## Marie Irene Baptiste 1891 - 1968

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

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Maries 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.

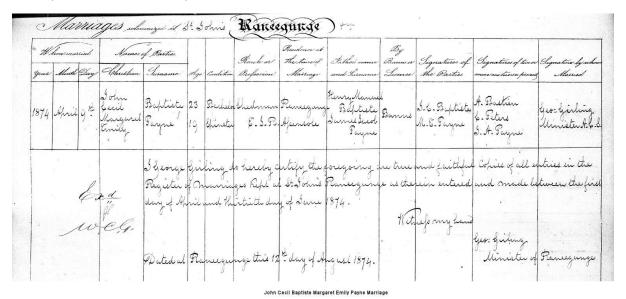
Before the invention of chemical dyes in the late 1800s indigo was a very important source of dyes ranging from deep red to purple to deep blue, obtained by adjusting the pH (acidity - alkalinity) of the solution. The indigo industry in India was one of the negative aspects of British rule. The indigo 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.

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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.



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