

BALLINGALL, Jean Somers Gordon, Born 3 Jan 1890 in Assam, India, second child of Charles Ballingall, teaplanter with James Findlay and Co. Returned to London where her father worked in the London office and the family lived in Hampstead. She went to the High School and later to St. Winifred's School, Eastbourne. She met, and married Harry Martin Little in Hampstead on 29 Mar 1913, and went out to Shanghai, where they made their home. They were interned in Shanghai as civilian internees during the second World War from 1943-45 and repatriated to England in October 1945 with their eldest daughter, Helen. After the death of her husband, Martin, in 1947, she moved to Bexhill, where she died aged 90 years on 2 Feb 1980. (*for details of their family see Helen Gordon, Marion Lawrence, Matthew Martin, Jean Heather and David Maxwell Little*)

BURCH, Francis Richard, Born 9.03.1906. Educated at Cranleigh School and St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. Joined the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London May 1926, went overseas 4 Oct 1929, served variously in Hong Kong, Calcutta, Shanghai, Bangkok, Colombo and Bombay. Retired May 1960, lived in Bexhill-on-Sea from 1960-1984 and moved to Hassocks, West Sussex in 1984. Married Jean Heather Little 12 Oct 1945 in Shanghai. (*see also under Little, Jean Heather, below*)

CAMPBELL, Mary Elizabeth, Born 1849 (appr). Her mother Margaret Matilda stemmed from the Wishart dynasty traced back to John Wishart 1214. Her forbears included Robert Bishop of Glasgow, with Bruce and Wallace at Bannockburn d.1316; Sir John W. Judge, opposed Mary Stuart - Darnley, imprisoned and pardoned, d.1576; Younger brother George W. Reformer and Martyr, burnt at stake 1546; Admiral Sir James W. C. in, C Med 1713; (*see LITTLE master file for details of her lineage*) Married 1871 as second wife of Dr. Robert LITTLE. There were eight children of the marriage, Mary Campbell (May) 1872, twins William and Matthew 1875, John Wishart 1877, Maud Wishart 1878, Harriet (Hetty) 1881, Alexa Campbell 1882 and Louise 1883. All were born in Singapore. She died suddenly 6 Apr 1884 resulting from a dose of opium in an attempt to counteract the extreme pains of migraine. It caused such severe retching that she suffered a cerebral haemorrhage. She also was buried in Bukit Timah Road cemetery.

HARRIS, Nigel Mayne Wilfred, Born 9 May 1909 eldest child of Wilfred and Mabel Harris. Educated at Charterhouse School. Qualified Chartered Accountant 1933. Joined Shanghai Waterworks Co., as Asst. Chief Accountant 1934-39. Served in R.A.F. 1939-51 as Accountant Officer. Managing Director of Gellatly Hankey (Engineering) Ltd, in Khartoum, Sudan 1952-64. Managing Director, Stephens and West Ltd., Cirencester, Glos, 1965-79. He married Marion Lawrence (Merren) Little in Shanghai 29 Mar 1939. (*see Little, Marion Lawrence for details of their family*)

LAWRENCE, Capt. Alexander, Born 1813 at Arbroath. Certified as Master First Class at London 30 August 1847 holding Certificate No 394. Recorded as Master 'Lady Clarke' 430T 1848, then 'Charlotte Jane' Bristol to London, new built for Thompson and Son 1848, remained her Master making voyages to Adelaide between 3 Sep 1851 and 12 Nov 1852, then between 12 Jan 1853 and 20 Oct 1853. He was then Master of their new built 'Orient' intended for their Orient line service to Australia. She was requisitioned for Transport service to the Crimean theatre of war. He handed over command to Capt. Jas. Bannantyne off Kertch 5 Jun 1855. Returned to her owners 'Orient' was refitted to make her first voyage to Adelaide with Capt. Lawrence as Master in 1856, a pattern he would follow annually until 1862, when on 2 January, 14 days out of Cape Town on the home run, smoke was seen issuing from the fore hatch. After 48hrs it was staunch, repairs made at Ascension Island and the voyage completed to London by June 1862. For this remarkable self salvage the insurers presented him with £100 worth of plate and £800 for himself, his officers and crew. (*see Appdx. .*). Thereafter he set up with his own ships as A.H. Lawrence & Co., the last built to his order being the 'Alexander Lawrence' a steel bark of 1205T at Dumbarton by A. McMillan & Son, in 1886, (C Crowley, Master). The office was then at 18 St. Helen's Place, City, London. Her management was taken over in 1887-88 by his son in law Matthew Little, with offices at 9, St. Pancras La. (*See LAWRENCE master file for further detail*)



LITTLE, Anne. Born 9,5,1822, went out to Singapore to keep house for her brother Dr. Robert. Married one of his staunchest friends, Robert McEwan in 1842. (*see entry McEwan, Robert for further details.*) There were three daughters, Anne (who married O. Vernede - the son of Robert McEwan's Glasgow partner on the formation of the North Borneo Company); Mary (married her cousin William Dalgliesh); and Roberta, (she married but details obscure).

LITTLE, David Maxwell. Born 23 Oct 1922 in Shanghai youngest child of Harry Martin Little and Jean Somers Gordon (née Ballingall). Educated at Loretto School, Musselburgh 1935-1939. He joined the Holland Martin farm at Overbury as a student from 1939-1942, when he entered the Army and was commissioned into the Royal Tank Regiment and posted to serve in India. There on leave he contracted Poliomyelitis during an epidemic in Bombay and died in Poona 5 Nov 1944.

LITTLE, Harry Martin. Born 12 Mar 1883 in Hampstead. Educated Loretto School, Musselburgh. Joined cousin William Little in Shanghai, succeeded by Robert (*Bob*) Dalgliesh, trading as Wm. Little and Co., in Import and Export of piece goods. He married Jean Somers Gordon Ballingall 29 Mar 1913. Their five children were Helen Gordon b.19 Jan 1914; Marion Lawrence b.7 Oct 1916; Matthew Martin (*Haw*) b.23 Jan 1918; Jean Heather b.12 May 1921 and David Maxwell b.24 Oct 1922. All were born in Shanghai excepting Heather who chose Hampstead. Over-stocking by his Partner (*then Robert Dalgliesh*) during his absence on leave in England in 1930's, and with negotiations afoot to limit the liability of the Company incomplete, caused its bankruptcy, leaving Harry to meet all debts. Latterly he was involved with the Shanghai Water Works (Chairman) and other utilities. Surviving internment under the Japanese during the second World War between 1943-45, he died 5 Feb 1947.

LITTLE, Helen Gordon. Born 19 Jun 1914 in Shanghai, eldest child of Harry Martin Little and Jean Somers Gordon (née Ballingall). Educated at Ancaster House School, Bexhill-on-Sea. Went back to Shanghai in 1932 to live with parents. When aged 18 years, Friedrich's Ataxia a rare and incurable disease of the nervous system affecting the motor nerves, was diagnosed. Interned with her parents and sister Heather by the Japanese in Shanghai between 1943-45. She was repatriated to England with her parents in Oct 1945. Lived in Bexhill-on-Sea with her mother near to the Streatham Home and Hospital for Incurables in 1962. She died 21 Oct 1967.

LITTLE, Jean Heather. Born 12 May 1921 in Hampstead 4th child of Harry Martin Little and Jean Somers Gordon (née Ballingall). Early childhood spent in Shanghai with parents. Returned to England for schooling and educated at Ancaster House School, Bexhill-on-Sea. At outbreak of 2nd World War left for Shanghai to rejoin parents and sister Helen. Interned as a civilian internee under Japanese 1943-45. She married Francis Richard Burch on 12 Oct 1945 in Shanghai, and came to England on long leave. Her elder daughter Elizabeth Jean was born in Hampstead 20 Jan 1947.

Went to rejoin Francis in Bangkok in April 1947, where Erica Frances was born 12 Aug 1948. After home leave in 1949 went out to Shanghai 1950-1954 under Communists. Again after leave, went to Colombo and Bombay. When Francis retired in May 1960 they lived in Bexhill-on-Sea, moving to Hassocks in Sussex in 1984.

LITTLE, John Martin. Born 17 Sep 1825, joined his uncle Francis S. Martin already established in Singapore as an Auctioneer and store keeper. In August 1845 Francis Martin made over the business to John Martin Little and Mr. Cursetjee Frommerzee, who carried on as Little, Cursetjee and Co. on the same premises. This partnership was dissolved in 1852 when joined by his brother Matthew. The business continued as John Little and Co. In 1857 he married a cousin Mary Dalgliesh, two children were born in Singapore William Dalgliesh (1857) and Edward A(lexander)? (1858). By 1862 he was living at Bonnington House, Vanbrugh Fields, Blackheath, an imposing and spacious semi-detached house where he declared himself in the 1871 Census return as 'East India Merchant'. His wife, the two boys and another child Dora (born Blackheath 1863) are named in the entry, together with five servants.



There would also have been garden staff not living in. The object would have been to establish an office in the City to handle the purchase and shipment of merchandise to Singapore, where Matthew continued the day to day business of the Company. *(There is a reference in correspondence from Sophy to her sister Jessie Little (1871) giving prices of clothes at "Uncle Matt's")*. The London office would have exacted a purchasing commission on all goods handled, sufficient to pay a part salary and he would retain his share of the partnership remuneration from Singapore. He must have enjoyed considerable wealth to support such an establishment. There is evidence that he was involved with overseeing the arrangements for the education of nieces and nephews sent home from Singapore. There is no record of his contribution to the civic affairs of the Settlement. He died in Blackheath 1894. *(a letter from Sarah Sophia LITTLE to her daughter 20 Aug 1862 was written from 'Rosemouth', "the house which Uncle John built in Papa's plantation and we like it here very much". This was Siglap plantation now a housing estate)*

LITTLE, John, and Co. For origins see Little, John Martin, above. Traded as a general department store with a branch at Kuala Lumpur on the Malay peninsular, and converted into a Limited Company in July 1900, and the London office in Fenchurch St, prior to the death of Matthew Little. The company continued trading, surviving the two world wars with difficulty, especially under Japanese occupation and control during the second World War. Purchased by Jardine Matthesons in the 1950's, primarily for the property development values, both in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, it is now in the ownership of the Robinsons Group, remaining in vestigial form as the JL Specialists' Shopping Centre, in their main building in Orchard Road. *(Telephone No: 7372222)*.

LITTLE, Dr. John Wishart. Born 27 Mar 1877 in Singapore the youngest son of Mary Elizabeth (nee Campbell) and Dr. Robert Little. Was sent to Edinburgh aged 7, with his twin brothers William and Matthew to the care of a Mrs. Mackay to commence their education. On the death of their mother in April 1844 Dr. Robert retired to England and settled in Blackheath. The boys joined him there and were educated locally at Kidbrooke House. He went on to study medicine at St. Thomas's Hospital, taking the Diplomas M.R.C.S and L.R.C.P(Lond) in 1900 and graduated M.B. Lond. with honours in forensic Medicine the same year. He entered the Indian Medical Service as Lieutenant on 27 Jul 1901, promoted Captain on 27 Jun 1904 and Major on 27 Dec 1912.

He served on the North-West Frontier of India in the Waziristan campaign of 1901-02 (medal with clasp); and in East Africa, in Somaliland in 1903-04 (medal with clasp). Before the Great World War he was Agency Surgeon at Gilgit. He died of septicaemia at Karachi on 7 May 1918 aged 41, having been mauled by a leopard, though the BMJ 18 May 1918 Obituary p.575, omits this detail.

LITTLE, Margaret (Rita). Born 26 May 1858 in Singapore, fifth child of Sarah Sophia (née Whittle) and Dr. Robert Little. She married James Waddell at Singapore in Jan 1881. James was the Marine Superintendent Far East for the NISM shipping line. Her wedding was the last one in the family to be done in the grand style. Her elder sister Sophy took her to London to buy her trousseau - a dozen of everything (hand sewn). Dr. Robert reeled when he received the bill. There were five children of the marriage and only by the record of their birth places do we learn of her movements in the earlier years;

Peter Hatcly	18 Dec 1881	Singapore	
Robert	4 Jul 1883	Glasgow	
Mary (Mollie) Campbell	1885	Singapore	
Helen Halcrow Wardlaw	1887	?	d. 1889
Margaret (Meg) Wardlaw	1889	Java	

With the four surviving children they were repatriated to Glasgow early in 1892, when the NISM shipping line, managed from London, went into liquidation. The children had all suffered from malaria and Robert was in need of optical attention. James was offered and accepted a new post with the Royal Dutch Company and left for Sumatra in May. Margaret was thus left to care for and arrange the education of the children. In the event James returned to Glasgow the following year, and though unrecorded he must have obtained



further employment, since he was unlikely to have received any pension from either NISM or Royal Dutch. An injury sustained by a fall from a Jacobs ladder, believed to have been in the Tanjong Pagar Dry Dock, caused him to become increasingly invalid and he died in 1906. By then Peter had left for India, Robert was ready to emigrate to America and when Mollie and Meg had completed their studies at Glasgow University she moved to 9, Frogmal Mansions, Hampstead where she was close to the second wife and widow of Matthew Little. There she lived through the first World War, being joined later by her daughter Mollie on her return from teaching in the Malay States. Though a firm Germanophobe in old age she grudgingly confessed to the compiler of this record, when aged about 10yrs, her approval of the wide range of products made by a company called Aktiengesellschaft. She died in 1932.

LITTLE, Marion Lawrence (Merren). Born 7 Oct 1915 in Shanghai, second child of Harry Martin Little and Jean Somers Gordon (née Ballingall). Educated at Ancaster House School, Bexhill-on-Sea. Rejoined parents in Shanghai 1933. Married Nigel Harris of the Shanghai Waterworks Co. Ltd, on 29 Mar 1939. Their Honeymoon trip to England was via Siberia arriving May 1939. Spent the war years following her husband, then serving in the R.A.F., to his various postings around England. Their children were Alan John Fraser, b. 7 Jan 1942; Patricia Jean Fraser (Tessa), b. 1 Jan 1944; Susan Marion Fraser, b. 25 Aug 1946 and David Nigel Fraser, b. 24 Nov 1949 in Hong Kong. On relinquishing his service with the R.A.F. her husband managed a trading company based in Khartoum, where they lived between 1952-64. Their first home was Little Orchard, Bexhill-on-Sea from 1956-66. Nigel's next appointment led them to live at Duntisbourne Leer, Cirencester, which was their home from 1966-1990, when they moved to Coates, Cirencester.

LITTLE, Matthew. Born 26 Jan 1827, joined his brother John Martin in Singapore about 1850, becoming a partner of John Little and Co. in 1852. He married first Isabella McNair Black in 1859. Their two children were born in Singapore, Robert 1860 and Anne Maxwell 1862. He gave evidence, representing John Little and Co., at a meeting in the Town Hall (11 Dec 1863) called to discuss the implications of transfer of the administration of Singapore from the East India Company to the Colonial Office, London. His brother Dr. Robert was appointed to the investigating Committee which reported (9 Jan 1864) with statistics proving there was an excess of receipts over expenses of the Settlement. Matthew does not appear otherwise in the various records of Singapore. Isabella died in Glasgow 1 May 1868, possibly her home town, there being no record of cause. He married second Harriet Agnes Lawrence, 23 Jun 1873, d.o. Capt. Alexander Lawrence of the Merchant Marine. (See entry LAWRENCE, Alexander.) Of their 8 children, four survived infancy, Harriet Agnes and Miriam Anne, twins born in Singapore 23 Jul 1875, Hilda Maxwell 12 Dec 1878 and Harry Martin 12 May 1883 both born in Hampstead whither Matthew had retired in 1877, to "Applegarth", No 5, Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead. He died there 7 Nov 1902. Harriet lived on until 16 Apr 1929.

LITTLE, Matthew Martin. Born 23 Jan 1918 in Shanghai third child of Harry Martin Little and Jean Somers Gordon (née Ballingall). Educated at Loretto School, Musselburgh from 1931-1937 and entered the Phoenix Assurance Co., at their London office. He joined up at the outbreak of war in 1939 and was commissioned into the Royal Scots Fusiliers, being later transferred to serve in the King's African Rifles. On demobilisation in 1946 he rejoined Phoenix Assurance and went out to their office in Hongkong until 1949. His next posting was to the Nairobi office, doubtless making use of his acquaintanceship with that way of life. In 1953 he was requested to transfer to the Company's subsidiary in South Africa and take over their office in Durban. There he married Vilma Joy Fisher in 1954 and their children were Leanne Penelope Martine, born 10 Aug 1962, and Sharlene Joy Fisher, born 5 Mar 1965. On retirement in 1989 he continued to live in Durban.

LITTLE, Rev. Robert. Born 1743. Pres. by the Curator for George, Marquess of Anandale, June 1776, Ord 27 Mar 1777. Inducted as Minister of Applegarth, Dumfriesshire, 23 Jul 1777. Died 5 Jan 1803, aged 58. Married Barbara Anne Cleghorn 9 Dec 1783. (died at Edinburgh 15 Jul 1823) the daughter of Rev. Matthew Cleghorn, late Minister of Dryfesdale.



Their children were, Margaret born 7 Oct 1784, Matthew William born 2 Aug 1786, William Maxwell born 24 Jul 1788, Anne born 15th died 24 Jul 1790 and Euphaim born 19th died 28 Jan 1792. Together with his wife and daughters Anne and Euphaim, who both died young, was buried in his churchyard. The table tomb was erected in their memory by his elder son Matthew William LITTLE.

LITTLE, Dr. Robert. Born 1819, he commenced his medical apprenticeship in 1833 and at same time attended classes at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, qualifying LRCS Edin, 1837. On 11 Aug 1840 he arrived in Singapore on the *Gulnare*, (a ship of 338 tons ex Liverpool, Master Capt Williams, Owners Bold and Co., built Whitby 1830) to join his uncle Dr. Mungo Johnson Martin in practice. Dr. Robert was to become a prominent and longstanding member of the settlement, taking a lively interest in community matters and contributing with regularity, papers of scientific interest, to Logan's Journal. He moved from the Dispensary in the Square in 1845 to the house on Institution Hill which he named 'Bonnygrass', whose site had first been purchased by Dr. M.J. Martin and Adam Sykes. The plot comprised 23.1.31 acres and though delapidated the house still stood in 1987 and may yet be preserved as a protected building by the Government of Singapore. He was involved with the establishment of the Theatre (1842) which opened Nov 1845, Library (1844), Administration of the Assessment Fund (1845), and in the same year with early experiments with Caouchouc, the basis of the gutta percha and rubber industries, in conjunction with Dr. Oxley. No commercial credit accrued to him. He was party to the formation of a Presbyterian congregation (1846), and in the same year Dr. Henry Allen Allen joined the Partnership. During 1848 he submitted the following papers to Logans Journal:

Vol. i Long papers on fevers being caused by coral reefs - which led to animated discussion.

Vol. ii "The habitual use of Opium" He was one of the first to protest against the trade. (see Appendix.,.)

Vol. iii "Medical Topography of Singapore" in which he conjectured that when the Island was first settled by the British in 1819 it contained a population of only 200-300 Malays.

Vol. iv "The diseases of the Nutmeg tree".

Sworn in as Coroner (Oct 1848), his appointment being warmly approved of by the "Free Press". On 14 Mar 1849 he married Sarah Sophia Whittle, aged 17 yrs. (Her mother, whose husband was a Surveyor, had established a School for girls in North Bridge Road in 1843, Boarders \$12 and Day scholars \$5 a month). In the same year he was a member of the Committee formed to establish Rules for founding Singapore Museum. He resigned the Coroner's office that September, being succeeded by Mr. Willans. Despite an outbreak of Cholera in Singapore between January and May 1850 he continued to contribute papers on the subject of fevers to Logans journal with observations on the reasons for the unhealthiness of Bencoolen between 1819 -1822 (when Raffles was completing his term as Lieut. Governor. Some credence must be given to the suggestion that Dr. Alexander Martin was in attendance on Sir Stamford Raffles during this period. He thus came to Singapore as Raffles was homeward bound to retirement. Dr. Robert must have had benefit of inherited diary notes from his uncle, to venture on such a paper). He served on the committee to select suitable examples from the Settlements, to be displayed at the Great Exhibition in London during 1851.

He also opened a private hospital for seamen charging them only 50 cents a day.

Dr. M.J. Martin retired from the partnership during 1852. (It is recorded elsewhere as 1846)

On 5 May 1854 unrest broke out spreading through the town and surrounding country. On Thursday 12th with other Europeans Dr. Robert assisted Constable Bertier confront a band of armed Chinese near his bungalow on Siglap estate. Shots were fired and Chinese wounded. Arms hoard found and destroyed. May 1855 at a public meeting held on the subject of Chinese Piracy his proposal was seconded by T.O. Crane Esq., and carried by a majority "This meeting highly approves of the conduct of the local Govt. in detaining suspicious junks in the harbour until the trading junks are safely beyond their reach".

In June 1855 he called on the European community to support his scheme to establish a sanatorium on the Gulong Pulau, the highest land within 30 miles of Singapore, without success, though raised on later occasions. He had hoped the East India Company would build



a road to it, Bengal civilians thought Singapore the very place to come for their health, and he envisaged villas, hotels and soda water manufacturies on the top of this elysium, with mail coaches to arrive there.

The same year in company with Robert McEwan, J.T. Thompson, a surveyor, and three others he took part in an expedition up the Skudai by boat, *(for details see appendix "A")*

1856 with Mr. Greenshield proposed that the land in the rear of the Institution *(the present playground)* which belonged to the school might be sold to raise money. The scheme was not adopted. He advertised in Apr 1857 to sell land on Institution Hill in lots of one or more acres for house building. No sales accrued.

The opium steamer "Fiery Cross", Capt. Grant, arrived 31 May 1857 bringing first news of Indian Mutiny. Lord Elgin arrived in Singapore 3 Jun 1857 en route to China and after all night discussions sent instructions for diversion of troops for that expedition to India.

During the 1850's legislation was being framed in England for reform of the medical profession requiring the registration of those recognised legally to continue in practice, with appropriate qualifications. In anticipation Dr. Robert attended first session 1858/59 at Edinburgh University, and was joined in partnership by Dr. John Hutchinson Robertson, as Little and Robertson, *(no further mention found of Dr. Henry Allen Allen in the partnership, who died 1869. Perhaps he cared for the practice during Dr. Robert's absence).*

Attended second session 1859/60 at Edinburgh University and sat his first and second examinations in June/July 1860 and graduated MD with a thesis, which was highly commended, "on the Climate and prevailing diseases of Singapore". *(The first half of part one of which is in the hand of Sarah Sophia, who had accompanied him to Edinburgh).* In May 1861 Drs. Little and Robertson advertised that their Singapore Dispensary was put under the entire management of Mr. Robert Jamie, who had come out from Edinburgh for the purpose. *He lived many years over the Dispensary in the Square but latterly he lived at Serangoon on the large coconut plantation he bought there).*

At a Public Meeting called 28 Mar 1862 to finalise the location of an iron bridge, originally ordered for Kallang, he urged for the original site at Kallang, *(his plantation at Siglap was in that direction. It was erected as first planned later in the year).* On 6 Jun 1863 he was a signatory in the purchase of the Mission Chapel.

A meeting was called at the Town Hall 11 Dec 1863 to discuss implications of transfer of administration of Singapore from the East India Company to the Colonial Office, London.

Among those present were Matthew Little, representing J. Little & Co., and Richard Brennand, Merchant. Dr. Robert was appointed to the Committee to investigate the resources and commerce of the Straits Settlements, and if expedient to put themselves in communication with the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty's Government. The Committee published their report in pamphlet form by 9 Jan 1864, reiterating matters of complaint already raised and setting out a number of tables of statistics to shew there was an excess of receipts over the expenses of the Settlement.

On 8 Mar 1865 he became a subscriber to the founding of the Tanjong Pagar Dock, first mooted in 1864, and at an Extraordinary General meeting a report was received that due to an underestimate the original capital of \$300,000 required to be increased to \$500,000. Mr. Samuel Gilfillan & Dr. R. Little proposed the motion be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

In April 1865 he is mentioned as Honorary Surgeon Singapore Volunteer Rifle Corps, formed prior to 1857, to which he was gazetted 1 Jan 1858.

Singapore was created a Crown Colony 5 Jan 1867. Under the first Queen's Governor, Harry St. George Ord, he was appointed a Member of the Legislative Council in company with; Hon. W.H. Read, T. Scott *(of Guthrie & Co.)* and F.S. Brown.

In the same year he was listed among the original shareholders of Singapore Library, mentioned as a member of the committee establishing the Rules on founding the Singapore Museum and requested by the Governor to preside as Chairman relative to an Exhibition of Colonial products in London.

He proposed Govt. pay \$550.71 to the proprietors of the Library and make them life members - in transference of their rights. Later he reported declining interest in the Garden Society and recommended it be taken-over by the committee of the Raffles Museum and



Library, for which responsibility had already been assumed by Government. Around this time his wife Sarah Sophia died, perhaps as late as 1869.

Early in 1870 he protested about the appointment of a certain Mr. Skinner as inspector of Hospitals since he was not a medical man but a Lawyer. Later in the year he made a round the world tour, spending some time in China and later visited the Ruler of Hawaii.

He married secondly Mary Elizabeth CAMPBELL 5 Jan 1871, making the return passage to Singapore during February, where on 24 Feb 1872 at a public meeting he proposed the first resolution that the expenditure of public money on a railway was unwarranted. In 1873 he recorded a dissenting vote when serving on a Commission to enquire into the desirability of introducing Chinese into the Police Force. The Legislative Assembly agreed that they should not be introduced.

He resigned from the Legislative Assembly 26 Sep 1874 together with Messrs. T. Scott and W.R. Scott over the Governor's disregard of the strong expression of public opinion in the abolition of the Grand Jury and the uselessness of their membership. On 6 May 1875 he was a signatory in the grant of land No. 304 on which the Presbyterian Church was built.

Dr. Robertson left the practice in 1879, but remained in Singapore.

Dr. Robert retired only three years later in 1882, and with the second family took a holiday in Scotland, where the children Mary, William, Matthew and John Wishart were left in Edinburgh to commence their education. He was not well and no longer enjoyed robust health. His finances were in disarray due to the failure of two banks. However they were back in Singapore for the birth of Louisa, youngest and last of the family, 20 Dec 1883. Mary Elizabeth, his second wife died 6 April 1884. His eldest unmarried daughter Jessie went to Singapore, took charge of the four remaining children and brought them and Dr. Robert to live at 48 St. John's Park Road, Blackheath. Mary and the three boys joined them there from Edinburgh.

These were quiet times after his many involvements in Singapore, where his orchid garden had been considered second only to that of the 'White' Raja of Sarawak. Visiting Naval Surgeons and Officers were in the habit of paying their respects. (*Surgeon Edward H. Cree R.N. "lunched with Dr. Little who is in private practice here. He is an Edinburgh man and an old fellow student of mine"*). He had more recently lost the friendship of Mr. Whampoa, the most influential member of the Chinese community and a patient (*died 1880*), who onetime had been a co-member of the Legislative council. (*It was he who presented Dr. Robert with the engraved Claret jug passed down to Col. William and thence to 'Robin' Little's family*). A fitting gesture was accorded him by the Singapore Council in recognition of the many years of service he had given to the community, that should any of his children be in need of assistance in the City, aid would be granted. His younger brother John also lived in Blackheath but Matthew died in Hampstead in 1887. Dr. Robert died 11 Jun 1888. (*He was buried in plot 3773, Greenwich Cemetery, Shooters Hill, Blackheath, where lies his daughter Mary who died 31 Jul 1839 aged 13. The plot had been bought by his brother John Martin Little*)

Dr. Robert had a wide ranging and enquiring mind with apparently an unlimited capacity for work. It is said that he had a big voice, yet a kind heart being much respected in the community and despite occasional displays of quick temper was described as 'a courtly man who always wore gloves'.

His temper was displayed on an occasion recorded by his son Matthew, who aged 7, accompanied his father out driving in a small carriage. A chinaman, also driving, passed him on the road. This as is known in modern times aroused the doctor's wrath and whipping up his horse tore along in a frenzy until he had overtaken the chinaman. By this time he was the sole occupant of the carriage, Matthew having been thrown out in the violence of the chase. He was later found in a ditch suffering from concussion, but suffered no permanent harm. There must have been extensive gardens around 'Bonnygrass' since the site was of 23 acres as recorded in the original transfer. This must have been the spur to cultivate his great collection of orchids and thereby his personal friendship with Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, as whose guest he spent a Christmas accompanied by Jessie. Prior to his second marriage, probably 1870-71 he made his way home by way of a world



tour, visiting China and calling on the ruler of Manilla, a visit which was repaid by the ruler when he came to Singapore about 1882,

LITTLE, Robert (Robin) McEwan, Born 16 Oct 1860 in Singapore youngest child of Sarah Sophia (née Whittle) and Dr. Robert Little. Almost certainly in the service of Raja James Brooke of Sarawak with whom his father was acquainted, but documented proof is still required. As an administrative officer, having sentenced a head-hunter to a long term of imprisonment as a deterrent to the practice, the miscreant swore revenge when led from the court. In the amnesty granted by Raja Brooke to mark the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee 1897 the prisoner was inadvertently released and making his way to the parade ground, he attacked Robin as he sat mounted in full ceremonial uniform, inflicting a deep cut which scarred his face for life, before being overpowered. He married Ruby CAMPBELL the younger sister of Mary Elizabeth CAMPBELL, (2nd wife of Dr. Robert LITTLE)

LITTLE, Sophie, Born 28 Aug 1852 in Singapore first child of Sarah Sophia WHITTLE and Dr. Robert LITTLE. By 26 Jun 1863 she was in England at 19 Rutland Gardens seemingly in the care of a Mrs. Meek, *(see folio of letters attached)* She was outward bound to Singapore 8 Feb 1871 when writing to her sister Jessie left behind in England. In Singapore she married James BRENNAND, *(he was a son of Richard BRENNAND who had been a clerk in Smith Bell & Co, and commenced his own business in 1863. On 31 Dec 1864 his premises were involved in a serious fire, started on neighbouring property)*

LITTLE, Col. William, Born 26 Apr 1875 in Singapore second child and elder twin of Matthew, to Mary Elizabeth (née CAMPBELL) and Dr. Robert LITTLE. His formal education commenced in Edinburgh where with his twin Matthew and younger brother John Wishart they were in the care of a Mrs. Mackay in the Autumn of 1883. On the death of his mother in Singapore 6 Apr 1884 Dr. Robert *(known to the boys as the 'ruling elder')* retired to Blackheath. There, with the help of his daughter Jessie, the whole family was gathered. He continued his education at Kidbrooke House, Blackheath. He gained entry to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Marines, transferring to 3rd Gurkha Rifles and eventually served with 6th Gurkha Rifles between 31 Jan 1907 and 1 Jan 1922 of which he held command as Colonel from 17 Mar 1918 till retirement 1 Sep 1922. He survived the landing at Gurkha Bluff in the Gallipoli campaign but was severely wounded in action against the Turks in the Suez Canal zone 12 May 1915,

*(further reference will be found from the Regimental History by Gale and Polden Ltd, Aldershot. The extracts being too extensive to include as an appendix).* He married Majorie Birkett and latterly lived in Charmouth.

LITTLE, William Maxwell, Born 24 Jul 1788 'Writer of Lockerbie' became a lawyer in Edinburgh, married Anne Martin 1818 (appr) the second child of William Martin, writer of Blackford, and Sophia Aitchison. He died 1843 and was buried in Greyfriars Churchyard, Edinburgh. It was through Anne's brothers Dr. Alexander, Dr. Mungo Johnson and Francis Martin, that four of their children became involved with the early development of Singapore, *(see Dr. Robert, Anne, John Martin and Matthew LITTLE,)*

LITTLE, Dr. William Maxwell Born 1857 elder son of Dr. Robert Little and his first wife Sarah Sophia Whittle, qualified M.B. Master Surgeon, Edinburgh University 5 Aug 1885, when he was living at 47 York Place, Edinburgh. From 1887-94 he served at the Norfolk County Asylum, Thorpe, Norwich. Thereafter his name no longer appears in the Medical Register. He married one Ella Schroeder, the Governess to the children of the then Governor of Norwich Prison. The marriage broke up and she took as her portion an elegant set of Georgian silver spoons inherited from his grandfather William Maxwell Little, amongst other heirloom pieces. She overlooked one spoon, now in the possession of Michael Andrew Wilson *(Grandson of Matthew Little, twin brother of Col. William Little who settled in Canada)*. He is then thought to have gone to Singapore in the hopes of establishing a practice, based on his father's reputation. This did not succeed, and he moved up into Malaya to die in straitened circumstances.

*(His step brother Matthew's reminiscence of Dr. John Wishart Little should more properly*



be accorded to Maxwell. "He had obtained an appointment with the civil service in Singapore where he clashed with the 'Powers that be' and was fined for insulting the Malay ruler (either the Tumongong or the Sultan). On being denied a public enquiry he appealed to the Singapore Council invoking the promise made by that body to his father Dr. Robert for his years of service to the community, to assist any of his children who returned to Singapore and be in need. He was thereby accorded a public enquiry where he was able to prove that at the time when the alleged insult was supposed to have occurred he was not even in the city. He was vindicated and re-instated. He then resigned."

LITTLE, Dr. William Robert, Extracted from Medical Register, 1989 "1, Angel hill, Bury St, Edmunds, Suff. (Lister, Scott, Little, Jones Kilner & Masters)-MB BS Lond 1958; DObst RCOG 1966 (St. Mary's), Late Res. Med. Off. St. Michael's Hosp, Hayle; Gyn. Ho, Surg. & Obst. Ho, Off. St. Mary's Hosp; Squadron Ldr, RAF Med. Br.". Apparently has no interest in involvement.



LITTLE, Jessie. Born 29 March 1854 in Singapore, second child of Sarah Sophia and Dr. Robert Little. She was in England with her elder sister Sophie, being educated in the care of a Miss Eyre, when their mother wrote to her from Singapore 23 Apr 1862. They were about to move to a Mrs. Mack. This is confirmed by another letter from her mother 20 Aug 1862 in which she was to remind Mrs. Mack that "postage is now 1/- from Southampton, as your letters are always insufficiently paid. It used to be 6d but was raised some time ago." Her sister Sophie wrote to their sister Mary, still in Singapore, on 26 June 1863 from 19, Rutland Gardens where they are then in the care of a Mrs. Meek and from her account it was a disciplined existence of which they had no complaints. *(the likeness of the names of their temporary guardians must be coincidence, Mrs. Mack was probably in the Blackheath area whereas modern directories show Rutland Gardens to be off the present Knightsbridge.)*

Their mother died in Singapore sometime around 1868-9, as did Jessie's younger sister Mary 31 July 1869 to be buried in Blackheath. Dr. Robert made a round the world trip in 1870 as he met and married Mary Elizabeth CAMPBELL on 5 Jan 1871. The girls were already acquainted with her.

On 8 Feb 1871 Sophie was outward bound to Singapore with her father and his second bride and replied to a last letter from Jessie from Tanjore, off Cape St. Vincent reproving her "but my dear before going on let me make one observation which is that I never flirt and don't like you telling me that I sha'n't be able to do so under Papa's eyes which is . . . . . a mistake. Let me remark en passant, for if I choose to flirt with every man on board Papa would not be the wiser."

Jessie was due to follow out to Singapore shortly afterwards. Her elder sister wrote in Jul 1871 as an 'experienced' traveller giving advice on the wardrobe she should choose and offering general hints and tips on travel aboard ship. She stressed the inadvisability of spending all her father's allowance in England but to keep some for trimmings to be purchased from Chinese peddlars and other items which could be bought from "Uncle Matt's". *(a reference to John Little and Co.,)* There she must have stayed until late 1873 evidenced by a letter dated 6 Feb 1874 from Mary Elizabeth acknowledging receipt of Jessie's last letter by French mail. It was full of intimate local news and indicates that a she must have formed a bond with her infant halfsister Mary, born 10 Apr 1872, who, according to another letter from Mary Elizabeth dated 6 Feb 1874, continued to ask for her. Back in England she must have commenced her training as a nurse.

On the death of her step mother 6 Apr 1884 she gave up her nursing career and went out to Singapore to take charge of the five girls of the second family, Mary 12.0, Maud 5.8, Harriet 2.11, Alexa 1.9 and Louisa 0.5mth. She assisted her father wind up his affairs and then all returned to England where they set up home at 48, St. John's Park, Blackheath. No 48 stands as the left hand half of a tall, gaunt, semi detached house, built only the prior year. They named it 'Bonnygrass'.

A failure of two Banks had seriously affected her father's investments and the more affluent way of life would no longer be possible. Siglap plantation had been sold below its true value and generous entertainment, with a household staff of servants comprising cook, syce, garden boys, ayahs and houseboys, would be a matter of the past. Perhaps now there were a cook, and two maids.

The three boys of the family, the twins William Campbell and Matthew 9.1, and John Wishart 7.1 were already in Edinburgh in the care of Mrs. Mackay. In due course they too came to live at No 48, where they finished their schooling at Kidbrooke House, Blackheath. It was at No 48 that their father, Dr. Robert Little died 11 Jun 1888, aged 69. Jessie was thus left as proxy mother to the 8 children

Her financial resources were straitened, with five girls and only three hats simultaneous Church attendance was a problem. Under her care the boys were launched on their careers, William; via Sandhurst, to the Indian Army, where he rose to command as Colonel of 6th Gurkha



Regt., Matthew; who had a great regard for his step sister, as a mining engineer and geological prospector and John Wishart as a Doctor, in the Indian Medical Service,

As the family dependency decreased, Jessie moved from No 48, between 1900 and 1903, to No 57 which stands on the opposite side of the road. Thither she had transferred the house name 'Bonnygrass', and was last recorded as the occupant in 1905.

With the exception of Maud the girls married in their turn, Alexa in 1911 to Alexander CRAUFURD, Louisa in 1917 to Piers SUMNER, and Harriet in 1918 to Eustace GUNTER,

Jessie was later cared for by and lived with Louisa and Piers Sumner. She died in 1936 after a life unstintingly devoted to others and fully exemplified in the portrait of her as a young girl in her nursing uniform.



MARTIN, Dr. Alexander, Born 1795 Dumfriesshire, eldest son of William Maxwell Little Lawyer Edinburgh. Was probably apprenticed to a Doctor Surgeon whilst attending classes at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He attended Edinburgh University as a Medical Student 1812/13 and 1813/14 but did not graduate. He next appears in practice in Singapore whither he is stated "to have arrived with Raffles", and to be numbered amongst those "who rendered valuable service to the Settlement as private practitioners from an early period"(1) *(it has yet to be established as to how he reached the Settlement, whether with the first landing of the expedition from Penang 29 Jan 1819 or when Sir Stamford Raffles returned there 10 October 1822. Margaret Stirling possesses a photograph of a portrait endorsed "personal Physican to Sir Stamford Raffles")*. He built and lived in a Bungalow adjacent to Mr. and Mrs. W.R. George where the Raffles Hotel was built on the Esplanade. He died there 7 Jan 1831. Notice of his death described him as "Surgeon and Senior Sworn Clerk of the Court of Judicature". *(The Court of Judicature opened for Prince of Wales Island (Penang), Singapore and Malacca 6 Mar 1827 and was closed 29 June 1830, with serious inconvenience to business. It was an unusual appointment to hold, but one of necessity given the limited number of European citizens upon whom to draw. It was to prove a brief tenure of office)*.

*Note (1) The Surgeon accompanying the Military of the expeditionary force was in the employ of the East India Company. He was Sub. Asst. Surgeon Thomas Prendergast who had been in charge of the General Hospital at Penang, and was in sole charge in Singapore until the arrival of Dr. Montgomerie in May. At that time only servants of the Company could enter territory under its control unless authorised.*

MARTIN, Anne, Born 14 Mar 1790, 2nd child of Wm. Martin of Beckford and Sophia Aitchison, being elder sister to Drs. Alexander and Mungo Johnson Martin. The following children of her marriage to William Maxwell LITTLE (Lawyer Edinburgh) 1818 were to be involved with Singapore. Dr. Robert (b 1819), Anne (b 1822), John Martin (b 1825) and Matthew (b 1827).

MARTIN, Francis S. Born 1812. Youngest child of Wm. MARTIN of Beckford and Sophia Aitchison, and brother of Drs Alexander and Mungo Johnson MARTIN. Also followed to Singapore and set up in business as a Store keeper and Auctioneer. His first recorded advertisement was in 1842 *(A H of S pp 348 & 378)*. It may therefor be assumed he would have arrived in the settlement some 2 to 3 years prior to have gained sufficient experience to establish himself. For whatever reasons, in 1845, he made over the business to his nephew John Martin Little and a Parsee Frommerzee Cursetjee who traded as Little and Cursetjee & Co. There is no record of his later career. He may have returned to England for health reasons. He died in Liverpool 21 Dec 1847.

MARTIN, Dr. Mungo Johnson, Born 1807 Dumfriesshire. Attended Edinburgh University 1824-25 Chemistry (Dr. Hope); 1825-26 Practice of Medicine (Dr. Home) Materia Medica (Dr. Duncan); Clinical Surgery (Dr. Russell); 1826-27 Institutes of Medicine (Dr. Alison); Anatomy (Dr. Munro); Clinical Medicine and Midwifery (Drs. Alison and Thatcher); It is presumed he joined his elder brother Dr. Alexander Martin in Singapore prior to the latter's death 7.1.1831, whose practice he continued. With Dr. Oxley he was amongst the subscribers to the building fund for the construction of St Andrew's Church, in July 1834. He was married to Miss Bell (of Westmoreland) 15 Sep 1836 by Mr. Bonham, the Resident Councillor, there being no Chaplain present in Singapore. *(Miss Bell was without doubt the younger sister of Susan Mary Bell, who married Dr. William Dalgiesh.)* He was joined in the practice by his nephew Robert Little 11 Aug 1840 who lived in the Dispensary in the Square.

Dr. Martin lived in the adjoining building forming part of what was to become the premises of John Little and Co. He moved in 1843 to Annanbank in River Valley Road and was a party with Mr. Adam Sykes in the purchase of the plot of 23.1.31 acres on Institution Hill which was bought by and made over to his nephew 30 Dec 1845. The date of his retirement from the practice is given variously as 1846 *(A, H, S)* and 1852, *(150yrs Spore)*

The archives at Edinburgh University shew that he completed his examinations satisfactorily to qualify as MD 21 July 1847. His Thesis was on Dysentery. This tends to indicate that he wound up his affairs in Singapore and returned to Edinburgh with the intention of practicing there. By this he was anticipating forthcoming legislation. *No entry as yet traced in the London & Provincial Medical Directory 1852-6, 1859, nor Medical Directory Scotland 1854-55,*



which by Act of Parliament 1859 all persons practicing in Surgery, Medicine, and as Apothecaries were required to register with proof of their University qualification. - see Appdx on Little-Martin file for details of Examination for MD 1847). His examination was over the period April to 21 July 1847 and some leniency appears to have been extended to him in the scope of the syllabus. Latin was obligatory, but Theses no longer had to be presented in that language. In his first examination he was still attending classes in Botany. His examination in that subject was deferred until 21 July and furthermore he was exempted from Natural History. He was in fact not required to present himself for Midwifery, Pathology and Medical Jurisprudence - which numbered amongst the written exercises.

MARTIN, William, Born 17,, of Blackford, a village some 3 miles North of Carlisle on the A7. He died in Edinburgh 1820. He married Sophia Aitchison. They had 13 children of whom the following certainly survived infancy. Jean b,1788-d,1854; Anne\* b,1790-1869, married Wm Maxwell LITTLE; William b,1793-d,1860, married Margaret Hairstems, (*One of their sons Alexander Maugham, born 1834 was later involved with Singapore*); Dr. Alexander b,1795-d,1831\*; John b,1800-d,1838; Sophia b,1801-d,1820; Archibald b,1805-d,1824; Dr. Mungo Johnson b,1807-d,18,,\*, married Miss Bell 1836; Francis S. b,1812-d,1847\*.

*\*(see separate entries)*

MARTIN, William, Born 1793, he practiced as a Lawyer in Lockerbie. Married Margaret Hairstems. Their third child Alexander Maugham b,1834 was thought also to have gone to Singapore.

McEWEN, Robert, Married Anne LITTLE 9 May 1842. She had gone to Singapore to keep house for her brother Dr. Robert. There is evidence that he and the doctor were already good friends. He was a Partner of W.R. Paterson and Co., which was dissolved in 1851 and reformed as Robert McEwan and Co. The first partners were Wm. Morgan and Robert McEwen at Glasgow, Vernade and Richardson of Batavia and Charles Bannertyne Findlay and John Harvey at Singapore. The Clerks were Wm. Martin+ and Robert Harvey. In 1854 their interests in Sarawak had increased in importance and they reformed as the Borneo Co. with their agents in London to work those interests. The Singapore office was established 31 July 1851 as the Borneo Co Ltd., with Mr. John Harvey as Managing Director East. Ultimately there were branches established at Manchester, Calcutta, Batavia, Hongkong, Shanghai, Bangkok and Sarawak, which administered amongst others the Agencies of H.M. Government of Labuan, Standard Life, North China and Norwich Union Assurance Companies. Somewhere along the line Robert McEwen had bowed out, but the head of the Rhinoceros, the subject of his adventure with Dr. Robert Little, related in Appendix "A", was to be seen in the Singapore office.

ROBERTSON, Dr. John Hutchinson, Born Edinburgh 21 May 1829 eldest son of John Robertson, a well known Edinburgh merchant. He founded Edinburgh University Cricket team and was its first captain. He practiced in Edinburgh for a while but finding the winters too trying went to Singapore 1857-58 taking with him his bride, Mary Anne, eldest daughter of Thomas Murray, LL.D., where he joined Dr. Robert Little in Partnership. He was for many years a J.P. and a Municipal Commissioner, tried hard to start a golf course, and was most useful in musical matters, having previously played first violin in the Edinburgh Amateur Orchestra for several years. Of his eight children, seven were born in Singapore. He was a familiar figure and always wore a top hat and frock coat, being much loved by the populace, being a good surgeon. He left the partnership in 1879 and started "The Dispensary". He left Singapore in 1886, (*in a letter dated 6 Feb 1874 from Mary Elizabeth Little to her step daughter Jessie in London there is reference to Dr. Robertson's handsome furniture "which did not sell for the price he wished so he bought it inc. sideboard dining table etc. People are all talking about the 'Glenlyon' being so heavily laden. I hope Dr. R. will not hear of it". Presumably his furniture was being auctioned as a result of Marine salvage, but there is no other explanation*)

WADDELL, James, Born 26 Dec 1846 the eldest son of Rev. Peter Hatley Waddell and Helen Halcrow Wardlaw. His father was a Divine and religious reformer, writer and translator of considerable note and influence. He translated the Psalms 'frae Hebrew intil the Scottis' and was an authority and admirer of the work of Robert Burns. James was trained most



probably as a marine engineer in Glasgow and went out to Singapore as Marine Superintendent for the Netherlands India Steam Navigation Company formed in 1867, being under contract with the Netherlands Indian and South Australian Governments. In 1883 they took the name De Nederlandische-Indische Stoomvaart Maatschappij with Boustead and Co as their Singapore Agents for both NISN Co, and the NISM, with the London Office at 13 Austin Friars. His responsibilities were between Penang, Singapore and Surabaya. He married Margaret Little at Singapore in 1881. The NISM was liquidated early in 1892 and he was presumably repatriated with his family to Glasgow where he was offered the post of General Manager of their Kerosene enterprise at Pangalan Berandan Sumatra. He accepted and took over the management 24 June 1892. Lacking the additional capital promised by the Court of Directors in the Hague and faced with a severe decline in the market, his proposals to deal with the situation were not accepted. He therefor resigned 15 Mar 1893 and embarked aboard S.S. Ganymede 18 Mar for Glasgow. He died in 1906. *(for further detail see Waddell line).*

WHITTLE, Sarah Sophia, Born 1852, elder child of Thomas Waterman WHITTLE, a surveyor, and Sophia MARTIN.\* In December 1842 Sarah wrote to an aunt from Berry Villa, Silverton, Devon, where she was receiving education in the care of a Mrs. Way, and referred to her brother Tommy who on 30th April had left for Christ's Church School, London, (Christ's Hospital?).

On completion of her education in England she rejoined her parents in Singapore where her mother had established a school for girls in North Bridge Road in 1843. Boarders \$12 and Day Scholars \$5 a month.

Sarah Sophia married Dr. Robert LITTLE in 1849 at Singapore and became mistress of Bonnygrass at 17 years of age.

There were 6 children of the marriage:

Sophie	b, 1852
Jessie	b, 1854
Mary	b, 1856
Maxwell	b, 1857
Margaret	b, 1858
Robert McEwan	b, 1860

Two letters from Singapore April 23rd and August 20th to her daughter Jessie being educated in London are the sole insight to her life and character. Part 1 of her husband's thesis presented for his examination for MD at Edinburgh University in 1860 was in her hand writing. She died young in Singapore, probably 1867, and would have been buried in Bukit Timah Road cemetery, which was opened in 1865 but was incorporated in Farmer Park with no gravestones remaining.

\* *(Sophia MARTIN was the daughter of Col. George MARTIN, Indian Army, d, 17 Jan 1815. He was no relation of William MARTIN of Blackford.)*

WHAMPOA, *(Real name Hoh Ah Kay)* born at Whampoa, near Canton and was so nick-named. His firm were contractors to the Royal Navy and suppliers to merchant shipping visiting the port. One of the few of his countrymen to speak English, used his success to play host and be the centre of social life. His hospitality was generous and he was the most respected and best liked Chinaman in Singapore. He played host to many visiting Naval officers including Admiral Keppel in 1848. He became a member of the Legislative Council, also a true friend and patient of Dr. Robert Little, to whom he presented a Claret jug. *(It was willed by Col. William Little to the family of Robert McEwan and Ruby (Née Campbell))* He died in 1880.

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