

VIII.

Henry William de Neys, born 6th September 1904, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 26th February 1930, Cora Lillian Iris da Silva, born 9th December 1903, daughter of Cyril Henry da Silva and Lillian Gertrude Fernando. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, page 167.) He had by her—

- 1 Henry Ronald, born 9th December 1930.
- 2 Harold Clifford, born 8th February 1935.

The objects of the Union shall be :

To prepare and publish a memorial history of the Dutch in Ceylon, descriptive of their social life and customs, their methods of administration, and the influence of these upon existing institutions in the Island.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF STAPLES OF CEYLON

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

I

John Staples, Quartermaster of the 2nd Ceylon Regiment, born at Kingswood in the County of Hampshire, England, 8th October 1770, died in Colombo, 26th August 1839, married at Ellore in India 12th November 1793, Eleanor Waller, who died in Colombo, 16th January 1847, aged 72 years. He had by her—

- 1 Henry John, who follows under II.
- 2 John James, who follows under III.
- 3 Julia, died 3rd December 1864, aged 61 years.
- 4 George Alexander, born 1805, died 6th August 1834, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 10th, May 1827, Eliza Smith born 1808, died 31st May 1844.
- 5 Caroline, born 1807, died 24th January 1838.
- 6 Jemima, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 27th April 1837, George Howard (widower).
- 7 William Adolphus, who follows under IV.

II

Henry John Staples, Advocate, Commissioner of the Court of Requests, Colombo, 1845—1859, died in London in 1865, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 16th December 1825, by Governor's licence dated 10th December 1825, Maria Petronella Tonnon. He had by her—

- 1 Maria Henrietta, born 17th September 1826.
- 2 Harriet Julia, born 13th April 1829, died 25th January 1845.
- 3 Henry Tonnon, who follows under V.
- 4 Frederick Blair, Lieutenant Colonel, Ceylon Rifle Regiment and later of the 80th and 93rd Regiments, Chief Constable of Stockport 1874—1889, born 17th April 1837, died at Streathens 31st March 1909.
- 5 Theodore Glenie, born 26th August 1839, died 2nd July 1857.
- 6 Claria Maria, born 16th February 1843.
- 7 Eliza Harriet, born 12th September 1846.
- 8 Isobel Rose
- 9 Louisa Grace } born 28th August 1848

III

John James, Staples, Advocate, Ceylon Civil Service, District Judge, Kandy, born 8th November 1798; died 21st January 1852, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 3rd March 1821, Anna Loughlin, born 25th November 1803, died 3rd June 1874, daughter of Michael Loughlin and Anna Williams. He had by her—

- 1 John Michael, born 1825, died 25th January 1844.
- 2 Georgiana Maria Rose, born 28th August 1826.
- 3 Henrietta Caroline, born 23rd March 1829, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 14th March 1850, Algernon Robson Sewell, Lieutenant in the 15th Regiment.
- 4 Emily Loughlin, born 27th December 1830, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 1st May 1848, Albert Watson, Lieutenant Colonel of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, born 9th June 1803, died 12th November 1896, son of Alexander Watson, Lieutenant General of the Royal Artillery.
- 5 Annie
- 6 Cecil Loughlin, born 31st October 1834, died 2nd July 1858.
- 7 Edward Ackland, born 26th May 1839, died 19th January 1861.

IV

William Adolphus Staples, Advocate, born 16th April 1814, died 23rd May 1848, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 1st May 1838, Selina Dorothy Smith, daughter of Francis Smith and Dorothy Maria Watkins. He had by her—

- 1 William John, born 26th February 1839.
- 2 Selina Maria, born 22nd March 1840, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy.
 - (a) 13th May 1857, Walter Edward McCarthy.
 - (b) 20th December 1861, Severinus Benedictus (Richard) da Silva, born 13th June 1835, died 10th June 1892, son of Wilhelmus Andreas Ondaatje da Silva and Maria Cornelia Beuckman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, page 165).
- 3 Francis Theodore, who follows under VI.
- 4 Arthur Theobald, who follows under VII.
- 5 Charles James, born 1st September 1845, died 17th June 1847.

V

Henry Tonnon Staples, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, 1869—1885, born 4th November 1833, died 8th August 1893, married in England in 1869, Susanna Bower, born 31st May 1851 in Eversleigh, Wiltshire. He had by her—

- 1 Alexander Fredericka Richard Lovering, who follows under VIII.
- 2 Henry Charles who follows under IX.
- 3 Joseph Morgan, died in infancy.
- 4 Ada Mary, born 3rd December 1874.
- 5 Elizabeth Agatha Johnstone.
- 6 Gilbert George Adolphus Haughton, died young.
- 7 Clare Macdonald.

VI

Francis Theodore Staples, Proctor, born 25th June 1841, died 22nd October 1929, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 24th June 1864, Eliza Sophia VanderStraaten, born 1st February 1847, died 1929, daughter of Philip Joseph Lewis VanderStraaten and Sophia Maria Louisa Spencer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, page 122). He had by her—

- 1 Eliza Constance Clare, born 25th June 1865, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 7th January 1872, John Frederick Franciscus.
- 2 Theodore Clarence Spncer, born 24th September 1866.
- 3 Alice Arthur, born 16th December 1867.
- 4 Aelian Arthur, who follows under X.
- 5 Florence May, born 29th January 1871, died 25th March 1935, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 26th September 1894, Edward Colin Kriekenbeek, born 31st December 1871, son of Charles Arnold Kriekenbeek and Emelia Lucretia Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 73, and Vol. XLIII, page 119.)
- 6 William Justin, born 29th August 1872, died 3rd June 1896.
- 7 Frederick Philip, who follows under XI.
- 8 Edward Harold, born 20th October 1875.
- 9 Esther Beatrice, born 14th April 1877, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 23rd February 1900, Charles Henry Vander Wall, Advocate, born 14th March 1873, died 1st July 1943, son of Charles Henry Morgan Vander Wall, Proctor, and Susan Smith. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 153).
- 10 Alexandra, born 3rd December 1879.
- 11 Charles James, who follows under XII.
- 12 Gladys Gwendoline, born 12th September 1890, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 18th January 1910, Leonard Orton (Hans) Modder born 10th May 1884, son of Frederick Orton Modder, Chief Inspector of Police, and Agnes Cornelia Johnson. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 71 and 73.)

VII

Arthur Theobald Staples, born 31st January 1844, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 17th June 1868. Eugenie de la Harpe, born 6th May 1847, daughter of Peter Henry de la Harpe and Josepha Maria Jansen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 44). He had by her—

- 1 Alexander Justin, born 1872, died 23rd November 1935.
- 2 Charles James, who follows under XIII.

VIII

Alexander Frederick Richard Lovering Staples, born 3rd December 1869, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 24th February 1895. Beatrice Edna Reimers, born 25th October 1874, died at Ealing in London, 1st October 1941, daughter of Edmond Blevin Reimers and Mercia Ondaatje. He had by her—

- 1 Edna, born 29th April 1896.
- 2 Henry, died in infancy.
- 3 Charles.
- 4 Marjorie.
- 5 Agnes.
- 6 Richard.
- 7 Kathleen.
- 8 Enid.
- 9 Pearl.
- 10 John.

IX

Henry Charles Staples, Government Surveyor, born 11th September 1871, married in Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, 28th December 1896, Frances Ethel Ellis Koch, born 15th August 1872, daughter of Ellis Gladwin Koch and Catharine Wilhelmina de Rooy. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 133, and Vol. XLI, page 30.) He had by her—

- 1 Herbert Ellis Lovering, born 14th November 1897, died 7th July 1898.
- 2 Henry Charles Ellis, born in London 23rd June 1913.

X

Aelian Arthur Staples, Editor, "Ceylon Independent," born 27th November 1869, died 29th December 1913, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 24th April 1895. Helen Grace (Nellie) da Silva, born 13th April 1866, died 23rd October 1950, daughter of Swerinus Benedictus (Richard) da Silva and Selina Maria Staples. (vide section IV, supra, and D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, pages 165 and 166.) He had by her:

- 1 Elaine Helen Gwendolyne, born 24th January 1896, married in St. Pauls' Church, Milagriaa 17th June 1922, Leslie Oswald Toussaint, Clerk in Holy Order's, born 10th July 1895, son of Samuel Frederick Toussaint and Frances Meyer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 42.)
- 2 Helen Alexandra Marie Beryl, born 8th October 1898, died 15th July 1926.
- 3 Helen Gladys Thelma, born 7th December 1900, died 15th June 1915.

XI

Frederick Philip Staples, born 12th May 1874, died 1st January 1921, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 22nd May 1895, Agnes Matilda Nagel, died 24th March 1934. He had by her.

- 1 Frederick Theodore, born 13th October 1895.
- 2 Harold Edward William Vernon, born 2nd November 1896, killed in action at Arras in France on 28th February 1917. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XIV, page 6.)
- 3 Agnes Beryl May, born 27th October 1898, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th January 1921, Alcide Morris Andree, born 25th July 1893, died 14th October 1949, son of Richard Morris Andree and Frances Rosaline Fernando. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, pages 57 and 60.)
- 4 James Albert Mc Bain, born 24th October 1899.
- 5 Henry Melville Nagel, who follows under XIV.
- 6 Eileen Marjorie Wilhelmina, born 22nd June 1909, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 16th June 1926, John Clement Ebert, 31st December, died in Vellore 5th May 1952, son of Albert Edmund Ebert and Sybil Adelaide Pereira.

XII

Charles James Staples, born 23rd March 1881, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 14th April 1909, Mary Christobel de Zilva Van Twest, born 11th November 1881, daughter of Ebenezer Wilfred de Zilva Van Twest and Kanretta Eleanor Kelaart. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLII, page 65). He had by her—

- 1 Wilfred James Noel, who follows under XV.
- 2 George Leonard Douglas, who follows under XVI.
- 3 Lilian Eileen Mary, born 9th September 1914, married in Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, 17th April 1937, Maxwell Hemple of Bromley in Kent, England.
- 4 Patricia Mand, born 12th February 1923.

XIII

Charles James Staples, Journalist, born 5th June 1879, died 30th December 1950, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 6th August 1904, Hilda Claire LaBrooy, born 29th November 1879, daughter of Clement Theodore LaBrooy and Ida Catherine Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 73, and Vol. XL, page 51.) He had by her—

- 1 Edith Clarice, born 20th September 1905.
- 2 Ida Eugenie, born 28th October 1906.
- 3 Lorna Phyllis, born 19th December 1907.
- 4 Thomas James, born 19th December 1909.
- 5 Esme Hilda Letitia, born 9th January 1912, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 28th February, 1933, James Ian Hardy Mackessar.
- 6 Arthur Stephen, born 5th May 1916.
- 7 Cynthia Neva, born 10th July 1920.

XIV

Henry Melville Nagel Staples, born 30th July 1904, married in the Dutch Reformed Church:

- (a) At Regent Street, Colombo, 5th April 1926, Oriole Morris Andree, born 29th January 1906, daughter of Richard Morris Andree and Frances Rosaline Fernando. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 58.)
- (b) At Galle, 28th December 1938, Elaine Muriel Jansz, born 21st September 1898, daughter of David Matthew Jansz, J.P., Secretary of the District Court, Colombo, and Marian Chitty.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Oriole Arizona, born 21st December 1926, died 2nd June 1929.
- 2 Harold Melville, born 21st January 1928.
- 3 Douglas Reginald, born 16th January 1930.
- 4 Fay Louise, born 23rd January 1933.

XV

Wilfred James Noel Staples, born 7th October 1909, married:

- (a) In St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 15th June 1936, Phyllis Thelma Constance Kellar, born 4th October 1913, daughter of Gerald Ellis Franklin Kellar and Helen Constance Mellonins. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 55).

- (b) In St. Andrew's Church, Kollupitiya, 12th April 1947, Ninette Anderson, born 13th October 1922, daughter of Robert Roy Anderson and Millicent Thyra Parys.

Of the second Marriage, he had—

- 1 Eileen Antoinette, born 12th October 1936.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 2 John James, born 22nd April 1955.

XVI

George Leonard Douglas Staples, born 10th January 1911, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 2nd September 1944, Mavis Claire Schokman, born 11th July 1915, daughter of George Lionel Schokman, and Elsie Violet Van Langenberg. He had by her—

- 1 Garrick David, born 18th March 1945.
- 2 Jeremy Ruys Anthony, born 24th June 1950.

- Notes: (1) John Staples, referred to in section I, was with Captain John Parker of the 2nd Ceylon Regiment tried before the Supreme Court (December 9-10-1811) for the murder of Captain James Brown of the same Regiment whom Captain Parker had shot in a duel at Galle on November 17, 1810, and killed instantly. Captain Parker was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to one week's imprisonment, while John Staples who was alleged to have acted as second to Captain Parker was acquitted. This was the first trial by jury in the Island under the new "Charter of Justice", and the Chief Justice, Sir Alexander Johnston, Kt, presided at it. Captain James Brown married on April 18, 1808, Julia Eliza daughter of the Hon'ble and Reverend T. J. Twisleton, the first Archdeacon of Colombo, and Charlotte Ann Wattell. Captain John Parker married on April 20, 1820, Everardina Petronella Conradi, daughter of John Fredrick Conradi of Kirchheim, Onder Koopman, and Justina Petronella de Ly. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 66, and Lewis on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon," pages 39 and 99).
2. George Alexander Staples, referred to section I, 4, kept at one time an "Academy for Boys" at Colombo. (Lewis on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon" page 98.)
 3. Henry John Staples, referred to in section II, defended in 1835 the Chief Molligoda Disawa and five other Kandyans, including Dunuwila Disawa and two Buddhist Priests, for raising rebellion. The trial which lasted six days (January 12-17) took place at

Kandy before Mr. Justice William Norris and a Jury consisting of Henry Wright, C.C.S., W. H. Whitine, C.C.S., George Bird, E. J. Darley, W. Kidsdale, C.M.S., and J. G. Watson, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, and seven Sinhalese. The prosecution was conducted by Sir William Ogle Carr, Kt., who was then Queen's Advocate, and afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Island. It ended in an acquittal as it was found the accused had been maliciously implicated. (Lewis on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon", page 99.)

4. John James Staples, referred to in section III was an Advocate and appeared for the defence at the trial of George Winter for libel in 1834. He was appointed District Judge of Kandy on January 22nd, 1842, and held this post until his death on January 21, 1852. He was absorbed into the Civil Service when it was re-organised in 1845. His wife's father, Michael Loughlin, was the proprietor of "Loughlin's Auction Rooms" of the first years of British rule. Loughlin married Anna Williams at Colombo on January 23, 1803, and he died at Bombay on June 20, 1822, aged 65 years, while his wife died at Madras on January 2, 1816, after a long illness (Lewis on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon, page 60).
5. William Adolphus Staples, referred to in section IV, was a leading and popular Advocate at Kandy. His name appears in the list of members of the Committee for the Erection of a Church at Kandy on the tablet in St. Paul's Church.
6. William Justin Staples, referred to in section VI, 6, was employed as Chief Clerk in the Police Department at Pahang. He volunteered to take charge of the cholera hospital during an epidemic of that disease in Pekan, and worked night and day attending to the patients under his charge. He caught the disease himself after about twelve days and succumbed within about six hours.

JENNINGS GENEALOGY.

D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, Page 28.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

1. In section I, line 2, read '1856' for '1855'; and in line 3, after the date of death, insert "son of George Jennings and Caroline Williams".

2. In section II, insert the following particulars of the second marriage of Charles Melville Jennings.

In St. Cyprian's Church, St. Marleybone, London, 15th August 1953, Helen Ruby Parsons, born 22nd February 1917, daughter of Philip Edward Parsons and Ruby Lorenz Andree. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 55).

3. In section III, below the name of the second child, insert : Charles Beverley, born 28th November 1950.

4. In section IV, line 3, read "2nd January" for "8th January"

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