Appendix – A

A Brief Profile of the Octogenarians who were Interviewed

Late Ananda Chandra Dutta: Born in 1923 at Jorhat Late Ananda Chandra Dutta was a man with historical pursuits. He was a scientific assistant in the Jorhat Tea Experimental Centre. He wrote many articles on local history. He had a wonderful memory. In recognition of his works he was awarded honourary doctorate degree by the Dibrugarh University. He died in 2016.

Late Bijay Krishna Handique: Born in 1933 at Jorhat Late Bijay Krishna Handique was the son of one of the renowned scholars of the country, Late Krishna Kanta Handique. He belonged to a family of tea planter. He became the Member of Parliament from the Jorhat Parliamentary Constituency for 5 terms. He died in 2015.

Mr. Rishi Kumar Barua: Born in 1929 at Jorhat. He was born in a reputed family. His father Khetekdhar Barua, an eminent player became an executive in tea industry in the colonial period. Mr. Rishi Kumar Barua who became acquainted with the industry because of his father’s job, joined the industry at an early age and became a senior executive of reputed companies like Tamulbari Tea Company, Bahadur Tea Company, Baruachali Tea Company, Timon Tea Company, etc. After retirement he started his practice as an advocate.

Dr. Nagen Saikia: Born in 1939 at Golaghat, Dr. Nagen Saikia was the Former Professor of the Laxminath Bezbarua chair in the dept. of Assamese in Dibrugarh
University. He was a former member of Rajya Sabha. He has an in depth study on the history of newspapers and magazines of Assam. He was the former president of Assam Sahitya Sabha, the apex body of literature of Assam.

**Late Abonikanta Bhattacharyya** : Born in 1927 in *Radhabari* Tea Estate, Golaghat. His father late Ghanakanta Bhattacharyya was the brother of late Krishnakanta Bhattachryya, the one man army behind the publication of *Assam Bilasini* for which he had to lose his Government job. Late Aboni Bhattacharyya later on became a tea planter. He was known for his social works.

**Mr. Bibhucharan Barua** : Born in 1940 at Jorhat. He is the grandson of famous tea planter and social activist Late Devicharan Barua. Mr. Barua is a tea planter and associated with various socio-cultural activities.

**Mr. Hemanta Bordoloi** : Born in 1928 at Jorhat. He was an active social worker from his student life. He worked for the newspaper *Janambhumi*. Because of his activities he had a close relation with many stalwarts of Assam like Late Hem Barua, Late Syed Abdul Malik, Late Debeswar Sharma, Ex. Minister, Assam etc. Mr. Bordoloi is a mine of information about print media in Assam, its management, history, etc.

**Mr. Bhabananda Hazarika** : Born in 1928 at Nagaon, Mr. Hazarika was involved in the freedom struggle of the country. Later on he became the ward member in the Jorhat Municipality Board. He is closely associated with many socio-cultural organizations.