

## **BOURDILLON – FULTON ALBUM**

A leather bound album, circa 1880s, containing approximately 125 window mounted cartes de visite and 10 cabinet cards together with a few loose photographs. Almost all the photographs have contemporary detachable paper labels with the identity of the sitter and in many cases a date. This is an unusually well documented album of these two families, each of which had strong Indian connections, and could form the basis for a good deal more research. Although many of the men in the album served in the military and civil forces of the East India Company and the later ICS and Presidential Armies only one image shows one of them in uniform.

The album is in a plain, rather masculine style with a working metal clasp. The spine is weak and splitting at the joints and hinges. It appears to be almost complete as put together. We cannot be sure who did this but a note on the back of a cabinet card suggests it may have been a daughter of James Dewar Bourdillon HEICS where it is inscribed with the address of Miss Bourdillon – Normanholt, Dorking. Almost all the images and are in excellent, clean condition.

Recent hand written family trees of the two main families will be included with the album.

**£480**

### James Dewar Bourdillon 1811 -1883 H.E.I.C.S. Madras

J D Bourdillon was the son of the Rev T Bourdillon and was born in Madras. After education at Ramsgate and Haileybury he joined the service in 1828. He was Seacretary to the Board of Revenue and later Secretary to the Government in the Revenue & PWD, retiring in 1861. Cdv dated 1876, cabinet card 1876, another cabinet of him with oldest son James Austin, wives and daughters 1876 [all by Robinson of Tunbridge Wells]. He married Anne Fulton [1819-1901] and they had two sons, James Austin & Thomas Fulton, and four daughters.

### Sir James Austin Bourdillon, 1848 – 1913 KCSI, VD, Bengal Civil Service

Educated at Marlborough and went to India in 1870, Superintendent Bengal Census 1880-3, Acting Sec to Bengal Govt Financial Dept 1893-5, , Commissioner of Patna in the famine 1897, Chief Sec to Bengal Govt 1900, Member Famine Commisison India 1901, Board of Revenue 1902, Bengal Legislative Council, acted as Lieutenant Governor of Bengal Nov 1902-Nov 1903, Resident in Mysore 1903, Chief Commissioner and Judicial Commissioner Coorg, retired 1905. He was made CSI on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1898 and KCSI on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1904. He published “*Bengal under the Muhammedans*” in 1905. Cdv 1880 [Moffat of Edinburgh], another with wife 1876 [Robinson, Tunbridge Wells]. And another of 1880.

Other Bourdillon family members – all cdv

Francis Wright Bourdillon 1880 son of J D born 1851 [London Stereo Co]

T Bourdillon n.d. [Southwell Bros, London]

Edmund Dewar Bourdillon n.d.[1814 – 1900] 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Rev T [Foch & Lieber, Dresden] & a cabinet card by Maull & Fox of London dated 1884

Ernest Bourdillon 1877 eldest son of E D [Elliot & Fry, London]

Henry Bourdillon n.d. 3<sup>rd</sup> son of E D [C Miersch, Dresden]

Rev Gerard Boudilllon 1880 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Rev Francis Bourdillon [1816-1912] [Arthur Debenham, Ryde, IOW] and another dated 1878 by G Glanville of Tunbridge Wells

Major Osmyn Bourdillon died 1879 [T Fall, London] 25<sup>th</sup> Bombay NI ieut 1843, captain 1853, place on Invalided list 8 Sept 1857. In 1863 Paymaster, Dapoolie.

#### Captain George William Wright Fulton 1827-1858, Bengal Engineers

2<sup>nd</sup> son of Major Robert Bell Fulton [1788-1836] of 79<sup>th</sup> Foot (Cameronian Volunteers) and Elizabeth Jane Stevenson [1799 -1863] was born 1825 and commissioned into the Bengal Corps of Engineers in August 1847 and was serving as a captain in Oude Division at the outbreak of the Mutiny. According to Malleson [History of the Mutiny Vol 3] “Brigadier Inglis was fortunate in his Engineers. Captain Fulton, who, to the grief and dismay of every one in the garrison, was killed on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, was a man unsurpassed in his profession, supremely daring, and ever courting danger. No one than he more fertile in resource, more ready, more eager. ....A short experience had convinced him that when he had detected the enemy mining, the wisest plan was to meet him with a countermine. Often would he, pistol in hand, descend into the burrow which formed his countermine and wait lisetening to the progress of the hostile pickaxe on the same level. ....a lantern would would be shown behind the leading man. Fulton’s pistol would lay that man low.....His death, occurring but eleven days before the relief, was most acutely felt and lamented by all.” He was mentioned in despatches where it is noted that he was killed by round shot. Although his death is recorded in the casualty lof the East India Register for 1857 he is also shown in that volume and also in that of 1858 as serving, showing how the chaos of the Mutiny affected the usually smooth bureaucracy of the Company. Cdv by H W Ashdown of Hastings and another by E Sims of Tunbridge Wells showing a painting of an officer in earlier uniform, next to the previous card and probably of his father in the 79<sup>th</sup> Foot.

Cdv portraits of five of his six sons

John Charles born; Frederick born 1850; Robert born 1852 [dated 1876]; William Wright born 1854; George Sibley born 1857.

Robert Fulton [1832 – 1861] 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Major Robert Bell Fulton cdv by Francis, London. Noted on title slip that he was lost at sea returning from New Zealand 1861. Shown seated with a top hat on a table.

Colonel John Fulton, late Bengal Artillery

Younger brother of G W W Fulton, born 1827. Bengal Artillery & post Muintny Royal Artillery [2<sup>nd</sup> Lt 1845, Lt 1849, Capt 1858, Major 1872, Lt Col 1872. From 1870 he was Superintending Engineer [3<sup>rd</sup> Grade] Public Works Dept, Punjaub , Western Jumna Canal Circle. He served in the in the Punjab Campaign 1848-9 [medal] and was at the Siege of Delhi, mentioned in despatches with “*especial approbation and thanks for zeal , ability, and coolness in situations of great danger*” [medal with clasp] in Hart’s 1875. He was promoted to Colonel in 1877, Maj General 1880, General 1883. In Hart’s 1888 he is shown as retired under Royal Warrant. Married Ellen Wroughton having 7 sons and 3 daughters. In retirement he settled in New Zealand.

His sons:

Sydney Wroughton, born 1859 [cdv Burton Bros, Dunedin, New Zealand] dated 1883

Perceval James, born 1860 [cdv T Fall, London] dated 1878

Walter Menzies, born 1866 [cdv C F Wing, Tunbridge Wells] dated 1880

Onslow H C born 1868 [cdv Wing, Tunbridge Wells] dated 1880

Harry T born 1869 [cdv Wing, Tunbridge Wells] dated 1880

Bertram Sproull born 1871 [cdv C Hawkins, Brighton] photographed as a baby

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Eustace Henry Fulton born 1860. [cdv Hills & Saunders, Cambridge] dated 1879 The eldest son of Francis Crossley Fulton the 5<sup>th</sup> son of Major R B Fulton.

Alfred William Begbie, H.E.I.C.S. Bengal

Joined the Company’s service in 1819 1857 Judge of the courts of  
udder dewanny & sudder foudarry adawlut, N.W. Provinces. Retired in 1856 when he was  
the sixth longest serving First Class civil servant of the Company.

Rev A J Begbie cdv by Boning & Small, St Leonards on Sea.

Harry Augustus Brett H.E.I.C.S. Madras.

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Alexander Kennedy Clark-Kennedy, 46<sup>th</sup> Madras NI

Joined HEICo Army 1838, Captain from 1854, in 1857 Brigade Major in Pegu. , Major on the Madras Staff Corps, 1863 doing duty in the Mysore Division, 1870 Brigade Major in Adjutant General's Dept. – on furlough.

Arthur Henry Clark-Kennedy, 70<sup>th</sup> Foot cdv dated 1876 in uniform with cap and cabinet card [ both Margam & Laing, Greenwich] of same date in civilian clothes

1871 Commissioned 70<sup>th</sup> Foot, 1877 Asst Commissary General, Hart's 1882 notes that he served in the Afghan War 1879-80 including the engagement at Kam Dakka [medal with clasp].

Captain H B Phillimore, R.N., C.B. [Elsdon, Hertford] & cdv of his wife, a daughter of E D Bourdillon.

Captain Stretton cdv by F W Baker of Calcutta. Not yet traced – possibly RN, but also 5 cdv s of very young Stretton childred, one [by George Britten of Mauritius] identified on verso as “the niece of her dear Aunt Bourdillon”.

T Hart Davies, Bombay Civil Service [cdv Lock & Whitfield, London]

Daniel Hart Davies [cdv by W & A H Fry, Brighton]

Rev J Bilderbeck [cdv by James Oliver, Sowerby Bridge]

Rev W Keane [cdv by J Waller, Whitby] shown wearing a top hat and seated in a wheel chair.

Bishop Cotton. [cdv on plain card, circa 1860s]. Dr Edward Goerge Lynch Cotton [1813 – 1866] distinguished Bishop of Calcutta consecrated in 1858. Lost when he fell into a river.

Bishop Royston of Mauritius [cdv by London School of Photography]

Bishop Sawyer, Grafton & Armadale [cd v by Maull & Co, London]

Other named members of families of Coote, Campbell, Stuart, Walter, Page [including Lady Rich née Page], Arbuthnot, Marshall, etc. There are also many identified female members of the Bourdillon and Fulton families..





