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GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF
SCHROTER OF CEYLON.

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I.

Carl Friedrich Schroter, Dissave of Jaffna, b. at Hildesheim, left for the Indies in 1751 in the ship "Spandewal," d. at Colombo 1805, m. there 12 November 1758 *Helena Cornelia Kriekenbeek*.¹ He had by her:—

- I. *Barént Fredrik Schroter* bap. at Colombo 23 Nov. 1760.
- II. *Johan Hendrik Schroter* Student, University of Utrecht 1876 bap. at Galle 9 December 1764, m. *Helligonda Rosetta Carolina van Rossum*² and had by her:—
 1. *Willem Fredrik Schroter* bap. at Galle 16 Nov. 1794.
- III. *Carl Fredrik Schroter* (who follows under II).
- IV. *Elizabeth Cornelia Schroter* b. at Jaffna, d. at Samarang 11 January 1825, m. at Jaffna 28 November 1874 *Theodorus van Teylingen* of Negapatnam, Chief of the Cinnamon Department, s. of *Christiaan van Teylingen* Governor of Negapatnam and *Magdalena Wilhelmina Hester Kleybert*.³

II.

Carl Fredrik Schroter, Predikant, m. *Gertruida Petronella Gilbert* bap. at Colombo 27 November 1774, d. 18 March 1840, daughter of *Johan Jacob Gilbert* of Gertruidenberg, boekhouder, and *Bernarda Susanna Kriekenbeek*.⁴ He had by her:—

- I. *Jan Willem Gerard Schroter* bap. at Kalutara 13 March 1796.
- II. *Gerrit Cornelis Schroter* bap. 6 May 1799.
- III. *Frederica Jacoba Schroter* bap. at Colombo 3 October 1802.
- IV. *Johan Schroter*.

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² *Helligonda Rosetta Carolina van Rossum*, who came out with an *Attestatie* from Cochin, m. secondly at Colombo 11 March 1798 *Benedict Edward Reyne*. They had the following children:—

1. *Pierre Benedict Edward Reyne*, Captain C. R. R. bap. 4 August 1799, d. 1841 m. at Penzance, Cornwall (England). 22 September 1825 *Frances Myers* and had by her:—

(a) *Henry Edward Reyne* b. 1832, d. Gampola 7 July 1872, m. Kandy 25 June 1859 *Catharine* eldest d. of *Mr. Vassal Burleigh*.

He had by her:—

(aa) *Spenser Burleigh Rodney*, Surveyor, Selangor, b. 1865.

(bb) *Frances Cavendish Rodney* b. 13 July 1860, d. October 1863.

(cc) *Catharine Antoinette Ellen Rodney* b. 2 May 1863, d. September 1866.

(b) *James Frederick Reyne* b. at sea, bap. St. Peter's, Colombo, 15 September 1834.

(c) *Charlton Montresor Rodney* b. 22 March 1837, bap. 1 July 1837.

(d) *Pierre Nugent Brydges Rodney* b. 28 Sept. 1840, bap. at Galle 4 October 1840, d. at Galle 6 October 1840.

(e) *Robert Robertson Rodney* b. 22 September 1842 bap. Galle 25 January 1843.

2. *Antoinette Elizabeth Reyne* d. 26 November 1868 m. St. Peter's, Colombo, 7 June 1815 Hon. *John Rodney*, Captain R. N., Chief Secretary of Government, b. 1765, d. 9 April 1847 s. of *George Brydges Rodney*, Baron Rodney, by his wife *Henrietta Olies*.

She had by him:—

(a) *Antoinette Anne Louisa Rodney* b. 21 March 1816, bap. St. Peter's, Colombo 14 May 1816 m. 21 July 1832 *Robert F. Bourchier* d. 1837.

- (b) *Anna Mary Clara Rodney* b. 17 October 1818, bap. St. Peter's, Colombo, 21 March 1818 d. 7 July 1852.
- (c) *George Brydges Rodney* Lt.-General, Legion of Honour b. 7 November 1820, bap. St. Peter's, Colombo, 12 April 1821, m. 21 January 1856 *Isabella Elizabeth Beresford* daughter of General *Marcus Beresford*.
- (d) *Rebecca Rodney* b. 6 June 1822, bap. St. Peter's, Colombo, 26 January 1823. d. 6 September 1885.
- (e) *Anna Cecilia Rodney* b. 20 May 1825, bap. St. Peter's, Colombo, 8 January 1826 d. 2 June 1847.
- (f) *Lennox George Rodney*, Lt.-Col. b. 10 December 1827 m. 3 July 1872 *Julia Susan Hast* and had by her:—
- (aa) *Lennox George Brydges Rodney* b. 21 September 1875.
- (bb) *Isabel Mary Rodney* b. 29 April 1878.
- (g) *Augusta Elizabeth Anne Rodney*.

The Hon. *John Rodney* m. (1) 4 July 1784 (*Catharine* d. 26 Feb. 1794 d. of *Thomas*, Sixth Earl of Westmeath (2) 19 October 1799 Lady *Louisa Martha Stralford* b. 3 Dec. 1778 d. 2 Dec. 1814, d. of the Third Earl of Aldborough and (3) as above stated.

* Born 29 August 1740, daughter of *Johannes Christoffel Kleybert* of Schwynfurt, Dissave of Matara, and *Hester Agatha Woutersz*.

* IV Journal D. B. U. 69.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

BY BAAS KEUVELAAR.

When Dirk van Alphen, Dissave of Matara, was given the family seal by his grandfather on the eve of his departure to the East Indies, little did he anticipate the developments that were to arise therefrom in the future. It was an old brass seal, the device on it being a bull's head affronté. He put it in his pocket and thought no more of it. On arrival at Galle however he discovered its loss. He made no attempt to search for it or to advertize for its recovery. The fact was that he dropped it in his cabin and a fellow-passenger picked it up, and attaching no value to it and not understanding its heraldic significance, put it away in his trunk. This fellow-passenger was Jan Hofmeester, who was stationed at Jaffna. On his death there, the seal passed into the possession of his eldest son, Hendrik Hofmeester, and was always regarded as a true presentment of the family escutcheon.

Dirk van Alphen died at Matara. Having a faint idea of his arms he had already described them as a stag's head affronté. So that when he was buried in the church there a tombstone was placed over his grave with the stag's head engraved thereon on a shield and the following epitaph:—

HIER ONDER LEGT BEGRAVEN
DEN WEL ED GEB. HEER DIRK VAN ALPHEN
IN ZYN LEVEN DISSAVE VAN DE STADT
EN LANDEN VAN GALE
GEB. TE DORDRECHT DEN 10 SEPT. 1640
TE MATURE OVERL. 6 OCT. 1710.

Jan Hofmeester died at Jaffna having held a similar office there. He was also buried in the church and his arms as indicated on the seal in question were engraved on his tombstone with the following epitaph on it:—

TER GEDACHTENIS VAN
DEN WEL ED. HEER JAN HOFMEESTER
DISSAVE VAN JAFFNAPATNAM.
GEB. TE AMSTERDAM DEN 7-SEPT. 1638
ALHIER GEST. 10 JAN. 1708,

Erasmus van Alphen (the son of the Dissave) and Hendrik Hofmeester were first cousins being the children of two sisters, the daughters of the Pakhuismeester of