PEDDIE, John Crofton Grant

Born *c*. 1822, Stirling, Scotland. Died 7 Aug. 1898, Durban

1822.00.00 Born Stirling. (MSCE 9/224)

1850.06.28 Arrived on the *Conquering Hero*, a farmer aged 25, accompanied by William James [s*ic*] Peddie, aged 20. (EI 64). John C. Peddie according to Moreland. (MP A1580)

1851.04.00 In *c*. April 1851 signed a petition of Richmond residents asking for financial support for a schoolmaster. (CSO 2240 no. B625)

1852.04.13 Subscriber to the fund for Richmond water supply. (CSO 2241 no. C252)

1857.00.00 Aged 30, sugar planter on McKenzie’s farm, single. This according to the query paper completed in connection with his application for land. (SGO III/5/32 no. 3)

1857.05.00 Living at Umkomanzi Drift, somehow connected with John MacKenzie [*sic*]. (SGO III/5/15 p. 118)

1858.03.11 Granted farm *Glen Snowden* (1 012 acres), signed for by C.G. Ablett. (SGO III/12/1 p. 86)

1859.08.30 Writing from Durban states that under Proclamation of 7 July 1856 he has a grant of the farm *Glen Snowden* on the Umpambinyoni [river]. Has had difficulty in getting his house built which has to be completed by 12 Oct. 1859 – could not get ‘mechanical labour’ – has now engaged two persons, but fears they will not be able to complete it in time. Asks for a month longer? Answer: Not allowed. (CSO 2249 no. E308)

1859.09.00 Agreed to lease to Thomas Bailey the farm *Glen Snowden* (1 012 acres, 2 roods, 12 perches) situated on the Umpambanyoni river in Lower Umkomanzi Division. Lease period for two years with option to buy at the end of that period for £75. Bailey agrees to build a substantial house on the farm during this time and to pay the quit rent of £6 p.a. to the Govt, in addition to rental paid to Peddie being £50 at the end of 1859 and £75 at the end of 1860. (RSC IV/7/18 no. 533)

1859.11.00 *c*. Nov., perhaps living at or near *Clairmont* (just south of Durban, property of W.R. Thompson of Grahamstown). (CSO 2250 no. E510)

1860.03.23 Of Lower Umkomaas. (*NM* 23.03.60)

1862.06.12 Writing from Pietermaritzburg as his agent, William Martin states that Peddie was entitled to 20 acres and a town allotment in Richmond and is now in a position to take title. Answer: Granted. (CSO 2252 no. F73)

1862.07.10 Witnessed codicil to will of J.T. McKenzie at *Craigieburn*. Another witness was Graham Peddie. (RSC IV/16/4 no. 115)

1866.06.02 Eldest son of Major Peddie, Stirling Castle, married Elizabeth Jane, dau. of the late Robert Burn, R.N., at St Mary’s Chapel, Morpeth, (Northumberland). (*NM* 00.07.66)

1868.06.09 As manager of (John) Gray and (Edward) Tyrrell’s sugar estate, he wrote to the trustees of their insolvent estate that he had been obliged to discharge labourers through lack of funds and would have to discharge all hands if this continued. (MSCE 1/42 no. 25)

1868.10.08 At a special meeting of creditors it was reported that John Crofton Peddie and Walter Gray had obtained actions and judgements against the creditors for sums due to them by the estate – the trustees did not have the money to pay these amounts. They advised creditors that Gray and Peddie’s debts be paid. (MSC 1/42 no. 25)

1870.00.00 Was his wife the Mrs Peddie who had a school in Verulam in the 1870s or 1880s? (Blamey family history p. 42)

1874.12.10 Of Verulam. (*NM* 10.12.74)

1879.08.00 Living at Pinetown. (AGO 1/4/23 p. 19)

1885.09.00 Dated at Verulam, will of John Crofton Grant Peddie, gentleman of Verulam, and his wife Elizabeth Jane née Burn – surviving spouse inherits and after that heirs are Ellen Harris, widow of the late Maj.-Gen. Phillip Harris and Ethel Barstow, dau. of the late Maj.-Gen. John Barstow. (MSCE 120/1896)(RSC IV/13/22 no 19)

1896.11.00 Wife died. (Tomb WSC). Of Tyzack St, Durban, wife Elizabeth née Burn, died. (*NM* 10.11.96)

1896.11.07 Wife Elizabeth Jane died aged 72. His names given here as John Crofton Frank [*sic*]. (DGR 7 November 1896 aged 72. MSC 120/1896)

1898.08.00 Died. (Tomb WSC)

1898.08.07 Of Durban, clerk, born in Stirling, died in Durban aged 76, widower, no children, siblings all dead. (MSCE 9/224). A clerk in Natal Government Railways died aged 75. Name given as John Crofton Frank Peddie. (DGR)

OTHER FAMILY INFORMATION

**Mother**

1863.01.25 Eliza M. Morton, wife of Major Peddie, died at Stirling Castle. (*NM* 00.03.63)

Father

1866.04.03 Major W. Peddie, formerly of 21st Royal-Scots Fusiliers and Acting Fort Major, Stirling Castle, married Margaret Graham Niven, widow Beauland, relict of A.W. Beauland of the Honorable East India Company Service and only dau. of the late James Graham Niven. (*NM* 00.05.66)(*T of N* 02.06.66)

1871.11.27 Major William Henry Peddie, late 21st Royal Scotch Fusiliers, died at Stirling Castle. (*NM* 13.02.72)

**Uncle?**

1859.11.15 John Crofton Peddie, late Lt-Col. of HM’s 41st Regt (Welsh Regt of Foot), formerly of the 21st Scotch Fusiliers, died suddenly while in church at Douglas, Isle of Man. (*NM* 16.02.60)

Copied from headstone in Kirk Braddon Cemetery, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Sacred to the memory of John Crofton Peddie Esq. late Lieut. Colonel Commanding HM 21st

and 41st Regiment(s), age 64, who faithfully Served his country for 36 years. He died suddenly

during Divine Service in St Thomas Church, Isle of Man on Sunday 15th November 1859

As a tribute of affection and respect to the virtues of a just and honourable man this headstone is

erected by his sorrowing widow Elizabeth Moira and his two surviving sons (by his first wife

Eliza Baillie), Capt. Crofton Peddie of HM’s 21st Regiment and Captain George Peddie 41st

Regiment.

(Personal correspondence C.E. Merrett)

1868.06.03 Auret Eliza Maria [*sic*] Bever, widow of the late Col. J.C. Peddie, formerly commanding the 21st Royal North British Fusiliers, latterly the 41st Regt, died at Windsor Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man.(*NM* 00.09.68)

**Cousins?**

Crofton Peddie enlisted in the 21st Regt (Royal North British Fusiliers) on 17 Oct. 1851 as a 2nd Lieut. and was promoted to Lieut. on 23 Nov. 1852. (Hart’s Army list)

George Peddie enlisted in the 41st Regt as an ensign on 13 Feb. 1854. (Hart’s Army list)

1863.09.29 Crofton Peddie, Capt. 21st Royal North British Fusiliers , eldest surviving son of late Col. Peddie, formerly commanding the same corps and the 41st Regt, died at the Craven Hotel, London. (*NM* 00.11.63)

1869.09.00 Capt. George Peddie of the 41st Regt, only surviving son of the late Lieut. Col. John Grafton [*sic*] Peddie of the Royal North British Fusiliers and the 41st “The Welsh” Regiment, died at the camp Subathos, India, of cholera. (*NM* 00.12.69)

**Wife’s mother**

1874.10.01 Mrs Isabella Wood Burn, relict of Robbert Burn, RN, of Stirling, North Britain, died at Thorpe Arche (Thorp Arch) Yorkshire. (*NM* 10.12.74)

**Wife’s niece**

1874.10.20 Isabella Mary Francy Harris Lindsay, wife of Major Alex. Lindsay, Royal Horse Artillery, and eldest dau. of late Maj.-Gen. Phillip Harris, died of typhoid at Mean Mean, India. (*NM* 15.12.74)

**Wife’s nephew**

1879.05.21 George Henry Walter, youngest son of the late Maj.-Gen. Phillip Harris, died at Gloucester Crescent, Hyde Park. (*NM* 01.07.79)

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CSO – Colonial Secretary’s Office

DGR – Durban Government Register (Deaths)

EI – European Immigration

MSCE – Master of the Supreme Court Estates

RSG – Registrar of the Supreme Court

SGO – Surveyor General’s Office All of the above avail. from Pmb. Archives Repository.

MSC – Master of the Supreme Court Avail. from Master’s office

**Personal Communication**

Merrett, C.E.

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