

Committee Meeting of the H H C held at the private residence of Mr Nat Edwards on
July 23rd 1916

Present

Mr B Harris (Chair) J Glasser (Vice) R Benjamin D Mendes G Benjamin and the Hon Sec Nat Edwards

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon Sec read a letter received from Mr S Benjamin in which he claims the silver spice box and also the record book of births, marriages and deaths as his private property and on that in no way concerned the Congregation, the Secretary explained he had on the 18th July met Mr Benjamin on the street (outside Barnes Mart) and he volunteered the information that the box was left to the late Joseph Solomon by the late Judah Solomon and in turn was left to him, and that the record book only contained (???) of a personal matter and the book itself was bought by him not 20 years ago, asked by the Secretary could he explain that on the cover of the book was marked H H C. 1845 and that last year the Rev I Morris and son Montagu took a record of a birth (in answer to a request from a NSW solicitor) dated back some 65 years he answered it was all a lie, and that he had no such book or ever had. The Secretary told Mr Benjamin he would report the matter to his Committee and after leaving same.

It was proposed by R Benjamin seconded by J Glasser and carried unanimously. That the committee is of opinion that the silver spice box and also the record book of births, marriages and death with its contents are the property of the H H C. and they hereby instruct their Hon Sec to demand the immediate return of the aforesaid articles to him, and failing this being done they authorise him to take such steps in the matter as may be advised. The Committee are clearly of the opinion after hearing the statement of the rev I Morris that either Mr Benjamin must be in error as to his purchase of the book or there must be another one in existence.

An application was received from Mr Rupert H Hart requesting his wife who is of the Catholic persuasion and his infant female child be allowed to be inducted into the Jewish faith and after considerable discussion it was proposed by R Benjamin, and seconded by D Mendes and carried unanimously. That the Hon Sec be directed to write to Mr R H Hart (???) Queens Rd Melbourne Vic, requesting the names of two references as to the fitness of the application.

A vote of thanks to the Chair closed the proceedings.

Read and confirmed at the General Meeting held on August 6th 1916.

(Sgd by) ?
Hon^y Sect^y

(Sgd by) B. Harris
President