

# Mohamed Khalfan

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Khalfan was a young man, newly married, when his family in Gujarat, India, allowed him at his insistence, to board a dhow for the port of Lamu in Kenya like the others of his age who had proceeded. He intended to return and collect his wife the following year. That sadly did not happen. The sea at the Lamu harbour was extremely rough when the dhow anchored. The roving boat taking him with his baggage to the land capsized. He died of drowning and the body was buried in Lamu. That was about the year 1835.

The news of death reached the family and the pregnant wife months later when the seasonal sailing wind changed for dhows to make a return voyage to India. That tragedy however, was not to mark the end of the adventure and determination of migration for the family. The child born in India was named Mohamed. He too as a young man, followed the sea-path of his father twenty years later, in about the year 1855 with a difference. He landed in Zanzibar.

Mohamed married one Lidubai whose paternal lineage of four past generations is remarkably still known as Hema Parpia Hedau Devani. There are a few families in East Africa whose paternal lineage from the present generation of the youngest child, is traced to the same Devani. It is rare to know the names in a lineage of past 11 generations spanned over three centuries.

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Mohamed Khalfan arrived in Zanzibar in 1855 from Jamnagar.

His sons were Ali (born 1860), Abdulrasul Ali Mohamed Khalfan (born 1887) and Alhaj Abdalla Ali Mohamed Khalfan (born 1889).

Mohamed Khalfan	
<b>Place of birth</b>	Bhavnagar
<b>Country of birth</b>	India
<b>Date of Birth</b>	1835
<b>Place of Death</b>	Zanzibar
<b>Place of longest stay</b>	Zanzibar
<b>Where</b>	Sultanate of Zanzibar
<b>Family tree</b>	<a href="http://khojawiki.org/w/index.php?title=Special:FamilyTree&amp;page=Mohamed_Khalfan">click here (http://khojawiki.org/w/index.php?title=Special:FamilyTree&amp;page=Mohamed_Khalfan)</a>

Father	
<b>Full name</b>	Khalfan

Spouse	
<b>Full name</b>	Lidubai Dewani

Child	
<b>Full name</b>	Ali Mohamed Khalfan

Child	
<b>Full name</b>	Abdulrasul Ali Mohamed Khalfan

Child	
<b>Full name</b>	Abdalla Ali Mohamed Khalfan

Abdulla Khalfan together with his three sportsmen friends, Alhaj Habib Abdulla Janmohamed, Alhaj Hassanali Gulamhusein Khaki and Alhaj Hussein Karim Hirji were the four founders of the Jaffery Sports Club in about the year 1922.

By the 1920s, when the Zanzibar jamaat had 5,000 members, the Khalfans were established business owners in Zanzibar and in Mombasa.

Alis two sons also served as Presidents of the Zanzibar Jamaat, and Abdulrasul adopted several orphaned children.

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