GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF WILLE OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff)

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Daniel Willé of Einbech in Hanover married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 19th February 1792, Mariana Pelpella, and he had by her:—

- 1 Johan Christoffel, who follows under II.
- 2 Ernst Leygenes, who follows under III.
- 3 Jan Diederich, who follows under IV.

II

Johan Christoffel Willé, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 4th May 1806, Johanna Petronella Janez, and he had by her:—

- 1 Adriana Elizabeth, born 6th January 1808, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th June 1822, Frans Wilhelm Schumacher.
- 2 Margaritta Frederika, born 4th April 1811, married at Ratnapura by Governor's licence, dated 30th April 1825, Cornelius Abraham Markus.
- 3 Johan Joseph, who follows under V.

III

Ernst Leygenes Willé, died 1st February 1829, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—

- (a) 12th June 1812, Johanna Jansz.
- (b) 23rd October 1815, Anna Maria Schumacher. Of the first marriage, he had:—
- 1 Piternella Henrietta, baptised 13th February 1814, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 3rd January 1839, Patrick William Herft.

IV

Jan Diederich Willé, died 1st July 1865, married :-

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 3rd July 1815, Catharina Piters.
- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 7th September 1843, Catharina Cassel-Smith. Of the first marriage, he had:—
- Johanna Maria, born 10th April 1816, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 2nd May 1886, John William Vander Wall.
- 2 Adriana Gerhardina, born 18th June 1819, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendazl, 18th June 1856, John Robert Camp.

- 3 Johannes Emanuel, born 10th February 1821, died 27th March 1862.
- 4 Martin Luke, who follows under VI.
- 5 Arnoldus Henricus, born 5th July 1825. Of the second marriage, he had:—
- 6 John Francis, who follows under VII.

V

John Joseph Willé, born 28th June, 1813, married Dorothea Elisabeth Van Cuylenburg, born 13th November 1811, daughter of Henricus Cornelis Van Cuylenburg and Anna Paulina Dorothea Helmke. (D.B. U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 81). He had by her:—

1 John Mical, born 2nd September 1837.

VI

Martin Luke Willé, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th May 1849, Maria Petronella Rodrigo, and he had by her:—

- 1 John Edward, who follows under VIII.
- 2 Catherine Elizabeth, born 20th September 1857.
- 3 Henry Edmund, born 4th February 1861.
- 4 Edwin Oliver, born 20th August 1862.
- 5 Matilda, born 7th January 1866.

VII

John Francis Willè, born 11th August 1845, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 1st June 1868, Maria Charlotte Kidd, born 10th June 1847, died 25th September 1928. He had by her:—

- 1 John Benjamin, who follows under IX.
- 2 George Alfred Henry, who follows under X.
- 3 Winifred Lawrence, born 15th January 1873.
- 4 Evelyn Millicent, born 23rd April 1876.

VIII

John Edward Willé, born 2nd April 1856, died 19th August 1930, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 20th May 1880, Emelia Louisa Mary Gerlach, and he had by her:—

- 1 Stephen Lawrie, born 3rd July 1881.
- 2 Assedah Margaret, born 21st September 1882.
- 3 Letitia Theodora, born 31st August 1985, married James Aloysius Joachim.
- 4 Reginald Embleton, born 27th February 1888, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 28rd July 1931, Anna Violet Priscilla Paul.
- 5 Claudina Winifred, born 26th September 1890.
- 6 Norbert Ernest, born 22nd December 1892.
- 7 Muriel Florida, born 18th July 1895, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th December 1926, Herbert

Alvin Sanford Loos, born 1879, son of Arthur Duncan Grant Loos and Catherine Maria Blackett. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX page 99).

IX

John Benjamin Willé, born 16th March 1869, died 28th August 1945, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 26th January 1893, Ellenor Drusilla Baillie, born 19th February 1874 daughter of Charles Edward Baillie and Henrietta Emelia Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 108).
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th December 1895, Eva Cecilia Sophia Baillie, born 12th October 1869, died 27th June 1897, sister of (a) supra.
- (c) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th December 1902, Elsie Viva Mc Carthy Heyzer, born 5th September 1881, daughter of Julian Jonathan Heyzer, Proctor, and Laura Mc Carthy. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 28).
- (d) In the Scots Kirk, Kandy, 15th February 1922, Rosamund Stella Ferdinand, born 21st September 1884, daughter of George Gerard Ferdinand and Anne Frances Taylor. Of the third marriage, he had:—
- 1 Elsie Iris Brenda, born 14th April 1904, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 6th October 1928, George Vernon Frank Wille, who follows under XI.
- 2 Eileen Edna, born 4th April 1906, married :-
 - (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 24th June 1925, Frederick Peter Harris Speldewinde, Chief Charges Officer, Customs Department, born 12th December 1696, son of Peter Harris Speldewinde and Evangeline Louisa Cadenski. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, pages 77 and 81).
 - (b) At Colombo, 10th August 1940, Claude Lawrence Speldewinde, born 5th April 1913, son of Claude Horace Speldewinde and Laura Grace de Zilwa. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 81).
- 3 Beatrice Myra, born 13th December 1907.

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George Alfred Henry Willé, Proctor and Notary Public, Member of the Legislative Council, 1924—1931, Member of the State Council, 1936—1947, born 31st March 1871, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 30th September 1896, Rosaline Anne Brohier, born 31st October 1872, daughter of Richard Annesley Brohier, Justice of the Peace for the Island, Assistant Auditor-General, and Harriet Ann Koch. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 129, and Vol. XXXI, page 199). He had by her:—

1 Frances Elaine, born 10th March 1898, died 21st December 1935, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th

June, 1930, George Vernon Schokman, Proctor and Notary Public, born 18th May 1898, son of Walter Horace Schokman, Planter, and Ulrica Antoinette Amelia Trant Beling. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 136, and Vol. XXV, page 111).

- 2 Evill Merle, born 8th August 1899, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 26th December 1934, Richard Vernon Metzeling, Th.B., Collegiate Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, born 16th July 1901, son of Arthur William Metzeling, C.C.S., and Jane Agnes Martenstyn.
- 3 Irene Gladys, born 23rd December 1900, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th April 1926, Cecil Alexander Speldewinde, LL.B., Advocate, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Estate Duty and Stamps, born 3rd May 1892, son of Charles Gerard Speldewinde and Rosa Frederica & Boer. (D.B U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 76, and Vol. XXXIV, page 79).
- 4 George Vernon Frank, who follows under XI.
- George Eustace Neil, B.A. (Oxon), B.A. (Lond), born 4th April 1906, married at Colombo, 22nd August 1940, Ruth Marion de Vos nee Johnson, born 19th November 1906, daughter of Henry Keith Johnson and Ruth Barbara Garvin (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 145, and Vol. XXXIV, page 112).
- 6 George Alfred Herbert, who follows under XII.

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George Vernon Frank Wille, B.A. (Lond), Advocate, Assistant Commissioner of Prison and Probation Services, born 22nd October 1902, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 6th October 1928, Elsie Iris Brenda Wille, referred to under IX, 1. He had by her:—

- 1 George Vernon Frank (Peter), born 13th August 1931.
- 2 John Michael, born 10th May 1938.

XII

George Alired Herbert Wille, Proctor, born 23rd November 1910, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th October 1940, Joyce Eleanor Schokman, born 3rd September 1916, daughter of Cuthbert George Schokman, Supervising Engineer, Public Works Department, and Leah Van Geyzel, (D.B U. Journal, Vol. X, page 76, and Vol. XXV, page 117). He had by her:—

1 David Ian, born 10th September 1943.

Notes:—(1). In 1847, the Government of the Netherlands possession in the East Indies sent a remittance for the relief of widows and orphans of the servants of the late Dutch Government who were not already in the receipt of any pension from Government, and Anna Maria Schumacher, widow of Einst Leygenes Wille, referred to under III, was one of the recipients. (Government Notification dated 17th July 1847).

(2) In the re-constitution of the Legislative Council in 1924, the Burgher Community alone became entitled to return two elected members. In addition, the Burghers were assigned a nominated seat In the contest for the Elected Seats, George Alfred Henry Willer referred to under X, and Nathaniel John Martin were returned, and the Nominated Seat went to Hermann Albert Loos. George Alfred Henry Wille failed to enter the Constitution of 1931, but this was compensated for by his re-appointment to the Council in 1936 where he rendered much service for over a decade. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXV, pages 17 and 18).



CEYLON IN THE SIXTIES.

(Continued from our last issue).

Kalutara was then, as now, one of the principal outstations, and the Burghers were represented there in almost every profession and calling. The law claimed the Orrs. Thomases, Vander Walls and Hepnonstalls among others. One of the junior Proctors was Hector Van Cuylenburg, who was in process of time to represent the Community in the Legislative Council and to receive the honour of Knighthood. The teaching profession was represented by Frederick William VanCuylenhurg, the father of the Inspector of Schools of that name, who was in charge of the Government Boys' School, while his daughter held a similar office in the Girls' School. Dr. Peter Henry VanCuylenberg, the father of Sir Hector, was Assistant Colonial Surgeon, and Henry Morgan VanCuylenburg, his brother, held the office of Registrar of Lands. The Rev. John Adrian Poulier was the Wesleyan Minister. The Church of England had not yet fully established itself here, fortnightly services only being held in the District Court by the Rev. Barcroft Boake, who travelled down from Colombo for the purpose.

The Burghers took their full share in Benevolent and Literary activities. Dr. P. H. VanCuylenburg was the Secretary of the Friend-in-Need Society and the Rev. J. A. Poulier the Treasurer. Edward Orr was the Treasurer of the Kalutara Reading Room, while Arthur Wellesley VanCuylenburg was the Secretary of the Kalutara Literary Association. Among the private Surveyors were George Anthony de Hoedt and Peter Frederick Ebert. One of the four shops in the town was owned by Herod Jansz. There is no reason to suppose that he was a stony-hearted man like the bearer of this name of Biblical fame. Names of families occur that are now extinct or almost so, e.g. Gambs, Jakey, Kerkowen, Koys, Neyah, Sougarsz.

An office, which has now ceased to exist, or the designation of which has been changed, is that of Turnkey attached to the Fiscal's Offices of Kalutara and Panadure. The latter town was not as important then as it is now, compared with Kalutara. There was no school or hospital, and only one shop. The only Stamp Vendor was Herardus Silva, the first name being probably another rendering of Herod.

Like Kalutara, its sister town Negombo was fully representative of the Burghers. Neither of these towns had yet attained to the dignity of an Assistant Agency, both forming part of the Revenue District of Colombo. Hence the District Judge of these places combined in his own person a multiplicity of offices, among them being Commissioner of Requests, Police Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, Coroner, Assistant Postmaster-General, and Chairman of the District Road Committee. But the country had not yet progressed very far, and it is unlikely that these numerous offices imposed a heavy strain, physical or mental, on the holders of them. The District Judge of Negombo at this period was F. C. Willisford, son of the ubiquitous Doctor of that name, who was