



Desmier

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Editors Note

I have been quite busy since the last newsletter. I have set up some websites where I can display my genealogy findings. Altogether there are 3 sites. The first site,

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~desmier/> is a site where I am posting articles that contain more detail than what fits comfortably in a basic family tree site. The other two sites have been generated from my database of records and contain the usual genealogy information of birth, marriage etc details, photos where available and notes on careers etc. In another window the site generates the best box chart I have seen that shows the relationships between families and individual people clearly. The one concerning the Desmier family is at <http://desmier.50webs.com/> The other site concerns the ancestors of my paternal grandmother is at <http://earle.50webs.com/> There are links connecting all three sites. Creating the websites has been a lot easier than I expected as most of the work is done for you using task specific programs that generate the required code from the standard genealogy programs used to store your information on the computer.

In August Carole and I went to UK for a holiday and whilst in the London area caught up with some other Desmier families. In Ruislip we met up with Joe von Ruhland and his wife Anne. Joe is a great grandson of George Charles Desmier who lived in Hyderabad Sind (article starts page 2). The following day we caught up with Eugene Desmier and his wife Gwen and daughter Helen who live in New Malden. Eugene's brother Julian and his wife Heather who live nearby in Worcester Park also came across to meet us. It was great to meet all these people at last who had provided so much of the family information that is now on the websites. It was the first time I had met and spoken to people descended from the same Desmier ancestors (other than my father) for 37 years.

On our way back to Australia we stopped off in India for 10 days. Our main objective was to find the grave of Lieutenant Solomon Earle who is my father's great grandfather. He died in Calcutta in 1858. It was quite an adventure looking for the grave which we managed to find after employing some men to cut away creepers growing over the tombstone in the cemetery. Although we had both been to India a couple of times before we found Kolkata hard to cope with. It is a very crowded city and the streets all seem to be full of beggars and wandering traders trying to persuade you to part with your money. The traffic everywhere was dense but seemed to keep moving and hand pulled rickshaws battle for space with three wheeled motor rickshaws, yellow taxis battered, trams and trucks. Those drivers that have horns seem to use them continuously. After Kolkata we went to Mumbai to catch a plane home. Compared with Kolkata Mumbai is a lot more westernised and seemed to be more affluent, even the street dogs looked fatter and less mangey!

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and if you have anything I can include in the next edition whether it be about your modern day family or tales of your ancestors please pass them on to me.

In conclusion I would like to wish you and all your family all the best for the coming festive season.



Eugene Desmier and his wife Gwen with their daughter Helen.

Eugene has recently retired and has been spending some of his time helping his son Richard redecorate his house in the Surrey hills. There was an article on Eugene's family in Newsletter No 7.



Julian Desmier and his wife Heather with (below) my wife Carole and myself at Eugene's house. Julian's family were featured in Newsletter No. 8.



Julian and Heather's twin daughters Jeanine and Natalie (photo taken from the cover of Julian's latest CD)

George Charles Desmier (1840-1920)

Photographs from Joe von Ruhland, article written using information provided by both Joe and Robert Gibbs

George was the oldest of 11 children of George and Marianna Desmier. The family lived in Hyderabad, Sind where his father according to entries on several baptism certificates of his children, was a Clerk or Writer.

George Charles married 17 year old Sarah Angelina Etridge in 1860 when he was a 20 year old Clerk. This was just 10 days after his 16 year old sister Leonora Margaret had married 28 year old John Rourke (see article page 4).

In 1868 George is recorded as an English Clerk

earning a salary of 110/- (Rupees) in the Sind Left Bank District Settlement Office. Sixteen years later in 1884 Thackers Directory records him as being a Jailer at Hyderabad Jail. The directory shows he remained in this position until 1891 when he moved to Surat to be a jailer there. in the list of Uncovenated Civil Servants for 1891 he is shown as receiving a salary of 150/-. George retired to Poona to live with his daughter Esther (newsletter 5) who had a dressmaking business. Esther's daughters Sybil and Laura (newsletter 2)

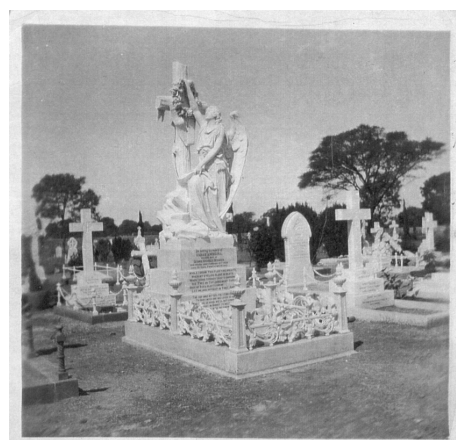


George Charles Desmier

the steeper gradients. When ladies came in to sight he used to tell the native boy sharply to let go so that it would appear that he was cycling proudly uphill unassisted.

Sybil and Laura also remember that he had a hand that had been injured slightly from a gunshot wound whilst out hunting. Laura remembers that he obtained a medal following the mutiny of 1857. He was a good horseman and rifleman.

Joe von Ruhland, Robert Gibbs, Lionel Edwinson (see next article) and myself are great grandsons of George Charles Desmier. He is also the great great uncle of Desmond Kinnersley (see page 4).



The grave of Sarah Angelina in Poona

remembered their grandfather George well as they were in their 20's when he died. It seems that he was quite a character and very fond of the ladies. He used to travel around Poona on a tricycle with a little native boy to help push him up

Lionel Edwinson and Family



Back Row: Erle Edwinson; Eric Cole; Lloyd Edwinson. Middle : Alexandra Cole; Aurelia Cole (nee Edwinson); Peter Mathieson; Natalie Mathieson (nee Edwinson); Amberley Cole. Front : Audrey Edwinson (nee Hall); Lionel Edwinson.

This photo was sent to me by Natalie Mathieson (né Edwinson). Natalie is the second daughter of Lionel Edwinson. Lionel was born in Burma, his mother was Dorothy Marie Therese Desmier whose father George Thomas Edwin Desmier was the eldest son of George Charles Desmier.

The photograph was taken on the occasion of Natalie's wedding to Peter Mathieson in Perth Western Australia on 5th May 2007. Natalie is a volunteer guide at the Perth Zoo so if you are ever in Perth Natalie would love to show you the animals. The Edwinson part of their family tree can be found at http://www.sumgenius.com.au/edwinson_family_tree.htm

Descendants of Leonora Margaret Desmier

I had a letter earlier in the year from Desmond Kinnersley who lives in Woodvale, a suburb of Perth, Western Australia. He is a great grandson of Leonora Margaret Desmier who was the sister of George Charles Desmier mentioned earlier in this newsletter who got married 10 days before him in Hyderabad, Sind.

At the time of marriage in 1860 her husband John Rourke (from Ireland) was a clerk but he went on to be Superintendent of the Sukkur jail. They had five children Margaret Estella (Desmonds grandmother), Eva, Harry, Hugh and Edward. Margaret Estella married Valentine Aldridge and they had five children in Sukkur with Leonora acting as midwife in each instance due to the isolation of the



Des and Betty with daughters Lorraine and Lynette. Photo taken 1968 in Cairns, Australia

town from qualified medical assistance. Esme, Desmond's mother was the oldest of the five children and was born in 1908. In 1926 she married Brian Dermot Kinnersley. Brian worked as a Clerk in Karachi then during the war he joined the army and served as a Warrant officer in the Indian Ordinance Corps. After the war he worked as a transport officer for Orient Airways in Calcutta. He died in Calcutta in 1949.

Desmond was born in Karachi in 1929 and in 1951 he emigrated to Australia. Desmond has had an interesting career working in telecommunications and has been based in many places in Australia and the South Pacific region including Fiji, and Guam. Desmond married Betty Joan Hall in 1953 in Perth and they have 2 daughters Lynette and Lorraine.



Left: A hand pulled rickshaw

Right: A Chai walla's street stall, note the small disposable clay cup the customer is using.



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This newsletter is edited by Rick Desmier. I intend to produce a new edition every so often, depending upon contributions. If you have any articles, news or comments for future copies please send them to me at:

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George Charles Etridge (1840-1920)
 m. Sarah Angelina Etridge (1840-1905)

George Thomas Desmier (1865-abt1912)
 m. 1898 Stella Maude Clarkson (abt1877-1910)

Alice Desmier (b. 1867)
 m. 1889 William McLean (b. 1865)
 —Esther D. Desmier (1869-1935)
 m. 1891 Tomas Hannibal Aquino (abt1859-bef1901)

Charles Eugene Desmier (1871-1926)
 —Arthur Herbert Desmier (b. 1872)
 —Ernest Edgar Desmier (b. 1874)
 —Mable Maud Desmier (1876-1948)
 m. 1900 Joseph Samuel Kirby (1876-1943)

Conrad Etridge Desmier (b. 1877)
 m. 1906 Sybil Beryl Loader

William Edmond Desmier (1879-cir1945)
 m. 1905 Aileen Helen Myers (abt1884-1906)
 m. 1909 Edith Anne Earle (1876-cir1950)

Isabella Desmier (b. 1842)
 m. 1859 John McLean

Leonora M. Desmier (abt1845-abt1923)
 m. 1860 John Rourke (b. abt1832)

Adolina Desmier (1848-1850)
 —Mary Desmier
 —William C. Desmier

Agnes Desmier (b. 1851)
 m. 1867 Charles McLean (b. abt1840)
 —Charlotte Desmier (b. 1853)
 —Willermima Desmier (1855-1856)
 —Joseph Francis Desmier (1857-1858)
 —Caroline V. Desmier (b. 1861)

Regina M. Desmier (b. 1861)
 m. 1883 George Osmond Biggs (b. 1857)
 —Annie A. Desmier (1863-cir1919)
 —George Thomas Desmier (1865-abt1912)
 m. 1898 Stella Maude Clarkson (abt1877-1910)

Aileen Stella Desmier (abt1898-1924)
 m. 1916 Alexander A. Falk (abt1878-abt1924)

Dorothy Marie Desmier (b. 1901)
 m. 1922 Louis Jules Fernandez

Ivy Mabel Desmier (abt1902-1992)
 m. 1926 Clarence C. Barrett (b. abt1895)
 —Donald Desmier (1903-abt1942)
 —George Edwin Desmier (1904-1986)
 m. Marie Anthony

Alice Regina Desmier (1907-abt1973)
 m. 1925 Alfred Norman Cotte (b. abt1903)
 —Conrad William Desmier (1908-abt1963)
 m. Mapphet Johannes (d. abt1941)
 m. Anne Carey

Herbert S. Desmier (b. 1910)
 m. 1943 Florence Christenson (b. 1918)

Obelia C. Aquino (1892-1962)
 m. 1916 Alfred John Gibbs (b. 1877)

Sibyl Aquino (1893-1995)
 m. 1921 Anthony George Currie
 —Laura Esther Aquino (b. 1895)
 m. 1921 Victor Herbert Weeks (d. cir1970)

Mary Aquino (1899-1935)
 m. ----- Nazareth

Vera Beryl Kirby (b. 1901)
 m. Ct. G. de Frangipani
 —Karl von Ruhland
 —Mary Elda Kirby (1905-1982)
 m. 1928 Walter Large
 m. John George Potts
 —Marjorie Ellen Kirby (abt1908-abt1927)
 —Joseph Allen Kirby (1912-1986)
 m. 1938 Dorothea B. Paul (1915-1996)

Albert Etridge Desmier (b. 1913)
 m. 1929 Marjorie Swan-Brown
 —Vivian Leslie Desmier (1914-1973)
 m. 1940 Iris Cecile Jennings (ch. 1947)

Eric William Desmier (1910-2000)
 m. 1948 Gwendoline M. Pointer

Edith M Desmier (1912-2004)
 m. ----- Jan
 m. Harold Ewald
 —Frederick R. Desmier (1914-1930)
 —Terence Earle Desmier (1916-2001)
 m. 1941 Alma May Piper (1917-1992)

Edward Oswald Aldridge (1905-1950)
 —Esme Muriel Aldridge (b. 1908)
 m. 1926 Bryan D. Kinnersley (1905-1949)
 m. Gordon Milford Smith (1911-1998)

Iris Margaret Aldridge (1911-2003)
 m. Jack Quim
 —Marjorie T. Aldridge (1914-1917)
 —Samuel C. Aldridge (1917-2007)
 m. 1943 Vera Mary Nesbit (1915-1997)

Eva Rourke
 m. —Macleod
 —Harry Rourke
 m. Alice -
 m. Lizzie --

Hugh Rourke
 m. Ada --

Edward Rourke
 m. Margaret Robbins

Patrick Macleod
 —Noel Rourke
 —John Rourke
 —Jack Rourke
 —Kathleen Rourke
 —Enid Rourke
 —David Rourke
 —Cyril Rourke

Doreen Rourke
 —leslie Rourke
 —Basil Rourke

Morris Rourke
 —Marguerite Rourke
 m. Don Cameron
 —Hugh Rourke (d. 2002)
 —John Rourke

Angelina L. Desmier (b. bef1899)
 m. 1920 Duncan Cyril C. North (b. bef1899)
 —Lillian C Desmier (b. abt1902)
 m. 1924 Arthur Charles Peters (b. abt1902)
 —Antonia Alice Desmier (b. 1906)
 m. 1925 Eric John Birch (b. 1897)

Edwin Falk (b. abt1920)
 —Marie Falk

Ivan Randolph Edwinston (1924-1993)
 m. Violet Mildred Aitken
 —Stella Edwinston (1926-1945)
 —Richard Edwinston (b. 1928)
 m. Phyllis Kerney
 —Edwin Edwinston (1930-1939)
 —Louise Edwinston (b. 1932)
 m. Harry Dawson
 —Lionel Cedric Edwinston (b. 1936)
 m. 1959 Audrey Mae Hall

Patricia Desmier (b. abt1938)
 —George Patrick Desmier (1939-1941)

Stella Desmier
 m. Myu Nyunt
 —2-Cynthia Desmier
 m. Dudley Smart
 —2-Jean Marie Desmier
 m. Teresa Basalo

Stella Rita Desmier (b. 1944)
 m. 1961 Luke Linear Patrick
 —Antoinette E. Desmier (b. 1945)
 m. 1963 Peter Cross
 —Cheryl G. Desmier (b. 1947)
 m. 1970 David Leach
 —Herman C. Desmier (b. 1948)
 m. 1967 Bridget Linda Horsley (b. 1950)
 —Penelope Mary Desmier (b. 1950)
 m. 1973 David Devall

Robert Thomas Gibbs (1916-2006)
 m. 1955 Mildred K. Banes (1925-1988)
 —Alfred William Gibbs (b. 1918)
 m. 1947 Christina Hutton (b. 1926)
 m. Roberta ??
 —Esther Margaret Gibbs (b. 1920)

Alban Weeks (b. 1922)
 m. Mary -
 —June Weeks (b. 1925)
 m. 1951 ----- Singleton
 —Yvonne Weeks (1926-abt2001)
 —Colleen Weeks (b. 1928)

Joseph von Ruhland
 m. Anne

Mabelle Ellen Large (b. 1930)
 m. Albert Edward Ramage (b. 1918)
 ----- Large

Darryl Kirby
 —Michael Kirby

Glyn Desmier (b. cir1941)

Leslie Aubrey Desmier (b. 1943)
 m. 1968 Anne Feore

Paul Edmond Desmier (b. aft1948)
 m. Suzanne -----
 —Peter Laurent Desmier (b. aft1948)
 —John Andrew Desmier (b. 1949)
 m. Susan Bisoette (b. 1951)

Yvonne

Richard Earle Desmier (b. 1948)
 m. 1972 Carole Anne Large (b. 1949)

Desmond D. Kinnersley (b. 1929)
 m. 1953 Betty Joan Hall
 —Rhona H. Kinnersley (1932-1999)
 m. 1951 Buddy Shroff

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE DESMIER ♣
 (1812-1869)