

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF NICHOLAS OF CEYLON

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

I.

James Charles Nicholas, born 1815, died 23rd September 1864, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 25th May 1840, Petronella Wilhelmina Poppenbeek, born 29th December 1822, died 27th September 1864, daughter of Johannes Paulus Poppenbeek and Wilhelmina Angelina Albrecht. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 22.)
- (b) 9th June 1859, Gracy Margaret Poppenbeek, died 25th September 1864, widow of Fredericus Bastianus Koelman.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 John Edward, who follows under II.
- 2 Frederick Alexander, who follows under III.

II.

John Edward Nicholas, born 11th April 1841, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th January 1865, Sophia Matilda de Run, born 6th April 1845, daughter of Henricus Adrianus de Run and Carolina Gerardina Van Cuylenburg. He had by her.

- 1 James Charles Frederick, who follows under IV.
- 2 Evelyn Sophia Gertrude, born 17th May 1872, died 21st December 1944, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 9th November 1893, Archibald Clement Van Cuylenburg, born 25th November 1864, died 22nd June 1948, son of William Philmot Van Cuylenburg and Maria Elizabeth Pieres.

III.

Frederick Alexander Nicholas, born 28th December 1843, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 17th September 1868, Caroline Isabella Van Dort, born 23rd August 1844, daughter of Petrus Henricus Van Dort and Adriana Emerensia Martensz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 21 and 22, and Vol. XL, page 46.) He had by her.

- 1 Frederick Alexander Mortier, who follows under V.

IV.

James Charles Frederick Nicholas, L.M.S. (Ceylon), born 6th January 1868, died 2nd September 1922, married in the Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th July 1893, Amy Ephraums, born 9th November 1870, died 24th September 1946, daughter of Clement Reginald Ephraums and Anna Sophia Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 107, and Vol. XL, page 48.) He had by her.

- 1 James Richard Stanley, who follows under VI.
- 2 Mildred Miriam Clarice, born 24th October 1895, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 23rd March 1915, Martin Joseph Richard Jayasuriya.
- 3 John Edward, born 7th December 1896.
- 4 Irene Gertruide, born 23rd June 1898, died 19th October 1919.
- 5 Evan Claude, born 19th February 1900.
- 6 Maïris Clair, born 19th March 1901, married at Matara, Richard Oswald Silva.
- 7 Hesther Beryl, born 11th April 1912, died 1913.

V.

Frederick Alexander Mortier Nicholas, born 14th February 1876, married in St. Lucia's Cathedral, Colombo, 26th December 1901, Florence Winifred Lodewyk, born 23rd July 1879, daughter of John Henry Lodewyk and Metilda Mortier. He had by her.

- 1 John Edward Frederick, who follows under VII.
- 2 Frederick Alexander, who follows under VIII.

VI.

James Richard Stanley Nicholas, born 1st May 1894, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 2nd September 1931, Mavis Millicent Hepponstall, born 6th February 1906, daughter of Theodore Augustus Hepponstall and Mabel Millicent Vander Straat. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 78.) He had by her.

- 1 Bevis Geoffrey, born 16th April 1938.
- 2 Wendell Gladwyn, born 21st January 1945.

VII.

John Edward Frederick Nicholas, born 15th February 1903, married in St. Pauls' Church, Pettah, Colombo, 9th June 1924, Princess Lois d'Silva, born 25th August 1907, daughter of Hector Cyril d'Silva and Florence Mildred Von Hagt. He had by her.

- 1 Florence Dulcinea Yvonne, born 17th August 1925, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 20th August 1947, Hugh David Walbeoff Jansz, B.A. (Cantab), L.M.S., (Ceylon), born 17th June 1918, son of Hugh Grenier Jansz and Millicent Daisy Walbeoff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 140, and Vol. XXIX, page 24.)
- 2 Earle Hector Frederick, who follows under IX.
- 3 Christopher Eustace, M.B.B.S. (Ceylon), born 21st April 1929.
- 4 Aubrey Lorenz, born 21st February 1934.

VIII.

Frederick Alexander Nicholas, born 30th April 1904, married in the Office of the Registrar General, Colombo, 7th March 1929, Louise Mavis Fernando, born 21st December 1907, daughter of Alfred Michael Fernando and Muriel Edith Leonora Poppenbeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 23. He had by her.

- 1 Frederick Alexander Shelton, born 23rd June 1929.
- 2 Carlos Hilary, born 12th October 1930.
- 3 Maurice Adrian, born 8th September 1932, died in infancy.
- 4 Winston Aubrey, born 7th November 1933.
- 5 Christine Isabel Rita, born 5th December 1934.
- 6 Crystal Jean, born 21st July 1937.
- 7 Myrna Audrey Celine, born 25th June 1939.
- 8 Patricia Dawn, born 3rd October 1940.
- 9 Patrick Anisley, born 8th August 1943.
- 10 Roger Adrian, born 20th June 1946.
- 11 Diana Cheryl Bernadette, born 28th June 1948.
- 12 Christopher Rodney, born 27th January 1951.

IX.

Earle Hector Frederick Nicholas, Manufacturers' Agent, born 20th November 1926, married in St. Paul's Church, Kynsey Road, Colombo, 18th June 1953, Carmen Rhona Van Houten, born 20th February 1932, daughter of Frederick Gerald Douglas Van Houten and Choice Yvonne d'Silva. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, pages 106 and 107.) He had by her.

- 1 Laurette Gail, born 11th August 1954.
- 2 Suzette Romayne, born 7th September 1955.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM EDWARD VAN DER SMAGT DE ROOY

Nearly fifty years have gone by since the Dutch Burger Union was founded. New generations have grown around this vigorous and useful institution. Hence, it is given to but the few older members of his day and generations who are still happily with us, to estimate the fullness of the loss that the Community has sustained by the death of Willie de Rooy in his 78th year. It was in a sphere very intimately our own that he gave most vital service and has many claims to be held in fragrant memory.

When our founder, Mr. R. G. Anthonisz, set himself the task of organising the Dutch Burger Community which was fast becoming anglicised and orientalised to the extent of forgetting its common ancestry, and history and traditions to which it was born; Willie de Rooy proved himself an indefatigable helper by readily undertaking and accomplishing all the spade work entailed in so momentous a venture. Hundreds of potential members must have been contacted by him and this, not merely in a formal way, for there were many faint-hearted ones who had to be won over by personal suasion. Once the Union was successfully launched on the 12th of November 1907, there was yet still more for him to do, for he could not rest till he saw the Union housed in a building worthy of itself and of the Community. He was appointed Secretary of the Building Sub-Committee, and after five years of unremitting effort on his part, sufficient funds had been collected to permit of the purchase of the necessary land and the erection of our present Hall. But this did not give him surcease from further effort, for the Dutch Burger Union of Ceylon Buildings Co., Ltd. had yet to come into being and the canvassing of potential shareholders, not to mention the necessary attention to legal preliminaries, must have meant an immense expenditure of his time and thought. The Company was finally registered in 1920 and he continued to serve as a Director for many years thereafter. It is no exaggeration to say that were it not for his unabating zeal the Union would not now be housed in such a worthy home. It is, indeed a veritable monument to his memory. It is really superfluous to add that all during the course of his active membership he also gave invaluable aid on various Committees.

This contribution by him is however, not the only manifestation of grit and unyielding perseverance he has shown. Ever since he left the Royal College in the late nineties he played a leading part in public life. Compelled by adverse circumstances to prematurely end his school career, he accepted, while yet in his teens, a clerical post at the Secretariat and soon made his mark as an officer of exceptional ability and merit, catching the eye of men like A. R. Slater and F. Bowes.