

DR GEORGE HERKLOTS VOS

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:

CP54a 1908 Dr J (sic) H Vos, Bruce Grove Houses, 56 High Road, Tottenham
(actually used 8 AUG 1908 from H J Waring Esq., 37 Wimpole Street, W)

Brief Comment:

Dr George Herklots Vos registered as a medical practitioner in England on 23 May 1883, his qualifications MRCS England 1882 MB University of Cambridge 1884. His address at that time was given as Bruce Grove House, High Road, Tottenham.

George Herklots Vos was born in the East Indies in 1855. He appears to have married 3 times: the first in March QRT 1887 in Reigate; the second September QRT 1913 in Islington to Kate J Piper; the third June QRT 1924 in Eastry to Edith S Parker. He died March QRT 1931. Details of offspring, if any, are unknown.

1881 Census of England and Wales

Dwelling: 1 Eastbourne Villa, Rosendale Rd, Lambeth, Surrey, England

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Clara L. MATHEWS	Head	W	Female	56	Madras	Shareholder
George H. VOS	Boarder	U	Male	26	East Indies	Medical Student BA Cantab
William M. BLAKE	Visitor	M	Male	52	Madras	Independent Minister
Jessie D. BLAKE	Visitor	M	Female	63	Scotland	Farmers Wife
Annie OSBORNE	Servant	U	Female	17	Westry, Northampton, England	Servant (General)

Publications attributed to George Herklots Vos include the following:

1. Metropolitan Provident Medical Association G. Herklots Vos Br Med J. 1895 July 20; 2(1803): 175–176.
2. Easily-grown hardy perennials, being a description, with notes on habit and uses, and directions for culture and propagation, of selected perennial and some biennial outdoor plants,

bulbs, and tubers, comprising all of the best known genera and species. George Herklots Vos & T W Sanders, F.L.S Publisher: London, [1903]

3. Birds and their nests and eggs, found in and near great towns. George Herklots Vos Publisher: London, G. Routledge and Sons; New York, E.P. Dutton and Co., [1908-1909].

4. Sargia: a descriptive poem on the island of Sark. George Herklots Vos. Publisher: London, [1915]

References:

1. Family Search. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. <http://www.familysearch.org>

2. FreeBMD <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>

3. South African Archives Repository, Cape Town

4. Medical Register 1914

5. Medical and Pharmacy Registers 1905-1935

6. British Medical Journal 1890 Sept 6; 609

7. British Medical Journal 1897 Oct 2; 906

FOOTNOTE:

The correspondent was the then Mr. H. J. Waring, FRCS, of 37 Wimpole Street, London. This was the home of the Waring family.

Sir Holburt Jacob Waring (1866-1953) Bt., C.B.E., FRCS ¹ *inter alia* was Dean of the Medical Faculty and Vice-Chancellor (1922-24), University of London; Governor of the Imperial College of Science and Technology from 1930 to 1947; President of the Royal College of Surgeons from 1932 to 1935. The Waring Baronetcy, of St Bartholomew's in the City of London, was created in the Baronetage of the United Kingdom on 29 January 1935 and persists to this day.

He married Annie Cassandra Johnston Hill in 1900 and together they together had one son, Alfred Harold Waring, 2nd Baronet (1902-1981)

Readers are referred to the very fine obituary (ref.4)

References:

1. Medical Register 1914

2. British Medical Journal 1923 Febr 17; 309

3. Kidd, Charles, Williamson, David (editors). Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage (1990 edition). New York: St Martin's Press, 1990.

4. Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/pagerender.fcgi?artid=2377626&pageindex=1>

5. FreeBMD <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>

¹ Medical Register 1914: registered 24 July 1890; M 1890, F 1891, R.C.S Eng, L.R.C.P London 1890, MB 1890, MS 1893 U London