This is the earliest photo of the Coutinhos at Kasenyi on the Congo side of Lake Albert. Our Grandfather Antonio is seated on the right with a light suit and tie. His elder brother is on the left together with his family.
1. The first Coutinho’s in Africa

This is the first Coutinho to leave Goa and come to Africa. He travelled from Mombasa and settled in Fort Portal around 1910. He started a small shop selling goods. His brother (our grandfather) Antonio was sent to look for him and when he came he joined him in business and never went back to Goa. However the brothers had misunderstandings and our grandfather moved to the Congo side of the Rwenzoris where he started his own successful business trading goods, and commodities. Later his brother followed him and they reunited. This is also where Papa met a young girl who was a Mubiito (Mutoro) whom he married and moved to Kasenyi next to Lake Albert.
Mama Theresa Coutinho – a Mubiito (royal clan). She was the matriarch of the family and in the later years was responsible for the entire Coutinho clan. She loved to smoke with the fire of the cigarette inside her mouth!!

Papa Antonio Coutinho – he led a full life and was adventurous, fun loving and a business man. He worked hard and partied hard. He loved to cook his Goan food of rice and smoked fish and pickled mangoes.