

Statement of Brenda Roberts

I Brenda Roberts of 8 Chamberlain Street, London NW1 8XB will say:-

1. I met Yozo Hirayama and his partner [REDACTED] some 47 years ago. At the time they moved into 69 Regents Park Road, in the early 1970s, they occupied only the first floor flat. There was an elderly lady above and when she moved out, which was before 1991, they took her flat over and from that date occupied both flats as one single unit.
2. I knew them because we all worked together in a local business and spent many convivial evenings together both in original first floor flat and then when flats were combined. These evenings always took place in first floor sitting room.
3. Once the flats were combined, the first floor space was used as a kitchen and the main sitting room/dining room area was next door which they both used and that is where they lived during the day and where they entertained guests.
4. Yozo was an artist and [REDACTED] worked in the theatre and so the sleeping arrangements were that Yozo's bedroom/studio was on the second floor with the only bathroom. There was also a tiny kitchenette which Yozo used solely for cleaning his brushes and washing his shirts. Yozo liked to read and study at night in his studio
5. Because [REDACTED] worked in the theatre, [REDACTED]

Signed

Brenda Roberts

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