

# GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF DEMMER OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Allendorff)

## I

Hendrik Demmer married Monikka Dias, and he had by her—

- 1 Jan Hendrik, baptised 11th February 1759, died 29th September 1826.
- 2 Anna Catharina married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th May 1782, Andries Milius of Saxen.
- 3 Johan Willem, baptised 11th May 1767.
- 4 Johanna, baptised 6th May 1769.
- 5 Susanna Margaretha, died 25th November 1853, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 23rd October 1791, Philip Christiaan Frans.
- 6 Willem Hendrik, who follows under II.
- 7 Maria Magdalena married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal :
  - (a) 4th May 1794, Siemon Pieter Hagenaur of Stockholm.
  - (b) 23rd October 1804, Petrus Johannes de Run, son of Harmanus de Run and Jacoba Elizabeth Hoepels.
- 8 Anna Maria married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 21st February 1802, Johannes Hendrik Ferdinand, son of Johannes Ferdinand and Alletta Bolthoudar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 75 and 77).
- 9 Lodewyk married at Colombo by Governor's licence dated 5th July 1821, Anna Sophia Petronella Potger, baptised 13th September 1807, died 30th January 1838, daughter of Cornelis Everhardus Potger and Wilhelmina Frederica Friedel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 109).

## II

Willem Hendrik Demmer married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal :

- (a) 4th June 1797, Maria Magdalena Mouwer.
- (b) 9th July 1809, Anna Carolina Kersse.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Johanna Magdalena, baptised 10th June 1798.
- 2 Johan Fredrik, born 23rd February 1800.
- 3 Petrus Harmanus, who follows under III.
- 4 Henrietta Cornelia, baptised 6th May 1804, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th July 1822, Pieter Gerard Jansz, son of Emanuel Jansz and Elisabeth Dekker.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 Wilhelmina Dorothea, born 13th April 1810.
- 6 Julia Ursula, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th July 1844, Arnoldus Henricus Rodé, born 21st December 1814, died 29th April 1874, son of Johannes Jacobus Rodé and Anna Margarita Visser. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 99 and 100).

## III

Petrus Harmanus Demmer, baptised 6th April 1802, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th July 1830, Sophia Carolina La Brooy, born 25th June 1814, daughter of Erhart Johannes La Brooy and Anna Catharina Pieksen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 69). He had by her—

- 1 Georgiana Francina, born 23rd April 1831.
- 2 Johanna Emelia, born 6th September 1833.
- 3 John Henry, who follows under IV.
- 4 Jemima Cecilia born 7th October 1840.
- 5 Henrietta Wilhelmina, born 6th December 1843.
- 6 William Frederic, born 3rd October 1845.
- 7 Eliza Louisa, born 21st March 1847.

## IV

John Henry Demmer, born 15th November 1836, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th July 1863, Eliza Sophia Paulusz, born 16th April 1846, daughter of Johannes Gerardus Paulusz and Helen Catherine Jones. He had by her—

- 1 Roseline May, born 7th July 1865, died 1939, married Adolphus Charles Paulusz born 4th July 1864, died 1934, son of John Gerard Paulusz and Annie Catherine Thomas.
- 2 Eveline Jemima, born 17th September 1866, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th January 1893, Henry Ondaatje.
- 3 Colvin Lloyd, who follows under V.
- 4 Ada Ellen, born 11th December 1871, married Frank Hardy.
- 5 Ethel Carey, born 15th February 1875, died 12th January 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 25th February 1897, Edward Boyle de Hoedt, born 1875, died 9th March 1914, son of Charles William de Hoedt, Proctor, and Maria Lucretia Taylor.
- 6 Stella Frances, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th June 1902, Allan Francis Richard Alvis, born 26th December 1875, son of Francis Albert Alvis and Ellen Alice Thomasz.

## V

Colvin Lloyd Demmer, Station Master, Ceylon Government Railway, born 16th June 1869, died 27th July 1946, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 17th April 1895, Florence Clara de

Hoedt, born 27th December, 1872, died 19th March 1941, daughter of Charles William de Hoedt, Proctor, and Maria Lucretia Taylor. He had by her—

- 1 Colvin Stanley, born 18th April 1896, died 4th March 1923, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 22nd June 1922, Sylvia Irene Kellar, born 13th June 1900, daughter of Arthur Meurling Kellar and Rosalini Maud Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 107, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 54).
- 2 Eric Taylor, born 7th September 1897, died in infancy.
- 3 Allan Bertram, who follows under VI.
- 4 Ouida Florence, born 17th July 1899, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 31st May, 1926, Percival Timothy Capper, born 17th October 1889, son of Benjamin Joseph Forbes Capper and Mary Emalene Job.
- 5 George Hilton, who follows under VII.
- 6 Hugh Clifford, who follows under VIII.
- 7 Collingwood Roy, who follows under IX.
- 8 Frederick Harris, born 26th October 1905, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 29th December 1937, Trixie Brenda de Zilva, born 10th September 1910, daughter of John Barton de Zilva and Stella de Neys.
- 9 Cora Bianca, born 28th November 1907, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 17th December 1930, Daisy Cyril Edgar Heyzer de Zilva, born 27th January 1904, son of Charles Cyril de Zilva and Daisy Gertrude Heyzer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 29).
- 10 Esther Graciebel, 29th February 1912, married in All Saint's Church, Borella, 27th December 1930, Douglas Prosper Hesse, born 15th June 1907, son of Jessel Godfrey Hesse and Mary Augusta de Haan.

## VI

Allan Bertram Demmer, A.M.I. (Loco) E., Divisional Transportation Superintendent, Ceylon Government Railway, born 26th August 1898, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 4th July 1923, Enid Mildred Jansz, born 3rd February 1903, daughter of Francis Scheffer Jansz and Edina Constance Van Dort. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 36). He had by her—

- 1 Allanson Rex, who follows under X.
- 2 Enid Yvonne, born 20th July 1929.

## VII

George Hilton Demmer, Inspector, Ceylon Government Railway, born 7th January 1901, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th June 1927, Sheila Ruth Garvin Speldewinde, born 14th March 1909, daughter of Frank Adolphus Speldewinde and Charlotte Evangaline Garvin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 78, and Vol. XXXIV, page 12). He had by her—

- 1 George Brian, born 23rd April 1928.
- 2 Sheila Doreen, born 2nd July 1930, married in the Church of the Ascension, Midland Junction, Western Australia, 16th December 1950, Rex Arthur Drummond Bartholomeusz, born 1st November 1925, son of Frederick Roland Bartholomeusz and Harriet Anne Atwell.
- 3 Eileen Ruth, born 21st July 1931.

## VIII

Hugh Clifford Demmer, Inspector, Ceylon Government Railway, born 18th May 1903, married in St. Michael's and All Angel's Church, Colombo, 27th December 1928, Iris Estelle Kriekenbeek, born 12th May 1907, daughter of Juslin John Kriekenbeek and Edith May Wotton. He had by her—

- 1 Iorine Estelle, born 29th April 1929.
- 2 Hugh Eardley, born 8th August 1930.
- 3 Joan Avril, born 25th July 1934.

## IX

Collingwood Roy Demmer, Inspector, Ceylon Government Railway, born 3rd June 1904, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 29th July 1931, Onida Lorraine Kriekenbeek, born 1st June 1910, daughter of Justin John Kriekenbeek and Edith May Wotton. He had by her—

- 1 Vilma Lorraine, born 5th June 1932.
- 2 Christobel Maureen, born 9th March 1936.
- 3 Kathleen Audrey, born 28th February 1937.

## X

Allanson Rex Demmer, Planter, born 15th May 1924, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 18th February 1950, Christine Amy Van Twest, born 12th July 1926, daughter of John Taylor Van Twest, A.M.I., C.E., District Engineer, Public Works Department, and Emma Beatrice Wambeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 71, and Vol. XXXIX, page 78). He had by her—

- 1 Christine Veronica, born 7th January 1951.

NOTES:—(1) In 1847, Carolina Demmer nee Krasse, and Johanna Magdalena Demmer, referred to in II, received assistance from a remittance forwarded by the Dutch Government in the East Indies for the relief of widows and orphans of servants of the late Dutch Government of Ceylon.

- (2) Allan Bertram Demmer, referred to in VI, joined the Ceylon Government Railway in 1913 as an apprentice. He was appointed Probationary Assistant Divisional Transportation Superintendent in 1929. He proceeded to England in 1931, for a course of study and training, and was attached to the Great Western Railway in the United Kingdom for two years. On his return, he was confirmed as Assistant Divisional Transportation Superintendent, and in 1940 he was promoted Divisional Transportation Superintendent. In 1951, he was appointed to act as General Manager of Railways.
- (3) Hugh Eardley Demmer, referred to in VIII, 2, won in 1950 the Gold Medal of the Trinity College of Music, London.

### Pompeus Genealogy.

D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLI. page 20.

(Correction.)

On page 24, Section X, item 2, for "Louis Julian" read "Louise Julia", and for "18th November" read "11th November".

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## THINGS IN GENERAL.

[FROM A WOMAN'S STANDPOINT.]

By Athena.

### (I) Flippancy and Frivolity.

It is quite the fashion amongst young people of the present generation to be both flippant and frivolous. They fancy it makes them look quite clever and up-to-date to be continually indulging in a sort of stupid witless jesting over the gravest and often even the most sacred subjects. They lose sight of the fact that such unreasonable levity argues a shallowmindedness and want of ballast that only awakens contempt, instead of admiration.

Healthy jesting and mirth are all very well at the proper time and place. It is life's sunshine and deserves all encouragement, but the flippancy which makes a jest of religion, turns into ridicule the graver issues of life, makes the tender relations of human hearts subjects for levity, cannot be too strongly condemned.

To talk lightly and frivolously on subjects that should be seriously discussed is only a pose which is adopted because it seems to be the fashion among certain callow youths and feather-brained girls. This is generally a phase of extreme youth, and as these boys and girls grow older they usually see the folly of it and put it aside with other childish things, but there are instances when flippancy and frivolity become habitual and are not out-grown even with the passage of years. It is painful to see men and women of mature years indulging in foolish levity over any and every subject. Nothing seems worthy of serious thought to them. Subjects which are given respect and due reverence by all right-minded people are dismissed with stupid jokes which disgust one.

Flippancy in speech is as much to be deplored and discouraged as frivolity in dress and behaviour. Life is not all play, though there should be a due proportion of it, and even in our legitimate hours of play, we should not lose sight of reverence, respect and seaminess. Life is too real and earnest a thing to be turned into a sort of burlesque where men and women act like clowns and say, and do all sorts of silly things because they think it will amuse or because it is the fashion.

Only those who are thoughtless and selfish can afford to be flippant or frivolous. Those who think at all about life with all its problems, can never, in their happiest moments even, indulge in flippancy and careless unthinking levity.