

## GENEALOGY OF THE HEPPONSTALL FAMILY.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff.)

### I.

William Hepponstall, of the Royal Artillery, married:—

(a) Elizabeth Castlereagh.

(b) In Trincomalee, 9th November 1815, Frederica Gott.  
Of the first marriage, he had:—

1. Anne, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 15th July 1824, Thomas Carlwill of His Majesty's 45th Regiment.

2. William, who follows under II.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

3. George, born 13th April 1819.

4. Frederick George, born 2nd September 1820.

5. Clara Amelia, born 16th December 1821.

### II.

William Hepponstall, baptised 29th September 1808, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 18th November 1833, Margaret Butterfield. He had by her:—

1. Margaret Elizabeth Sophia, born 30th August 1834.

2. William George Augustus, who follows under III.

### III.

William George Augustus Hepponstall, born 20th August 1838, died 6th June 1886, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th December 1863, Maria Eliza Meynert, born 23rd August 1839, died 24th August 1930, daughter of George Frederick Christian Meynert and Georgiana Rensina Gambs. He had by her:—

1. Maria Victoria Georgiana, born 8th November 1864, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, 24th April 1884, Victor Theodore LaBrooy, L.M.S., Ceylon, born 31st October 1855, died 4th March 1891, son of Francis Frederick Theodore LaBrooy and Amelia Sophia Meynert. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV. pages 71 and 73).

2. George Frederick, who follows under IV.

3. Lillian Margaret, born 17th February 1868, died 20th June 1930, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, 1st February 1897, Richard Vincent Van Geyzel, L.M.S.

Ceylon, born 20th September 1869, son of Peter Vincent Van Geyzel and Harriet Engelina Woutersz. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. X. page 78).

4. Gilbert Walter, who follows under V.

5. Theodore Augustus, who follows under VI.

6. Henry Alexander, who follows under VII.

7. Wilfred Hector, who follows under VIII.

8. Arthur Ernest, born 28th June 1874, died 22nd July 1875.

9. Ivan Oswald, born 5th January 1876.

10. Aldyth Ella, born 27th February 1877, died 30th May 1907, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, Arthur Capper, died 22nd June 1911, son of George Benjamin Capper and Catherina Anne Leembruggen. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. IV. page 26).

11. Norbert Harvey, born 17th May 1878, died 5th December 1915.

12. Grace Myra, born 14th October 1880, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, 22nd April 1918, Theodore Edgar Philip Ebert, born 22nd July 1864, died 9th November 1935, widower of Rosalind Von Hagt, and son of Peter Frederick Ebert and Eugénie Rosaline Reimers.

13. Colvin Egbert, who follows under IX.

### IV.

George Frederick Hepponstall, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, born 5th December 1865, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th December 1891, Rosalind Laura Schokman, born 25th March 1865, daughter of Johan William Schokman and Anne Louisa Ohlmus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV. page 107). He had by her:—

1. Beatrice Rose, born 6th November 1892, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 19th June 1926, Samuel John Charles Schokman, Crown Counsel, born 14th May 1894, son of John Henry Schokman and Blanche Winifred Conderlag. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV. pages 116 and 161).

2. Olga, born 28th January 1896, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 6th June 1925, John Richard Vanden Driessen Ferdinands, Advocate, born 2nd August

1898, son of John Henry Ferdinands and Ethel Lucy Vanden Driesen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV. pages 59 and 79).

## V.

Gilbert Walter Hepponstall, Headmaster, Victoria Institute, Kuala Lumpur, born 18th March 1868, died 19th December 1910, married in St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, 23rd December 1898, Ariel Florence Askey, born 9th November 1878, daughter of James Michael Askey and Emily Charlotte Jansz. He had by her:—

1. Gilbert Harvey, born 24th September 1899
2. Stanley James, born 11th April 1901.
3. Hermalinda Florence, born 24th August 1903.
4. Wilfred Bertram, born 11th October 1904.
5. Eileen Blanche, born 13th March 1907, married in St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, 27th June 1931, Claude Felix Ernest Jumeaux, born 3rd July 1905, son of Arthur Allan Lang Jumeaux and Stella Charlotte Leitch.
6. Gilbert Rienzi, born 13th October 1908, died 27th May 1913.

## VI.

Theodore Augustus Hepponstall, born 26th August 1869, married in the Methodist Church, Kandy, 15th October 1898, Gladys Amable Millicent Vander Straaten, born 12th November 1877, daughter of William Morgan Vander Straaten and Anna Eliza Vander Wall. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII. pages 156 and 161). He had by her:—

1. Beryl Gwendoline, born 20th October 1899, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 21st April 1924, Martin Carlisle Foenander, born 22nd November 1899, son of James Martin Foenander and Blanche Madeline Ludekens. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII. page 172).
2. Leslie Theodore, L.M.S., Ceylon, born 17th June 1904.
3. Mavis Millicent, born 6th February 1906, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 15th October 1930, James Richard Stanley Nicholas, born 1st May 1894, son of James Charles Frederick Nicholas, L.M.S., Ceylon, and Amy Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV. page 107).

## VII.

Henry Alexander Hepponstall, born 3rd November 1870, married in C. M. S. Church, Haputale, 24th July 1901, Kathleen Edith Buckley, born 9th April 1879, daughter of Edward Buckley and Mary Anne Cullen. He had by her:—

1. Alexander Edward Augustus, who follows under X.
2. George Christopher Cullen, born 10th March 1904.
3. Dodwell Douglas Buckley, who follows under XI.
4. Kathleen Alexandra Edith Mercy, born 14th November 1907, died 7th August 1927.
5. Henry Ivor, born 25th August 1911.
6. Hamilton Rex, who follows under XII.

## VIII.

Wilfred Hector Hepponstall, Proctor, born 23rd January 1878, married in Christ Church, Kurunegala, 31st July 1916, Jessie Marguerite Schokman, born 23rd December 1880, daughter of George Schokman, J.P., U.P.M., Crown Proctor, Kurunegalle, and Lydia Amerensia Daniels. He had by her:—  
George Winfred Neil, born 20th March 1919.

## IX.

Colvin Egbert Hepponstall, Proctor, born 14th February 1882, died 14th February 1932, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 28th December 1924, Olive Millicent de La Motte, born 15th June 1896, daughter of C. de La Motte and Janet Rosamond Poulter. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV. page 25). He had by her:—

Olive Maureen, born 15th November 1928.

## X.

Alexander Edward Augustus Hepponstall, born 22nd June, 1902, married in the Methodist Church, Wellawatte, 3rd June 1931, Lillian Thelma Meynert Herft, born 29th October 1904, daughter of Cecil Richard Lorenz Herft, District Engineer Public Works Department, and Lillian Caroline Victoria Meynert. He had by her:—

1. Lausamme Lillian Edith, born 20th June 1932.
2. Ian Richard Kenneth, born 27th March 1937.

## XI

Dodwell Douglas Buckley Hepponstall, born 10th June 1906, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 19th September 1935, Frederica Elaine de Saram, born 25th August 1911, daughter of Charles Christopher de Saram and Harriet Eliza Newman. He had by her:—

Wilma Elaine, born 5th July 1936.

## XII.

Hamilton Rex Hepponstall, born 25th August 1911, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 10th October 1934, Alsace Veronica Sansoni, born 10th August 1914, daughter of Waldo Sansoni, District Judge, Kalutara, and Thomasia Gertrude Harriet Schrader. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI. page 72). He had by her:—

1. Bertram Reginald, born 20th September 1935.
2. Myrna Rae, born 26th December 1936.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Under this heading an esteemed member of the Union furnishes replies to a series of questions which are of deep interest to our Community.

**Q.** What does the word "Mr" placed before a Dutch name signify?

**A.** The word "Mr." (Meester) signifies an Advocate or a Graduate in Laws.

Some of the Dutch Governors were Graduates in Laws and were entitled to the honorific "Mr.", as for instance Mr. Isaac Augusten Rumpt and Mr. Iman Willem Falck.

Mathias Fredrik Palm, Dissave of Matara, who was a Doctor of Laws, is always referred to as Mr. M. F. Palm.

**Q.** What did the word "Sergeant" mean in the days of the Dutch?

**A.** A Sergeant in the British Army is only a non-commissioned officer, but in Dutch days sergeant signified a very high rank.

The Kandyan King, in order to shew his esteem for Governor van Imhoff, appointed him his sergeant. Hendrik van Reede, Commander of Malabar, and father of Francina van Reede, who is commemorated in the Trincomalee inscription, had for some time held the rank of Captain before he was appointed Sergeant Major.

**Q.** When Sinhalese and Tamil parents offered their children for baptism by the Dutch, what precautions were observed to ensure that these parents knew the essential truths of Christianity?

**A.** In his account of the Dutch Church in Ceylon the Rev. J. D. Palm says:

"Previous to the administration (of baptism) parents were examined in their knowledge of religion, and when they were found deficient, the baptism of these children was postponed to the next visitation, the schoolmaster being in the meantime enjoined to impart the necessary instruction to such parents".

**Q.** What was the origin of the semi-circular tortoise shell comb worn by the low-country Sinhalese?

**A.** This comb, which was adopted by the Low-Country Sinhalese in the days of the Dutch, is of Javanese origin.

**Q.** In this year of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Ceylon Branch of the British Medical Association, it would be interesting to know who was the first Ceylonese to obtain a British Medical degree.

**A.** This honour belongs to Dr. E. F. Kelaart M.D. (Edin), who from humble beginnings rose to be Staff Surgeon to the forces. Among the best known of his works is "Prodromus Faunae Zeylanicae".

## XI.

Denis Edward Keegel, born 8th December 1906, married in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bangalore, 16th October 1929, Adelaide Florence Underdown, born 7th December, 1905, daughter of Robert Charles Underdown and Adelaide Fonceca. He had by her :—

- 1 Rita Carmen, born 1st March 1932.
- 2 Michael Charles Underdown, born 8th September 1934.

### Hepponstall Genealogy.

#### CORRECTION.

Theodore Augustus Hepponstall married in the Methodist Church, Kandy, 15th October 1898, Mabel Millicent Vanderstraat, daughter of Henry Keith Vanderstraat and Ellen Lucretia Jansen, and not as stated in the D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII. page 78.

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### NOTES OF EVENTS.

**Dutch Tribute to Pioneers in Ceylon.** Officers and men of the four Dutch mine sweepers, which were recently in Colombo, visited the Dutch Church at Wolvendaal on October 29th, 1937, at 10 a. m. The Commander addressed those present in Dutch, speaking of the Dutch period in Ceylon and of the significant part played by the Dutch in shaping the progress of this country. He placed a wreath in the Church, and Mr. Orwell Foenander played the Dutch National Anthem on the Organ. There were present at the ceremony some Dutch residents in Colombo, and also a few members of the Church, including the Reverends W. C. Fleming and L. N. Hitchcock, and Messrs. E. A. Vander-Straaten and D. V. Altendorff.

**Special General Meeting.** At a Special General Meeting held on 27th September on the requisition of thirteen members, the following motion was proposed by Mr. Fred Loos and seconded by Mr. Neil Willé :—“This Union strongly disapproves of the conduct of its Honorary General Secretary in being a party to an incident calculated to lower the prestige of the Union”. The motion was put to the meeting and lost, 16 voting for and 72 against it.

