

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF HONTER OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D V Altendorff)

I

Andries Honter, married :

- (a)Werkmeester.
- (b) At Mannar, at the residence of Thoodorix Werkmeester, by the Reverend Robert Mayer, 19th September 1823, Arnoldina Helena Dirksz.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 1 John Frederick, who follows under II.

II

John Frederick Honter, Secretary of the District Court, Mannar, married Sophia Elizabeth Hatch, daughter of John Hatch and Charlotte Pietersz. He had by her—

- 1 Jeremy Arthur, who follows under III.
- 2 John Frederick, who follows under IV.
- 3 Agnes Sarah, born 21st July 1860, died 16th July 1934, married 4th February 1875, John Richard Werkmeester, born 6th July 1842, died 13th January 1915, son of George Alexander Werkmeester and Geraldina Petronella Van Brauhoff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, pages 58 and 59).
- 4 Louis Andrew Norman, who follows under V.

III

Jeremy Arthur Honter, Chief Clerk, Police Department, born 20th February 1853, died 7th December 1902, married :

- (a) In Christ Church, Mannar, 22nd February 1876, Laura Dorothea de Hoedt.
- (b) In the Methodist Church, Pettah, Colombo, 12th September 1888, Jocelyn Elizabeth Fernando, born 8th April 1858, died 2nd January 1936, daughter of James Albert Fernando and Wilhelmina Nenata Molk.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 George Benson, who follows under VI.
- 2 Richard Frederick, Director of Education Sierra Leone in West Africa, born 20th February 1878, married in England in 1905, Daisy Nugent.

- 3 Christian Victor, who follows under VII.

- 4 Laura Dorothea, born 22nd August 1831.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 Frances Havergal, born 14th June 1890.
- 6 James Arthur, who follows under VIII.
- 7 Rachel Ermyn, born 27th February 1896.
- 8 Llewellyn Molk, born 25th January 1898, died 29th June 1951.
- 9 Thelma Irene, born 26th February 1900.

IV

John Frederick Hunter, born 4th February 1856, died 1st June 1899, married in All Saint's Church, Galle, 16th December 1878, Uranie Hortense Brohier, born 24th April 1861, daughter of James Harris Brohier and Louisa Catherina Loftus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 200, and Vol. XLI, page 116). He had by her—

- 1 Spencer Irvine, who follows under IX.
- 2 Evan Lawson, who follows under X.
- 3 Christobel Miriam Violet, born 21st June 1883, died 27th April 1911, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 26th November 1909, Cyril Walter de Kretser, born 22nd July 1883, son of Walter Loftus de Kretser and Rosaline Gerardina de Run. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 19.)
- 4 Sylvia Pauline Muriel married Reginald Ohlmus Fernando.
- 5 Leila Victorine, born 31st May 1889, married in the Registrar's Office' Dehiwela, 1st December 1913, Cyril Walter de Kretser, widower of Christobel Miriam Violet Hunter referred to in 3 supra.
- 6 Herbert Harold, born 30th September 1890, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 28th December 1921, Nora Vivienne LaBrooy, born 23rd August 1894, daughter of Cyril Ambrose LaBrooy and Adela Sophia Thomasz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 75.)
- 7 Edgar Frederick, married (a) Margaret Woods and (b) Marjorie de Kretser, by whom he had Edgar John.
- 8 Dagmar married.....Vethavanam.

V

Louis Andrew Norman Hunter, born 29th April 1863, died 8th April 1937, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th July 1887, Antoinette Berengaria Brohier, born 24th June 1868, died 8th July 1951, daughter of James Harris Brohier and Louisa Catherina Loftus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 200, and Vol. XLI, page 116.) He had by her—

- 1 Irene Beryl, born 29th July 1888, died 25th August 1923, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 26th April 1922, Christopher Ernest Edmund Stork, I.S.O., Registrar of the Supreme Court, born 3rd June 1884, died 15th October 1953, son of William John Stork, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, and Sophia Eleanor Gratiaen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 20, and Vol. XLIII, pages 81 and 85).
- 2 Louis Lucien, who follows under XI.
- 3 Inez Malani, died young.
- 4 Hamlyn Roy, born 13th December 1893, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th December 1920, Marguerite Clara LaBrooy, born 10th November 1899, daughter of Cyril Ambrose LaBrooy and Adela Sophia Thomasz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 75).
- 5 Hermine Ruth, died young.
- 6 Neil Esmond, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 24th September 1923, Hilda Lena Millicent Bartholomeusz, born 11th September 1901, daughter of Percival Lacy Bartholomeusz and Hilda Eleanor Bartholomeusz.
- 7 Vere Norman, born 30th October 1907, died 7th February 1935.

VI

George Benson Honter, Irrigation Officer, born 5th January 1877, died 16th December 1944, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 28th January 1903, Grace Janet Pearl Jan, born 21st March 1881, daughter of George Henry Jan and Alice Margaret Honter. He had by her—

- 1 George Arthur Ivor, born 19th November 1903, died 1st January 1920.
- 2 Grace Margaret Alexandra, born 9th November 1908 married:
 - (a) In St. Joseph's Church, Anuradhapura, 20th August 1932, Herbert Roy Sela, born 9th September 1902, son of Crispin Owen Sela and Sarah Robertson. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXV, pages 23 and 25.)
 - (b) In the Registrar General's Office, Colombo, 4th May 1946, Brendan Kiernan of Dublin.
3. Jan Karl, who follows under XII.

VII

Christian Victor Honter, born 25th December 1879, died 10th March 1928, married in the Methodist Church, Mannar 28th December 1903, Analeen Florence Werkmeester, born 9th December 1883, died 1922, daughter of John Richard Werkmeester and Agnes Sarah Honter (vide section II, 3, and D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, page 59.) He had by her—

- 1 Kathleen Florence, born 29th September 1909, died 6th January 1910.
- 2 Richard Arthur, who follows under XIII.
- 3 Victor Godwin, who follows under XIV.
- 4 Iris Christine, born 14th February 1918, died 19th June 1924.

VIII

James Arthur Honter, born 21st February 1893, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 11th January 1943, Joyce Uline Kelaart, born 20th June 1921, daughter of James Arthur Kelaart and Mildred de Silva. He had by her—

- 1 Kenneth Arthur, born 9th September 1945.

IX

Spencer Irvine Hunter, born 19th August 1879, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 26th December 1904, Naomi Beatrice Virginia de Kretser, born 22nd September 1881, daughter of Walter Loftus de Kretser and Rosaline Gerardina de Run. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 19.) He had by her—

- 1 Naomi Uranie married Vernon Mack.
- 2 Eunice Loftus married:
 - (a) Clifford Van Langenberg Ondaatje
 - (b) Richard Sombutts of England.
- 3 Spencer Walter, born 14th April 1909, died young.

X

Evan Lawson Hunter, born 7th May 1881, died 17th November 1923, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 26th December 1906, Ruth Layard Foenander, born 31st December 1885, daughter of Julian Foenander and Laura Griselda Claessen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXV, page 116, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 96.) He had by her—

- 1 Frederick Evan Roland, born 5th November 1907, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 12th February 1938, Irene Rita Elizabeth Perera.

XI

Louis Lucien Hunter, C.M.G., Ceylon Civil Service, born 3rd December 1889, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 2nd June 1915, Edith Constance Fretz, born 28th September 1890, daughter of Arthur Henry Fretz, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.), Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Agnes Jane Stork. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. II, page 74 and Vol. XLII, page 79.) He had by her—

- 1 Phyllis Daphne, born 6th October 1918, married in the Ladies' College Chapel, Colombo, 11th January 1947, George Walter Mervyn Pereira, born 3rd November 1912, son of George Walter Pereira and Bridget Millicent Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 57).
- 2 Edith Maureen, M.B.B.S., (Ceylon), Ceylon Medical Department, born 28th July 1922, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 25th November 1950, Shelton Michael de Zilva, born 15th May 1920, son of Reuben Michael de Zilva and Louise Evangeline Struys.

XII

Jan Karl Honter, born 24th July 1911, married in All Saint's Church, Galle, 26th December 1938, Dagmar Leonie Rodé, born 5th December 1912, daughter of William Leopold Rodé and Elaine Maud Wittensleger. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 114, and Vol XL, page 25.) He had by her—

- 1 Carole Carlotta, born 14th December 1939.
- 2 William Frederick Lucien George, born 5th January 1942.
- 3 Janet Pearl, born 9th June 1950.

XIII

Richard Arthur Honter, born 27th July 1911, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 27th April 1938, Maisie Sylvia Darius, born 15th July 1910, daughter of John Samuel Leopold Darius and Dorothy Theresa Drieberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 131.) He had by her—

- 1 Diane Marlene, born 1st April 1940.

XIV

Victor Godwin Honter, born 10th March 1913, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 20th April 1940, Virginia Priscilla de Vos, born 15th August 1920, daughter of John George de Vos and Agnes Lodewyk. He had by her—

- 1 Christine Virginia, born 15th August 1942.
- 2 Moira Pauline, born 15th December 1945.
- 3 Vilma Gwendoline, born 4th August 1949.

- NOTES:—(1) It is recorded in the Register of the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, that Jan Honter, Boekhouder of Mannar, married on 29th June 1766, Wilhelmina Kellens and he had by her Johannes Wilhelmus, baptised 7th October 1769.
- (2) Andries Honter and Arnoldina Helen Dirksz, mentioned in section I, married by Governor's license No. 395 dated 21st June 1823.
- (3) John Frederick Honter and Louis Andrew Norman Honter, mentioned in sections IV, and V, changed their surname to Hunter, and their descendants have borne this name.
- (4) Louis Lucien Hunter, mentioned in section XI, was educated at the Royal College Colombo. He passed the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1908 with 3rd class honours; and in 1914, he passed the London Inter-Arts Examination. He joined the Training College in 1909 and obtained the Trained Teachers' 2nd Class Certificate. He taught there in 1912 to 1914. He took up the Civil Service Examination in 1914, and passed first in order of merit. He served in various parts of the Island and retired in 1936, when serving as Government Agent of the North Central Province. He was recalled to Government Service in 1940, and held in turn the appointments of Additional Director of Agriculture, Additional Land Commissioner and Government Agent of the Western Province. He finally retired in 1950. In his political career, he was appointed Senator and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, and served as such from September 1950 to June 1953. In July 1953, he was appointed member of the House of Representatives. He has been keenly interested in Social Service Work and similar activities. He is a Life Member of the Ceylon Red Cross Society.