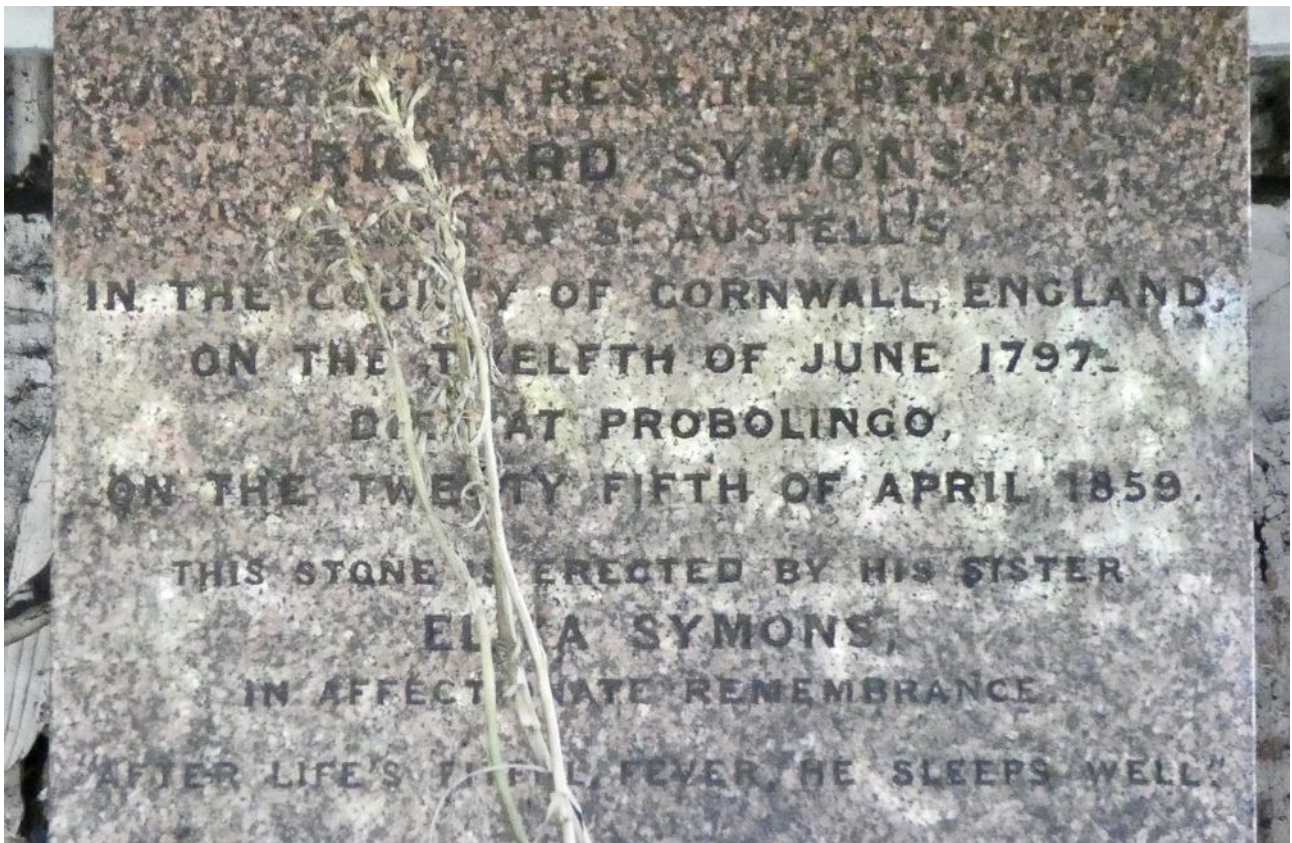


**Java Sugar Mill Blog Special Edition**  
**The ETTY Family Mausoleum, Wonolagan Sugar Mill**  
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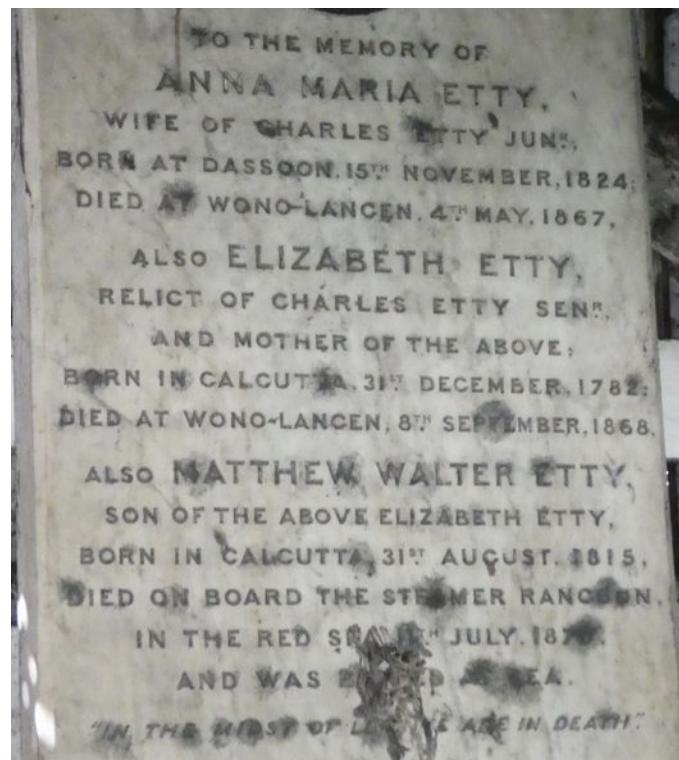
Rob Dickinson made me aware of this family grave site at Wonolagan Mill many years ago and I have visited it several times. It's initially surprising as I had always thought Javan sugar mills were owned by Dutch or Chinese interests. This British-owned mill was an exception and I would be interested to know more about the ETTY family. Wonolagan was also known as Wono-Langan and Wono-Langen and is near Probolinggo (also Probolingo) in East Java (Indonesia, formerly Dutch East Indies). The earliest graves refer to Probolingo rather than Wonolagan. Did a mill named Wonolagan exist at that point?



This is the widest view of the site I have from this trip. There are two rows of graves. Above ground, they have an arched covering and some have gravestones. The site has a roof and a surrounding wall with an unlocked gate. The site is inside the mill security compound and is rarely visited, not looked after but respected by the mill workers who mainly think the occupants are Dutch.



Under ... rest the remains (of) Richard Symons (born) at St. Austells in the county of Cornwall, England on the twelfth of June 1797 died at Probolinggo on the twenty fifth of April 1859. This stone was erected by his sister Eliza Symons in affectionate remembrance. "After life's final fever, he sleeps well."



To the memory of Anna Maria Etty wife of Charles Etty Jnr. born at Dassoon

15th November 1824 died at Wono-Langan 4th May 1867. Also Elisabeth Ety relict of Charles Ety Snr. and mother of the above born in Calcutta 31st December 1782 died at Wono-langen 8th September 1868. Also Matthew Walter Ety son of the above Elizabeth Ety born in Calcutta 31st August 1815 died on board the steamer Rangoon in the Red Sea 11th? July 187? and was (buried at) sea.

"In the midst of life (we) are in death."



Here rests the remains of Charles Ety, Esqr. born at York, England on the 1st (day of) May 1793 died at Probolinggo on the 4th of December 1856. A kind husband, affectionate father and a faithful friend  
May he rest in peace

This (stone?) is erected (in his) memory by his (family).

There is one more grave with just two names (photo courtesy of Conrad).



Not easy to decypher but may be:

In. mr (In memoriam?) A. C (or E) Grant & E (or C) Etty (the y is not clear but with all the other Etty graves I think that is highly likely. No dates and only a simple grave stone although the actual grave is similar to the rest. I wonder why this is less elaborate than the others.

Conrad also recorded a maker for one of the gravestones:



This is in front of the granite stone for Richard Symons. If I'm not mistaken, granite is associated with Cornwall.

So what do we have?

Charles Etty, Esqr, born at York, England on the 1st (day of) May 1793  
died at Probolinggo on the 4th of December 1856  
age 63

Richard Symons (born) at St. Austells in the county of Cornwall, England on  
the twelfth of June 1797 died at Probolinggo on the twenty fifth of April 1859  
(of a fever?) age 62. His sister Eliza Symons survived him (in Probolinggo?)

Could these two have been the original mill owners?

Anna Maria Etty wife of Charles Etty Jnr. born at Dassoon 15th November 1824  
died at Wono-Langan 4th May 1867 age 43.

Elisabeth Etty relict of Charles Etty Snr. and mother of the above born in  
Calcutta 31st December 1782 died at Wono-langen 8th September 1868 age  
86. (Although 9 years older than Charles Etty, Esqr. above, was she his wife?)  
Did they meet and get married in Calcutta?

Matthew Walter Ety son of the above Elizabeth Ety born in Calcutta 31st August 1815 died on board the steamer Rangoon in the Red Sea 11th? July 187(0, 6 or 8)? and was (buried at) sea age 63 (61 or 55).

A. C (or E) Grant & E (or C) Ety - no date or further details

Order of birth

Elisabeth Ety relict of Charles Ety Snr. and mother of the above born in Calcutta 31st December 1782 - the Matriarch?

Charles Ety, Esqr, born at York, England on the 1st (day of) May 1793 - the Patriarch?

Richard Symons (born) at St. Austells in the county of Cornwall, England on the twelfth of June 1797

Matthew Walter Ety son of the above Elizabeth Ety born in Calcutta 31st August 1815

Anna Maria Ety wife of Charles Ety Jnr. born at Dassoan 15th November 1824

Was Charles Ety, Jnr. the survivor of the family who moved on from Wonolangan before his own death leaving his parents and wife buried there? He would have been born around the same time as his wife (1824). His wife came from a town in India and the mother Elisabeth was born in Calcutta.

Elizabeth Ety had a son Charles Jnr. as well as Matthew Walter. Matthew died on a trip through the Red Sea in 187? (to or from England?). At this time, family survivors were likely still in Wonolangan. Was there also a daughter E or C Ety married to A. C (or E) Grant who also died at Wonolangan at a time when a simple grave stone was all that could be provided?

The last death (in the Red Sea) occurred in the 1870s and that is the last date noted. What happened after that?

What else can be deduced from these grave stone?

If anyone has access to any genealogy websites, can anything else be found out about the families named?

And what about the steamer Rangoon - SS Rangoon? - was it a large vessel that moved the British to and from India?

I'd be interested in any input or feedback and may be able to update this special blog later. The internet is slow at the Hotel Rosali in Situbondo where I am currently which means that I cannot refer back to Rob's original posts about this graveyard nor do any Google research on the family or the mill.

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