LARRY'S PHOTO GALLERY.





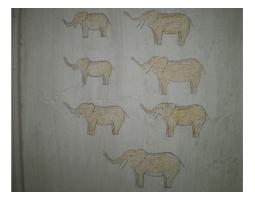
Larry Simon Penney Peter Pett, Brijendra (Polly) Rajpal Tom Porter Self Paul S-James-Polly Rajpal .P.Baxter



Batemans. Rudyard Kiplings House-about 100 metres from Peter and Maggie Pett's house at Burwash Weald.



Joe Matthews an old friend of Peewees -in Shillong 2007



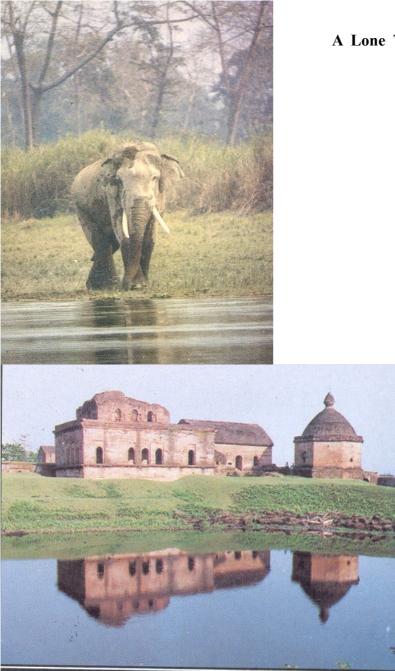
Joe's drawings on his sitting room wall



PaulArthur?Tony and GracePollyEricSherman-JamesDonkinPickfordRajpalSingh



Rang Ghar Sibsagar.



Kareng Ghar Sibsagar A Lone Tusker



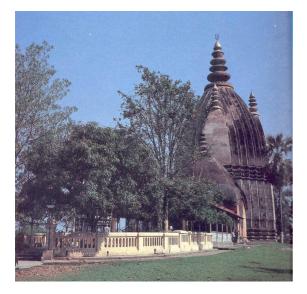
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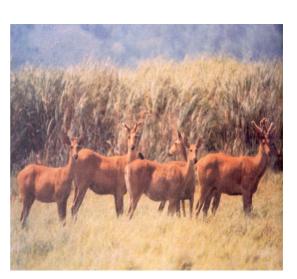


Happy in tea



Gargaon Palace at Nazira





Shiva Dol at Borpukhuri Sibsagar

Swamp Deer Kaziranga



Peter Bartlett SueDas Keith Marchant Ralph Kynoch Dicky Marchant Merle Bartlett Suku Das Ruchi Kakoti Ian Marchant Paddy O'Flynn Ora Marchant Tanee Das

Farewell to Ralph Kynoch and the Marchants-1967



Peter 'Smudge' Smith at table 30 with messrs Bob Jeffares,Steinherr and others at the 1953 Assam Dinner, Savoy Hotel, London



Larry

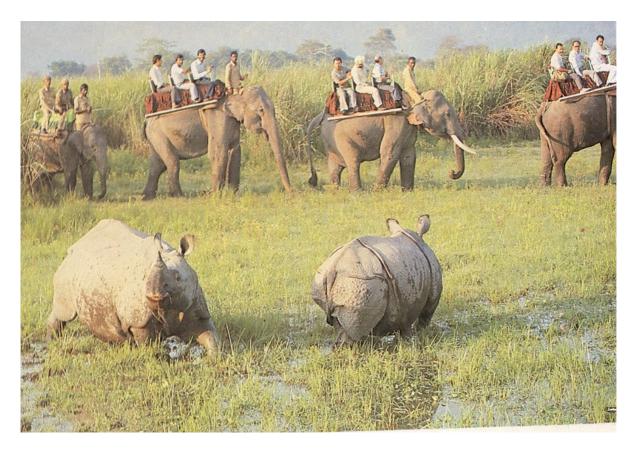
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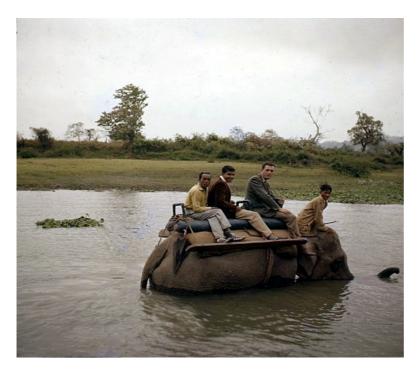


The Emperor and Empress!! At The Great Wall of China 2008





Tourists at Kaziranga



Simon Penney and Polly Rajpal at Kaziranga

At Digboi Pool Back: Jimmy Pariat-Ruth Pariat –'Bubbles' Choudhury. Front: Larry-Paul Sherman-James-Polly-Tom Porter





CENTRE POINT OF SHILLONG – POLICE BAZAAR SHILLONG.



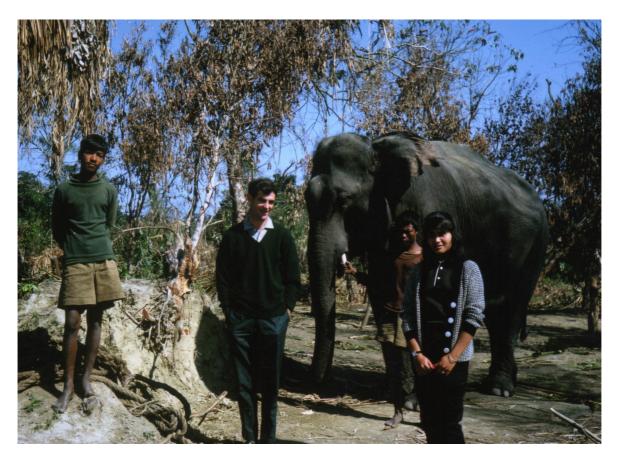
PINEWOOD HOTEL SHILLONG



Path from Margherita Club to the church.



Namdang Bara Bungalow.



Larry and Joan at Rangagora elephant training camp (Ron Aston took the photo) circa 1966



Ron Aston



Ambassador with Spoiler and trimmings!



Captain Hunts -2008



Shillong Club Bar 2008

(Tony Curtis Lyngdoh sitting in the corner)



Captain Hunts place 2008



This is a painting in Bob and Dorothy Jones's house in Shillong of a village scene in Assam by John L.L.Wynne.

"Wynnie Sahib" as he was known to the locals at Rupai siding where he lived, was a successful Contractor and a talented artist. He was with the Assam Company and was the manager of Tippuk before opting for a more satisfying life at Rupai. His paintings were signed 'Langford Wynne'



Eric Singh and Paul Sherman-James



With John Martin AR & T Forestry Officer



Pam and Chris Gathorne with their firstborn-Nicola.



Chris and Pam

Flat 4513 Sector B 5/6 Valant King, New Deilin - 70 India January '98 Dear Larry With great sonow I would like to inform, you that dad (Enc) passed away on 9th Dec If it is any consolation, he didn't have to be bed nodden, or given any drips or oxygen, and passed in the most dignified manner, as he would have wanted I would like to thank you for all your support in our of need, good for being time such a good friend to him for the New Jean Best inshes and do keep in buch Regards always. Jesse

As this little story comes to a close, I will never forget great friends like Eric Singh, Tony Pickford, Bill Addison, Peewee Bursnall, Chris and Pam Gathorne, Jean Beven and others who have left us and I'm sure that their many other friends will remember them with equal fondness too. Eric's demise brought many old friends together again and they were united in having conversations with him during his illness, and later, united in their grief.,

I eventually left Namdang but never really left Tea. I joined Gillanders and there were a lot of lovely people in that Company but I could not come to terms with the VA system of governance and we parted after a relatively short time. I travelled to Kenya, Uganda and Malawi to have a look there to gauge the prospects but decided to move to New Guinea and my friends David Billingham (ex Duncans) and David Copland(ex Duncans) spoke on my behalf and I joined Mount Hagen Tea Growers Warrawou Tea Estate situated in the Western Highlands District in New Guinea at an altitude of 6000 ft.

I was in New Guinea at the best time. From 1970 I spent the next16 years there out of which I spent 4 years on an island in the middle of the South Pacific-giant waterspouts-shoals of Barracuda-Orca pods-migrating whales –Marlin, flying fish, a gold mine, and more... I then joined tea again. This time in Australia. Where I became a part owner of a plantation, 'Madura', in Northern New South Wales. I retired in 2002 and visit India frequently.

India, Assam, and tea, the people and the fellow planters that I met will always be the highlights of my life.

<u>People who were there at the time.</u>

Addison: Bill Addison was born in Coimbatore. His family all came from Portnockie in Scotland. His father worked in Ceylon. Bill was married to Peggy. They have two children, Kema, born in Assam(and named after an Island in the Brahmaputra, and George, born in Malawi. Bill was manager of Daimukhia, his assistants were Ratan Singh and Hip Verma. After India he spent a short spell in Malawi and similar short terms as an engineer in Warrawau Tea Factory with Archie Bell and later as manager of Madan Tea nd Coffee Estate.

(sadly, Bill died on the 29th December 2006 in Brisbane. I attended the funeral service with Davey and Lana Lamont, and there was was much laughter and tears as a celebration of Bill's life was recounted. He is a good friend to many and will be sorely missed) (see koi-hai site in More Articles of Interest)

Aston : R.H. (Ron) good friend Rangagora TE. Ron was part of our little musical group, 'The Mudguards'. Ron's uncle is Vic Austin who was on Loongsong TE. Ron's cousin Gwen married Sandy Jennings (Rupai TE) at Margherita in Nov 1966.Ron sat in with the Beatles in some jam sessions at thye Cavern Club in Liverpool, in the early days.

Ron runs his own workplace safety business in the UK (2006). The manager of Rangagora at that time was Rod Meadows who died in 2006

Avari: Erich and Hilla and their sons Minoo and Erick: Erich was the Chief Conservator of Forests in West Bengal. He and his family owned both the cinema halls in Darjeeling. Erich died some years back. Hilla lives in Coonoor(2006). Tony Pickford visits her often. Minoo is in Kodaikanal and Erick is very well known in Hollywood and has been in many films and features, he appeared in his first movie in 1962 at age 9-'Kanchenzunga'-a film by Satyajit Ray. In Hollywood he appears in many: The Mummy, Star Trek, West Wing etc

Their Great Grandfather, J.F.Madan built the first cinema in India in 1907. It was named 'Elphinstone Picture Palace' and at one time, the Madan's, J.F. And Sir J.J owned over 40% of the cinemas in India.

Aitken W.H. (Bill) Tara TE.

Anderson Roy. Zaloni TE.(Roy left India through the kind auspices of a ship's captain he met in Isiaahs!!!!)-but this made things difficult with the Tax Dept., for those of us who remained

Byrne: Patrick J. O'Connor, from the Oil Company in Digboi- was a fantastic tennis player. His daughter, Shannon, was a stunningly beautiful young lady who was just starting a modelling career. Pat died some years back, in Perth, Western Australia and is survived by his wife and daughter. **Bryan** Colin. From Salford, near Manchester. He was a likeable, soft spoken lad who knew of all the happenings in the district. He was happy in India as long as his close friends were there too. When they left, he left. He is now in Canada.

Bursnall: Peter (Peewee) Ah Dearie Me, what can anyone say about Peewee. We all loved himhe loved all of us. He brought brightness and happiness to so many lives-the mould was broken when Peewee was made. Peewee ,sadly, died in the mid 70's.

Beattie Harry. As at 2006, Harry is in a nursing home in Scotland. His memoirs are fortunately on koi-hai and recorded for posterity. He is another one who made an impact on his stay in India. He was awarded an OBE for his tireless work in assisting the evacuation of those who were leaving at the time of the Chinese agression in 1962. (Sadly, Harry died On the 20th December 2006) **Beattie** Alexander was manager of Woka TE, Rungajaun Tea Company. He died on the 12th July 1942 of Malaria after pushing himself too hard while assisting the refugees who trekked from Burma. He is buried in Golaghat Cemetery. He worked closely with Jean Lakin, (wife of Sandy of

the Makum Company) who was Matron of the Dimapur Hospital.

Bhasin Raj. Dapper dresser and a really nice person. On leaving tea Raj started a successful secretarial business in Delhi. One of his cousins was the movie star Anju Mahendra who was romantically linked to Gary Sobers.

Baxter Peter (W.M's) After tea Peter had a successful catering business and British Rail was one of his major customers. He sold his business many years later for a large sum. Now he spends his time sailing in his fairly large yacht to many countries in Europe. He visits India from time to time to see Jimmy Pariat and other friends.

Broome Ashok (Margherita TE) His father, Justice William Broome, was an Allahabad High Court Judge 1958-1972. Ashok stayed less than one contract.

Bell all the Bells! "Dinger": was at Pengaree, died in NZ "Swifty" (Archie), went to PNG, as manager of Warrawou Tea Plantation. After retirement, he died at his home in the Blue Mountains in Australia. Colin, Doom Dooma, great friend of Peter Wilson. Stanley from Belfast, Manager of Moran in the 1920's (see his daughter's -(Alison Patrick) story under 'Travelers Tales" on the koi-hai site.

Beven Jimmy, and wife Jean. Namdang and Bogapani. Manager Margherita TE Son Rick, British Army -with Gurkhas in Nepal. Afghanistan etc., Son Timothy at Wroxham. Prior to joining Makum Namdang, Jimmy was with Duncans and as a result his knowledge of the other districts and the people is far ranging. He was also very good Engineer and Carpenter. He modified his Dodge into an Estate car and built a large but lightweight canoe that could easily be lifted up rapids. Jimmy, like many others, loved the rivers of Assam. Jean's father, John Filshill, was with the Burmah Oil Company in Glasgow and London in the early to late 1900's. Jimmy is one of the last links with Makum Namdang's past and on many occasions he has helped clarify about situations and people about which I had only vague recollections. He is a goldmine of information.He denies being the culprit in the demolition of the railway signal as featured in Tony Pickford's story but some think otherwise......!! Jimmy Beven is a lovely person.

Bartlett Peter and Merle. Peter was with Warrens and he had many friends in the Makum Namdang Company. After India he spent a number of years in Malawi (see Weddings and also the Cowdray Reunion on the koihai website)

Bayley Phil and Jennifer, were with W.M's. Phil's tales on the koi-hai site are hilarious.Phil and Jennifer have a wealth of knowledge about tea people and places, and are great company.

BaruahRonoo and wife Ruby. Ronoo was the first Assamese Assistant in the Makum Company.BairdDr Jim- a great and caring Doctor at Margherita Central Hospital but left after only onetour.Company: Company.

Baird Logie General Manager of AOC now living in Perth W.A. (2006).

Benson James and Betty. Were with the Jokai(Assam) Company firstly on Timonah then Daisajan and Jamirah. After India they went to Australia and then Papua New Guinea. They now live in a lovely part of the world at Nelsons Bay in New South Wales-a lovely spot for lovely people.

Birchenough Neddy and Eileen, from Manchester-with the Assam Oil Company. Great friends of Colin Bryan.

Braithwaite John.(Finlay's) Was on Powai. Known as 'Jeb'.

Bryan Colin, Engineer, Margherita TE – went to Canada after tea.

Bottomley P.H. (Peter) Hukanpukri TE . Died UK 2006.

Barrie G. (George) MacNeill and Barry. Sagmootea TE. Died Scotland 2006.

Cavers Tom and Nan, Bazaloni TE. (and Peewees boxer dog!) See Harry Beattie's memoir. Catmur David. Now living in Canada. Was with Namdang Tea Co early 50's. Became head of Canada's volunteer service abroad . C.U.S.O. Has told me many delightful stories of his days with Namdang. He related a story of John Maurice Kilburn (father of Jack) who punched a cow that was interfering with the weighment of green leaf. He must have been a powerful man as the cow was knocked out for several minutes.(Sadly, David left us on the 28th Jan 2006. Another link with the past has gone)

Connell past Suptd Makum Namdang

Crampton Eddie and wife, Maggie. Bogapani TE early 50's.

Chatterjee Doc TripleFRCS Glasgow,London and ? Was Margherita Central hospital PMO. Married to, Patricia, a Scots lady.

Choudhury. Babloo (Bubbles) now in charge of Golf at Tollygunge Club.

Coomber R.B. (Reg) Bordubi TE.

Carruthers O. (Oliver) Scottish Assam Tea Co. After Tea to Shillong where he had extensive poultry interests. Died in Shillong.

Campbell Morland and Jean. Powai TE. Lovely couple. Morland died in Scotland 2006.

Donkin Arthur. Dehing TE Tragically died of Carbon Monoxide inhalation while repairing his car in a closed garage in winter in the UK.

Dutt Naloo (and wife Shipra) ex Makum, Namdang Superintendent Lives at Salt Lakes, Kolkata. Naloo fell down a lift shaft there and broke both legs!

DukeBill, was at Dirok.Was married to Valerie whose stories appear on the koi-hai site.DixonTess sect'y AR&TWorked for many years at XXXX brewery in Brisbane , now

living at Sandstone Point with partner **Colin Westcombe** ex Margherita TE. Sister **Shirley** lives in Brisbane, is married to **Ken Namey** (ex James Warren) (sadly, Ken died in 2006.)

Drake J.B. (Donald) Balijan North TE. Lived in Shillong for some time after tea and wanted to settle there but because of restrictions was unable to do this.

Etto Jean. Was Harry Beattie's secretary -married to Anand Chaurasia from Powai TE. Now lives Rwanda, Cyprus and India. Anand is fairly high up in Heinneken Brewery **Eyre -Higgins** Graham. Past General Manager of AR&T -Alan Lane bought a book 'The History of the Assam Railways and Trading Company-a hardback copy. When Alan enquired where it had come from he was told "from the deceased estate of the Higgins"

Eadie: Andy and Mary, son and two daughters, Jane and Carole. Assam Oil Company accountant. Jane and Carole both live in Queensland, Australia.Carole is credited with many stories. One of them was, when looking to make up a Bridge four, Carole was asked if she could play. She brightly answered "Oh Yes, I learnt last Thursday"(Carole was a trained hairdresser but the story of the snipped earlobe of a Digboi Mem-which the Eadie's cat promptly made off with – is a story that I will leave for her to tell!!)

Furst PJF (Prof) Retired Makum/Namdang Suptd lives in Shillong. Wife, Maureen 3 daughters from previous marriage. (to Shane Page. Dibrugarh district) Peewee described Page as looking like Ray Milland!

After retirement, Prof worked as a consultant to private tea companies but he had an accident at Gauhati, which resulted in a broken leg. Wife, Maureen suffered from dementia for 10 years and died in Shillong, aged 87, on the 17th March 2006. Prof is sadly, now a shell of a man through the effort of looking after Maureen and is himself now suffering from dementia and poor health. Maureens daughters: **Denise**, married to **Martin Merry** (ex Makum Company) and living in Perth WA. **Nicola** died at the young age of 32 from Emphysema. Eldest daughter **Bettine**, is also in Australia.

Flannery Phil He was manager of Digboi Club. Nice fellow but didn't last long as he was too friendly with some of the very attractive young Armenian Ladies. No Names-no pack drill, as Peewee would say.

Goswami Dr Margherita Central hospital (got very annoyed when some of the Makum Namdang assistants had to be treated for self inflicted illnesses!)

Godsell John-and his sister, Margaret. John was the manager of the AR&T Veneer Mill.

Gupta Narendra Narain (Toonoo) UP Namdang TE, cousin of Peter Lal who was also with the Namdang Company and on leaving went to Australia.

Grey John from Donaghadee, N.Ireland. Stayed only a half contract at Margherita **Gathorne** Chris and Pam Children Nicola and Richard. Chris and Pam were the salt of the earth. The relationship of Chris and Pam and myself in later years is a classic case of procrasination and prevarication on my part-"I'll visit them in July-no-make it September-no, next year. Too busy, definitely the year after". But they died before I could say my Goodbyes, and I feel very, very sad about this. I had tremendous love and respect for Chris and Pam and Chris helped me when I was new to tea in Assam. Lovely,lovely people.(Pam, nee Mitchell was the daughter of a Darjeeling planter-B.Mitchell, who was on a Duncan's garden, Risheehat TE, in the 40's)

Pam died in 1989 and Chris, on the 31st May 1991. The wake was held at their daughter Nicola's house and was attended by many of Chris's old friends including Phil and Jennifer Bayley, Simon Penney and others.

Graves Dick and Lois. Dick started with WM's and was on Bordubi and other W.M.Gardens Later on he was in the Mangaldai district on Attareekhat, where he 'discovered' the pygmy hog/ hare and other rare species etc Magor came to see etc He later joined a Tea Broking frim in Chittagong, then Calcutta -Cresswell's ...Married to Lois- ex Air India Hostess-now living in Nelspruit, S.Africa. **Graves** Tim, elder brother of Dick, married to Bih, from Shillong, and living in Perth, Western Australia.



NAWANG GOMBU 1936 -

Gombu Nawang. Led the first successful American Team to conquer Everest in 1963. He is the nephew of Tenzing and he was the first man to climb Everest twice.

Guidetti Valerie. Shillong. Wife of Sanbah of W.M's, Keyhung. Sanbah and his father in law Tooh Guidetti were killed in Shillong in 2001 by armed thugs-who were eventually caught.

Griffith Michael Starbuck Tweedie. My daughter Natasha's Godfather. Stories of Mike and his shenanigans abound!

Garnett M.P. (Mick) Panitola TE.-now living in Australia.

Hendren Billy. Belfast. Sirocco. 1 contract only with Makum Co., Bill's father was a foreman in Sirocco.

Holl M.K. (Martin) was a trainee with Sirocco-Banarhat TE. married Ernie Lees's (Crossley Engineer) sister. Lives in Melbourne.

Hardie M.B. (Mike) Itakhooli TE. (Paul Sherman-James advises me that Mike died some years back)

Innes Reverend Peter Padre Innes officiated at many weddings-and many funerals in Assam. He was always pleasant and had a great sense of humour and an infectioius giggle! He was well thought of and much loved by all who lived and worked in Assam.

Iyer Dr Andy, was in charge of the AR & T sawmill

Jennings Sandy and Gwen Sandy, Belfast, Sirocco married to Gwen, daughter of Vic and Eileen Austin, on the 5th November 1966. Now living in Wales. Sandy has successful Health and Safety business.

JohannesBertie and Phyllis now living in Sydney, but exact whereabouts are unknown..JewellG.P. (Geoffrey) Behora TE.

Kapur Prem-was manager of Ledo TE.and later went to Duncan's Head Office in Calcutta.Kilburn John Maurice, father of Jack and close friend of Bill McKercher,inventor of the CTCKilburn Jack, wife Natalie. Director of Makum Namdang Tea Company.

Kumar Krishna, Namdang TE. Left in 1961.

Keith Bill. Dirok TE

Kynoch R.F. (Ralph) Balijan TE Went to New Guinea, now settled in Braemar, Scotland.

Khongmein Mrs B. Chairman Public Service Commission, Shillong.

Kidwai A.N. Chief Secretary to the Govt of Assam (father of Shehnaz)

Lane Alan born in Cachar. Dad, John manager of Kalline-see koi-hai site.

Littlewood Arthur (& Eleanor) Mining Engineer of AR&T, based at Ledo. Best mate of Peewee. Larkins Ashley and Patricia- a lovely couple. They were married in Moran.

Lal Peter. Namdang, Last heard of in Sydney-Jean Pigott who was in confinement saw him pushing a wheelchair past her ward. Peters wife was there also to give birth. Peter is the cousin of Toonoo Gupta.(Narendra Narain Gupta)Toonoo died a couple of years ago. Another link gone.

Marr Gordon: died in a hang gliding accident. His father was with the Assam Company and was a manager and Acting Superintendent there.

Morris Percy and Adelaide with sons and daughters, Alex, Heather, Doreen, Coral, Sandra, Trevor, Nigel A lovely family with lovely people- particularly Sandra.

Merry Martin. Lives in Perth and married to Denise, one of Maureen Furst's daughters

Maltby 'Snuff'. Was at Bogapani

Maltby 'Pop' was with AR & T Company.

Maltby Jim and Joyce. Their son, Simon, lives in Brisbane, their daughter in the UK Jim Died in the 1980's-Joyce, in 2006 is still hale and hearty and living in the UK. It's told that one time when Jim and Joyce were on leave, as they were disembarking from a train in Paris, Jim became separated from Joyce. He went to a Railway Guard and asked "Memsahib kahan hai"?

(Sadly, Joyce died in the UK in 2007 from a heart attack-she was 93 years old.

Mulvey Frank and Sal, Manager of Numaligarh. They owned the most magnificent old Bentleyjust like the one in the film "The Fast Lady" (in which Julie Christie played the daughter of James Robertson-Justice.)

McNicol A.J.S, (John) Chubwa TE. After India, N.Guinea where he became a Director of W.R.Carpenters Tea Plantations in the Western Highlands. Retired to Isle of Man. Now settled in Sydney.

Nuttall Arthur Mansfield- Bogapani (See Ali's story Elephant Boy.) (and Tony Pickford's recollections).

NuttallJohn Graham. The one to whom the 'Elephant Boy' story was told by Peter Furst..NorthcoteShaun and GretaAustralia- Manager of a Plastics Co., Brisbane. Later, Manager ofNorthern Rivers Tea Company, Casino, New South Wales. Now in Darwin to be closer to son Kevin

(a lecturer in Bahassa Indonesian at the University) and his family.

Namey Ken. was with James Warren. Married to Shirley (nee Dixon) Sadly Ken died in 2004 in Brisbane.

NaugD.A. (Duncan) Ghoirallie TE. (Gillanders) Now Melbourne.NaugP.A. (Peter) Limbuguri TE . now living in Brisbane.NaugR.E. (Rex) Naganijan TE. now living in Brisbane.

O'Leary Olga married to Alex Morris and they live in Perth. Barbara (Chicko) has her own Law practice in Adelaide and supports charities in Calcutta. Jackie (Joey) married to Alan Lane. Tiny, is married to ex Crossley engineer Colin Aldred and lives in Canada.

Phillips (John and Marion). After leaving Namdang, a short stint in Uganda. They went to Lockerbie and settled there. Really nice people.

Pickford Tony and his first wife Grace, who died some years back. Now married to Bridget and living in Coonoor. Tony has stories on koi-hai of the more colourful people who were part of the Makum Namdang Company. Tony is a leading light in Coonoor and is the UK representative for the area. He is in touch with many, like Nandan Kilpadi, Ranga Bedi, Hilla Avari, F.B.Aga as well as Mohan Santokay and others in Delhi. (sadly Tony died in 2007 through post operative complications of surgery carried out in the UK. He is greatly missed by all who knew him)

Pariat Ruth, Jimmy and Sanbah. Ruth, married to Ashok, lives in Delhi-Jimmy was Home Minister in Meghalaya but he left the Congress party and ran as an Independent-and lost! Married to Marion(nee Cook) in Dhunseri. Marion died in Shillong about 2000. Sanbah, tragically murdered in Shillong in 2001.

Pearson Vic and Zhava (nee Traub), separated but are still on friendly terms. Vic married again to Jill. Both live in Perth WA.

Vic introduced us all to the great Tom Lehrer classics: "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park" "The Masochism Tango" and others, as well as to Victor Borge, through the records he exclusively had. **Pickford** Charles. Chief Engineer of Jokai-good friend of Peter Furst.

Pett Peter and Maggie. They are lovely people.. They live a stone's throw from Batemans, which was the home of Rudyard Kipling. Peter and Maggie are inveterate travellers and have been (almost) everywhere. Maggie has connections with India that go back a long, long way. Peter's witty, acid comments on various things and situations still live on. e.g. On Khasi's: lovely people who throw very large parties in very small houses. On Tennis: a winning shot off the racquets wood handle-"a Margherita Volley" On reading the headline in a newspaper 'India moves into the space age!" (but he loved India, and it's faults, as much as I did)

Penney Simon. Lives in London. Simon played an integral part of myself, Bob Jones, Peter Pett's, and Polly Rajpal's settling in to tea life in Assam. Simon was outgoing and friendly and knew everybody in the district and surrounds. and he helped us new arrivals to meet people in our early days. Simon was with the Namdang Company and of the very few from this company who are left, Simon would have the greatest store of knowledge about people and events in the early 50's and 60's-I hope that he will share this with us eventually but at this juncture , for whatever reason, he views his Assam days with not much enthusiasm-but hopefully he will come around!

Porter Tom and Sheila. Tom was an assistant on Powai and later became the VP Visiting Agent for Finlays. On leaving India he looked after the family's Hire business. Went to New Zealand about 2002 and now has a vineyard and olive groves and a wine distillery. A good friend. **Powell-Jones** Bob. A real good friend. Lives in Shillong. Was smart, he stayed on in India after tea! I see him every year and we enjoy each other's company.

PigottBarry and Jean. Barry was in Doom Dooma-Jean was with the Assam Oil Company.They now live in a beautiful waterfront mansion on the Gold Coat in Australia. Barry was with the
Doom Dooma Tea Company and Jean with the Assam Oil Company. They travel extensively.PurkayastaB.K.(Purky) Personal Asst to Makum Namdang Superintendent.

Reynolds. Nigel. Squadron Leader I.A.F. One of the Morris family of Digboi (Percy's brother's son) Accomplished trumpet player. Graduate St Xaviers Calcutta. Chemical Engineering degree. Died of a heart attack app 2000 in Delhi.

RussellDouglas married Moira Lakin- then went from UK to Germany to S Africa (we think)RossJimmy. Talap TE. He, like the rest of us, kicked over the traces in Calcutta!!

Rajpal Polly and Hansa(Namdang Company) Polly has a thriving business-and also has a Palace in Jaipur!!!! He was a product of the famous Doon School in Dehra Dun, was extremely well read and a great sportsman to boot; he could play any sport and play it well and he was great company,

Rufus Austin and Muriel are settled in Bombay. Their daughter Lesley has married a Tea Planter and resides at Behali TE, Jorhat. She has an Administrative position with the 'Assam Valley School' in Tezpur. Austin cannot forget a visit he had to the Saltmarsh's bungalow at Bogapani when he was served a 'Strawberry Jam Omelette'!!!

Rufus Ivan and Cynthia Ivan was Marshalls Chief Engineer and was at one time with the Jokai Company.(now (2007) living in Cairns, N.Queensland,Australia.)

Rigo Charles and Tamey. Charles is in Canada (Charles is brother of Phyllis Johannes)

Singh Eric. Sadly, he died in 2003 in Delhi. He was planning to come over to the East Coast of Australia and we had planned to meet. However, a week or so before his planned trip he suffered quite severe stomach pains and on examination he was told that he had pancreatic cancer. He was given nine weeks to live. He went to Delhi where surrounded by friends and family he passed away peacefully in his sleep. A lovely, lovely person with a zest for life and loved and missed by many.

SharpDennis, in Methven, Scotland. (he taught me "Donald wheers yer troosers!"Sarronwalla.Bharat. Assistant, and later the Manager of the Duncans garden LEDO.ShergillMani. who was on Bagracote TE in the Dooars. His brother, Bali, was also in tea..StewartBilly. Good friend. Extremely talented. Sadly, have lost touch.SaltmarshIan. Was on Bogapani.Left in 1959. He and Arthur Nuttall didn't get on!!Subba Rao.Veneer Mill in charge. AR & T Company.

Shamoon Colleen and Jean. Colleen in Delhi-Jean in Basingstoke (where Elizabeth Hurley comes from!)

Smiles Walter: Walter Smiles was with the Moran Company and also a contractor with Elephants for hire to clear land for those interested in planting tea. He used teams of elephants and Arthur Nuttall, had it not been for his temper, would have been the ideal long term employee. Smiles worked for some time with the Assam Company and in 1939, the Centenary year, he arranged for 'Sabu' and an elephant, to carry a token six chests of tea from the docks to Mincing Lane. Sir Walter was a member of the Unionist Party of Northern Ireland and became a Minister in Parliament. He died when the ferry, 'Princess Victoria' went down in rough seas, in 1953. (see Alison Patrick's story in 'Travelers Tales' on the koi-hai site)

Sim Doug and Audrey. Moran TE. Now living in Sydney. Very nice people.

Stollery H.G. Was at Monabarrie in the mid 40's and after leaving there joined Saligram Rai Chunilal Bahadur ! In Dibrugarh. I bought my first car, an Ambassadaor, from him for R's 14,000/-He was originally from New Zealand. His good frieds were John Wynne and Frank Wilson.

Tenzing Along with Edmund Hillary, the first conqueror of Everest. Tenzing's nephew lives, I understand, in Melbourne.

Tewari Rajen. Was on Ledo Tea Estate.

Twist Ralph. One of the more colourful characters in tea. He died in Shillong, 2nd January 2004.I always made an effort to meet him when I visited Shillong and usually brought him a large jar of Marmite or Promite.

(see Derek Perry's story under Obituaries on the koi-hai site.)

VermaHip.Daimukhia TE. Bill Addison was his manager. Good friend of Peter Baxter.VauquilinJ.E.Pengaree TE. One of two brothers from South Africa-great Rugby players. The
other brother P.A.M. Vauquilin(Peter) was on Baminpookrie TE. One now lives in Leicester.VohraY.K. (Yush) Khobong TE Talap. Now lives in Calcutta. (sadly, Yush died in 2007)

Warren Peter. Good friend of Robin Wrangham. Both joined Burns Philp in New Guinea after India. Peter died some years back. Robin and Anthea live on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.
Wilson Frank, Manager of Maijan, later Superintendent-told Ron Aston, if the Mudguards didn't play for his daughters Birthday at Panitola Club-he would sack him. The Mudguards played and it was very successful. Wish I could remember every detail but the memory is cloudy. The club was 'done up' in an ancient Rome theme and I remember festoons of green balloons in the shape of grape bunches hanging from the ceiling-the night was enjoyed by all. Frank currently lives in Gurgaon, just outside Delhi.

Wilson P.M. (Peter) Beesakopie TE. Great friend of Colin Bell. Met both in Cambridge where they both worked, after India, for Brooke Bond in their Chicory plant. Peter has an equity in a tea plantation in Ecuador.

Ward Harry and Marjorie. Harry was on the clerical Staff of AR&T. Marjorie was the Librarian at Margherita Club. Marjorie told us of when Renate Basu returned 'Peyton Place' She remarked that it was "a disgusting, sick, book full of all sorts of 'goings on' " and then enquired "has she written any more"!!

WhitfieldHarvey, A short stint as General Manager of AR&T from 1961 to 1962WyleMalcolm, from Namdang Tea Company-Namdang TE. Left India, went to Africa,
married a Bugandan Princess, got involved controversially in local politics. He was tragically
murdered when he was forcibly thrown from the top floor of the Kampala Hotel.

Westcombe Colin lives in Brisbane and is very senior with a prominent leisure firm 'Barbeques Galore'

Wood Derek, recruited from Doom Dooma Tea Co by Makum Co. Many years later, Derek died in Calcutta.

Weller Sam and Rosemary. Everyone in the district was sad because they knew that the beautiful little fair haired daughter of Sam and Rosemary had leukemia and was given a few months to live. Without exception, all who drove to Digboi and beyond, if they happened to see the little fair haired girl accompanied by her Ayah on the road, they would be saddened, shake their heads and ask ,Why? The Doctors prognosis was correct and after a few months, our little girl was no more . How sad.

Then there's Peter Weller-was married to Grace. Had a chequered history- I hear that he is now married to the Parker pen Heiress and roves London in a chauffeur driven Bentley!!! **Ward** E.J.P. (Eddie) Manager of Pengaree TE

Warren "Blewnose" often mistakenly called 'Blue Nose'. Was a manager on Namdang in the early days. The story goes that he was reprimanded for building a very substantial bridge over a small river to give access to the outgarden of Namtok. The bridge indeed has been built to last for all time. I think that Blewnose would be William Warren who planted out most of Namdang. Harry Beattie, formerly of the Steamer Company, said that Blewnose was his cousin (both Scots) and that the name of came about through the blowing of the nose during a particularly solemn moment at a funeral gathering!!.

Zaman Ali, Was Manager of Bogapani for many years when the Namdang Tea Company was acquired Russels/W.M's

I hope this little story has served as a gentle reminder to those who were familiar with the times, places and people mentioned. I may have made some errors and I apologise for these.

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