

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF HESSE OF CEYLON

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Anthony Nicolaas Hesse of Utrecht, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 16th April 1752, Johanna Apolonia Gulde, daughter of Anthony Gulde of Nevenburg and Lavina Perera. He had by her.

- 1 Johanna Petronella, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 29th May 1768, Jeremias Rudolphus Stol of Ludwigsburg.
- 2 Abraham Nicolaas, baptised 13th August 1758.
- 3 Johannes Jurgen, who follows under II.
- 4 Johannes Pieter, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 22nd September 1793. Anna Perera.

II.

Johannes Jurgen Hesse, married Anna Severinus, and he had by her.

- 1 Clara Petronella, born 1777, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 26th March 1797, Hendrik Augustinus Ferdinand, born 15th September 1767, son of Johannes Ferdinand and Alerta Bolthouder. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 75). He had by her.
- 2 Johannes, who follows under III.

III.

Johannes Hesse, born 25th May 1783, died 8th September 1846, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 18th October 1807, Elisabeth Wilhelmina Volkers, died 1813, daughter of Jan Volkers and Elisabeth Theodora Schoffeling.
- (b) 12th December 1815, Johanna, Gertruida Van Buuren, daughter of Willem Regnerens Van Buuren and Anna Catharina Verwyk. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLVI, page 70).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Henrietta Theodora, born 19th July 1808, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th October 1847, Henricus Mercianus Siebet, died 13th July 1871, widower of Maria Frederica Elhart.

- 2 Carolina Engeltina, born 16th July 1812.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 3 John Andrew, who follows under IV.
- 4 Henrietta Gerhardina, born 13th July 1820, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 23rd January 1845, James Blackett (widower).
- 5 Henry, born 31st December 1824, died 5th November 1825.
- 6 John Henry, who follows under V.

IV.

John Andrew Hesse, born 27th October 1816, died 10th February, 1885, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 2nd May 1845, Ann Charlotta Martenstyn, born 26th July 1817, died 25th April 1895, daughter of Johann Andreas Martenstyn and Elisabeth Carolina Trek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLI, page 119). He had by her.

- 1 James Samuel, who follows under VI.
- 2 John Charles, who follows under VII.
- 3 John George, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Frederick Henry, born 7th December 1852, died 16th December 1852.
- 5 Charles Edward, born 7th December 1852, died 18th December 1852.
- 6 Jonathan Seculana, born 31st August 1854, died 7th August 1894.
- 7 Sarah Joseline, born 15th May 1857.
- 8 Eliza Theodore, born 20th July 1861, died 7th December 1902.

V.

John Henry Hesse, born 31st August 1827, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 28th November 1850, Helen Blackett. He had by her.

- 1 Charlotte Theodora, born 20th August 1851.
- 2 James William, who follows under IX.
- 3 Jocelyn Eugenie, born 5th February 1855, died 20th May 1879.
- 4 Lydia Agnes, born 4th July 1857, married John Tanner.
- 5 Frances Theodora, born 14th June 1858.
- 6 Madeline Helen, born 23rd March 1862, died 4th November 1907, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 26th December 1885, Simon Stewart.
- 7 Charles Oliver, born 4th June 1864.
- 8 Bridget Evangeline, born 16th January 1867, died 25th April 1941.

- 9 Ethelind Mildred, born 8th April 1869, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th March 1894, Henry Wilfred Daniel Jacobs, born 22nd June 1870, son of Henry Jacobs and Emima Christobelle Conderlag.
- 10 Mabel Florence, born 15th August 1871, died 17th February 1893.
- 11 Prescott Warner Bradshaw, born 12th June 1875, died 23rd September 1955, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th July 1897, Vivienne Bertha Felsing, born 26th December 1881, daughter of William Edmund Felsing and Catherina Wilhelmina Perkins. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 124 and 125, and Vol. XXIX, page 134.)
- 12 Helen Sybil, born 18th November 1878, died 21st March 1941.

VI.

James Samuel Hesse, born 10th January 1847, died 19th November 1920, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 28th July 1870, Henrietta Eliza Scharenguivel, born 27th January 1848, died 15th August 1932, daughter of Herman Christian Scharenguivel and Elizabeth Petronella Ferdinand. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 14 and 15). He had by her.

- 1 Annieta Emelia, born 28th October 1873, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo 25th May 1904, Alfred Clement Solomons, born 27th November 1861, son of Philip John Solomons and Louise Elizabeth Mack. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 136.
- 2 Ernest St. James Atwell, who follows under X.
- 3 Irene Sylvia Ethel, born 10th November, 1879, died 21st January 1921, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th January 1909, Victor Rex Beven, Assistant Divisional Transportation Superintendent, Ceylon Government Railway, born 24th May 1883, died 14th November 1935, son of Arthur Wilfred Michael Beven, Planter and Eleanor Catherine Newman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLII, pages 116 and 119.)
- 4 Evelyn Muriel Alice, born 29th December 1881, died 12th December 1951, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 27th December 1909, Charles Edwin Kelaart, born 2nd November 1885, died 9th August 1945.
- 5 Arthur Gordon, who follows under XI.
- 6 Clarice Evangeline, born 29th July 1886, died 23rd November 1947, married 25th November 1915, George Christopher Henry Molligoda.
- 7 Enid Violet Gertrude, born 9th April 1894, married in St. Andrew's Church, Kollupitiya, 28th February 1922, Victor Rex Beven, widower of Irene Sylvia Ethel Hesse, referred to in *supra*.

VII.

John Charles Hesse, born 21st July 1848, died in Burma, married Maria Secrophina Van Hagt, born 22nd September 1845, daughter of George Augustus Van Hagt and Henrietta Wilhelmina de Waas. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 129.) He had by her.

- 1 Lilian Venetia Rosamond, born 2nd January 1874.
- 2 Winifred Irene Constance, born 7th April 1875.
- 3 Charles Powell Hamlyn, born 18th July 1876.
- 4 Elsie Hilda Grace, born 15th May 1878.
- 5 Charles Basil Kenneth, born 24th September 1880.
- 6 Muriel Mildred Stella, born 1st February 1882.

VIII.

John George Hesse, born 11th October 1850, died 17th October 1915, married:

- (a) 19th April 1877, Erolotta Sophia de Hoan, widow Hindle, died 25th March 1884.
- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 3rd March 1905, Laura Maria Gauder, widow Dekker.

Of the first marriage, he had.

- 1 Esther Ethelind Maud, born 10th December 1878, married Edward Francis Don, born 15th December 1876, son of George Samuel Don and Christiana Eliza Berenger.

- 2 Jessel Godfrey, who follows under XII.
- 3 Elaine Blanche, born 17th February 1884.

Of the second marriage he had—

- 4 Gladys Clarine, born 30th October 1906.

IX.

James William Hesse, born 5th September 1852, died 25th June 1913, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 27th December 1883, Agnes Winifred Mottau, born 4th December 1853, daughter of Andrew William Mottau and Sarah Seraphina Sansoni. (D. B. U. Journal Vol. XLIV, page 124). He had by her—

- 1 Eugene William, who follows under XIII.
- 2 James Basil, who follows under XIV.
- 3 Helen, born 2nd October 1890, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 12th June 1922, Eric Justin Morris Christoffelsz, born 24th May 1893, son of Peter Benjamin Christoffelsz and Eleanor Lorenz Vander Straaten. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164, and Vol. XXIV, page 18).
- 4 James William, who follows under XV.

X

Ernest St. James Atwell Hesse, born 10th March 1876, died 15th June 1943, married 18th February 1911. Margaret Nugara, born 4th March 1887, died 30th October 1948, daughter of George Nugara and Lucy Pronk. He had by her—

- 1 George Eric Ernest James, who follows under XVI.
- 2 Amybelle Vivienne Monica, born 16th August 1918, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 10th October 1953. Aloysius McMauns, born 21st June 1909, son of Michael McMauns and Jeannette de Zilva.

XI

Arthur Gordon Hesse, born 8rd December 1883, married:

- (a) In St. Pauls' Church, Pettah, Colombo, 5th December 1912. Clarice Maud Mortier, died 9th April 1918, daughter of Edmund Alexander Nicholas Mortier.
- (b) In St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 7th June 1920. Prinszie Mildred de Jonk, born 15th March 1895, died 11th April 1922, daughter of Christopher Emmanuel Benjamin de Jonk and Winifred Alice Milhuisen.
- (c) In St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December 1923. Claudina Olga Gertrude de Jonk, born 15th November 1893, sister of (b) supra.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Arthur Clarence, born 10th June 1914.
- 2 Phyllis Lorna, born 8th June 1915, died 2nd March 1916.
- 3 Arthur Eardley, who follows under XVII.
- 4 Arthur Merrill St. Clair, born 13th February 1918, died 5th May 1935.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 Prinszie Lorna, born 3rd April 1921, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 30th January 1943. Malcolm Earle Kellar, born 25th May 1916, son of Collingwood Reginald Kellar and Irene Zilla Poulier.

- 6 Patrick Melroy, born 11th April 1922.
- 7 Christopher Melville, born 11th April 1922.

Of the third marriage, he had—

- 8 Anton Gordon, born 25th July 1930.

XII

Jessel Godfrey Hesse, born 16th March 1881, married in St. Sebastian Church, Silversmith Street, Colombo, 7th June 1906. Mary Augusta de Haan, born 19th November 1885, daughter of George de Haan and Alice Wootler. He had by her—

- 1 Douglas Prosper, who follows under XVIII.
- 2 Beatrice Hyacinth, born 18th March 1911, died 14th November 1919.

XIII

Eugene William Hesse, born 23rd September 1884, married 8th January 1919, Ruth Cannen Van Twest, and he had by her—

- 1 Eugene Hiran Aloysius, who follows under XIX.
- 2 Olive Carmen Agnes, born 21st March 1921.
- 3 Joseph Ainsley Hugh, born 19th March 1927.

XIV

James Basil Hesse, born 26th December 1885, married in St. Philip Neris' Church, Pettah, Colombo, 13th September 1913, Alice Mary Walker, born 7th May 1895. He had by her—

- 1 Edward Rodwell, who follows under XX.
- 2 Daphne Agnes, born 17th June 1917, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 24th July 1938, Hugh Mervyn Hall, born 30th November 1907, son of John McGregor Hall and Hilda Pompeus.
- 3 Gordon Desmond, born 4th March 1922, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela, 17th October 1936, Rita Dorothy Morrow.

XV

James William Hesse, born 6th July 1894, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 28th December 1927, Marian Sybil Dagmor Keegel, born 28th August 1905, daughter of Charles Frederick Keegel and Emelia Sophia Anderson. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 125). He had by her—

- 1 Sandra Lois, born 1st February 1929, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 5th January 1952. Lester Vanderzeil.
- 2 Hubert Ralph, born 26th August 1930.

XVI

George Eric Ernest James Hesse, born 11th December 1912, married in St. Marys' Church, Dehiwala, 29th January 1940, Noeline Constance Redlich, born 22nd December 1915, daughter of Heibert Sigismund Redlich and Lilian Constance de Neys. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XLIV, page 27). He had by her—

- 1 Maurice George, born 26th October 1942.
- 2 Ivan Ernest, born 26th March 1944.
- 3 Elaine Constance, born 1st November 1946, died 8th July 1954.
- 4 Barbara Christine, born 13th April 1951.
- 5 Noeline Vivienne, born 23rd December 1953.

XVII

Arthur Eardley Hesse, born 30th October 1916, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 14th June 1941, Barbara Grace Sielman, daughter of Augustins Charles Sielman and Lucilla Grace Van Sanden. He had by her—

- 1 Arthur Reginald, born 22nd March 1942.
- 2 Earlson Bernard, born 14th April 1943.
- 3 Hermine Patricia, born 7th April 1944.
- 4 Roddy Michael, born 12th April 1946.

XVIII

Douglas Prosper Hesse, born 15th June 1907, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 27th December 1930, Esther Graciebelle Demmer, born 29th February 1912, daughter of Colvin Lloyd Demmer and Florence Clara de Hoedt. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XLI, page 76). He had by her—

- 1 Beatrice Cynthia, born 21st September 1931, married in St. Anthony's Church, Kollupitiya, 26th December 1951, Clement Reginald Plunkett, born 3rd October 1925, son of George William Plunkett and Delrine Dagmar Ferreira.
- 2 Marlene Esther, born 13th December 1932, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 12th September 1953, Christopher Clarence Stork, born 24th December 1925, son of Gilbert William Stork and Mona Victoria Loos. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XLIII, Page 83, and Vol. XLVI, page 78).
- 3 Cecil Douglas, born 6th December 1934.
- 4 Rochelle Myrna, born 13th April 1941.

XIX

Eugene Hiram Aloysius Hesse, born 22nd July 1919, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala, 15th April 1950, Phyllis Claire Mottau, born 6th November 1928, daughter of Samuel Andrew William Mottau, Assistant Government Archivist, and Thelma Phyllis Foenander. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 98, and Vol. XLIV, page 127). He had by her—

- 1 Andrew Eugene Roger, born 22nd February 1951.
- 2 Charmaine Phyllis Ruth, born 28th February 1953.

XX

Edward Rodwell Hesse, born 19th July 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th September 1943, Veta Erin Heyzer, born 22nd November 1919, daughter of Vere Eric Heyzer and Gladys Enid Myrtle Heyzer. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, pages 30 and 31). He had by her—

- 1 Aubrey Edward Anthony, born 5th June 1946.

HOW ODD ARE THE DUTCH?

A Frank Reply by H. George Franks

Two questions often asked of a foreign resident in the Netherlands are, "What are the Dutch like to live with?" and "Are the Dutch very different from other nationalities?"

To answer either of these queries is probably dangerous. In the first place, it is both unwise and unfair to generalise, and secondly, why should a representative of one nation set himself up as a critic of the people of another nation? And, in any case, what is the standard by which the habits and character of any people can be measured?

Nevertheless, I am still asked to answer those two questions. In fact, the request was made even more bluntly in the form of the question with which this article is headed.

Well, how odd are the Dutch, if they are odd at all?

To my mind, the "oddness" of the people of the Netherlands is that they really are "double-Dutchmen". They are a people of strange contrasts amounting at times almost to contrariness. I suppose other peoples are much the same in other respects, but if they are, I have not noticed it so clearly as I have with the Dutch. Look where you will, and you will find inexplicable examples of contrasting behaviour.

The Municipalities keep the streets exceptionally clean; but they never wash the pavements, even though such a meticulously clean nation as the Dutch make walking a nightmare by letting their dogs soil the pavements appallingly.

Privacy Abandoned

The Dutch, it may almost be said, invented the privacy and the pleasure of home life compared with most other European nations who live a more communal or group existence; but then the Dutch abandon that privacy by fitting their houses with huge windows nearly always open, so that their family life is a public book.

The Dutch emphatically refuse to queue in the streets for trams or buses; but in the shops they will wait their turn patiently whilst the previous customer finishes a fifteen-minute chat with the shopkeeper about the children or the weather or a juicy little bit of gossip. The Dutch solemnly regard it as extreme bad manners for any man to walk upstairs after a lady, lest he should see her ankles; but then allow short skirts on ladies on bicycles to reveal considerably more than half an inch of ankle.