

Marie Irene Baptiste 1891 - 1968

Marie Baptise was the daughter of John Cecil Baptiste and Margaret Emily Payne born in Saidpur on 1st May 1891 and baptised there on the 4th June.

BAPTISMS solemnized at <i>Saidpore & Outstations</i>												
WHEN BAPTIZED.			SAID TO BE BORN.			Child's Christian name.	Sex.	PARENTS' NAMES.		Abode of parents.	Quality, Trade or Profession of Father.	Name of Priest or Minister by whom the ceremony was performed.
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.			
1891	April	1 st	1891	June	9 th	William Richard	son of	William + Rose	Thomas	Saidpore	Engine Driver	P. Nagel - Chaplain
1891	June	4 th	1891	May	1 st	Marie Irene Margaret	daughter of	John Cecil Baptiste + Emily Margaret		Saidpore	Engine Driver	P. Nagel.
<p><i>I the Reverend P. Nagel Minister and Chaplain of Saidpore do hereby certify that the foregoing or annexed returns are true and faithful copies of all the entries in the Register of Baptisms belonging to and kept at the Church or station of Saidpore within the Archdeaconry of and Diocese of Calcutta as therein entered, and falling between 1st day of April and 30th day of June in the year of our Lord 1891.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Witness my hand</i> P. Nagel Minister and Chaplain of Saidpore</p>												

Marie Irene Margaret Baptiste Birth Baptism

John Cecil Baptiste was from a family who were well established in India. On his baptism record John's father, Henry Manuel Baptiste, is recorded as being an Indigo Planter. Incidentally it's interesting to note that all of John's five siblings were baptised on the same day.

Before the invention of chemical dyes in the late 1800s indigo was a very important source of dyes ranging from deep red to purple to deep blue, obtained by adjusting the pH (acidity - alkalinity) of the solution. The indigo industry in India was one of the negative aspects of British rule. The indigo planters persuaded the farmers to plant indigo instead of food crops on their best land. They provided loans, called dadon, at a very high interest. Once a farmer took such loans he remained in debt for his whole life before passing it to his successors. The price paid by the planters was meagre, only 2.5% of the market price, preventing the farmers from making a profit. The farmers were totally unprotected from the indigo planters, who used mortgages or destruction of their property if they were unwilling to obey them. Under this severe oppression, the farmers resorted to revolt.

Baptisms solemnized at <i>Bankipore</i> <i>Patna</i> in the Residency of Bengal.												
When Baptized			Said to be born			Christian Name	Sex	Parents' Names		Abode	Trade or Profession	Signature by whom Baptized
Year	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day			Christian	Surname			
1886	July	24 th	1886	April	9 th	Henry Hindoo	Son of	Henry Manuel and Olivia Jane	Baptist	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	24 th	1886	June	10 th	John Cecil	Son of	Henry Manuel and Olivia Jane	Baptist	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	24 th	1886	July	24 th	George Albert	Son of	Henry Manuel and Olivia Jane	Baptist	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	24 th	1886	Dec	4 th	Caroline Anne	Daughter of	Henry Manuel and Olivia Jane	Baptist	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	24 th	1886	April	25 th	Margaret Ann	Daughter of	Henry Manuel and Olivia Jane	Baptist	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	24 th	1886	July	10 th	Edwin Walter	Son of	Henry Manuel and Olivia Jane	Baptist	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary

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John Cecil appears to have worked for the East India Railway all his life. On his marriage record he is a Shedman at Raneegunge, now spelt Raniganj. Raneegunge was the terminus of the first railway built by the East India Railway in 1855.

Marriages solemnized at St. John's Raneegunge

Who married			Names of Parties		Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's name and Surname	By whom Licensed	Signatures of the Parties	Signatures of witnesses present	Signatures of person Married
Year	Month	Day	Christian	Surname									
1874	April	9 th	John Cecil	Baptiste	23	Single	Shedman	Raneegunge	Kerry Samuel Baptiste	Parsons	J. C. Baptiste M. E. Payne	A. Boulton L. Peters L. A. Payne	Geo. Girdling Minister St. John's
			Margaret Emily	Payne	19	Single	S. S. P. Mansole	Raneegunge	James David Payne				
End of Book			<p>I George Girdling do hereby certify the foregoing are true and faithful copies of all entries in the Register of Marriages kept at St. John's Raneegunge as therein entered and made between the first day of April and thirtieth day of June 1874.</p> <p>Dated at Raneegunge this 12th day of August 1874.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Witness my hand Geo. Girdling Minister of Raneegunge</p>										

John Cecil Baptiste Margaret Emily Payne Marriage

By the time Irene was born in 1891 he was an Engine Driver based at Saidpur.