

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF KEUNEMAN OF CEYLON.

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I.

Bartholomeus Keuneman married Catherine Blekenberg, and he had by her:—

- 1 Hendrietta, baptised 15th January 1786.
- 2 Jarifia, baptised 8th February 1789.
- 3 Nicolaas Carolus, who follows under II.

II.

Nicolaas Carolus Keuneman, baptised 18th March 1742, died 8th August 1819, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 1st September 1766, Maria Elisabeth Wijts, and he had by her:—

- 1 Josina Theresia baptised 12th April 1767.
- 2 Jurgen Bartholomeus, who follows under III.
- 3 Carolus Gysbertus, Sitting Magistrate, baptised 16th January 1778, married:
 - (a) At Galle, 5th September 1804, Gertruida Jacoba Booy.
 - (b) At Colombo, by Governor's licence dated 4th April 1825, Johanna Anthonetta Solomonsz.

III.

Jurgen Bartholomeus Keuneman, Clerk, born 14th April 1771, died 18th May 1838, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 24th January 1814, Petronella Cornelia Singanetti, and he had by her:—

- 1 Jurgen David Bartholomeus, who follows under IV.
- 2 Wilhelmus Bartholomeus, born 12th November 1810, died 12th January 1891.
- 3 Jacoba Magdalena, born 15th May 1812, died 25th October 1892, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 9th November 1829, Gerard Johan Altendorff, baptised 10th April 1796, died 18th December 1864, widower of Henrietta Louisa Meusz, and son of Johannes Altendorff and Johanna Margarita Leonora Beyer—(D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, pages 99 and 101.)

IV.

Jurgen David Bartholomeus Keuneman, Proctor, died 1877, married at Matara:

- (a) Gerardina Carolina Vollenhoven, born 25th September 1812, daughter of Johannes Vollenhoven and Johanna Wilhelmina Altendorff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 93, and Vol. XXXIII, page 99.)

- (b) Maria Elizabeth Ludekens, born 28th January 1836, died 1876, daughter of Johan Philip Jacob Ludekens and Wilhelmina Henrietta (Henrica) Pendegras. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 80.)

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Georgiana Angenita, born 16th June 1840, died 8th February 1916, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 22nd February 1865, Gerard Henry Speldewinde, born 6th Oct. 1839, son of Fredrik Hendrik Speldewinde and Angenita Dorothea Smith. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 102, and Vol. XXXIII, page 78.)
 - 2 Emelia Felicia, born 4th February 1844, died 27th May 1938, married in the Methodist Church, Matara, 29th April 1867, Peter Bartholomew Pereira, Minister of the Methodist Church.
 - 3 Laura Emelia, born 28rd March 1847, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 26th February 1875, George Frederick Kellar, born 16th August 1844, died 31st January 1908, son of George Frederick Kellar and Gertruida Elizabeth Bogaars. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, pages 51 and 54.)
 - 4 Gerald Edward, who follows under V.
- Of the 2nd marriage, he had:—
- 5 Henrietta Aurelia Rebecca, born 8th July 1855, died 31st August 1928.
 - 6 Enesia Charlotta, born 2nd January 1857.
 - 7 Robert Henry Algernon, who follows under VI.
 - 8 Eliza Letitia, born 5th May 1861, died 14th October 1927.
 - 9 Walter Edgar, born 27th September 1862, died 1920.
 - 10 Gerard Henry, who follows under VII.

V.

Gerald Edward Keuneman, J.P., Proctor, born 8th December 1849, died 1st December 1922, married in St. Thomas' Church, Nupe, Matara, 14th September 1876, Alice Harriet Ernst, born 3rd May 1855, died 31st December 1886, daughter of John Henry Ernst and Amelia Sophia Frederica Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 91.) He had by her:—

- 1 Alice Emmeline Clare, born 18th July 1880, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 6th July 1905, Lewis Matthew Maartensz, Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court, Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, born 9th July 1876, died 14th January 1942, son of Alexander Godlieb Maartensz, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Johanna Henrietta Wendt, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 65, and Vol. XXXIII, pages 41 and 42.)

- 2 Gerald Percival, who follows under VIII.
- 3 Arthur Eric, who follows under IX.

VI

Algernon Henry Robert Keuneman, Ship Chandler, born 9th March 1859, died 5th March 1911, married 31st May 1881, Caroline Eliza de Zilwa, born 8th May 1861, died 6th February 1906, daughter of William Gilbert de Zilwa and Caroline Piters. He had by her:—

- 1 Carl Algernon Herbert, who follows under X.
- 2 Daisy Victoria, born 17th January 1884, died 25th July 1886.
- 3 Gladys Marion, born 12th January 1887, died 10th March 1947, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 23rd October 1926, Alroy Stanley Pereira, born 22nd March 1889, son of Samuel Hinton Pereira and Alice Claire de Zilwa.
- 4 Christobel Grace, born 25th May 1889, died 24th June 1892.
- 5 Elaine Hermione, born 11th August 1890, died 11th May 1892.
- 6 Rosalie Myra, born 6th November 1891.
- 7 Montsford Gerald Gilbert, who follows under XI.
- 8 Durand Lascelles Vernon, born 2nd May 1900, died 29th July 1900.

VII

Gerard Henry Keuneman, Chief Clerk, Kachcheri, Batticaloa, born 1st July 1865, died 29th January 1908, married in the Methodist Church, Matara, 26th December 1889, Evelyn Beatrice Baultjens, born 4th November 1867, died 26th April 1947, daughter of John Baultjens, Proctor, and Emelia Felicia Ernst. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 90, and Vol. XXX, pages 24 and 25). He had by her:—

- 1 Geraldine Felicia, born 11th February 1891.
- 2 Estelle Waverney, born 19th August 1900, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 5th March 1921, Joseph Gerald Altendorff, born 16th September 1894, son of Joseph Lambert Dias Altendorff and Linda Vollenhoven. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 94, and Vol. XXXIII, pages 104 and 106).

VIII

Gerald Percival Keuneman, M.B.E., J.P., U.M., Proctor, born 21st May 1882, died 9th December 1946, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 3rd February 1913, Esther Constance Campbell Schrader, born 28th August 1887, died 3rd February 1945, daughter of Frederick Justus Schrader and Elizabeth Harriet Campbell. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, pages 71 and 73). He had by her:—

- 1 Barbara Camille, born 6th October 1929, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th December 1948, Frederick Beaumont Anderson, Inspector of Police, born 10th June 1919, son of Frederick Bertram Vivian Anderson and Janet Elaine Oblmus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 172, and Vol. XXXV, page 129).

IX

Arthur Eric Keuneman, K.C., M.A., LL.B. (Cantab), Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court, born 8th April 1895, married:—

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 6th November 1916, Marjorie Eleanor Schokman, born 16th December 1891, died 1st September 1940, daughter of George Peter Schokman, M.B., C.M. (Aber.), Provincial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Eleanor Harriet Leembruggen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 25, and Vol. XXV, pages 110 and 111).
- (b) In the Methodist Church, Kandy, 6th July 1942, Lillian Eleanor Piachaud, born 10th December 1908, daughter of James Eugene Piachaud and Lillian Violet Grenier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 64, and Vol. XXIV, page 66).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Pieter Gerald Bartholomeus, B.A. (Cantab), Member of Parliament for Third Colombo Central, Member of the Municipal Council, Colombo, born 3rd October 1917.
- 2 Arthur Eric, who follows under XII.

X

Carl Algernon Herbert Keuneman, Superintendent of Excise, born 8th July 1882, died 16th February 1949, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 15th August 1908, Ina Lillian de Zilwa, born 18th April 1890, daughter of Allan Scott de Zilwa, Proctor, and Lillian Lalmont Pereira. He had by her:—

- 1 Algernon Herbert Scott, Clerk in Holy Orders, born 5th May 1909, married in St. Paul's Church, Kynsey Road, Colombo, 19th August 1940, Doreen Joyce Dias Jayasingha.
- 2 June Yvonne Ina, born 31st May 1911, married in the Methodist Church, Wellawatte, 11th September 1943, Quintus Abeywardena.

XI

Montsford Gerald Gilbert Keuneman, born 30th April 1893, died 25th June 1938, married in St. Mary's Church, Chilaw, 3rd May 1915, Marian Daisy Belle Anderson, born 17th July 1895, daughter of James Thomas Richard Holloway Anderson and Agnes Mary Lena Crispeyn: (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, pages 126 and 127).

He had by her:—

- 1 Rhona Antoinette Marian, born 27th January 1916.
- 2 Jurgen Anthony Gerald, who follows under XIII.
- 3 Algernon Bartholomeus, born 11th January 1921.

XII

Arthur Eric Keuneman, M.A. (Cantab), Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, Crown Counsel, born 14th February 1920, married in St. Cuthbert's Church, Burnley in Lancashire, England, 25th July 1942, Janet Lang Hall Cowell, B.Sc. (Lond.), L.R.A.M. and A.T.C.L. in Music, born 9th January 1921, daughter of John Cowell of Burnley and Margaret Owen Mc Gill of Ayr in Ayrshire, Scotland. He had by her:—

- 1 David John Eric, born 26th February 1945.

XIII

Jurgen Anthony Gerald Keuneman, born 14th April 1918, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 9th April 1942, Inez Christobel Juliette Foenander, born 27th August 1914, daughter of Harry Clifford Sydney Foenander and Louisa Margaret La Brooy. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 76, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 106). He had by her:—

- 1 Montsford Anthony Clifford, born 15th December 1942.
- 2 Louise Maureen Rita, born 17th March 1944.

Note:— Arthur Eric Keuneman, referred to in IX, was educated in the Royal College, Colombo. He won the University Scholarship in 1905, and proceeded to Pembroke College in Cambridge, and later entered Gray's Inn for the study of law. On his return to Ceylon, he practised his profession, and was also a lecturer in the Law College here. He was appointed King's Counsel in 1936, and soon after he officiated as Commissioner of Assize. In 1938, he was appointed a Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court and retired from service in 1947. He commanded the "B" Company of the Colombo Town Guard and was extra Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor during the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Ceylon in 1922.



OUR OLD CLERK

The air about the old fort walls in the old fort streets was still and steamy. Not a leaf or a twig on the Sooriya trees, would have moved for love or money. The sky looked as though it had been black leaded, and polished for the new monsoon that was making itself heard in the distance, far out at sea,—perspiring sparrows deserted the hot house-tops,—crows forgot to "caw," so stifling was the weather in that sultry month of May.

In a large, rambling, corner-house, near the south-gate, wherein the last King of Kandy had been confined a state prisoner before embarking on his Indian exile, things went on as quietly as though a crisp land-wind were drifting through the cool gloomy offices. Our old clerk was placidity personified, as calm and self-possessed as in his prime, and yet the idea of having to make over the custody of the journal and ledger, to a young English lad, as I then was, cannot have been altogether agreeable to old Samuel's pride of place. But there was no help for it: the business of the firm had increased, the faithful chief clerk was growing aged apace, and it was found no longer possible for him to fulfil the many multifarious duties, hitherto entrusted to him, so implicitly and so successfully.

Samuel had been prepared for the change, and now when the time was come, when he was to know the Firm's ledger no longer, he put a bold face on it, and made a Dutch virtue of an English necessity. Before inducting me, he looked me well over, from head to foot, smiled half encouragingly, half compassionately, as though he would say "you don't know the weighty responsibility there is in that ledger," and then, taking the ponderous, strong-backed volume from an iron safe, large and massive enough to have been some firm's strong room, placed it before me, wiping it carefully and delicately with his pocket-handkerchief. Had the ancient Samuel been bestowing his eldest daughter upon me in marriage, he could not have shewn more anxiety about my reception and treatment of the precious charge entrusted to my custody. No horse-dealer could have taken more pains to indicate the rare points of a steed, than did the old clerk, to point out the beauties of his ledger, —his alas, no longer.

Samuel was a Dutchman, as much as his father and his grandfather: his mother was just as Dutch: and yet how different to Knickerbocker's Dutchmen, or the dwellers on the muddy banks of the Zuyder Zee. There was no ponderous mellow frame, encased loosely in baggy trousers of any size. No slouch hat, no long Dutch pipe: Samuel was slim, slight and dry as his own snuff-box. A beautifully fitting, snow-white jacket, and a yellow waistcoat, and nankeen trousers, full with many pleats round the waist, and a vast cavern of a pocket in which was hidden away a cambric handkerchief of such marvellous dimensions, that one might have taken it to be the youngest baby's sheet. Thin shoes and white cotton socks, and above all a ponderous silver watch and massive gold chain, made up his Indian Dutch exterior.