

## Dai Anga Masjid

This mosque was built during the reign of Shahjahan in 1635 A.D. (1045 A.H.) by Dai Anga, the wet-nurse of Shah Jahan. Dai Anga's real name was Zaib un Nisa. In Lahore, the decent monument is on the name Masjid Dai Anga at Railway station. To the left of the western hall of the side chamber, south of central hall an inscription showed the actual date of its construction:

کتبه ابراهيم سن 1045

It is a splendid mosque with bulb like domes and its walls from inside are decorated with beautiful enamelled work in yellow and passage from the Quran. The mosque was built shortly before she left India to undertake a pilgrimage of Mecca. It has passed through various phases.

In Ranjit Singh era the masjid was used a powder magazine. In British period the masjid was used as private residence of Henry Cope, the editor of the Lahore Chronicle the first English newspaper established in Lahore. Mr. Henry Cope sold it for Rs.12000 to the late Punjab and Delhi Railway Company. The masjid was reclaimed in 1903 A.D.

It now remains to fill up the modern openings which have been cut of doors and windows, and to clean off the modern plaster from the walls,