

## WILLIAM MORESLEY TATE

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

### Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

- 1919 (EP61a)\_Mrs Tate 18 Cornwall Road Dorchester Dorset (actually used from Earl's Court 16 SEP 1938)
- 1923-1928 (RP39Gb setting undetermined, features obscured)\_Major W.M.Tate c/o Mrs Duke The Manor Godmanstone <sup>1</sup> Nr Dorchester Dorset (actually used from London 29 NO29)
- 1933 (RP41)\_Lt Col H.M.Tate (sic) Godmanstone Dorchester Dorset (actually used from Bournemouth 6 NO 35)
- 1933 (RP42G)\_Major Col W.M.Tate Grand Hotel St Heliers Jersey CI (actually used from London Charing Cross 3 NO 33)
- 1937 (RP45H)\_Col Tate. Indian Army Passage to Cochin <sup>2</sup> by Bibby Line "Yorkshire" <sup>3</sup> c/o Watson Brown 5<sup>o</sup> Beauvaw (Beauvais) Marseilles France (actually used from Charles St., London 12 OCT 39)

### Brief Comment:

Four references to Tate have been unearthed: his promotion in 1916, William Moresby Tate, 55th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force) <sup>4</sup>; his promotion in 1934, Maj. W. M. Tate, Indian Army Ordnance Corps (I.A.O.C), 24th June 1934; his death notice and that of his wife <sup>5</sup>. With regard to the latter, it appears that the couple retired in South Africa.

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<sup>1</sup> Godmanstone is a village in west Dorset, England, situated in the Cerne valley four miles north of Dorchester and south of Cerne Abbas.

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kochi,\\_India](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kochi,_India)

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bibby\\_Line](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bibby_Line)

<sup>4</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/55th\\_Coke%27s\\_Rifles\\_%28Frontier\\_Force%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/55th_Coke%27s_Rifles_%28Frontier_Force%29)

<sup>5</sup> DEPOT NAB  
SOURCE MSCE  
REFERENCE 644/1968  
DESCRIPTION: TATE, WILLIAM MORESBY. BORN IN SOUTH INDIA. S SP TATE, ANNIE ELIZABETH. SINCE DECEASED ESTATE NO. 261/1978. DECEASED ESTATE.

**References:**

1. Family Search. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. <http://www.familysearch.org>
2. FreeBMD Home Page <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>
3. The London Gazette, 28 July, 1916: 7499
4. The London Gazette, 31 August, 1934: 5527

**THE WILLIAM MORESLEY TATE FAMILY TREE**

To the extent that I have been able to research the family tree, the following is known:

Father: Alexander Chambers Tate

Mother: Helen Mary

Offspring:

1. Margaret Helen Crury Tate

Birth: 15 JUL 1883

Christening: 24 SEP 1883 Mallicapoorum, Tamil Nadu, India

2. Leslie Creary Tate

Birth: 02 MAY 1886

Christening: 20 JUL 1886 Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, India

3. William Moresley Tate

Birth: 06 NOV 1887

Christening: 28 JAN 1888 Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, India

Died: Durban 1968

Married: Annie Elizabeth NN d. 1978

4. Alexander Charles Tate

Birth: 24 DEC 1888

Christening: 27 FEB 1889 Secunderabad, Tamil Nadu, India

5. Mabel Alicia Tate

Birth: 05 AUG 1891

Christening: 02 FEB 1892 Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu, India

6. Gerald Tate

Birth: 13 MAY 1894

Christening: 25 JUN 1894 Rajahmundry, Tamil Nadu, India