

Soon they chose  
 The fig tree, not the kind for fruit renown'd,  
 But such as at this day to Indians known,  
 In Malabar or Decan spreads her arms,  
 Branching so broad and long, that in the ground  
 The bending twigs take root, and daughters grow  
 About the mother; a pillar'd shade,  
 High over-arch'd, and echoing walks between:  
 There oft the Indian herdsman, shunning heat,  
 Shelters in cool, and tends his pasturing herds  
 At loop-holes cut through thickest shade.

Authors who have treated, or given figures of this magnificent tree, are Rheede, in his *Hortus Malabaricus*, iii. p. 85, tab. lxiii; Rumphius, in vol. iii. p. 127. Tab. lxxiv; Boullaye de Gouz, at p. 194; Linschotan, in his curious travels, at p. 68, and Catesby, in his *History of Carolina*, iii. p. 18, and Tab. xviii. Mr. Hodge's *Travels*. Tab. p. 27. Finally, I may mention the figures in Clusius's *Exotics* p. 2, and that in Gerard, p. 1512, (copied from the former) but must observe that both seem more regular than nature will admit.

(To be Continued).

## GENEALOGY OF THE REIMERS FAMILY OF CEYLON.

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

### I.

Nicolaas Reimers of Weitswoort, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 20th February 1774, Maria Isabella Wendelboe, baptised 25th May 1760, daughter of Nicolaas Magnus Wendelboe, Boekhouder, and Haybe D'hames. He had by her:—

- 1 Christiaan Frederick, who follows under II.

### II.

Christiaan Frederick Reimers, Surveyor, born 1778, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal 25th April 1802, Catharina Arnoldina Van Cuylenburg born 1st March 1779, daughter of Petrus Henricus Van Cuylenburg and Anna Louisa Pardoën. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. VII, pages 79 and 80). He had by her:—

- 1 Johannes Wilhelmus, who follows under III.
- 2 Frederica Carolina, baptised 21st July 1805, died young.
- 3 Henrietta Elisabeth, baptised 19th October 1806, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 24th September 1821, Gualterus Petrus Camp, baptised 28th January 1798, son of Johannes Camp and Susanna Margareta Von Hagt. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 128).
- 4 Hermelina Eliza, baptised 10th July 1808, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 29th January 1833, William Blevin.
- 5 Louisa Wilhelmina, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th December 1833, Henricus Cornelis Jonklaas,

baptised 15th July 1819, died 27th March 1914, son of Johannes Frederick Jonklaas and Catharina Henrietta Camp. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 204 and 205).

- 6 Johan George, who follows under IV.

### III.

Johannes Wilhelmus Reimers, baptised 3rd July 1809, died 1861, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 3rd September 1824, Petronella Wilhelmina Vander Straaten, baptised 3rd September 1804, daughter of Pieter Engelbert Vander Straaten and Anna Catharina Weyman. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 158). He had by her:—

- 1 Charlotte Margaret, born 1825, married 1858, Henry Fervand Stephen.
- 2 Eugenia Rosaline, married 31st July 1857, Peter Frederick Ebert, born 26th January 1824, son of Ryloff Johannes Ebert and Isabella Maria. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 77).
- 3 Frederica Gerardina, born 6th February. 1829.

### IV.

Johan George Reimers, Surveyor, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—

- (a) 17th December 1832, Carolina Gertruida Van Cuylenburg, born 28th September 1815, daughter of Wilhelmus Philippus Van Cuylenburg and Gertruida Elizabeth Sperling (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 79).
- (b) Henrietta Gertruida Smith, born 11th March 1819, daughter of Michiel Coenraad Smith of Tutucorin and Maria Catharina Jansz.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Frederica Wilhelmina, born 5th November 1833.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 2 Maria Elizabeth, born 3rd October 1835, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th November 1850, Coenraad Benjamin Kelaart, Proctor, born 15th October 1826, died 18th August 1873, son of Samuel Kelaart and Frederica Bernardina Schneider.
- 3 Cornelia Gerardina, born 20th June 1837, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th December 1854, Henry Daniel Anthonisz, son of Johannes Christianus Anthonisz and Gerardina Philipina de Vos. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 134).
- 4 Maria Frederika, born 22nd September 1839.
- 5 Georgiana Ephrasia Maria, born, 4th May 1841, married in the Dutch Reformed Church Wolvendaal, 20th March 1857, William Arnold Jansz, born 16th June 1837, son of Henry Albert Jansz, and Charlotta Dorothea Hoffman.
- 6 Edmund Blevin, who follows under V.
- 7 John Henry, who follows under VI.
- 8 Alfred Edward, who follows under VII.

## V.

Edmund Blevin Reimers, Proctor, born 1st March 1844, died 20th January 1881, married in Christ Church Kurunegalle, 18th November 1868, Mercia Ondaatje, born 24th September 1847, died 18th January 1929, daughter of Frederick Ondaatje and Johanna Christina Louisa Heyzer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 26). He had by her:—

- 1 Frances Elva, born 14th November 1869, died 26th February 1941, married:—
  - (a) In Christ Church, Cathedral, Colombo, Charles Edward Jayetileke, died 6th November 1894.
  - (b) In Holy Trinity Church Nuwara Eliya 18th October 1900, William Gilbert Felsing, born 22nd August 1868, died 28th August 1936, son of Gilbert Felsing and Paulina Maria Toussaint. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 96 and Vol. XXVIII, page 130.)
- 2 Mildred Ethel, born 12th January 1871, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 11th November 1892, Aelian Armstrong King Bartholomeusz, died 22nd April 1932, son of John William Francis Bartholomeusz and Jane Maria von Bergheim.
- 3 Harold Edmund, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Beatrice Edna, born 25th October 1874, died at Ealing in London 1st October 1941, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 24th February 1895, Alexander Frederick Staples, son of Francis Theodore Staples, Proctor, and Eliza Sophia VanderStraaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164).
- 5 Bertha Euphemia, born 1st May 1876 died 6th October 1939, married:—
  - (a) In Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, 21st December 1907, Rajah Muttiah.
  - (b) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 3rd November 1913, Henry Francis Ondaatje, born 18th November 1882, son of Nathaniel Francis Ondaatje, Proctor, and Clara Louisa Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 106).
- 6 Roy Edmund, who follows under IX.

## VI.

John Henry Reimers, born 20th January 1847, died 1911, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 21st April 1870, Caroline Elizabeth Spaar, born 16th December 1849, died 26th January 1909, daughter of John William Spaar and Maria Cecilia Andree. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. X, page 14, and Vol. XXV, page 122). He had by her:—

- 1 Constance Evelyn, born 26th June 1871, died 18th June 1892.
- 2 Caroline Maud, born 16th December 1872, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 21st November 1892, William Algernon Weinman, Station Master, Ceylon Government Railway, born 8th October 1869, died 15th June 1922, son of John George Weinman and Elizabeth Julia Wolff.
- 3 Mabel Beatrice, born 7th May 1875.
- 4 Eleanor Blanche, born 9th November 1876, died 26th May 1903, married in the Methodist Church, Hatton, 10th September 1901, David Edwards.

- 5 Henry Marshall, born 25th March 1878, married and settled in Bangkok.
- 6 George William Percival, who follows under X.
- 7 Nora Vivian, born 2nd October 1881, died in September 1882.
- 8 Alma Edith Rose, born 7th April 1883, died in October 1909.
- 9 Leslie Vere Clifford, born 5th May 1889, died at Basra in April 1916.

## VII.

Alfred Edward Reimers, Postmaster, born 15th August 1849, died 5th November 1901, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendal, 10th February 1875, Matilda Winifred Steinholster, born 20th July 1859, died 12th June 1934, daughter of Charles Peter Steinholster and Ledewina Catharina Thielman. He had by her:—

- 1 Charles Annesley, who follows under XI.
- 2 Lawrence Percival, born 18th December 1876, died young.
- 3 Arthur Hannibal, born 30th May 1878, died young.
- 4 Colin Lancelot, who follows under XII.
- 5 Claude Huband, born 13th August 1883, died 1st January 1938.
- 6 Daisy Irene Elaine, born 18th November 1884, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 11th November 1909, Eric Constant Misso, born 11th November 1887, son of Emiliani Caesar Joseph, Misso and Auralia Gertrude Scharanguivel. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 15, and Vol. XXIX, pages 65 and 73).
- 7 Viola Aileen, born 6th February 1886, married in All Saints' Church, Agra Patna, 2nd April 1902, James William Maxworth.
- 8 Ruby Arlene, born 16th September 1890, married in St. Andrew's Church, Gampola, 27th December 1911, James Charles Stanley Misso, born 18th January 1889, son of Emiliani Caesar Joseph Misso and Auralia Gertrude Scharanguivel. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 15, and Vol. XXIX, pages 65 and 73).
- 9 Alfred Hilton, who follows under XIII.

## VIII.

Harold Edmund Reimers, born 27th October 1872, died 16th November 1932, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 31st December 1894, Eugenie Alfrida Felsing, born 30th November 1875, daughter of Michael Alfred Felsing and Emelia Sophia Godlieb. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 126). He had by her:—

- 1 Harold Eric, who follows under XIV.
- 2 Dulcie Blanche, born 9th July 1897, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th December 1920, Norbert Benjamin Pereira.
- 3 Carl Edmund, born 7th September 1899, died 30th September 1900.
- 4 Noel Evelyn, born 1st February 1901, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 9th November 1935, Sheila Kathleen Beatrice Fryer.

- 5 Neta Edith, born 3rd September 1902, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 22nd June 1922, Henry Clement Siegertsz, born 30th September 1895, son of Edgar Clement Siegertsz and Maria Winifred de Niese.
- 6 Mona, born 24th February 1904.
- 7 Hugh Edgar, born 10th December 1906, married Nora Dias.
- 8 Ruth Esme, born 17th March 1908, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December 1931, Wilfrid Lovell Siegertsz, son of Edgar Clement Siegertsz and Maria Winifred de Niese.
- 9 Clegg Ellsley, born 27th November 1909.
- 10 Lyle Edward, born 11th April 1911.
- 11 Iris Naomi, born 10th October 1914, married Reynier Raux.
- 12 Bertha Erin, born 4th November 1916, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 28th December 1932, Robert George Spencer de Vos, born 20th May 1909, son of Robert Vincent de Vos and Mary Elizabeth Beling.
- 13 Ruby Edna, born 26th November 1919.

## IX

Roy Edmund Reimers, M.B.E., Government Archivist, born 30th January 1881, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 12th October 1910, Ruth Ondaatje, born 18th September 1884, daughter of Ebenezer Frank Ondaatje, C.C.S., and Alice Mary Pate. He had by her:—

- 1 Helen Edith, born 7th August 1912, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 17th December 1941, Harold Leslie Heyzer, 2nd Lieutenant in the Ceylon Engineers, C.D.F., born 26th October, 1910, son of Julian Cecil McCarthy Heyzer, Headmaster, English School, Segamat, Johore, and Claribel Maud Pate. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 28).
- 2 Frank Elva, born 26th February 1914.
- 3 Frank Edmund, born 10th July 1915, died 2nd May 1936.
- 4 Roy Edmund, who follows under XV.
- 5 Maud Enid, born 5th November 1919.
- 6 Johannes Edmund, born 20th May 1922.
- 7 Lydia Evelyn, born 5th May 1924.

## X

George William Percival Reimers, born 20th September 1879, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 1st June 1904, Hilda Blanche Elaine Kriekenbeek, born 25th January 1884, died 1st October 1940, daughter of Thomas Henry Kriekenbeek and Elizabeth Kriekenbeek. He had by her:—

- 1 Daphne Persis Iola, born 6th May 1905, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 9th July 1927, Sydney Lionel Bogaars, born 30th October 1897, son of Edwin Osmund Bogaars and Catherine Woth.

## XI

Charles Annesley Reimers, Chief Clerk, Admiralty Office, Trincomalee, born 13th August 1875, died 13th April 1929, married in St.

Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 10th February 1900, Ethel Grace Grenier, born 7th December 1879, daughter of Frederick Edward Grenier and Mary Anne Amelia Redlich. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 64). He had by her:—

- 1 Ethel Beryl, born 30th October 1900, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 27th December 1927, Bertram Evan Pereira, born 15th February 1902, son of Oliver Rowland Pereira, L.M.S. (Ceylon), and Emily Anne Walker.
- 2 Lettice Tuna, born 15th February 1902, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 28th December 1931, Bertram Lawrence Alwis, born 22nd May 1894, son of Francis Albert Alwis and Ellen Alice Thomasz.
- 3 Annesley Grenier, born 22nd September 1903.
- 4 Alfred Edward Grenier, who follows under XVI.
- 5 Karl Kingsley Grenier, who follows under XVIII.
- 6 Earl Lancelot Grenier, born 19th June 1910.
- 7 Trissette Ruth Grenier born 10th January 1913, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 26th December 1934, Dodwell Edward Baptist, born 19th May 1906, son of Edward Charles Baptist and Juliet Constance Pereira.
- 8 Harold Bertram Grenier } born 13th June 1917.
- 9 William Annesley Grenier }

## XII

Colin Lancelot Reimers, born 5th April 1882, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th April 1904, Louise Georgiet Hardy-Harris, born 22nd April 1884, daughter of Joseph Jasper Hardy-Harris and Maria Keyt. He had by her:—

- 1 Zita Beanche, born 19th June 1905, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 28th December 1925, George Ernest Misso, born 12th March 1896, son of Aloysius E vitus (Eloy) Misso and Eugenie Augusta Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 66 and 74).
- 2 Norma Iris, born 12th February 1907.
- 3 Mabel Hyacinth, born 2nd September 1908, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 11th December 1937, Eustace Elroy Hartley Anderson, born 21st September 1913, son of Robert Roy Anderson and Millicent Teresa Parys.
- 4 Louise Daphne Noelle, born 24th November 1910, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala, 4th June 1932, Colin Budd Bulner, born 15th January 1908, son of Willisford Abram Bulner and Mildred Agnes Jansze.
- 5 Colin Steinholster who follows under XVIII.
- 6 Sybil Inez Therese, born 25th October 1919, married in St. Mary's Church Bambalapitiya, 2nd January 1943, Vernon Lindsay Clair Ernst, born 10th December 1917, son of Hugh Victor Ernst and Erin Vera Vollephoven. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 92 and 94).

## XIII

Alfred Hilton Reimers, born 15th July 1892, died 21st May 1921, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 12th June 1918, Alma Enid

Buultjens, born 26th June 1899, died 5th March 1921, daughter of James Alfred Ernst Buultjens, B.A. (Cantab), Advocate, and Sylvia Blanche Kellar nee Andree, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 16, and Vol. XXX, page 28). He had by her:—

- 1 Phyllis Mayleen Enid, born 8th May 1920, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 17th December 1929, Trilby Noel Reimers Misso, Proctor, born 8th June 1916, son of James Charles Stanley Misso and Ruby Arlene Reimers (vide VII, 8, supra, and D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 73).

## XIV

Harold Eric Reimers, born 25th October 1895, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 15th February 1922, Hazel Violet de Neys, born 24th July 1895, daughter of Henry William de Neys and Rose Marianne de Jong. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 126). He had by her:—

- 1 Ronald Eric, born 31st December 1922.
- 2 Frederick Harold, born 3rd February 1924.
- 3 Karl Henry, born 19th June 1925.
- 4 Arthur Leslie, born 20th January 1928.
- 5 Doris Violet, born 15th January 1929.

## XV

Roy Edmund Reimers, 2nd Lieutenant in the Ceylon Light Infantry, C. D. F., born 19th April 1917, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 25th April 1942, Stephanie Cecile Raffel, born 29th September 1922, daughter of Percival Christopher Raffel and Mary Maud de Kretser. He had by her:—

- 1 Michael Glenn, born 4th April 1943.

## XVI

Alfred Edward Grenier Reimers, born 20th August 1905, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 28th December 1932, Christobel Marguerite Viola Siebel, born 10th January 1918, daughter of Stanley Vernon Clout Siebel and Violet Clarice Kriekenbeek. He had by her:—

- 1 Angela Yolande Christobel born 5th December 1933.
- 2 Herman Alastair, born 21st September 1936.
- 3 Aubrey Errol, born 17th January 1938.

## XVII

Karl Kingsley Grenier Reimers, born 30th November 1907, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 9th June 1938, Erin Rose Balmond, born 20th August 1914, daughter of Hugh John Arnold Balmond and Victorine van Cuylenburg. He had by her:—

- 1 Charmaine Maureen, born 26th March 1939.
- 2 Erin Heather, born 7th October 1940.

## XVIII

Colin Steinholster Reimers, born 18th April 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 16th April 1936, Thelma Ruby Ross, born 5th August 1919, daughter of Charles Leslie Ross and Ni'a Hope de Zylva. He had by her:—

- 1 Shirley Miguonne Serita, born 2nd July 1936.
- 2 Patricia Marie Louise, born 10th November 1937.
- 3 Alfred Colin Harris, born 9th February 1939.

Notes:—(1) Nicolaas Magnus Wendelboe, referred to under I, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—

(a) 13th May 1759, Haybe D'hames.

(b) 26th May 1771, Gertruyda Jefsjes.

- (2) Henrietta Gertruyda Reimers nee Smith, referred to under IV, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 20th October 1853, Hendrik Bartholomeus Metzeling, widower of Wilhelmina Cornelia Schokman. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 105).
- (3) Frederick Ondaatje, referred to under V, was born on 19th July 1813. His parents were Gabriel Jurgen Ondaatje, died 4th February 1843, and Johanna Henrietta de Bruyn, born 22nd February 1794, who married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, on 2nd October 1808.
- (4) The appointment in 1934 of Roy Edmund Reimers, referred to under IX, to be a Member of the British Empire is not the first civil decoration conferred on him. In 1927 he received the Medal of the Royal Order of Cambodia. In 1933 he was offered a decoration from Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, who desired to create him an Officer of the Order of Oranje Nassau but as the regulations governing the Colonial Service did not permit Officers in Government employment to accept a distinction of this nature Mr. Reimers declined the honour.

## LEAVES FROM MY DIARY.\*

## Evacuation from Singapore.

BY AGNES M. PAULUSZ.

(Continued from our last issue.)

From the date of the bombing of Singapore by the Japanese, i.e. 8th December 1941, up to the day of our evacuation i.e. 6th February 1942, my brother Hugh had been applying to the various steamer agents for passages for his wife (Edna) daughter (Phinie), himself and me to leave Singapore for Colombo, but he had been put off with the excuse that there were no sailings, though to our own knowledge several steamers left for Colombo and other destinations taking away evacuees.

The situation regarding the evacuation of Singapore by the people who were not in any essential service was getting so grave that two Indian gentlemen of Singapore, namely, a lawyer and a merchant, interviewed the Governor, Sir Shenton Thomas, on behalf of the non-European British subjects in Malaya who were anxious to evacuate, and obtained a guarantee from him that 90% of the accommodation on three boats in the harbour intended for use as

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