

YOUR SANDES PEDIGREE**PART THREE****GENERATION 3.****Issue of Goodman Sandes (0411) and Henrietta Fitton:**

Henry (Harry) Thomas Thompson (0301) was born on 17 October 1841 in The Citadel, Corfu; there is a painting of the house, now demolished. **Henry** must have lived there until he was about five, when his father was posted to Alderney

Due to the influence of a senior military officer, possibly Major General Henry Gordon of Corfu days, he had a better start in life than his brothers and sisters, being admitted to the Carshalton Military School near London, from which he gained entry to the Royal Military Academy (The Shop) at Woolwich in December 1857. He was a hard worker, a very neat draughtsman and probably quite good at military subjects, but did not shine at mathematics and was not above average at languages. He passed out of The Shop in twenty-second place out of thirty-three in his batch, but none of them reached a higher rank. On 22 December 1859 he was commissioned by Queen Victoria as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, and was soon posted to the 7th Battery of the 1st Brigade at Woolwich.

From spring 1861 to May 1866 he served in Gibraltar, and from 1866 to 1870 in Jamaica, where a horse kick on his left knee led to him being invalided home, and as he was still unfit for service by the autumn of 1871 he was placed on half-pay. With no influence, little money, from which he helped to support his parents, and almost out of his twenties with no training for civilian life, his future was highly uncertain, but fate was soon to shine upon him.

He was sent for further medical treatment to a hydropathic establishment at Matlock in Derbyshire, where he happened to meet **Grace Henrietta**, daughter of the late Rev **Edward Warren Caulfeild** and **Millicent Hellicar**. **Grace** was with her mother, who was also having treatment, and she and **Henry** must have been strongly attracted. Not only was she well connected through her father, but she was also pretty, a good pianist, a fair artist, and had a private income of some £500 a year. By comparison with her rather secluded life as daughter of a retired vicar in rural Wiltshire, taught by governesses and much younger than her two half-sisters, she must have found **Henry** exciting. He was six years older than herself, good looking and full of life, neat and methodical, fond of music and with quite a good tenor voice, a keen cricketer despite his moderate height of 5 feet 7 inches, and always ready for fun. He

had a hasty temper, but seems to have been popular with his fellow subalterns, to whom he was known as 'Johnny Sandes', after the popular song of the time (see Ch3 AnxA Appx 1). **Grace** called him Harry. Soon after they had met, in early November 1871, he proposed and was accepted. Her family objected but this was overcome, and the engagement was announced, subject to him being able to resume his Army career, in time for them to visit Ireland in the spring of 1872. **Grace** is said to have had rather a shock when she first met her prospective in-laws in London, as they were so very 'Irish', indeed her Sandes relations were always rather a trial to her, but she decided to continue the engagement provided that **Henry's** Army career could continue.

Fortunately he was passed fit for service in early 1873, and they were married on 6 May at Holy Trinity, Weston-super-Mare. On 4 October they sailed for Malta in a small military transport, the Himalaya, arriving nine days later after a stormy voyage.

Living close to the Grand Harbour opposite Valetta, they found Malta exhausting; the summer was hot, the stagnant harbour smelt abominable, the church bells rang constantly, and the damp scirocco wind drained everyone's energy. In addition, their first baby, Norah, arrived in March 1874, and a second was soon on its way. But in November **Henry** was promoted Captain and posted to Alderney, which he must have remembered well, and after the birth of their second daughter Millicent in April 1875 the family lived in Jersey until January 1876.

Their next move was to Bradford, Yorkshire, where **Henry** had been appointed Adjutant of the Artillery Volunteers. This offered better pay and a settled job, and oddly a new commission in the Volunteer Forces, which named him **Henry T T Sandes Esq.** The family lived in Bradford until mid-1882, finding it comfortable but dull and often depressing with winter fogs, and there a third daughter Eva, and a son, **Edward Warren Caulfeild**, were born.

On 1 July 1881 **Henry** was promoted Brevet-Major, a distinction in rank but not in pay, followed in December by the grant of substantive rank, and posting to Burma. They sailed in June 1882, leaving Norah and Milly with their grandparents as they were considered too old to be taken to the East, and the parting was bitter as such postings were usually for five years.

The passage by troopship to Madras and on to Rangoon took nearly two months; from there they travelled up-country to Pegu, probably by road, and on up the Sittang River to Toungoo by boat, arriving in late August. Toungoo was then a British outpost on the border with Northern Burma which was ruled by King Thibaw at Mandalay.

Henry took command at Toungoo of 9/1st Elephant Detachment RA, a battery of four 7-pounder guns carried on elephants. Including those carrying ammunition, stores and medical supplies, there were about twelve of the animals, and we still have a molar tooth of one that had to be put down.

The Burmese climate was trying, and in less than a year **Henry's** weight had fallen half a stone to eight stone ten pounds; **Grace** suffered often from toothache, for which the only remedy was extraction, without anaesthetic of course. The family lived in a thatch roofed bungalow of wood built on stilts to keep it dry in the huge rainfall, and the climate was hot and steamy. I have some watercolours of Toungoo by **Grace**.

In January 1884, the unit began a long journey to India, on relief by another, but did not

sail from Rangoon for nearly two months. However, once arrived at Calcutta the journey by train to Delhi took only four days.

In Delhi the unit was quartered in the famous Red Fort, built by the Moguls, and there the family lived over the Lahore Gate, of which we have a miniature. Six months leave in the hill station of Landour, north of Delhi, helped to restore them to better health, and on return in October they moved into a small bungalow at Dehraganj which may have been the home of Mahatma Gandhi in about 1930. In early 1885 a fourth daughter, Elsie, was born, but soon life in India became too much for **Grace** and in December she sailed for England with the children, leaving **Henry** with the unit. He was with it in Calcutta until the spring of 1886, when they moved to Ferozepore, north-west of Delhi, in an extremely hot region. Here **Henry** suffered recurrent attacks of malaria, but in spring of 1887 his posting home came through and he was able to rejoin his family in London, looking very well.

From October 1887 to the end of the next year, **Henry** commanded the North Irish Artillery Depot at Londonderry. His promotion in December 1888 to Lieutenant Colonel was a mixed blessing as no appointments were vacant and he faced the prospect of again going on half-pay, but luckily he was posted to Malta in January 1889 and sailed with the family on the SS Kedar, 1783 tons. In this tiny ship they made a terrifying crossing of the Bay of Biscay in a huge storm, vividly recorded by **Grace**, and after further very rough weather in the Mediterranean reached Malta on 1st February. Here, **Henry** commanded the fortress artillery in the western part of the island. All the guns were still muzzle loaders, but some were very large, with calibres of 17.7 inches firing shells of 2000 pounds weight, and the armament was considered quite up to date.

After a militarily uneventful time in Malta, **Henry** applied in late 1894 to retire next January, as his promotion prospects were negligible without staff or operational experience. He has said to have been promoted Colonel in January 1894, this does not accord with his description as Lt Col in witnessing his mother-in-law's will. The family left Malta in May 1895 and later that year settled at No 7 Westerhall Gardens, Weymouth, Dorset. Here, **Henry** developed a passion for bicycling, which probably led to his premature death from an aortic aneurism, on 2 December 1906. He is buried in the churchyard of St Anne's, Radipole, Weymouth.

As my father remembers him, **Henry** was a fine man, the very soul of unselfishness, extremely generous so far as his means allowed, and one who made friends wherever he went. Like most Irishmen he was quick tempered, but the storm soon blew over and the sun shone through. He was a devoted husband and father.

George (0302) was the twin brother of **Henry**, but died before he was eighteen months old. I believe that he was christened George Arthur Stewart because I was given for my christening a silver plated mug inscribed with these names and the Sandes crest and arms, (of Sallow Glen, with three cross-crosslets, not the four of Greenville), which I can not attribute to anyone else; furthermore, George's younger brother John also had the name Stewart, origin not known. My names were added to the cup, and I have added those of my grandson Robert since I gave it to him on his christening on 16 August 1987.

Robert Fitzmaurice Gordon (0303) was born in Corfu on 7 April 1843, and from his third name was probably a godson of the Lt Col (later Maj Gen) Gordon RA who lived next door to his parents in Corfu. He was educated at Queen's College, Cork, and Queen's University, Dublin, where he took a degree in chemistry, but had to start earning a living before he could qualify as a doctor as he had intended. In 1863 he sailed for New Zealand in the sailing ship Gertrude. Nearly all the passengers were 'Forty-Acre Settlers', to whom land was granted by the government to encourage immigration. On arrival in Auckland, Robert set up in business as a chemist, but when the Thames gold rush started he moved down the coast to Grahamtown. In the early days of the Waikato conflict between the British and Maoris in 1863-64, he served as a colour-sergeant in the 3rd Waikato Regiment. On 28 May 1867 he married Catherine Bond, daughter of Richard Peed of Kinsale, Co. Cork, by whom he had five children, shown among your New Zealand kin at Annexure G. In 1876 he moved to Hamilton where he practised as a chemist and dentist for many years, and served on the borough council. He was a staunch Anglican and member of church choirs. He retired during the first world war to live in Auckland, where he died on 2 November 1937, aged 95.

Thomas Goodman (0304) was born in Corfu on 24 April 1846. Like his brother Robert he emigrated to New Zealand in 1863, but without professional qualifications. However, he seems to have practised as a civil engineer in Hamilton and was a borough councillor. On 20 August 1878, at St Peter's Church, Hamilton, he married Isabella, daughter of John McGlashan of Dunedin, New Zealand, by whom he had five children, shown like his brother Robert's at Annexure G. He died on 8 May 1897. His wife was born on 31 July 1857 at Dunedin, and died on 18 January 1923.

Ellen (Nellie) (0305) was born on Alderney on 15 September 1847. On 6 January 1872 she was married to Charles Cornelius Henshaw CE, of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, by whom she had issue. She died on 11 July 1886.

John Stewart (0306) was born on Alderney on 30 June 1849, and died aged twelve on 2 June 1862.

Walter Hussey Fitton (0307) was born on Alderney on 18 September 1850. In 1876 he was a Member of The Royal College of Surgeons. He must then have emigrated, like his elder brothers, to New Zealand, for on 6 February 1880 he was registered there as a medical practitioner. In 1882 he was living at Hamilton, but died unmarried on 20 April 1883.

Henrietta (Etta) Alicia Dobrée (0308) was born on 16 September 1855, probably not on Alderney, and died in December 1933.

Alicia (Allie) (0309) was born on Alderney on 3 April 1857. On 24 June 1889 she was married to John MacDonald Broun, of Edinburgh and New South Wales, Australia, who was born on 24 May 1845 and died on 11 August 1928. She died on 16 December 1948.

GENERATION 2.Issue of Henry Thomas Thompson Sandes (0301) and Grace Henrietta Caulfeild:

Norah Melita (0201) was born at 110, Strada San Lorenzo, Malta, on 11 March 1874. She was large, weighing 13½ stone aged 21, but talented, painting in oils when young, and very religious, belonging to the Pentecostal Church of Elim. Having failed to finish a nursing course in 1896, she trained to join the YWCA and went to India in 1908 to work in Bombay and Calcutta, but resigned in 1912. In 1916 she went out to India again as a missionary, but was invalided home in 1919. She died of cancer at Eastbourne on 8 April 1962, and left most of her estate to the family of her younger sister Eva. My sister Penelope recalls two stories of her. Once, when she came to stay with Eva, she was still there six weeks later; when asked when she would leave, she said she was Waiting for a Sign. Another time, her nephew John Falkner and his wife Ruth were travelling with her in their car, when they noticed that it had got very dark inside; she had put up her umbrella!

Grace Millicent (0202) was born at Westwood, Central Hill, Upper Norwood, London, on 3 April 1875. As a girl, she was pretty and graceful, fond of music and literature, and quietly sociable. In 1895 she came with her parents to live in Weymouth. Here she soon took up work at St John's Church, taught infants and girls in school, and helped with religious activities generally and particularly with missionary work. In 1914 she became a VAD nurse, and on 26 May 1915 she was married at Weymouth to The Rev Alfred Mussen MA TCD, but they had no children. She died of cancer at Weymouth on 18 May 1954, and he in 1962. They were always most kind to me, and as a boy I stayed with them at Chilcompton, where Alfred was the vicar, and where my cousin Tony and me were caught by a farmer jumping innocently about on his haystack and led ignominiously by our ears to the vicarage for chastisement.

Eva Mary (0203) was born at 22 St Paul's Road, Bradford, Yorkshire, on 21 June 1878. On 15 May 1903 she was married at Weymouth to Charles Gaskell Falkner MA, by whom she had two sons, Thomas and John, and three daughters, Drusilla, Christiana and Elizabeth. As a girl of ten she was described as 'a pretty little dear, but with a strong temper'. Later, she played the mandolin and was a keen cyclist, like her father. She died at Weymouth on 19 April 1968, possibly as a result of a cat's bite a few months earlier. My mother recalled her as happy, gay, affectionate and generous, and devoted to my father. I remember her in the same way, and for her great Christmas parties. My sister and I also remember her kindness in leaving almost £6,000 in trust to her daughter Elizabeth for life, and then to be divided between us. But when we received the bequest in 2006, we were horrified to find that it was worth much less than nearly 40 years before, and infinitely less in buying power. Elizabeth however kindly compensated us to an extent from her own will. The motto is, never ignore money - I should have checked up periodically on the value of the Trust.

My dear father **Edward Warren Caulfeild** (0204) was born on 13 February 1880. He was educated at Monkton Combe School, Bath, and at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, from which he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in November 1899. He retired from the Army as a most distinguished Lieutenant-Colonel in March 1930, with a DSO, MC and Croix de Guerre. After retirement, he continued a vocation as an author which he had already begun, and wrote a series of military histories, mainly about military engineering in India, for which he was awarded the OBE. In 1939 he returned to military employment for much of World War II. On 19 August 1919 he married my mother **Sylvia Mary**, daughter of the late **Henry Francis Sneyd-Kynnersley**, by whom he had two children, myself and my sister Penelope. He died at Weymouth on 23 February 1973. A short biography is at Appendix 1 to this Annexure, and many further details of his most interesting life may be found in his 'Sandes Family History'.

Elsie Naomi (0205) was born at No 2, Deryagunge, Delhi, India, on 9 February 1885. She was striking in appearance, tall with very blue eyes and dark hair. In 1911 to 1913 she visited my father in India, keeping house for him in Roorkee, attending the Royal Durbar at Delhi, and touring Kashmir with him and two friends - one each?. In 1914 she joined the VADs, and in 1919 took up work as a radiographer. In 1925 she contracted sleeping sickness. From 1926 she looked after her mother until her death in 1934, after which she made a trip round the world by sea, visiting relatives in Australia and New Zealand. When she died, on 23 March 1968, she very kindly left her estate to you. I remember her for her kindness and generosity.

Lorna and Alison had a strange experience while we all stayed at Elsie's house after her death. During the night, Lorna woke feeling afraid for no reason, as she had at her Aunt Gertrude's house in 1949. When she woke me I don't recall feeling anything worse than great sadness, but Alison was also afraid. There was no explanation, but we decided at once to sell the house

GENERATION 1.

Issue of **Edward Warren Caulfeild Sandes** (0204) and **Sylvia Mary Sneyd-Kynnersley**:

I, **Adrian Henry Warren** (0101) was born at Naini Tal, UP, India on 12 July 1921. I was educated at Marlborough College and Kings College Cambridge, where I took a BA in Mechanical Sciences in 1941, and later an MA. I was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in February 1942, and retired in May 1973 as a Colonel. I then became a Planning Inspector in the Department of the Environment until July 1991. On 20 March 1948 I married your mother **Lorna Mary Glynn** daughter of Major **Ronald Philipps Glynn Begbie**, with whom I had you three children. An autobiographical note is at Appendix 2 to this Annexure.

My sister Penelope Rose (0102) was born at Weymouth on 2 January 1931 and educated

locally at St Brandon's School, and at Westonbirt School. She showed great talent as a pianist, but was unable to make it a career. On 26 July 1952 she was married to Lieutenant Peter Hugh Dunn RN, by whom she had three sons. On his retirement they went to live at Langton Herring, near Abbotsbury, Dorset, but are about to move as this is written. A short biography is at Appendix 3 to this Annexure.

GENERATION 0.

Issue of **Adrian Henry Warren Sandes** and **Lorna Mary Glynn Begbie**:

Vivien Lorna Glynn (0001) was born at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, Hampshire, on 17 May 1950.

Adrian Peter Warren (0002) was born at the same hospital, on 18 August 1952.

Alison Catherine Mary (0003) was born at Royal Air Force Hospital, Abyad, Canal Zone of Egypt, on 9 April 1954.