

- 2 Suzette Norma, born 26th August 1946.
- 3 Paul Ellis, born 19th December 1947.
- 4 Dela Norma, born 12th June 1949.

## XXVIII

Walter Francois Cyril Grenier, F.A.C.C.A., born in Kuala Lumpur 17th October 1911, married at Kuala Lumpur, 2nd September 1939, Florence Wilson, born in Glasgow, 25th January 1916, daughter of Hugh Wilson and Margaret McKellar Murdoch of Glasgow. He had by her—

- 1 Irene Margaret, born in Kuala Lumpur 25th May 1940.
- 2 Nancy Caroline, born in Cape Town in South Africa, 12th June 1942.

Notes: (1) Jean Francois Grenier, referred to in I, is described in a certificate issued by the Honourable Frederick North (afterwards Earl of Guildford) who was Governor of Ceylon, 1798—1805, as "European licensed to remain in Ceylon". His father, Jean Francois Grenier of Dinant in Belgium, came to Ceylon about 1761 and took service in the Dutch East India Company as an Ensign. He is stated in a document in the possession of a member of the family as having been "Captain in the French Army". There is no record available as to his marriage.

- (2) Henrietta Margarita de Rooy, as widow of Francharl Jonrich Grenier referred to in II, married Gerardus Wilhelmus Collette. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 62.)
- (3) Susan Ann Grenier nee de Wolff, referred to in III, married Theodorus Rudolphus Vander Gucht.
- (4) For memoirs of Sir Samuel Grenier and Joseph Grenier referred to in VIII and XII, see D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 80, and Vol. XVI, page 11, respectively.
- (5) Francis Charles Henry Grenier, referred to in XV, was educated at St. Thomas' College in Mutwal. He won the University Scholarship in 1887, and proceeded to the United Kingdom where he took to medical studies. He obtained high distinctions, and on his return to Ceylon he entered the Medical Department in 1892 as Visiting Surgeon of the Friend-in-Need Society's Hospital at Jaffna. He served as Deputy Colonial Surgeon in Dickoya and Nuwara Eliya. After a visit to England for research work in tropical diseases, he returned to Ceylon and was connected with the General Hospital, Colombo, from 1909 until his retirement in 1926 from the post of Chief Physician. On retirement, he lived in Nuwara Eliya where he had a consultant practice for several years. He went back to England and died there.

## GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF ALVIS OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Attendorff).

## I

Jeronimus Alvis, Boekhouder in the service of the Dutch East Company of Ceylon, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 26th November 1769, Leonora Maria Paulusz, baptised 30th July 1741, daughter of Lodewyk Paulusz and Sara Maria Fransz. He had by her—

## II

Bernhardus Alvis, Chief Clerk of the Office of the Commissioner of Revenue, baptised 8th September 1776, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th May 1800, Libertina Maria Landsberger, born 1776, died 6th June 1858, daughter of Johannes Landsberger of Zwithanssen and Maria Koits. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, page 62). He had by her—

- 1 Hendrik Liebert, who follows under III.
- 2 Maria Bernarda, baptised 7th July 1805.
- 3 Jeronimus Lamburtus, who follows under IV.
- 4 Piternella Wilhelmina, born 20th December 1807, died 16th March 1874, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 3rd May 1841, George Alexander Passe.
- 5 Sophia Magdalena, born 19th November 1809, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:
  - (a) 3rd June 1818, Josephus Christoffel Weinman.
  - (b) 10th January 1829, Pieter Adriaan Loos, Registrar of the Supreme Court, baptised 9th October 1791, widower of Sophia Cornelia Fares, and son of Johannes Jacobus Loos and Catherina Fernando. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, pages 105 and 106).
- 6 Maria Charlotta, born 28th August 1812, died 22nd October 1864, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th July 1834, Johan Christiaan Raffel, died 18th December 1865, son of Christiaan Jacob Raffel and Engeltina Susanna Giller.
- 7 Johan Gerard, who follows under V.
- 8 Sophia Henrietta, born 28th June 1817.

## III

Hendrik Liebert Alvis, baptised 13th June 1802, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 24th January 1825, Adriana Dulcina Lourensz, baptised 26th October 1806, died 18th April 1853, daughter of Johannes Henricus Lourensz and Martha Elisabeth Jenke. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VIII, page 70). He had by her—

- 1 Bernard Edwin, who follows under VI.
- 2 Francis Daniel, who follows under VII.

- 3 John William, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Ellen Charlotte, born 1st April 1833, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th May 1855, John Richard Thomasz, died 17th April 1865.
- 5 Henry Emelian, born 13th April 1835.
- 6 George Morgan, who follows under IX.
- 7 Susan Wilhelmina, born 24th January 1839.

## IV

Jeronimus Lambertus Alvis, baptised 31st August 1806, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th July 1831, Antonetta Merciana Raffel, born 7th February 1812, died 25th May 1857, daughter of Christiaan Jacob Raffel and Engeltina Susanna Giller. He had by her—

- 1 Christiaan Bernhard, born 18th April 1832.
- 2 Leonora Charlotta, born 20th October 1833.
- 8 Charles Edward, born 21st January 1835.
- 4 Antonetta Ursula, born 27th February 1836.
- 5 Hortensia Sophia, born 15th September 1837.
- 6 Lucretia, born 3rd April 1840.
- 7 Amelia Eugenie, born 30th November 1842, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:
  - (a) 4th September 1868, Anthony Christoffel Raux.
  - (b) 29th December 1880, William Francis Ebert, born 26th September 1858, son of Charles Godfred Ebert and Louisa Rudolphina Jonklaas. (D.U.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 78, and Vol. XXIII, page 205).
- 8 Julia Matilda, born 28th May 1844.
- 9 Duleima Emelia, born 9th January 1846.
- 10 Francis Albert, who follows under X.
- 11 Matilda Antonetta, born 27th February 1848, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 23rd January 1868, Theodore Christopher de Jong, born 14th June 1848, son of Louis Richard de Jong and Caroline Barbara Taylor. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 126).
- 12 Arthur Lambert, born 8th May 1851.

## V

Johan Gerard (John Gerrit) Alvis, born 24th December 1815, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 21st November 1839, Johanna Frederica Loos, born 28th April 1816, daughter of Pieter Adriaan Loos and Sophia Cornelia Fares. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 106).

- (b) 20th May 1847, Ersina Petronella Dickman, born 8th May 1824, died 18th March 1907, widow of Peter Cornelius Raffa, and daughter of Magnus Fredrik Willem Dickman, Chief Clerk of the Customs Department, and Johanna Gerhardina Justina Mack. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 125, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 134).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Bernhard Adriaan, who follows under XI.
- 2 Edward William, born 19th January 1842.
- 3 Jane Frederica, born 6th July 1843.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Jane Maria, born 17th February 1848, died 22nd December 1875, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 21st December 1872, Charles Morgan Thomasz, born 1836, widower of Eugenia Lucretia Raffel.

## VI

Bernard Edwin Alvis, born 31st December 1827, died 30th May 1895, married Georgiana Oorloff, born 29th March 1842, died 10th September 1886. He had by her—

- 1 Edwin, born 12th May 1875, died 4th January 1888.
- 2 Mildred Mary, born 20th December 1876, married at Colombo, 13th January 1908, Reginald Herbert Guy Keegel, born 15th March 1887, son of Henry Arnold Keegel, L.F.P.S. (Glas.) L.R.C.P., L.M. (Edin), Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Charlotte Matilda Ball. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 117 and 119).
- 3 Allan Liebert, who follows under XII.

## VII

Francis Daniel Alvis, born 3rd April 1829, died 7th February 1896, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th June 1855, Louisa Emarencia de Run, born 1838, daughter of Henricus Adrianus de Run and Carolina Gerardina Van Cuylenburg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 80).
- (b) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 11th February 1861, Josephine Elizabeth Daniel, born 10th March 1834, died 20th May 1918, daughter of John Bartholomew Daniel and Anna Raux.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Arthur William, who follows under XIII.
- 2 Richard Morgan, born 9th April 1858, died 15th December 1863.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 3 Frances Maud, born 8th November 1891, died 26th October 1895.

- 4 Clara Josephine, born 12th October 1862, died 26th July 1939.
- 5 Edgar Henry Daniel, born 2nd July 1864, died 10th May 1884.
- 6 Emmeline Agnes, born 26th October 1865.
- 7 Edmund, born 22nd April 1867.
- 8 Florence Edith, born 24th December 1868, died 6th May 1897.
- 9 Lawrence Justin Daniel, who follows under XIV.
- 10 Evelyn Agnes, born 26th October 1872, died 23rd March 1927, married Aelian Clinton Meier, born 26th March 1882, son of Frederick William Meier and Louisa Jemima de Run. (F.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 145 and 146).
- 11 Uranie Helen Alice, born 11th September 1873, died 20th April 1877.

## VIII

John William Alvis, born 30th May 1831, died 18th January 1863, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 31st May 1858, Maria Josephine de Jong, born 13th March 1843, daughter of Louis Richard de Jong and Caroline Barbara Taylor. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 126). He had by her—

- 1 Susanna Marria, born 17th June 1859, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 20th May 1875, Charles Richard de Ley.
- 2 Caroline Agnes, born 5th September 1861, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th May 1879, William Agar Mack, born 15th October 1847, widower of Sarah Elizabeth VandenDriesen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 57) and son of George Peter Mack and Wilhelmina Gerardina de Neys. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, pages 136 and 141).
- 3 Julia Winifred, born 24th July 1863, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 5th May 1880, Richard Alfred Garth.

## IX

George Morgan Alvis, born 28th March 1837, died 11th May 1867, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 23rd February 1864, Joseline Sophia Raffel, born 2nd May 1845, daughter of Jacob Henricus Raffel and Antonetta Emelia Van Cuylenburg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 80). He had by her—

- 1 Charles Lorenz, who follows under XV.

## X

Francis Albert Alvis, born 12th April 1847, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 1st May 1873, Ellen Alice Thomasz, and he had by her—

- 1 Helen Eugenie, born 15th August 1874.
- 2 Allan Francis Richard who follows under XVI.
- 3 Mabel Blanche, born 19th May 1877.
- 4 Sybil Millicent, born 30th June 1879.
- 5 Arthur Thomasz, born 13th November 1880.
- 6 Wyville Thomasz, born 4th July 1882.

- 7 Ainslie Thomasz, who follows under XVII.
- 8 Aileen Louisa, born 5th October 1885.
- 9 Herbert Thomasz, born 7th November 1887.
- 10 Alice Florence, born 18th January 1889.
- 11 Myra Hazel, born 8th April 1890.
- 12 Bertram Lawrence, who follows under XVIII.
- 13 Ina Maisie, born 7th January 1894.
- 14 Elaine Claire, born 2nd August 1895.
- 15 Percival Vivian, born 5th September 1899.

## XI

Bernhard Adriaan Alvis, born 22nd September 1840, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 22nd January 1862, Caroline Rosamond Siegerts, born 29th August 1842, daughter of Cornelius Adrianus Siegerts and Johanna Apolonia Van Huyzen. He had by her—

- 1 Henry Lloyd, born 22nd December 1862.
- 2 Edwin Denis, born 3rd April 1864.
- 3 Clara Jane, born 10th January 1866.
- 4 Arnold Trant, born 2nd November 1868.

## XII

Allan Liebert Alvis, born 15th October 1885, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 8th July 1911, Irene Ruth de Silva, born 19th June 1894, daughter of John Samuel de Silva and Clara Elizabeth Lockhart. He had by her—

- 1 Iris Georgiana Blanche, born 14th February 1913, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 19th December 1936, Maxwell Herbert Fernando.
- 2 Phyllis Daphne, born 6th May 1914, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, Lionel George Ingleton, born 3rd June 1907, died 11th September 1942, son of Briery, Cunningham Ingleton and Genevieve Frank.
- 3 Arthur Edward, born 10th February 1922.
- 4 Allan, born 12th October 1926.

## XIII

Arthur William Alvis, Proctor and Notary Public, born 16th June 1856, died 23rd April 1922, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 16th February 1882, Madaleine Cecilia Daniel, born 1853, died 9th February 1945, daughter of John Bartholomew Daniel and Beatrice Emelia Elizabeth Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XL, page 47.) He had by her—

- 1 Madaleine Louise (Mopsy), born 26th November 1882, died 11th May, 1920, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 7th December 1905, Thomas Forrest Garvin, Kt. Bach., K.C., Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, Senior Puisne

Justice, born 8th August 1881, died in England, 18th June 1940, son of Thomas Forrest Garvin, M.B., C.M., (Aber), F.C.S. (Lond) Superintendent and Surgeon, General Hospital, Colombo, and Grace Louisa Vander Smagt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 86, and Vol. XXXIV, pages 112 and 113).

2 Gertrude, born 11th April 1887, married:

(a) Leo Heinrich August Dohme.

(b) Adolph Thalmann.

## XIV

Laurence Justin Daniel Alwis, born 5th September 1871, died 25th February 1942, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 28th December 1903, Augusta Mabel Hoffman, born 10th December 1871, daughter of Andrew Philip Hoffman and Alice Zitella Driberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 11, and Vol. XLI, pages 176 and 177). He had by her—

1 Uranie Mabel Alice, born 8th September 1906, married in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, 12th October 1946, Benjamin Van Rooyen, born 9th April 1916, son of Andries Johannes Bernhardus Van Rooyen and Adeline Van Rooyen.

2 Ena Kathleen, born 15th November 1907, married in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, 28th December 1935, Duncan Mc Beth Vander Holt, Technical Assistant, Public Works Department, Malaya, born 20th October 1907, died 14th April 1951, son of William Corbett Vander Holt and Rachel Kate Ethel Mc Berth.

3 Louise Esther, born 26th August 1909, married in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, 26th December 1936, Ellis Arthur Albrecht, born 24th November 1906, son of Christian Edward Albrecht and Delia Manon, Hoffman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 74 and Vol. XLI, page 176).

4 Lawrence Francis, born 30th January 1913, married in England 1st August 1949, Helga Niemoja of Esthonia.

## XV

Charles Lorensz Alvis, born 23rd November 1865, died 18th October 1919, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th December 1890, Mary Harriet Joseph, born 5th September 1864, died 2nd June 1949, daughter of Philip Edmund Joseph and Carolina Louisa Maria de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XII, page 25 and Vol. XXVII, page 135). He had by her—

1 Colville Merton, born 27th June 1893, died 14th November 1925.

2 Isobel Linda, born 18th November 1894, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 5th January, 1927, Percival Christopher Raffel, born 18th August 1886, widower of Mary Maud de Kretser, and son of Oliver Christopher Raffel and Agnes Mary VanGeyzel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 76).

3 Charles Dodwell, born 3rd August 1896, died 26th January 1916.

4 George Neville, born 27th March 1898.

5 Henrietta Rene, born 29th January 1900.

6 Joselin Louise, born 19th July 1901.

7 Edna Marguerite, born 29th December 1902.

8 Bertha Heloise, born 20th March 1905, died 21st January 1905.

## XVI

Allan Francis Richard Alvis, Medical Practitioner, born 26th December 1875 married:

(a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th June 1902, Stella Frances Demmer, daughter of John Henry Demmer and Eliza Sophia Paulusz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLI, pages 75 and 170.)

(b) Edina Bertha Rode, born 25th May 1888, daughter of Francis Edward Rode and Josephina Matilda Rode. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 101, 104 and 105).

Of the first marriage, he had—

1 Allan Leslie, born 1st February 1903, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 28th December 1935, Mildred Rose de Bond.

2 Sherlock Wyville, who follows under XIX.

## XVII

Ainslie Thomasz Alvis, born 7th April 1884, married Mary Lydia Van Dort, born 1885, died 18th June 1943. He had by her—

1 Elaine Clare, born 25th June 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 13th April 1936, Shelton Frank Foenander, born 11th August 1907, son of Hugh Flanderka Foenander and Adeline Florence Mellonius. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, pages 98 and 103.)

2 Melville Thomasz, who follows under XX.

3 Pansy Alda, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala, 2nd September 1944, Ivor Andrey Vanderwert.

## XVIII

Bertram Lawrence Alvis, born 22nd May 1892, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 28th December 1931, Lettice Tuna Reimers, born 15th February 1902, daughter of Charles Annesley Reimers and Ethel Grace Grenier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 64, and Vol. XXXIII, page 51). He had by her—

1 Loraine Tuna, born 21st September 1938.

2 Randolph Lawrence, born 14th September 1942.

## XIX

Sherlock Wyville Alvis, born 1911, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 20th December 1947, Eunice Prudence de Hoedt, and he had by her—

## 1 Prudence Faith.

Melville Thomasz Alvis, married in the Dutch Reformed Church Wolvendaal, 26th December 1939, Aileen Maud Ebert, born 29th May 1914, daughter of Charles Henry Godfried Ebert and Muriel Clarice Thomasz. He had by her—

1 Myrna Evadne, born 29th May 1941.

2 Ione Corrine, born 13th February 1943.

3 Franklin Melville, born 17th October 1946.

Notes:—(1) Jeronimus Alvis, referred to under I, was admitted in 1763 into the Dutch Civil Service as "Soldaat de Ien" on a salary of 9 guilders. He was promoted Junior Assistant on 13th May 1768, on a salary of 16 guilders. He was discontinued as being in excess of the staff on 30th November 1772, but was re-admitted on 1st March 1775. On 26th October 1781, he was promoted "Absolute Assistant" on a salary of 24 guilders. This appointment is signed by Governor Iman Willem Falck, and is on record in the Government Archives. In 1786 Jeronimus Alvis was promoted to the post of "Boekhouder" on a salary of 30 guilders. Ten years later, the Dutch rule in Ceylon ended, and Jeronimus Alvis spent his remaining years in retirement. The Book of appointments of the Company's servants of A. D. 1781 gives a list of his services under No. D. 842.

(2) Maria Josephine Alvis nee de Jong, referred to under VIII, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo 8th April 1867 Joseph Nathaniel Anthonisz. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXXIX, page 149).

(3) Joseline Sophia Alvis nee Raffel, referred to under IX, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolverdaal, 10th June 1863, Peter Edward Van Geyzel, widower of Johanna Wilhelmina Bock. (D.B.U. Journal. Vol. X, page 74).

(4) Arthur William Alvis, referred to under XIII, represented the Burgher Community in the Ceylon Legislative Council. He was a member of the Colombo Municipal Council for many years, and was also a member of the Council of Legal Education. He was a member of the Dutch Burgher Union from its inception, and took a very lively interest in all its affairs. A lecture delivered by him before the Dutch Burgher Union on "Retrospect and Prospect" is printed in the Union Journal, Vol. VII, page 121.

# WHAT LEONARDUS PIETERSZ, THE SHOE-MAKER, DID ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1849.

By C. A. L.

He was a man determined to assert his rights against all the world and his wife, (meaning Mrs. Pietersz). He had unlimited regard for himself—that he had; and carried his head as high as most other folks, and upon it there was a nose set with pimples and carbuncles that glittered in the noon-day sun, like the interior of a ripe Pomegranate. His wife used to sing a song to the tune of Villao di Mozambique, the chorus of which rang to variations on

"*Bagoe de Roeman, sink' Lendo,*  
*Bagoe de Roeman.*"

He would lay his two fingers athwart his crackt lips, and would turn round with an air of defiance, as if Leonardus Pietersz would like to see the man who'd do the like,—which he doubted. He, with his bottle-green *flieger* out at elbows and grown brown and greasy at the collar, he, with his old drab of the time of Terry the Auctioneer, but now grown bald, and crumpled and smashed into a thousand shapes, as if hats were then formed by crystalization; he, with the remnant of a pair of suspenders strapped round his loins, to protect an unstable Trousers in a state of decline and of motion downwards: he?—Leonardus Pietersz. Baas Sappeteer, would be anxious to see the fellow who dared insinuate a doubt as to the propriety of providing six bottles of arrack and a Christmas-cake to treat his friends withal on Christmas eve. Indeed he would—wouldn't he?

Christmas-eve was going towards dusk. And pitching his quid of tobacco violently into the gutter, and plucking his declining breeches upwards, Leonardus the Christmas hero, bent upon drowning his wrath in a glass of the *Boujee*, strode up the steps of his house and entered it.

Inauspicious moment for Mrs. Pietersz! Who, as she sat at the door of the room, combing her *Cavalero*, sung *Bagoe di Roeman* in her sweetest voice. For, in his meandering course inwards, he hit his foot against her foot-stool, and fell over the devoted wife, nearly burying the segment of the pomegranate in the socket of her left eye. "Drunk drunk" muttered Sink' Lendo to himself—"she's drunk as a fish, poor woman. and can't walk—on Vesper de Nataal—she's drunk!"—shouted he, confounding persons in the overwhelming confusion of the fall.

Leonardus Pietersz rose from the ground, and by dint of tacking round the room, and under the guidance of an indulgent wife, reached the corner where stood the six gallant bottles of the *Boujee*. For a minute he swung over the bottles, and his hand hovered over their heads as if uncertain which one to take up—(he was choosing, perhaps?)—and having at last picked up one, he extracted the cork with his teeth.