PEDDIE, William Henry

Born *c.* 1830, Knock-Nanaff, City of Cork, Ireland. Died 6 Feb. 1898, Greyville, Durban.

1830.00.00 Born Knock-Nanaff, City of Cork. Before coming to Natal he was resident at Stirling, Scotland, where his father, Major Peddie, was stationed at StirlingCastle. A sister, Annie Susan, died on her way to England from Mauritius. She was the wife of Genl Douglas Dods, MD, Staff Surgeon of HM’s forces. (RSC IV/16/4 no 49)(*NS* 10.10.57)

1850.06.28 Arrived on the *Conquering Hero*, aged 20, with Crofton Peddie. (EI 64)(Clark pp 236, 237)

1851.04.00 In *c*. April 1851 signed a petition of Richmond Residents. (CSO 2240 no B 625)

1854.05.00 Moved from Surveyor General’s office to first clerkship in Post Office. (*NI* 11.05.54)(*NCA* 13.05.54)

1856.04.00 Aged 25 he married Anne Caroline McKenzie, 17, dau. of John Thomas McKenzie, both of Durban. (CSO 2282). At time of marriage he was Postmaster, Durban, and John Mackenzie [*sic*] was of Umkomazi. Revd Ireland officiated. (*NW* 04.04.56)

1857.00.00 Postmaster, Durban. (1857 NBB)

1859.02.00 Aged 29, Postmaster, Durban. (SGO III/5/32 no 93)

1859.03.29 Writing from Durban, he states that the land grant for which he had applied has been found to be in Umlazi Location [and presumably thus not available to him]. He argues that J.McKenzie has land on the North side of the Umkomaas [river] so why shouldn’t he? Report – it is possible that McKenzie was allowed a small portion of land in Umlazi Location on the grounds of early occupation. (CSO 2248 no E 192)

1859.04.09 Reported that he would be resigning as Postmaster, Durban, at the end of the month. (*NS* 09.04.59)

1859.07.30 Presumably the Peddie under whose “experienced direction” the new *Maidenhead* [should be *Maidstone* (SO’BS] sugar mill of Thomas Cook was working. (*NS* 30.07.59)

1859.12.01 Granted farm *Lewisham* (600 acres) north of the Ifafa river in Lower Umkomanzi Division (later Victoria County) signed for by R.Vause on 8 December, 1859. (SGO III/12/1 p. 97) (Holmden’s map [c.1927]). In 1877 this was owned by Vause, and was worth £300. (*NGG* 8.3.1881)

1860.04.12 Of *Roseneath Farm*, Umkomaas, sugar planter. He and wife Anne made a will. (RSC IV/16/4 no 48). On the same day he made a will about his Irish property. According to the will of his mother’s uncle, he is entitled to a share in a portion of lands, house tenements and hereditaments situated in Co. Cork, or to a portion of the proceeds of a sale thereof. This being subject to the life interest of his parents both of whom are still living, The executor appointed for his Irish property is his brother Graham Peddie, a civil engineer presently in the East Indies but about to return to England. On the disposal of the Irish property, half is to be transmitted to his widow and the other half to his Natal executor for the benefit of his children. (RSC IV/16/4 no 49)

1861 In John Robinson’s report of his tour of the Southern sugar lands he says Peddie

was planting sugar near the Umkomanzi river. (*NM* 25.05.61)

1861.04.12 As his agent, George Challinor memorialized the Lt.-Gov. on Peddie’s behalf, saying he had been unable to take up his allotment as a Byrne settler and is now able to do so and asks for forfeiture to be waived. The Lt.-Gov. was pleased to waive the forfeitures on Lot 75 (20 acres), *Beaulieu Estate* and Lot 3 Block K in Richmond. (CSO 2251 no E 711)

1862.03.12 Mrs Peddie, two children [*sic*] and a servant left on the *Early Morn* for Algoa. (EI 74)

1862.05.23 Peddie, wife and three children and a servant arrived at Port Natal on the *Waldensian* , cabin class. (EI 74)

1862.07.21 Peddie and wife made a codicil to their will being about to proceed with their family on a voyage to England. If both die childless then the property is to go to John McKenzie and on his death to his wife Elizabeth and on her death to Peddie’s sister Isabella Peddie of Stirling, Scotland. (RSC IV/16/4 no 127)

1862.07.26 With wife, three [*sic*] children and a servant left on the *Aries* cabin class for London. Also on board was another Peddie. (EI 74) [This was possibly Graham although there is no sign of his arrival from 1860-62 (SOB’S)]

1870, mid- *Saccharine Hill Estate*, founded by Mr S. Gee, now chiefly in the hands of Mr A.W. Evans, and for the past year ably run by his manager W.H. Peddie, one of our most experienced planters. 300 acres under cultivation. (R N on N p 71)(*NM* 18.08.70)

1875.10.22 Occupation shown as ‘bankers clerk’ when son Lewis Norman born. (Umz. Govt Reg. births)

1876.11.00 Living at Umkomanzi, Co. Alexandra, a St Helena female servant of his died in the wagon taking her to Durban for medical treatment. (AGO I/4/17 p 1195)

1876.12.17 Designated a gentleman when son Lewis Norman baptized. (R. St P.Umz.).

1879 Storekeeper. Lower Umkomaas. (DNA 1879 p 367)

1881.10.31 Affidavit of Richard Vause, agent for Peddie at present of Lindley, Free State. Peddie is owner of farm *Woodland Lodge* (305 acres), Co. Alexandra. Diagram of property has been lost and a certified copy is applied for. The farm is on the Umkomaas river. Application granted. (RSC I/8/91 no 8550). *Woodland Lodge* is on the southern bank of the Umkomaas. (SO’BS)

1882.05.10 Wife Caroline Ann [*sic*] died on Wednesday 10.05.1882. (*NM* 16.05.1882)\*

1882.05.18 Wife Caroline Ann [*sic*] died aged 42. (Tomb St Bride’s. Umkomaas)\*

* + - 1. A bookkeeper, he died in Greyville, Durban, aged 67. (Dbn Govt Reg. deaths)

Note\* According to a perpetual calendar 10 May 1882 was a Wednesday. This lends weight to the accuracy of the newspaper report. Inscriptions on tombstones are often difficult to read and a nought could easily have been mistaken for an eight.

CHILDREN

**Eliza Amelia** (17.04.1858-?)

1858.04.17 Born at Durban. (R. Cong. Dbn)(*NM* 29.04.58)

1887.12.21 Married Robert Arbuckle, widower, storeman, both of Durban. (R. St C. Dbn) Robert was a son of William Arbuckle. (BS in N v.1)

**John McKenzie** (16.04.1860-06.02.1898)

1860.04.16 Born, mother’s name given as Annie. (R. Cong. Dbn)

1898.02.06 Found dead near James Bradshaw’s [mission] station in the Berea district about five hours from Maseru. It was a shooting accident. He was unmarried, about 40 years old, and had been 18 yrs in the Orange Free State, Transvaal and Basuto land where he traded. He was well known especially in the districts of Ficksburg and Vrede. He had left Maseru on his way to Natal after a three month stay. (*NW* 10.08.98)

**Graham** (23.11.1861-28.06.1862)

1861.11.23 Born at *Roseneath*, Umkomaas. (*NM* 00.11.61)

1862.06.28 Died at *Roseneath*, Umkomaas. (*NM* 00.07.62)

**Annie Henrietta** (18.08.1864-11.05.1943)

1864.08.18 Born at *Roseneath* , Umkomaas. (*NM* 00.08.64)(Graham Peddie)

1914.04.15 Aged 47 married Joseph Henry Lewis, 48, widower, gaoler of Weenen. (R. Cath. Est.)

1943.05.11 Died. Of 157 Mansfield Road, Durban. Step-mother of Syd Lewis, Transport Dept, Durban Corpn., and W.D. Lewis SA Railways &Harbours, and widow of J.H. Lewis, formerly Chief Warden, Point Prisons, Durban. (Graham Peddie)

**Alfred Ernest** (24.10.1865-25.02.1954)

1865.10.24 Born at *Roseneath*, Umkomaas. (*NM* 00.10.65)(R. St C. Dbn)

1872.09.13 Baptised. Father is manager of *Saccharine Hill*, Umhlanga. (R. St C. Dbn)

1888.04.00 Got licence to marry Wilhamina Anderson, 18, born Aberdeen, daughter of Mrs Charlotte Smith and step-daughter of William Dixon Smith. He was born at Umkomaas, Alexandra Co. and was 22. (CSO 2288, 2284)

1952.10.26 Wilhelmina, wife of Alfred Ernest Peddie died aged 83. (Tomb Umz. A)

1954.02.25 Alfred Ernest Peddie died aged 94. (Tomb Umz. A)

**Althea Julia** (22.05.1867 -?)

1867.05.22 Born. ?Umkomaas. (R. St C. Dbn)

1872.09.13 Baptised . Father is manager of *Saccharine Hill*, Umhlanga. (R. St C. Dbn)

**William Henry** (30.09.1868-20.03.1955)

1868.09.30 Born. ?Umkomaas. (R. St C. Dbn)

1872.09.13 Baptised. Father is manager of *Saccharine Hill*. Umhlanga. (R St C. Dbn)

1894.12.19 At *Bassons Kraal*, Weenen, married Estelle Mary Wakelin. (Graham Peddie). Farmer, Ladysmith, married Estelle Mary Wakelin. (R. St M. Est)

1944.12.19 Of 152 Frances Street, Bellevue East, Johannesburg, they celebrated their Golden Wedding. (Graham Peddie)

1946.10.17 Of 152 Frances Street, wife died aged 76 after a long illness. She was formerly of *Oaklands*. (Graham Peddie)

1955.03.20 Died in Johannesburg. (Graham Peddie)

**Edward Graham** (06.12.1870-?)

1870.12.06 Born ?*Saccharine Hill*, Umhlanga. (R. St C. Dbn)

1872.09.13 Baptised. Father is manager of *Saccharine Hill*, Umhlanga. (R. St C. Dbn)

**Ada Mary** (01.11.1872 -?)

1872.11.01 Born. ?*Saccharine Hill,* Umhlanga. (R. St C. Dbn)

1872.11.29 Baptised. Father is manager of *Saccharine Hill*, Umhlanga. (R. St C. Dbn)

1904.01.28 Ada Maude [*sic*], 27 [*sic*], married William John Henry Wilmot, 32, brickmaker. (R. FN, Pmb)

**Lewis Norman** (1875.10.22-?)

1875.10.22 Born. (R. St P. Umz.). Son born at Umkomanzi. Father a bank clerk. (Umz. Govt Reg. births)

1876.12.00 Baptised. Father a gentleman. (R. St P. Umz.)

? Married Madaline? They had one son John Crofton Peddie. (Graham Peddie)

**Arthur** (05.07.1877-03.06.1878)

1877.07.05 Born. (R. St P. Umz.)

1877.08.22 Baptised. Father a gentleman. (R. St P. Umz.)

1878.06.03 Died aged 11 months. (Umz. Govt Reg. deaths)

**Harold Douglas** (17.11.1878 -?)

1878.11.17 Born . (R. St P. Umz.). A son born at *Roseneath*, Lower Umkomaas. ( *NW* 23.11.78)

1879.02.08 Baptised. Father a gentleman. (R. St P. Umz.)

**Lucy Ethel Ainslie** (27.03.1880-13.01.1881)

1880.03.27 Born. (R. St P. Umz.)

1880.04.16 Baptised. Father a gentleman. (R. St P. Umz.)

1881.01.13 Youngest child, died at Lindley, OFS. (*NM* 31.01.81)

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EI – European Immigration

NBB – Natal Blue Books

NGG – Natal Govt Gazette

RSC – Registrar Supreme Court

SGO – Surveyor General’s Office

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Peddie, Graham

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Knock Nanaff in City of Cork not identified.

Knocknangh in County of Cork = Hill of the horses.

Knochnanav in County of Cork = Hill of the oxen.

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