

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF EDEMA OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. F. H. de Vos in 1916, revised by
Mr. D. V. Altendorff in 1953).

I

Johannes Elias Edema of Leeuwarden, Quarter-Master of the ship "Rudolphina Dorothea", came out to Ceylon in the year 1762 in the ship "Voorland", married:

(a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 5th July 1771, Anna Helena de Hoen.

(b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 31st July 1774, Maria Elizabeth Engelbert.

Of the first marriage, he had

1 Anna Elizabeth, baptised 16th August 1772.

Of the second marriage, he had—

2 Elias Godfried, baptised 31st May 1777.

3 Johannes, baptised 21st February 1779.

4 Wilhelmina Gertruida, baptised 1st August 1784, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th January 1804, Andreas Kern of Musenheim, widower of Anna Maria de Waas.

5 Johanna Minke, baptised 18th February 1787, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 23rd February 1806, Gabriel Antoni Arme Geopstort of Amsterdam.

6 Olke, who follows under II.

II

Olke Edema, Captain of the Government ship "Maria", baptised 31st January 1790, married at Colombo, 14th February 1814, Sophia Maria Mercier, born 26th September 1784, daughter of Jacques Mercier of Versailles in France, and Maria Francoise Bongard.

He had by her—

1 George William, who follows under III.

III

George William Edema, Advocate, Registrar of Lands, Kandy, born 24th June 1816, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 20th January 1840, Sophia Matilda Foulstone, born 20th March 1820, daughter of John Foulstone, Captain in the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, and Helena Herft. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLII, page 165).

He had by her—

- 1 Rosalie, born 8th June 1841, married Edward Thwaites.
- 2 Zelia, born 9th May 1843, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 24th December 1866, George Frederick Muller.
- 3 Wilfred Alaric, who follows under IV.
- 4 Charles Ralph, born 26th July 1849, died 1st June 1850.
- 5 Edith Grace, born 4th December 1851, died 29th March 1906.
- 6 Henry Ernest, born 9th September 1853.
- 7 Evaline Valentina Anna, born 20th August 1856.
- 8 Sophia Adelaide Blanche, born 25th May 1858, married :
 - (a) Benjamin Alexander Hanson.
 - (b) Arthur Chambers.
- 9 George William.
- 10 William.
- 11 Edgar.

IV

Wilfred Alaric Edema, born 19th August 1847, died 3rd September 1893, married at Gampola, 27th December 1877, Agnes Elizabeth Newman, born 2nd April 1857, daughter of Joseph Newman and Anna Elizabeth (Nancy) Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 49).

He had by her—

- 1 Winifred Alice, born 14th July 1878, married Edmund Arthur Rosemale Cocq, born 12th March 1868, died 14th October 1914, son of Frederick Rosemale Cocq, and Susanna Maria Adriana Hansen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, pages 21 and 22).
- 2 Ellen Rachel, born 18th January 1888, married :
 - (a) Owen Julian Henry Nicholas, born 31st October 1872, son of Samuel Nicholas, Colonial Chaplain, and Lucilla Jemima Roosmale Cocq. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 20.)
 - (b) William Gregory McCarthy, A.M.I.C.E., District Engineer, Public Works Department, born 5th September 1880, son of Edward Charles McCarthy and Susette Elizabeth Woodward.
- 3 Wilfred Olke, who follows under V.
- 4 Ernest Foulstone, born 17th October 1883, died 26th July 1916 of wounds received when serving in France in the Rifle Brigade Expeditionary Force in the Great War, 1914—1918. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 4).
- 5 Leonard Alaric, who follows under VI.
- 6 Katherine Jane, born 12th December 1885.
- 7 Frederick William.
- 8 Ruth Agnes, born 2nd February 1890.
- 9 Albert Edward, born 1st July 1891.
- 10 Frank Newman, born 13th December 1892.

V

Wilfred Olke Edema, born 22nd September 1881, died 20th September 1946, married in St. Luke's Church, Borella, 14th May 1906. Nine Lorenz Andree, born 3rd July 1882, died 25th October 1932, daughter of Peter Gerard Andree and Lydia Lewis. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 55.)

He had by her—

- 1 Winifred Margaret, born 18th February 1907, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo 22nd February 1936, Roy Wells, born 16th July 1902, son of Joseph Wells and Lydia Augusta Pereira.
- 2 Wilfred Gerald, who follows under VII.
- 3 Owen Ernest, born 8th March 1915.

VI

Leonard Alaric Edema, born 28th November 1884, married:

- (a) In the Baptist Church, Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo 28th July 1907, Ruth Edna Wood, born 5th July 1885, died 19th November 1913, daughter of Wentworth Vivian Wood and Lydia Pate.
- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th April 1915, Alice Gertrude Ouida Ferdinands, born 5th June 1883, daughter of Charles Buller Ferdinands and Alice Prins. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 11).

Of the first marriage, he had

- 1 Ruth Edna, born 18th April 1909, married in Christ Church, Dehiwala, 6th June 1938, Douglas Charles Taylor, born 10th December 1910, died 14th June 1946, son of Henry Arthur Taylor and Eva Lovejoy.
- 2 Daisy Ann, born 18th August 1910, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 28th June 1941, Arthur Collingwood Rudolphus, born 12th May 1914, son of James Rudolphus and Jessie Adeline Batcho.
- 3 Leonard Alaric, born 7th September 1912.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Noreen Gertrude, born 12th February 1916, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 30th December 1947, Rienz Lawrence Livera, born 3rd May 1916, son of Lawrence Melville Livera and Stella Ruth Nicholas.
- 5 Patrick Manning, born 13th September 1918, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 25th March 1940, Clarice Lilian Burby, born 16th May 1912, daughter of Daniel George Burby and Lilian Beatrice Herft. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLII, page 170).

- 6 Kathleen Rachael, born 9th December 1917, married in Keswick Mission House, Kollupitiya, 3rd January 1948, Percival Ernest Toussaint, born 8th October 1922, son of Francis George Toussaint and Myra Alice Ebell. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 41, and Vol. XXX, page 14).

VII

Wilfred Gerald Edema, born 4th October 1908, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 23rd December 1930, Lucille Janet Willenberg, born 13th September 1906, daughter of Philip Edward Willenberg and Lucille Frances Carron. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 135, and Vol. XXXVII, page 32.) He had by her—

- 1 Olke Gerald, born 31st December 1938.

NOTES :—Captain John Foulstone, referred to in section III, was Ensign in the Caffre Corps in 1805, and Lieutenant in the 2nd Ceylon Regiment. He was appointed to command at Hambantota on 23rd December 1805. Later, he was in the 1st Ceylon Regiment and in the Ceylon Rifles. He was gazetted from the half-pay of the Ceylon Rifles to the 63rd Regiment, and left Ceylon to join that Regiment in Bengal in 1832. In 1846, he "had not been heard of for ten years". He married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, on 1st September 1814, Helena Herft, daughter of Jacob Fredrik Herft of Hungary. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLII, page 165).

2. William Gregory McCarthy, referred to in section IV, 2, (b), first married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 2nd January 1915, Helen Grace (Nellie) da Silva widow of Aelian Arthur Staples, and daughter of Richard da Silva and Selina Maria Staples. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, page 166.)