

On festive occasions liquid lime and water is laid on with a brush on the mortar between the brick which the Dutch termed *kustur* and the (Sinhalese "kustura" කුස්තුර) On two sides of this are the side rooms, out-houses and the offices of the house. In the *plaats* stands also the well, with its masonry coping and cross-beam and pulley. At the end of the *plaats* is a strip of garden where stood the water closet Dutch *Kak-huis*, Sinhalese "Kakussiya" (කකුස්සියා) curtained off by bowers of "jasmine", "mougrin" and "queen of the night"

Tucked away at the back of the house are the stables for the horse. Such was the compactness of the houses that while the carriage was drawn up from the road when out of use and left in the front stoep, the horse was led through the house to the back and stabled.

The street grid in the Pettah is to this day very much as the Dutch left it in 1796 - and Heere Straat corresponds identically with Main Street. This is conclusively proved by the position of the *Kerkhof* from which is sprung the Sinhalese word "Karakoppuva" (කරකොප්පුව) meaning cemetery.) We shall revert later to the historical story of this old cemetery which, alas today, is no more.

Between Koning's Straat and the shores of the Lake, two parallel streets traversed the locality, namely, De Keyser's Straat and De Prins Straat. These streets compare with the thoroughfares which are indentified today by their anglicized names Keyser Street and Prince Street.

There is a third parallel street called Malieban Street which originally bordered the Lake. It literally means "The Mall" and it helps to illustrate the change in the life of the Pettah for it was in time gone, "the fashionable promenade of the Dutch in the old days when carriages were not wanted and the Pettah enjoyed the privileges of West End gentility."

The cross street now called Front Street was *Visschers Straat* (Fisher's Street). with a *vismarkt* (Fish market) where Messrs. Hunter and Company have their store. First Cross Street is named *Market Straat* from the fact that it abutted on a block of open land lying to the south of the *Kerkhof*, which was reserved for a Market Place. The present day Second Cross Street was at that period *Haarlemmer Straat*, and Third Cross Street was then, as it now, *Kruis Straat* (Cross Street).

ADDENDUM

FAMILY OF NICHOLAS OF CEYLON

Add to sub-paragraph IX on page 90, Vol: XLVII, No. 4:

- (3) JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER EARLE
(born: 9th May 1959)
- (4) KARIN ANDREA
(Born: 22nd January 1964)

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