

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF WITTENSLEGER OF CEYLON

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

I

Jan Wittensleger of Amsterdam married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 28th June 1767, Inesa Arembewelle, and he had by her—

- 1 Jan Marten, who follows under II.

II

Jan Marten Wittensleger, born 13th May 1763, died 6th October 1835, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 10th September 1786, Sara Johanna de Silva, and he had by her—

- 1 Johannes Eusebias, who follows under III.
- 2 Margarita Dorothea married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 2nd June 1825, Pieter Carolus Jansz, widower of Anna Bretsz.
- 3 Jan Ursinus, who follows under IV.

III

Johannes Eusebias Wittensleger married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 29th June 1818, Hermina Regina Helmers, and he had by her—

- 1 Carel Martin, born 11th May 1822.
- 2 Adrian Eusebias, born 6th June 1823.

IV

Jan Ursinus Wittensleger, born 30th March 1812, married Petronella Carolina Wilhelmina Jansz, born 1st August 1818, daughter of Pieter Carolus Jansz and Anna Bretsz, referred to under II, 2, *supra*. He had by her:—

- 1 Julietta Merciana Charlotta, born 14th February 1839, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 28th January 1858, Carolus (Charles) Dederick Anthonisz born 16th July 1814, widower of Maria Wilhelmina Poulhier (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 22) and son of Jacobus Cornelis Anthonisz and Christina Gysberta Trek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, pages 144 and 147).
- 2 John Martin, born 24th April 1839.
- 3 Henry Samuel, born 25th March 1841.
- 4 Peter Oliver, who follows under V.
- 5 Julia Sara, born 17th November 1844, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, :

(a) 4th April 1866, Victor Charles Meurling, born 1843, died 1873, son of William Charles Meurling and Charlotta Luvina Arnoldina Perera. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, pages 32 and 33).

(b) 9th September 1878, Vitringa (Witty) James Anthonisz, born 10th March 1844, died 1888, widower of Carolina Arnoldina Koys, and son of Gualterus Henricus Anthonisz and Anna Robertina Perera. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, pages 147 and 151).

- 6 Albert Benjamin, who follows under VI.

V

Peter Oliver Wittensleger, born 17th May 1843, died 29th August 1910, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 22nd April 1874, Charlotte Matilda Ephraums, born 27th December 1851, died 21st January 1934, daughter of Daniel Ephraums and Catharina Charlotta Zybrandsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 105 and 106). He had by her—

- 1 Amanda Matilda, born 1st March 1875, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 14th June 1910, Charles Ambrose Lorenz Smith, born 6th December 1874, son of, William Arthur Smith and Ann Drusilla Woutersz. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXIV, page 102, and Vol. XXXIX, page 56).
- 2 Vivienne Eunice, born 8th May 1877, died 1918.
- 3 Arminta Euphrasia, born 16th June 1879, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 18th December 1905, Thomas Richard Jansen, born 21st December 1862, died 15th May 1931, son of George Jansen and Susan
- 4 Pierre Oscar, who follows under VII.
- 5 Ivy Madeleine, born 26th August 1885, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 9th June 1909, Richard Benjamin Andree, born 16th July 1879, son of Charles Oliver Andree and Gertrude Georgiana Daviot. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 14).
- 6 Elaine Maud, born 9th August 1889, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 4th June 1908, William Leopold Rodé, born 15th November 1832, son of Frederick Philip Rodé and Caroline Lydia Bocks. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 105 and 113).

VI

Albert Benjamin Wittensleger, born 24th February 1853, died 1929, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 3rd February 1876, Sophia Wilhelmina Kellar, born 13th August 1847, died 1920, daughter of Nicolaas William Henry Kellar and Frederica Charlotta Catharina Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 105, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 51). He had by her—

- 1 Allanson Rupert, who follows under VIII.

VII

Pierre Oscar Wittensleger, born 19th March 1883, died 23rd August 1949, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 22nd July 1909, Ann Drusilla Anthonisz, born 9th August 1883, daughter of Vitringa (Witty) James Anthonisz and Julia Sara Wittensleger, referred to in IV, 5, *supra*. He had by her—

- 1 Donovan Sylvester, born 26th October 1911.
- 2 Doris Lena, born 9th July 1913, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 9th March 1940, Rienzie Adelebert Crutchley.

VIII

Allanson Rupert Wittensleger, born 17th March 1878, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 21st October 1907, Esther Alberta Jansz, born 26th June 1882, daughter of Albert Godfrey Jansz and Emelia Eleanor Sela. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXV, page 23, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 28). He had by her—

- 1 Zena Dorinne, born 4th August 1903, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 11th June 1932, Granville Alison Loos, born 10th June 1907, died 21st July 1939, son of Euston Donald Loos and Theodora Margaret Mac Carthy. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, pages 119 and 121).
- 2 Alberta Constance, born 21st September 1909, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 16th June 1945, Fredric Neville Koelmeyer, born 28th October 1901, son of Theodore Sydney Koelmeyer and Millicent de Zilwa.
- 3 Albert Edward, who follows under IX.
- 4 George Doveton, born 4th December 1911, married in the Registrar's Office, Galle, Marjorie Phyllis de Zilwa.
- 5 Allan Godfrey, who follows under X.
- 6 Eric Clarence, born 26th December 1924.

IX

Albert Edward Wittensleger, born 14th November 1910, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala, 19th June 1948, Olga Kathleen Peiris, born 30th August 1918, daughter of Thomas Peiris and Kathleen Grace Pathmaperuma. He had by her—

- 1 Esther Kathleen born 8th July 1949.

X

Allan Godfrey Wittensleger, born 5th May 1913, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala, 21st October 1944, Phyllis Doreen Ephraums, born 16th July 1923, daughter of Charles Allanson Ephraums and Agnes Louisa Grace Bartholomeusz nee Mack. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 113, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 142). He had by her—

- 1 Allida Gloria, born 12th March 1946.

- 2 Allan Russell, born 31st December 1948, died 7th March 1949.

Notes:—(1) Inesa Wittensleger, referred to under I, as widow, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 23rd July 1775, Petrus Hollebeek of Galle.

- (2) In memory of Jan Marten Wittensleger, referred to under II, there is in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, a hatchment with an inscription in Dutch, of which the following is a translation:

To the blessed memory of the late Reverend Jan Marten Wittensleger, born at Galle on the 13th May 1763, and died on the 6th October 1855.

He was appointed to serve the congregation here, as Deacon in 1804, as Elder in 1812 and as Propo-
nent in 1823.

In these offices, he acquitted himself in a laudable manner, and served the congregation for over 28 years with untiring zeal, both in precept and in example.

His humble manner of life was always sincere, and combined with great zeal and love for the honour of God;

And by his disposition and conduct in all his relations in life, he excelled among us as a pattern to his fellow-beings.

As a worthy man, as a noble friend, as a true Christian, as a faithful servant and follower of Jesus, his God and Lord.

Erected by the Congregation at Galle, 1836.

- (3) With the aid of the "Radio Nederland" at Hilversum in Amsterdam, Allanson Rupert Wittensleger, referred to under VIII, was able to contact in 1947 the Wittensleger family in Amsterdam. Replying to a letter, Jan Lodewyk Wittensleger wrote that he was working in the bank of Messrs. Pierson & Co., and that he and his people were living in Lievenstraat in Amsterdam. They were in the belief that they were "the only Wittenslegers in the world!" It is probable that Jan Lodewyk Wittensleger's great great-grandfather was a brother of Jan Wittensleger, who was the founder of the family in Ceylon.

