

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF LOFTUS OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Attendorff)

I

Valentine Loftus married Nantze Smith, and he had by her—

- 1 Willem, baptized 20th January 1799.
- 2 John, who follows under II.
- 3 George, who follows under III.

II

John Loftus, Sub-Assistant in the Ceylon Medical Department married:—

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 26th December, 1823, Anna Maria Blume, daughter of Benjamin Adriaan Blume and Engeltina Pegalotte.
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 31st March 1833, Charlotta Huybertsz.

Of the first marriage, he had by her—

- 1 Edmund, born 20th July 1825.
- 2 Seraphina Magdalena, born 27th September 1826, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th July 1843, Dionysius Adrianus de Kretser, born 9th May 1821, son of Adrianus Henricus (Hermanus) de Kretser and Johanna Matthysz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 19).
- 3 Louisa Catharina, born 22nd December 1827, died 30th September 1902, married at Utuwankande, 26th January 1846, James Harris Brohier, Surveyor, born 1st April 1823, died 21st June 1870, son of Nathaniel Godfried Pierce Brohier and Wilhelmina Gertruida Petronella Spaar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 122, and Vol. XXXI, pages 197 and 199).
- 4 Henrietta Maria, born 1831, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 16th June 1853, Francis Matthew Koster, born 1826, son of Pieter Hendrik Koster and Petronella Wilhelmina de Heer.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 John Andrew, born 18th February 1834.

III

George Loftus, Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, died 2nd January 1876, married at Kandy, 8th May 1837, Mary Gill, born 18th November 1817, died 15th March 1853, daughter of Lieutenant John Gill of the 3rd Ceylon Regiment. He had by her—

- 1 Amelia Gertrude, born 1841, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 16th January 1867, Clement Edmund Smith, born 29th April 1843, son of Arnoldus Everhardus Smith, and Arnoldina Cornelia Poulter. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 22 and 102).
- 2 Thomas Richard Edwin, who follows under IV.
- 3 Sarah Matilda Georgiana, born 10th August 1850, died 13th July 1871, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th May 1869, Arnold Michael Fernando, born 1842, son of Henricus Marcianus Fernando and Elizabeth Foressie.

IV

Thomas Richford Edwin Loftus, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, born 8th October 1847, died 2nd October 1875, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 30th April 1873, Emmeline Batta, born 4th July 1850, died 20th April 1894, daughter of John Gray Batta and Johanna Henrietta Elizabeth Ludekens. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 169). He had by her—

- 1 Thomas Richford Edwin, who follows under V.

V

Thomas Richford Edwin Loftus, Ceylon Civil Service, born 11th February 1876, died 26th December 1941, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 19th January 1898, Ludgarde Clara de la Harpe, born 12th August 1878, died 18th November 1949, daughter of Egbert Oliver de la Harpe and Amelia Lucretia Van Langenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 47, and Vol. XLI, page 61). He had by her—

- 1 Esme Judith, born 15th January 1899, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 18th April 1925, Shirley John de la Harpe, Chief Inspector of Police, born 10th December 1897, widower of Ruth Imogen Jennings. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 28), and son of John Alban Benjamin de la Harpe and Lilian Caroline Van Langenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 49 and 53, and Vol. XLI, page 61).
- 2 George Merrick, born 23rd December 1899.
- 3 Thomas Edwin Denzil, Ceylon Civil Service, born 3rd March 1901, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela, 18th January 1933, Norma Mary St. George Kelaart, born 23rd April 1903, daughter of Christopher Basil Kelaart and Muriel Mary Wright. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 21).
- 4 Ninette Inez Marie, born 7th August 1902, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 21st September 1929, Ubald Diendonno Robert Caspersz, born 17th May 1895, son of Claude Henry Caspersz and Clotilda Carolina Holsinger.
- 5 Aldhelm Rienzi, who follows under VI.

Aldhelm Rienzie Loftus, born 8th October 1904, married in Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, 3rd May 1943, Bertha Adelaide Stork, born 13th December 1910, daughter of Gerrit William Stork and Dora Augusta Bennett. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 23) He had by her—

Moirra Belle, born 20th September 1949.

Notes: (1) Civil Medical Sub-Assistant John Loftus referred to in II, was sent from Galle to Trincomalee in April 1840 in medical charge of the troops on board the transport "Allaboie". There was some apprehension that this transport was not taking more than two hundred men from Trincomalee to Singapore, for which she was chartered by the Indian Government. If therefore became necessary to send about fifty men by the transport "Braemar," and at the request of Colonel Buraell, who commanded His Majesty's 18th Regiment at Trincomalee, His Excellency the Governor, the Right Honourable James Alexander Stewart Mackenzie, sanctioned Dr. Loftus being sent in medical charge of the troops embarked on board the "Braemar" for Singapore. Dr. Loftus was instructed that, if his services could be dispensed with, he was to return from that port by the first opportunity that offered for Ceylon. (Colonial Secretary's letter dated May 4, 1840). (2) George Merrick Loftus, referred to in V, 2, left for India in 1918, and joined the Indian Army Reserve of Officers. He received a King's Commission and was attached to the 21st Punjab Regiment. He was on active service in the North West Frontier Campaign, where he served as acting Assistant Commandant of the Camel Corps. There have been no news of him for many years.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF MARTENSTYN OF CEYLON.

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I

Johan Conrad Martenstyn of Werstad married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 20th March 1791, Anna Maria Magdalena Du Bois of Galle. He had by her:—

- 1 Johannes Andreas, who follows under II.
- 2 Johan Lorensz, born 29th March 1795.

II

Johannes Andreas Martenstyn, Surveyor, baptised 26th February 1792, died 3rd March 1857, married Elizabeth Carolina Trek and he had by her—

- 1 Johanna, died 4th January 1840, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 23rd December 1839, Arnoldus Raymond, born 6th January 1810, died 10th December 1879, widower of Maria Cressiana de Neys, and son of Jacob Raymond of Geneva in Switzerland and Anthonica Henrica Christoffelsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 14).
- 2 Anna Charlotta married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 2nd May 1845, John Andrew Hesse, born 27th October 1816, died 10th February 1885, son of Johannes Hesse and Johanna Gertruida Van Buuren.
- 3 John George, who follows under III.

III

John George Martenstyn, born 1826, died 20th March 1868, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal 25th September 1856, Wilhelmina Carolina Aldons, born 25th October 1830, daughter of Jacobus Robertus Aldons and Johanna Dorothea Woutersz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 74, and Vol. XXXIX, page 54.) He had by her—

- 1 Alice Laura, born 27th July 1857.
- 2 John Ebenezer, who follows under IV.
- 3 John Richard, who follows under V.
- 4 Agnes Jane, born 25th August 1862, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 6th October 1881, Arthur William Metzeling, Ceylon Civil Service, born 14th October, 1858, died 7th August 1929, son of Hendrik Bartholomeus Metzeling and Henrietta Gertruida Smith, widow of John George Reimers. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 47).
- 5 John Ambrose, born 25th August 1862, died 1865.