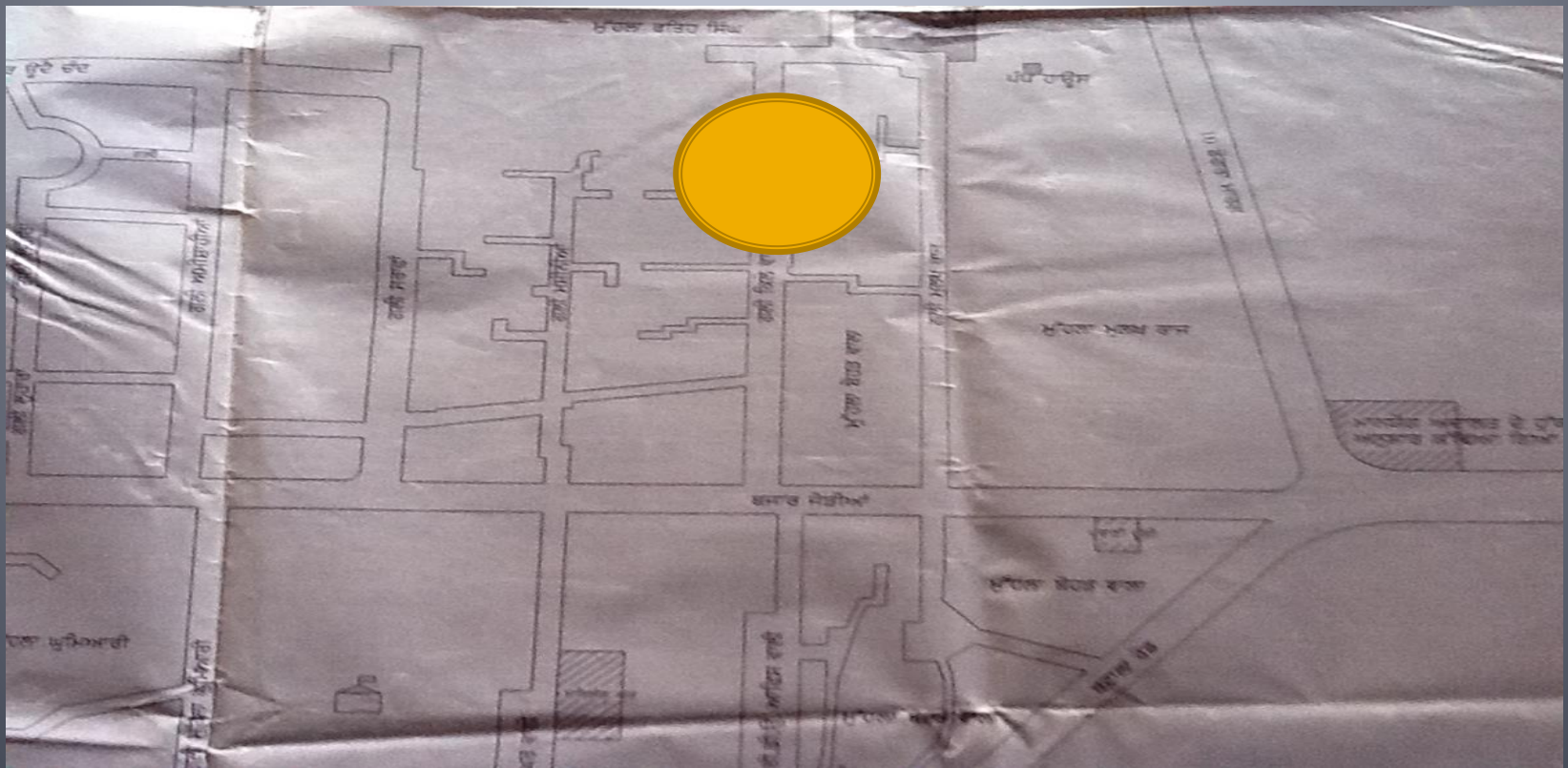


Roots

Quilewale Bedis

Galli Quilewale, Mulkh Raj Mohalla, Dera Baba Nanak

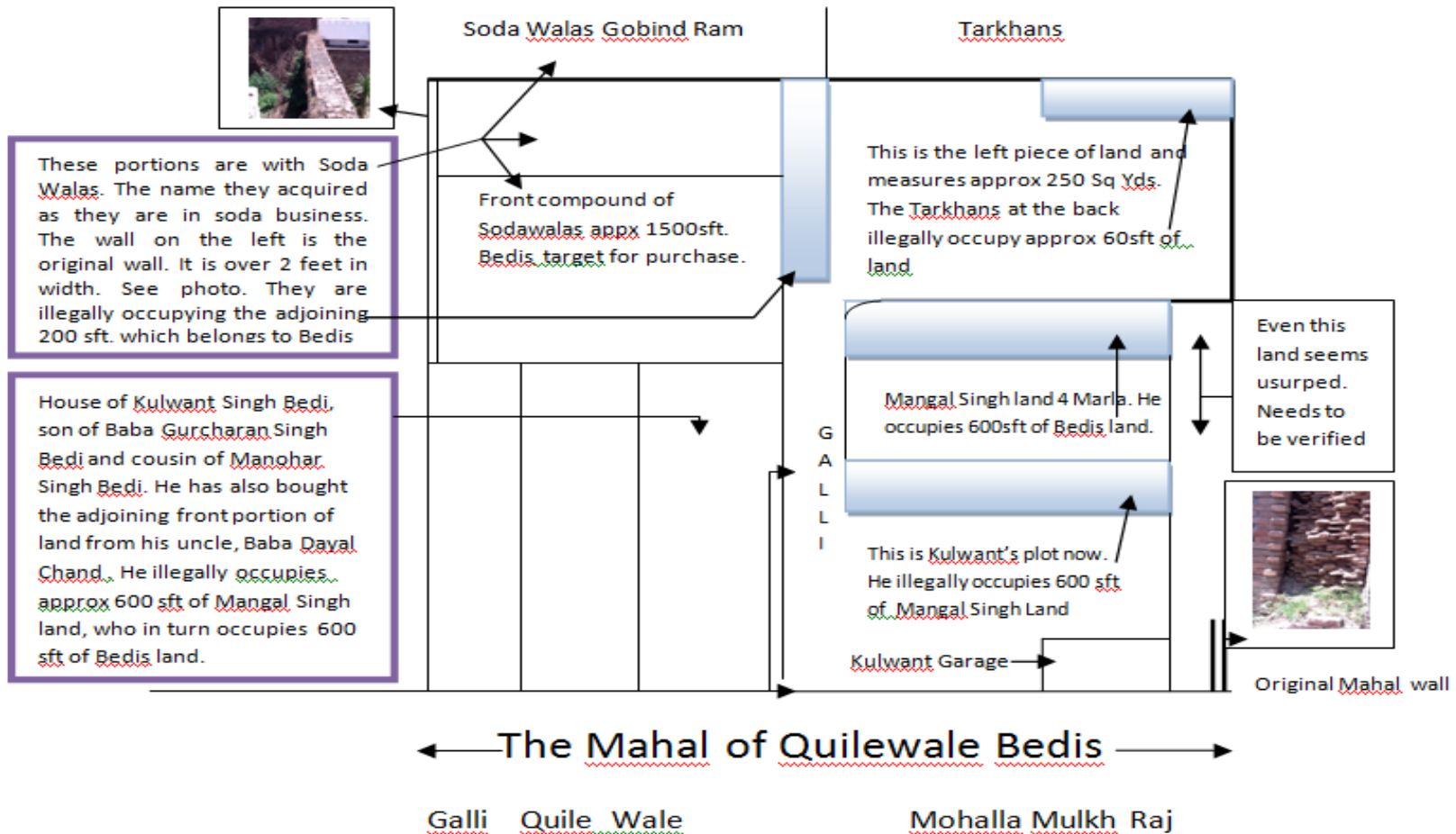
The Roots of Bedi family, descendants of Baba Bagh Singh Bedi, grand father to Baba Ram Singh Bedi, belong here. The place, famously termed as the **'Mahal'**



History of Baba Mulkh Raj Mohalla of DBN, Quila and the Mahal.

- Dera Baba Nanak is the traditional home of the Bedi clan some of whom were granted Jagirs by Maharaja Ranjit Singh who had profound respect for the Bedis, particularly Baba Sahib Singh Bedi who had put coronation Tilak on the forehead of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. In the Manakchand Bedi lineup, Baba Sir Khem Singh Bedi of Kallar Rawalpindi attained great fame and was knighted by the British. He is credited with founding of the Singh Sabha.
- In the Meherchandia line of Bedis, Baba Mulkh Raj was a wealthy landlord who had inherited large Jagirs. He had a fort (Quila) and was maintaining a force for the ruler. It is because of this Quila, this line of Bedis are known as 'Quilewale' Bedis and the ancestral land on which the Quila and the residential Mahal stood is in Mulkh Raj Mohalla. Near the quila precincts was the Mahal, which the elder Bedis had talked so much about. The British had the Quila demolished and in lieu a jagir was granted. There is no trace of the Quila now. The Mahal was the residence of the family. It must have been on a large area and with time, came to be occupied by the extended families. The ruins in the area still have remnants of huge two feet side Walls. This Mahal must have been on an area of over 100 Marlas. In the village area a marla is equal to 25 sq yards. The Mohalla in which the Quila and the Mahal were situated is called Baba Mulkh Raj Mohalla and the Galli of the Mahal is the Galli Quilewale. They still carry the same names.

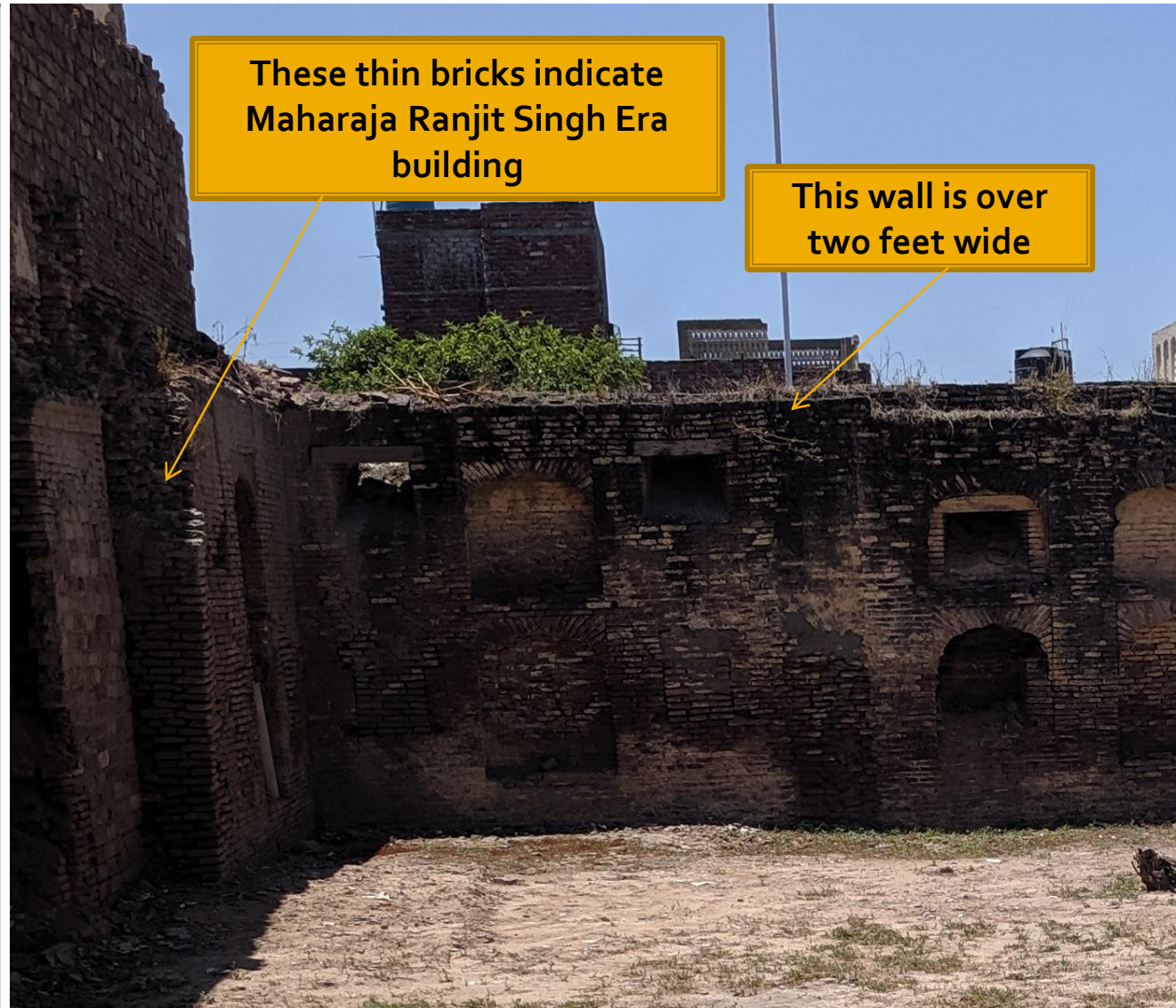
The Mahal of Quilewale Bedis



Remanant Walls of the Mahal & Ancestry

Baba Ram Singh Bedi, the grand father of the 15th Gen, was the grand son of Baba Bagh Singh Bedi who in turn was the son of Baba Dhan Rajpat, brother of Baba Mulkh Raj. Baba Bagh Singh Bedi was adopted by Baba Mulkh Raj and thus he and later his descendants became the direct beneficiary of the legacy of Baba Mulkh Raj and therefore rightfully the 'Quilewale Bedis'.

Baba Mulkh Raj had a son, Baba Mlap Chand, and he in turn had a son, Baba Ajaibh Chand. The other Bedis (Sharikas) grew jealous of Baba Mulkh Raj and had his son Baba Mlap Chand shot dead in Amritsar at a location near Thandi Khuee. Later they also had the grandson Baba Ajaibh Chand poisoned. Having lost his son and grandson, Baba Mulkh Raj adopted his brother Baba Dhanrajpat's son Baba Bagh Singh. Though after his death, the estate of Baba Mulkh Raj was divided amongst his brothers, a major portion was inherited by Baba Bagh Singh, grand father of Baba Ram Singh Bedi.



These thin bricks indicate
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Era
building

This wall is over
two feet wide

Samadh Baba Milap Chand

There is a 'samadh' at the spot in Amritsar where Baba Milap Chand was shot dead. A large chunk of land surrounding the samadh also belonged to the Bedi family. This land was donated by Bedis to a 'Mahant' who had been asked to take care of the land and the 'samadh' therein.

Over the years the followers of the Mahant and his descendants sold off the land and ultimately that fell into the hands of colonisers who colonised the place. The area is the New Garden Colony near the Company Bagh and quite close to Lawrence Road in Amritsar.



Usurping of Samadh Land

Several years back, Baba Jagjit Singh Bedi of Golf Links sued the present descendant of the Mahant and staked claim to the land. He lost the suit on the ground that land once gifted can not be reclaimed back. At that point in time the samadh was on a 200 sq yds plot and the rest of the land had been thoroughly colonised. Now the situation is that the descendant or the occupier has built a house on the samadh and the samadh is literally in his drawing room. The address is Suraj International Property Dealer, New Garden Colony, Amritsar. During his last visit to DBN in 2012, Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi, accompanied by Brijinder Singh Bedi and Rupinder Singh Bedi visited the samadh.



Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi having an argument with the present occupier on the despicable manner of usurping land and not maintaining the sanctity of Samadh

Devi Mata Mandir & Samadhs of Dada Pota

In Dera Baba Nanak, on the outskirts, near the Mandi lies the Devi Mata Mandir which also houses the samadhs of 'Dada and Pota' ie the samadhs of Baba Mulkh Raj and his grandson Baba Ajaib Chand. The legend has it that Devi Mata, the wife of the slain Baba Ajaib Chand and daughter in law of Baba Mlap Chand, distributed most of her riches and immolated herself on the pyre of her husband. Large fairs are held at this Mandir twice a year. This place having the samadhs of Quilewale Bedis has special significance for them and a large number of them have deep faith in Devi Mata.



JAGEER SUNUD 1854

It is interesting to know that on 01 January 1854, the Qilewale Bedis had received a JAGEER of Rupees 3621.00 per annum in different shares for their life time. Baba Dhanrajpat Bedi (10th Peerhi), the father of Baba Bagh Singh who in turn was the grandfather of Baba Ram Singh Bedi, was one of the recipients. His share was approx Rupees 900.00 per annum for his life time and on his demise, his son Baba Bagh Singh was to continue to receive Rupees 200.00 per annum for his life time. Baba Dhanrajpat was 78 years old at the time of this award of JAGEER on 01 Jan 1854. So Baba Dhanrajpat's year of birth must have been 1775.

The other co-recipients of this Jageer were two widows of Baba Mlap Chand (11th Peerhi) – son of Baba Mulkh Raj, As also three sons of Baba Bhugwant Singh, who in turn was the son of Baba Mbd. Singh, who was the brother of Baba Mulkh Raj and Baba Dhanrajpat. Accordingly these three recipient brothers were the cousins of Baba Gobind Baksh (12th Peerhi) father of Baba Ram Singh. The eldest of the three cousin recipients was Baba Heera Singh (38 years) and the youngest of the three was Baba Jhangirchand (27 years), all sons of Baba Bhugwant Singh (11th Peerhi). Being cousins of Baba Gobind Baksh, it can be safely assumed that Baba Gobind Baksh must have been in his teens around this time. The date of demise of Baba Gobind Baksh is recorded in the Pothi of his son Baba Ram Singh Bedi as 07 Oct 1906. His year of birth, therefore, must have been in 1840s.

This JAGEER was issued from the office of the Chief Commissioner of Punjab as free gift of the British Government

JAGEER SUNUD 1854

From the jageer document it can be surmised that the Jageer was received after the demise of Baba Mulkh Raj (10th Peerhi) but it is not clear whether this Jageer was received by the Quilewale family for disbandment of the Quila and the Force maintained by Baba Mulkh Raj or his father Baba Deewan Chand OR as mentioned on the Jageer Sunud, it was a 'Dharmarth Jageer given to Bedis'.

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از محکم صاحب چوہ کھنور بہادر ممالک پنجاب وغیرہ
Jageer Sunud in the names of

Dhunrajput	age 78	son of Deewanchund	Reported at case No. 121 of Part VI Report of Dhurumth grants to Badees.
and Moosummat Khemkour	age 35	widows of Milapchund	
& Moosummat Sobhadevee	age 30	grandson of Deewanchund	
and Heera Singh	age 38	sons of Bhugwantsingh	
Wuzzer Singh	age 33	grandson of	
Juhangerchand	age 27	Deewanchund	
Caste Bedee inhabitants of Dera Baba Nanuk Parganuh Vataluh Zilu Goordaspoorah			

Under the authority of Government contained in letter No. 291 dated the 14th January 1853, from the officiating Secretary to the Government of India to the Address of the Board of administration for the Affairs of the Panjab, the following Jageers estimated at Rupees 3621 (Three Thousand Six Hundred and twenty one) per annum are hereby granted as a free gift of the British Government to the above mentioned parties for their lives in the shares and on the terms detailed below. The share of each grantee to be resumed at death.

On the death of Dhunrajput a cash pension of 200 Rupees (Two Hundred) per annum to be allowed to his son Bagh Singh for his life.

		Detail of Jageers and shares and the terms on which they are granted.				
Zilu Umritsur.	Pargh:	Mouzu Mangan or Mungala	900	{ Moost: Khemkour : : } Subject to one		
	Tulwundee	Mouzu Salehwala	300	{ Moost: Sobhadevee : : } fourth revenue.		
		A well with about 7 ghomaos in Mouzu Vudala Khoord Pargunuh Umritsur... ..	15	Dhunrajput... ..		rent free
		A well (Maleewala) in Mouzu Nangul Pargh: Sourian	100			
Zilu Goordaspoorah	Pargunuh Vataluh.	Half of mouzu Kotah (including a well in mouzu Huvelee a deserted village)	425	{ Moost: Khemkour : : } Subject to		
		Three wells vizt:		{ Moost: Sobhadevee : : } one fourth		
		1. Peepulwala 2. Bagowala or Dhilwanwala with 85 ghomaos of land 3. Maleewala in mouzu Kharke	300	{ Equally : : } revenue.		
		Mouzu Guddean (Kulan)	400	{ Heera Singh : : } Subject to		
		A piece of grazing land for cattle in mouzu Pukkhoke near Kusbul Dera Baba Nanuk	25	{ Wuzzer Singh : : } one sixth		
		Twenty five ghomaos of land in mouzu Dhugowal	20	{ Juhangerchand : : } revenue.		
		Pargh:	Mouzu Chamean containing about 110 ghomaos of land	200		
		Mouzu Changoo Containing about 75 ghomaos of land	100			
		Mouzu Nawader, Pargunuh and zilu Sealkot	400			
	Pargunuh Vataluh Zilu Goordaspoorah		Two wells vizt: Khoose Nankoowala Chah Puddewala	200		
		in Mouzu Nangul Pargunuh Sourian Zilu Umritsur		{ Heera Singh : : } Subject to one		
		Two wells vizt: Chah Nuwa		{ Wuzzer Singh : : } sixth revenue.		
		Chah Aliyana with 42 ghomaos of land in mouzu Kharke	200			
		A well (said to be cultivated by the zameendars of mouzu Dalumningul) in Mouzu Malleanwala	36			
Lahore 1st. Jan., 1854		By order Sd/- Illegible. Secretary to the chief Commissioner for the Panjab		Total Rs. 3621		

NOTE.—The Sumasentered in sunuds are those Recorded in the Jageer Register. Where whole villages are held in Jageer, the assessment which Government, the revenue derivable by the Jageerdar from his share will be in proportion to the Government assessment of the village.

Regd. at P. P. 226 & 227 of Supplement to No. P. P. 206K of Sunuds
Sd/- F. Pandit Motee Lal (Translator)
Sd/- Essurhunden Bhuttachya.

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The Quilewale legacy passed on from Baba Dhanrajpat to his son Baba Bagh Singh, who was the grand father of Baba Ram singh. From Baba Bagh Singh came the 12th peerhi Baba Gobind Baksh and Baba Nanak Baksh. The Mahal got divided amongst families. Through Baba Gobind Baksh (d 1906) came forth the lineage of Baba Ram Singh Bedi (d 1947)

The Quilewale Legacy

Baba Ram Singh Bedi

Baba Ram Singh Bedi had started his career in the Railway Police, where he served for a few years. He had received a Certificate of Proficiency on 24 May 1899 from G Archari Rundle, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, in charge Police Training School, Phillour and promoted to Sergeant. He also received a Commendation Certificate from DIG Police, Railway and Crime Range for good work during the visit to the Punjab of his Royal Highness The Prince of Wales in 1905. There is also a mention of a Commendation Certificate granted to Baba Ram Singh by Sydney Smith Esq. AIG on 10 Oct 1900 for good services rendered in the arrest of an accused and recovery of stolen railway property. He also received a Certificate from Superintendent, Census Operations, Punjab in recognition of the good and willing services he rendered in the Census Operation of 1911.

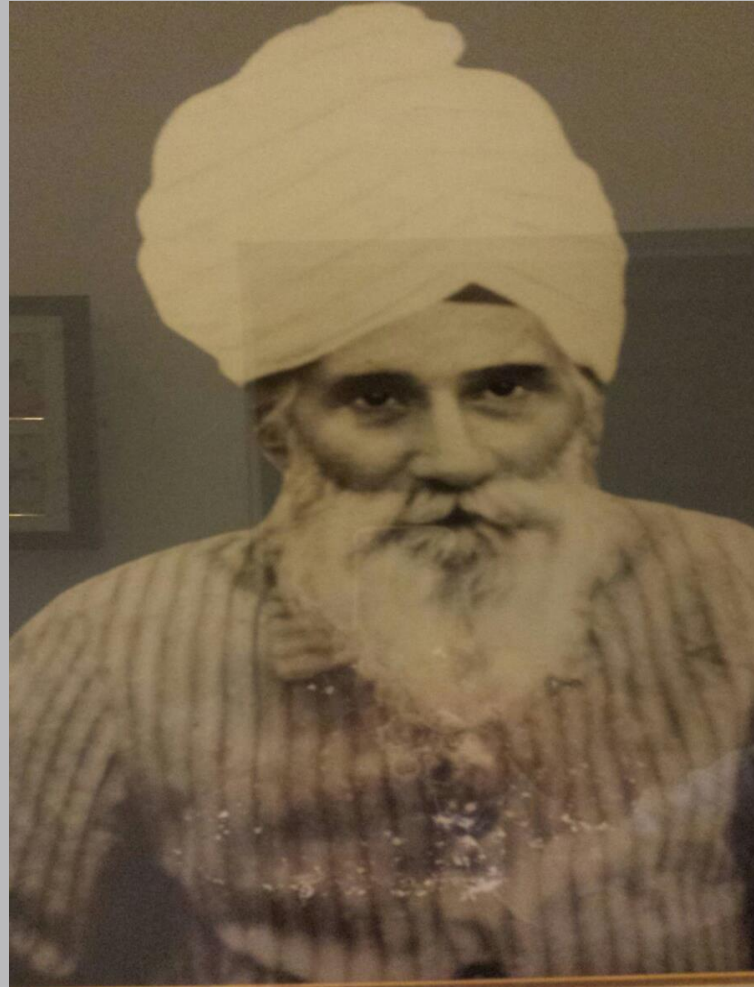
Lungi Inam to Baba Ram Singh

Baba Ram Singh Bedi is also said to have received LUNGI Inam from His Excellency the Governor of Punjab, National War Front, British Government for his personal contribution towards the World War by sending his six sons out of seven into armed forces and also helping in securing good many recruits for contributing to the war effort. His sons contribution was as follows:

1. Subedar (later Captain) Dr Inder Singh Bedi, IAMC, 17 CG Hospital, Malaya. He was taken in as Prisoner of War.
2. Capt Dr Jagjit Singh Bedi, IAMC, served for 2 years in Abasinia, Eriteria, Egypt, Libya and later also in Burma. Post war he served in MHLahore.
3. Jemadar Kirpal Singh Bedi, IAOC, He served in no 10 IAOC Depot, Malaya, where he was taken Prisoner of War. *Baba Ram Singh Bedi received intimation from IAOC Record Office Jubbulpore vide their letter no 7084/2276/X.30 dt 09.12.1942 that his son No 29829 I.WO Kirpal Singh Bedi, unit 10 Ord. Depot is reported to be believed a prisoner of war since 15.02.1942*
4. Jemadar Darbara Singh Bedi, RIASC, he served in Ferozepur Cantt.
5. Amrik Singh Bedi, RIASC, he served in Kharian Camp.
6. Iqbal Singh Bedi, Dept of Defence, he served in Lahore and Amritsar

Baba Ram Singh Bedi 13th Peerhi

Baba Ram Singh Bedi died on 11 May 1947 at Lahore and as per family sources, there was tense situation in general in Lahore during those times. For his funeral the sons had to carry Kirpans and Revolvers. The date of birth of Baba Ram Singh Bedi is not recorded. The eldest child of Baba Ram Singh Bedi was Baba Inder Singh Bedi was born 22 Feb 1905. Working backward there from and as per information in the family that he was married at age 14 and his first born was after 12 years, his employment in Railways in 1899, and he being older than Baba Dalip Singh Bedi (YOB 1883), it can be deduced that Baba Ram Singh Bedi was born between 1878 to 1879. He was married to Mata Mel Kaur from the Bhambrhi family. They had seven sons and three daughters



14th Peerhi: Maternal & Paternal Links

Baba Ram Singh Bedi, 13th peerhi had married a Hindu lady, Mata Mel Kaur from the Bhambri family. Baba Ram Singh Bedi had one brother, Baba Lachman Singh Bedi, and four sisters. Of the four sisters, one was married into the Nanda family. Her son Mr. Munni Lal Nanda had settled in Meerut and established a factory for manufacture of Brushes for the Sugar industry. Mr Munni Lal Nanda, who is no more, had three sons and one daughter. The remaining family still lives in Meerut.

The second sister was married into the Chopra Family and she had two sons namely Kartar Chand Chopra, who had joined the Army and retired as Colonel, and Daryai Lal Chopra. Kartar Chand was very close to the Quilewale Bedis 14th generation, as he was brought up along with them in Dera Baba Nanak. Kartar Chand, Tayaji as he was known and called by the 15th generation of Quilewale Bedis, is very fondly remembered for his long association with the 14th generation Bedi brothers and sisters. Kartar Chand was survived by his daughter Adarsh and son Atul Chopra. Kartar Chand Chopra owned a house in Defence Colony, New Delhi which has probably been sold now. His brother, Daryai Lal Chopra, had seven sons, of whom OP Chopra (Pashi) was close to the Quilewale Bedi Family. Pashi had joined the Military Engineer Services and rose to a decent rank.

The third sister was also married in to another Chopra family from Firozpur. There is no information available of her family. The fourth Sister was married into Puri family but expired soon thereafter. There is no information available of her family too.

14th Peerhi Extended Family contd...

Baba Lachman Singh Bedi, the brother of Baba Ram Singh Bedi, had two sons, Baba Bagh Singh, Baba Rajinder Singh and one daughter, Bibi Damanjeet Kaur. The relationship between the two brothers, Baba Ram Singh Bedi and Baba Lachman Singh Bedi, had soured due to family disputes but in later years Bibi Damanjeet became very close to the 14th generation Bedi cousins. Bibi Damanjeet had migrated to Mumbai and settled there. Baba Rai Singh Bedi, son of Baba Rajinder Singh was also very close to the 14th generation Bedis and in particular to Baba Dr Jagjit Singh Bedi. Rai Singh Bedi migrated to Germany and he expired there only. Brother of Rai Singh Bedi still resides in Village Nanak Chak near Dera Baba Nanak.

Mata Mel Kaur, wife of Baba Ram Singh Bedi, had a sister who was married into the Vachcher family. Mr. Raghu Nath Vachcher, her son was quite close to the 14th generation Bedis. Raghu Nath Vachcher had set up a good business in Delhi, which is being run by his son Vinod Vachcher. Mata Mel Kaur also had a Brother whose son Madan Lal Bambri was again quite close to his cousins, the 14th generation Bedis. Another family close to the 14th generation Bedis were Madhok Brothers. Krishan Lal Madhok and his brother were from the Nankas of Mata Mel Kaur. Madhok Brothers had a flourishing construction business.

14th Gen Journey from DBN to Amritsar to Lahore to Delhi

The 14 Gen Quilewale Family of Baba Ram Singh Bedi was primarily in DBN, Amritsar and Lahore from 1932 to 1947. From the notes of Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi, it is learnt that he studied in Amritsar from 1932 to 1941 and the address in Amritsar was *Galli Mangal Singh, Chowk Prag Dass, Amritsar*. He was in Lahore in Sikh National College from 1941 to 1944 and residing with Baba Darbara Singh Bedi. In one of his correspondence of 1945 the address mentioned is *Menahin Street, Beadon Road, Lahore*. Amongst the seven brothers, only two i.e. Inder Singh Bedi and Jagjit Singh Bedi were supported for medical education by Baba Ram Singh Bedi. Kirpal Singh Bedi received a War Degree due Army enrolment and participation in WWI. Pritpal Singh Bedi went on to complete formal education with a bachelor's degree and all his education expenses had been borne by Dr Jagjit Singh Bedi. In early 40s, may be 1941 when family shifted to Lahore. Baba Darbara Singh Bedi started working in construction business with his brother in law, S Jagat Singh Sodhi in Lahore. Later Baba Iqbal Singh Bedi also joined them. Post demise of Bibi Richpal Kaur in May 1945, the brothers broke off from S Jagat Singh Sodhi and went on their own. The reason for break off was the re marriage of S Jagat Singh Sodhi within a short time of demise of Bibi Richpal Kaur.

Lahore to respective Destinations

The construction business in Lahore was now being done by Baba Darbara Singh Bedi and Iqbal Singh Bedi. This went on till June 1947, when the Family was uprooted due to unrest just before partition and had to shift to Delhi. By this time Baba Ram Singh Bedi had expired in May 1947 and prior to that Baba Amrik Singh Bedi (one of the seven sons of Baba Ram Singh Bedi) and Bibi Rachpal Kaur (One of the three daughters of Baba Ram Singh Bedi) had also passed away. When the Quilewale family shifted from Lahore, Dr Inder Singh Bedi, went back to Jabalpur where he had a family, Baba Kirpal Singh Bedi, being in the Army was at Jullunder and deputed on evacuation duties in MEQ, Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi had joined Excise & Customs and was posted at Preet Nagar near Amritsar, Swaran Kaur and Kailash Kaur being sisters shifted to Poona where their father, S Nidhan Singh, was posted in Military Farms. Bibi Narinder Kaur, wife of Kirpal Singh Bedi shifted to Agra to her brother Jaswant Singh. S Jagat Singh Sodhi family with whom contact had been broken, shifted to Sagar near Jabalpur. Bibi Swaran Kaur and Kailash Kaur joined back the Family only by mid 1948 when the family had been given possession of an evacuated property of a Muslim Pir, known as Pir Manzil House in Nabi Karim, Delhi..

1948: into Evacuated property in Nabi Karim

Baba Dr Jagjit Singh Bedi, Baba Iqbal Singh Bedi and Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi shared this Pir Manzil house, while Baba Darbara Singh Bedi stayed in a separate small house close by in Nabi Karim itself and Bibi Kundan Kaur was staying in Pahar Ganj. Pritpal Singh Bedi was posted to Amritsar and was shuttling between Amritsar and Delhi. He got married in Sep 1948 in Ferozpur and the Barat came back to Delhi by train and the bride was driven to Nabi Karim house in Baba Darbara Singh Bedi's car that had to be cooled with an Ice silli every few miles. After his marriage leave, Pritpal Singh Bedi went back to Amritsar Hussainpura for five months and Mata Ji accompanied him. This was the time when Lakha smuggler, who he had intercepted and arrested, his case hearings were going on. During this tenure there were also several visits to DBN. He got back to Nabi Karim after a few months.

1950s Nabi Karim to WEA (Blocks 14,6,8,9 etc)

Soon the family restarted their construction business and after some months, the family shifted to WEA 14A/56. Three brothers, Dr Jagjit Singh Bedi , Iqbal Singh Bedi and Pritpal Singh Bedi stayed together in 14A/56. Darbara Singh Bedi was still in Nabi Karim The second tier of children were born here, Umri, Baby, Nkki. Mostly all kids were born in Dr Mirchandani Nursing Home. Hereafter the shift was to Block 6 where from Pritpal Singh Bedi went back to Amritsar for 7 months before being posted to Delhi. Other Brothers continued in Delhi in construction business. Darbara Singh Bedi was on his own and others had cross holdings in Housing Business. The Family now shifted to 14A/61 and then 14A/62 and yet later Pritpal Singh Bedi shifted back to Nabi Karim to the same Pir Manzil House where the neighbor was Advocate Teja Singh Sodhi, with whom there were frequent altercations. Meanwhile Baba Iqbal Singh Bedi shifted to Block 8, Baba Dr Jagjit Singh Bedi to Block 9 and so did Baba Darbara Singh Bedi to another house in Block 9 with Kartar Chand Chopra as his neighbor. After a stay of 3 to 4 years in Nabi Karim, Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi also shifted to his own house in Block 6. Now all brothers were on their own.

Onwards to South Delhi

The 14th Peerhi Bedi brothers were now on their own, busy in their real estate business. Baba Kirpal Singh Bedi continued in the Army, Pritpal Singh Bedi got posted to Rohtak and shifted there and stayed at Choudhary Lal Singh's house on first floor. The Quilewale family got together there in 1957 at the Jhandian ceremony of Ripi Appi. The brothers had meanwhile expanded their Real Estate business towards South Delhi. There are also sweet memories of stay at T2 Nicholson Road, Delhi Cantt, where Kirpal Singh Bedi was staying and Pritpal Singh Bedi joined him on posting back to Delhi from Rohtak.

In early 60s, the 14th peerhi brothers all shifted into their houses in South Delhi and were all very active in their Real estate and Other businesses.

So that was the Journey from DBN/Amritsar/Lahore to Delhi.

Transformation to Changing Times

The brothers did have their differences, tiffs and short cut offs but ultimately would always come together to stand united as white turbaned Bedis. They had immense love for their sisters. Channa describes that everytime his mother Bibi Shanta Kaur came to Delhi with children, there would always be her three brothers Dr jagjit Singh, Baba Iqbal Singh and Baba Pritpal Singh at the Railway Platform and each yelling in each compartment "Shanta Aithe hai". After finding her they would all proceed to Nabi Karim

It is to the credit of this 14th Gen Quilewale that only three amongst the seven brothers received formal college education and yet they all proved their excellence in their respective fields. There was immense transformation from a very conservative rural background to forward looking successful personalities in their respective fields and with more liberal outlook.

Baba Inder Singh Bedi of Jabalpur

as informed by Mahendra Bedi (Mikki)

4/12/2018, 2:14 PM | Mahendra Bedi Jabalpur. Sat sri akal, भाईसाहब, papaji ne करीब 500 से ज्यादा diaries लिखी उर्दू में, उनको कुरान, बाइबल, गुरु ग्रंथ साहिब, गीता रामायण पूरी एक एक शब्द याद थे, हम लोगों ने उनकी death 6 जून 1986 day friday के बाद 1994 तक सब चीजे as it is रखी, किंतु गोरखपुर bazaar का घर जो 25 rooms और 5 बड़े हाल का था जिसमे 10 बड़ी almirah पूरी बुक्स और diaries से भरी थी, रेंट house होने और land lord से case हारने के कारण इतना सामान कुछ अलग places पर शिफ्ट किया जिसकी वैल्यू पाली भाईसाहब ने नहीं समझी और miss कर दिया उनको friends बताते थे कि वो चीजे अनमोल थी उन्होंने उनका डीप स्टडी कर उनका सरल भाषा मै अनुवाद किया था वह 8-8 घटे लिखते थे वो धरोहर दुर्भाग्य से मिस हो गयी मै सभी से पूछकर आपको डाफ्ट भेजूगा आप देखियेगा चाची जी को चरण स्पर्श उनकी याद आती है मे जल्दी ही उनके दर्शन और ashirwad के लिए दिल्ली आऊँगा regards mikki

Baba Inder Singh Bedi Eldest of 14th Peerhi

Mki: पापाजी दादीजी और स्वर्गीय प्रीतपाल चाचाजी को अक्सर याद करते थे अंतिम कुछ सालों में वो सबकी पुरानी बातें बताते थे अक्सर कहते कभी भी किसी ने भी मेरी किसी भी बात को नहीं काटा जो कहा भाइयो ने माना कि praji कह दिया means final. Jab कोई काफी लंबे समय बाद जबलपुर आता था तो इतने खुश रहते जैसे उन्हें जन्नत मिल गयी हो कभी सब कहते थे कि दिल्ली हो आए तो बातों बातों कह देते जाऊंगा पर बिना बुलाए नहीं jaate the Jab bulane पर जाते तो बहुत खुश रहते सब पूछते रुकेंगे कहा तो कहते c-339 defence कॉलोनी ही जाऊंगा Me Kuchh पुरानी यादें उनकी dundta hu जरूर आपको bhejunga सत sri akal regards



Subedar (later Captain) Dr Inder Singh Bedi, IAMC, 17 CG Hospital, Malaya. He was taken in as Prisoner of War during World War II at Singapore, where he managed to stay out of PoW camp and started a private practice.

After the war he settled at Jabalpure, later went to Lahore and on partition returned back to Jabalpure, where he died in 1986. He was survived by his daughters Amrit and kamlesh and sons Palli, Pappu and Miki.



Baba Dr Inder Singh Bedi- Lahore to Jabalpure

Though Baba Dr Inder Singh Bedi had moved after World war II for short stints at Ambala and Jullunder and then finally to Jabalpure, he later moved to Lahore and moved back to Jabalpure during/after the partition. This Refugee Identity Card Certified true Copy has been shared by his son Mikki. The document shows that the Family was indeed staying at Mahabir Street, Beadon Road Lahore, before their move to post partition India. This document indicates Mahabir Street but a document relating to Pritpal Singh Bedi indicates Menahin Street, Beadon Road. Street name needs further verification.

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REFUGEE IDENTITY CARD.

Identity Card No..... 164.
 Issued on..... 13.12.47.

Name of the Registration Centre: P.S.Gorakhpore, Jubbulpore.

(1) Name of the Refugee in full ()
 with father's name or in () Dr. Captain Inder Singh Bedi,
 case of a married or widowed () Son of Baba Ram Singh Bedi.
 female with husband's name. ()

(2) Age..... 41 yrs.

(3) Caste or community..... Sikh.

(4) Place of residence in
 Pakistan or State..... Mahabir Street, Beadon Road
 Lahore.

(5) Date of leaving Pakistan
 or State..... 18-8-1947.

(6) Date of arrival in the
 present place..... 26.8.1947.

(7) Occupation before and now.. Medical Practice, now same.

(8) Number and names of
 dependents with age and
 relation-ship.....
 (i) Shanti Bedi wife. 27 yrs
 (ii) Amrit Bedi. Daughter. 8
 (iii) Surenderpall Singh Son
 6 Yrs.
 (iv) Kamlesh Kumari Daughter
 4 Yrs.
 (v) Jagenderpall Singh. Son.
 1 Yr.

(9) Identification marks of the
 refugee and his dependents. Age 41 Yrs.
 Fair complexion- Height Ordina
 Thin strong built- Big flask -
 shaped scar on Rt. elbow.

(10) Signature or thum mark of the
 refugee. Sd- Inder Singh Bedi. Capt.
 Ex-I.N.M.C.

(11) His present address. Main Bazaar Road, Gorakhpore,
 Jubbulpore.

(12) Signature of the Officer
 issuing the identity Card
 and his designation, place
 and date. Sd/- M. Yasin. Havildar
 13.12.47.

(13) Date & signature of the person
 in case the Identity Card
 is surrendered on refugee's
 leaving the place.

Certified true copy.
M. Yasin
 Station Officer
 Gorakhpore, P.S.

Rememberances of Dr Inder Singh Bedi

as narrated by his daughter Amrit Kaur on 31 may 2020

As per information gathered from Amrit Kaur, her father Dr Inder Singh Bedi was a flamboyant person and very stylish during his young days. He was also an extremely learned and a religious person with knowledge of all faiths. In 1939 when he was 34 years old and posted at Jhansi Military Hospital, he fell in love with a nursing staff Shanti (b 22.4.1922; d 02.10.1964), who was then just 17 years old. They got married and their first child Amrit was born at Jhansi on 05 Mar 1940. Amrit, as a toddler of a month and a half in the lap of her mother, features in the Quilewale family photograph of 1940. Amrit informs that since there was already a Shanta Kaur in the Quilewale family, her grand father Baba Ram Singh Bedi changed Shanti Devi name to Lalita. From Jhansi, Dr Inder Singh Bedi was sent to Malaya to participate in WWII.

Inder Singh Bedi – Malaya & Singapore

He took his wife Shanti and child Amrit along. Surinderpal (Palli) was born in Malaya On 23 Aug 1941 (d 5.7.1996) and Kamlesh was born in Singapore on 31 Jul 1944. Amrit also remembers that in Malaya they were staying in Tents in a jungle and that she had once been bitten by an insect and that caused several boils on her body and those marks still exist. She also says that the Indian soldiers were once visited by Subash Chander Bose and her mother Shanti garlanded him They have a photograph of that with them She has to trace out that from the old records. Also that this event was broadcasted and the voice over in Hindi was her mother's as she was the only fluent Hindi speaking person, all others being mostly south Indians. After the war Dr Inder Singh Bedi did a short stint in Ambala, then Jullunder and finally came to Jabalpure where his fourth child Joginderpal (Pappu) was born on 25.02.1946. Here they settled down at the Laxmi Bagh House.

Amrit's reminiscences contd....

Amrit also recalls visiting Lahore with her father, where the Bedi Family got him married into a second marriage with Bibi Amrit Kaur thru Arya Samaj rites. This marriage did not last long and Amrit remembers meeting her second mom and also recalls that her father made frequent visits to attend court dates for annulment of this second marriage.

When Baba Ram Singh Bedi died in May 1947, Dr Inder Singh Bedi was in Jabalpore. He received a telegram and left for Lahore. He came back to Jabalpore in August 1947. This is so indicated in his Refugee Card issued to him by the Govt of India in Dec 1947.

Amrit says that she also visited Pir Manzil House in Nabi Karim and distinctly remembers participating in Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi's marriage in Sep 1948, which was attended by her father too and he did the Milni as the father of the groom since Baba Ji was no more. Amrit says that she was very fascinated by the new bride Parshotam Kaur and that she would go and sit with her.

Amrit talks of literary side of her father

Amrit also talks of another affair of her father with the wife of one Capt Mbonga, but this affair lasted only a few months.

Dr Inder Singh Bedi mostly stayed in Jabalpure only except for a few visits to Delhi during marriages of his nephews and on such visits he stayed with Pritpal Singh Bedi. Baba Dr Inder Singh Bedi died in Jabalpure on 06 Jun 1986 and his funeral was attended by Baba Iqbal Singh Bedi, Baba Pritpal Singh Bedi and Tikka Brijinder Singh Bedi.

In his later years, Dr Inder Singh Bedi was deeply involved in literary works and he translated several religious texts. He believed in all religions and in his house could be found the Sikh, Hindu, Islam, Christianity scriptures. A deeply learned person with extra ordinary literary skills, he would write for hours together. Alas, in shifting of their lease held house in Gorakhpur Bazaar, which case they lost in the Courts, the family lost out also on these literary works.

Reminiscences Bibi Richpal Kaur - Pallo

w/o S Jagat Singh Sodhi

as narrated by Sukhminder (Bindo) on 29 may 2020

Bibi Richpal Kaur was the fourth child born to Baba Ram Singh Bedi and Mata Mel Kaur on 27.11.1910. In 1933/34 she was married to S Jagat Singh Sodhi of Village Daon who had migrated to Lahore at a young age of 16. S Jagat Singh Sodhi worked for a Property builder who would use him as a clerk or field worker to show properties to clients. Later having learnt the business and not wanting to be called a 'Dalal', he ventured on his own into Construction business with borrowed capital. He was successful and settled down in Lahore on Beadon Road. His bother also was in Lahore in the opposite house on the same road. Bibi Richpal Kaur (name changed post marriage by husband to Surjeet Kaur) had her first child Jaspal (Palli) in 1934 and he was born at the Nanka house in Amritsar. Her subsequent four children Sudarshan (Darshan) -1938, Sukhminder (Bindo)- 1940, Hndo -1942 and Jaipal - 1944, were all born in Lahore. Tragedy struck the family when in the beginning of May 1945, the seven year old child Darshan succumbed to Typhoid, that had spread in the city. Bibi Richpal kaur was shattered and went into depression and 13 days later in mid May 1945, Bibi Richpal Kaur also passed away leaving behind an infant Jaipal and other three young children.

Bibi's Family contd.....

As per information gathered from Bindo, a short time after her mother's death, her father was probably advised as also a proposal brought forth by his friend Chunni Lal Ghai to marry a young woman, with walking disability, from a poor Marwah family. Sodhi Jagat Singh accepted to remarry, probably for the sake of his four young children, but this decision was not liked by the Bedi brothers and this led to the boycott of Sodhi Jagat Singh and family. A hard decision that deprived the young children of Bibi Richpal Kaur from their Nanka love and affection.

On partition the Sodhi family shifted to Sagar near Jabalpure. The children had an opportunity to visit Baba Inder Singh Bedi at Jabalpure and he was overtly delighted to meet his nephew and nieces. Sodhi family shifted back to Delhi in 1950 and they also resided in WEA area and were in fact neighbors to the Bedi Family, and yet with no formal contact.

Bibi Richpal Kaur

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While in WEA relations with Bedi family (Nankas) were subdued but later improved. Sodhi family moved to Rohtak Road in 1955 and the interaction amongst the children and their maternal Uncles increased. Sukhminder (Bindo) would often visit her Nani and meet up with her Mamas. Eventually Bindo got married to Jagpal Sodhi whose mother Purro was sister of Karhikhana Bedis, cousin of Baba Ram Singh Bedi. Hereafter her connection to DBN further grew and she became a firm believer of Devi Mata, having had an ecstatic experience at the Devi Mata mandir in DBN



Quilewale Baba Ram Singh Bedi Family in 1940

photographed at Gurdial studio Amritsar



Quilewale Baba Ram Singh Bedi Family in 1957

photographed at Rohtak



Quilewale Family in 1991

photographed at Defence Colony



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