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KARSAN, Chagan M.: Businessman. b. 1903, Bombay, India. Educated: Bombay. Son of Vanmali Karsan. Arrived in South Africa 1906. Was in the Fresh Produce business in Port Elizabeth for some time. Established the present business - M. C. Karsan - 1943, Outfitters, Retailers and Importers. Died at the age of forty five - 27th March, 1948. Activities: Took a leading part in the affairs of the comm. Was an active Member of the Uitenhage Hindu Mundal and the

Local Indian Civic Association. Was religiously inclined. Married: Motiben; S 2; D 2. Bus. Add.: 333 Caledon St., Uitenhage - Phone: 23839.

1806



KHAN, Ismail Pathan: Retail Businessman. b. 17th May, 1905, Nottingham Road, Natal. Edu.: Private Studies. Third son of Hoosen Pathan. Member of an old pioneering family (1884) of Nottingham Road. Established his business in the village in 1924. Fine Zulu Linguist and Interpreter. Was connected with legal firms for many years. C. H. Manning and previously with the firm of Kaminsky. He was an office bearer of Nottingham Road Sports bodies for years.

Was also an active Sportsman in his early days. Took an interest in all matters affecting the community. Married: Fathima Hajee Mia; S 4; D 6. Died: 18th August, 1966. Family Address: 540 P. M. Street, P. M. Burg, Natal.

1807



KHARVA, Hajee Ismail Amod: Businessman. b. 1886, Surat, India. Arrived here in 1893 and joined family concern of Amod Mahomed, one of the earliest known Indian businesses in Ladysmith which was established in 1887. The family had business interests in Pretoria and Howick before moving to Ladysmith. He assumed control of the family business in 1915 at the death of his father. The firm now became known as A. M. Kharva and developed into one of the town's leading retail

businesses over the years. During the year 1914-1918 conflict, he undertook the launching of the Governor General's War Fund in the town and was also in the fore-front of Passive Resistance activities earlier. He was Chairman of the N.I.C. between 1926-1935. A great worker in the public sphere, he took part in Mosque and Madressa deliberations and was a Trustee of the local Mosque and Madressa Trust. He rendered yeoman service during the construction of the present Mosque. He was undoubtedly one of Ladysmith's outstanding men of the early years.

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1808



KHAN, Rahim Karim: Advocate, b. 24th March, 1874, Bombay, India. Barrister-at-Law, Member of Lincoln's Inn; Member of Supreme Court of South Africa (N.P.D.). For many years Jt. Secretary; N.I.C. Rep. the province at various S.A.I.C. conferences. Appointed to Board of Examiners, Indian languages, by the Natal Government. Served during the Anglo-War as Member of the Ambulance Corps at Colenso and at the battle of Spionkop. Decorated for meritorious services. At his

death, bequeathed his entire estate for Indian medical relief. The R. K. Khan Hospital and Dispensary stand today as a permanent monument to the humanity of this fine man.

1809

LAKHI, Abdul Kader M.: Businessman. b. 23rd Feb., 1914, Greytown, Natal. Educated: Greytown Primary and Sastri College. Eldest son of M. E. Lakhi. Origin: Panoli, District Baroach, India. Joined family concern - M. E. Lakhi Ltd. - 1933. Opened own Wholesale business in 1951 - Melgrey Wholesale (Pty.) Ltd. - Greytown. Was Director of various companies until 1951. Also Director of Mhlangani Supply Stores (Pty.) Ltd. Other Activities: Past Trustee: Greytown Mosque and Madressa Trust; A. K. M. Lakhi Family Trust; Chairman: G.I.L.S.; Greytown Indian Association; Local Affairs Committee - Greytown, 1966/68 (First Chairman). Resigned because of ill-health. Past Chairman: Greytown Branch - N.I.O.; Committee Member of Greytown Educational Committee. Rec.: Tennis, Angling and Game Shooting. Married: Hawa, daughter of Ahmed Eb. Bordie, Port Louis, Mauritius; S 2; D 3.

1810



LAWRENCE, Vincent: b. 10th September, 1873, Madras, India. Educated: Madras. Arrived in South Africa in the ninety's. Was Confidential Clerk of Mr. Gandhi for several years and served as an Ambulance Corps man during hostilities. Presented with the Queen's Medal for meritorious services. In other activities, was President of D. & D. Indian Educational Adv. Committee; the Natal Indian Football Association; Durban and District Cricket Union; the Sports Association and

was Secretary, Treasurer and Member of almost every local body over a period of over a quarter of a century. He was at one time Chairman of the S.A.I.C. and a Vice-President of the Natal body for many years. He was also a F/Member of the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society and President of the Indian Social Service Committee. He was appointed a Commissioner of Oaths in 1937. A recipient of the King George VI Coronation Medal he also served the first Indian member of the King Edward VIII Hospital Adv. Board. He was the first Hon. Secretary of the M. K. Gandhi Library and Parsee Rustomjee Hall.

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1811



LAKHI, Mahomed Ebrahim: b. 9th October, 1883, Panoli, Dist. Surat, India. Educated: Panoli, India. Arrived in South Africa in 1894. One of the great philanthropic figures of the Natal Midlands. His contributions to various deserving causes are legion. Joined the firm of Suleman Ebrahim in partnership and in 1914 established his own business as M. E. Lakhi which became a household name in the Umvoti District in the White and non-White trade. It became a Limited Liability Co. in

1925. The firm ran several branches in the Weenen and Umvoti Districts. Other Activities: Former Treasurer: S.A.I.C.; President: N.I.C. (Umvoti Branch); President: Indian School Adv. Board and an office bearer of numerous other local bodies. He erected the Greytown Madressa, donated land for educational purposes at Greytown, was the highest donor towards the Greytown Govt. School building project and was the highest single donor to the Sastri College building fund and also contributed handsomely towards White local community projects such as Louis Botha Home which was presented to the Greytown municipality and the pavilion at the sports ground. The Grey's Hospital boasts the Lakhi ward and the home village, Panoli, has much to thank M. E. Lakhi in various amenities, "Give, and ye shall receive" seemed to have been the dictum of this remarkable man.

1812



LAZARUS, Jesudassen (Dossen): b. 24th July, 1878, Kiipaikum, Madras, India. Educated: Lutheran Mission School, Madras. Son of M. Lazarus, writer by profession. Arrived in South Africa, 1895. Settled in Durban and was for some time with an Iron Foundry. Joined the catering trade, and in 1907, moved to Newcastle where he established a Cycle Repair business. Eventually made Dannhauser his home where he continued with a similar business, from 1910. He included Plumbing

and a Tinsmith and Tank making business in the village and was a contactor to several local mines. Earlier, in Newcastle, his home was the headquarters of the Resistance movement under Gandhi. It was here he came into contact with such outstanding figures as, Kallenbach, Polak, Rev. Pearson, Albert Christopher and C. F. Andrews. He was connected with local soccer for many years and pioneered long-distance cycle racing in the North. He started the first school in Newcastle where he taught for some time. Amongst the many students to attend the school was Dr. K. M. Seedat. Under the Church of England, the school became well-known as the St. Oswald's Indian School in latter years.

1813



LOCKHAT, Hajee Ahmed Mahomed: Merchant. b. 1889, Kathor, District Surat, India. Arrived in this country in 1896 and settled in Durban. Established his first business in 1909, as A. M. Lockhat. The firm of A. M. Lockhat grew in stature from the First World War years and by 1926, Lockhat Bros. & Co. (Pty.) Ltd. was formed to cater for the growing volume of Wholesale trade. He was instrumental in laying the foundations of the present-day Lockhat Wholesale, Manufacturing and property

Empire. He was an outstanding businessman and one of the great humanitarians of our times. He founded the Hajee A. M. Lockhat Wakuff. The Lockhat Charities Trust was established after his death. The Ahmedia Govt. Aided School, the Ahmedia Mosque and other family sponsored institutions exemplify the works of these Trusts. Died: 21st December, 1942, at the age of fifty three.

1814



LOCKHAT, Suleman Mahomed: Director of Companies. b. 1897, Durban. Educated: Durban. Son of Mahomed Lockhat of Kathor, District Surat, India. Joined the firm of A. M. Lockhat in the early twenty's and became a director of Lockhat Bros. (Pty.) Ltd. in 1926. Was Chairman of the Lockhat Group of Companies until his death in 1969. He was also Chairman of the various Lockhat family Trusts besides being Trustees of the West Street Mosque and the Kathor Education and Mosque

Trust, India. Widely travelled. Family Address: 50 Ocean Terrace, Isipingo Beach, Natal. Phone: 91224 - 104 Commercial Road, Durban, Natal.

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MAGHRAJH, B. A.: Professional Photographer. b. Mauritius. Head of well-known Land and Estate family. Was a versatile Sportsman of the early 1900 and World War period. Rep. Durban at Cricket and was Captain of Greyville Soccer, Cricket and Cycling Clubs. Other Activities: Was a Vice President of Natal Indian Congress and a Del. to S.A.I.C. at various venues. He was also a Member of the Joint-Indo-European Council, the Social Service Committee, the Durban I.C.W.S. and the Council Town Planning Association. He was Chairman of the Ward Five Indian Ratepayers Association and Past President of the Durban Arya Samaj and Arya Prithndi Sabha of Natal.