

## Curriculum Vitae

(Ernest Kofele Martin)

I was born in Victoria, Cameroon, on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1906 by the marriage of the late Samuel Luma Martin and late Catherine Muindo. My father, the son of George Luma Martin was born in Victoria in 1875. His father was the son of Luma l'Esingila la Wende of Wovea (Bota Island) and his mother was Drucilla Lisua la Bille, a daughter of Billa Losenge (King William) of Bona Billa, Bimbria, Cameroon.

My mother, Muindo was a daughter of Kofele Njuma Ngombe, a grandson of Billa Losenge (King William) of Bimbria

My wife, Hannah Nene is the daughter of the late Charles Nako Steane, a son of Nako Makangai of Bona-Ngombe, Bimbria by his marriage to Djara, a Fulani lady from Garua, Cameroon.

### 2. Education

a. I attended the Victoria Government School Primary and Secondary Departments from 1917 through to September 1926

b. While undergoing my Pupil Teacher Service from March 1923 through December 1924, I took courses in Secondary school subjects until I became a full time student in the school. At the end of the fourth year, while a British Guianan, Mr. Ben Liverpool was the Principal of the secondary department of Victoria Government School, I became one of the first students of the then Normal College that was started in Victoria in October 1926, and subsequently transferred to Buea in 1927.

I was a student of the University of London, Institute of Education from October 1947 through June 1949 (completing my thesis for diploma in November 1949)

### 3. Certification

I hold a

1. Teachers, Grade Two Certificate (the then Teachers Third Class Certificate, Division "A" plus the Teachers Second Class Certificate of the then Nigerian Government
2. The Teachers Senior Certificate (the equivalent of the Teachers Grade One Certificate) with History and Principles and Practices of Education as my specialties
3. The Teachers Professional Certificate of the University of London Institute of Education
4. The Associateship Diploma of the London University Institute of Education

Government Service – From 1928 through 1953, I served under the Government of Nigeria as:

1. Third Grade and Second Grade Certificated Teacher during which period I was Senior Tutor at the Normal College and subsequently at the then Elementary Training Centre, Kake, Kumba
2. Visiting Teacher with the function of travelling to all the Primary (Government, Local Authority and Mission) schools throughout the then Cameroon Provinces assisting and giving demonstration lessons to all
3. Supervisor of Schools – with the function of assisting the Provincial Education Officer in the inspection and administration of schools in the then Cameroon Province
4. During the period of World War 2 (1940 - ..) I was shouldered with the responsibility of the entire administration of the Education Department in the Province whose headquarters were in Buea since there was a shortage of British Officers as they were recruited into the war services.
5. Education Officer after completion of my studies in England
6. Principal of the Government Teachers College, Kumba

Service with the Baptist Mission and the Cameroon Baptist Convention – throughout 1961 up to and including June 1962, I served as a tutor at the Baptist Teachers Training College, Great Soppo, Buea. From July 1962 to August 1971, I served as the Education Secretary of the above agencies.

### Public Service

In addition to my services with the Government and the Mission, I also served the people of the then West Cameroon as:

1. Board Member of the Cameroon Development Corporation from 1949 through 1960
2. Member of the CDC Scholarship Committee for several years
3. Chairman of the then Southern Cameroon Scholarship Board for about five years
4. Chairman of the CDC Selection Committee for promotion into the Intermediate Service
5. Chairman of the Buea Mountain Hotel Management Committee
6. Member of the then Southern Cameroon House of Assembly when it was first inaugurated in 1954 to 1957
7. Member of the Management Committee of the then Man O' War Bay Training Centre for Leadership
8. Member of the then Cameroon Provincial Socio-Economic Development Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Senior Resident, the late Percy G. Harris from 1944 to 1947
9. Member of the Advisory Council to the Commissioner of the then Southern Cameroon on the Prerogative of Mercy
10. Member of the Police Service Board of the then West Cameroon
11. Member of the Higher Council of Education of the then Federal Republic of Cameroon
12. Member of the Regional Council on Economic Development of the then Federal Republic of Cameroon

### Honours and Decorations

1. Awarded Member of the Civil Division of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. His Excellency The President of the Republic of Cameroon graciously awarded me the Cameroon Order of Merit 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and the Order of Valour, CHEVALIER Class

### Experience Overseas –

As part of my educational studies in Britain, I also visited Paris, Geneva, Zurich and Basle (Switzerland) in 1948. In addition, I spent nearly two weeks in West Berlin in 1966 and six weeks in the United States of America in 1967 attending Baptist Conferences.

I revisited England, Scotland and Wales in 1951, 1953, 1955 and 1966 attending Board Meetings and attending church conferences.

### CNU Party Participation –

When I was in Buea I served the party as a Cell and Branch President and a member of the Control Committee. Since returning to Victoria, a year ago as a militant I have assumed the post of President of one of the Cells in the Victoria Beach Branch

### Other Activities -

I am the Treasurer of the Victoria Farmers Committee ... Credit Union – the President of the newly formed Fako Food Producers Association, the Honorary

Secretary of the Rotary Club of Victoria and President of the Cameroon Baptist Convention

Family -

I have eight children (six female and two male) by my wife Hannah and seven of them already fulfilling important role in the service or development of the United Republic of Cameroon or preparing to do so as follows:

1. The oldest – Madame Gwen Burnley, a graduate of Durham University (England) rose to the rank of a Senior Administrative Officer and is now a Member of Parliament in the Cameroon National Assembly
2. The second – a British qualified registered Nursing Sister, now a housewife
3. The third – Dr. Gladys E. Martin a specialist in Paediatrics and a Lecturer at the University Centre for Health and Sciences, Yaounde
4. The fourth – a graduate tutor at the Saker Baptist College, Victoria
5. The fifth – is presently holding an appointment in the National Assembly, Yaounde
6. The sixth – was for some years a Lecturer in English at the Cameroon College of Arts, Science and Technology, Bambili and recently transferred to the Ministry of Information & Culture, Yaounde
7. The seventh – my first son has recently qualified as a Doctor of Medicine in the United States of America, preparing to return home to serve his fatherland
8. The eighth – a young man of 19 years of age is in his final year at the Cameroon College of Arts, Science and Technology, Bambili

Dated at Victoria, 20<sup>th</sup> September 1972

E. K. Martin (signed)