

In the course of his narrative, Ludovici brings out very clearly the extreme modesty of the great man, and gives him all the credit that is his due. He quotes him as saying: "I hit on Penicillin. The very first stage in the discovery of Penicillin was due to a stroke of good fortune." Ludovici counters this by saying: "There are no accidents in science. As Pasteur held: 'In the fields of observation, chance only favours the mind prepared.' It was not chance that made Fleming keep the contaminated Petri dish that gave him the clue to Penicillin." But Fleming has the last word: "I am just a canny Scot, who never throws away anything. Ludovici sums up Fleming's character in one sentence: "Quiet, modest, self-effacing, undisturbed by fuss,"

No higher tribute could have been paid to Fleming's biographer than that bestowed on him by his reviewer: "Whatever praise is lavished on Ludovici he has well earned, for his biography of this great man of our own age is one of the most readable books of its kind." The publishers are Messrs. Andrew Dakers, Ltd., London, and the book is priced at 15 shillings. The book will shortly be on sale in Colombo.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The Extracts from Minutes of Meetings of the General Committee which were hitherto printed in the Journal, will be published in future in the monthly News Bulletin.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF AUSTIN OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. F. H. de Vos in 1914; revised by Mr. D. V. Attendorff in 1952).

I

Nathaniel Austin of the 3rd Ceylon Regiment, Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Galle, born 26th March 1785, died at Galle, 7th June 1853, married in St. Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo, 30th July 1807, Sophia Frederica Wilhelmina Calesky, born 6th February 1794, died 1862, daughter of Friedrich Wilhelm Calesky of Grandzee (Branderburg) and Elizabeth Rodriguez, widow of Jan Harmensz of Amsterdam. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, page 68). He had by her—

- 1 William, who follows under II.
- 2 Nathaniel Adrian, who follows under III.
- 3 George, born 11th December 1811, baptised at St. Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo, 25th December 1811.

II

William Austin, born 12th May 1808, baptised at St. Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo, 29th May 1808, died 25th October 1860, married in St. Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo, 2nd January 1832, Eliza Garvin, born 1813, died 17th December 1852, daughter of Thomas Garvin, Sergeant Major in the Royal Artillery, of Port Genoi, Antrim, Ireland, and Maria Abigail Eckley nee Palm. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 109). He had by her—

- 1 George William, who follows under IV.
- 2 Willem Matthew, born 31st October 1834, died 9th March 1876.
- 3 Benjamin, who follows under V.
- 4 Frederick, who follows under VI.
- 5 Sophia Frederica, born 11th June 1840, died 1841.
- 6 Eliza, born 6th April 1842, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 6th February 1867. George Frederick Halliley, son of William Agar Halliley, of the 90th Regiment and afterwards Collector of Customs, Colombo, and Elizabeth Morrow.
- 7 Agnes Isabella, born 25th April 1844, died 1914.
- 8 Emmeline, born 19th March 1846.
- 9 Arthur Nathaniel, who follows under VII.
- 10 John Alfred, Doctor of Medicine, born 3rd September 1850, married Elizabeth Maitland, and settled in England.

III

Nathaniel Adrian Austin, baptised in St. Peter's Church, Colombo 4th March 1810, married:

- (a) In St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 14th November 1831, Elizabeth Hogg, daughter of Thomas Hogg, Lieutenant in the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, and Catharine Burr.
 - (b) In All Saints' Church, Galle, 31st July 1843, Harriet Caroline Ludovici, born 11th June 1825, daughter of Petrus Jacobus Hendrik Ludovici and Henrietta Josephina Smit. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, pages 61 and 62).
- Of the first marriage, he had
- 1 Nathaniel James, who follows under VIII.
- Of the second marriage, he had
- 2 Elizabeth Frederica, born at Galle, 28th May 1844, died 1904.

IV

George William Austin, born 29th April 1833, died 4th May 1902, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 26th January 1862, Clara Elizabeth Andree, daughter of Adolphus Wilhelmus Andree and Lucilla Charlotte Henrietta Lorenz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 48, and Vol. XL, pages 47 and 48). He had by her—

- 1 Ada Aliena, born 14th May 1862.
- 2 Edith Maud, born 20th August 1863.
- 3 George Augustus, born 4th October 1864.
- 4 Percy Stanhope, born 29th June 1866.
- 5 Eliza Mary Ann, born 1st March 1868.

V

Benjamin Austin, born 11th September 1836, died 22nd May 1916, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 26th November 1862, Ellen Mary Wood, born 12th November 1841, died 24th February 1882, daughter of Edmund James Wood, Ceylon Civil Service, Sitting Magistrate, Wannai, and Sarah Agnes Burke. He had by her—

- 1 Ethelind Grace, born 26th October 1864, died 24th June 1899, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 20th December 1888, David Anderson, born 11th April 1861, died 1894, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regiment and later of the Ceylon Light Infantry, son of Robert Anderson and Margaret Roy, of Paisley in Scotland.
- 2 William Prior, who follows under IX.
- 3 Alice Constance, born 28th April 1868, died 28th April 1873.
- 4 Ellen Agnes (Nelly) born 16th April 1870, died 20th May 1938, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 26th April 1913, Leslie Jocelyn Gratiaen, Superintendent of Examinations, Education Department, born 28th February 1889, died at Bangalore in India, 2nd November 1933, son of Richard Gratiaen and Elizabeth Jane Winn. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 21).

- 5 Benjamin Cuthbert, who follows under X.
- 6 Anna Marion, born 13th March 1874, died 8th March 1948.
- 7 Margaret Emmeline, born 2nd March 1876.
- 8 John Burke, born 20th February 1878, died 4th August 1885.
- 9 Julian Ernest, who follows under XI.

VI

Frederick Austin, born 28th May 1838, died 27th January 1914, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 8th April 1869, Sophia Eliza Ann Wood, died 26th June 1876, daughter of Edward James Wood, Ceylon Civil Service, Sitting Magistrate, Wannai, and Sarah Agnes Burke. He had by her—

- 1 Ellen Eliza, born 16th January 1870, died 14th June 1896, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 6th December 1894, George Wilfred Pereira, born 6th January 1863, son of Daniel John Pereira and Susan Bartholomeusz.
- 2 Mary Florence, born 5th August 1872.
- 3 Frederick William, born 23rd May 1876, died 6th November 1950, married Henrietta Solomonsz.

VII

Arthur Nathaniel Austin, Proctor, born 27th October 1848, died 1900, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, Priscilla Seraphina Piters, daughter of Cornelius Jacobus Piters and Mary Ann Garvin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 110). He had by her—

- 1 Jessie, born 6th March, 1873.
- 2 Edith Maud, born 2nd September 1881, died 4th April 1944, married Arthur Frederick Van Buuren, born 4th April 1870, son of Charles Frederick Van Buuren, Proctor, and Georgiana Charlotte Piters.
- 3 Nellie, born 23rd December 1882.
- 4 Violet, born 6th January 1886.
- 5 Arthur Herbert Edward, born 30th August 1888.
- 6 Mary Cecilia, born 16th October 1889.

VIII

Nathaniel James Austin, Proctor, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 15th December 1856, Agnes Elizabeth Stork, born 3rd December 1838, daughter of Gerrit William Stork and Seraphina Wilhelmina Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 159) He had by her—

- 1 Ada Elizabeth, born 27th March 1858, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 12th July 1877, Peter Daniel Vander Straaten, born 15th August 1853, died 4th April 1928, son of Philip Joseph Lewis Vander Straaten and Sophia Maria Louisa Spencer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164).
- 2 Osmund Hollowell, who follows under XII.
- 3 Cyril Thomas, who follows under XIII.

IX

William Prior Austin, born 19th Septembre 1866, died 11th July 1932, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 18th December 1894, Violet Wood, died 1908, daughter of John Wood and Bannister. He had by her—

- 1 J. John Benjamin, born 13th January 1896.

X

Benjamin Cuthbert Austin, born 21st February 1872, died 31st March 1941, married:

(a) In 1896, Selena Smidt.

(b) 8th April 1912, Lilian Elizabeth Baptist.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 1 Lilian Bianca, born 4th October 1918.

XI

Julian Ernest Austin, Superintendent of Minor Roads, Galle, born 4th May 1880, died 30th August 1925, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 23rd March 1903, Emma Maud Hudson, born 1882, died 13th August 1937, daughter of Henry Hudson of Birmingham and Lydia Crispeyn. He had by her—

- 1 Philip Hubert Elstone, who follows under XIV.
- 2 Edris Marguerite, born 25th September 1904, died 23rd July 1915.
- 3 Sheila Joan Lorraine, born 17th August 1907, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 18th January 1930, Frederick Alexander Ebert, born 7th August 1900, son of Edward Frederick Ebert and Amy Alexandra Bell.
- 4 Julian Henry Wood, born 8th September 1909, died in England 13th July 1951.
- 5 Kathleen Emma Nesta, born 29th April 1911, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 18th February 1933, Cedric Leonard Ondaatje Conderlag, Inspector of Police, born 14th August 1909, son of Wilfred Prins Conderlag and Eva Ethel Ondaatje. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 161 and 162).
- 6 Ethelind Linnette Myra, born 6th August 1913, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 17th April 1933, Sidney Eugene Eeward Ohlmus Joseph, born 7th August 1910, son of Sidney Percival Joseph, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.), L.F.P. and S. (Glas), V.D., Provincial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, Captain in the Ceylon Medical Corps, and Anne Noble Ohlmus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XII, page 28, and Vol. XXVIII, page 178).

XII

Osmund Hollowell Austin, Proprietary Planter, born 4th May 1860, died 14th September 1905, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 10th January 1888, Mabel Kriekenbeck, born 28th October 1868, died 20th May 1938, daughter of Charles Arnold Kriekenbeck, M.D. and Emelia Lucretia Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, pages 72 and 73, and Vol. XXIII, page 166). He had by her—

- 1 Harold Stanley, who follows under XV.

XIII

Cyril Thomas Austin, born 23rd May 1863, died 13th June 1925, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 24th May 1884, Ada Lilian May Vander Straaten, born 6th May 1864, died 23rd February 1943, daughter of Philip Joseph Lewis Vander Straaten and Sophia Maria Louisa Spencer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164). He had by her—

- 1 Lester Cameron, who follows under XVI.
- 2 Linda May, born 6th July 1887, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th December 1907, Clarence Percival de Vos, born 3rd December 1881, died 3rd December 1938, son of James Percival de Vos, Chief Clerk, Kachchori, Colombo and Agnes Leonora Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 108, and Vol. XXVII, pages 139 and 144).
- 3 Roy Eversley, who follows under XVII.
- 4 Clive Terence, who follows under XVIII.
- 5 Hubert Lorraine, who follows under XIX.
- 6 Agnes Estelle, born 15th February 1895, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 10th February 1915, Samuel Denis de Vos, L.M.S., (Ceylon), L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.), L.F.P. and S. (Glas), L.M. (Dublin), C.T.M., D.T.M. and D.P.H. (Lond.), Ceylon Medical Department, born 16th August 1890, son of James Percival de Vos, Chief Clerk, Kachcheri, Colombo, and Agnes Leonora Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 108, and Vol. XXVII, pages 139 and 145.)
- 7 Gordon Llewellyn Spencer, born 30th December 1905).

XIV

Philip Hubert, Elstone Austin, born 14th May 1903, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 14th January 1937, Ellen Charlotte Jansz, and he had by her—

- 1 Raymond Hodges Benjamin, born 26th June 1937.
- 2 Philip Vincent Richard Anthony, born 20th September 1943.
- 3 Layard Ernest Hubert Elstone, born 24th January 1950.

XV

Harold Stanley Austin, Proprietary Planter, born 21st October 1891, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th December 1922, Freda Isabel Harriet Fryer, born 23rd August 1899, daughter of Julian Andrew Fryer, and Florence Seraphina Harriet Stork. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, pages 23 and 27). He had by her—

- 1 Desmond Harold Fryer, born 21st February 1926.
- 2 Reginald David Fryer, born 6th August 1930.

XVI

Lester Cameron Austin, born 1st May 1885, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 8th September 1907, Ethel Elfreda Nicolle, born 5th March 1886, died 1st February 1938, daughter of Richard Emanuel Nicolle and Letitia Georgiana Margaret Wyrewanaden.
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 8th February 1939, Mildred Grace de Kretser, born 1st August 1895, died 11th November 1945, daughter of Edward Hippolyte de Kretser, I.S.O., Ceylon Civil Service, Assistant Controller of Revenue and Secretary of the Ceylon Savings Bank, and Alice Grace Arjon. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 22).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Lester Drogo Cameron, who follows under XX.

XVII

Roy Eversley Austin, Proctor and Notary Public, born 5th September 1891, married in St. James' Church, Chilaw, 16th February 1920, Noble Sylvia Martin, born 23rd April 1895, daughter of Walter George Martin and Elsie Lydia Sansoni. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, pages 66 and 67). He had by her—

- 1 Bianca Noble, born 11th January 1921.
- 2 Ada Lilian, born 14th July 1926, married at Melbourne, in Australia, 14th August 1948, Reginald Vernon Matthew Fernando, born 19th September 1923, son of William Francis Fernando and Isabel Rush Van Langenburg.
- 3 Elsie Therese, born 24th September 1931.

XVIII

Clive Terence Austin, born 17th November 1892, died 11th January 1934, married in St. Lucia's Cathedral, Colombo, 3rd January 1914, Mary Antoinette Muriel Toussaint, born 28th June 1891, daughter of Edwin Joseph Toussaint and Emelia Antoinette Swan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 38 and Vol. XXVI, page 68). He had by her—

- 1 Ada Emmeline Margaret, born 17th October 1914, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 30th December 1940, Eric Douglas Toussaint, Solicitor, born 27th January 1913, son of James Reginald Toussaint, Ceylon Civil Service, and Muriel Clarice de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 41, and Vol. XXVII, page 139.)
- 2 Heinrich Christian, born 14th August 1916, died 11th August 1938.
- 3 Cecil Travece, who follows under XXI.
- 4 Doreen Muriel, born 10th October 1922, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 31st October 1943, Charles Joseph Stevens of Ewelme in Oxford, England.
- 5 Kingsley George, born 19th June 1929.
- 6 Yolande Ancia, born 30th December 1930.

XIX

Hubert Lorraine Austin, born 13th December 1893, married:—

- (a) In Penang, 1917, Kathrine Alice Maud Hawkins.
- (b) In St. James Church, Chilaw, 16th September 1929, Christine May Martin, born 28th September 1909, daughter of Samuel Algernon Martin, Proctor, and Zillie Elfrida de Kretser. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 21, and Vol. XXXVII, page 67).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Olga Lilian Gladys, born 11th December 1920, married in Colombo in 1941, Henry Templar Rosslyn Koch, E.M.S. (Ceylon), M.B.B.S. (Lond.), born 5th November 1918, son of Theodore Hugh Rosslyn Koch, O.B.E., Merchant and Company Director, Member of the House of Representatives, Ceylon, and Florence Lilian Krickenbeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 73, and Vol. X, page 134.)
- 2 Francis Henry, who follows under XXII.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 3 Christine Lorraine, born 10th July 1931, married in the Baptist Church, Greenslopes in Brisbane, Australia, 5th April 1952, Peter Gordon Cambridge.
- 4 Christopher Lawrence, born 11th June 1938.
- 5 Hubert Leonard, born 1st August 1941.

XX

Lester Drogo Cameron Austin, I.M.S. (Ceylon), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), Civil Medical Department, born 17th October 1910, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 6th June 1935, Alice Eleanor Loos, born 18th September 1912, daughter of Guy Errol Loos, District Engineer, Public Works Department, and Eleanor Lucretia de Hoedt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 117). He had by her—

- 1 Carole Myrna, born 18th March 1937.
- 2 Jeannette Ethel, born 30th March 1941.
- 3 Nigel Drogo Cameron, born 2nd April 1946.

XXI

Cecil Trivice Austin, born 2nd November 1918, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th July 1945, Felicia Winifred Kreltszheim daughter of Robert Godfrey Kreltszheim and Nellie Ethel Koelmeyer. He had by her—

- 1 Christopher Trevor, born 15th June 1946.
- 2 Adrian Rodney, born 4th August 1947.
- 3 George Kenneth, born 24th February 1950.

XXII

Francis Henry Austin, born 23rd September 1925, married at Montreal in Canada, 4th August 1947, Germaine Jacques, and he had by her—

- 1 Richard, born 3rd October 1948.
- 2 Linda, born 11th September 1949.
- 3 Dian, born 10th December 1950.

Note :—Harriet Caroline Ludovici, widow of Nathaniel Adrian Austin, referred to in Section III, married at Galle, 4th February 1858. James Swan, widower of Anna Eliza Charlotta de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 67, and Vol. XXVII, page 134.)

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF ERNST OF CEYLON

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I

Georg Nicolaas Ernst, born at Neustadt on the Aisch in Bavaria (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. I, page 39) married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 31st March 1771, Gertruida Podree. He had by her—

- 1 Nicolaas Christiaan, who follows under II.
- 2 Helena Catherina, born 29th March 1775, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 29th May 1791, Johan Gabriel Smith, Surgeon.
- 3 Michiel Johan, who follows under III.
- 4 Petrus Wilhelmus, baptised 13th July 1783.
- 5 George Johan, baptised 17th July 1785.

II

Nicolaas Christiaan Ernst, born 12th July 1772, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 31st May 1795, Helena Charlotta Grosman.
- (b) Maria Van Dort.

Of the first marriage he had

- 1 Nicolaas Philippus, baptised 29th April 1798.
- 2 Ernestus Martinus, baptised 24th May 1800.
- 3 George Edward, who follows under IV.
- 4 Johanna Cornelia Carlotta, born 29th June 1804.
- 5 Clara Gertruida, born 3rd January 1807.

Of the second marriage, he had

- 6 Johanna Leonora married Benjamin Charles Daniel Vollenhoven, baptised 19th May, 1816, son of Johannes Vollenhoven and Johanna Wilhelmina Altendorff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 93, and Vol. XXXIII, page 99).

III

Michiel Johan Ernst, baptised 25th February 1781, married:

- (a) Frederica Louisa Pannes, baptised 25th December 1803, daughter of Jan Hendrik Pannes and Petronella Baziel Sangen.