

David Stanton story

David was born in 1920 in Hackney to John and Raie (Rachel) nee Greenwood. David had an older brother Clifford who was born in 1916 and a younger brother Jeffery who was born in November 1932.

John and Raie were married on 17 November 1915 in the Registry office in Whitechapel and their marriage certificate states that John's father was Pizer who was deceased and had worked as a tailor and his mother was named Ada. Raie's parents were Lipman, also a tailor and Sarah. John is listed as a shipping agent and they were both 21 years old.

Their first son Clifford was born on 9 November 1916 and the family were living at 26 Ballspond Road in Dalston. John enlisted in the Royal Engineers with the service number 176053 on 9 December 1915 as a sapper and rose to the rank of Corporal serving in France. He was discharged in 1919 and is listed in the Jewry Book of Honour.

John became a councillor in Hackney in 1934 and served as an Alderman, JP and became the first Jewish Deputy Mayor of Stoke Newington in 1945. He served until his death in 1972. After John's death he was honoured by having a block of flats named after him, Stanton Court in Amhurst Park, Hackney which were built in 1979.

David and Jeffery attended school in Letchworth but little else is known about David's early life before he enlisted in the RAF in 1940.

David's older brother Clifford also served in the RAF and developed a successful career in variety worked in theatre and film as a comedian and impersonator. Below is a Pathe 1936 film of Clifford.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkgBitN2tbA&feature=youtu.be&t=67>

Clifford married Margaret Currie in 1955 in Scotland and sadly died at the age of 49. He suffered from coronary artery disease and diabetes and was found dead on 30 August 1966. His death certificate states that he was working as a gramophone record agent at the time of his death. He is buried in the Jewish cemetery at Glenduffhill, Glasgow.

Jeffery worked in ophthalmics and he married Shirley Ross in 1956. Jeffery also died very young, he was only 37 years old and is buried in Waltham Abbey Jewish cemetery.

Sadly, all three of John and Raie's sons predeceased them.

David

David was the pilot of Lancaster JB301 which departed RAF Fiskerton on an operation to Mannheim. The aircraft was hit by flak on the home bound trip and exploded just outside the village of Altdorf. It was the crew's 3rd trip, and they are all buried in Durnbach War Cemetery.

Pilot, F/S David Stanton
F/E, Sgt James Tunley
Nav, F/S Charles Frederick Walton
A/G, Sgt George Alfred Bicknell
W/Op, A/G, Sgt Edward William Howell
A/G, Sgt Norman Fleming
A/B, Sgt Joseph Spiers