

BUNDY

F. E. Bundy, Headmaster of St Mary's College from 1890 to 1895, and Inspector of Schools in St Lucia from 1895 to 1904, was an eager and, it seems, a careful genealogist. He enquired into the histories of several St Lucian families, especially those which were related to the family of his wife Irma de Gaillard de Laubenque. He consulted the parish registers, especially those of Soufriere. He questioned the living members of the families about their immediate relations. The results of his researches are entered in a large note book which his widow eventually gave to Edward Devaux and which is now in the possession of John Devaux.

Bundy collected information on his own family. A principal source was the old family bible in the possession of his cousin Walter George Bundy (1861-1918). (The latter was a son of James Bundy and Frances Rouvray, who will be mentioned below.) It seems that in this bible were recorded the principal marriages and births in the family, beginning with the marriage of James Bundy and Elizabeth Malim in 1807.

The present account is based on Bundy's compilation, supplemented by further information about his own surviving son and grandchildren. A few details about Bundy himself have been taken from Garraway's St Lucia Handbook 1902; The Catholic Herald newspaper of 2 October 1964; and Bishop Gachet's History of the Roman Catholic Church in St Lucia (1975).

The Monthly Magazine of 1 May 1818 records the death, at Bristol, of "Mr. James Bundy, whose name in the cells of many prisons in the Kingdom will be had in honourable remembrance". He was a Wesleyan preacher whose merits were recorded on his monument at Portland Wesleyan Chapel, Portland Street, Kingsdown, Bristol, where he lies buried with his wife; the monument also records the death of his second son, Samuel, in 1845, and that of his eldest daughter, Ann (wife of Samuel Williams), in 1831. This James Bundy is said to have been the uncle of the following person.

I. James Bundy, from Gloucestershire, was a bell founder and is said to have been the inventor of a special metal alloy for use in the axles of railway trains. He died in 1850. He married, on 6 September 1807, Elizabeth Malim. Among their seven sons and two daughters, all born in the period 1809-1828, were the following:

1. Thomas James, who follows.
2. Henry William, born 26 May 1811, who became an iron founder and a preacher at the Wesleyan Chapel in the East End (of London ?).

II. Thomas James Bundy, born 2. May 1809, died 9 November 1865, married 3 November (perhaps September) 1828, Isabella Jennings (said by her descendants to have been of a "wealthy family"). They had six sons and two daughters, born in the period 1830-1850. Among them were:

1. James, born 3 November 1834, died 22 November 1903, who emigrated to Australia in 1854 and settled in the Melbourne area; he married Frances Emma Rouvray, who had travelled to Australia on the same ship; they had three sons and six daughters, and several of these children left descendants.
2. Jabez Robert, born 11 March 1837, who married and who emigrated with his family to Canada in the period 1864-1866.
3. John George, who follows.
4. Thomas, born 7 May 1844, a porter at Billingsgate fish market in London.
5. William Ellis, born 30 September 1846, who was said to have served during the Indian Mutiny and later in the London Fire Brigade; he married and had a son who was killed in the Boer War.

III. John George Bundy was born 19 October 1839 and was baptised in the parish of St George's in the East in the Anglican Diocese of London. He died 15 January 1892 at Liverpool. He married, at the Catholic chapel at Moorfields, London, 18 November 1861, Catherine Sarah Rumble (born in London, 16 November 1838, died 24 July 1927, daughter of Richard Rumble and Catherine McCarthy; the latter died, aged 77 years, 22 February 1880, and was buried in Leyton Cemetery). They had six sons and three daughters, of whom the following married:

1. Frederick Ernest, who follows.
2. John Henry, born at Worcester, 2 November 1867, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Food and Drugs, at Barnsley in Yorkshire, who married at Liverpool, 29 June 1891, Mary Philomena Coffey (1871-1916) by whom he had four sons and twelve daughters of whom several died young; one son, Francis Henry, served in the First World War and married Theresa Wright; of the daughters, one married in 1917 David Reaney, of Huddersfield, another married Cyril Armitage, and a third married Arthur Grant Allan.
3. Francis Joseph, born at Liverpool, 4 March 1875, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Food and Drugs at Liverpool, who married at West Derby, 8 September 1902, Ellen McMenamin, by whom he had two children:
 - a. John Francis, born at Liverpool.
 - b. Caecelia ("Sheila"), born at Liverpool.
4. Mary Ann, born at Liverpool, 12 April 1873, who married, 1 December 1900, James Edward Walsh, and had one son and six daughters.

IV. Frederick Ernest Bundy was born at Worcester (at Greenhill Terrace, London Road), 24 February 1866. He was trained as a teacher at London (St Mary's Training College, Hammersmith). In 1889 Father Tapon, Parish Priest of Castries and founder of St Mary's College there, went to England and met Frederick

Bundy, whom he engaged to be the first headmaster of the new college, which opened its doors on 30 March 1890. In 1894 it was decided that a new headmaster should be appointed, and in 1895 Bundy became Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools for St Lucia (at a salary of £250 a year, plus £50 travelling allowance). He retained this post until 1905. Later he returned to England. In 1915 he joined 3/3 Field Ambulance. In 1919 he went to Palestine. He wanted to become a priest; his wife agreed to this (she did not herself become a nun which would have been the usual practice at that time). On 23 September (possibly November) 1923 Frederick Bundy was ordained a Catholic priest at Beil Jala (near Bethlehem) by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. He appears to have been the first English priest of the patriarchate of Jerusalem. He died at Haifa in Palestine, 28 December 1930.

Bundy had married at Castries, 12 January 1892, Irma Louise Josephine Honorine de Gaillard de Laubenque (daughter of François Louis Marie Jules de Gaillard de Laubenque and Victoria Lucianna Goodman, and widow of Ferdinand Marie Grégoire Devaux, of whom she had no children). They had two sons:

1. Frederick Ferdinand John Francis Gaillard, born at Castries, 3 December 1894, who served in the First World War in the Tenth Royal Fusiliers (No 9165) and who died 10 July 1916 of wounds received the previous day during the Battle of the Somme.

2. Wilfrid Aloysius Edgar George Gaillard,
who follows.

V. Wilfrid Aloysius Edgar George Gaillard Bundy was born at Castris, 15 January 1897. He was educated at the Benedictine Priory at Ealing in Middlesex. On 4 September he joined the First Surrey Rifles, and he served in the First World War in France, at Salonika, in Egypt and in Palestine. After the War he joined the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, became a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute, and worked in Calcutta (1927), Colombo (1930) and London (1937). Wilfrid Bundy married, 4 August 193~~4~~⁵; Angela Mary Beard. They had two children:

1. Michael Frederick Gaillard, born at Putney (London), 16 August 1938, educated at his father's old school (now St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing); REA (1955).
2. Mary, born at Colombo, 2 August 1936, educated at the Sacred Heart Convent at Hove in Sussex, and at Coloma College.