

THE RAHMAN'S OF PURONIGUDAM

PART 4

Chapter 19

The family of Azizur Rahman of Nowgong, Assam.

Pyaar Mohammed

children:

Ismael Hussain died May 3, 1916.

Azizur Rahman

Abu Hussain

Abu Bakr (died September 14, 1934 seizure attack)

Daughters (two to three)

Azizur Rahman lived in Nowgong and was the father of Aatur Rahman.

Azizur Rahman

children:

Talmizur Rahman born on February 15, 1902 at 5:00p.m.

Altaf Hussain born March 30, 1905 at 2:00 pm

Shamsun Afroza (Mykon Baity- Helen) born October 23, 1907, 10:00 pm, died Nov. 4, 1929

Shakut Afroza (Aideo- Regina) born April 20, 1910

Madeo Afroza born July 7, 1912 at 1:00 am

Zeenat Afroza (Haru Aideo mother of Deepa Hazarika) born April 24, 1914 at 11:30 am

Mahar Afroza (Aijan) born November 13, 1916 at 11:00 pm

Ahmed Moztuba Mohammed Aatur Rahman (Dhon) born March 2, 1919 at 12:50 am

Sajidur Rahman (Dueta) born March 1, 1921 at 1:30 pm.

Aatur Rahman married Saleha Sayeda Rahman the daughter of Khan Bahadur Sayedur Rahman

children:

Pervez Mohammed (Sarwar) married Vimala Kallivayalil of Kerala

Rukhsana Rahman married Tawheed Hazarika descendent of Shanoor Hazarika

Mohammed Tanweer married Shagufa Ahmed then Nellie Ahmed descendents of Minoor Hazarika

Amreen Rahman (Venesi) married Amir Rafique Diengdoh of Shillong

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AZIZUR RAHMAN

Azizur Rahman, Accountant in the Assam revenue department, studied in Calcutta, married Najat Begum, daughter of Danishmand Hazarika of Dimoruguri (three miles from Nowgong). Was buried at the Haibargoan Kabastan behind the Nowgong bazaar before the bridge entering the city from Guwahati

Azizur Rahman was born at Nowgong, Assam in September, 1872 and after completing his education in Calcutta became an Accountant with the Department of Revenue. Azizur Rahman's older brother Ismael Hussain financed his education. Initially, he joined the Assam Secretariat at Shillong. However, his mother was suspicious that he could succumb to local Shillong tribal women and summoned him back to Nowgong. He joined a teaching post at the Nowgong high school in June 18, 1896. He later became the Sub Inspector of Schools in Nowgong on June 26, 1899. On August 11, 1899 was appointed as Assistant Revenue Collector in the DC office in the State of Assam. He married Najatun Nissa of Nowgong, born in 1885 and had a number of children, four boys and five girls. Azizur Rahman married Najatun on October 8, 1899. Very little is known about his wife Najatun. She was the daughter of Danishmand Hazarika of Dimoruguri. She had 3 brothers and 4 sisters. Her brother K. Akhtar was a friend of the famous Rabindra Nath Tagore. Another brother Najifur Rahman went to Iraq in the first World War. The third brother was Nazir Hussain.

Azizur Rahman retired in November 1, 1932 as Revenue Sheristader, DC office, Nowgong at a pension of rupees 95. He was very careful with his money and kept meticulous records including a daily log of all expenditures.

Azizur Rahman's forefathers (grandfather) migrated from Kacharihat (near Golaghat). They were scribes in the court of the Ahom Kings of Assam translating from Persian to Assamese and visa versa. From Kacharihat they moved to a small town, Puronigudown near Nowgong. The move was necessitated by the approach of the Burmese army towards Golaghat in 1824. They fled by boat down the Brahmaputra river and then the Golong river near Nowgong to Puronigudown.

Azizur Rahman as a young man



Children of Azizur Rahman:

Talmizur Rahman, ACS married Majda of Lakhimpur daughter of Muhibuddin Ahmed on April 16, 1933, mehr was rupees 2,251

Altaf Hussain, Deputy Excise Superintendent married Bilquis from Shillong daughter of Danish Mohammed of Jorhat on Sept.28, 1933 mehr rupees. 2,251

Shamsun Afroza (Mykon Baity) married Habibur Rahman son of Khan Bahadur Azizur Rahman

Shakut Afroza (Aideo) married Tayeb Ali Hazarika on May 14, 1931 from Harbagan, Nowgong

Madeo Afroza, died of typhoid

Haru Aideo, Zeenat Afroza married Altafuddin Ahmed on Sept. 30, 1934. Later became D.C. of Guwahati in 1958. mehr at rupees. 2,555

Meher Afroza (Aijan) married Altaf Ahmed, from Sibsagar, ACS. Add. D.C. at Jorhat on Oct 29, 1936, mehr rupees. 2,555

Ataur Rahman, IPS, IGP of Meghalaya (1974-Mar.,1980), MP (Assam), married Saleha Rahman daughter of Khan Bahadur Sajidur Rahman. Age 85 in 2006 and lives in Guwahati.

Sajidur Rahman (Dueta) , Tea Planter married Habiba Khatoon, descendent of Minoor Ali Hazarika. Retired from Jorehaut Tea Co. and lives with brother Ataur Rahman in Guwahati.

A good cricket and tennis player in his youth (Age 82 in 2006).

ATAUR RAHMAN

Ataur Rahman was born in Nowgong, Assam on March 2, 1919. His mother, Najatun Nissa had birthing difficulties. Apparently, he was abandoned in the bathroom as he turned out to be a “blue baby”. A woman looked at the new born Ataur Rahman and quickly took a “phookoni” (a small bamboo pipe, a foot in length, is used as a blower for starting wood fires) and blew air into his mouth. Soon Ataur Rahman uttered his first scream and all was well, infact he turned out to be a very handsome, distinguished looking gentleman, about 5 ft 10 inches in height and medium weight

Ataur Rahman as a child:



Ataur Rahman and family, 1920:

L to R: sister Madeo , Ataur Rahman on lap of Georgis mama (maternal uncle) when he was one year old, sister Mykon , Toufal Aktar (maternal uncle) with sister Aijan on his lap , sister Aideo.



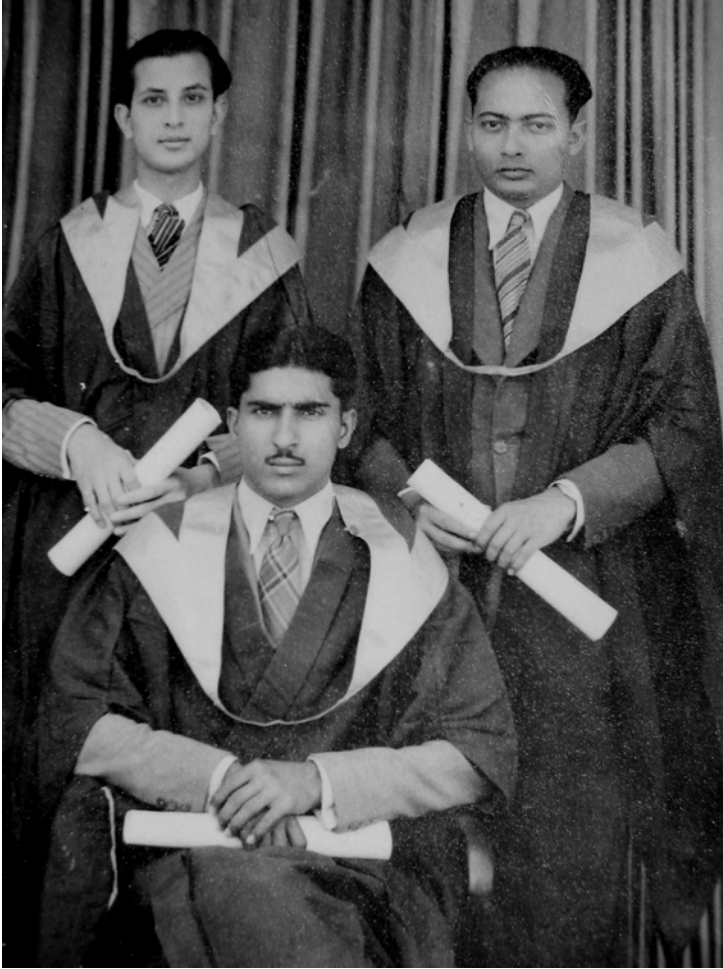
Ataur Rahman attended the local high school at Nowgong and went on to Aligarh University from 1937 to 1942 majoring in Geography. He pursued his interest in drama and music by joining the Dramatic Society at Aligarh University, where he organized an Indian orchestra, classical music program as well as started a music school. He enjoyed playing the violin and a little bit of tabla during his college years. His acting abilities and good looks landed him the part of Vishnu in a stage production.

His interest in Indian classical music, such as, Ravi Shanker, Gulam Ali, Ustad Ali Akbar and drama made him popular enough to get elected as a member of the University Student Union. He was the center of party activities. At one point he was considered by talent scouting agents to become a part of the Bollywood scene. He also completed his final year of a Masters degree as well as Law but decided to leave for the Assam Police.

Aligarh University, February 7, 1942 graduation (B.A. degree):

L to R: Ataur Rahman, Shamsuddin Ahmed, both went to become I.G.P. in the 1970's.

Sitting is an unidentified friend.



Ataur Rahman married Saleha Rahman on January 29, 1947 at Shillong. Saleha Rahman, born on February 27, 1930 and was only 17 years old when she married Ataur Rahman who was 28 years old. It was an arranged marriage. He had many choices but decided his family obligations would come first. Saleha Rahman received her primary education in Dibrugarh and eventually completed her Junior Cambridge examinations from Pine Mount School in Shillong. Saleha Rahman, devoted most of her time looking after the children, family and managing household affairs. Very warm-hearted and nurturing by nature, her first priority has always been her family. She is meticulous in her habits, for example a chair that is slightly off from its position even by an inch must be repositioned to her standards. She spends her day supervising and validating that the servants are completing their assigned responsibilities. She is an excellent cook and puts out many exquisite dishes for guests and family. She was often consulted to plan and organize some major catering events at family weddings and parties in her younger days.

Wedding picture of Ataur Rahman in Afghan Pagri (cap). Next to him in dark suit is Shamsuddin Ahmed:



The wedding took place in Nowgong and Shillong. The groom arrived at Donun Cottage in Shillong the previous night for the wedding. Dinner was a lavish feast that included geese. The Nikah ceremony was performed by Sir Saadullah, Chief Minister of Assam on January 29, 1947 at 10:00am. Over 1,000 people attended the wedding, some notables attending were Dev Kant Barua who later became President of the Congress Party and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed (Saleha's maternal grandmother's first cousin) who later became President of India.

After the wedding the grooms party disappeared for sight seeing in Shillong, which is a picturesque hill station with beautiful water falls. The poor bride was literally abandoned for quite a few hours before the grooms party returned to collect her for the journey to Nowgong the next day. During the journey to Shillong, a family gold heirloom necklace was lost and the bride, Saleha Rahman heard someone say she may have bought bad luck to the family. Apparently, the necklace was dropped on the road during a tea break and stayed there to be found and retrieved during the return journey a few days later. Of course, now Saleha Rahman was a lucky bride that brought luck to the family.

Ataur Rahman and Saleha Rahman in 1947 after their wedding.
Picture taken at Dibrugarh :

Ataur Rahman and Saleha Rahman:



Ataur Rahman joined the Assam State Police Service and later in 1952 joined the Indian Police Service (IPS). His first posting as a police officer was in Sylhet, then transferred to Dibrugarh in 1947 as Superintendent of Police on Independence day, next posting was at Jorhat as Superintendent of Police (SP). He went on to become SP of Tezpur followed by SP at Haflong then Guwahati. He then went back to Dergaon near Jorhat as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) and after a few years returned to Guwahati as Additional Inspector General of Police. His last posting in the service of IPS was in the newly created State of Meghalaya as Inspector General of Police (Director General).

Ataur Rahman standing in middle at Police Officers training at Sardar Police Training in Bengal 1943



Ataur Rahman as a young man:



Saleha Rahman with children Rukhsana Rahman and Mohammed Tanweer at Tezpur SP bungalow: 1955



Saleha Rahman and Ataur Rahman at Shillong IGP house: 1975



A few memorable moments from his days as a policeman were:

The Dalai Lama at Bomdilla: He was on leave waiting to take over as DIG of Eastern range, Jorhat when he received a call from Mr. Dev Kant Barua, Minister, Assam, to escort the Dalai Lama from Tezpur to Missouri as he was fleeing the Chinese invasion of Tibet. He met the Dalai Lama and his delegation in 1959 at Tezpur. During the journey at one of the large railway junctions in UP a crowd assembled to see the Dalai Lama. He opened the railway compartment door to address the crowd when they mistook him for the holiness. This of course was immediately corrected by the appearance of the Dalai Lama.

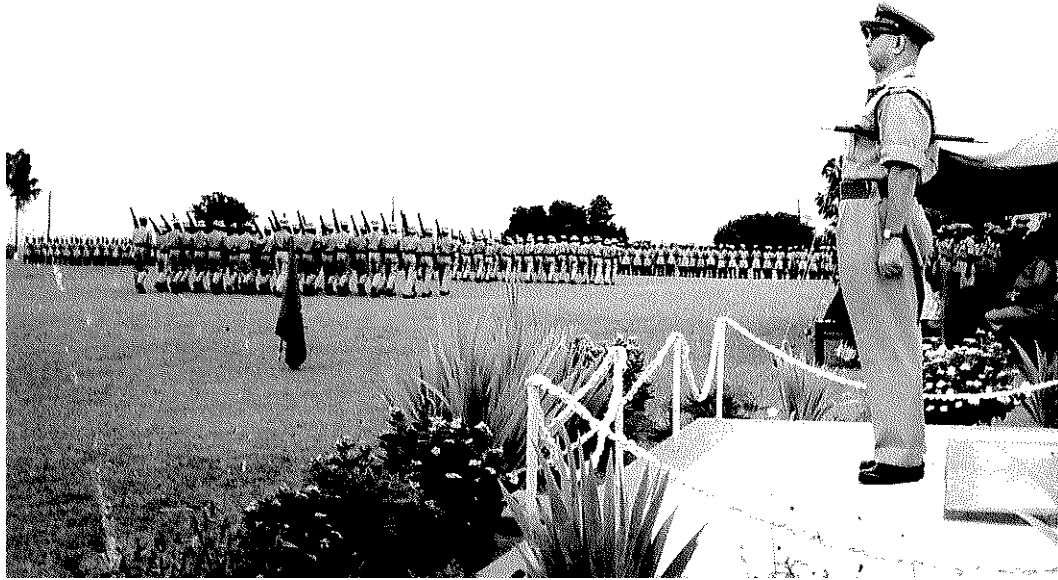
In 1950 Assam was devastated by a major earthquake. The Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru came to Assam. During the tour of earthquake damage in an open jeep, accompanying Nehru was his daughter Indira Gandhi who sat next to Ataur Rahman. Although a sad occasion, the visibility he received on this tour by Nehru and his daughter caused much envy by his colleagues and local elites.

Ataur Rahman in 1950 at Jorhat presenting the honor guard to first Prime Minister of India Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru: Nehru was visiting Jorhat after the major earthquake of 1950.



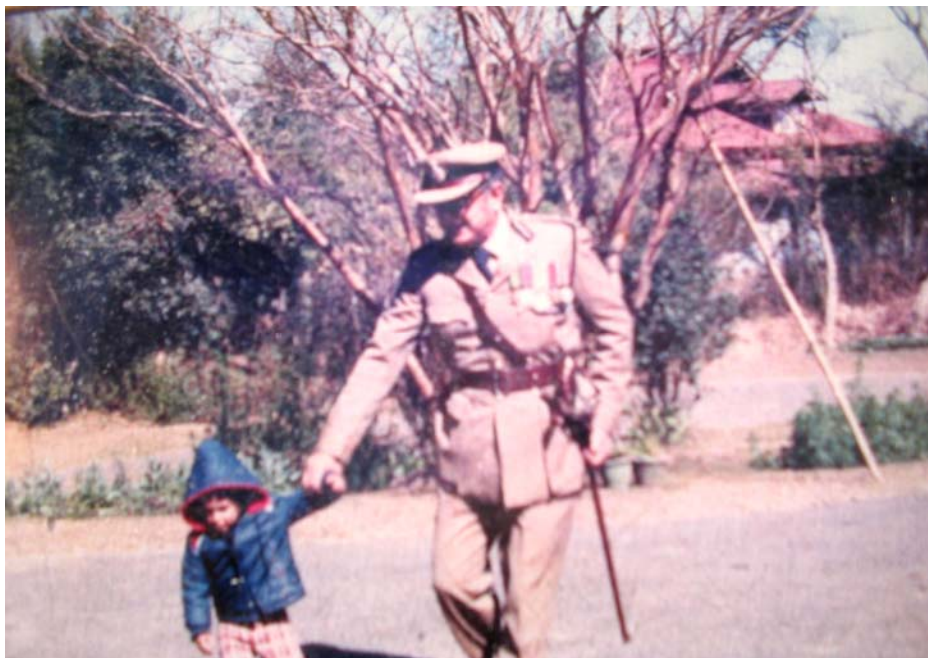
In 1950 he organized police activities to meet the communist insurgency against the landowners. It was an attempt by the communists to take over the land owned by the Zamindar's. In the 1960's he was occupied tracking student political activities and in the hill state agitation for an independent state. On one occasion students surrounded him and the Chief minister of Assam, B.P. Chaliha in Guwahati . He was standing on the rear bumper of the lead car to control the student crowd and direct the vehicle to move when it lurched forward to take the convoy out of harms way and he fell and fractured his collar bone

Parade salute at Dergaon, Jorhat, Assam. 1963



He loved sports and very often got into trouble with the Inspector General of Police for paying too much attention to this activity. Organized frequent soccer matches while in the Police and the police team won the Independence Cup and the Bordoloi cup trophies of Assam.

Ataur Rahman with grandson KC Hazarika in Shillong IGP residence: 1979



After his retirement from the police service he moved to his residence overlooking the River Brahmaputra in Kharguli, Guwahati. From there he continued to be an active member of the Assam Public Service Commission from 1980 to 1984. Soon after, he got involved in Politics, when he was approached by the Assam Students Union to represent them in the elections. He ran for MP from Barpeta parliamentary constituency which was formerly represented by Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, former President of India. He started campaigning for the over a month in interior villages and in the riverine and char areas. He won by a comfortable majority which included a large segment of the Hindu vote. He was the first policeman in India to be elected as MP for Assam and served from 1985 to 1990.

Ataur Rahman house built in Kharguli Hills in Guwahati overlooking the Brahmaputra river in the 1962 when there were no roads to this section of Guwahati. People at that time felt he was unwise, yet today it is considered prime property. It was built during the Chinese invasion of India and Assam and is the first house on this hill.



Over his tenure as MP he was consulted quite often by Rajiv Gandhi of the Congress party on matters relating to Assam due to his ability to communicate well. During his time in Delhi he occasionally met Mr. Rajiv Gandhi's wife, Sonia Gandhi. Although a first term MP he participated in many debates and was involved in the Motor Vehicle Act. He was a member of the Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary & Railway Committees.

Ataur Rahman with President of India – Gail Singh (person on left is Dinesh Goswami another MP from Assam):



In 1988 he was invited to attend the National Prayer breakfast in Washington DC when Ronald Regan was the President. During the visit he was introduced on the floor of the U.S. Senate by the Speaker of the House as a Member of the Indian Parliament. He was also invited to the Massachusetts State senate during one of his numerous visits to the States with his wife. He was given a tour of the State Police force criminal division. On one occasion when he was traveling with his wife, son in law and daughter on the Maine Turnpike at 80 m.p.h. a State trooper flagged the car down. He got into a conversation with the Maine State trooper and soon boarded his cruiser for a ride on the Turnpike for the next few miles, The trooper gave him a demonstration as well as answered his questions about traffic rules and enforcement in the States. After half an hour he joined his family following the State trooper. The State Trooper issued a friendly warning to keep within the speed limits!

Saleha Rahman and Aatur Rahman at Charles river, Boston, Massachusetts:1996

In Manhattan by Statue of Liberty and World Trade Center :



After he served his full term in the Police force and then Parliament, Aatur Rahman decided to get involved in social issues in Assam. One of his interests was improvement of educational opportunities for the minority Muslim community in Assam. The lack of proper education caused them to be at the low end of the economic scale in society. He started by opening a primary English medium school for their children at Guwahati, next to the Nehru stadium.

Aatur Rahman charitable school in Guwahati: Maulana Azad Public School.



Inside school in 2004

L to R: Ataur Rahman, Rukhsana Hazarika and Saleha Rahman

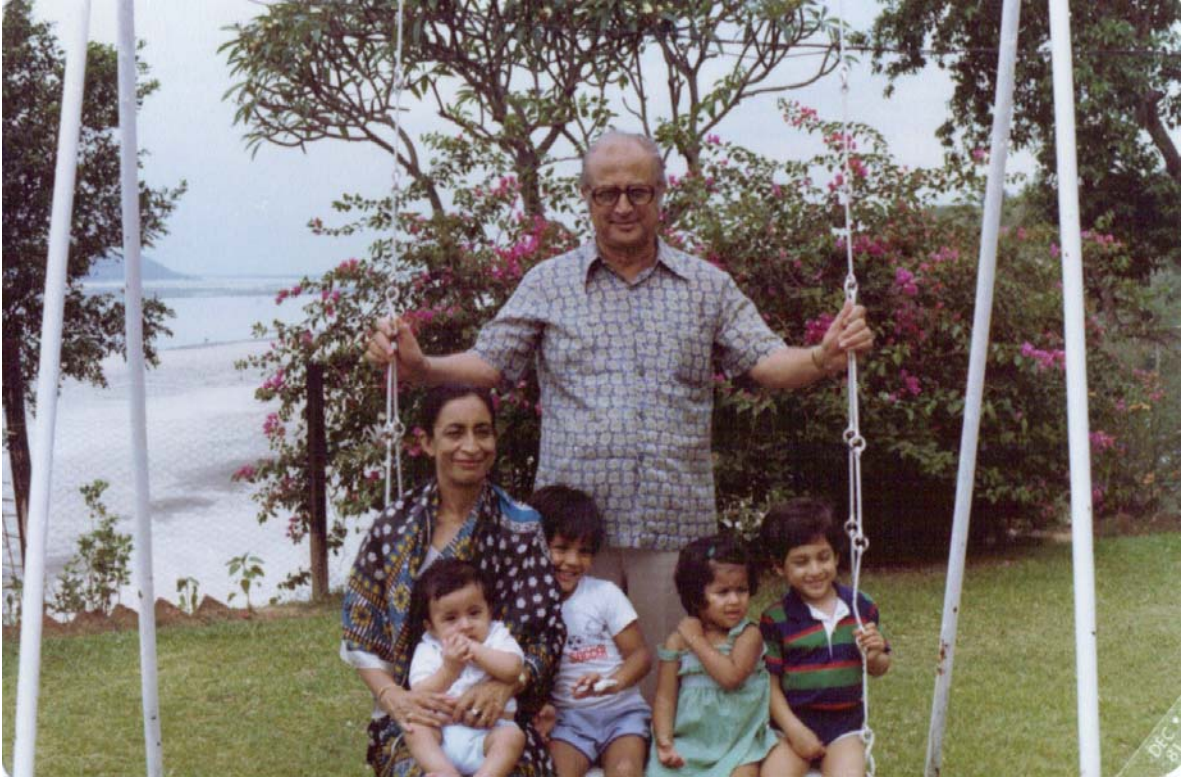


In 2006 Ataur Rahman, a man of integrity, proud of his heritage is finally leading a retired life writing several books such as Civic Virtues by the Rule of Law, Motor Vehicle road rules, Quranic translations as well as other diverse subjects. He also is a guest speaker on many forums in the State of Assam. He and his wife Saleha are also enjoying their grandchild Raina Tanweer who spends most of her time in their house, as well as visits from their grandchildren Sadat and Shazia. They also continue to worry about their son Tanweer and his well being. Tanweer being the only child still in India is constantly in and out of their house. Tanweer feels he is looking after his parents and his parents feel they are looking after Tanweer. Ataur Rahman is also into religious studies and reads many such books along with numerous other Assam history books. Occasionally he worries about his legacy since all his grandchildren might leave India someday and marry into other communities. All in all he is enjoying retirement with some self imposed worries. His health continues to allow him an active life. In 2003 he underwent successful colon cancer surgery.

In retirement at Kharguli, 2005:



Ataur and Saleha Rahman with grandchildren Sadat Tanweer, Tariq Mohammed, Miriam Mohammed and KC Hazarika at their Guwahati residence in 1981



View of Brahmaputra river from Ataur Rahman's residence (rear view from swing picture above):



The extended family of the Rahman's:

Left to Right: Sitting on carpet: Neena, Nasreen, Buli, Apee

Sitting on chairs: Bilquis with daughter Najma on lap, Majda with daughter Amy,

Muyeed dada's wife Abida, Haru Aideo, Aideo

Standing: Rao, Rupa, Ira, Deepa Hazarika, Rana, Altaf Ahmed (Deepa Hazarika father),

Talmizur Rahman, Ataur Rahman, Muyeed Hazarika, Depali Quadir, Babu Ahmed



1975 Shillong: The families of Azizur Rahman and Khan Bahadur Sayedur Rahman:
Standing L to R: Hussain (disappeared one day), Abidur Rahman, Ayesha Ahmed, Agha Ahmed, Bablu,
Sajidur Rahman, Bella Rahman, Zakir Hussain, Muni Hussain, Alice, Mohammed Tanweer.
Sitting L to R: Ataur Rahman, Vimala Mohammed, Herriza Akhtar (Nani, also Jewel, mother of Saleha Rahman),
Pervez Mohammed, Sharmin Ahmed, Saleha Rahman.



Family group picture at Andover, Massachusetts: 1996

L to R: KC, Salman, Rukhsana, Ataur Rahman, Saleha Rahman, Tawheed, Amreen, Pervez, Amir:



Family picture at Kharguli, Guwahati residence of Aatur Rahman, 1981
Sajidur Rahman (Dueta), Tanweer, Venesi, Aatur Rahman, Saleha Rahman,
Amir Rafique, Vimala Mohammed holding Miriam, Shagufa Tanweer holding Sadat,
Rukhsana Hazarika, Pervez Mohammed.
Front: Tariq Mohammed and KC Hazarika.



Talmizur Rahman, Ataur Rahman, Hye Chowdhury, Muyeed Hazarika and others enjoying a typical Assamese lunch meal celebration on banana leaf plates and earthen ware drinking cups near Puronigodam, Nowgong.



Izad Ahmed's wedding at Shillong, January, 2008. Ataur Rahman at Pine Wood hotel. At rear is Iqbal Hazarika brother (his wife's sister's daughter married Izad) of Kamrul Hazarika.



Ataur Rahman and Saleha Rahman at Gauhati residence, 2009:



The children of Ataur Rahman and Saleha Sayeda Rahman

Pervez Mohammed married Vimala Kallivayalil of Kerala, daughter of Michael and Mariamma Kallivayalil. Live in Andover, Massachusetts. Michael Kallivayalil (age 82 in 2006) is the son of Abraham Chacko Kallivayalil and Aleyamma Tharrappel of Vilakadam, Kerala. Mariamma (Kuruvinakunnel) Kallivayalil (age 75 in 2006) parents were Thomas Joseph Kuruvinakunnel and Annamma (Karippaparambil) Kuruvinakunnel of Kerala.

Rukhsana Rahman married Tawheed Hazarika great grandson of Shanoor Hazarika. Mohammed Tanweer married Shagufa Ahmed a descendent of Minoor Ali Hazarika and then Nellie Ahmed of Hirajan T.E. Lives in Guwahati and works as a Tea Broker.

Amreen (Venesi) Rahman married Amir Rafique Diengdoh, son of Md. Rafique of Jorhat & Shillong. Live in North Andover

PERVEZ MOHMMED: AND FAMILY

Pervez Mohammed was born in Shillong, on February 15, 1948 at the Welsch Mission Robert hospital with Dr. Hughes performing the delivery. He was slightly over seven pounds. He attended St. Edmund's School at Shillong and went on to study at St. Stephen's College in Delhi. He completed his Masters at the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad. Pervez joined Hindustan Lever, India in 1970 and was posted in Mumbai. He joined UniLever in 1976 and was posted in the Middle East and U.K. for a number of years (Saudi Arabia, UAE, etc). He joined Friesland (a Dutch Dairy conglomerate) in Dubai and was then transferred to their headquarters in Groningen, Holland. He moved to the US in 1999 representing Friesland and also started private consulting. In addition, he is a consultant for Visions, a not for profit organization offering diversity training. He lives in Andover, MA. USA

Pervez Mohammed as youngster:

Pervez playing the saxophone at St. Edmunds School:



Pervez Mohammed married Vimala Kallivayalil of Kerala in January, 1974 in Mumbai, a month after the marriage of Tawheed and Rukhsana Hazarika. A small wedding with a few friends attending, such as close friend Zeenat Sadikot. The formal affair was celebrated later on that year in October at Shillong.

Pervez and Vimala in Rome:



Pervez and Vimala at Boston, Massachusetts:



Vimala Kallivayalil is the daughter of Michael and Mariamma Kallivayalil. Her father, Michael Kallivayalil (age 82 in 2006) is the son of Abraham Chacko Kallivayalil and Aleyamma Tharrappel of Vilakamadam, Kerala. Her mother Mariamma (Kuruvinakunnel) Kallivayalil (age 75 in 2006) is the daughter of Thomas Joseph Kuruvinakunnel and Annamma (Karippaparambil) Kuruvinakunnel of Kerala. Vimala attended school at Kerala and Mumbai.

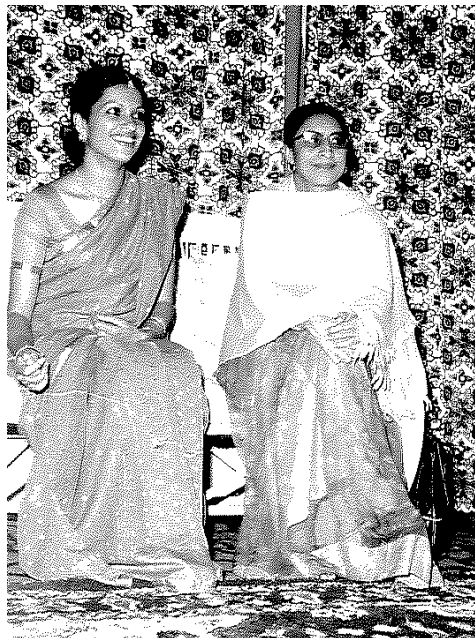
Vimala was born on May 6, 1954 at Bharanganam, Kerala. She went to school at the Presentation Convent in Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu. She went on to attend Sophia College in Mumbai then on to Maris College in Madras. Vimala, a talented artist, has created many beautiful paintings that she shares with the family and also exhibits at her home.

While in Abu Dhabi she worked as an Executive Assistant for Zadco a petroleum company. She is currently working for Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

Reception at Shillong: L to R: Ataur Rahman, Amreen, Vimala, Pervez, Saleha Rahman, Tanweer: 1974



Vimala Mohammed and mother in law Saleha Rahman at wedding reception in October, 1974 at Shillong:



Vimala, Miriam and Pervez ushering in the bride Miriam at Denver, 2004:



The Mohammed family at Miriam's wedding in Denver, August, 2004.

L to R: Tariq Mohammed, Vimala Mohammed, Jay Morrison, Miriam Morrison, Pervez Mohammed, Laylah Mohammed.



2009: At Andover - Laylah, Jay, Sarwar, Vimla, Meena, Tariq, Miriam (Miriam is expecting another girl in July-August, 2010):



Michael and Mariamma Kallivayalil (Vimala's parents at Denver.



Residence of Michael and Mariamma Kallivayalil and ancestral home at Kerala:



Children:

Tariq Mohammed, went to Bowdoin College, squash captain and works in Boston

Miriam Mohammed, went to University of Michigan, married Jay Morrison and lives in Colorado. Works at the Colorado School of Mines in Boulder. Daughter Meena Morrison born March, 2008.

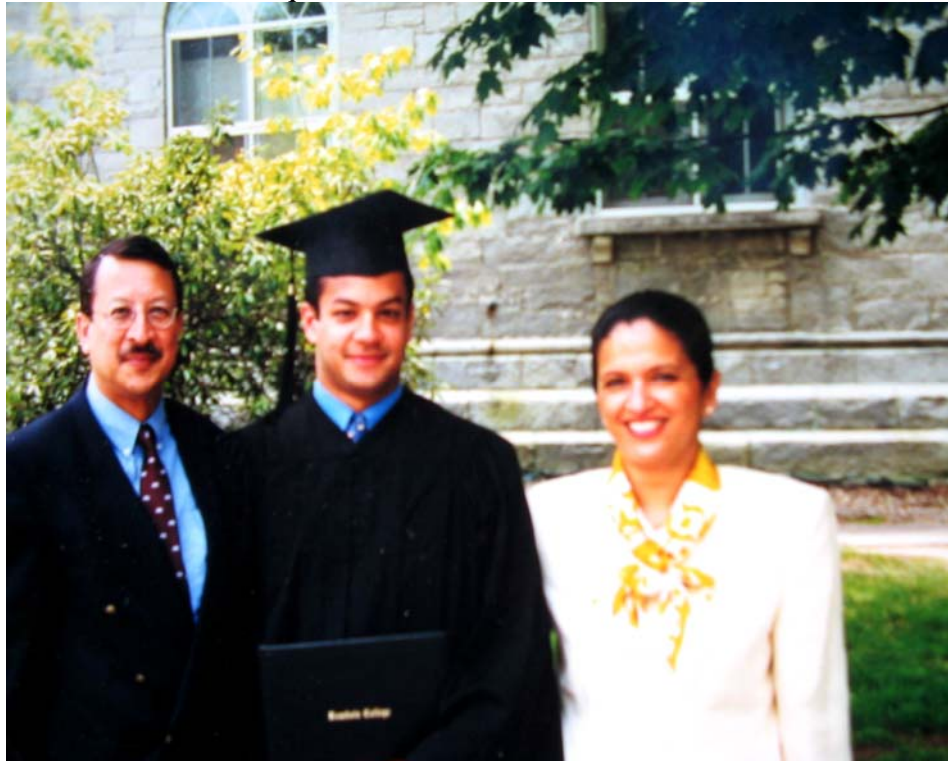
Laylah Mohammed, graduated from the Pratt Institute in New York City, 2009.

Tariq Mohammed:

Tariq was born on October 16, 1976 in Dubai. He attended a number of International schools since his father was being transferred to different locations in the Middle East and U.K. His final year was at Kodai International School in Tamil Nadu and he graduated from Chouiefat International School in the U.A.E. He went to college in the States. Graduated from Bowdoin College, Maine, USA in 1999. Tariq loved to play squash and became the squash captain at Bowdoin College. Tariq joined American Express in New York city after he graduated. He went on to work for the renowned Jeffrey Sak's department at Harvard University. Soon he was off to Kampala, Uganda on a CISCO UN grant for one year. He continued to remain connected with squash activities at Harvard University. He joined Rebook and worked with them for a year. Tariq is currently working in a combination of Harvard and Tufts squash programs.

Tariq Mohammed graduation from Bowdoin College, Maine on May 29, 1999.

L to R: Pervez Mohammed, Tariq Mohammed and Vimala Mohammed:



Tariq Mohammed and sister Miriam Mohammed as youngsters:



Miriam Mohammed:

Miriam was born in Abu Dhabi on July 2, 1979. Like her brother she attended various International schools. She graduated her A-level from Culford School in Bury Saint Edmunds, U.K. and went to the States for her college education. Graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in three years in 2001. Started work at Harvard University. Met Jay Morrison on a blind date arranged by his sister. They married in 2004 and live in Denver, USA and she works in Boulder at the Colorado School of Mines. Jay Morrison is in the Food Industry and is a professionally trained Culinary expert.

Miriam and Jay after their wedding ceremony:



Miriam on wedding date in August 2005 with her grandparents, Michael and Mariamma Kallivayalil:



Miriam and Jay at the reception (Sofia Qayum Hazarika in front, rear are Rukhsana, Tawheed, Tanweer).



Wedding guests:

Row 1: Michael and Mariamma Kallivayalil:

Row 2: Rukhsana Hazarika, Sofia Qayum Hazarika, Tanweer, Tawheed, Joseph wife, Joseph Kallivayalil
(Vimala's brother)

Rear3: Geeta Varghese (Vimala's sister), husband Phillip Varghese, KC Hazarika

Rear4: Amir Rafique, Venesi Rafique



Laylah Mohammed:

Laylah was born in Bristol, U.K. on May 31, 1986. She also attended various International Schools such as the American School of the Hague. In 1999 she moved to the States with her parents and attended the Andover School. She graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover. Laylah is also a talented artist like her mother. She has had her own exhibitions and people love to buy her art. She is enrolled at the Pratt Institute in New York and in 2009 majoring in Architecture and Interior Design.

Laylah Mohammed at Disneyworld, Florida:



Laylah Mohammed at Keukenhof, Holland:



RUKHSANA RAHMAN AND FAMILY (SEE PART 2 TAWHEED HAZARIKA)

MOHAMMED TANWEER AND FAMILY:

Mohammed Tanweer was born in Shillong on September 7, 1954 at Robert's Welsh Mission hospital and was delivered by Dr. Hughes weighing about six pounds. On day 40 of his birth at Shillong two elderly ladies came to see Tanweer. They started examining him carefully and shortly after they left he became very ill, throwing up continuously. He was in very serious condition and no medicine could help him. He could not hold any food, Dr Hughes was unable to help with any medication, he lost tremendous amount of weight . Upon their return to Tezpur, where his father was the SP , a local healer was called in upon consulting with the Rahman's friend Ali Hazarika descendent of Shanoor Hazarika. The healer performed the holy and sacred secret rites and was given some goats milk, which helped the healing process. Tanweer attended St. Edmund's School and College in Shillong. Went on to join Tata Teas in 1980's. He started work at Chabua tea estate, Majuli tea, etc. and moving on in 1984 to start Plywood trading at Delhi. He then joined Assam Tea Brokers in 1989 at Calcutta. Returned to Guwahati in 1992. In 1996 went to work for Eastern Tea Brokers as a tea taster.

Tanweer married Shagufa Ahmed on December 26,1979 a descendent of Minoor Ali Hazarika. Shagufa is from the family of Jalal Ahmed of Dibrugarh, very successful business men in the tea business. Her father was Bakhtar Ahmed son of Jalal Ahmed. She has a lovely boutique in Guwahati and runs it very successfully. Shagufa's mother, Gul Rehan Begum is a direct descendent of Minoor Ali Hazarika. Gul Rehan Begum's mother was Tara Begum whose mother was Nurban Nissa (her sister was Noorbahar (Moina) Begum (Tafazzul Hazarika's wife). Nurban Nissa's mother was Roshan Nissa who's father was Minoor Hazarika.

Tanweer's second marriage was to Nellie Ahmed of Hirajan tea estate on March 7, 1991 at Guwahati. They currently live at Kharguli Hills on the first floor of the family home in Guwahati. Nellie Ahmed is a very successful business women who opened her own school at Guwahati. Her school Maria Montessori House of Children has received many awards. Nellie has recently diversified into other business areas such as textiles. Nellie Tanweer is a direct descendent of Minoor Ali Hazarika by way of her fathers sister.

Mohammed Tanweer with sister Amreen Rahman at Haflong S.P. residence



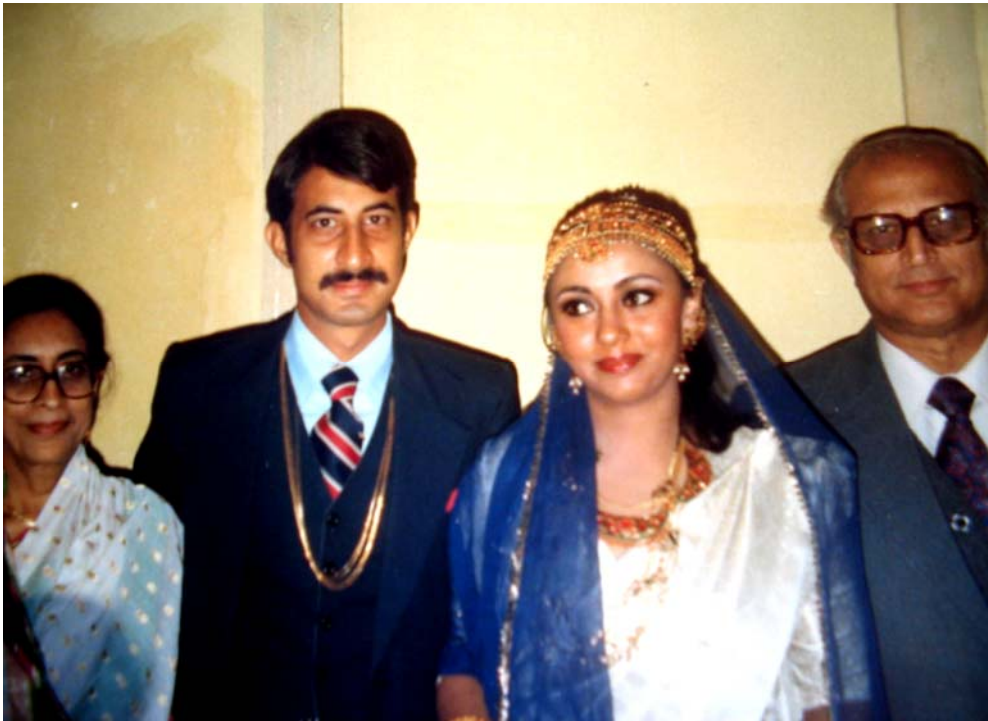
Mohammed Tanweer with mother Saleha Rahman in 2005



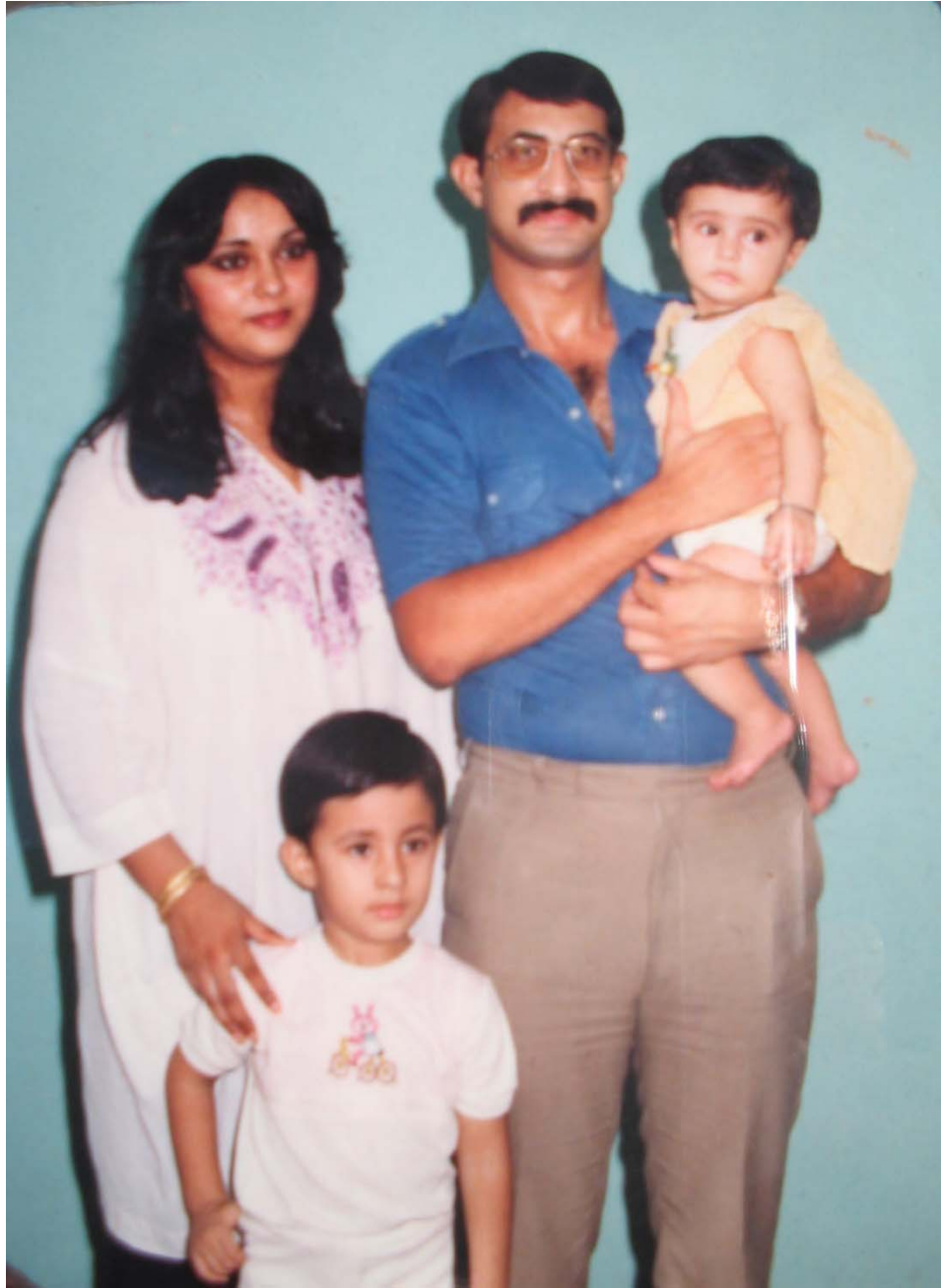
Wedding picture, arrival at brides (Shagufa) and sweets being offered.
L to R: Rukhsana Hazarika, Mohammed Tanweer and Abidur Rahman:



Saleha Rahman, Md. Tanweer, Shagufa Tanweer, Ataur Rahman: 1979



Mohammed Tanweer and Shagufa Tanweer with children Shazia (holding) and Sadat:



Nellie and Mohammed Tanweer at Guwahati residence:



Nellie and Tanweer winning King and Queen contest at holiday in Goa:



Children:

Sadat Tanweer was born in Dibrugarh on November 12, 1980. Went to school at Gyan Bharati at Delhi. He graduated from Army school at Guwahati. Went to Bangalore CMR college for his degree in Management, Bachelor of Business Management (BBM) in 2003. Currently working with his mother in the retail business. Sadat is approximately 6'5" in height, medium built and handsome like his grandfather, Ataur Rahman.

Shazia Tanweer, also very beautiful, was born at Dibrugarh on December 11, 1983. Went to school at Disney land and then to Mayo College in Ajmer, Rajasthan. Did her Intermediate at Vizakhpatnam, Orissa. Completed college at Cotton College, Guwahati graduating in Zoology. In 2006 she joined GE Money (a venture with State Bank of India) in Delhi as an Executive in their credit card group.

Tanweer, Shazia, Ataur Rahman, Sadat, Rukhsana, Saleha Rahman:



Saleha Rahman, Shazia , Sadat , Rukhsana Hazarika, Ataur Rahman, Md. Tanweer at Guwahati house:



Raina Tanweer was born on January 9, 2000. She attended the Maria Montessori House of Children School at Guwahati. She continues her schooling at Delhi in 2010.

Raina at Guwahati, 2003:



AMREEN RAHMAN (VENESI) and family

Amreen (Venesi) Rahman married Amir Rafique Diengdoh on April 26, 1981 at Guwahati. He is the son of Mohammed Rafique of Jorhat & Jamila Khatoon of Shillong. His father was an Attorney and mother a Physician. Amir and Venesi live in their townhouse in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Venesi was born in Tezpur on Idd date of July 19, 1956. Her mother Saleha Rahman was celebrating Idd with the Hazarika's of Noorbari at Tezpur when she went into labor. Venesi came very quickly prior to the arrival of Dr. Merchant to assist in the delivery. She ended up being born on her fathers arms. Venesi was a difficult baby, crying continuously every evening and throughout the night. Therefore, she was sent to the hospital every night to enable everyone to sleep. Once again the Rahman's friend Ali Hazarika came to the rescue with a solution. Venesi's bath schedule was changed from 10:00am to early evening. Soon she was back home sleeping throughout the night peacefully. Venesi graduated from Loreto College in Darjeeling and went on to become a teacher at Pine Mount School, Shillong.

Baby Venesi hitching a ride from brother Mohammed Tanweer at SP bungalow, Haflong, Assam:



Amir Rafique Diengdoh was born on December 18, 1951, went to St. Edmunds School then went on to graduate from St. Anthony's College, Shillong. Upon graduation he entered the Meghalaya government service in their Land Survey Department. Amir has one brother, Naseer Rafique Diengdoh who lives in Mizoram State, India.

Amir and Venesi came to the States in 1989 and both rapidly settled down. Amir started a career in the Banking Industry but soon changed to Computer software and began working for the U.S. Department of Defense. Venesi continued to stay with teaching and is with the Community Team Work organization a Federal Government Head Start program.

Venesi and Amir in Shillong after wedding in 1981:



Venesi wedding picture, 1981:



Saleha Rahman, Amreen Rafique and Aatur Rahman at the wedding in 1981:



Wedding picture with family.

L to R: Ayesha Ahmed, Bella Rahman, Ira, Sharmin, Rukhsana Hazarika, Rupa Hye, bride Amreen Rafique, Buli, Efi, Vimala Mohammed, Nasreen, Munu (Efi's daughter), Apee



Amir and Amreen Rafique on wedding day:

The Nikah: Venesi, Amir, Amir mother, Jamila Khatoon, Amir's Uncle, Hoonker of Barholla, Ataur Rahman and Amir's father – Mohammed Rafique:



After formal wedding ceremonies, Amir's aunt, Rukhsana, Venesi, Amir and Amir's mother, Jamila Khatoon:



Amir and Venesi with baby Salman at Shillong:



L to R: Amir, Salman, Amreen in 2004



Mohammed Salman Rafique

Salman was born on February 28, 1984 in Shillong at the Nazareth hospital. He attended the Andover and North Andover Schools and went on to the University of Massachusetts in Boston. He graduated Magna Cum Lauda in 2006. He is currently working as a Software Specialist in the Logistics department with the U.S. Department of Defense. He is engaged to Amiko from Japan, a wedding is planned in August, 2010 at the Harvard Faculty Club in Cambridge, MA.

Salman in 2004:



Salman in casual style:



Salman, Amico and Venesi, Christmas 2009 at Sarwar's at Andover, MA.



Amico, 2009



Amico and Salman, 2009:



Amir and brother Naseer with parents, Mohammed Rafique & Jamila Khatoon:



The other children of Azizur Rahman

Talmizur Rahman, see below.

Altaf Hussain, see below

Shamsun Afroza (Mykon Baity- Helen), see below.

Shakut Afroza (Aideo- Regina), no further information.

Maadeo Afroza , no information.

Zeenat Afroza (Haru Aideo mother of Deepa Hazarika), see information below

Mahar Afroza (Aijan) (mother of Dipi Ghaffar)born November 13, 1916 at 11:00 pm, no information.

Ahmed Moztuba Mohammed Aatur Rahman (Dhon), information above.

Sajidur Rahman (Dueta), see below.

Talmizur Rahman born on February 15, 1902 at 5:00 p.m. He died of cancer in Nowgong.

Talmizur Rahman, ACS married Majda of Lakhimpur daughter of Muhibuddin Ahmed on April 16, 1933, mehr was rupees 2,251

Children:

Noorjahan Rahman (Dipali) married Habibul Qadar (Dadu) of Nowgong and lives in Wyoming

Sultana Afroza (Rupali) married Hye Choudhury of Silchar. Conservator of Forests, Guwahati

Mumtaz Rahman (Apee) married Nazrul Haque, Tea Planter. Guwahati.

Khurshid Rahman (Amy) married Asad Ahmed of Nowgong son of Yusuf Ahmed, mother was Daima Begum sister of Nassima Sultana who married Ali Hazarika,

Noorjahan (Dipali) Rahman, daughter of Talmizur Rahman married Habibul Qadar (Dadu). They live in Casper, Wyoming. They have 2 sons, Aizaz and Rizwan , a daughter Farzana. Her husband Habibul retired from the Insurance industry.

Sultana Afroza (Rupali), daughter of Talmizur Rahman married Hye Choudhury settled in Guwahati. They have 2 daughters. Hye worked for the Assam Forest Service and loves to go fishing and is also an avid golfer.

Mumtaz Rahman,(Apee)daughter of Talmizur Rahman married Nazrul Haque settled in Guwahati. They have a son and a daughter. Nazrul retired from a career in the tea industry.

Ataur Rahman, Nazrul Haque, Saleha Rahman and Mumtaz Rahman (Apee)(daughter of Talmizur Rahman) at Apee's Guwahati home in 2005:



Children of Khurshid (Amy) Ahmed in Andover (grandchildren of Talmizur Rahman):
L to R: Asif, Asim and Ambareen Ahmed.



Altaf Hussain

Altaf Hussain, Deputy Excise Supt. married Bilquis from Shillong daughter of Danish Mohammed of Jorhat on Sept.28, 1933 mehr Rs. 2,251

Altaf Hussain died of cancer in Mumbai while staying with Pervez and Vimala Mohammed

Children:

Asia Afroza Khannem (Ira Hussain) born July 15, 1934 married Rafique Ahmed, ACS

Iva born January 29, 1936 and died at young age

Sikander Rahman (Rao) married Kaiser Begum of England and both live in St. Albans, U.K.

Naureen (Buli) Akhtar married Md. Ghaznavi, a descendent of Haji Bibi. Live in Jorhat

Nasreen Hussain married Mahmud (Badol) Hussain, son of Hyder Hussain, IGP of Assam. Live in Guwahati

Najma Hussain married Niaz Ahmed, great grandson of I. Majid. Live in Guwahati

Asia Afroza Khannem (Ira) married Rafique Ahmed and live in Guwahati, They have 3 sons Farid, Naveed and Adnan.

Sikander Rahman (Rao) married Kaiser and lives in St. Albans, U.K. Divorced. He worked in the insurance industry and retired around 2004. He spends his time between St Albans and Guwahati where he has a flat. One son, Alfarid Rahman studing to be an attorney in the U.K. He married Natasha in September, 2009 at Florence, Italy. A lovely wedding. Her father teaches music and played at the wedding (was base guitar with the groupWHO at a younger age.)

Sikander Rahman (Rao)(son of Altaf Hussain) in middle with Uncles Aatur Rahman and Sajidur Rahman at Guwahati: 2005



Rao (aka SAM by his English friends) with Natasha at wedding day at Florence, Italy:



Florence wedding site. A 1241 monastery. L/R: Vimla, Sarwar, Rukhsana, Nazma, Alfarid, Avni, KC, Rao:



Naureen Akhtar (Buli) daughter of Altaf Hussain lives in Jorhat with her husband Md. Ghaznavi. They were posted in the Middle East for a number of years before returning to Assam. He started a number of businesses in around the Dibrugarh area. They have 3 sons Boon, Papu and Neil.

Naureen Akhtar (Buli) with husband Md. Ghaznavi:



Nasreen Hussain, daughter of Altaf Hussain married Mahmud (Badol) Hussain. They have a daughter and a son.

Najma and Niaz married in November, 1973 at Nowgong. Niaz retired from the tea industry. He went to St. Edmunds School. He was an avid golfer and attained a very high standard playing with many professionals. He died at a young age.

Najma Ahmed daughter of Altaf Hussain and Niaz Ahmed in Andover, Massachusetts:



Their youngest daughter, Asma Ahmed worked with the photo studio in getting many of the old pictures restored which are exhibited in this book. They also have a set of twins Ayesha and Zaima born on November 13

Shamsun Afroza (Mykon Baity- Helen)

married Habibur Rahman son of Khan Bahadur Azizur Rahman and brother of Khan Bahadur Sayedur Rahman. She died at a young age and her youngest daughter Sofia Afroza Rahman stayed at her Uncles house and she grew up with Ataur Rahman, while her son, Dr Alfred Rahman grew up with his cousin, Saleha Rahman's family.

Shamsun Afroza (Mykon Baity) married Habibur Rahman son of Khan Bahadur Azizur Rahman

Children:

Dr. Alfred Rahman, born January 28, 1925 at 11:00 am married Fauzia (Effie) Begum of Sibsagar, now settled in Dibrugarh

Sofia Afroza Rahman born December 6, 1929, married Abdul Qayum Hazarika of Nowgong and son of Abdul Majid. Moved to Pakistan and now in Saratoga, CA.

Dr. Alfred Rahman, MRCP was an excellent Physician at Dibrugarh Medical College. He completed his education in England, Everyone in the family went to him including the Hazarika's. His wife, Fauzia (Effie) was flamboyant. She loves to meet people, always smiling, always giggling. Everyone loves Effie. She went into radio as an announcer and had a successful show that aired everyday. She opened a school that is still being run by her and her children.

Dr. Alfred Rahman and Efi Rahman standing, sitting is Rehana Rahman (her daughter married Izad Ahmed a descendent of Azizur Rahman in 2008):



Sofia Afroza married Abdul Qayum of Nowgong and moved to Pakistan during the partition. Her husband was in the army. Fortunately for Sofia there was Zum Zum and Georgi from the Hazarika family for her social needs. After Abdul Qayum retired from the army he decided to join his only son Asif in California. He was a man that longed for Assam and to be with his Assamese family and brother Muyeed. He changed his name back to Hazarika as did his son Asif. The pains of partition! California was great for Abdul Qayum. He was active and had his own vegetable garden. Traveled everywhere in the States by himself. He had a stroke one day that left him severely paralyzed. Sofia moved to the States. She was delayed in Pakistan fixing pension and property matters. Abdul Qayum suffered immensely since he had to be in a nursing home near to his son Asif's house. It was a very difficult time for Sofia and son Asif. He passed away in California and is buried on a lovely plot of land near Asif's home. Sofia is full of life and dreams everyday of retiring in Assam. She does a fair amount of volunteer work and has many friends. She loves to write letters to all her relatives and visit her cousin Ataur Rahman in Guwahati every year.

Sofia (middle) as a teenager in Assam:



Asif Hazarika was born February 8, 1952, moved to the States in 1979. He has a Masters degree in Engineering from Oregon State University. Started work in many small venture capitol financed high tech computer storage companies in the Silicon Valley. He finally

decided to join the corporate world and is currently with Fujitsu. he married Durdana from Pakistan and they have 2 sons. Daniel born on May 5,1983 will be graduating from University of California San Diego in 2007. Danish, born on July 1,1987, is attending Deanza College in California.

Sofia Afroza Qayum Hazarika in Denver:

Sofia's son Asif Qayum Hazarika:



Asif Hazarika with his Aunt's.

L to R: Rofika Ahmed (Najma's mother in law); Zeenat Afroza (Haru Aideo, Deepa Hazarika's mother); Aideo with Asif on her lap and Mahar Afroza (Aijan, Dipi Ghaffar's mother):



Shakut Afroza (Aideo)

Shakut Afroza (Aideo) married Tayeb Ali Hazarika on May 14, 1931
from Harbagan, Nowgong



Children:

Shakut Hazarika born April 6, 1932, died April 16, 1932 of puraya disease

Mustafa Ali Hazarika (Rana born Aug. 6, 1933) married Bharoti (became Nurjahan after marriage)

Nina, Nasreen Hazarika married A.L. Pathak, Business person

Zeenat Afroza (Haru Aideo) mother of Deepa Hazarika

Haru Aideo, Zeenat Afroza married Altafuddin Ahmed on Sept. 30, 1934.
Later became D.C. of Guwahati retired in 1957. mehr at Rs. 2,555

Children (see Part 3):

Salauddin Shakut Ahmed (Bapu, born July 30, 1935) married Junu Nadra

Noorbahar great grand daughter of Shanoor Hazarika and sister of Naseem Hazarika

Zinat Akhtar Ahmed (Deepa) married Naseem Hazarika great grandson of Shanoor Hazarika

Zeenat Afroza (Haru Aideo) married Altaf Ahmed. Altaf Ahmed was a brilliant man and from Nazira near Jorhat. His father was a lawyer at Jorhat. He attended college, graduated, became a lawyer and then joined the Assam Civil Service and on to the Indian Administrative Services (IAS). He was posted at Tezpur, Guwahati, Mizoram and became a DC. Retired in 1958 after a spectacular career in Government.

Zeenat Afroza was a very simple woman that always had a smile for everyone. She was very proud of her daughter Deepa Hazarika. She lived in her house at Jorhat about 300 yards east of Doss & Co.

As she aged she moved in with her daughter Deepa at Guwahati. Unfortunately, this turned out to be an difficult experience since Deepa's aged mother in law, Naseema was also living there. She soon moved back to Jorhat and took in Bhakto Dutt as a boarder. She was quite happy managing by herself and Bhakto keeping an eye on her welfare. However, as she aged she moved back to Guwahati to be with her daughter Deepa who was now alone with the passing of her husband.

Unfortunately Deepa was not well so her mother Zeenat Afroza moved in with her son Babu and his wife Junu. She developed a medical problem related to an eating disorder that was not recognized or appreciated. A woman that was so full of life and kind to all unfortunately suffered medically during her last days.

Zeenat Afroza (Haru Aideo) mother of Deepa Hazarika



Altaf Ahmed welcoming Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at Guwahati when he was the DC:



Children: Deepa and Bapu – see Part 3 on Shanoor Hazarika

Meher Afroza (Aijan) married Altaf Ahmed. Her husband died of a massive heart attack at an early age. She had one son, Agha and two daughters, Dipi and Nawaz. Aijan moved to Shillong to live with her son Agha who was renting a place from Ziaul Huq's sister Salu Huq in the Lachumere area. They then moved to Laban. She was an excellent cook

and always had a smile for everyone. Agha married Ayesha Rahman, daughter of Khan Bahadur Sayedur Rahman and youngest sister of Saleha Rahman. They have a daughter Sharmin and a son Izad. Agha is a retired Professor of Economics from St Edmunds College in Shillong.

Dipi married Amanulla Ghaffar, great grandson of Shanoor Ali Hazarika. They have a son Tehsin (Dipu) and two daughters Amini and Mumu. Dipi has settled in Siliguri
Nawaz married Mahmud Ahmed, brother of Niaz Ahmed, who is married to Nazma Ahmed. They have a son and a daughter.

Meher Afroza (Aijan) married Altaf Ahmed, from Sibsagar, ACS. Add. D.C. at Jorhat on Oct 29, 1936, mehr Rs. 2,555

Children:

Agha Nizamuddin Ahmed married Ayesha Rahman daughter of Khan Bahadur Sayedur Rahman and sister of Saleha Rahman

Maher Taj Afroza Ahmed (Dipi) married Amanulla Ghaffar, great grandson of Shanoor Ali Hazarika

Nawaz Ahmed married Mahmud Ashraf Ahmed

L to R: Izad Ahmed, Agha Ahmed and Izad's Fiancé (Rehana's daughter):



Group picture at Meher Afroza's (Aijan) residence at Shillong.

L to R front: Tawheed Hazarika, Rukhsana Hazarika, Jewel (Nani), Vimala Mohammed, Ayesha Ahmed, Venesi Rahman, Sharmin, Bella Rahman, Saleha Rahman.

Rear L to R: Sajidur Rahman, Md. Tanweer, Pervez Mohammed, Ataur Rahman, Meher Afroza:



SAJIDUR RAHMAN (Dueta)

Sajidur Rahman brother of Ataur Rahman is also known as Dueta and lives with his brother at Kharguli, Guwahati.

Born on March 2, 1921 at Nowgong, went to high school at Nowgong and passed the metrics high school examination in 1932. Dueta is 5ft 5” in height and medium built. His father then sent him to Dacca for higher studies. Unfortunately he did not like Dacca and returned to Nowgong. He was an avid cricketer and also played in the Ranji Trophy tournament. He is an avid cricket fan and attended many of the major cricket matches during his retirement. He also visited the USA in 1991, both east and west coast.

Joined Jorehaut Tea Company as an apprentice which soon resulted in a promotion to Assistant Manager Sajidur Rahman had made a favorable impression on the Superintendent. He was now on track for a career in Tea. During the years he was posted in Cinnammara tea, Langharjan and many more to eleven tea gardens as Assistant Manager. He was then promoted to Manager of Deepling tea estate at Sonari near Sibsagar. His tea career spanned 28 years from 1954 to 1982.

In 2006 Dueta has been in retirement for 25 years and is now 85 years old. Medically he is quite fit except for a heart problem in 1991. He had a heart attack but did not require any surgery, he was treated in Guwahati.

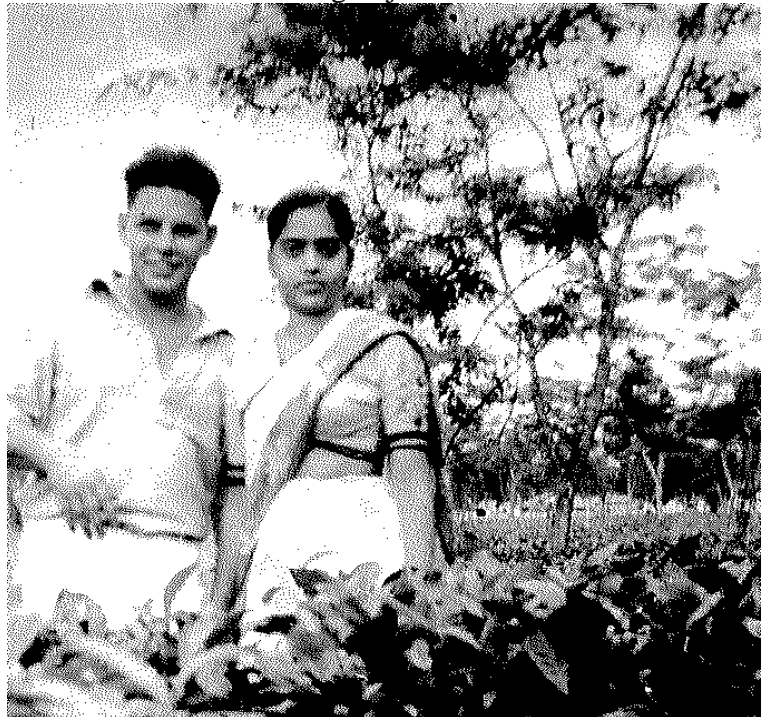
Upon retirement Dueta invested his money and lived off the interest earnings. In addition he bought a house in Shillong during his service in 1976. Unfortunately, with the passing away of Habiba he had to sell the house as it made no sense to retire in Shillong

Dueta married Habiba Khatoon a descendent of Haji Bibi (daughter of Ali Ahmed Hazarika) on May 11, 1957. He was married in Titabar in an elaborate wedding. It was arranged by the family. Habiba Khatoon discovered she had uterus cancer in 1962 and had two operations at Dibrugarh. The cancer was in remission for a number of years but reappeared around 1974. She passed away in 1978 at Mumuria tea estate and was buried at Titabar. Dueta passed away in 2008 at Guwahati and is buried in the Kabastan behind the Guwahati stadium not far from Dej Dada Hazarika (Boo).

Sajidur Rahman (Dueta) in 1974 at Guwahati Police house:



Sajidur Rahman and wife Habiba at Langharjan tea estate in 1957:



Mohammed Tanweer and Shagufa with Uncle Sajidur Rahman: 1979



Sajidur Rahman sitting on his favorite chair at the outside verandah at his brother's house in Gauhati to read the daily newspapers and take in the sun and chat with visitors - 2007:

