



This is a map of Arnold Circus in the 1920s. The Kelmanson family fled persecution in Russia and arrived in England c. 1906. They originally lived at 23 Little York Street (shaded blue) in a house with no running water occupied by 12 people living in 3 rooms. (That area was redeveloped and is now Whitby Street.) On Christmas Eve 1911 our grandfather, Hyman Kelmanson, married Bloomah Persovsky (who had also escaped from Russia) and moved with his new bride to 2 Clifton Buildings in Club Row (the northern part of which was then called Ainsworth Street) on the new Boundary Estate (shaded pink). They had three children; Joseph (1913) and twins Charlie (pictured on the right) and Mickey in 1919. The twins briefly attended Virginia Road School (shaded green) in the early 1920s before the family moved to Upper Clapton, where the boys attended Craven Park School. The family's links with, and pride in, its East End roots remain strong.



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