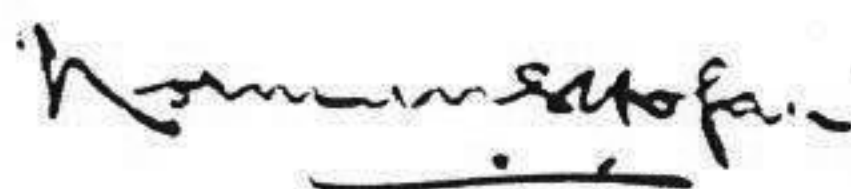


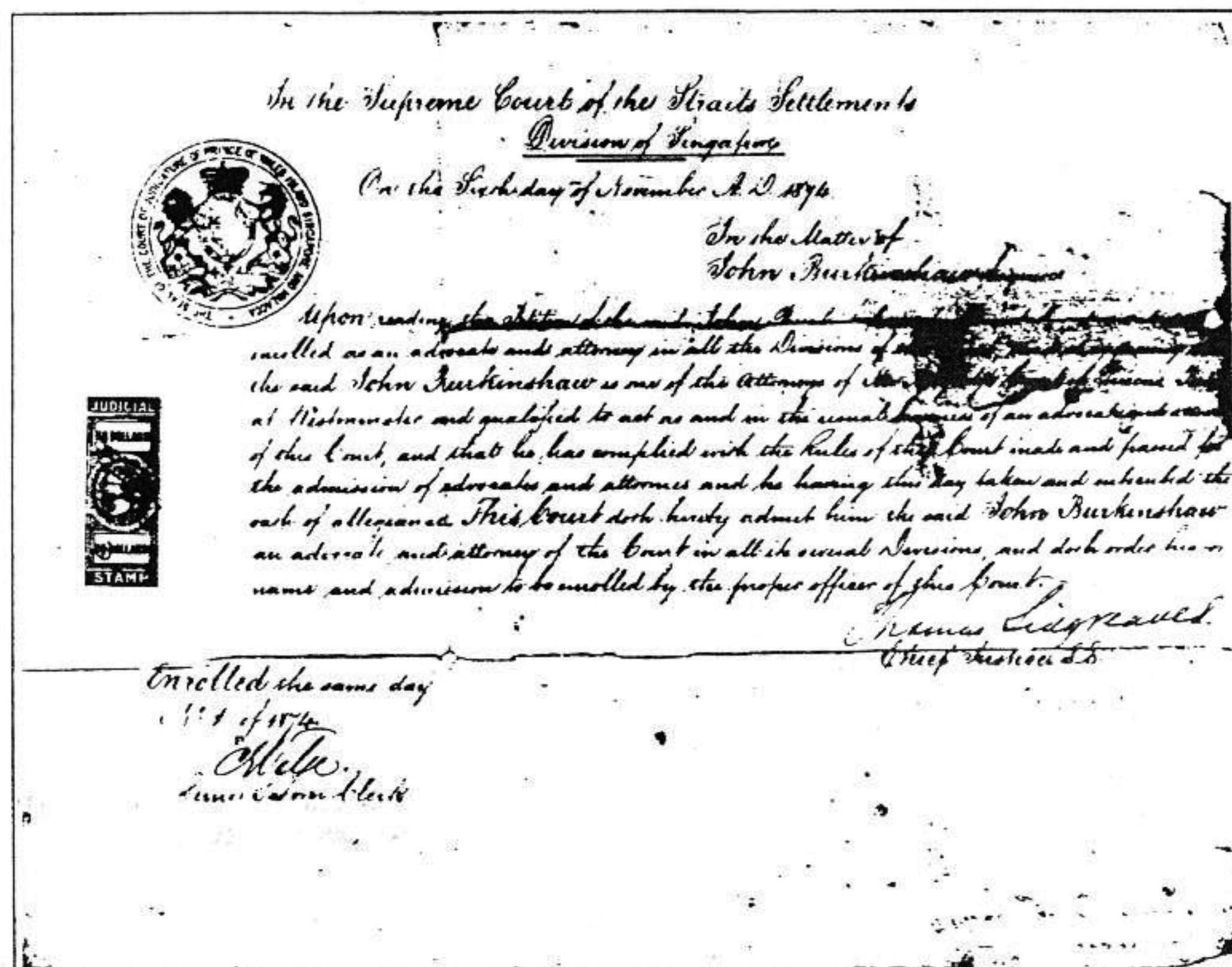
FIFTY YEARS
with
DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW
by
NORMAN S. HOGAN

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DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW
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SINGAPORE



MR. Alexander Leathes Donaldson
1873 - 1894



Certificate of Admission of MR. John Burkinshaw 1874 – 1904.

FOREWORD

In writing these memoirs of my long-standing association with the firm of Donaldson & Burkinshaw, I have a few objectives in mind. I wish to present to my colleagues and friends a fairly accurate picture of the firm, the men and women who have been responsible for its growth and development, from the small office it was in 1874 to the large establishment it is today, and to narrate my own fortunes which are closely knit into its varied and colourful fabric. The happenings during a period of fifty years is too much for the ordinary human memory to retain. My task would have been extremely difficult and impossible were it not for the excellent collection of reference books available in the firm's library. For this I have leaned heavily on what is today known as the Straits Times Directory and its fore-runners which have appeared under various names like, the Singapore and Malayan Directory, the Singapore and Straits Directory, the Colonial Directory of the Straits Settlements, and the Straits Calender and Directory which dates as far back as 1871.

On December 4th, 1963, I completed fifty years of service in the firm. It was my great pleasure and pride on that occasion, to have had all the Partners of the firm and my office colleagues, together with their spouses, at a simple

reception in my house, No. 7, Roseburn Avenue in Frankel Estate. The Management of the firm too did not allow the occasion to slip-by. The Partners of the firm not only held a Chinese dinner in my honour, to which all the members of my family were invited, but also showed their generosity and appreciation by presenting me with a silver salver and a substantial cheque.

I should have applied myself to the task of writing this soon after that day. But one thing or another made me put it off until now, and I am really glad that finally I have been able to accomplish it. It makes you feel good to know that you have done something worth-while in your life, and let me tell you, that you are in a better position to realise this, when you work in a legal firm, especially one that maintains such a high standard of efficiency as the firm of Donaldson & Burkinshaw.

I remember well that in the twenties and thirties, people who had difficult legal problems, more often than not sought the aid of Donaldson & Burkinshaw. To work in a large legal firm has its humane aspects and rewarding experiences. Clients who can ill-afford the heavy costs of long drawn-out and protracted litigation in the courts, often turn to you for mediatory services which bring satisfaction to all parties concerned, because of their faith and belief in the firm and the people who run it. In this connection I wish to pay my tribute to one man in particular who has always befriended me, given

me great stature in my work and helped and guided me in arriving at proper decisions. He is none other than Mr. Henry Richard Lubbock Dyne, a well-known and outstanding Partner of the firm. By singling out Mr. Dyne for mention, it is not my intention in any way to belittle other men and women who have, from time to time, guided the destiny of Donaldson & Burkinshaw effectively and efficiently. Each and everyone of them will always have a special place in my fond memories.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the Partners of Donaldson & Burkinshaw past and present, for their kindness and consideration, without which life would not be what it is for me today. In 1974 the firm will be celebrating its Centenary, and God willing, I hope to be still with the firm when that time comes. I have endeavoured to make these memoirs as pleasant as possible. As names and dates take a large and important part, it may in places appear drab and sterotype, but I hope you will bear with me. In spite of all the care I have taken to present the chronology of the firm, due to lapse in my memory and the absence of documents, there may well be errors and omissions. I, therefore, ask that any unintentional shortcomings be overlooked.

*Singapore,
1971.*

Norman S. Hogan



MR. Gilbert Squarey Carver
1905 – 1928



MR. Henry Richard Lubbock Dyne
1911 – 1948

I was born in Singapore, in the year 1897, on the fifth day of January, at No. 4 Wilkie Road. My father, Henry Clarence Hogan was born in Penang on the 8th of December, 1855 and my mother, Josephine Marie Hogan, (nee Cazalas), in Singapore, on the 26th of April, 1860.

My primary education was in the hands of two ladies who ran private schools not far from my father's house. They were Miss Grenier of Sophia Road and Miss Neubronner of Niven Road. In 1907, I was admitted to the third standard in the Raffles Girls' School, which catered for the education of girls as well as boys. After completing my fifth standard there, I moved over to the Raffles Institution in 1910, from where I completed my Senior Commercial studies by 1913. The Principal of the Raffles Institution then was the well known and popular Mr. C. M. Philips. I vividly recall to mind also Mr. Wm. Norman Haigh, a wonderful shorthand instructor, under whom I learned. He was also in charge of the St. Andrew's Home, a boarding house for boys, mostly from the nearby St. Andrew's School, run by the Church of England.

Those days, students from the Government-run Raffles Institution and the two other major schools, St. Joseph's of the Christian Brothers and the Methodist Mission's Anglo-Chinese School, were prepared and presented for the commercial examination of the Birmingham Institute of Commerce. Having appeared for this examination, I applied for and obtained employment with the law firm of

Donaldson & Burkinshaw. I started as a shorthand typist on the 4th of December, 1913, in their office at 19 Collyer Quay, then known as Boustead's Building, next-door to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The following were the partners, assistants and staff:

Partners	Cecil Ingram Carver	
	Harold Millard	
	Gilbert Squarey Carver	
Assistants	Arnold Savage Bailey	
	Henry Richard Lubbock Dyne	
	Philip Walton	
Book-keeper	Chan Kim Boon	
Head Clerks	Frederick William Ronald Scott	
	Newbold Benjamin Westerhout	
Clerks	Chan Yen Soon	Khor Guan Eang
	Walter Francis D'Souza	Kho Chua Pee
	Goh Peng Wee	Lye Boon Hong
	Nicholas E. Gomes	Mohamed Yahaya
	Ho Ah Cheong	Soh Cheng Lim
	Ibrahim	Yeo Kim Whye
	N. S. Hogan	

Common Law Clerk	I. I. Modr. Nagalingam
Court Clerk	K. Narainasamy
Collector	Ang Boon Kian
London Agents	Speechly, Mumford & Craig 10, New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London W.C.2.

Early Days

It is on record that towards the end of 1874, the firm of Aitkin, Donaldson & Burkinshaw was established. Mr. A. M. Aitkin, who was admitted to the Bar on the 4th of August, 1852 was joined by Mr. A. L. Donaldson (admitted on 9th June, 1873) and Mr. John Burkinshaw (admitted on 6th November, 1874) to form the nucleus of this legal firm. It carried on under that name until 1878 and in 1879 Mr. Aitkin retired and the firm came to be known as Donaldson & Burkinshaw, which name has prevailed ever since. Mr. Donaldson retired in or about the year 1894 and Mr. Hugh Fort joined the firm the same year. It is of interest that Mr. Fort later received a knighthood. In 1897, Mr. Cecil Ingram Carver joined the firm and was made a Partner in 1899. He was followed by Mr. Harold Millard in 1903, acquiring his partnership in or about the year 1908.

Mr. John Burkinshaw retired in the year 1904 and Mr. Gilbert Squarey Carver joined the firm the following year, 1905, and became a partner in 1910.

Mr. Henry Richard Lubbock Dyne (Solicitor, 4th November 1903) joined the firm in 1911 (admitted on 29th September, 1911) and became a partner in 1917.

In 1913 Mr. C. I. Carver and Mr. G. S. Carver controlled the contentious side of the firm and Mr. Harold Millard the non-contentious.

Mr. C. I. Carver had a strong and forceful personality, while Mr. Millard, under whom I worked, was reserved and dignified.

Mr. G. S. Carver, who was much younger, was more amicable. He was very fond of sailing and had a yacht of his own. I have sailed with him on a few occasions.

At that time salaries were very low compared to present times and most clerks started out on an average of \$20.00 per month. But the purchasing value of the dollar then was considerably greater than it is today. I was very fortunate in that Mr. Millard agreed to my request for a commencing salary of \$50.00 per month.

World War I and the Singapore Mutiny

The First World War broke out on the 4th of August, 1914. On 15th February, 1915, a mutiny broke out in Singapore by half the battalion of an Indian Light Infantry then stationed here. There were no other regular troops in Singapore at that time. The local Volunteer Corps, supported by a Home Guard, formed of civilians from business firms, guarded the Government House and other strategic places in Singapore. Mr. Andrew Agnew, Representative of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. was the Commandant of the Home Guard.

At that time, as far as I can remember, there was only one troop of Boy Scouts in Singapore. I was a "Lieutenant" in the First Singapore Troop. A few of us were attached, as guides, to the British troops who arrived from India. We were given certificates by Brigadier-General Dudley Ridout, Commanding the Forces in the Straits Settlements, as having assisted the Military Authorities from 1914 to 1916, during the War.

The mutiny was soon suppressed, but was dreadful while it lasted and the rounding up of the mutineers took quite some time as many went into

hiding. The aftermath saw many of the mutineers court martialled and shot publicly outside the walls of the former Outram Road Prison which has since been demolished to make way for Urban development.

Mr. Philip Walton, who was a gunner in the Singapore Volunteer Artillery, was killed in action on the 18th of February, 1915, during the mutiny in Singapore. Mr. Walton was considered an exceptionally brilliant barrister.

Mr. Millard left for the Western Front. He was a major in the Northamptonshire Regiment of the British Army and died of wounds received in action in France on 11th April, 1917.

A tablet bearing the following inscription can be seen at the Supreme Court Building, Singapore:

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE
ADVOCATES AND SOLICITORS OF THE SUPREME
COURT OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS WHO
FORMERLY PRACTICED AT SINGAPORE AND
WHO FELL DURING THE WAR — 1914 TO 1918.

HAROLD MILLARD

A Major in the Northamptonshire Regiment died of wounds received in action in France on 11th April, 1917.

HECTOR ALAN LANE

A Lieutenant in the East Lancashire Regiment who was killed in action near Ypres in Belgium on 25th May, 1915.

CLAUD ROMAKO A'BECKETT TERRELL M.C.

A Captain in the Royal Horse Artillery who died of wounds received in action at Monchy-le-Preux in France on 10th June, 1917.

PHILIP WALTON

A Gunner in the Singapore Volunteer Artillery who was killed in action in Singapore on 18th February, 1915.

Major Harold Millard and Gunner Philip Walton were from Donaldson & Burkinshaw.

Captain C. R. A'Beckett Terrell was from Drew & Napier, and Lieutenant H. A. Lane from Allen & Gledhill.

Mr. A. S. Bailey left the firm in 1914 and took over the firm of Hewgill & Day, Kuala Lumpur, from Mr. G. Harold Day. In 1917, Mr. Bailey, with Mr. Raymond H. Bannon, established the firm of Bannon & Bailey at Kuala Lumpur.

In 1917, Mr. J. W. M. C. Locke joined our firm as an assistant solicitor. His full name was John Wardham Majoribanks Courtenay Locke. He had linguistic inclinations and during his short stay in Singapore of about two years, learnt Arabic and Chinese (Characters) and, I believe, did well, and acquired a good knowledge of these two difficult languages.

After three years with the firm, I ceased to be a shorthand typist and became a Clerk. Since then I worked directly under Mr. H. R. L. Dyne and consider myself lucky to have continued to do so for a period of more than thirty-one years.

Mr. Thomas Richard Dudley Parsons joined the firm in or about the year 1917. He became a partner in 1918 and remained till 1922.

Mr. C. I. Carver retired from the firm in 1918. On his retirement he

gave all the members of the staff one month's salary by way of special bonus. I remember clearly his parting words to the staff. He emphasized the necessity for co-operation between solicitor and clerk and maintained that the success of the firm depended upon that to a great extent. He said the firm had attained a very high standard of efficiency and he asked us (the members of the staff) to keep it up for his successors as we had done for him. Mr. Carver died on the 13th of October, 1941, at Eastbourne, Sussex, England.

Mr. Humphrey Benedict Layton joined the firm in 1918 and became a partner in 1922. He was considered very good in litigation and remained with the firm till he died on 6th August, 1931, at the General Hospital, Singapore. He was a confirmed bachelor.

Mr. William Lionel Stevens joined the firm in 1919 and became a partner in 1924. He was known to his friends in the legal circle as "Gumoh Stevens" (meaning "fat Stevens") as there were two other Stevens practising in Singapore, Mr. F.G. Stevens of Rodyk & Davidson and Mr. E.A. Stevens (called "Ginger Stevens" on account of his red hair) of Allen & Gledhill. Our Mr. Stevens remained with the firm for many years till 1934, when he retired. Latterly he held a pessimistic view that Singapore would not survive and said that the "bottom" would fall out of it. His wife, Mrs. Irene Stevens (nee Fox Male) was the lady golf champion for a number of years.

On 2nd November, 1920, Messrs. Edward Boustead & Company, who owned Boustead's Building, entered into an agreement with the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. for the sale of the old building for the purpose of the erection of a new seven-storey building on certain terms and conditions. The assignment of the property was completed on 28th December, 1921.

It was necessary, therefore, for our firm to seek a new site and towards the end of 1921 we removed to the first floor of No. 5 Prince Street and No. 3 De Souza Street and our office was known as No. 3A De Souza Street where we remained, notwithstanding the rickety state of the premises, until 1939 when we occupied the major portion of the first floor of the Mercantile Bank Chambers, with an office on the 4th Floor for the Trade Mark subsidiaries of the firm known as (1) S. Law & Co. and (2) Norbury Natzio & Co. The rental at that time, I understand, was only \$400.00 per month for both the main office and the subsidiary office.

Mr. Cecil Henry Smith (Barrister 8th June, 1921) joined the firm on 21st December, 1921 (admitted on 3rd July, 1922). He became a partner in January, 1930, and left the firm on 31st December, 1960.

Mr. Tan Sim Boh (Barrister 26th January, 1923) joined the firm in 1923 (admitted on 5th November, 1923). He was a young man who showed great

promise. He was very popular and had a large circle of business associates. He was senior assistant in the firm for many years and left in 1937 to join Mr. Lee Kong Chian in his business known as Lee Rubber Company Limited. He was a Captain in the Chinese Company of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Forces and died as the result of bombing by the Japanese Air Force during the War.

Mr. John Trevor Haydon (Solicitor 11th January, 1926) joined the firm in 1926 (admitted 23rd May, 1927). He specialised in Conveyancing and Company Law and became a partner in 1934. At the outbreak of World War II he returned to England. He did not rejoin the firm after the War.

Mr. Thomas Crowe Spenser Wilkinson (Barrister 17th November 1925) joined the firm in 1927 (admitted on 31st January, 1928). He specialised in Admiralty matters and became a partner in 1934. He left the firm in 1939 to join the Colonial Legal Service. He was honoured with a knighthood.

The "Twenties" was a good period for me as I had substantial salary increases during that time. By the 1st of January, 1926, my salary was \$300.00 a month which was then higher than the starting salary of an average qualified assistant solicitor who would draw \$250.00 a month.

The early "Thirties" was a slump period for Singapore during which landlords of shophouses were willing, and in fact eager, to accept lower than average rentals rather than keep their houses vacant. Consequently business was not good.

On the 30th of June, 1933, a notice was issued by the Partners of the firm requiring general reductions in salaries on a sliding scale from 5% to 15%. Those drawing salaries of \$200.00 and above were cut 15%. The cuts were, however, restored after a few years.

In 1930, Mr. H.G. Barrow joined the firm and remained for three years till 1932.

Mr. Norbert Nelson Leicester (Barrister 17th June, 1931) joined the firm in 1932 (admitted on 1st February, 1932) and remained with us till the outbreak of World War II.

Mr. Arnold Forster Thorne (Barrister 26th January, 1933) joined the firm in 1934 (admitted on 15th October, 1934).

In 1935 Mr. E.N. Griffith-Jones joined the firm and he left in 1939 to join the Colonial Legal Service. Later he received a knighthood.

The 21st of February, 1936, was the 25th anniversary of Mr. H.R.L. Dyne's arrival in Singapore and the clerical staff of the firm showed their appreciation in an address to him, an extract of which reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, the Clerical Staff of your firm, offer you our sincere congratulations on this the twenty-fifth anniversary of your arrival in Singapore.

There are none of us here who can claim to be in the proud position of having then welcomed you. But, there are a few amongst us who can remember your early days in the firm. As the years rolled on and you became the Senior Partner, we were all very pleased indeed for we knew that we were in good hands. We wish you to know that it has been a great pleasure to work for you. Your understanding of our shortcomings and your kind consideration towards us in times of trouble have endeared you to us more than words can express and we would ask you to accept our heartfelt thanks for all that you have done, and are still doing for us.

We hope and pray that you will be with us for a long time to come for no one could ever replace you in our hearts."

Mr. Kenneth Edward William Hatchard (Solicitor 2nd December 1935) joined the firm in 1936 (admitted on 18th May, 1937).

Mr. O.L.R. Hills joined the firm in 1937 until the outbreak of the War.

Mr. W.A. Blair Kerr joined the firm in 1939 until the outbreak of the War.

Prior to the War the retaining clients of the firm included the following banks and companies:

- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
- The Eastern Bank Limited
- Banque de l'Indo Chine
- Netherlands Trading Society
- Bank of China
- Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.S.) Ltd.
- Mansfield & Co., Ltd.
- Straits Steamship Co., Ltd.
- Straits Trading Co., Ltd.
- United Engineers Ltd.
- Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij
- Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient
- Societa Commissionaria Di Esportazione E Di Importazione
- North British & Mercantile Insurance Co., Ltd.

It will be observed from the above impressive list of banks and companies that the firm of Donaldson & Burkinshaw was one of the leading legal firms in Singapore. In addition, the firm had a very wide universal clientele. Among

the numerous clients of the firm, I remember very well —

- (a) Syed Omar bin Mohamed Alsagoff (father of Dato S.I.O. Alsagoff the present Consul General for Saudi Arabia in Singapore). He owned a large estate at Chancery Lane called Bukit Tunggal, where he lived. There was a big lake in his property with a boat or two for pleasure purposes.
- (b) Shaik Sallim bin Mohamed bin Sallim bin Talib. He lived in a large compound house at Bras Basah Road. He was a very large property owner.

World War II

It started for us here with an attack on Malaya and the Naval Base, in Singapore by the Japanese Air Force on the 8th of December, 1941. I remember clearly waking up from sleep to observe what I, at first, thought were rocket fireworks in the direction of Johore Bahru, but later learnt they were anti-aircraft guns at the Naval Base shooting at the attacking planes.

The same day Martial Law was declared in Singapore.

By 1940, there were strong indications that the War would come, as most of the Japanese firms had closed and their nationals had left Singapore.

In 1941, training in the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force was intensified. I was then a Serjeant (acting Quarter Master Serjeant) in the "D" (Eurasian) Company of the First Battalion which was stationed at the Telok Paku Camp for two months early in the year. After that, I was discharged on 1st April, 1941, as I was beyond the age limit of 41 years. I was 44 years old. I had served in the Volunteers from 1922 to 1941.

I then enlisted in the Local Defence Corps. which had their Headquarters at Monk's Hill School.

When the War broke out our work was to guard the "Protected Areas". Our Headquarters were periodically bombed. Early in February 1942 the L.D.C. was disbanded.

I was then living at No. 59 Kempas Road and due to heavy bombing at Tanjong Pagar and troop movements in Upper Serangoon, my relatives congregated at my residence for shelter. The troops were all around us and we were under heavy shell fire. On the morning of February 14th, we moved to Ritchie & Bissett's office at the Union Building for greater protection from air raids and shelling. During the day, I went to our office at the Mercantile Bank Chambers and found that Mr. H.R.L. Dyne and Mr. C.H. Smith had moved in

there. Many fires raged in Raffles Place due to the bombing, and by evening there was no water supply as the mains had been destroyed by the bombing.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock that night, there was an ominous silence in the air and we wondered what had happened. News quickly spread that Singapore had surrendered. Early next morning, we returned to our homes and it was just as well, for later that morning road blocks were put up at all junctions to stop all movements, while the Japanese Occupation Forces took over control positions on the Island.

Mr. Dyne and Mr. Smith were interned with the rest of the Europeans. Mr. Dyne, I was told, lost all his valuable Chinaware and other valuables which were kept at the Singapore Club.

After a time registration of peoples was effected by the Japanese Authorities and the Eurasians were given scraps of paper about one inch square for identification.

I then tried to get to the office and there met Kassim, one of the office messengers, who told me that the lock on the door of the office was open.

We went in and while I was looking around, two Japanese walked in. One was an officer, with a long sword, and the other a civilian. I was asked,

"who you?" and when I showed them the scrap of identification paper, I only saw expressionless looks on their faces. Some little time passed before I was told abruptly "go", which I did pretty quickly.

When the Japanese Civil administration was effected, Mr. Tan Thoon Lip was appointed Registrar of the High Court and Mr. P.Y. Tan Custodian of Property. I then approached Mr. Tan Thoon Lip and requested formal permission to enter the office. Mr. N.N. Leicester who was on the staff of Donaldson & Burkinshaw was officially appointed as Special Manager to wind-up the business within three months.

We were able to remove all the title deeds and documents and store them at the office of the Custodian of Property at the Supreme Court building. The books in our library were removed carefully by the British Militia to the Raffles Library, under the supervision of an officer, where they remained until the re-occupation of Singapore.

All the stationery in the office and a large number of correspondence files and papers were kept by Mr. Mok Yen Fai, a staff member, at his club house in New Bridge Road. All the safes together with the furniture were sold by public auction.

At that time, Mr. Loh Peng Kwang, another staff member, (known generally as "P.K.") learnt that Mr. A.F. Thorne and Mr. K.E.W. Hatchard, were in the Military Internment Camp for prisoners of war. Mr. Hatchard was seen with a working party of prisoners of war at Havelock Road. P.K. managed to meet him, and Mr. Hatchard asked for a typewriter and stationery. On a pre-arranged day and time, P.K. and I met Mr. Hatchard in the back room of a sundry goods shop at Havelock Road, exchanged news and views, and handed him the typewriter and other materials. We had hoped to see Mr. Thorne too, but were disappointed, as he was unable to come.

After the liquidation of the firm, Mr. Leicester joined Mr. R.C.H. Lim, and I had a desk at Mr. P.F. de Souza's office in Battery Road. When Mr. de Souza considered it advisable to leave and take up residence at the Catholic Settlement at Bahau, Johore, I persuaded Mr. Y.H. Tsan to take over Mr. de Souza's business and staff.

At the same time, I helped with the accounts of Mr. Foo Hong Toon's restaurant called "Ta Tong" at Chulia Street, the consideration being a good meal for me in the afternoon and an evening dinner for my wife which I took home. Mr. Foo also gave us rice and other foodstuffs that we badly needed, for which we were most grateful.

Mr. Foo was a pre-war member of the staff of Donaldson & Burkinshaw but after a few years with the firm his business acumen asserted itself and he went in for catering, firstly in the schools' tuck shops. He then embarked on bigger projects. He had a share in the "Princes" at Orchard Road, and in the restaurant at the Haw Par Swimming Pool, at Pasir Panjang, amongst other concerns. His biggest venture, was the purchase of No. 5 Napier Road from Dr. Noel L. Clarke and he caused the building known as "Gleneagles Hotel" to be erected on a portion of the spacious grounds. The project proved to be a pronounced success and but for his untimely demise the hotel building would not have been sold. It is now known as the Gleneagles Hospital.

At the conclusion of World War II, Mr. Foo distributed freely to those whom he knew, and who had been interned by the Japanese, household furniture, food (provisions) and drinks, which he had kept in reserve for that purpose. He always believed in helping those in need, and used to say that his success in life was due to his association with Mr. H.R.L. Dyne.

Immediately after the surrender of the Japanese on 5th September, 1945, I visited the Civil Internment Camp at Sime Road, and the first person I saw at the Camp gates was Mr. Edward Roland Koek. He very kindly escorted me to Mr. H.R.L. Dyne and Mr. C.H. Smith. It was a memorable day for me. Mr.

Dyne looked very fit and well notwithstanding the ordeal of having been interned for three and a half years.

Rehabilitation period

Mr. H.R.L. Dyne "held the fort" while Mr. C. H. Smith, Mr. A.F. Thorne and Mr K.E.W. Hatchard went to England on leave and on their return Mr. Dyne took a holiday in England.

Most of the staff had returned and the rehabilitation began. We brought back to the office our books from the Raffles Library, our deeds and documents from the Custodian's office at the Supreme Court and all the correspondence files and stationery from Mr. Mok Yen Fai's Club house.

This was the period of the British Military Administration of the Colony and outstanding matters had to be readjusted and settled. It was a wonderful feeling to be back at the old firm.

Mr. J.T. Haydon did not return to Singapore. Mr. A.F. Thorne and Mr. Hatchard were then made partners. Mr. Dyne, returned from leave, looking hale and hearty but after some time, the effects of the long internment began to tell

on his health. Notwithstanding this, he continued working, but from his home at No. 3 Chatsworth Avenue, Singapore.

Mr. Dyne was acknowledged then to be one of the best solicitors in Singapore, in matters pertaining to probates and administration, conveyancing and companies. It was my privilege to work for him and I was able to acquire a comprehensive general knowledge of law which has stood me in good stead over the long period I have been in the firm and I have always acknowledged that I owed Mr. Dyne a debt of gratitude, which I could never repay. Mr. Dyne, though serious minded, was very kind and many benefitted by his goodness. His sporting activities included Squash, Golf and Bowls. He was a half-blue at Cambridge in Squash and continued to play in Singapore until he was fifty. He was the Captain of the Singapore Golf Club for a few years. He also excelled in Bowls and captained the Singapore Cricket Club team in inter-port games.

Mr. Dyne was a partner for thirty-one years, twenty of which were as senior partner. He died on the 5th of July, 1948, at No. 3, Chatsworth Avenue and left a sadness in the hearts of all the members of the staff.

On the 24th of February, 1947, an application was made to the High Court by the firm under Section 35 of the Advocates and Solicitors Ordinance

and the Advocates and Solicitors (Amendment) Ordinance, 1947, for an Order that I, as the Managing Clerk of the firm since 1933, be permitted to appear before the Registrar or the Deputy Registrar of the Court, in Chambers, for the purpose of taxation of costs and the hearing of uncontested or ex-parte applications. The application was made by Petition 1 of 1947 and the affidavit in support was made by Mr. Dyne. I appeared before the then Solicitor-General, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. R.H. Green of Braddell Brothers represented the Singapore Bar Committee, for a viva voce examination.

At the hearing of the petition before the Chief Justice in Open Court on the 9th day of May, 1947, an order in the following terms was made:

"Upon the Petition of Donaldson & Burkinshaw dated the 24th day of February, 1947 preferred unto the Court this day and upon hearing Counsel for the Petitioners THIS COURT DOTH ORDER that the abovenamed Norman Sylvester Hogan be and is hereby permitted to appear before the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of this Court in Chambers for the purpose of taxation of costs and on the hearing of uncontested or ex-parte applications AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said permission shall only extend to the said Norman Sylvester Hogan whilst in the employment of Donaldson and Burkinshaw and during the pleasure of this Court"

Later in 1947, the Partners empowered Mrs. Short and me to sign formal letters in Trade Marks and Probate matters respectively.

Mrs. Short (maiden name Zaida Elias) joined the firm in 1933 as a shorthand-typist. Later when the Trade Marks Ordinance came into force in 1938 she attended to trade marks. She left the firm in 1952 to take up the appointment of Deputy Registrar of Trade Marks and later as Registrar of Trade Marks with the Singapore Government. She left Government and rejoined the firm in May 1964 until May 1968.

The partners of the firm in 1949 (according to the directory of 1950) were Mr. C.H. Smith, Mr. A.F. Thorne, Mr. K.E.W. Hatchard and Mr. L.A.J. Smith (admitted on 12th March, 1948) who had by then joined the firm. The assistant solicitors were Mr. N.L. Macassey and Mr. M.H. MacDougal, who only stayed for about a year.

Mr. L.A.J. Smith left the firm in 1957. Mr. Thorne, with whom I worked, retired in 1960. Mr. Hatchard, with whom I also worked, retired the following year, 1961.

Both Mr. Thorne and Mr. Hatchard were very well liked and popular with the members of the staff.

In 1950 four solicitors joined the firm, namely:

Mr. Philip Francis Kinsey
Mr. Charles Lindsey Duff

Mr. Antony Purdon Godwin, and
Miss Audrey Elizabeth Gibbs

Mr. Kinsey (Solicitor 16th October, 1929) was a senior member of the Bar (admitted on 9th December, 1935) having been in Sisson & Delay for many years and latterly a director of Bata Shoe Company Limited. He became a partner of the firm in 1951, and opened our Branch Office at MacDonald House, Orchard Road, for the purpose of dealing with the development of Housing Estates. I believe he first mooted the idea of 9999 year leases for flats. He left the firm in or about the year 1956.

Mr. Duff became a partner on 1st January, 1956 and left in 1963. Mr. Godwin also became a partner on 1st January, 1956. He is now (1971) the senior partner of the firm and we, the staff members, sincerely hope that he will be with us for a long time to come.

Miss Gibbs, who is now Mrs. Fox, was with the firm for ten years and left in 1960. She is Welsh and, although small in stature, was forceful in Court proceedings and most efficient in conveyancing and estate matters. She was well liked by all the members of the staff. She left after her marriage, due to her husband's transfer to England.

Mr. Edward Anselm Parker joined the firm in 1951 and became a partner on 1st January, 1956. He specialised in Company work and retired from the firm in 1968.

Mr. L.M. Paton joined the firm in 1953 for a term of three years.

Mr. Derek Lewé Pickard joined the firm on 1st December, 1953, and opened the branch office of the firm at Jesselton. He remained there till 1956. The branch office had been well established and was a great success. He returned to Singapore in 1957 (admitted 2nd December, 1957) and was then assigned to open a branch office in Kuala Lumpur. He became a partner on 1st January, 1960, and returned to Singapore this year (1971) as the Kuala Lumpur office was closed on 31st December, 1970, due to the promulgation of the Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance No. 30 of 1970 prohibiting lawyers who are neither citizens nor permanent residents from practising in West Malaysia.

Mr. Anthony Lawrence Hills joined the firm in 1955. He became a partner in 1961 and left the firm in 1965 to join the firm of Parker, Garrett & Co., Solicitors, London.

Mr. Brian John Michael Dally joined the firm in 1957. He became a partner in 1961 and left the firm in 1966 to practice in England. He is, at present, with Parker, Garrett & Co., Solicitors, London.

Mr. Henry Mosley Dyne, son of the late Mr. H.R.L. Dyne, (admitted on 24th January, 1958) joined the firm on 15th January, 1957, and became a partner on 1st January, 1963.

Mr. Chang Sheng Wu (Freddie Wu) (admitted on 31st January, 1958) joined the firm on 1st January, 1958, and became a partner on 1st July, 1963.

Mr. Lee Ah Seong (admitted on 12th March, 1956) joined the firm on 1st March, 1961, and became a partner on 1st July, 1963. Our MacDonald House Office at Orchard Road is now under his control.

Mr. James Fleming McWilliam (admitted on 14th January, 1959) joined the firm on 1st January, 1968, and became a partner on 1st July, 1968.

Mr. Roy Sharma (admitted on 17th August, 1962) joined the firm on 1st May, 1963, and became a partner on 1st July, 1970.

Mr. Selvadurai Rajkumar (admitted on 2nd September, 1963) joined the firm on 1st September, 1963, and became a partner on 1st July, 1970.

Some particulars of the assistant solicitors who joined the firm since 1957 are as follows:

1957 Mr. J. Treleaven — Resident Solicitor, Jesselton, Borneo
Mr. Peter Lo — Sandakan, Borneo

1958 Mr. H.K. Sawtell left in 1960

1959 Miss Joan Grafton Smith (now Mrs. Peel) left in 1964

1961 Mr. Chng Kiat Leng left in 1963
Mr. Simon Nicholas (indisposed 1962)

1962 Mr. Neoh Thean Hup left in 1963

1963 Mrs. M.C. Jeyaretnam left in 1967

1965 Mr. J.B. Jeyaretnam left in 1967

1966 Mr. Lim Cheng Peng left in 1967
Mr. Ee Kheng Teh (joined 1st February, 1966)

1967 Mr. Foo See Juan (joined 18th January, 1967)

1968 Mr. Tan Bok Huay (joined on 1st March, 1968)
Mr. David Poh Kok Wee (joined on 1st March, 1968)
Mrs. Chu Kuan Lee (joined on 1st May, 1968)

1970 Mrs. Cyril Wong (joined on 2nd January, 1970)
Mr. Herbert Victor Morais (joined on 1st February, 1970)

1971 Mr. Lee Kim San (joined on 21st January, 1971)

This concludes the information ascertained from the Straits Times Directories and various other sources.

As voiced in my foreword, I could not but help the numerous names and dates, which no doubt make uninteresting and tedious reading. I take consolation in the fact that this is not a romantic story, but the actual details of the founding and growth of the legal firm of Donaldson & Burkinshaw covering a period of almost a hundred years and weatheling two World Wars, and my own small part in that organisation which keeps marching along. I hope you will all share with me the joy and satisfaction I have experienced in living and writing this.

NORMAN S. HOGAN



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NORMAN S. HOGAN
Aged 92

passed away peacefully on 26 July 1989, leaving beloved wife Celene and step daughters Rosita Bennett and Bernice Ann Concelcao and their families.

Body lying at 7 Roseburn Avenue Singapore 1545 from 12.00 noon today (27/7/89) and will be taken to Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Siglap Hill on Friday 28 July 1989 at 3.45pm for mass and thereafter to Mt. Vernon Hall 2 for cremation at 5.00pm.

No wreaths please. Donation to Assisi Home, Mount Alvernia.

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