

COLLETTE GENEALOGY**(D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, Page 60.)**

ADDITION.

Eunice Esther Collette, referred to in section VIII, item 1 married in the Methodist Church, Wellawatte, 3rd September 1949, Douglas Marc Neil Toussaint, born 19th November 1913, son of Frédéric Bernard Toussaint and Rosaline Mary Nell. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 40, and Vol. XXXVI, page 122).

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MOLDRICH GENEALOGY**(D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, Page 117.)**

ADDITION.

Benjamin Augustus Moldrich, referred to in section IX, item 7, born 10th October 1908, married in St. Thomas' Church, Kotte 4th April 1936, Constance Magdalene Holmes, born 5th June 1911, daughter of Austin Charles Holmes and Bella Frances Schokman. He had by her—

- 1 Burton Chalice, born 15th January 1937.
- 2 Christopher Winston Churchill, born 27th December 1938.
- 3 Cuthbert Royce Walker, born 2nd October 1941.
- 4 Augustine Travis Spearham, born 16th April 1944.
- 5 Joseph Lister Allison, born 24th April 1946.

D. V. A.

VANDERSTRAATEN GENEALOGY**(D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, Page 114)**

CORRECTION

In section IX, line 2, for date of marriage of Johan Engelbert Vander Straaten with Sophia Eliza Melchior, read "14th September 1840."

D. V. A.

PIACHAUD GENEALOGY**(D.B.U. Journal Vol. XLIII Page 170)**

CORRECTION.

In section IX, item 3, for "Jane François David" read "James François David"

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A SURGEON TO THE DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

In 1677 Christopher Fryke, surgeon and member of a medical family of Ulm, in Wurtemberg, yielding to an overpowering curiosity and desire of travel, left his home and spent the best part of three years travelling in Hungary and Central Europe, until about Christmas, 1679, he found himself in the famous city of Amsterdam. There he applied for the post of surgeon to the Dutch East India Company, and, after examination with twelve other candidates, he was fortunate enough, as he thought, to be one of six chosen, despite his youth. He was so anxious to see the world that, failing an appointment as a surgeon, he would have shipped in almost any capacity. An English translation of a Dutch version of his journal, "A Relation of a Voyage made to the East Indies by Christopher Fryke, one of the Surgeons to the E. India Company, from the Year 1680 to the Year 1686," has been published.

The Dutch Company of the East Indies was at this time at the height of its power and wealth, and altogether overshadowed the English Company, which it had practically ousted from the trade of the Spice Islands and Ceylon. Such a small country as the Netherlands could not, however man all the ships, fill the ranks of the armies and the gaps made by disease and casualties out of its native population. Many foreigners were employed, and the means of recruitment did not differ a great deal from those employed much later by crimps and kidnappers in other lands. But the ship surgeons were important persons, in whom obviously the crews put great confidence, just as the buccaneers did in the West Indies.

Each East Indiaman carried a physician, a surgeon, and a mate who served as barber. The physician's pay was the equivalent of £2 16s. a month, with a subsistence allowance ashore 15s. a month. In 1658 the English Company at Surat were paying to chaplains and surgeons £50 a year, with full board and lodging, and facilities for private trade such as the Dutch did not allow.

Fryke was engaged for the usual five years, and sailed from the Texel on the ship *Ternate* on the last day of May, 1680. He gives interesting details of the discipline and internal economy of the ship. Punishments were cruel. Keel-hauling, running the gauntlet, and nailing the offender's hand to the mast with a knife till he chose to pull it away were some of them.

His ship was wrecked in False Bay, near the Cape of Good Hope, and only 43 out of 343, including Fryke and two other surgeons, came safe to land. He gives an interesting account of the Cape Colony but describes the Hottentots as particularly loathsome savages. He makes no mention of other natives. He arrived at Batavia at the end of