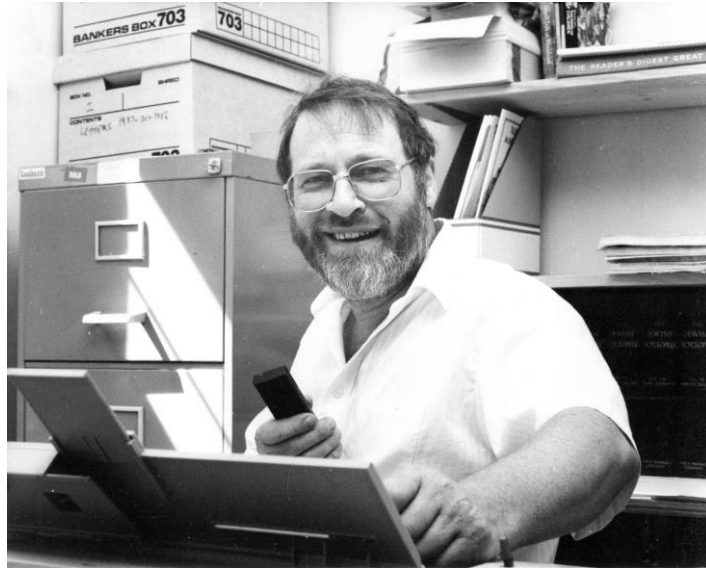


## A Tribute to Dr Anthony P. Joseph by Keith Pearce, February 2024



We are sad to note the death of Dr Anthony P. Joseph (1937-2024) of Birmingham. Anthony was a direct descendant of the Joseph and Jacob Families who settled in Cornwall from c. 1740 to the end of the 1800s, in Falmouth, Penzance and Truro. He attended the University of Cambridge, and qualified and practised as a doctor. From his early days, through his association with his relative and mentor, Alex M. Jacob, he became deeply involved in Anglo-Jewish History and Genealogy, and he developed a vast knowledge of and remarkable expertise in the genealogies of the Cornish Jewish Families and their world-wide proliferation up to the present day.

For well over thirty years, he was of immense help and support to me personally in my research which culminated in my book "The Jews of Cornwall - A History" (2014), in which he is acknowledged throughout. As a Friend of the Penzance Cemetery (where he had some relatives) he made a generous donation towards its restoration, and, with his wife, Helen, attended the formal civic ceremony when it re-opened. Falmouth was where his family originated. The Jewish Cemetery there was very dear to his heart, and he made another generous donation towards the ongoing work at Ponsharden only a few weeks before his death. He was generous also with his time, and possessed a genuine desire to help anyone who contacted him about their family history.

He will be remembered with respect and fondness by the many who came into contact with him, and he made a great contribution to preserving the memory of the Cornish Jewish Families.

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