

DR. N. P. DESAI FAMILY

DESAI, Nagindas Purshottamdas, medical practitioner, L.M.S.S.A. (London), L.R.F.P. & S. (Glas.), L.M. (Rotunda, Dublin); b. Tongaat, Natal, Jan. 31, 1905; s. of Shri Purshottamdas Girdhardas Desai; relative of the late Mahatma Gandhi, who was closely associated with Gandhi at Phoenix; m. Bhadrakumari, d. of Dr. Madanji Jethabhai, of State Medical Services, Rajkot, 1928; 1 s., 2 d.; educ. Wesleyan Sch., Tongaat; 1916 entered Esplanade High Sch., Bombay; 1921 was a student at National High Sch., matriculated in 1923, entered National Medical College, graduating in medicine in 1929; was in pvt. practice in Bombay, later joined the Govt. departmental med. service under the famous Dr. Rufus C. Thomas, chief M.O. in Jamnagar, who was renowned for his reforms in State Hospital services, returned to S.A. in 1936 en route for further medical studies in England and studied at the Universities of London, Glasgow and Dublin, obtaining L.R.F.P. & S. and L.M.S.S.A., and L.M. (Dublin); returned to S.A. in 1940. Pub. act.: Whilst in India participated in the Independence struggle; edited the "Maha Gujarat" (a cultural and religious magazine), also edited the journal "Hindu" for several years; one of the founders of the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj, a society for the advancement of Gujarati culture; also one of the founders of the Gujarati Cultural Society, edited souvenir brochure published by the Kathiawad Seva Samaj to record the history and educational accomplishment of that community; pres. of the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj, Gujarati Cultural Society; S.A. Hindu Maha Sabha; was chairman of the Council of the S.A. Hindu Maha Sabha; was pres. of the Indian Goodwill Club and vice-pres. N.I.C.; trustee of the Gandhi-Tagore Lectureship Trust and trustee of the Varman Trust; Commissioner for Hindi examination, Durban centre; repst., Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samati of Wardha, India; Trustee of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh; Grantee of Kathiawad Govt.-aided Ind. Sch., Durban; Grantee Candella Hindu Sungatan Govt.-aided Ind. Girls' Sch.; Council mem. M. L. Sultan Technical College; compiler of common prayer for Hindus; foundation mem. of Kathiawad Hindu Govt.-aided Ind. Sch.; Kathiawad Indian High Sch.; Manilal Valjee Govt.-aided Ind. Sch.; Kathiawad Hindu Gujarati Sch.;

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DESAI, Manoharlal Nagindas, M.B., B.S., med. pract. b. Rajkot, Saurashtra, Oct. 28, 1929; s. of Dr. N. P. Desai; m. Vanhila (Vina), now studying at Calcutta Univ. (for B.A.), d. of Sri Amritlal V. Sheth, stockbroker, of Calcutta; educ. Rajkot Hindu Tamil Institute and St. Anthony's Sch. (Durban), Children's Academy, Bombay. After matriculating in 1947, proceeded to Siddharth College, Bombay, for pre-medical science course; obtained the Inter Science Certificate (Bombay); proceeded to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore, and graduated, M.B., B.S., 1957. Worked in England as a House Surgeon in All Saints' Hospital, Chatham (Kent), and Stockport Infirmary, and as a House Physician at the Stepping Hill Hospital at Stockport (Cheshire). At present in the United States of America occupying the position of a Resident Medical Officer in Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, New York. Rec.: Music, tennis and table tennis.



DALAL, Tarangini, B.A. (Hons.); d. of Dr. N. P. Desai; b. Sept. 16, 1931, Rajkot, Saurashtra; m. Arvindkumar H. Dalal, B.Com., C.A. (chartered accountant), in Bombay, 1952; educ. Rajkot Irish Mission Sch.; St. Anthony's (Durban); Children's Academy (Bombay); matriculated in 1948; graduated Wilson College, Bombay, 1952.



DESAI, Sarojini, B.A. (Hons.); d. of Dr. N. P. Desai; b. Rajkot, Saurashtra, India; educ. Irish Mission School, Rajkot; St. Anthony's School, Durban; Children's Academy, Bombay; matriculated and entered Wilson College, Bombay, and graduated B.A. in 1959.