me, wondering why he had Ashkenazi Jewish in his ancestry report, I had no idea his contact would lead to a series of groundbreaking discoveries.

The first discovery would be this Anglo-Romani family, descended from many of the great Anglo Romani families in England, were primarily Jewish in their ancestry. At one time they were a Jewish family, and at some point, in time they became Anglo-Romani family. But genetically they maintained their Jewish ancestry by consistently marrying within the family.

The second discovery was just as surprising at the first. While their ancestors did start out in India and did migrate along the silk road to Western Europe, they left India as Jews. Some of their earliest detectable ancestors were Jews who lived in Kerala, India.

The third revelation would be this: The Indian communities of Kerala had their origins in Biblical Yemen. They were the result of Yemenite Jews migrating to Kerala, perhaps in the time of Moses, but certainly by the time of Christ. Reverend Shaw, nearly 2000 years later, still carries Yemenite Jewish DNA!

Next, this Crypto-Jewish family is unusual. Most Crypto Jews descended from Spanish Jews were converted and disappeared, or Swiss Jews who converted and disappeared, or Iranian Jews who

converted and disappeared. This family carries virtually every known Jewish ethnicity; Indian, Azerbaijani, Georgian, Armenian, Uzbeki, Greek, Italian, Spanish and German. They are Crypto Jews, but their Jewish ancestry is all the Jewish ancestries wrapped into one family!

Further research into my own family revealed some of my ancestors left India as Jews. We are from Switzerland. The English family descends from Jews who left India. They live in the British Isles. Spanish-Jewish Romani descend from Jews that left India as Jews. Reverend Dean Shaw and his Anglo-Romani family have DNA matches in various locations in Europe who also descend from Jews who left India. It appears that there is another, previously unrecognized Jewish ethnicity, Jewish Romani.

One thing is for certain, this Reverend Shaw and his Anglo-Romani family are descendants of a long line of astonishing people. Their ancestors escaped from Israel in 70 A.D., when the Roman General Titus laid it to waste. They found a safe harbor in Yemen in the 1st century A.D. and founded one of the oldest Jewish communities outside of Israel. Then in the 4th century, they had the bravery to cross the Indian Ocean and establish a new Jewish community in Kerala, India.

The unique thing about the Jewish community in India is that they were never discriminated against. So, when the family migrated out of India, somewhere between the 8th and 12th century, it was in search of greater business opportunities, not to escape persecution. It took great bravery to leave what they knew as home and travel the perilous silk road, interacting with other Jews along the way, ever moving west towards the capitals of Europe. They journeyed for between 300 - 700 years before they landed in England. Before they landed in England, they had absorbed language, culture, names, and DNA from the greatest Jewish communities between India and London.

When they arrived in England, it was as illegal to be Jewish as it was to be Romani. From an outsider's perspective, they were both. Despite being illegal, for several hundred years, they survived in England. Not only did they survive, but they gave rise to generation after generation of families. Because they followed the hygiene laws of both the Jews and the Indians, and avoided contact with the general population, they had and raised big, healthy families. Despite persecution and limited opportunities. They were always self-employed, making baskets and knives, making music and telling fortunes, always doing whatever work they could find. The main thing is they survived.

Most families family stories are not that interesting. This family's story is so remarkable it could be the subject of many a feature film. To be able to trace your ancestry directly from Israel, to Yemen, to India, across southern Asia, Central Asia, the Caucasus and then through Europe is something not many can claim.

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THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIES THAT

Dean Shaw

ORDERED A JEWISH DNA TEST SHOWING THESE MATCHES TO
ANCESTRAL JEWISH POPULATIONS

JEWISH I (ONE MARKER)

JEWISH II (ONE MARKER)

JEWISH III (TWO MARKERS)

JEWISH IV (TWO MARKERS)

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