

4. **Christopher Palmer Rigby** 1820-1885

Married 27 June 1867 At All Souls Church, Langham Place Colonel Christopher Palmer Rigby to Matilda daughter of Charles Prater Esq of Stanley Terrace, Kensington GM p.239 and of his three children:

1 Gerard C Rigby census 1871 aged 2yrs b.Torquay Devon

2 Percy George Rigby attended Marlborough College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst and in 1890 received a commission in the Sherwood Foresters. In 1911 he retired from service but later rejoined the Army serving with the 7th Battalion Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment) and was killed in action 10 March 1915.

3 Lilian M Rigby census 1881 aged 5yrs b.London m Charles E B Russell

Summary of extract from the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography:

Christopher Palmer Rigby a diplomatist and army officer born 18 January 1820 at Yatley Lodge, Yatley Hampshire youngest son and sixth of the eight children of **Tipping Thomas Rigby** barrister and Recorder of Wallingford and his wife Ann Eliza Cousins. He was educated at Abingdon Grammar School and Addiscombe College and began his military career in 1836 appointed the East India Company's agent in Zanzibar and British Consul in 1858. During his service overseas he acquired fluency in eight Oriental and African languages and wrote many articles. On the 27 June 1867 in London he married Matilda Prater and had two sons and daughter Lillian who became a follower of Albert Schweitzer and became his first British assistant at Lambarene. In August 1867 he resigned from the army with the rank of Major General and died at his London home 14 Portland Place on the 14 April 1885. His philosophical lectures were translated by his daughter Lillian who as C.E.B Russell edited the book General Rigby, Zanzibar, and the Slave Trade

General Rigby, Zanzibar and the Slave Trade by Christopher Palmer Rigby, Lilian M Russell snip book p.25

Christopher Palmer Rigby was youngest son and sixth child of a family of eight. His father **Tipping Thomas Rigby** was a barrister, recorder of Wallingford, the eldest son of **Tipping Rigby** Alderman of the City of London, grandson of the Rector of **Ickford**, Buckinghamshire and **great-grandson** of **Christopher Rigby** of **Cosgrave** Hall Northamptonshire, who like several of his forbears, was MP for the County. Another Christopher, a great-uncle, was in command of one of the ships of the Royal Navy when Manila was captured from the Spaniards in 1762

Gardiner Family

The Duties of a Soldier, Illustrated and Enforced - Preached at the Consecration of the Colours of the Somerset Light Dragoons 6 August 1794 in the Church of St Mary Magdalen Taunton. By the Rev John Gardiner Curate of the above Church &c. Published at the Request of the Regiment of the Corps. 1s..6d. Rivingtons book full view p.359 The Monthly Review Catalogue - Single Sermons Art. 73

Died 11 August 1838 At Bath in his 82nd year the Rev John Gardiner D.D for fifty-seven years Rector of Brailsford Derbyshire, minister of the Octagon Chapel Bath Annual Register p.222

At the assizes for 'the county of Somerset, a - trial of an extraordinary ..residing at Bath, brought an action against Dr. Gardiner, of that city, book search full view Annual Register p.387

Died 8 April 1838 At the house of her father the Rev Dr John Gardiner, Bath, Annabella Mary wife of Capt GR Collins GM p.556

Married 28 July 1831 At Clifton Gloucester Rev G.G Gardiner to Catherine eldest daughter of John McClintock of Drumear late M.P for co Louth GM p.171

Died 5 June 1834 At Bath Catherine wife of Rev George Gregory Gardiner eldest daughter of John McClintock of Drumcar co Louth GM p.221

Married 9 April 1839 At St Andrews, Clifton Gloucester George Gregory Gardiner to Frances Mary Touchet FS

1841 Census – *The Gaol, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands*
CGR Collins 35 Debtor, born England X

1861 Census – *Pall Mall, St James*
CGR Collins 57 Lodger/Late Capt 59th Regt, born Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

1871 Census – *S Stoneham, Southampton*
Christopher GR Collins 60 Late Capt in the Army, born Yarmouth, Isle of Wight
Annette Rigbye Collins 48 born North Wales
Elizabeth Hanchett 66 Visitor, born Modbury, Devon
Martha Portman 27 Domestic, born Southampton
Emily Bolwell 22 Servant, born Salisbury
Christopher P Rigby 57 Visitor, retired Major General, born Yately, Hants
Matilda Rigby 36 Visitor, born London
Gerard C Rigby 2 Visitor, born Torquay, Devon
Francis G Temba 21 Visitor, Servant, born East Africa
Catherine Webb 38 Visitor, x , born London

(Looking thro my notes made at last visit to National Archives, have down that Ancestry in index to 1871 Census has Anne M Rigbye as Christopher GR Collins' parent/spouse.)

1881 Census – *S Stoneham, Southampton*
Christopher GR Collins 79 retired Military Officer, born Isle of Wight, Hants
Annetta R Collins 59 born North Wales
Eliza Hopgood 34 Servant, Cook domestic servant, born Wimbourne, Dorset
Eliza Jane Blake 19 House parlour maid, born Southampton, Hants

Major-General Christopher Palmer Rigby (1820–1885)
British East India Company Agent in Zanzibar 1858-1861

Veterans Affairs Canada

In memory of Major PERCY GEORGE RIGBY who died on March 10, 1915

Military Service:

Age: 43,

Force: Army

Unit: Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment)

Division: 7th Battalion

Honours and Awards: Twice mentioned in Despatches

Additional Information: **Son of Maj. Gen. Christopher Palmer Rigby and Matilda Rigby, of 14 Portland Place, London, England.** Twice Mentioned in Despatches (1900 and 1902). Previously served in the 45th Regiment, 1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters from 1890 to 1911. Brevet Major in 1900. Commanded 4th King's African Rifles from 1905 to 1907). Also served in the Royal Niger Company's Expedition (1896), the West African Campaign (1896-1897), the South African Campaign (1899-1902), and the East African Expedition (1906). Commemorated on Page 34 of the First World War Book of Remembrance.
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On the Origin of the Somali Race, which Inhabits the North-Eastern Portion of Africa **By Colonel C. P. Rigby**

Book Description: Ethnological Society, London, 1867. 5 pages. Excellent Condition, attractively bound in ivory paper covers. Contained in an attractive custom-made portfolio for extra protection. Unobtrusive stain to portfolio, otherwise in Very Good condition. Scarce. A fascinating compendium and most intimate first-hand description of the Somali tribe of Coastal East Africa, some of whose land had not yet been penetrated by European travellers. Characterizing them as "intelligent and animated", "different from all other African races in feature", "bigoted Mohammedans", Rigby describes Somali features, dress, jewelry and head dress, homes, custom, and language, including a brief vocabulary list. In 1858, **General Christopher Palmer Rigby** (OA 1833), was appointed the East India Company's agent in the British Protectorate of Zanzibar. Although the slave trade and slavery had been abolished within the British Empire, it still flourished along the east coast of Africa. Making full use of his limited powers, Rigby worked tirelessly to suppress the trafficking in, and ownership of, slaves by British subjects in Zanzibar. He is credited with liberating more than 8,000 men, women and children during the three years he spent on the island. Rigby, British Consul in Zanzibar, was said

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to be an enemy of Richard Burton. Colonel Speke has been quoted saying this about Rigby: "Slavery had received a severe blow by the sharp measures Colonel Rigby had taken in giving tickets of emancipation to all those slaves whom our Indian subjects the Banyans had been secretly keeping, and by fining the masters and giving the money to the men to set them up in life." A vivid description of the highly intriguing Somali people.

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Obituary: Major-General Christopher Palmer Rigby

The death of General Rigby in his sixty-fifth year on the 14th of April at his residence 44 Bedford St

Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society and Monthly Record of Geography, New Monthly Series, Vol. 7, No. 6 (Jun., 1885), pp. 388-390
www.jstor.org

(Unfortunately they have not made the rest of this article available to the general public – Val)