

Dear Julian,

I have always been intrigued by Moses' son Ephraim, the 2nd Baron, who seems to have been a pillar of the Sephardic community in London - treasurer of the synagogue with a grand establishment in the City of London - but then declined into eccentricity and parsimoniousness. Judith's elder brother, he was great-uncle to our respective forebears John and Mary Lousada

We were in Twickenham at the weekend (staying with Alastair, our eldest) so I walked to Twickenham Green to see if I could find Ephraim's country estate of Gifford Lodge, where he lived from 1772-6. Sadly it's gone, replaced by a modern building with only a slight stylistic nod to its Georgian antecedent, and is now a retirement home! Ephraim's next-door neighbour at Twickenham Grange (also gone) was Abraham Prado, distinguished for his vine growing, his grapes admired by Horace Walpole, another neighbour at Strawberry Hill House (still very much there).

I haven't been able to locate Ephraim's second home in Twickenham, High Shot House, but will try again. His estate in Bethnal Green was popularly known as 'Starvation Farm' where he kept cattle but did not appear to feed them, as depicted in the portrait I attach.

All the best, John

John Bury  
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See image of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron below:

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BARON  D'AGUILAR,  
MERCHANT,

*Late of Broad Street Buildings.*

Bethnal Green, Ilington, Sydenham, Twickenham, &c. &c.

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