

# GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH OF CEYLON

COMPILED BY MR. F. H. DE VOS.

## I.

ABRAHAM JOSEPH of Lichding (Lorraine), of the Regiment de Meuron, b. 1768 d. 1817, testament 18 Dec. 1816, attested by *Adriann van Dort*, Notary Public, m. at Colombo, 6 Dec. 1802, *Anna Catharina Riphagen*. He had by her:—

- I. *Carolus Petrus Joseph* b. 16 Oct. 1803
- II. *Johanna Christina Joseph* b. 14 Ap. 1805
- III. ANDRIES ADRIANUS JOSEPH (who follows under II)
- IV. *Jasomina Petronella Joseph* bap. 31 Dec. 1809. m. *Johān van Twest*
- V. *Catharina Louisa Joseph* b. 1 Sept. 1811. m. *Thomas Gerardus Ohlmus* b. 8 July 1806, s. of *Lodewijk Johannes Ohlmus*, organist, and *Petronella Elizabeth Hoffmann*
- VI. *Wilhelmus Arnoldus Joseph*, b. 19 Oct. 1813, m. *Sara Frederica van den Driesen*, b. 27 Nov. 1814, d. of *Jacobus Cornelis van den Driesen* and *Cornelia Wilhelmina Giffening*, and had by her:—
  1. *William Arnold Joseph* b. 19 Dec. 1842, m. *Jane Ferdinands* and had by her:—
    - (a) *Jennie Joseph* d. 1919
    - (b) *William Joseph* m ... *Ferdinands*
    - (c) *John Josef* m ... *Grieve*
    - (d) *Louis Joseph* m ... *Bartholomeusz*
  2. *Samuel Joseph* b. 13 Jan. 1845
  3. *Cornelia Lucretia Joseph* b. 12 July 1847
- VII. *Catharina Elizabeth Joseph* bap. 12 Nov. 1815
- VIII. GERARDUS PETRUS JOSEPH (who follows under III)

## II.

ANDRIES ADRIANUS JOSEPH bap. 12 Ap. 1807, m. 1832 *Carolina Amelia de Neys*, b. 29 March 1815, d. Oct. 1898. He had by her:—

- I. *Abraham Dionysius Joseph* b. 17 Dec. 1832
- II. *Arthur Francis Joseph* b. 17 Aug. 1834 m. *Eugenie Lucretia Pompeus* b. 22 Oct. 1836, d. of *Christian Albertus Pompeus* and *Emelia Josephina Wilhelmina van der Straaten*. He had by her:—
  - (1) *Arthur Joseph* b. 1917 in Australia
  - (2) *Louis Joseph* Doc. Med. d. in Newfoundland
  - (3) *Hugh Joseph* m. *Kate Burke* d. of *George Burke* and *Sophia Keegel*
  - (4) *Edwin Joseph* m. *Winifred Meier* and had by her:—
    - (a) *Milroy Joseph*
  - (5) *Alfred Morgan Joseph* d. at Colombo
  - (6) *Lawrence Joseph* b. 8 March 1871, m. *Christine Richardson* of Edinburgh and had by her:—
    - (a) *Halford St. Aubyn Joseph* b. 6 Feb. 1898 Hony, Lieut, Royal Flying Corps
    - (b) *Arthur Eliot Joseph* b. 8 Aug. 1899
    - (c) *Eugenie Isabel Joseph* b. 22 Sept. 1901, d. at Glasgow 8 Aug. 1909
    - (d) *Edmund Percival Ohlmus Joseph*, b. 18 March 1903
  - (7) *Halford Joseph*
- III. *Philip Edmund Joseph* b. 22 Ap. 1836, m. Colombo 25 July 1859 *Caroline Louisa Maria de Vos*, b. Colombo 27 Dec. 1842, d. of *Henry Benedict de Vos* and *Anna Eliza Brohier*
- IV. *Anna Joseph* m. *Philip Edmund van Geyzel*
- V. EUGENE JOSEPH (who follows under IV)
- VI. *Helen Joseph* m. *Peter John Fernando*

## III.

GERARDUS PETRUS JOSEPH, bap. 11 July 1817, m. 22 June 1841 *Johanna Francina Martensz* d. of *Andries Nicolaasz Martensz* and *Johanna Henrietta Hilmers*. He had by her :—

- I. *Catharine Harriet Joseph* b. 11 Dec. 1840
- II. ABRAHAM ORLANDO JOSEPH (who follows under v)
- III. *Josephine Laura Joseph* b. 3 Aug. 1846
- IV. OSCAR GERARD JOSEPH (who follows under vi)

## IV.

EUGENE JOSEPH b. 18 July 1839, d. 23 Ap. 1915, m. 31 Jan. 1870 *Georgiana Jemima Ohlmus*, b. 25 May 1848, d. 11 June 1906. He had by her :—

- I. *Julia Rosamond Joseph*, b. 9 March 1860, m. *Walter Owen Oorloff*
- II. EUGENE ROWLAND JOSEPH, (who follows under vii)
- III. SYDNEY PERCIVAL JOSEPH who follows under viii)
- IV. *Edith Mabel Joseph* b. 24 March 1875, m. 15 May 1901, *Arthur Philip Hoffmann*
- v. *Ernest Alwin Joseph* b. 12 March 1877
- VI. *Cyril Walwin Joseph* b. 20 Sept. 1878, m. 28 Dec. 1906 *Nina Helen Fernando*
- VII. *Florence Clara Joseph* b. 13 Ap. 1880, m. 28 Dec. 1908 *Leopold Percival Stork* (VII. 25)
- VIII. *Osmond Donald Joseph* b. 5 Aug. 1881, d. 29 Oct. 1918
- IX. *Reginald Launcelot Joseph* b. 21 Sept. 1882
- X. *Duncan Evan Joseph* Chaplain (1920) Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, b. 11 Feb. 1884
- XI. *Oswald Burleigh Joseph* b. 4 June 1885, m. 21 Oct. 1915 *Cara Kelaart* and had by her :—
  - (1) *Cara Milion Joseph*
  - (2) *Harold Leigh Joseph*
- XII. *Hilda Constance Joseph* b. 1 Oct. 1886
- XIII. *Lionel Clarence Joseph* b. 3 Jan. 1888
- XIV. *Victor Melville Joseph* b. 2 March 1889, d. 30 Nov. 1912

xv. *Herbert Stanley Joseph* b. 13 May 1891, m. Oct. 1915 ... and had by her :—

- (1) *Noel Stanley Joseph* b. 25 Dec. 1917

## V.

ABRAHAM ORLANDO JOSEPH Proctor, Colombo, b. 27 Oct. 1842, m. *Louisa Elizabeth Wilhelmina van Langenberg*, d. of *Hendrik van Langenberg* and *Lucretia Elisa van Hagt* (IX. 128). He had by her :—

- I. *Louisa Jane Joseph* b. 11 March 1865, d. 30 Jan. 1867
- II. *Edith Blanche Joseph* b. 2 Dec. 1866 m. *F. H. Modder*, Proctor
- III. *Ernest Henley Joseph* Secretary. Colombo Municipality b. 16 June 1868 m. *Isabel Louise Maartensz* and had by her :—
  - (1) *Ernest Mervyn Corbet Joseph* m. *Gladys Anthonisz* d. of *Dr. Samuel Ludovici Anthonisz* and *Lena Victoria Attendorff* (XI. 59)
  - (2) *Frank Vernie Joseph*
  - (3) *Vernon Maartensz Joseph*
- IV. *Gerard Abraham Joseph* Ceylon Civil Service, Librarian, Colombo Museum b. 6 April 1870, m. *Mabel Goldestein van Langenberg* and had by her :—
  - (1) *Cholmondeley Gerard Joseph*
  - (2) *Neil Stanley Joseph*
- v. *Henry Loos Joseph* b. 23 March 1872
- VI. *Lilian May Joseph* b. 18 Aug. 1874, d. 21 Dec. 1891
- VII. *Ethel Louise Joseph* b. 15 Jan. 1876, m. *S. W. Passanaike*, F. C. H. District Engineer, P. W. D, Ceylon
- VIII. *Harris Orlando Joseph* b. 29 Sept. 1877
- IX. *James Martensz Joseph* b. 1879, d. young
- X. *Eric Verne Joseph* b. 6 Ap. 1883, m. 4 June 1906 *Eleanor Mildred van Houten* b. 3 Sept. 1883, and had by her :—
  - (1) *Elerte Vernie Joseph*, b. 28 Feb. 1908, d. 11 Dec. 1908
  - (2) *Eileen Verna Joseph* b. 4 Oct. 1909
  - (3) *Phyllis Norah Joseph* b. 12 Sept. 1913
  - (4) *Andrey Maureen Joseph* b. 5 Nov. 1916
  - (5) *Adriaan Orlando Joseph* b. 5 May 1919

## VI.

OSCAR GERARD JOSEPH b. 2 Ap. 1848 m, 14 Dec. 1872 *Lucy Loos* (ix. 99) and had by her :—

- I. *Oscar Loos Joseph* b. 27 Sept. 1873, m. *Blanche Slocum* U.S.A.
- II. *Cyril Loos Joseph* b. 4. Sept. 1875, m. *Millicent de Kretser*.
- III. *Hugh Percival Joseph* Govt. Medical Dept. b. 5 Sept. 1876 m. *Blanche Thomasz*, widow *Dr. George Thomasz* and d. of the Hon'ble *C. Van der Wall* M.L.C.
- IV. *Lena Joseph* b. 28 Dec. 1877 m. *Thomas Kelaart*.
- V. *Lloyd Annesley Joseph* Chaplain, Wolvendaal Church b. 19 May 1879 m. *Ruth van Geyzel* (x. 76)
- VI. *Nellin Joseph* b. 11 Sept. 1880, m. *John Stewart*
- VII. *Muriel Joseph* b. 21 March 1882, m. *H. C. van Dort*

## VII.

EUGENE ROWLAND JOSEPH b. 26 Oct. 1871, d. 13 Jan. 1915 m. 31 Jan. 1899 *Helen Alexandra van der Wert* and had by her :—

- I. *Henry Eugene van der Wert Joseph* b. 14 Jan. 1900.
- II. *Georgiana Helen Joseph* b. 20 Feb. 1901
- III. *Rowland Clifford Ohlmus Joseph* b. 4 June 1903
- IV. *Vere Joseph*
- V. *Marjōry Joseph*
- VI. *Doreen Joseph*
- VII. *Maine Joseph*
- VIII. *Dorothy Joseph*

## VIII.

SIDNEY PERCIVAL JOSEPH Government Medical Dept. b. 20 Feb. 1873, m. 4 Sept. 1905 *Anna Noble Ohlmus* b. 18 Dec. 1878 and had by her :—

- I. *Noble Georgiana Frances Ohlmus Joseph*, b. 25 June 1906
- II. *Sidney Eugene Edward Ohlmus Joseph* b. 7 Aug. 1910
- III. *Louis William Abraham Ohlmus Joseph* b. 12 Sept. 1912
- IV. *Victor Christian de Meuron Ohlmus Joseph* b. 8. Jan. 1916

## FREDERICK HENRY DE VOS

Born at Galle, 14th September, 1857.

Died at Galle, 23rd July, 1920.

The death of "Harry" de Vos deprives the Community of one who was proud of it, sought its continued welfare, and strove in his own way to serve it unweariedly. As in other communities, so in ours, there are some—not very many, it is hoped—who have no right appreciation of their history and no keen sense of their proper place among the various races in the island. When they are not altogether indifferent, they are critical; and critics whose chief business is to find fault do not really help in any way whatever. With such people Mr. F. H. de Vos had no sympathy, and he regarded them with amused tolerance.

"The Dutch-Burghers", he wrote, "were beginning to lose their sense of nationality when the Union was started. The Union revived it in some degree, but not altogether in the directions desired and expected by the thinking part of the membership. So far as I am concerned, my plan of action is settled, that is, to prove our claim to be considered Dutch-descendants in the sense of our rules. My genealogies will do this.

It is left to other members to invest themselves with those attributes which Dutch descent should carry with it, (1) a knowledge of the Dutch language (2) a knowledge of Dutch history (Netherlands and Ceylon under the Company).

I am of Belgium; therefore of *Nederlandsch* descent. My ancestors having been in the Dutch service in Ceylon, I am a Dutch-Burgher. I know for most practical purposes the Dutch and French languages—languages spoken in Belgium (literary Flemish is Dutch). I keep up the knowledge of these languages because it accords with my idea of the fitness of things that I should. If I may be permitted