Family Group Record for Eliezer Levi Montefiore

Husband	Eliezer Levi Montefiore

Born	1820	Barbados, West Indies
Christened		
Died	22 Oct 1894	Woollahra, NSW, Australia
Buried		
Father	Isaac Jacob Levi (1787-1839)	Mother Esther Hannah Montefiore (1799-1864)
Marriage	3 May 1848	Adelaide, South Australia[1]

Wife	Esther Hannah Barrow Montefiore

Born	1829	At sea
Christened		
Died	10 Jul 1882	Woollahra, NSW, Australia
Buried		
Father	Joseph Barrow Montefiore (1803-1893)	Mother Rebecca Mocatta (1809-1886)

Children

1	M	Arthur Augustus Montefiore

Born	6 May 1849	Adelaide, South Australia[2]
Christened		
Died	21 Nov 1883	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia[3]
Buried		
Spouse	Sophie Mary Forbes (1854-1925)	1876 - Queensland[4]

2	M	Frederick Levi Montefiore

Born	12 Mar 1852	Adelaide, South Australia[5]
Christened		
Died	9 Jun 1952	Adelaide West Terrace General Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia[6]
Buried		
Spouse		

3	M	George Jacob Montefiore

Born	9 May 1855[7]	
Christened		
Died	25 Dec 1855	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Buried		
Spouse		

4	M	Albert Frank Montefiore

Born	1857	Victoria, Australia[8]
Christened		
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

Children (cont.)			
5	**F**	**Amy Montefiore**	

Born	1859	Victoria, Australia[9]
Christened		
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

6	**F**	**Mary Montefiore**	

Born	1863	Victoria[10]
Christened		
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

7	**F**	**Esther Lilian Montefiore**	

Born	1866	Victoria[11]
Christened		
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

8	**F**	**Ethel Octavia Montefiore**	

Born	1868	Victoria[12]
Christened		
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

9	**F**	**Hortense Montefiore**	

Born	1871	Victoria[13]
Christened		
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		

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Birthplace from small Montefiore family tree at National Library of Australia. There is a marble bust of him at Sydney's Art Gallery. He was first president and founder.

MONTEFIORE, ELIEZER LEVI (1820-1894), businessman, etcher and gallery director, was born in the West Indies, son of Isaac Levi, merchant of Barbados and Brussels, and his wife Hanna, a cousin of the philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore. Like his brother Jacob, Eliezer adopted the name of Levi Montefiore. Educated in England, he migrated in 1843 to Adelaide where he became a commission and shipping agent. On 3 May 1848 in Adelaide he married his cousin Esther Hannah Barrow Montefiore.

In 1853 Montefiore went to Melbourne as manager of the Victorian branch of J. B. Montefiore Graham & Co. but resigned and became secretary of the Australasian Insurance Co. Though appointed a justice of the peace he was mainly interested in literature and the arts. In 1861 he was a member of the committee to arrange a celebration for the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. In 1870 he helped to found the Victorian Academy of Art and on its behalf presented the prizes at the International Colonial Exhibition in Sydney. In February he became a trustee of the Melbourne Public Library, Museums and National Gallery but resigned early in 1871 and settled in Sydney.

Montefiore managed the Pacific Fire and Marine Insurance Co. in 1871-91, but with T. S. Mort and other friends he formed the New South Wales Academy of Art. In 1874 he became one of the original trustees for

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administering the funds voted by parliament towards forming the National Art Gallery of New South Wales; it was opened on 22 September 1880. A talented black and white artist, Montefiore illustrated the catalogues of the gallery with his etchings of the principal pictures in 1883-93. Elected a member of the Royal Society of New South Wales in 1875, he contributed to its journal such essays as 'Etchings and Etchers' (1876) and 'Art Criticism' (1879). His 'Agnosticism among the poets' was published in the Sydney Quarterly Magazine, 1890. In 1889-91 he was president of the Board of Trustees and served as director of the gallery in 1892-94. In August he went to Melbourne and Adelaide to select pictures for exchange with the Sydney gallery. Soon afterwards he died at Woollahra on 22 October, aged 74, lamented by many friends, not only as a leading patron of the arts but also for his personality. Predeceased by his wife on 10 July 1882, he was survived by six daughters.

A sculpture in marble by Theodora Cowan was placed in the Art Gallery of New South Wales in 1898.

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