

## SAKE DEAN MAHOMED BLUE PLAQUE FUNDING APPEAL

Sake Dean Mahomed was the first Brightonian of Indian origin that we know anything about.

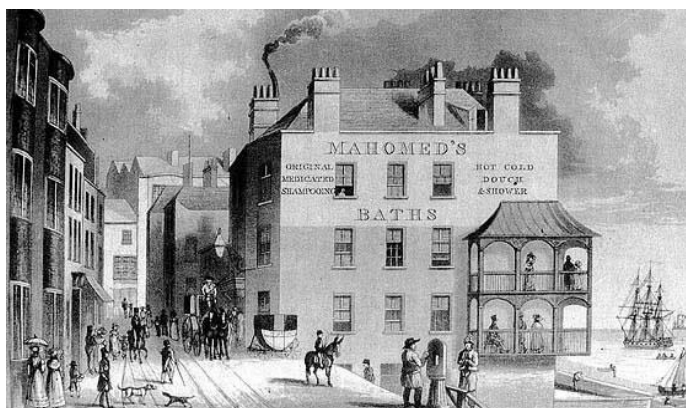
He was born in North India in 1759 and his original name was Din Mohammed. He became a soldier in the British army in India at the age of eleven and later moved to Ireland with his Anglo-Irish Officer, Captain Godfrey Evan Baker upon the latter's retirement.

There, Mohammed got married in 1786 to his Irish sweetheart, Jane Daly. However, in order to marry a Protestant, he had to change his religion and Muslim name to Dean Mahomed.

When he was forty years old he wrote a book "The Travels of Dean Mahomet", the first book ever published in Britain to be written by an Indian and from an Indian perspective.

Later he opened a "Hindoostani Coffee House" in London which was the first Indian restaurant in Britain. At this point, by all accounts, he had given himself the honorific title of "Sheikh" which could mean anything from elder, noble, leader, chief, to wise man. This title was in turn Anglicised to "Sake."

By the time Sake Dean Mahomed arrived in Brighton in 1814, he was in his fifties and launched his "Indian Vapour Baths and Shampooing Establishment", on the site of what is now the Queens Hotel.



Mahomed's Baths were a great success and became a well-known feature of Brighton's early years as a resort.

Sake Dean Mahomed became known as "Doctor Brighton" when local hospitals referred patients to him for his idiosyncratic combination of Eastern and Western cures. He attracted further fame by being appointed "shampooing surgeon" to both King George IV and William IV.

### Why is this Blue Plaque important?

**Sake Dean is an interesting and important figure in Brighton's still largely little known early multicultural history. His achievements and contribution to Brighton, fully deserve to be commemorated with a Blue Plaque.**

**WE NEED TO RAISE OVER £1000 TO COVER THE COST OF MANUFACTURE AND FITTING FOR A BLUE PLAQUE.**

Please donate to our Sake Dean Mahomed Blue Plaque Fund Appeal. All donations are welcome, even small ones. Thanking you in advance.

### How to Donate:

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