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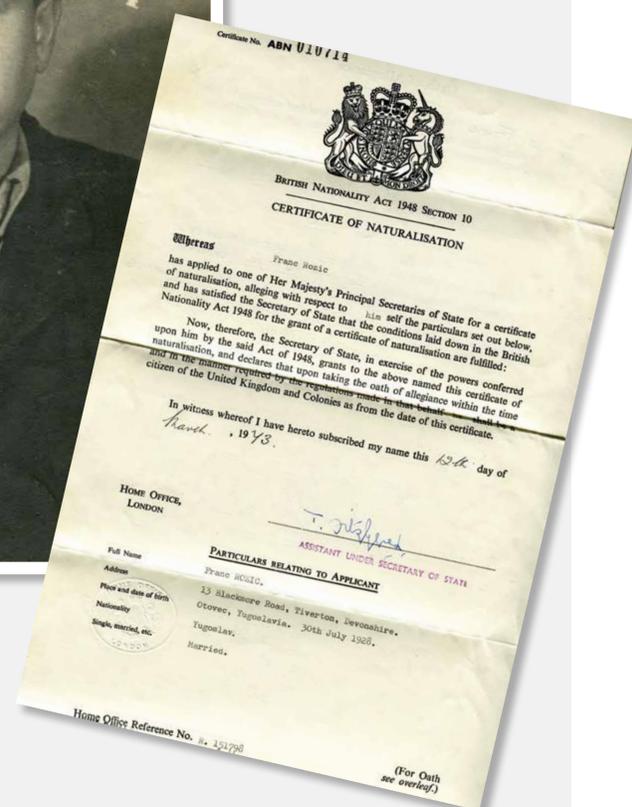
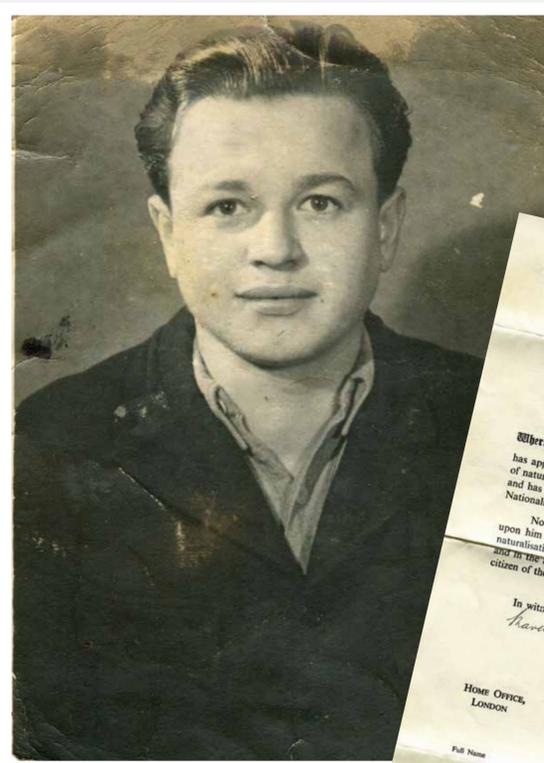
The following exhibition is part of Devon Development Education's county-wide project **Telling Our Stories, Finding Our Roots: Devon's Multicultural History**. It is the result of many months of labour by volunteers and members of Tiverton's diverse communities.

Just over a year ago, a group of dedicated researchers undertook to expand our understanding of Tiverton's history through uncovering and exploring its complexity and diversity. The resulting discoveries are here for you to enjoy.

You will find intriguing, little known historical stories on subjects such as the slave trade and the Napoleonic wars as well as many personal stories of families who have settled and built lives in the town across the course of several centuries.

Tiverton's history is deep and broad, taking in stories of refugees, ex slaves, entrepreneurs, farmworkers, entertainers and soldiers. Due to the nature of the historical record, many of our stories are of men - but we have also tried to represent women's lives where possible, and many of our contemporary oral history participants are women.

As part of the project we have also interviewed a range of people with different cultural, faith, and heritage backgrounds. This record will live in the permanent collection of the museum and will help the history of Tiverton to be told by the people who live here. You will see quotes from some of the people we have interviewed throughout the exhibition, on themes ranging from family life to religion.



Top left photo: Tiverton town cross roads, c. 1963 showing the new Chinese restaurant. Image courtesy of Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life.  
 Top right photo: This lovely wedding photo was found by one of our researchers and led to an oral history. Image courtesy of Tiverton museum of Mid Devon Life.  
 Bottom photo: Franc Rosic arrived in Tiverton after WW2, and would have applied for a naturalisation certificate just like this one.