

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF BEVEN OF CEYLON

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I

Thomas Beven, Drum Major of the 19th Regiment, married in St. Peter's Garrison Church, Colombo, 18th February 1807, Jane Bellamy, and he had by her—

- 1 John, who follows under II.

II

John Beven, Chief Clerk, General Treasury, born 26th July 1815, died 14th December 1885, married at Puttalam 18th February 1841, Sophia Maria Koertz, born 15th May 1826, died 18th June 1902, daughter of Daniel Didelof Koertz and Anna Maria de Wolff. He had by her—

- 1 John George James, born 1st March 1843, died 17th December 1843.
- 2 Thomas Edwin, who follows under III.
- 3 Sophia Rosamond, born 4th August 1845.
- 4 John Francis, who follows under IV.
- 5 Julia Cecilia Seraphina, born 15th October 1843, died 17th April 1935, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 17th December 1868, John Frederick Drieberg, born 18th March 1848, died 15th August 1908, son of Johan (John) Drieberg, Proctor and Notary Public, and Harriet Agnes Lorenz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 49, and Vol. XXXIV, page 11).
- 6 Alice Mary, born 5th October 1849, died 26th December 1906, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 13th May 1867, George Edward Swan, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, born 18th February 1843, died 17th May 1909, son of James Swan, C.C.S., and Anna Eliza Charlotta de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, pages 67 and 68, and Vol. XXVII, page 134).
- 7 Walter Gerrit Julian, born 14th September 1851, died 11th September 1852.
- 8 Agnes Seraphina, born 13th April 1853, died 16th December 1899, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 20th December 1875, James Dunbar Jonklaas, Proctor, Captain in the Ceylon Light Infantry, born 14th September 1851, died 17th April 1923, son of Henricus Cornelis Jonklaas and Agnes Susan de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 205 and 207 and Vol. XXVII, page 136).
- 9 Arthur Wilfred Michael, who follows under V.
- 10 Cecil William, born 4th December 1855, died 21st February 1866.

- 11 Charles Henry Eugene, who follows under VI.
- 12 Harriet Maria, born 23rd April 1859, died 23rd July 1948.
- 13 Osmund James Clement, M.A. (Oxon), Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, born 24th February 1861, died 22nd April 1945.
- 14 Theodore Koertz, born 7th May 1862, died 22nd December 1942, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, Lily Hancock.
- 15 Eleanor Beatrice Eliza, born 28th September 1863, died 27th January 1947.
- 16 Ida Frances Swan, born 17th April 1865, died 22nd September 1909.
- 17 Harris Oswald, born 15th August 1866, died 27th August 1947, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 20th February 1895, Agnes Lilian Vander Straaten, born 5th July 1868, died 20th September 1934, daughter of John William Vander Straaten, Proctor, and Frances Victoria Drieberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 163, and Vol. XXXIV, page 10).

III

Thomas Edwin Beven, Proctor and Notary Public, Lieutenant Colonel in the Ceylon Light Infantry, born 23rd October 1843, died 12th October 1919, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 15th February 1866, Harriet Frances Swan, born 11th May 1845, died 19th October 1933, daughter of James Swan, Ceylon Civil Service, and Anna Eliza Charlotta de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 67, and Vol. XXVII, page 134). He had by her—

- 1 Harriet Swan, born 28th November 1866, died 27th December 1948.
- 2 Edwin Allan, who follows under VII.
- 3 Frederick Forrest, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Herbert John, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin), L.F.P. S. (Glas), born 16th July 1871, died 18th June 1945.
- 5 Walter, who follows under IX.
- 6 Florence May, born 1st December 1872, died 5th October 1947.
- 7 Harry Edward, Ceylon Civil Service, born 13th December 1874, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, :
 - (a) Marie Smith, died 24th June 1941
 - (b) Constance Davis.
- 8 Ethel
- 9 Isabel Emma (Daisy), married Arthur Warburton Gray.
- 10 Kathleen, died 5th April 1945.

IV

John Francis Beven, Advocate, born 11th February 1847, died 6th June 1921, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 12th December 1870, Julia Drieberg, born 17th June 1853, died 17th January 1935, daughter of John Drieberg and Harriet Agnes Lorenz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 49, and Vol. XXXIV, page 10). He had by her—

- 1 Harriet Julia Drieberg, born 2nd October 1871, died 23rd April 1951.
- 2 Francis Lorenz, M.A. (Cantab), Archdeacon of Colombo, born 30th October 1872, died 11th March 1947.
- 3 Frances Emmeline, born 10th November 1873.
- 4 Alan Karl, who follows under X.
- 5 Stephanie
- 6 John Justus Osmund, M.R.C.S. (Eng), L.R.C.P. (Lond) born 19th January 1889.
- 7 Noel, born and died 25th December 1891.

V

Arthur Wilfred Michael Beven, Planter, born 29th September 1954, died 7th July 1924, married:

- (a) In the Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 16th July 1878, Eleanor Catherine Newman, born 9th May 1862, died 20th May 1908, daughter of Joseph Newman and Anna Elizabeth (Nancy) Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 49).
- (b) In the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, Agnes Elizabeth Newman, born 2nd April 1857, died 6th July 1942, widow of Wilfred Alaric Edema (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 101) and sister of (a) *supra*.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Ellen Sophia Anne, born 17th June 1879, married in St. Stephen's Church, Marawila, 7th September 1904, Evan Maurice Van Dort, born 27th February 1875, died 17th March 1941, son of William Gregory Van Dort, L.M.S. (Madras and Calcutta), M.D. (Aber), and Sophia Marion Mc Carthy. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 27).
- 2 Arthur Wilfred Newman, who follows under XI.
- 3 George Frankland, born 14th January 1882.
- 4 Victor Rex, who follows under XII.
- 5 Gertrude Alice Muriel, born 25th October 1884, died 9th December 1937, married Ebenezer Ondaatje.
- 6 John, who follows under XIII.
- 7 Grace Hester, born 30th December 1887, died 1st June, 1905.
- 8 Christian Marie, born 25th March 1889, died 25th December 1889.

- 9 Edwin,
- 10 Ruth Salome, born 25th November 1891, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 25th September 1912, Vivil Ellis Sandford Modder, born 4th January 1882, son of Eugene Ellis Modder, L.F.P. and s. (Glas), Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Elizabeth Sophia Kalenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 157, and Vol. XXVIII, pages 72 and 74).
- 11 Allan Percy Lorenz, who follows under XIV.
- 12 Cecil Herman, who follows under XV.
- 13 Blanche Bianca married Walter Terence Stace, B.A., Litt. D., Trinity College, Dublin, Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University, U.S.A., late Ceylon Civil Service.
- 14 Stella Irene Doris, born 7th May 1899.
- 15 Francis Eric
- 16 Sophia Claribel married Osmund James Swan Beven, referred to in VI, 5.
- 17 Hester Phyllis married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 22nd December 1926, George Frederick Vantier Hoven, born 10th February 1901, son of Charles John Vander Hoven and Emma Virginia Wambeek.
- 18 Essie Rita Grace
- 19 Ernest Henry, born 20th September 1907.

VI

Charles Henry Eugene Beven, born 17th January 1867, died 30th July 1938, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 10th November 1888, Ada Frances Swan, born 25th August 1862, daughter of James Swan, Ceylon Civil Service, and Harriet Caroline Austin nee Ludovici. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 62, Vol. VII, page 29, and Vol. XXVI, page 68). He had by her—

- 1 Eugene Henry Swan.
- 2 Ada Margaret, born 8th June 1886, married in St. Mary's Church, Veyangoda, 19th December 1912, Henry Eric Carl Swan, L.D.S., L.R.C.P. and s. (Edin), L.F.P.S. (Glas), born 17th September 1884, son of William Henry Swan, M.B.C.M., L.R.C.P. and s. (Edin), and Rosalind Caroline Modder. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVL, pages 69 and 71, and Vol. XXVIII, page 71).
- 3 Norman Alfred Francis Swan.
- 4 Zoe Swan, born 12th November 1889.
- 5 Osmund James Swan, born 18th June 1895, married Sophia Claribel Beven, referred to in V, 16.

VII

Edwin Allan Beven, Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, Ceylon Civil Service, born 19th November 1867, married:

- (a) Juliet Hussey.
- (b) Grace Harling,

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Juliet Helen Macdonald, born 23rd November 1893, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, 9th April 1917, Edgar Aelian Harper Ebert, Proctor, born 18th June 1894, son of Edgar Charles Ebert and Stella Margaret Morgan Jumeaux.
- 2 Gladys.
- 3 Lionel.
- 4 Freda.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 Edwin Harling, born 1911.
- 6 Patricia married at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 7th April 1943, Captain Peter Harris of the King's Own Rifles.

VIII

Frederick Forrest Beven, Medical Practitioner, born 8th November 1868, died 9th December 1902, married in England, Mary Fisher, and he had by her—

- 1 Robert.
- 2 Leonard.

IX

Walter Beven, Proctor and Notary Public, married Isabel Margaret Davis, M.B.E. He had by her—

- 1 Barbara married.....Stringer.

X

Alan Karl Beven, Proprietary Planter, born 23rd November 1874, married:—

- (a) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 27th August 1900, Rhoda Spencer Vander Smagt, born 11th August 1879, died 13th September 1926, daughter of Francis Arnold Vander Smagt, M.D., C.M., D.P.H., Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Fraderica Harriet Shrader. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 71, and Vol. XXVIII, page 87.)
- (b) In Scots Kirk, Kandy, 19th January 1928, Gertrude Octavia de Vos, born 15th March 1891, died 6th April 1941, daughter of Henry Walter de Vos and Mary Emily Ginger. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 147.)

- (c) In St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 6th August 1942, Marion Linda Wambeek, born 6th August 1897, daughter of Charles Lorenz Wambeek and Alice Adeline Van Geysel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 77, and Vol. XXVII, page 74.)

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Frank Carlos, born 11th June 1902.
- 2 Francis Vander Smagt, who follows under XVI.
- 3 Rhoda Molly, married Douglas John Gerard Hennessy.
- 4 Brian Karl, married in the Church of the Ascension, Mount Lavinia, Dorothy Scharenguivel, daughter of Albert Justin Richard Scharenguivel A.M.I.C.E., Provincial Engineer, Public Works Department.

XI

Arthur Wilfred Newman Beven, born 6th November 1880, married in the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore 18th January 1908, Leonie Caroline Hansen, and he had by her—

- 1 Arthur William, who follows under XVII.

XII

Victor Rex Beven, Assistant Divisional Transportation Superintendent, Ceylon Government Railway, born 24th May 1883, died 14th November 1935, married:—

- (a) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th January 1909, Irene Sylvia Ethel Hesse, born 10th November 1879, died 21st January 1921, daughter of James Samuel Hesse and Eliza Henrietta Scharenguivel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 15.)
- (b) In St. Andrew's Scott Kirk, Colombo 28th February 1922, Enid Violet Gertruide Hesse, sister of (a) supra.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Dulcie Irene Ellen, born 30th November 1909, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 26th June 1935, Herbert Stanser Greve Wendt, born 10th March 1909, son of Victor Augustus Wendt and Harriet Greve. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 66.)
- 2 Noel Victor Shelton, born 24th December 1910, died 13th April 1939.)
- 3 Egerton George Stanford, who follows under XVIII.
- 4 Harold Victor Gordon, born 31st August 1916.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 Irene Daphne Maureen, born 8th December 1922, married in St. John's Church, Nugegoda, 14th February 1942,

Godfrey Mervyn Kellar, son of Collingwood Reginald Kellar and Irene Zilla Poulter.

- 6 Adrian Victor Rex, born 20th June 1924.
- 7 Norma Dolores Enid, born 8th April 1926, married in St. John's Church, Nugegoda, 21st March, 1942, Edward Ellis Granier, B.A. (Hons.), London, Ceylon Civil Service, born 2nd November 1918, son of John Edwin Grenier and Georgina Nicol. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLII, pages 29 and 31).
- 8 Ivor Victor Rex, born 5th January 1928.
- 9 Wilma Christina Enid, born 17th July 1929, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 20th April 1949, Lynn Lawrence.

XIII

John Beven, Planter, born 7th June 1886, died 16th September 1944, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 25th September 1916, Daisy Leembruggen, born 28th December 1890, died 24th April 1945, daughter of Wilmot Edgar Leembruggen, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Ruth Nell. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 27, and Vol. XXXVI, page 122). He had by her:—

- 1 Ellen Daisy Ruth, born 21st July 1917, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 6th April 1942, James Reginald de Vos Toussaint, L.M.S. (Ceylon), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P., (Lond.), D.T.M., and H. (Eng.), Ceylon Medical Department, born 1st October 1908, son of James Reginald Toussaint, Ceylon Civil Service and Muriel Clarice de Vos, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 41, and Vol. XXVII, page 139),
- 2 John Wilfred Stratton, born 5th April 1920.
- 3 Hester Dorothea Phyllis, born 24th February 1924.
- 4 Aileen Mignot, born 5th June 1928, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 29th December 1949, John Wilson Proctor, born 1st January 1924, son of John Wilson Proctor and Helen Barnett.

XIV

Allan Percy Lorenz Beven, born 13th May 1893, married in St. Peter's Church, Negombo, 18th April 1928, Kathleen Mavourneen Leonora Wright, born 11th February 1902, daughter of Victor Oswald Wright, M.B., C.M., (Aber), and Eleanor Caroline Van Langenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 25, and Vol. XLII, page 61.) He had by her:—

- 1 George Victor Lorenz, born 10th June 1929.
- 2 April Kathleen, born 5th April 1932.

XV

Cecil Herman Beven, Planter, born 12th August 1895, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 12th June 1930, Edna Mary Marguerite Wright, born 5th May 1898, daughter of Edward

Boniface Wright and Teresa Clotilda de la Harpe. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 45 and Vol. XXXVI, pages 22 and 25). He had by her—

- 1 David Russel, born 10th June 1933.
- 2 Megan Marcelle, born 1st April 1935.
- 3 Barbara, born 24th January 1937.

XVI

Francis Vander Smagt Beven, died 9th November 1949, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th September 1928, Hilda Violet Frank, born 17th December 1897, daughter of Charles Edward Frank and Alice Grace de Bruin. He had by her—

- 1 Francis Hildon David, born 9th August 1934.

XVII

Arthur William Beven, Accountant, born 7th September 1908, married at Singapore, 1st June 1935, Sophia Whammond Farquharson, and he had by her—

- 1 Frank William Alexander, born 5th June 1937.
- 2 Beverley Caroline, born 22nd October 1940.
- 3 Patricia Anne, born 17th March 1943.

XVIII

Egerton George Stanford Beven, born 29th June 1913, married in St. John's Church, Nugegoda, 27th November 1937, Queenie Iline Anderson, born 9th May 1916, daughter of Albert William Moir Anderson and Nancy Ila Keegel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 128). He had by her—

- 1 Noel Meyer, born 11th June 1939.
- 2 Dawne Ileen, born 31st July 1942.

- Notes:—(1) Daniel Didelof Koertz, referred to in II, was lineally descended from Didelof Koertz of Holstein, who married at Colombo on 27th June 1683, Maria Zybrandsz.
- (2) Francis Lorenz Beven, referred to in IV, 2, was educated at Royal College, Colombo, and at Christ College, Cambridge. He returned to Ceylon in September 1895, and was admitted to Holy Orders the following month. For six years he was Curate of St. Paul's Church, Kandy, and for ten years he was Incumbent of Christ Church in Kurunegala. From 1912, he was Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, for many years. He was later appointed Archdeacon of Colombo, and was also Bishop's Commissary.
- (3) Edwin Harling Beven, referred to in VII, 5, served in the Great War, 1939—1945, and was a prisoner of war in Germany for over a year. He was liberated on 8th May 1945 by the British Second Army. He had been in a five-hundred miles march in the depth of winter.