

# GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF WERKMEESTER OF CEYLON.

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## I.

Jan Carel Werkmeester of Hartgerod, Sergeant in the Dutch East India Company's Service, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th December 1757, Anna Maria Stevens, and he had by her:—

- 1 Christina Elizabeth, baptised 3rd December 1758.
- 2 Sara Eleonora, baptised 22nd February 1761.
- 3 Carel Hendrik, baptised 12th May 1765.
- 4 Johan Christiaan, who follows under II.
- 5 Frederik Benjamin, who follows under III.
- 6 Johanna Christina Jacoba, married at Mannar, John Hatch.

## II.

Johan Christiaan Werkmeester, baptised 22nd August 1768, married.....Hatch, and he had by her:—

- 1 Anna Catharina, born 15th January 1794, died 5th January 1877, married at Mannar
  - (a) By Governor's licence dated 3rd July 1810, Johannes Christopher van Braunnhoff, Head Clerk of the Kachcheri at Mannar, baptised 18th March 1787, died 5th February 1818, son of Christopher Sigismund van Braunnhoff of Mittau, Koerland, and Carolina Catharina Jacobsz.
  - (b) By the Reverend Joseph Knight, 13th January 1823, Abraham Ewert Bartholomeusz, Secretary of the District Court at Mannar, died 21st November 1853, son of Abraham Ewert Bartholomeusz and Jacoba Cornelia Liendersz.

## III.

Frederic Benjamin Werkmeester, married Johanna Jacoba Brugers, and he had by her:—

- 1 George Alexander, who follows under IV.

## IV.

George Alexander Werkmeester, born 6th July 1815, married Geraldina Petronella van Braunnhoff, and he had by her:—

- 1 Dorothea married Samuel Herft.
- 2 Robert Wilmot, who follows under V.
- 3 Jane
- 4 Harriet } died young.
- 5 John Richard, who follows under VI.
- 6 Gerald Agnew (Garret), died unmarried.
- 7 Georgiana, died young.
- 8 William Alfred, who follows under VII.
- 9 Edwin Colin, who follows under VIII.

## V.

Robert Wilmot Werkmeester, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 27th November 1863, Winifred Elizabeth Bartholomeusz, died 1926, daughter of John William Frederick Bartholomeusz and Dorothea Mary Herft. He had by her:—

- 1 Camilla Annette, born 10th September 1867, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 1886, William Kiel.
- 2 Lilian Maud, born 8th July 1869, died 5th January 1938, married at Vavoniya, John Randolph Barbet, born 15th August 1865, died 7th August 1915.
- 3 Prins Albert Edward, who follows under IX.
- 4 Eugenie Josephine, born 18th July 1874, married at Vavoniya, 24th May 1893, Robert Constantine Manger.
- 5 Oliver Duncan, who follows under X.
- 6 Florence Clotilda, born 5th October 1885, married in Christ Church, Mannar, James William Duckworth.
- 7 Olive Roseneath, born 26th January 1886.
- 8 Muriel Irene, born 14th December 1887, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 8th April 1918, Juvenal Clement Chapman, son of Elyrold Bradman Chapman and Nancy Bates.

## VI.

John Richard Werkmeester, died 13th January 1915, married Agnes Sarah Honter, died 16th July 1934. He had by her:—

- 1 Nancy Mabel, born 5th February 1879, married in the Methodist Church, Mannar, 11th April 1898, Eugene Julius Meurling, Inspector in the Irrigation Department, born 11th March 1870, son of Richard Gerald Meurling and Harriet Charlotte Kellar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 33).
- 2 Analeen Florence, born 1883, married Christian Victor Honter, born 25th December 1879, died 10th March 1928, son of Jeremy Arthur Honter and Laura Dorothea de Hoedt.
- 3 Godwin, died young.

## VII.

William Alfred Werkmeester, Chief Clerk, Railway Audit Office, born 1857, died 18th March 1909, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—

- (a) 27th December 1883, Agnes Sophia de Waas, daughter of Charles Adolphus de Waas and Juliette Henrietta Adelaide Leembruggen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV page 24).
- (b) 20th November 1897, Ada Emelia Baillie, born 22nd May 1865, died 21st October 1934, daughter of Charles Edward Baillie and Amelia Henrietta Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 108).

Of the first marriage, he had.

- 1 Daisy Agnes, born 16th September 1884, married in the Methodist Church at Vembadi, Jaffna, 18th June 1915, Francis George Roelofs, born 30th March 1885, son of Francis George Roelofs and Jane Elizabeth Toussaint. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 43).
- 2 Lilian Gertrude, born 6th November 1885.
- 3 Rose Mildred, born 12th February 1888, died 12th September 1907.
- 4 Pansy Elaine, born 11th May 1891, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 12th December 1917, Richard Leslie de Boer Brohier, O.B.E., F.R.G.S., Assistant Surveyor-General, born 5th October 1892, son of Richard Annesley Brohier, V.D., Assistant Postmaster-General, Major in the Ceylon Light Infantry, and Marian Almeera de Boer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, pages 203 and 209, and Vol. XXXIV, page 79).
- 5 Marguerite Agnes, born 10th February 1894, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 25th April 1931, James Herbert Lourensz, born 1st July 1898, son of James Alexander Lourensz and Lucille Flanderka Weinman.

Of the second marriage, he had :—

- 6 Vyvil William Baillie, born 22nd February 1906.

### VIII

Edwin Colin Werkmeester, born 1862, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 15th September 1886, Lilian Catherine Poulier, born 1865, daughter of George Poulier and Georgiana Louisa de Hoedt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 29). He had by her :—

- 1 Neville Edwin Wrightson, born 9th April 1888.

### IX

Prins. Albert Edward Werkmeester, Superintendent of Mails, General Post Office, born 27th October 1872, died 16th October 1943, married in Christ Church, Diskoya, 18th July 1904, Florence Ann Vanden Driesen, born 16th July 1883, died 24th April 1934, daughter of Arthur Francis Vanden Driesen and Harriet Matilda Martin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 59 and 60). He had by her :—

- 1 Robert Arthur Prins, born 13th June 1906, died 28th March 1930.
- 2 Princesse Florence Maisie, born 28th September, 1908, died 20th May, 1921.
- 3 Queenie Prudence, born 8th August 1910, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th December 1933, Walter William Driberg, born 28th January 1904, son of Bertram Lambert Driberg, O.B.E., (Military Division), J.P., U.M., Crown Proctor, Avisawella, Lieutenant Colonel, Ceylon Engineers, Ceylon

Defence Force, and Alice Helena Hoffman. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXXIV, pages 16 and 18).

- 4 Vernon Rex, who follows under XI.
- 5 Hubert Earle, born 21st February 1914, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 29th November 1942, Elaine de Bruin, born 28th September 1916, daughter of William Norman de Bruin and Ada Julia Vanden Driesen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 58).
- 6 Randolph Kingsley, who follows under XII.
- 7 Douglas Haig, born 3rd March 1919.

### X

Oliver Duncan Werkmeester Superintendent of Minor Roads, Jaffna, born 20th February 1877 married in St. Mary's Church, Veyangoda, 6th July 1910, Priscilla Prudence Vanden Driesen, born 31st March 1890, died 1929, daughter of Arthur Francis Vanden Driesen and Harriet Matilda Martin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 59). He had by her :—

- 1 Harold Oliver, born 14th April 1911.

### XI

Vernon Rex Werkmeester, born 5th August 1912 married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 26th December 1936, Dorothy Eunice Anthonisz, born 24th January 1916, daughter of Peter Daniel Anthonisz and Rita Irene de Zilwa. He had by her :

- 1 Wendy Jennifer, born 11th January 1943.

### XII

Randolph Kingsley Werkmeester, born 5th May 1916, married at Leicester in England, 4th September 1946, Miriam Hilda Kirchim, and he had by her :—

- 1 Diane, born 27th December 1946.

Notes : (1) The correct spelling of the surname of the family is Werkmeester, but by common usage the spelling now is Werkmeister.

(2) John Hatch referred to under I, 6, was Ensign in the 19th English Regiment. He succeeded Major Ford as Commandant at Mannar in December 1800, and in October 1801 he was succeeded by Major Vincent of the same Regiment. His widow, Johanna Christina Jacoba Werkmeester, received assistance from a remittance sent in 1847 by the Government of the Netherlands possession in the East Indies 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 (Government Notification dated 17th July 1847).

(3) Christopher Sigismond Van Braunnhoff of Mittau, Koerland, referred to under II (a), was a Vaandrig at Colombo. He married Carolina Catharina Jacobsz on 4th July 1786.