

Register Report for Yar Mahomet

Generation 1

1. Yar Mahomet-1.

Phatama Peer Mahomet.

Yar Mahomet and Phatama Peer Mahomet. They had 2 children.

2. i. **Mahomet Dost.** Cause of Death on 08 Apr 1909 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia (Brain Damage). He died on 08 Apr 1909 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia. Burial on 08 Apr 1909 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia. He was born in Karachi, India. Occupation was Cameleer.
- ii. **Jurack Mahomet.** He was born 1890.

Notes for Jurack Mahomet:

General Notes:

"Evening Journal" (Adelaide), Monday, 15 August 1910, p.4

VICTIM OF ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

PERTH, August 14.

Further particulars have been gathered with regard to Mrs. Dost Mahomet, who; was recently murdered at Karachi. After her 'husband had met with a tragic death at the hands of her brother in a domestic quarrel, Mrs. Dost Mahomet left Port Hedland for Karachi with her five children, accompanied by Lai Mahomet and Karde Bux. The latter was the executor, of Dost's estate.

Before leaving. Western Australia, she signed an agreement in which she undertook to. give the control of her property to her husband's brother (named Jourank [sic]) and to hand the children to Karde Bux to be educated. Jourank in return to pay all fares and £60 in cash.

It is asserted that Mrs. Dost Mahomet told Mr. Barker, who witnessed the signing of the agreement, that the parties to it had threatened her, as Jourank had been doing all along, and she added, "If they are going to murder me they may as well do it in India as Australia." It is also asserted that she told other Port Hedland people 'that she suspected the Indians would kill her, and that Jourank had paid his' son £700 out of Dost Mahomet's assets, and reduced the estate to insolvency.

It is also stated that -the murdered woman's daughter, aged 11, was to marry, a son of Karde Bux next year, and many residents of Port Hedland believe that a Conspiracy to murder Mrs. Dost Mahomet was entered into before she left for India.

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2. **Mahomet Dost-2** (Yar Mahomet-1). Cause of Death on 08 Apr 1909 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia (Brain Damage). He died on 08 Apr 1909 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia. Burial on 08 Apr 1909 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia. He was born in Karachi, India. Occupation was Cameleer.

Notes for Mahomet Dost:

General Notes:

HEDLAND ADVOCATE, Saturday, April 10, 1909, page 5, column 1.

Dost Mahomet Killed

TWO GRIGOS IN CUSTODY

On Wednesday evening a well-known Indian camel owner and carrier, Dost Mahomet, received injuries in a row with two of his wife's brothers (W. and H. Grigo) from the effects of which he succumbed a few hours afterwards. We understand that the deceased's skull showed two large

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fractures.

Mr. Barker, J.P., acting coroner, and a jury of three, on Thursday morning, viewed the body, which during the day was buried according to the rites of deceased's religion. The inquest was adjourned till Saturday, April 17.

Various tales are told regarding the tragedy, but, as the Editor of the ADVOCATE has to conduct the inquiry, we deem it advisable to refrain from publishing any statement. However, if one witness makes a statement at the inquest similar to what he made in town on the 8th, sensational evidence is forthcoming.

Deceased leaves a wife and six of a family.

W. and H. Grigo were arrested at the police station at 3 o'clock on on [sic] Thursday morning.

Annie Charlotte Grigo is the daughter of Carl Grigo and Maren Hansen. She was born 1880 in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia. She died on 06 Aug 1910 in Karachi. Burial on 06 Aug 1910.

Notes for Annie Charlotte Grigo:

General Notes:

"The Sun" (Kalgoorlie), 21 August, 1910, page 5.

THE MURDER OF MRS. DOST

SIDELIGHTS on THE LIFE of THE GRIGO FAMILY

Dost Mahomet- A Native of Baluchistan- Subject to Paroxysms of Brutal Ferocity- Some Reminiscences of Coolgardie -

A Courtship, a Family Feud and an Abduction.

Mrs. Dost Mahomet, nee Annie Charlotte; Grigo, who was done to death in the Indian city of Kurrachee less than a fortnight ago, was a native of Parramatta, and came West with her parents in 1893. At the moment of her murder, she was about 30 years of age, -in the prime of her life, and possessed of a singularly charming, manner, which won her the admiration and esteem of every one with whom she came into contact. She was intensely popular at Port Hedland, and universally respected, despite the intimacy of her relations with Dost Mahomet and his coffee-colored clan, all natives of Baluchistan, a great desert plateau lying between Persia and India, and Afghanistan and the Arabian Sea. The Beluchis affect the Mahometan religion, and are generally classified as robber nomads of Aryan stock. The Khan, of Herat, the ruler of the country, is a vassal of the British Crown.

Sunday Times (Perth), 4 September 1910, page 9.

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MURDERED WHILE ASLEEP

A Cutting from Calcutta

"Reader and Admirer" in India writes from Calcutta :-

"Last Tuesday morning I read (with many a pang) an article in your valued paper, just in, on 'An English Girls Fate,' and your high-minded attempt at her rescue. The same evening the enclosed appeared in the local paper.

"My feelings-or those of any other sane white man-on a subject like this can scarcely be put into words, but you'll do a noble service to humanity if you battle hard and long in your present principles, and earn the gratitude of us all."

The cutting referred to reads as follows :-

"A VILLAGE OUTRAGE. MUSSULMAN'S AUSTRALIAN WIDOW MURDERED.

KARACHI, Monday.

"Mrs. Dost Mahomet, an Australian woman, was murdered at Malir, 16 miles from Karachi, on Saturday night. She was married to Dost Mahomet, a camel owner, some 16 years ago. There were six children of the marriage, the eldest boy being born in India, and another boy of five, and four girls in Australia.

"Some 16 months ago Dost Mahomet was killed in Australia, and under his will his property was left to his wife and family. Mrs. Dost Mahomet, with the object of getting all the arrangements in

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connection with her property finally settled, came over to India and had been living with her husband's people in a village in the direction of Cape Monza, and latterly in a house lent her by a friend of the family at Malir.

"It is stated there were some quarrels regarding the property and the proposed marriage of the eldest daughter, and on Saturday night Mrs. Dost Mahomet was fatally stabbed while asleep. The funeral of the murdered woman took place this morning, when the service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Selwyn. Several Europeans who had been advised of the sad occurrence attended, among them being the Collector, and Mrs. Lawrence. A beautiful cross of white flowers was sent by Mrs. Young husband."

The, poor woman was fatally stabbed while asleep. And yet with this terrible case in point the Federal Labor Government hesitates to bring in a law to prohibit miscegenation

MRS DOST MAHOMET
VICTIM OF ALLEGED CONSPIRACY
PERTH, August 14.

Barrier Miner, Wednesday 17 August 1910, page 6.

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Mahomet Dost and Annie Charlotte Grigo. They had 6 children.

- i. **Musarfar Dost.** He was born 1897.

Notes for Musarfar Dost:

General Notes:

"Sun" Kalgoorlie, Sunday, 21 August 1910, page 5.

[extract]

Of the six Dost children now domiciled in India, the eldest is a youth of 14, thoroughly steeped in the prejudices of the Beluchis, and to all practical intents and purposes a native of the country. Brought up in the Mohametan [sic] religion, he displays an inconceivable repugnance against European customs and observances, and has the most incurable objection against dressing himself in the sombre garb of Christian civilisation. This youngster, if brought back to Australia, will prove a difficult nut to crack. His avuncular relatives are of the opinion his redemption can only be brought about by a life at sea, on board an Australian

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man-of-war.

Mrs Dost Mahomet was fatally stabbed in her sleep on the night of August 6, and that a few days later the Indian Government offered a reward of Rs. 200, which they subsequently increased to Rs. 1000, for the apprehension of the murderer or murderers. This led to the arrest of two nephews of the murdered woman's husband, named Gul Mahomed and Dostu, and the principal evidence against them was that of Moosafir, the deceased woman's eldest son. He stated he was sleeping on the verandah, the door leading to the room where his mother, brother and sisters were sleeping being unfastened and open. The two younger sisters were sleeping with their mother. He heard the screams of the younger sister, who was cut on the knee, and raising his head saw Gul Mahomed and Dostu, passing through with knives in their hands. He alleges these men passed his bedstead within two paces, and he saw their faces clearly and recognised them.

A letter we have received, however, from Karachi shows that there is little hope of justice being done. Our correspondent sates that the police at Karachi are mostly natives, and it is simply disgusting the way in which they are conducting the case. "If it were not for the Commissioner (Mr. Lawrence) and the Inspector (Mr. McCulloch) there would be very little notice taken of the matter at all, as the murder of a Christian woman, or in fact of any woman, is held by them as of little moment."

Our correspondent goes on to say that "the boy Moosafir, who turned King's evidence, is in great danger, and that his life won't be worth an instant's purchase if his enemies got hold of him. It is to be hoped therefore that you will use your influence to get the unfortunate children out to their native country as soon as is possible after the trial, which is not likely to be over until about January 21. We get your paper every mail but so far have not discovered any definite decision by the Government as to their being brought back to Western Australia."

Aneer says his brother Mustapha wrote to his siblings in the orphanages from India urging them to come back.

- ii. **Lillian Rosetta Dost.** She was born 1899.

Notes for Lillian Rosetta Dost:

General Notes:

THE KARACHI MURDER

A Pathetic Little Letter

FROM THE MURDERED WOMAN'S DAUGHTER

We have received a farther communication from Mr. W. E. Grigo at Port Hedland, relative to Mrs. Dost Mahomet, who was murdered at Karachi (India) in August last, allegedly by relatives of her deceased husband. The writer gives further details of what is being done to bring the unfortunate children of the murdered woman back to Australia. In his preface he says I would like to thank you once more for so strenuously backing up the cause of these poor children, and you can imagine how and all the other members of our unfortunate family would have rejoiced could your paper have been the means of paving them from disaster as you so successfully did in the case of the immigrant girl. As you say, very often it is the person who lends the guiding or helping hand who gets the most severely criticised and maligned."

The writer is referring to our article of January 15, in which the cases of Elizabeth Wolseley and Mrs. Dost Mahomet were both dealt with.

The terror inspired by the power of these Asiatics in their own country is evidenced by the next item in the letter. The writer says:

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"Since writing last the Bombay Government has evidently thought fit to request my presence in Bombay in connection with the murder of my poor sister. Well, I must say I'll have to keep myself well-armed, as there are some hundreds of Indians around there who would be only too glad to give me a helping hand over the border. So I must be very careful if I ever intend to come back. I want to assure you that, in case I have to go via Singapore, I won't fail to remember to mention over there to the Indian authorities the active interest you have all bestowed on us in our most horrible affliction."

Our correspondent encloses a letter from the murdered woman's eldest child, Lillian Dost, aged 10, and Mr. Grigo adds-"Even an outsider, and a fairly callous one at that, would be somewhat moved by the pathetic little appeal."

With one or two slight corrections of orthography, the letter is as follows:-
"Karachi, Dec. 13, 1910.

My Dear Uncle Otto,

We received your kind letter yesterday, and, oh, how glad we were! Dear uncle, you want to know how our darling mother was killed, don't you? It will be too long to say everything that happened in this letter, so I will just tell you a little about it. In short, on the 23rd of August we went to a place called Muliah, where there are no proper houses to live in. So we had to stay in the first house we could get, and after a few days the wretches killed our dear mother. They came at about 10 o'clock at night, broke the bathroom windows open, and taking the knives off the table stabbed our dear mother. Oh, dear uncle, it was really pitiful to see her bleeding on the floor. Quite dead in the morning, she was removed to the Karachi Hospital, and after some time she was buried in the evening.

Our case in Court is not settled yet, but we hope it will be soon.

Dear Grannie, send for us soon. We are very lonely here, and want to come home to you all. If you haven't enough money the matron says she will give us more money to pay our tickets.

Give them all my love, and reply back quickly and let me know at once.

Your loving,

LILL.

Haju sends her love, dear uncle, and wishes you all a happy Christmas. Kisses from the little ones and myself and Haju."

Truly, a most pathetic epistle from the unfortunate little orphan!

- iii. **Hajee Dost.** She was born 1901. She was also known as Ada.

Notes for Hajee Dost:

General Notes:

an interview with Ameer Dost conducted by Five Volumes Oral History Programme,

J. S. Battye Library of West Australian History.

Vi married Tom Potter who was a very brainy man, a refrigeration mechanic and also superintendent of the Robbs Jetty refrigeration. He recently died. They lived in Money Road, Melville, got a lovely home there. Ada is the only one who can speak Hindustani. She used to cater for all the Indians when they come across here, the hobnobs, from India. And they used to grab Ada and she could converse with them in Hindustani, and she was a lovely cook too with it, you know, curry and rice. What the Indians eat.

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- 3. iv. **Ameer Ellias Dost.** He was born on 09 Apr 1904. He married Dorothy Bahrs. They were married Abt. 1925. He died Aft. 1980. He was also known as Arthur Dusty Dost. Occupation in Albany (Seaman).
- 4. v. **Janeth Dost.** She was born on 16 Jul 1906 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia. She married Herbert Bolitho. They were married on 20 Jun 1925 in St Georges Cathedral, Perth, WA. She was also known as Jean Lillian.
- vi. **Phathina Violet Dost.** She was born Aug 1909.

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- 3. **Ameer Ellias Dost-3** (Mahomet Dost-2, Yar Mahomet-1). He was born on 09 Apr 1904. He died Aft. 1980. He was also known as Arthur Dusty Dost. Occupation in Albany (Seaman).

Dorothy Bahrs.

Ameer Ellias Dost and Dorothy Bahrs. They were married Abt. 1925. They had 2 children.

- i. **Kevin Dost.** He was born 1927.
 - ii. **Johnny Dost.** He was born 1931. Occupation in Geraldton, Western Australia, Australia (Crayfisherman).
- 4. **Janeth Dost-3** (Mahomet Dost-2, Yar Mahomet-1). She was born on 16 Jul 1906 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia. She was also known as Jean Lillian.

Herbert Bolitho is the son of George Henry Bolitho and Emily Jane Williamson. He was born Abt. 1902 in Cornwall, England. He died on 16 Sep 1966 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia. Burial on 19 Sep 1966 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia.

Notes for Herbert Bolitho:

General Notes:

Death in the Wellington registry district of State of Western Australia

Registration Number 162/66

Name - Bolitho Herbert

Usual occupation - Saw doctor

Late residence - 8 Hillcrest Avenue Bunbury, WA

Sex Male

Age - 65 years

cause of death - Ischaemic heart disease (5 years)

Doctor - Dr C E Bayliss

last saw deceased - 16th September 1966

Place of birth - Walthamstow England

Number of years in each state - WA 55 years

Name of father - George Henry Bolitho

Father's occupation - Unknown

Mother - Emily Jane Williams [sic]

Conjugal condition of deceased - Married

Place of marriage Perth WA

Date of marriage 20th June 1925

Name of person to whom married - Jean Lillian Dost

Names and ages of children of deceased -

Geoffery H 40 years

Keith D. 34 years

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Date of burial - 19th September 1966
Place of burial - Methodist portion of Bunbury cemetery
Minister - G R Limb, Methodist

Herbert Bolitho and Janeth Dost. They were married on 20 Jun 1925 in St Georges Cathedral, Perth, WA. They had 2 children.

5. i. **Jefory Herbert Bolitho**. He was born on 09 May 1926 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia. Occupation 1949 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia (Railway porter). He married Patricia G M Kelly. They were married on 16 Mar 1949 in Quorn, South Australia, Australia. He was also known as Geoffery.
6. ii. **Keith D Bolitho**. He was born Abt. 1932.

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5. **Jefory Herbert Bolitho-4** (Janeth Dost-3, Mahomet Dost-2, Yar Mahomet-1). He was born on 09 May 1926 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia. Occupation 1949 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia (Railway porter). He was also known as Geoffery.

Notes for Jefory Herbert Bolitho:

General Notes:

1949 Marriage in District of Frome in State of South Australia 1359

When married - 16 March 1949

Name in full - Jefory Herbert Bolitho; Patricia Georgina Margaret Kelly

Age - 22 & 21

Place of birth - Bunbury Western Australia & Adelaide, South Australia

Batchelor & Spiinster

Trace - Railway Porter & House maid

Residence at time of marriage - Quorn, South Australia (both)

Names and surnames of fathers of both parties - Herbert Bolitho & George Kelly

Place celebrated - Quorn Methodist Church

Officiating Minister - Alfred S Barrell

Patricia G M Kelly is the daughter of George Kelly and Elizabeth. She was born on 01 Aug 1927 in Knightsbridge, South Australia.

Notes for Patricia G M Kelly:

General Notes:

1927 Birth in District of Norwood 461

When Born and Where - Aug 1st 1927 at Hirst Street Knightsbridge

Name (if any) - Patricia [sic]

Name, surname and birthplace of father - not given [sic]

Name, surname, Maiden name, age and birthplace of mother - Elizabeth Ann Kelly, 25 years, Norwood South Australia.

Rak or profession of father - not stated [sic]

Signature, description and residence of Informant - E.A. Kelly, Mother, Hirst street, Knightsbridge

When registered August 6, 1927

Entered at District registry Office this 11th day of August 1927.

Jefory Herbert Bolitho and Patricia G M Kelly. They were married on 16 Mar 1949 in Quorn, South Australia, Australia. They had 2 children.

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7. i. **Graham Douglas Bolitho**. He was born on 07 Nov 1949 in Quorn, South Australia, Australia. He married Laura Adriana Oguarto-Agost. They were married on 13 Jan 1979 in Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia. Occupation was Electrician.
- ii. **Lynette Bolitho**. She was born on 13 Jan 1951.
6. **Keith D Bolitho-4** (Janeth Dost-3, Mahomet Dost-2, Yar Mahomet-1). He was born Abt. 1932.
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7. **Graham Douglas Bolitho-5** (Jefory Herbert Bolitho-4, Janeth Dost-3, Mahomet Dost-2, Yar Mahomet-1). He was born on 07 Nov 1949 in Quorn, South Australia, Australia. Occupation was Electrician.

Laura Adriana Oguarto-Agost. She was born 1939.

Graham Douglas Bolitho and Laura Adriana Oguarto-Agost. They were married on 13 Jan 1979 in Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia. They had 2 children.

- i. **Kevin Douglas Bolitho**. He was born on 11 May 1974 in Quorn, South Australia, Australia. He died on 08 May 2012 in Western Australia. Burial on 17 May 2012 in Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Perth, WA. Cause of Death in Great Northern Highway (Road collision).

Notes for Kevin Douglas Bolitho:

General Notes:

Birth in Perth District of Western Australia

Registration number 4050/74

Date of Birth - 11th May 1974

Place of Birth - King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco

Name - Bolitho Kevin Douglas

FATHER - graham Douglas Bolitho, Electrical Apprentice, 24 years of age, born Quorn SA

Marriage of parents and previous issue -

date of Marriage - 13th January 1973

place of marriage - Perth, WA

Names of previous issue - nil

Name of Mother when child was born -Laura Adriana Bolitho

Maiden surname - Aguayo-Agost

Age - 35 years

Birthplace - Santiago Chile

Witnesses - M Nolan, M Erickson, Dr K Digwood, M N Cutler

Informant - Mother, Flat 4, 6 Woodman Street, Cooke Point, Port Hedland, WA

Name - Laura Adriana Bolitho

- ii. **Belinda Adriana Bolitho**. She was born on 02 Feb 1978 in Port Hedland, Western Australia, Australia.