

4. REV. ROBERT ARUNGBAMOLU COKER

REV. Robert Arungbamolu Coker, popularly called the “Mozart of Africa”, was born in Hastings, Freetown, Sierra-Leone, and he was the fourth son of Madam Sarah Taiwo and also the first descendant of Jibolu-Taiwo to become a clergyman. Rev. Coker married Miss Elizabeth Wright, the first child and daughter of Rev. T.B. Wright. She died when most her siblings were young.

He became a teacher with the Church Missionary Society (CMS) in Lagos after leaving school. He was later ordained as a minister.

He first studied Music at Abeokuta under Mr. Buhler from 1861 to 1864. In 1880, he went to England for a 9 months course in Music. On returning to Nigeria, he taught music at the then Lagos Female Institute until 1894 and distinguished himself as a teacher of Pianoforte.

He was an Anglican Church Pioneer Missionary in Ijebuland and the first Superintendent of Anglican Church in Ijebu Area from 1896 to 1909.

Rev. Coker was an organist and choirmaster of the Christ Church Cathedral, Lagos. He was a conductor and producer, who was well known for his Annual Handel Festival which was famously called **COKER CONCERT**. Between 1880 and 1896, Rev. Coker was a composer and among his compositions are “Ogo ni fun Baba”, “Ose, Ose rere, Iwo Ojo Isimi”, “Jesu a fe pade, Lojo re mimo yi”, “Lehin aiye buburu yi”. He was one of the committee members that produced the Music Edition of the CMS Yoruba Hymn Book. Rev. R.A. Coker, who died in Lagos on 9th February, 1926 was blessed with the following five daughters and a son that predeceased him at the age of 21 years.

1 MRS. HELEN WILLOUGHBY (Married Mr. Isaac Owen Willoughby), mother of:

a. MRS. ERINOLA WILLIAMS, mother of:

i. BRO. BABAJIDE WILLIAMS, father of:

(a) Mrs. Omotayo Lasore

(b) Mr. Owolabi Williams

(c) Mrs. Olajumoke Omobuwajo

(d) Mr. Babaseinde Williams

ii. MRS. MODUPE ORIJA, mother of:

(a) Adekoya Orija

(b) Oyinda Fadairo

(c) Ayodeji Orija

(d) Adesoka Coker

b. OLATUNJI BAILEY

i. Olugbo Savage

(a) Abimbola Savage

(b) Olabisi Savage

(c) Olanrewaju Savage

(d) Aina Omoshakin

(e) Busola Savage

(f) Titilola Savage

c. MR. OLAYINKA WILLOUGHBY, father of

i. MRS. EBUN OBONG, mother of:

(a) Rita Osijo

(b) Ansa Polonia

(c) Margret Badejo

(d) Eyo Ita Obong

(e) Victor Olusegun Obong

(f) Alexander Obong

ii. MRS. YEWANDE IKISIAMA, mother of:

(a) Seyi Ikisiama

(b) Aina Ikisiama

(c) Segun Ikisiama

(d) Yomi Ikisiama

2 MRS. ADELAIDE SAPARA (Married Dr. Oguntola Sapara), mother of ADENIYI SAPARA, father of

a. MRS. OMOTOLA SHODE, mother of:

- i. Afolabi Shode
 - ii. Segun Shode
 - iii. Kunle Shode
 - iv. Biodun Shode
 - v. Abiodun Shode
 - b. MRS. KOFOWOROLA NWOKEDI, mother of:
 - (a) Adaeze Nwokedi
 - (b) Chinedu Nwokedi
 - (c) Okechukwu Nwokedi
 - c. MRS. JUMOKE OYEMADE, mother of:
 - (a) Bola Shade
 - (b) Lola Awofodu
 - (c) Adedoyin Oyemade
 - (d) Adekunle Oyemade
 - (e) Oluwabukunola Oyemade
 - (f) Yewande Oyemade
 - d. MRS. DADA VAUGHAN, mother of:
 - (a) Omotayo Vaughan
 - (b) Funlayo Vaughan
 - (c) Ibitomi Vaughan
 - (d) Modupe Vaughan
 - (e) John Richard Vaughan
 - e. MRS. IYABO KOLEOSHO, mother of Funlola Koleosho
- 3 MR. ROBERT COKER
- 4 MRS. WINIFRED OLATOKUNBO MACAULAY (Married Mr. Frank G.V. Macaulay), mother of:
- a. CHIEF (MRS) CHRISTIANA ABIGAIL OREOLUWA JONES, mother of:
 - i. MRS. YEWANDE JANUARIO, mother of:
 - (a) Bro. Akintunde Ajayi, father of: Folahan, Aramide, Ayomide and Oluwole Ajayi

(b) Sis. Yetunde Merriman-Johnson, mother of: Shotayo, Ladipo and Funmilayo Merriman-Johnson

(c) Sis. Otolorin Gbajabiamila, mother of: Bro. Ayodele Craig and Ifedayo Gbajabiamila.

(d) Sis. Titilola Januario, mother of: Sis. Oyinlola Osinfeko and Omoniyi

(e) Sis. Olubunkola Jukwey, mother of: Terna, Fanen and Wuese Jukwey.

b. MRS. IBIYINKA ADETUTU MARTINS, mother of:

i. MRS. OLUSOLA MACAULAY, mother of:

(a) Olufemi Macaulay

(b) Olaolu Macaulay

(c) Oladunni Ayodele

(d) Oluyomi Macaulay

(e) Olulope Ojo

ii. MRS. OLUBUNMI ABISOGUN, mother of:

(a) Dr. Akinwunmi Abisogun

(b) Lande Ogungbe

(c) Akintunde Abisogun

(d) Adekunle Abisogun

iii. MR. BABAJIDE MARTINS, father of:

(a) Ojuolape Sho-Silva

(b) Olamide Martins

(c) Yinka Martins

(d) Sola Martins

(e) Remi Martins

(f) Kemi Martins

(g) Babatunde Martins

(h) Itunu Martins

iv. ENGR. ADEGBOYEGA MARTINS, father of:

(a) Deji Martins

(b) Bola Martins

(c) Tolu Martins

- (d) Dayo Martins
- (e) Tutu Martins

v. MRS. MORIN SHOTADE, mother of:

- (a) Olayiwola Shotade
- (b) Kunle Shotade
- (c) Mayoku Shotade
- (d) Babalola Shotade
- (e) Funmilola Shotade

vi. MRS. ADEBISI MARTINS-OLAGUNJU, mother of:

- (a) Adeola Olagunju
- (b) Abosede Olagunju
- (c) Kofoworola Olagunju
- (d) Taiwo Olagunju
- (e) Adeola Oluwalogbon
- (f) Adepeju Oluwalogbon
- (g) Adewale Oluwalogbon
- (h) Oluwamayowa Thomas

c. OLAITAN LAWSON-METZGER, mother of:

i. DR. ADEOLU LAWSON, father of:

- (a) Modupe Lawson
- (b) Emeka Lawson
- (c) Peter Lawson
- (d) Paul Lawson

ii. BOEVI LAWSON, father of:

- (a) Lartey Lawson (Ibadan)
- (b) Lartey Lawson (Oyinbo)
- (c) Omolara Ola
- (d) Tunji Lawson
- (e) Lola Lawson
- (f) Koforola Lawson

- (g) Abraham Lawson
 - (h) Charles Lawson
 - (i) Benjamin Lawson
 - (j) Femi Lawson
- iii. OLAYINKA LAWSON, father of:
 - (a) Kunle Lawson
 - (b) Ayodeji Lawson
- iv. OLUSEGUN LAWSON, father of:
 - (a) Femi Lawson
 - (b) Rotimi Lawson
 - (c) Okikiolu Lawson
 - (d) Yemisi Lawson
 - (e) Yetunde Lawson
- v. FUNMILAYO ADEUSI, mother of:
 - (a) Wole Adeusi
 - (b) Ayo Adeusi
 - (c) Lola Monehin
 - (d) Olumide Adeusi
- vi. ENITAN METZGER, father of:
 - (a) Nicole Jones
- vii. TUNDE METZGER, father of:
 - (a) Olaitan Metzger
 - (b) Enitan Metzger
- d. ROBERT MACAULAY (died young)
- 5. MRS. TAIWO MOORE OBASA, mother of
 - a. MRS. OMOLARA OGUNNIYI, mother of:

- i. Omobola Owolabi, mother of Adepate Owolabi
- ii. Femi Ogunniyi
- iii. Sola Ogunniyi
- iv. Akin Ogunniyi
- v. Toyin Ogunniyi
- b. MR. ADEBOLA OBASA
- c. MRS. ADESOLA AKANDE
 - i. Adejoke Orekoya, mother of Bunmi Orekoya and Akin Orekoya
 - ii. Niyi Akande
 - iii. Dotun Akande, father of: Kike, Funke, Bankole and Banji Akande
- d. MR. ADEGBOLA OBASA, father of:
 - i. Aderemi Pedro, mother of Yemi Pedro
 - ii. Adetunji Obasa, father of Adedunsola, Adegoke, Adenike and Adeyanji
Obasa
 - iii. Adebimpe Odewale, mother of Tope, Yemi, Ayodeji, Seun and Toluwani
Odewale
 - iv. Adefunmilola Akanji, mother of Derin, Dolapo, Deji and Debodun Akanji
 - v. Adetokunbo Obasa, father of Joshua Obasa
 - vi. Lekan Obasa

6. MRS. KEHINDE SMITH

- a. Matanmi Smith
 - i. Yewande
 - ii. Aina Smith
 - iii. Idowu Smith, father of Babatunde, Bolanle, Seyi, Funke, Jumoke, Olabisi,

Bukonla, Olalekan, Olajide Smith.

5. MRS. EFUNJAKOGUN WICKLIFE

Mrs. Efunjakogun Wicklife was the last born and the only daughter of Mama Sarah Taiwo. She was so loved by all her senior brothers, who always treated her like “an egg”. They provided her with both male and female servants. Her senior brother, Pa. Chief Durojaiye Sowemimo (Balogun) built an apartment for her and her husband in Ogbe. She was blessed with the following three children and she died in 1912.

- i. MRS. MOLAKE OYESIKU, mother of CHIEF OYEKANMI OYESIKU (Oluwo of Ago-Oba), father of CHIEF BABATUNDE OLADIPO OYESIKU, father of:
 - (a) BRO. CHRISTOPHER OYESIKU
 - (b) BRO. EBENEZER OLAKUNLE OYESIKU
 - (c) SIS. ADEJOKE ONIWINDE
 - (d) SIS. TITILOLA ILORI
 - (e) BRO. CHARLES OLADELE OYESIKU
- ii. MRS. FLORA EKUNDAYO SANYAADE
- iii. MR. MICHAEL OSOKO WICKLIFE