

single, supreme, Almighty God, All-Vater or All-Father. "This Divinity" says Motley, "was too sublime to be incarnated or imaged, too infinite to be enclosed in temples built with hands. Certain forests were consecrated to the unseen God, whom the eye of reverent faith could alone behold. Thither at stated times, the people repaired to worship." But this pure and simple faith later became corrupted by contact with their Celtic neighbours and by the intermixture of Roman mythology.

Early missionary efforts to convert the Frisian met with little success. Missionaries from the Culdee Church of Iona and from Britain laboured here, prominent among them being Willibord. The Franks who had become Christians waged war against them and taking possession of Utrecht founded the first Christian Church there. Pepin drove the Frisian chief Radbad into submission and almost even into Christianity. It was this Frisian chief "who turned back from the very threshold of the baptismal font, preferring the society and usages of his dead ancestors in Woden's halls to those of these new Christians, even in their happier heavens."

His son who succeeded did not actively oppose the introduction of Christianity though he himself refused to be converted. He rebelled against the Franks, and was defeated in a battle in which he perished with a vast number of Frisians. Motley states "the Christian dispensation thus enforced was now accepted by these northern pagans. By the middle of the 8th century, some hundred thousand Frisians had been slaughtered, and as many more converted. The hammer which smote the Saracens at Towes was at last successful in beating the Netherlanders into Christianity." They revolted under Charlemagne. They yielded at last only on the assurance that they would be governed according to their own laws and that none of their native usages would be disturbed and with the stipulation still on record that "The Frisians shall be free as long as the wind blows out of the clouds and the world stands."

Ditchfield states "They would recognise no authority but that of their own national judges who were elected by the voice of the people assembled beneath" the trees of Upstal, "their natural Council Chamber. In ecclesiastical matters they preserved their ideas of freedom. They would accept no law for the compulsory payment of tithe: they compelled their clergy to marry on the principles that if a man has no wife he will seek the wife of another; nor would they accept any ecclesiastical decree unless it was passed by layman as well as clergy."

"The same disposition that made the Netherlanders the most rebellious of slaves and the most stubborn of pagans, has made them and their descendants from that day to this, the staunchest defenders of civil and religious liberty, and the most uncompromising adherents of the principles, doctrines, customs and usages inherited from their fathers." Who can deny the truth of this statement?

## GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF ARNDT OF CEYLON

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Mr. D. V. Altendorff in 1951).

### I

Johann Carel Arndt of Westerhansen (Brandenburg), Resident of Point Pedro, married 1762, Antonetta Victoria de Melho, baptised at Colombo, 16th April 1752, daughter of Reverend Philip de Melho, born at Colombo, 23rd April 1723, died 9th October 1790, and Magdalena Ondaatje. He had by her—

- 1 Magdalena Elizabeth, born 4th September 1766, died 1850, married at Jaffna :
  - (a) 6th April 1786, Hendrik Steenkelder, son of Lieutenant Hendrik Steenkelder and Betseba Schrader, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 69).
  - (b) 2nd December 1798, Christiaan Julius Schrader, Boekhonder, born at Jaffna 1759, died 2nd December 1816 son of Hendrik Schrader and Anna Catharina van Mierop. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, pages 69 and 70).

- 2 Bernard Christiaan, who follows under II.

### II

Bernard Christiaan Arndt, Sitting Magistrate, Mullaitivu, born 1771, died 1826, married 8th September 1799, Anna Elizabeth de Niese, and he had by her—

- 1 Johan Carel, who follows under III.
- 2 Magdalena Elizabeth, born 6th December 1801, died 29th April 1878, married at Colombo by Governor's licence dated 29th April 1828, George Justus Schrader, born 25th November 1801, died 26th October 1886, son of Frederick Justus Schrader and Sara Cornelia Muller. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, pages 70 and 71).

### III

Johan Carel Arndt, Colonial Chaplain, Jaffna, married 15th September 1828, Johanna Rudolphina van Hek, born at Galle, 10th February 1812, died at Jaffna, 24th April 1852, daughter of Hendrik van Hek of Amsterdam Assistant Customs Master at Galle, and Magdalena Maria Helena de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 132). He had by her—

- 1 Helena Susanna Cornelia, born 6th June 1836, died at Gampola, 16th April 1859, married at Jaffna, 19th April 1853, George Justus Schrader, LL.D., Archdeacon of Colombo and

Bishop's Commissary, born 1829, died at Galle, 18th February 1875, son of George Justus Schrader and Magdalena Elizabeth Arndt. (Vide II, 2 *supra*, and D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 71).

- 2 George Francis, who follows under IV.
- 3 Maria Sophia, born 29th May 1839, married Edward Christopher La Brooy, Clerk in Holy Orders, born 1st December 1823, son of Philippus Jacobus La Brooy and Petronella Catharina Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 70 and 71).
- 4 William Thomas, who follows under V.
- 5 John Charles, born 19th June 1841.

## IV

George Francis Arndt, born 28th September 1837, died 13th September 1889, married at Jaffna, 18th September 1853, Eliza Merciana Toussaint, born 26th March 1833, daughter of Pieter Fredrik Toussaint and Anna Elizabeth Gratiaen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, pages 38 and 43, and Vol. VI, page 18). He had by her—

- 1 Charles Frederick, who follows under VI.
- 2 Francis Samuel, who follows under VII.
- 3 George Archibald Henry, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Edward Lionel, born 25th August 1882, died 5th October 1884.
- 5 Arthur Robert Theodore, who follows under IX.

## V

William Thomas Arndt, born 1840, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 9th July 1868, Maria Garvin, born 24th May 1848, daughter of George Garvin and Anna Margareta Gerlach. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 110). He had by her—

- 1 William.
- 2 Ada married..... Perera.

## VI

Charles Frederick Arndt, born 27th September 1854, died 10th October 1916, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 11th May 1881, Julia Harriet Ludekens, born 3rd October 1853, died 17th July 1928, daughter of Johannes Robertus Ludekens and Harriet Reckerman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 81). He had by her—

- 1 Edith Mary, born 8th June 1882, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 27th December 1907, Guy Spencer Felsing, Proctor, born 2nd February 1881, died 8th February 1912, son of James Louis Felsing, Secretary of the District Court, Kurunegalle, and Tabitha Ondaatje. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 126 and 129).

- 2 Ethel Dora, born 3rd March 1884, died 12th September 1896.
- 3 Cecil Osmund, born 23rd December 1885.
- 4 Vernon Eugene Frederick, who follows under X.
- 5 Ruth, born 30th July 1890, died 28th January 1892.

## VII

Francis Samuel Arndt, born 28th January 1856, died 17th June 1902, married:

- (a) 12th December 1878, Marie Rosaline Foenander, daughter of Joseph Sansoni Foenander and Ellen Julia Sansoni. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol XXXVIII, pages 94 and 95).
- (b) 12th November 1885, Agnes Cecilia Alice Pereira, widow of Charles John Parry, and daughter of John Pereira and Emily de Haan.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Charles Eric, who follows under XI.
- 2 Bertha Irene, born 1st February 1881, married at Kuala Lumpur, Gerald Leopold Felsing, born 23rd March 1878, son of Michael Alfred Felsing and Emelia Sophia Godlieb. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 125 and 126).
- 3 Frances, born 2nd June 1882.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Rosaline, born 22nd August 1886, died 27th August 1886.
- 5 Stella Muriel, born 14th August 1887, died 11th January 1922, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 26th December 1911, Arthur Percival Leopold Rowlands, born 3rd October 1885, son of Richard William Rowlands and Charlotte Caroline Don.
- 6 Gertrude Florence, born 1st February 1889, died 7th December 1912, married John Edward Hobbs.
- 7 Edward Wilford, who follows under XII.
- 8 Alice May, born 11th July 1894.
- 9 Frances (Fyvie), born 4th March 1896.
- 10 Ruth Vivienne, born 13th December 1898.

## VIII

George Archibald Henry Arndt, M.A. (Calcutta), Clerk in Holy Orders, Sub-Warden of St. Thomas' College, Mutwal, Colombo, born 30th July 1857, died 22nd October 1932, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 22nd November 1883, Henrietta Hortense Josephine Eleanor Prins, born 4th October 1859, died 23rd May 1938, daughter of John Ferdinand Prins, Proctor and Notary Public, and Elizabeth Hortense Dornhorst. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 105, and Vol. XL, page 10). He had by her—

- 1 George Edward Hubert, who follows under XIII.
- 2 Ernest Frederick, born 22nd October 1885.
- 3 Lawrence Henry, India Civil Service, born 6th September 1887.
- 4 Leonard Archibald, who follows under XIV.
- 5 Ulic, born 13th August 1890, died 12th March 1928.
- 6 Eleanor Margaret Hortense, born 4th September 1892, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 15th October 1921, Victor Altendorff VanCuylenburg, born 21st September 1890, died 23rd May 1945, son of Victor Albert Van Cuylenburg, Government Surveyor, and Drusilla Lucretia Altendorff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 82, and Vol. XXXIII, page 102).

## IX

Arthur Robert Theodore Arndt, Secretary of the Municipal Council, Galle, born 4th September 1868, died 29th May 1935, married in St. Mark's Church, Badulla, 15th December 1892. Alice Mabel Felsing, born 10th October 1872, died 20th August 1924, daughter of James Louis Felsing, Secretary of the District Court, Karunegala, and Tabitha Ondaatje. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol XXVIII, page 126). He had by her—

- 1 Arthur Everard, born 14th September 1893, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 21st April 1927, Dorothy May Lourensz, born 29th February 1904, daughter of John-son Ball Lourensz and Lucy Mary Cooke.
- 2 Alicia Muriel, born 22nd August 1894, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 6th October 1923, William Henry Edwin Ludovici Proctor, born 23rd February 1896 son of Edwin Ludovici, L.M.S., (Ceylon), and Catharina Charlotte Selina Hole. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 63).
- 3 Carl Evan, Ceylon Civil Service, Brevet Colonel, Ceylon Engineers, Ceylon Defence Force, born 28th May 1896, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 21st December 1921, Enid Muriel Van Dort, born 11th November 1901, daughter of Ernest Francis Van Dort and Rosaline Harriet Ondaatje. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 31 and 32). He had issue.
- 4 Claribel Louise, born 2nd December 1899, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 19th April 1923, Louis Gerard Blazé, L.M.S. (Ceylon), L.R.C.P., and s. (Edin), L.R.F.P. and s. (Glas), Ceylon Medical Department, born 26th July 1894, son of Robert Ezekiel Blazé, Proctor, and Annie Laura Paulusz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, Pages 95 and 96.)
- 5 George Herbert, who follows under XV.

- 6 Mabel, born 28th October 1903, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 23rd August 1924, Samuel Arthur Stanley Misso, born 21st November 1899, son of Arthur John Misso, Government Surveyor, and Angelina Marian Foenander. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 62 and 69, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 96).
- 7 Beryl Joan, born 28th August 1906, married:
  - (a) In St. Mary's Cathedral, Galle, 4th April 1931, Arthur James Schofield.
  - (b) In the Registrar's Office, Nugegoda, 3rd May 1947, Edwin Francis Christoffel Kelaart, born 12th January 1916, son of Charles Edwin Kelaart and Evelyn Muriel Alice Hesse.
- 8 Sylvia Schrader, born 9th November 1908, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 19th January 1929, Charles Hardley Van Rooyen, Assistant Superintendent of Police, born 13th May 1905, son of Frederick John Wesley Van Rooyen, J.P., Proctor, and Matilda Florence Pompeus.
- 9 Hortense, born 14th October 1910, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 12th January 1938, Evan Walter Heriot Deutrom, born 18th March 1912, son of Ellis Stanley Deutrom and Jessie Constance Ivy Poulter. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 23, and Vol. XXXI, pages 68 and 70).

## X.

Vernon Eugene Frederick Arndt, I.S.O., Ceylon Civil Service, born 18th November 1887, married in the Dutch Reformed Church Bambalapitiya, 10th December 1919, Joselyne Anne Brohier born 27th September 1898, daughter of Richard Annesley Brohier V.D., Assistant Postmaster General, Honorary Major in the Ceylon Light Infantry, and Almera Marian de Boer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 203, and Vol. XXXIV, page 79.)

- 1 Charles Richard, who follows under XVI.
- 2 Arnold Frederick, born 14th December 1922, married in the Old Clea Church, Cleethorpes in Lincoln, England, 20th December 1947, Joanne Agnes Buckden born 16th June 1927 daughter of Allan Baden Buckden and Nellie Burnham.
- 3 Douglas Vernon, born 9th January 1927.
- 4 George Francis, born 22nd February 1932.

## XI.

Charles Eric Arndt, born 3rd December 1879, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 25th April 1907, Ida Eliza Koch, born 27th October 1882, died at Calcutta, 5th January 1951, daughter of Ebenezer Theodore Koch and Georgiana Elizabeth Schokman *nee* Schubert. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, pages 182, and 133 Vol. XXV, page 112). He had by her several children including,

- 1 Norman Leonard, born 18th October 1912.

