

The Melting Pot

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This book is dedicated to my parents, with thanks to my mother, for keeping the family legends alive and my father for his love of research and paperwork. It has been put together for all the family who share an interest and for those who don't, as their children may one day ask the questions. I hope my children do.

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Introduction

The Melting Pot is as it says, a fantastic fusion, a myriad of continents, cultures, colours and characters. I have tried to relate our family stories to the research that I have done, much of which is still to be added. However if I tried to complete it you'd probably never get to see it, so here is the first unveiling of a work in progress.

With every name you find in this tree, I do not claim to trace the origin, the meaning, links to famous people or coats of arms. Instead I have tried to follow the lives of some individuals who carried the name and appear to be connected through and across the generations. However, if I have happened across something that may be of general interest I have also included it. Where possible I have quoted my references and I apologise in advance where I have not, I will try to amend with time.

Please note that on some of the automatically produced text reports you will find repetition of information where the family lines meet eg. Alcée and Bernez genealogy reports. The structure of a book is also not ideal for displaying large family trees, hence why the trees here only go to about 3 generations. The larger, more complete trees with notes about individuals and the old family photos are on the web site, which you can access at:

http://angelfire.com/folk/the_melting_pot.

The Alcée Name

The Family Legend: Two Alcée brothers came to Saint Lucia from Northern France (possibly Paris) and settled in Soufriere, about the time that the three Devaux brothers arrived from Martinique.

The Flower: Alcaea or hollyhock in English, Alcée in French. With tall spires of funnel-shaped flowers that are a familiar sight in herbaceous borders. Nearly all colours are available, part from blue.

The Poet: Born on the island of Lesbos around 640 to 580, Alcée belonged to the noble family of Archéanactides. He had a life of stormy loves, is exiled by the tyrants and composes many songs of love, of warriors, of anthems to the gods. Alcée was one of the initiators of the monodie, sung poems, in which he is the spokesman of the aristocracy threatened by tyranny, which is worth the exile to him. Kept away from a life of politics, he attacks the tyrants with a liveliness as corrosive as that which Aristophane will use later. The poems of Alcée were full with allusions to the events of his life. In his agitated but long life, he left a varied collection of works that often celebrated wine. Here is one of his poems.

You were my friend to divide the kid and the pig.

Thus the use wants it.

Because for the men, the wine is a mirror.

Wine, my dear child, and the truth.

*Let us go, that one throws around my neck an anise collar, braided garlands,
and that us are spread a soft perfume on the chest.*

Receive me, me which come to you, receive me, I t'en beg, I beg.

Pure Sappho with the braids of violets, the honey smile...

I want to say something to you, but I have shame to say it...

*If what you wanted were honest or, if your language did not move to say something of evil,
shame would not cover your eyes, but you would speak without turnings.*

The Sources:

www.perso.club-internet.fr/evelynpl/litterature/A.htm

www.anacharsis.ifrance.com/anacharsis/Alcée.htm

www.noctes-gallicanae.org/Lyriques%grece/Alcée.htm

www.mythes.net/biblio/Alcée.htm

The Alcée Connections

If we begin to work on the premise that two Alcée brothers came to Saint Lucia from Northern France (possibly Paris) and settled in Soufriere, about the time that the three Devaux brothers arrived from Martinique, where does that take us? What about the references to the "Castries branch" and the "Soufriere branch"? The notes below are just to highlight a few of the questions and connections. If you would like more detail then please refer to the genealogy reports or to the detailed family tree.

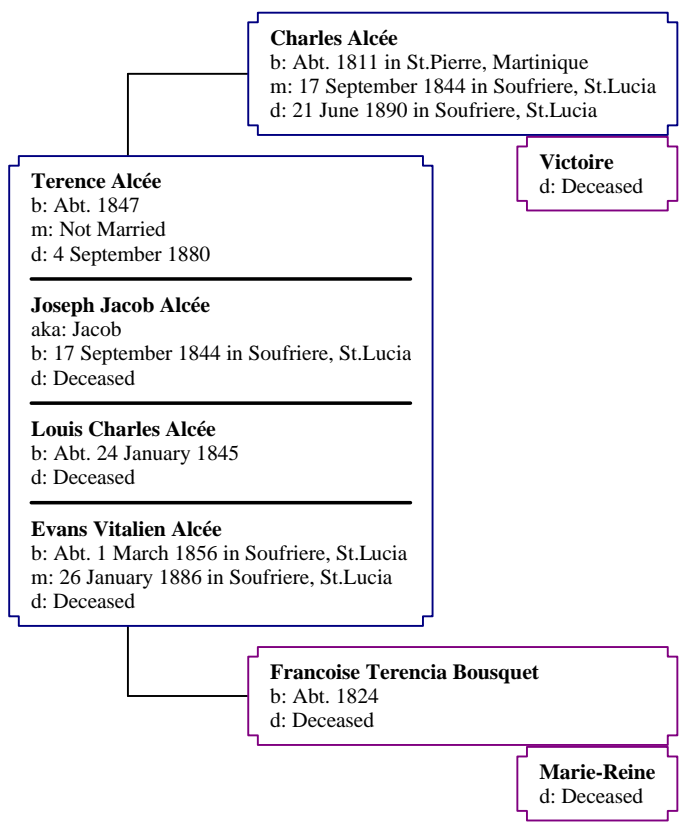
Connections: Castries and Soufriere branches

- Charles Alcée born in St.Pierre, Martinique around 1811, comes to Soufriere, St.Lucia
- Charles has four sons that we know of: Joseph Jacob, Louis Charles, **Terence** and **Evans**
- Terence is our direct ancestor and it was his son, Frank Herbert, who moved to Castries
- Evans is the direct ancestor of Lucretia and Lena who stayed in Soufriere for the most part
- At this time we have no additional information on the other two brothers

Connections: Floissacs

- Terence Alcée had children with Naomi Morteau (Manon / Anne Rose), our ancestors
- Terence Alcée had children with Sylvanise St.Cyr, including Marie Anne Therese Alcée
- Marie Anne Therese Alcée married Philip Floissac and had Tarleton and Fred Floissac
- Fred is Vincent Floissac's father. Vincent's mother was Edwanese.
- Philip died young, and Therese (known as Auntie Té) then married Joseph Sylvestre Imbert

Ancestors and Siblings of Terence Alcée



Ancestors and Siblings of Frank Herbert Alcée

Charles Alcée

b: Abt. 1811 in St.Pierre, Martinique
m: 17 September 1844 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: 21 June 1890 in Soufriere, St.Lucia

Terence Alcée

b: Abt. 1847
m: Not Married
d: 4 September 1880

Francoise Terencia Bousquet

b: Abt. 1824
d: Deceased

Frank Herbert Alcée

aka: Francois Morteau
b: 30 November 1870 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
m: 28 April 1898 in Castries, St.Lucia
d: 28 October 1924 in Castries, St.Lucia

Bertha Alcée

d: Deceased

Joseph Morteau

b: 22 May 1877 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: Deceased

Marie Anne Morteau

b: 22 May 1877 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: Deceased

Therese Marie Morteau

b: 6 July 1880 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: Deceased

Marguerite Marie Morteau

b: 6 July 1880 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: Deceased

Marie Anne Justina Morteau

b: Abt. 1883
d: 19 August 1925 in Castries, St.Lucia

Auguste Flavien Morteau

b: 28 August 1816 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
m: 30 May 1858 in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: 1 November 1867 in Soufriere, St.Lucia

Anne Rose Flavie Morteau

aka: Noemi or Manon
b: in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: Deceased

Anne Rose Ordalie Ephrem

b: in Soufriere, St.Lucia
d: Aft. November 1895

Parents and Siblings of Othoniel Alcée

Frank Herbert Alcée

aka: Francois Morteau

b: 30 November 1870 in Soufriere, St.Lucia

m: 28 April 1898 in Castries, St.Lucia

d: 28 October 1924 in Castries, St.Lucia

Othoniel Aloysius Alcée

b: 17 July 1907 in Castries, St.Lucia

m: 22 February 1928 in Castries, St.Lucia

d: 4 August 1979 in Lunar Park, Vigie, St.Lucia

Jacob Victor Alcée

b: 21 July 1904

m: 31 October 1928 in Castries, St.Lucia

d: 11 November 1950

Uranie Marie Felicite Alcée

m: 4 January 1919 in Castries, St.Lucia

d: Deceased

Martha Marie Zephirine Alcée

b: 26 August 1910 in Castries, St.Lucia

m: Not Married

d: August 1973

Samuel Charles Hilaire Alcée

m: 4 October 1928 in Castries, St.Lucia

d: Deceased

Terence Alcée

b: 2 February 1900

d: November 1982

Marguerite Genevieve Bernez

b: 10 January 1871 in Castries, St.Lucia

d: Abt. 1964 in Castries, St.Lucia

See Bernez chapter for Bernez ancestor tree

Descendants of Victoire

Generation No. 1

1. VICTOIRE¹¹ died Deceased.

Notes for VICTOIRE:

She is deceased at the time of Charles' marriage in 1844.

Child of VICTOIRE is:

2. i. CHARLES² ALCÉE, b. Abt. 1811, St.Pierre, Martinique; d. 21 June 1890, Soufriere, St.Lucia.

Generation No. 2

2. CHARLES² ALCÉE (*VICTOIRE*¹)² was born Abt. 1811 in St.Pierre, Martinique, and died 21 June 1890 in Soufriere, St.Lucia³. He married FRANCOISE TERCENCIA BOUSQUET 17 September 1844 in Soufriere, St.Lucia⁴, daughter of MARIE-REINE. She was born Abt. 1824⁵, and died Deceased.

Notes for CHARLES ALCÉE:

Witnesses at the Charles' wedding were John Grant (proprietor of Castries), Charles-Marie Devaux St.Philippe (living at Dennery at the time), Philippe James Ducourdray (living in Soufriere) and Jean Constantin (living in Castries). Charles is listed as a tailor on both his marriage and death certificates. He died of Diarrhoea, aged 79. His complexion is given as coloured on his death certificate.

More About CHARLES ALCÉE:

Cause of Death: Diarrhoea

Notes for FRANCOISE TERCENCIA BOUSQUET:

Terentia and Terencia were both commonly found on certificates. Her age is given as 70 on her burial certificate and hence the estimate of birth year. Witnesses at her burial included Joseph Bushel C.F.Deterville, Arthur Jaunai, J.Leverrier, J. Augier, Edwin Alcée, F.H.Alcée, E.V.Alcée.

More About FRANCOISE TERCENCIA BOUSQUET:

Burial: 17 July 1894⁶

Children of CHARLES ALCÉE and FRANCOISE BOUSQUET are:

- i. JOSEPH JACOB³ ALCÉE⁷, b. 17 September 1844, Soufriere, St.Lucia⁸; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOSEPH JACOB ALCÉE:

Jacob was born the same day as the legitimate marriage of his parents. His Godparents were Jean Jacques Oliverne and Alexandrine Auzelie. A photocopy of the original registry entry is available.

More About JOSEPH JACOB ALCÉE:

Baptism: 18 August 1848, Soufriere, St.Lucia

- ii. LOUIS CHARLES ALCÉE, b. Abt. 24 January 1845⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for LOUIS CHARLES ALCÉE:

Louis is baptised on 24th Febuary aged one month, hence the estimate of his birth date. His Godparents are Charles Marie Devaux St.Philippe and Louise Jogg.

More About LOUIS CHARLES ALCÉE:

Baptism: 24 February 1845, Soufriere, St.Lucia

3. iii. TERENCE ALCÉE, b. Abt. 1847; d. 4 September 1880.
4. iv. EVANS VITALIEN ALCÉE, b. Abt. 1 March 1856, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Generation No. 3

3. TERENCE³ ALCÉE (*CHARLES*², *VICTOIRE*¹)¹⁰ was born Abt. 1847, and died 4 September 1880¹¹. He married (1) SYLVANISE ST.CYR¹². She died Deceased. He married (2) ANNE ROSE FLAVIE MORTEAU Not Married, daughter of AUGUSTE MORTEAU and ANNE EPHREM. She was born in Soufriere, St.Lucia, and died Deceased.

Notes for TERENCE ALCÉE:

Before the Castries fire, a picture of Terence hung in Papa's (Othoniel) room at the home at St.Louis Street in Castries. Terence had a big moustache which was twisted at the ends, and had heavy, distinctive eyebrows. Described as "a real French man".

The death certificate for Terence gives cause of death as epileptic fits. His occupation is a school master and he died at the age of 33, hence the estimate of birth year. His complexion is given as coloured.

Charles & Terentia are to be confirmed as parents of Terence, by the Archives, but as per notes from Lydia St.Cyr this should be accurate. The Archives supplied a birth certificate for a Jacques Willy (Folio 93, 27th June 1845, Soufriere Register) and indicated that this is the certificate for Terence as per references in other deeds (Jacques Willy aka Jacques Terence). Godparents for Jacques Willy are Jacques Mathurin and Desiree Bertine.

More About TERENCE ALCÉE:

Cause of Death: Epileptic fits

Record Change: 30 June 2004

Notes for SYLVANISE ST.CYR:

[EVALCEE.FTW]

Was deceased by the time of her daughter Therese's marriage to Phillip Floissac on 17th October 1900.

More About SYLVANISE ST.CYR:

Record Change: 12 January 2003

Notes for ANNE ROSE FLAVIE MORTEAU:

Noemi's age is given as 90 at the time of her death in 1932. Witnesses were: Samuel H Alcée, Jacob Alcée and Othoniel Alcée. Noemi was known as Manon. Born Soufriere, living at Castries. Noemi had two sets of twins. It is said that the Morteau girls would be carried from Castries to Ravine Duval on sedan chairs carried by slaves. According to Emily Raye, late in life, Manon lived at 22 Grass Street, Castries, before Granny Alcée moved there following the loss of the house on Coral Street. Manon was very fair and had nice hair. In his will, her son, FH Alcée requested that on her death she be buried in vault 53 at Riverside Cemetery, Castries, and the expense be covered by his estate.

More About ANNE ROSE FLAVIE MORTEAU:

Burial: 13 December 1932, Castries, St.Lucia¹³

Record Change: 20 May 2004

Children of TERENCE ALCÉE and SYLVANISE ST.CYR are:

5.
 - i. MARIE ANNE THERESE⁴ ALCÉE, b. Abt. 1876; d. 13 April 1934, Castries, St.Lucia.
 - ii. ISABELLE ALCÉE¹⁴, d. Deceased.

Notes for ISABELLE ALCÉE:

Bell was called Aunt by Mary Matthias. Mum and Mary assumed she was sister or half sister to Alexander. However, as per notes from Lydia St.Cyr, Isabelle is sister to Therese. Therefore need to confirm whether Sylvanise is also her mother, but no birth certificate available yet.

More About ISABELLE ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

Children of TERENCE ALCÉE and ANNE MORTEAU are:

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6. iii. BERTHA⁴ ALCÉE, d. Deceased.
7. iv. FRANK HERBERT ALCÉE, b. 30 November 1870, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. 28 October 1924, Castries, St.Lucia.
- v. JOSEPH MORTEAU, b. 22 May 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOSEPH MORTEAU:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #122) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Twin of Marie Anne Morteau.

More About JOSEPH MORTEAU:

Baptism: 4 June 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia

Record Change: 20 March 2004

- vi. MARIE ANNE MORTEAU, b. 22 May 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARIE ANNE MORTEAU:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #123) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Twin of Joseph Morteau.

More About MARIE ANNE MORTEAU:

Baptism: 4 June 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia

Record Change: 19 June 2003

- vii. THERESE MARIE MORTEAU, b. 6 July 1880, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for THERESE MARIE MORTEAU:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 39, #221) was provided by Fr Guiste. Tessa is twin to Marguerite Marie, and had no children.

More About THERESE MARIE MORTEAU:

Baptism: 2 August 1880, Soufriere, St.Lucia; Quality: 0¹⁵

Record Change: 19 June 2003

- viii. MARGUERITE MARIE MORTEAU, b. 6 July 1880, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARGUERITE MARIE MORTEAU:

Birth and baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 39, #217) was provided by Fr Guiste. Marguerite Marie is twin to Thesese Marie (we assume to be Tessa).

More About MARGUERITE MARIE MORTEAU:

Baptism: 2 August 1880, Soufriere, St.Lucia; Quality: 0¹⁵

Record Change: 19 June 2003

- ix. MARIE ANNE JUSTINA MORTEAU, b. Abt. 1883; d. 19 August 1925, Castries, St.Lucia.

Notes for MARIE ANNE JUSTINA MORTEAU:

Her burial certificate gives her age as 42, which implies she was born around 1883. Her occupation was given as clerksess.

More About MARIE ANNE JUSTINA MORTEAU:

Burial: 20 August 1925, 0¹⁵

Record Change: 20 June 2003

4. EVANS VITALIEN³ ALCÉE (*CHARLES², VICTOIRE¹*)¹⁶ was born Abt. 1 March 1856 in Soufriere, St.Lucia^{16,17}, and died Deceased. He married (1) LOUISIA PALMY¹⁸, daughter of PALMY SOLANGE and LEOMINE PALMY. She died Deceased. He married (2) MARIE ELIZABETH AMELIE CHARLES MOREAU¹⁸ 26 January 1886 in Soufriere, St.Lucia¹⁹, daughter of CHARLES MOREAU and THERESE CHERUBIN. She was born 1858 in Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁰, and died Deceased.

Notes for EVANS VITALIEN ALCÉE:

Evans was baptised Felix Vitalien aged 6 weeks, hence the estimate of his birth date. His God parents were Marc Pierre Felix St.Philippe and Philipsia St.Philippe. Evans Vitalien Alcée appears to have had Alexander out of wedlock and about 10 years before his family with Amelie Moreau.

Evans and Amelie signed a marriage contract (Vol 44a, number 15080, 10:5) on the 25th January 1886, the day before their wedding, detailing property and value. At the time of his marriage, Evans lives in Vieux Fort, and Amelie lives in Soufriere. Witnesses at the wedding included Jules Augier, Jean Marie Antony Aubert, Joseph Langellier and William Drysdale. Evans' first children with Emilie were born in Soufriere and the others born in Castries. Evans Alcée is listed as God father to Terence Alcée at his Baptism in 1900.

Evans moved to Panama to work at the Canal construction site and was a outdoor Clerk. From his letters sent from Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone, to his son Alexander in 1909 (26th May 1909 & 2nd Aug 1909), he explains that he had had an accident where he severely damaged his foot. He was unable to retain his job and was desk bound. He lost his original job to an American and his salary was now much reduced. He was struggling to support his family and asked Alexander to send him some money, but to keep the request confidential as he did not want his family to know. According to Ellis Island records (www.ellisland.org), Evans and his family entered the port of NY on 25th August 1909 on the ship, "Cristobal". They had resided in Pedro Maguil, Canal Zone, but had travelled from Colon, Panama. Ellis Island lists EV Alcée as being 53 years old on arrival in 1909, which confirms that he was born around 1856, and so would have been about 21 when Alexander was born in 1877. In the ship's manifest he is described as 5'9", black African with black wooley hair and brown eyes, born Soufriere, St.Lucia, BWI. His profession is given as JCC or ICC Accountant, who can read and write English. He and his family were noted to have US\$300.00 and were to visit a friend, Chas Gabriel in New York City. Evans is later also listed in the USA 1910 census, record dated 15th April, as living in New York (www.genealogy.com).

More About EVANS VITALIEN ALCÉE:

Baptism: 15 April 1856, Soufriere, St.Lucia

Record Change: 7 March 2004²¹

Notes for LOUISIA PALMY:

Baptised Rose Amelie.

More About LOUISIA PALMY:

Baptism: 7 September 1856²¹

Record Change: 10 July 2002²¹

Notes for MARIE ELIZABETH AMELIE CHARLES MOREAU:

Amelie is noted to be a seamstress on her marriage contract in 1886.

More About MARIE ELIZABETH AMELIE CHARLES MOREAU:

Record Change: 8 May 2002²¹

Child of EVANS ALCÉE and LOUISIA PALMY is:

8. i. ALEXANDER LOUIS GONZAGUE EVANS⁴ ALCÉE, b. 16 August 1877; d. 13 August 1927, Victoria Hospital, Castries, St.Lucia.

Children of EVANS ALCÉE and MARIE MOREAU are:

- ii. FRANCES MURIEL IVAN⁴ ALCÉE²¹, b. 12 May 1881, Soufriere, St.Lucia²¹; d. December 1974²¹.

More About FRANCES MURIEL IVAN ALCÉE:

Baptism: 7 June 1881, Soufriere, St.Lucia²¹

Record Change: 29 February 2004²¹

- iii. MARIE JOSEPH ALEXANDRINE EVA ALCÉE²¹, b. 10 March 1887, Soufriere, St.Lucia²¹; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARIE JOSEPH ALEXANDRINE EVA ALCÉE:

God parents were Marie Sophie Lucina Moreau and Jean Marie Anthony Aubert. Other witnesses were Charles Moreau & E.V.Alcée, and the Priest was E.Cadeau. She is noted as Eva when she enters Ellis Island in 1909.

More About MARIE JOSEPH ALEXANDRINE EVA ALCÉE:

Record Change: 25 August 2002²¹

- iv. PHILIPPE MAI FELICIE ALCÉE²¹, b. 24 June 1888²¹; d. Deceased.

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Notes for PHILIPPE MAI FELICIE ALCÉE:
Noted as May when she entered Ellis Island in 1909.

More About PHILIPPE MAI FELICIE ALCÉE:
Record Change: 8 May 2002²¹

- v. JEANNE EMILIE ALCÉE²¹, b. 29 August 1889²¹; d. Deceased.

Notes for JEANNE EMILIE ALCÉE:
God parents Amelina Cazaubon & John Augier. Priest was Eugene Veillet. She is noted as Emily when entering Ellis Island in 1909.

More About JEANNE EMILIE ALCÉE:
Record Change: 24 August 2002²¹

- vi. CHARLES EMMANUEL VICTOR WILLIAM ALCÉE²¹, b. 6 January 1893, Castries, St.Lucia²¹; d. Deceased.

Notes for CHARLES EMMANUEL VICTOR WILLIAM ALCÉE:
God parents were Wiliam Giffard and Mde Fernande Dreuille. Priest was Fr Louis Tapon. He is noted as Chas when he enters Ellis Island in 1909.

More About CHARLES EMMANUEL VICTOR WILLIAM ALCÉE:
Record Change: 8 May 2002²¹

- vii. AGNES MILLICENT LUCY ALCÉE²¹, b. 15 November 1894, Castries, St.Lucia²¹; d. Deceased.

Notes for AGNES MILLICENT LUCY ALCÉE:
God Parents were Victor Girard and Mme Marie Philomene Clairfane Lagonterie. The Priest was Fr Louis Tapon. She is noted as Lucy when she entered Ellis Island in 1909

More About AGNES MILLICENT LUCY ALCÉE:
Record Change: 8 May 2002²¹

Generation No. 4

5. MARIE ANNE THERESE⁴ ALCÉE (*TERENCE³, CHARLES², VICTOIRE¹*) was born Abt. 1876, and died 13 April 1934 in Castries, St.Lucia²¹. She married (1) PHILIP FLOISSAC²¹ 17 October 1900 in ; Quality: 0²¹, son of FLOISSAC and ELINA JEAN CHARLES. He was born in Castries, St.Lucia²¹, and died Deceased. She married (2) JOSEPH SYLVESTRE IMBERT²¹ 3 June 1918 in Castries, St.Lucia²¹, son of DENIS IMBERT and JOSEPHINE FLOURUS. He was born in Soufriere, St.Lucia²¹, and died Deceased.

Notes for MARIE ANNE THERESE ALCÉE:
In the will of Josephine Joseph St.Rose (vol 84a, 48736, 25th Apr 1935, written 1926) all possessions are left to Therese. At the time Therese is noted as being a spirit merchant of Castries. She is then noted as being a housewife, aged 58 at the time of her death. Hence birth is estimated around 1876. Therese was buried at Riverside Cemetery.

A Family Council document (vol 70A, 37219) states that on 5th August 1915 Therese and witnesses appeared before the Family Council to petition for the appointment of a tutor and subrogate tutor to the minors, Tarleton and Fred, following the death of their father Philip. Therese and Joseph Sylvestre Imbert were appointed. Other witnesses included John Floissac, Frank Herbert Alcée, Fitz Gerald Louis Frederick Floissac and George Victor Hepburn. The will of Therese is vol 83a, no 48399, Castries registry office, made 17th March 1934, gave her husband life enjoyment of the property at 6 Micoud St, but bequeathed it to her son Fred and granddaughter, Eileen.

More About MARIE ANNE THERESE ALCÉE:
Record Change: 13 June 2004

More About PHILIP FLOISSAC:
Record Change: 12 January 2003²¹

Notes for JOSEPH SYLVESTRE IMBERT:
On his marriage certificate of 1918 he was noted as being a merchant clerk, living in Castries.

More About JOSEPH SYLVESTRE IMBERT:

Record Change: 12 January 2003²¹

Marriage Notes for MARIE ALCÉE and JOSEPH IMBERT:

[EVALCEE.FTW]

Catholic

Children of MARIE ALCÉE and PHILIP FLOISSAC are:

- i. MARIE LOUIS TARLETON⁵ FLOISSAC²¹, b. 19 August 1901²¹; d. Deceased; m. IRIS HARRIS²¹; d. Deceased.

More About MARIE LOUIS TARLETON FLOISSAC:

Record Change: 10 July 2002²¹

Notes for IRIS HARRIS:

[EVALCEE.FTW]

As noted in the will of Therese Floissac.

More About IRIS HARRIS:

Record Change: 12 January 2003²¹

- ii. FREDERICK LEO FLOISSAC²¹, b. 1 July 1903²¹; d. Deceased; m. EDWANESE ST. MARIE²¹; d. Deceased.

Notes for FREDERICK LEO FLOISSAC:

Godfather to Fred E.M.B. Pollard 13 Sep 1923, he is listed on the baptismal certificate as a merchant in Castries.

More About FREDERICK LEO FLOISSAC:

Record Change: 12 January 2003²¹

More About EDWANESE ST. MARIE:

Record Change: 12 January 2003²¹

Child of MARIE ALCÉE and JOSEPH IMBERT is:

- iii. CHARLES WILLIAM JOSEPH⁵ IMBERT²¹, d. Deceased.

Notes for CHARLES WILLIAM JOSEPH IMBERT:

[EVALCEE.FTW]

He was a Barrister at Law.

More About CHARLES WILLIAM JOSEPH IMBERT:

Record Change: 18 June 2004²¹

6. BERTHA⁴ ALCÉE (*TERENCE*³, *CHARLES*², *VICTOIRE*¹) died Deceased. She married EMILE LOUIS SAMUEL DEVAUX, son of SAMUEL DEVAUX. He died Deceased.

More About BERTHA ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

More About EMILE LOUIS SAMUEL DEVAUX:

Record Change: 13 October 2002

Children of BERTHA ALCÉE and EMILE DEVAUX are:

- i. FLORA⁵ DEVAUX, m. BERTIE WHITE.

Notes for FLORA DEVAUX:

Flora married Bertie White, school teacher at St.Mary's college. She had a daughter who lived in Dominica and Flora later moved there, and then to the USA.

More About FLORA DEVAUX:
Record Change: 12 June 2004

More About BERTIE WHITE:
Record Change: 13 June 2004

ii. ELWIN DEVAUX, m. ELSIE.

Notes for ELWIN DEVAUX:
In the USA. He was an artist and worked at M&C.

More About ELWIN DEVAUX:
Record Change: 12 June 2004

Notes for ELSIE:
Elsie was from Barbados. They lived in the CDC in Castries

More About ELSIE:
Record Change: 12 August 2001

iii. MILDRED DEVAUX.

Notes for MILDRED DEVAUX:
In the USA

More About MILDRED DEVAUX:
Record Change: 12 June 2004

iv. GEE DEVAUX.

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7. FRANK HERBERT⁴ ALCÉE (*TERENCE*³, *CHARLES*², *VICTOIRE*¹) was born 30 November 1870 in Soufriere, St.Lucia, and died 28 October 1924 in Castries, St.Lucia²². He married (1) MARIE ARTHUR. She died Deceased. He married (2) ALICE QUINLAN, daughter of QUINLAN and NOTKNOWN. She died Deceased. He married (4) CECILE BERTIN. She died Deceased. He married (5) MARGUERITE GENEVIEVE BERNEZ 28 April 1898 in Castries, St.Lucia²², daughter of SAMUEL BERNEZ and URANIE SILVESTRE. She was born 10 January 1871 in Castries, St.Lucia²³, and died Abt. 1964 in Castries, St.Lucia.

Notes for FRANK HERBERT ALCÉE:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 68, #32) was provided by Fr Guiste. Age is given as 54 at time of death in 1924. Burial certificate (Castries, folio 112, #244) was provided by William Parker. Frank was buried in the vault of Mrs Felicite Meyers. He is listed as a Merchant of Castries, aged 54. The archives list the will as vol 77a, no 43801 and resignation of immovables willed vol 77a no 43968. Son of Noemi Morteau. We can find a birth certificate for Francois Morteau, son of Noemi Morteau, no father listed. We also find the marriage certificate for Frank Herbert Alcée listing him as the son of Noemi Morteau. We have therefore assumed that his name changed from Francois Morteau to Frank Herbert Alcée, through being anglicised and taking on his father's surname. In 1919 on the marriage certificate for Uranie, Frank is listed as a Merchant in Castries. His first job was working at "Gimbells" department store for 4 years before he set up his own business. Frank was thought not to be a very affectionate man, and was very strict with the children, giving physical punishment, which is presumably why Othoniel and Uranie did the same. According to Patsy George and family, if the children asked for a shilling, he would walk away, then throw it to them. His wife, Marguerite (Granny Alcée), became very unhappy and became alcoholic.

FH Alcée is listed as having paid a sum of 4 shillings for a deed of sale of land from J.Lawrencin & A.Analole to ALG Alcée (Alexander). Deed was registered 6/1/1914 No 36060 vol 69. According to Andreuille Alcée, all the boys that Frank had, had Marie in their names except Othoniel.

Frank was buried at Riverside cemetery. In his will, his sons Terence and Samuel are named as the Executors. His daughter, Martha Marie Zephirine is referred to as a minor.

- Left Noemi (his mother) 3 shillings daily
- left Noemi and his sisters Therese & Justina, life enjoyment of 22

Grass Street, Castries.

- Left Mrs Lucinde Laurencin and Cenie St.Cyr £2.00 each
- Left Bertha Alcée (Mrs Edwin Blanchard) his daughter £20.00
- Left Maud Alcée (Mrs Charles Lennox Gabriel de Brossard) his daughter, properties 61 Victoria St and 23 Boulevard St in Soufriere.

More About FRANK HERBERT ALCÉE:

Baptism: 29 January 1871, Soufriere, St.Lucia

Burial: 28 October 1924, Castries, St.Lucia

Record Change: 30 June 2004

More About MARIE ARTHUR:

Record Change: 7 June 2002

More About ALICE QUINLAN:

Record Change: 8 November 2002

More About CECILE BERTIN:

Record Change: 7 June 2002

Notes for MARGUERITE GENEVIEVE BERNEZ:

Baptised on the day of her parent's wedding, her Godparents were Mr Aurelieu La Corbiniere and Marguerite Johnston. Following the early death of their parents the children were brought up by Felicite Meyers.

Marguerite was educated in Paris and had a beautiful singing voice. She was called the "Petite oiseaux de Ste Lucie" as she sang so well. Francis remembers Granny Alcée as having a beautiful mezzo soprano voice, and that she spoke wonderful French. She was referred to as "Granny Alcée" by the family. After Frank died she lived at the smaller house on Grass Street as there was little money, after the businesses were lost in the Castries fire etc. She was tall and skinny with long black hair that was blonde for the last three inches. Andreuille used to go to see her every morning to comb her hair. She went blind eventually.

More About MARGUERITE GENEVIEVE BERNEZ:

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Baptism: 12 June 1871, Castries, St.Lucia

Record Change: 10 July 2004

Child of FRANK ALCÉE and MARIE ARTHUR is:

- i. MARIE THERESE MAUD⁵ ALCÉE^{24,24}, b. Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. CHARLES LENOX GABRIEL DE BROSSARD, 17 December 1919, Castries, St.Lucia²⁴; b. Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARIE THERESE MAUD ALCÉE:

Living in Castries at the time of her marriage in 1919.

More About MARIE THERESE MAUD ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

Notes for CHARLES LENOX GABRIEL DE BROSSARD:

Noted to be a planter, born and living in Castries at the time of his marriage in 1919.

More About CHARLES LENOX GABRIEL DE BROSSARD:

Record Change: 7 June 2002

Children of FRANK ALCÉE and ALICE QUINLAN are:

- ii. BERTHA⁵ ALCÉE, d. Deceased; m. EDWIN ALEXANDER BLANCHARD; d. Deceased.

Notes for BERTHA ALCÉE:

Birth certificate (1921) for Parnel Joseph Albert Vaughan Blanchard states Bertha Blanchard nee Francess Alcée.

More About BERTHA ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

More About EDWIN ALEXANDER BLANCHARD:

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Record Change: 12 August 2001

- iii. HERBERT GRANVILLE ALCÉE, b. 1895; d. Deceased.

Notes for HERBERT GRANVILLE ALCÉE:

His birth year is approximated from his burial certificate, (Castries, #274) as provided by Fr Guiste. It states that Herbert died at the age of 46, and lists him as an Engineer from Castries. He ran the electricity plant in St.Lucia.

More About HERBERT GRANVILLE ALCÉE:

Burial: 14 October 1941, Castries, St.Lucia

Record Change: 8 September 2003

Children of FRANK HERBERT ALCÉE are:

- iv. MURIEL⁵ ALCÉE.

Notes for MURIEL ALCÉE:

Muriel lived in Martinique, but came to St.Lucia to visit. We do not know her mother. Muriel is described by Othoniel's children as being short and stocky and very bubbly. She had a gold tooth and was a very pretty woman.

More About MURIEL ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

- v. LUCY ALCÉE, d. Deceased.

Notes for LUCY ALCÉE:

There is some discussion as to whether Lucy is Frank Herbert Alcée's daughter or not. Frank used to go to Soufriere a lot, even after moving to Castries, as he had a dry goods store there. Apparently he used to "see" her mother, but Lucy is not his daughter, as she is related to the Branch family in St.Lucia. Andreuille knows some detail as she was involved in the hand over of a house with the Branch family. Lucy was called "Miss Lucy" as she was a school teacher, who then opened her own primary school on St.Louis Street in Castries. Othoniel's son, Frank went there.

More About LUCY ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

Child of FRANK ALCÉE and CECILE BERTIN is:

- vi. JOHN MOORE ERNEST⁵ ALCÉE^{24,24}, b. 16 January 1883, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. HERMANTINE SERENA PRIX PAMPHILE, 22 December 1910, Castries, St.Lucia²⁴; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOHN MOORE ERNEST ALCÉE:

Noted to be a merchant at his marriage of 1910. His Brazilian identity card was dated 29th July 1919, noting him as aged 37, born 16th January 1883. He is listed as married and his father is named as "Franz Alcée", which we assume is Frank Alcée as per Kell. However, for that to be the case, Frank would have fathered him at the age of 13.

More About JOHN MOORE ERNEST ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

More About HERMANTINE SERENA PRIX PAMPHILE:

Record Change: 7 June 2002

Children of FRANK ALCÉE and MARGUERITE BERNEZ are:

- vii. JACOB VICTOR⁵ ALCÉE, b. 21 July 1904; d. 11 November 1950; m. (1) FELICITE ALEXANDER; b. 28 November 1915, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. (2) VIRGIE; d. Deceased; m. (3) SR BAPTISTE'S AUNT; d. Deceased; m. (4) MARIA UNITA MAY BELIZAIRE, 31 October 1928, Castries, St.Lucia²⁴.

Notes for JACOB VICTOR ALCÉE:

Jacob's Birth and Baptism certificate (Castries, Folio 70, #316) was provided by Fr Guiste, and gives Jacob's birth date as 21 July 1904. His Godparents were Raymond Imbert and Isabelle Alcée. His Burial certificate (Castries, #230) was also provided by Fr Guiste, and gives his date of death as 11th November 1950, aged 46. He was a merchant of Castries at the time of his marriage. When the American's left Vieux Fort he looked after the property as he had to be pensioned from the police force. His burial

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certificate lists him as the care-taker at Beane Field hospital, Vieux Fort.

More About JACOB VICTOR ALCÉE:

Baptism: 17 August 1904, Castries, St.Lucia

Burial: 12 November 1950, Castries, St.Lucia

Record Change: 8 September 2003

Notes for FELICITE ALEXANDER:

Felicite was a seamstress.

More About FELICITE ALEXANDER:

Record Change: 5 September 2001

Notes for VIRGIE:

Virgie worked for Uncle Jacob or for the Alcée house.

More About VIRGIE:

Record Change: 12 August 2001

More About SR BAPTISTE'S AUNT:

Record Change: 12 August 2001

Notes for MARIA UNITA MAY BELIZAIRE:

The certificate of her marriage to Jacob lists her as a spinster. She left him and went to Grenada and left him with the three girls. When she left, Bernadette Ravineau looked after the children. According to Rene Ravineau, Unita married a Dabrio and had a son with him in Grenada.

More About MARIA UNITA MAY BELIZAIRE:

Record Change: 12 August 2001

Marriage Notes for JACOB ALCÉE and MARIA BELIZAIRE:

Marriage certificate (Castries, leaf 290, #105) provided by Fr Guiste.

In addition to witnesses, were listed consorts, J.V Alcée and M.U.M.

Belizaire.

- viii. URANIE MARIE FELICITE ALCÉE, d. Deceased; m. (1) BAILEY; d. Deceased; m. (2) FREDERICK MARY POLLARD, 4 January 1919, Castries, St.Lucia²⁴; d. Deceased.

Notes for URANIE MARIE FELICITE ALCÉE:

Uranie was married at the Chapel at St.Joseph's Convent. She lived on Micoud Street at the time of her death. Her daughter Emily and husband Burt, remember that Joan, Emily, Burt etc used to meet at Uranie's house on Micoud Street in the afternoons after work. They would drink tea and sit and watch the funerals go by. Uranie was by all accounts a hoarder. She collected everything including newspapers and empty cigarette packets. Once a year, the people making carnival costumes would go to her to get the silver foil from the cigarette packets for the costumes. Uranie owned land at Babaneau with Bananas that Emily and Bert used to farm and run in the afternoons. They then sold it and bought the house on the L'Anse Road.

More About URANIE MARIE FELICITE ALCÉE:

Record Change: 8 September 2003

More About BAILEY:

Record Change: 12 August 2001

Notes for FREDERICK MARY POLLARD:

On his marriage certificate he is listed as a gunner in the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, now stationed at Castries. On the certificate of birth for Frederick E.M.B. pollard he is listed as an engineer in Castries.

More About FREDERICK MARY POLLARD:

Record Change: 12 January 2002

- ix. MARTHA MARIE ZEPHIRINE ALCÉE, b. 26 August 1910, Castries, St.Lucia²⁵; d. August 1973²⁵; m. ERNEST FOSTER, Not Married; b. Panama.

Notes for MARTHA MARIE ZEPHIRINE ALCÉE:

Martha is noted in her father's will as being a minor in 1924.

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Martha was engaged to Jeaninne Davies uncle, a Volney. However, she became pregnant by Ernest and so the engagement was called off. Kenneth was born at the Alcée house on Coral Street (FH Alcée). Due to the embarrassment of her unmarried mother situation, Martha left St.Lucia for Trinidad. She lived in Trinidad for many years and worked for the Harrisons at Cascade. Ken also lived there for a few years (1939 to 1942) till he was 11 years old. He travelled back on the SS Flight, owned by McQuilkin, which was later sunk by the Germans. On his return to St.Lucia he went to St.Mary's college.

Martha was to have married an American called Gidley, but he died in the war. Martha eventually returned to St.Lucia and lived with her mother, Granny Alcée, at 22 Grass Street. The house on Grass Street was later sold to Marcelin. Ken then bought Martha a house on the Chasset Road.

More About MARTHA MARIE ZEPHIRINE ALCÉE:

Burial: August 1973, Choc Cemetery, Castries, St.Lucia²⁵

Record Change: 27 May 2004

Notes for ERNEST FOSTER:

Ernest's family were from Barados and went to Panama for work. He then came to St.Lucia. Ernest and Martha met while Ernest was working in M&C's department store in Castries. He later became the Castries Town Clerk. Ernest's father was very fair and his mother was very dark.

More About ERNEST FOSTER:

Record Change: 12 August 2001

- x. SAMUEL CHARLES HILAIRE ALCÉE, d. Deceased; m. ANNE MARIE MINIE DUVAL, 4 October 1928, Castries, St.Lucia²⁶; d. Deceased.

Notes for SAMUEL CHARLES HILAIRE ALCÉE:

No Children. On his Marriage certificate, Samuel is listed as a merchant of castries.

More About SAMUEL CHARLES HILAIRE ALCÉE:

Record Change: 27 May 2004

Notes for ANNE MARIE MINIE DUVAL:

On her marriage certificate, Minie is listed as a spinster of Castries.

More About ANNE MARIE MINIE DUVAL:

Record Change: 26 January 2002

Marriage Notes for SAMUEL ALCÉE and ANNE DUVAL:

Marriage certificate (Castries, leaf 285, #97) was provided by Fr Guiste. In addition to witnesses, consorts were named as SCH Alcée, Minnie Duval, E. Duval and fred L Floissac

- xi. TERENCE ALCÉE, b. 2 February 1900²⁶; d. November 1982²⁶; m. LILIA; b. 4 April 1897; d. 13 April 1990.

Notes for TERENCE ALCÉE:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Castries, folio 14, #77) was provided by Fr Guiste.

More About TERENCE ALCÉE:

Baptism: 24 February 1900, Castries, St.Lucia

Record Change: 8 September 2003

Notes for LILIA:

From Font St.Jacques, in St.Lucia, according to Aunty Barbara. According to Uncle Frank she was very colour conscious and would not allow Uncle Terence and their son, Eugene to sit with her and Elma in Church. She also asked Frank not to bring Florie to visit again. Apparently she "passed" Uncle Terence as being Sicilian. Social Security number issued 1981 and 1982 in New York.

More About LILIA:

Record Change: 7 August 2002

- xii. OTHONIEL ALOYSIUS ALCÉE, b. 17 July 1907, Castries, St.Lucia; d. 4 August 1979, Lunar Park, Vigie, St.Lucia; m. VIRGINIA ANGELINA MARY BONNETT, 22 February 1928, Castries, St.Lucia²⁶; b. 20 December 1909, Castries, St.Lucia²⁷; d. 19 December 1964, Lunar Park, Vigie, St.Lucia²⁸.

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Notes for OTHONIEL ALOYSIUS ALCÉE:

Othoniel was a strict disciplinarian. One of his well known phrases was "even if the heavens fall, always speak the truth". He went to Venezuela in the 1920's to work in the oil refineries. Many other young men including Primrose, John Compton, Vincent Floissac and Kenneth Foster went to Curasco to work in the refineries to make enough money for their education in England. There is a photo of Othoniel in postcard format dated 12th September 1926 that he sent to Camille LaPorte, his fiancée at the time. It is inscribed, "with fondest love, to Cam from Otto".

Before the 1928 fire, he was a partner in the Heirs Alcée business, with Uncle Sam and Auntie Minnie who ran it. However the business was lost as the insurance which was due on the Friday was not paid, the fire came on the Sunday and the firm went bankrupt, unable to claim for the losses. After the 1928 fire, he studied dentistry with Dr Howell. However he was not earning enough money to keep the family, so decided to open his own business on Victoria Street, which later moved to 37 St.Louis Street and became the International Cafe. The City Council offices now occupy that location in Castries, at the corner of Peynier Street. The family used to look after the French Resistance at 37 St.Louis Street and a couple were married there. According to Andreuille, when he first opened the business he tried to get a loan from Dr Howell for his stock of alcohol. Dr Howell advised him to fill bottles with different coloured water and stack them on the shelves as a temporary measure. Othoniel was married at 21 and ran several business in Castries, including a dry goods store, rum shop, pharmacy and the International Cafe. He was also a landlord, renting out many houses in Castries. Othoniel was also a founder member of the "Seamen & Waterfront Workers" Union, one of the largest in St.Lucia.

Othoniel saved Jim Clarke (later the Governor of St.Lucia) from drowning at Vigie Beach. Jim was a good swimmer, but the current was too strong. Othoniel went out to rescue him, but could not fight the current either, so he supported Jim all the way around the peninsular to Faux-a-Chaud in Castries harbour.

A story often told about Othoniel is when he avoiding hitting a child in his car on the Vigie Stretch. Apparently he saw a little "urchin boy" run out in front of him in the road, and he swerved to the left and swerved to the right narrowly missing the boy, and said to himself; "Othoniel, you can drive!" He was however, afraid to fly.

His birthday could be 17th or 19th as it was the same as his brother and confused people so his was celebrated on a different day? As he had some dentistry training he used to look after the family's teeth every holiday. His Godmother was Mrs Lucinde Jules, grandmother to Dan Floissac and sister to Rosela Louis who was married to Alexander Alcée.

Othoniel died at the family home at Lunar Park, on the evening of Hurricane David. He refused to be moved to a safer location further away from the sea, as he wanted to die at home. He died later that evening.

Othoniel and Virginia raised Margaret-Ann Stephen. Margaret-Ann's natural parents were Emile Travis and Mary Stephen. Emile was a jeweller and a driving instructor. He lived in Fort-de-France, Martinique and the family would "commission" gold bracelets from him for the girl's 21st birthdays. Mary was from Choiseul and died of TB when Margaret-Ann was 9 months old, although Margaret-Ann lived with the Alcées from when she was 3 or 4 months old. The adoption of Margaret-Ann was never legalised as Othoniel could not obtain permission from her birth father. Hence she remained a Stephen, although she was raised as an Alcée. Her Godmother was Ju George and her Godfather was Othoniel Alcée.

More About OTHONIEL ALOYSIUS ALCÉE:

Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Castries, St.Lucia

Record Change: 30 June 2004

Notes for VIRGINIA ANGELINA MARY BONNETT:

Virginia's Godparents as given on her Baptism and Birth certificate were James Hackshasse (Hackshaw?) and Margaret Mary (Nen Margaret was a Blanchard). Her burial certificate notes her as aged 58, but in fact she was 54, occupation is given as housewife. She died the day before her birthday and was wrapped in a blanket that Mum had bought her for her birthday. Witnesses at her burial were Lennie L Charles, Frederick E Pollard, Witing Vernon and Vernon Vitalis.

As Virginia and Aggie were illegitimate children they were not allowed to attend the main St.Joseph's Convent School. There was a special day school where illegitimate girls were allowed. As Mam had enough money when Aggie was a girl, Aggie was sent to the convent school in Trinidad, as a boarder. However, there was not enough money to send Virginia and so she went to the day school. Most of Mam's money had been squandered by her son, Henry, by this stage. However, Virginia and Othoniel were given a house as a wedding present by Mam. Virginia lost her first 4 pregnancies, until some corrective work was done on her womb. Barbara's twin was a boy who was still born, as the cord became

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tied around his neck. Apparently Virginia loved watching Perry Mason. She was called "Degs" by Othoniel. After the war, when not as many ships called into Castries harbour, Virginia used to send the children to check whether the flag at Vigie Lighthouse was at half mast, which meant a ship would be coming into the harbour.

On Sundays the family would have steaks with lettuce salad for breakfast after 8 o'clock mass and then roast meat for lunch and soup for dinner. On Wednesdays and Sundays they also had homemade icecream. Virginia used to make a custard icecream, which was the children's favourite, and also a coconut icecream. It would need to be churned by hand in a bucket of ice and salt. Granny Bernez used to sit at the table next to Virginia to keep her company. There were also the cooks, Mateo and Babes (who later left to go to Barbados). A "chaudier" was an open iron pot, not too deep, that was used to brown the meat. There were no stoves at that time, so Papa built a long hearth with an external vent at one end, divided into about 6 sections and fired by charcoal. The first stove they had was a kerosene one on a stand. Virginia would order 100 St.Lucia loaves in the morning and 100 in the afternoon, 10 pints of milk from JQ Charles and 15 pints from Farrant's Dairy each day. She would collect the cream from the milk, add salt to preserve it and then churn or whip it to make butter. Dennis Devaux ran Farrants at the time. She would also order more than 2 pounds of cheese and butter.

Her father, Captain Biddie tried to contact her shortly after she was married to Othoniel to ask her to come to Scotland. His nephew was an engineer on one of the ships that came into Castries. The engineer could not leave the ship so asked Mr Inglis (Jackie Belizaire's grandfather) to deliver a message. Apparently Captain Biddie had no children. He had a farm in Scotland and wanted Virginia to come up to visit or live? She got dressed to go and meet the nephew, but was too embarassed to walk along the wharf and didn't go, although Papa tried to persuade her to. Never had contact with her father again.

More About VIRGINIA ANGELINA MARY BONNETT:

Baptism: 11 January 1909, Castries, St.Lucia

Burial: 20 December 1964, Castries, St.Lucia²⁸

Record Change: 27 May 2004

8. ALEXANDER LOUIS GONZAGUE EVANS⁴ ALCÉE (*EVANS VITALIEN³, CHARLES², VICTOIRE¹*)²⁹ was born 16 August 1877²⁹, and died 13 August 1927 in Victoria Hospital, Castries, St.Lucia²⁹. He married ROSELA CAMILLE LOUIS²⁹ 7 September 1897²⁹, daughter of JULES LOUIS and EUCHARISTE REMI. She was born 1874²⁹, and died 1973²⁹.

Notes for ALEXANDER LOUIS GONZAGUE EVANS ALCÉE:

Alexander's birth and baptism certificate (Soufriere, # 201) was provided by Fr Guiste. Alexander is referred to as Papa Alcée by Mary Matthias, his granddaughter.

In a Deed of Sale dated 2nd July 1927, Alexander was noted as being a Merchant's Clerk and proprietor. Also, in a will dated 19th July 1900 Rose Cora Maximin, a seamstress of Soufriere, left the following for Alexander Alcée, noted as being her grand-nephew. One wardrobe and a small dwelling at the corner of Bridge St. and Bombay St. Francis Bobb is also listed as a grand nephew, and Layoute Alexandre as a grand niece. Cora was later noted to be a shopkeeper on 14th September 1904 in a deed of sale of land to Alexander Alcée. Is Cora related on Alexander's mother's or father's side?

Alexander died from gangrene following a machete attack to his right arm by Mr Eudoxie, that resulted from a fight over the refitting of the shop shelves in the shop that Alexander had rented to Mr Eudoxie. Mr Eudoxie was Mabel Eudoxie's (now Reyes) father. Alexander wrote his will (Registered in Vol 79A, 45195, 21st Sept 1927) on 18th July in hospital and died on 13th August. He left all his property to his wife, Rosella Camille, and is unable to sign his will due to the injury to his right arm and weakness. Witnesses to the will were Louis Bacheleir Carasco, Merchant and Hilton Norbert Armstrong, Druggist of Castries. Alexander's occupation is given as Merchants Clerk.

A further document (Vol 79A, 45274, 14th Nov 1927) of designation by Rosella Camille of immovables willed by Alexander, details 13 pieces of land in Soufriere and the relevant record numbers of the deeds of sale etc. The largest property listed is "de Colony", measuring 36 carres. Most other properties were about half a carre or were plots in Soufriere town.

More About ALEXANDER LOUIS GONZAGUE EVANS ALCÉE:

Baptism: 30 September 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹

Record Change: 11 March 2004²⁹

Notes for ROSELA CAMILLE LOUIS:
[EVALCEE.FTW]

Rosela was from Font St.Jacques. She is referred to still as Mrs Alcée.

More About ROSELA CAMILLE LOUIS:
Record Change: 12 January 2002²⁹

Marriage Notes for ALEXANDER ALCÉE and ROSELA LOUIS:
Marriage certificate (Soufriere, Folio 41, #22) provided by Fr Guiste, states that the witnesses were Madame Felicien Marcellin, Pascal Louis and Joseph Auguste. Priest was Baptiste Rousseau.

Children of ALEXANDER ALCÉE and ROSELA LOUIS are:

- i. PHANE⁵ ALCÉE²⁹, d. Deceased.

More About PHANE ALCÉE:
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

- ii. EDWIN ALCÉE²⁹, d. Deceased.

Notes for EDWIN ALCÉE:
Lived in Dutch Guyana.

More About EDWIN ALCÉE:
Record Change: 20 March 2004²⁹

- iii. ALBERT ALCÉE²⁹, d. Deceased; m. ETHELINE²⁹; d. Deceased.

More About ALBERT ALCÉE:
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

More About ETHELINE:
Record Change: 31 August 2001²⁹

- iv. MARIE LILIANNE SEBASTIENNE ALCÉE²⁹, b. 20 January 1900, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARIE LILIANNE SEBASTIENNE ALCÉE:
Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 10, Baptism 32) provided by Fr Guiste states that she was baptised on 14 Feb 1900.

More About MARIE LILIANNE SEBASTIENNE ALCÉE:
Baptism: 14 February 1900, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

- v. MARIA L. LUCRETIA ALCÉE²⁹, b. 5 April 1902, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; d. 3 March 1958²⁹; m. (1) JOSEPH ST PRICE SEXCIUS²⁹; d. Deceased; m. (2) JOSEPH ST PRICE SEXCIUS²⁹; d. Deceased.

More About MARIA L. LUCRETIA ALCÉE:
Record Change: 29 February 2004²⁹

Notes for JOSEPH ST PRICE SEXCIUS:
[EVALCEE.FTW]

Also recorded as St.Prix Sextius and known as Alberoni. He had the only Pharmacy in Soufriere at the time.

More About JOSEPH ST PRICE SEXCIUS:
Record Change: 31 August 2001²⁹

Notes for JOSEPH ST PRICE SEXCIUS:
[EVALCEE.FTW]

Also recorded as St.Prix Sextius and known as Alberoni. He had the

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only Pharmacy in Soufriere at the time.

More About JOSEPH ST PRICE SEXCIUS:
Record Change: 31 August 2001²⁹

- vi. MARGUERITE PRAXEDE BONA ALCÉE²⁹, b. 1906, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARGUERITE PRAXEDE BONA ALCÉE:
Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, # 109) was provided by Fr Guiste.

More About MARGUERITE PRAXEDE BONA ALCÉE:
Baptism: 13 August 1906, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

- vii. MARIE TERENCE ALCÉE²⁹, b. 1908, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARIE TERENCE ALCÉE:
Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #19) was provided by Fr Guiste.

More About MARIE TERENCE ALCÉE:
Baptism: 23 February 1908, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

- viii. MARY OLGA ALCÉE²⁹, b. 1910, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARY OLGA ALCÉE:
Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #44) was provided by Fr Guiste.

More About MARY OLGA ALCÉE:
Baptism: 3 April 1910, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

- ix. MARY YVONNE ALCÉE²⁹, b. 1912, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARY YVONNE ALCÉE:
Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #4) was provided by Fr Guiste.

More About MARY YVONNE ALCÉE:
Baptism: 14 January 1912, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹
Record Change: 8 May 2002²⁹

- x. LINA CLARA ALCÉE²⁹, b. 6 April 1918, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹; m. RICHARD ALEXANDER RAVENEAU²⁹; d. Deceased.

Notes for LINA CLARA ALCÉE:
Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #67) was provided by Fr Guiste. Lina used to work at Carasco's in Castries. In 2001 she was living in London with her daughter, Mary.

More About LINA CLARA ALCÉE:
Baptism: 5 May 1918, Soufriere, St.Lucia²⁹
Record Change: 20 March 2004²⁹

More About RICHARD ALEXANDER RAVENEAU:
Record Change: 31 August 2001²⁹

Marriage Notes for LINA ALCÉE and RICHARD RAVENEAU:
[EVALCEE.FTW]

Unmarried

Endnotes

1. Marriage Certificate for Charles Alcée and Françoise Terencia Bousquet.
2. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
3. Death Certificate of Charles Alcée, Page 828 number 4136 - Soufriere Register.
4. Marriage Certificate for Charles Alcée and Françoise Terencia Bousquet, Folio 8 Soufriere register - SLU Archives.

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5. Burial Certificate for Francoise Terencia Bousquet.
6. Burial Certificate for Francoise Terencia Bousquet, Folio 34, number 43 - Soufriere Register.
7. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
8. Baptism Certificate for Joseph Jacob Alcée, Number 62 - Soufriere Register.
9. Baptism Certificate for Louis Charles Alcée, Folio 166, number 41 - Soufriere Register.
10. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
11. Death Certificate for Terence Alcée, Page 443, number 2214 - Soufriere Register.
12. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
13. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
14. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
15. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
16. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
17. Birth Certificate for Evans Vitalien Alcée, Soufriere Register - SLU Archives.
18. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
19. Marriage Certificate for Evans Vitalien Alcée and Marie Elizabeth Amelie Moreau, Marriage 2, leaf 8 - Soufriere Register.
20. Marriage Certificate for Evans Vitalien Alcée and Marie Elizabeth Amelie Moreau, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
21. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
22. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
23. Baptism Certificate for Marguerite Genevieve Bernez, Folio 28, Bapt 114 - Castries Register (Archives).
24. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
25. Information for Martha Alcée, Kenneth Foster - June 2004.
26. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
27. Birth and Baptism Certificate for Virginia Angelina Mary Bonnett, Leaf 5, number 12 - Castries Register.
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29. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.

The Bernez / Bernes Name

The Family Legend: Samuel Bernez was born in Pau in the Pyrénées, and came to Saint Lucia via Martinique. When he and his wife arrived they brought with them a slave called Old Joe, and Samuel helped Fr Tapon with the building of the Cathedral. Samuel bought Union Estate, where he was pricked in the foot by a lime thorn, and later died. The estate was lost to pay Government taxes, after Madame Felicite wasted the money on World cruises. There is talk of a Moroccan Princess in the family and possible connections with Empress Josephine and her children, one of whom became the King of Sweden.

The Origin of the Name: In France, Pau, Livron and Lee are in the region of Béarn, area of Aquitaine, in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques, from where we derive Béarnaise sauce and all other things Béarnais. A French contact advised me of the meaning of the name Bernes-Cambot. Bernez can be written with an S or a Z and means "inhabitant of Bearn". Bearn Cambot implies small legs or small field, according to the dictionary of the surnames Gascon. A protestant fief, Pau is the birth place of Henry IV, founder of one of France's most important royal Dynasties. Béarn is adjacent to the Basque country (*Euskal Herria* in the Basque language) and the Béarnais, like the Basques, have historical links south of the border, and their traditions have been shaped by the mountains. Here is a link to a good interactive map of the region, <http://www.123voyage.com/realsw/areas/index.htm>.

The name Leulinghen-Bernes is fairly common in 1820 in area of Calais 2. Bernez (BAYR-nes) is also the Breton form of Bernard, a celtic forename of germanic origin. Bernes is also Scottish, as derived from the Gaelic word, Beam, meaning gap. It is also English, as derived from the word Barn or name Barnes. Bernes also appears as a Russian name, and Bernez as Hungarian.

The War Hero: Victor François Bernez-Cambot

Here is a small biography of the heroic Sergeant François Bernes-Cambot, defender of the Station of Bibane (Morocco) in June 1925. This was translated from French, so please excuse any errors. Sergeant Bernès-Cambot at the station of Bibane, was encircled the first time for 13 days and wounded twice during enemy attacks, but was able to preserve the command of the station. They were encircled a second time by 3,000 Rifains, taken under the fire of their guns, attacked night and day without a pause, but still held the position with his Senegalese riflemen during all the attacks. On June 5, 1925, the enemy was exasperated by this untameable resistance, having brought a gun to three hundred meters of the station and having submerged the defensive organizations under a true human flood. Sergeant Bernès-Cambot fought to the death, without failure or hesitation. He passed to his men an untameable energy but all were massacred at their station of combat at the same time as him. A model of courage, of bravery, of abnegation, admirable as a soldier, admirable as a chief, it pushed the idea of duty and sacrifice and it is deserving that his name remains in history. The station was composed of: Sergeant Bernès-Cambot, chief of Station; Sergeants Perron and Fountain; Soldier Babin, telephone operator; Sergeants Vain Aime and Claudius Duck, of the artillery; Richard Paul and Danguy Alfred, artillery soldiers; Fakama Diarra and Lancine Camara, Sergeants of the riflemen and 45 Senegalese soldiers.

Sergeant Bernez-Cambot is commemorated in many ways, some of which are detailed below.

The Street: Rue Serge Bernes Cambot in Pau

The Monument: In Livron, his town of birth, there is a war memorial commemorating 21 soldiers of which 3 are named Bernez-Cambot. To see a photo of the monument, follow the link below and then click on the "photo" link, centre of the page, above the table.

http://www.memorial-genweb.org/html/fr/resultcommune.php3?id_source=6595

The Book: The Colonial One: Of Rif in Chad by Erwan Bergot, is symbolically dedicated to two warrant officers, Bernez-Cambot, died in Morocco in 1925, and Lenepveu, killed with Chad in 1978.

The Marquis: The Marquis de Bernez is mentioned in relation to a battle, l'affaire de l'Assiette of 1747. The excerpt reads; *"At the end the sun went down and it saw us victorious everywhere. The brave Comte de San Sebastiano, with the help of the reinforcements that general Comte Colloredo sent to him, including the grenadiers' companies of Meyer and Forgatsch and a piquet of Gardes regiment leading by Marquise de Bernez, hold the redoubt, gained the respect of all the officers who had fought under his command."* There is also mention of a Marquis de Bernez in relation to the Freemasons. In 1758 a Chapter called the "Council of Emperors of the East and West" was established in Paris. Their ritual was based on the Templar system. The degrees of this right of Heredom, or of Perfection, as it was known, were carried by the Marquis de Bernez to Berlin, the exile place of the French Huguenots, and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes. There were many disputes between this Council and the Grand Lodge in France and eventually in 1781, it was completely absorbed into the Grand Orient.

From a later period, a Marquis de Bernez de Longvilliers can also be found ¹. A church in the town of Offrethun (near Callais), was nearly completely rebuilt as a new religious organisation took over. The old 12th century baptismal tank was removed and the tombstones on the floor were thrown into the cemetery for paving. The Marquis de Bernez de Longvilliers was able to remove three of his family's flagstones and transported them to his farm in Capelle, in Wierre-Effroy.

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The Bernez Connections

If we begin to work on the basic premise that Samuel Bernez came to Saint Lucia via Martinique, where he met his future wife, there are many interesting questions unanswered. The notes below are just to highlight a few of the questions and connections. If you would like more detail then please refer to the genealogy reports or to the detailed family tree.

Connections: Martinique

Why did Samuel leave France and come to Martinique? There are two family explanations, both of which could be true. The first is that Samuel left France to escape from the second French Revolution or the Napoleonic Revolution. The second is that he deserted from the French army whilst in Martinique. There are stories that indicate that the Bernez family in France was aristocratic, although research to date showed that they were farm workers for the most part with other occupations dotted in such as Tavern owner, circus performers, seamstresses. This does not discount the fact that the family may have aristocratic roots as Pau was a very influential town at that time.

Why did Samuel leave Martinique to come to Saint Lucia? What about Uranie's roots in Martinique? Apparently there are still Silvestre families in Riviere Salee, Martinique today, which is where Uranie's father Pierre was born.

Connections: Bernez-Cambot in France

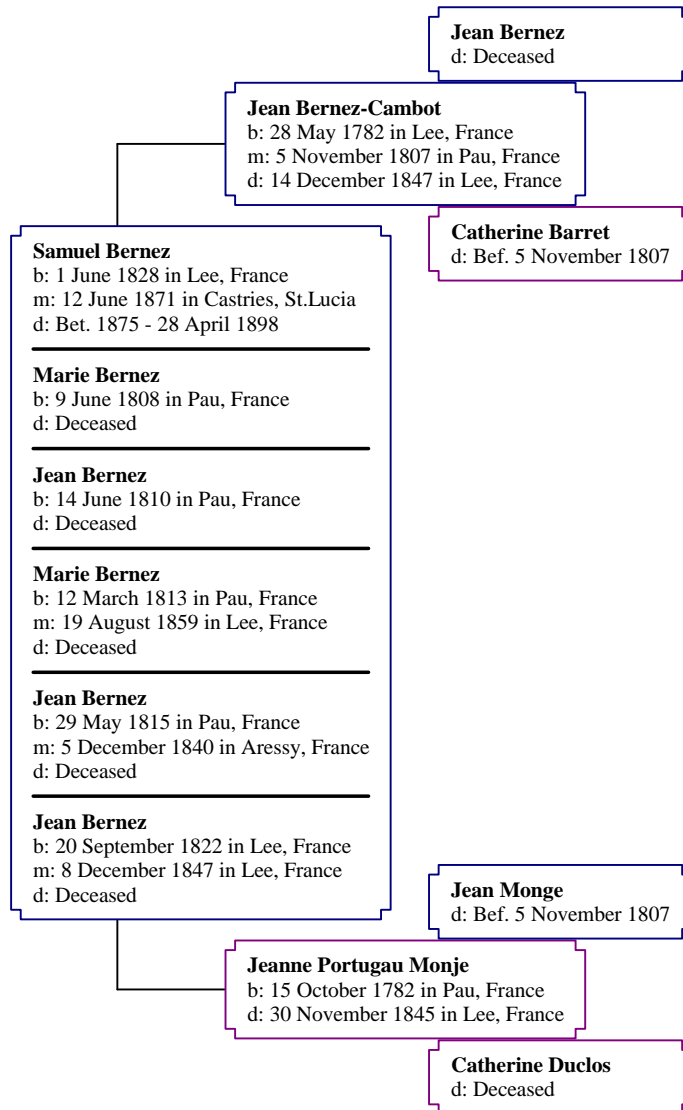
Sergent Bernez-Cambot is of the same generation as Othoniel Alcée and Jacques Francois Bernez-Cambot (father of the gentleman Jean Bernez-Cambot who I am in touch with in Pau). The understanding is that they all have the same great grandparents. I am currently waiting for Jean to send me a letter detailing everything he knows about his side of the Bernez-Cambot family, the ancestors that he knows of, their occupations etc.

Connections: Bernez in Panama, USA and Saint Lucia

The Alcée children (of Othoniel and Virginia), the Bernez girls (Angela, Martha and Wonder), Diane Bernez (in USA), Ricardo George (in Panama) and Ted Bernez (in USA) all have the same great grandparents, Samuel Bernez and Uranie Pierre Silvestre. Samuel and Uranie had many children including Henry (grandfather of Ricardo, Diane, Angela, Martha and Wonder), Marguerite (grandmother of the Alcée children) and Joseph (grandfather of Ted).

Read the notes about Samuel Bernez and chapter about family property and homes as there is a lot more information there, although many questions are left unanswered.

Ancestors and Siblings of Samuel Bernez



Ancestors and Siblings Tree of Marguerite Bernez

Jean Bernez-Cambot
 b: 28 May 1782 in Lee, France
 m: 5 November 1807 in Pau, France
 d: 14 December 1847 in Lee, France

Samuel Bernez
 b: 1 June 1828 in Lee, France
 m: 12 June 1871 in Castries, St.Lucia
 d: Bet. 1875 - 28 April 1898

Jeanne Portugau Monje
 b: 15 October 1782 in Pau, France
 d: 30 November 1845 in Lee, France

Marguerite Genevieve Bernez
 b: 10 January 1871 in Castries, St.Lucia
 m: 28 April 1898 in Castries, St.Lucia
 d: Abt. 1964 in Castries, St.Lucia

Annella Bernez
 b: 1864 in Castries, St.Lucia
 d: Deceased

Jean Pierre Bernez
 b: 1866 in Castries, St.Lucia
 d: Deceased

Marie Bernez
 b: 1869 in Castries, St.Lucia
 d: Deceased

Jean Joseph Chrysostome Bernez
 aka: Joseph
 b: Abt. 1873 in Castries, St.Lucia
 m: Abt. 1900
 d: Deceased

Henry Bernez
 b: 10 April 1875 in Union Estate, Castries,
 St.Lucia
 m: 1 August 1894 in Castries, St.Lucia
 d: Deceased

Pierre Silvestre
 b: Abt. 1780 in Riviere Salee, Martinique
 d: 3 September 1846 in Ducos, Martinique

Uranie Pierre Silvestre
 b: 12 January 1843 in Ducos, Martinique
 d: Bet. 1875 - 28 April 1898

Cécile Babet Solitude
 b: Abt. 1809 in Ducos, Martinique
 d: Deceased

Descendants of Jean Bernez

Generation No. 1

1. JEAN¹ BERNEZ died Deceased. He married (1) CATHERINE BARRET¹. She died Bef. 5 November 1807. He married (2) CATHERINE PUCHEU. She died Deceased.

Notes for JEAN BERNEZ:
Labourer / plough worker

Notes for CATHERINE BARRET:
Deceased at the time of the 1847 marriage of Jean Bernez

Child of JEAN BERNEZ and CATHERINE BARRET is:

2. i. JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, b. 28 May 1782, Lee, France; d. 14 December 1847, Lee, France.

Generation No. 2

2. JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT (*JEAN¹ BERNEZ*) was born 28 May 1782 in Lee, France, and died 14 December 1847 in Lee, France. He married JEANNE PORTUGAU MONJE 5 November 1807 in Pau, France, daughter of JEAN MONGE and CATHERINE DUCLOS. She was born 15 October 1782 in Pau, France, and died 30 November 1845 in Lee, France.

Notes for JEAN BERNEZ-CAMBOT:
Labourer / plough worker lived in Pau at the time of the marriage. The various certificates referring to Jean or the children indicate the name is Bernez known as Cambot.

Children of JEAN BERNEZ-CAMBOT and JEANNE PORTUGAU MONJE are:

- i. MARIE³ BERNEZ, b. 9 June 1808, Pau, France; d. Deceased.
- ii. JEAN BERNEZ, b. 14 June 1810, Pau, France; d. Deceased.
3. iii. MARIE BERNEZ, b. 12 March 1813, Pau, France; d. Deceased.
4. iv. JEAN BERNEZ, b. 29 May 1815, Pau, France; d. Deceased.
- v. JEAN BERNEZ, b. 20 September 1822, Lee, France; d. Deceased; m. MARIE CAMPA, 8 December 1847, Lee, France; b. Assat, France; d. Deceased.
5. vi. SAMUEL BERNEZ, b. 1 June 1828, Lee, France; d. Bet. 1875 - 28 April 1898.

Generation No. 3

3. MARIE³ BERNEZ (*JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, JEAN¹ BERNEZ*) was born 12 March 1813 in Pau, France, and died Deceased. She married (1) UNKNOWN. He died Deceased. She married (2) JEAN NOULIVOS 19 August 1859 in Lee, France. He died Deceased.

Notes for MARIE BERNEZ:
An Inn Keeper. It seems she had a daughter before being married, on 25th Jan 1847, in the town of Lee, named Marie Bernez-Cambot. Father unknown.

Child of MARIE BERNEZ and UNKNOWN is:

- i. MARIE⁴ BERNEZ-CAMBOT, b. 25 January 1847, Lee, France; d. Deceased.

4. JEAN³ BERNEZ (*JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, JEAN¹ BERNEZ*) was born 29 May 1815 in Pau, France, and died Deceased. He married ANNE LASSALLE 5 December 1840 in Aressy, France, daughter of JEAN MAYENDIE and MARIE NOEL. She was born 1813 in Meillon, France, and died Deceased.

Notes for JEAN BERNEZ:
Domestic servant of the gentleman Sylvestre Despaux (a miller). He was the Grand Father of Sergeant Francois Bernez-Cambot, hero of the Moroccan war, who died in combat on the 5th June 1925 near Fes

(Morocco). There is in Livron, village in the Bearn County, a monument in the memory of Francois Bernez-Combou. A street in Pau also bears his name.

Notes for ANNE LASSALLE:

Dressmaker, surname also known as Mayendie.

Child of JEAN BERNEZ and ANNE LASSALLE is:

6. i. BERNEZ⁴, d. Deceased.

5. SAMUEL³ BERNEZ (*JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, JEAN¹ BERNEZ*) was born 1 June 1828 in Lee, France, and died Bet. 1875 - 28 April 1898. He married URANIE PIERRE SILVESTRE 12 June 1871 in Castries, St.Lucia¹, daughter of PIERRE SILVESTRE and CÉCILE SOLITUDE. She was born 12 January 1843 in Ducos, Martinique², and died Bet. 1875 - 28 April 1898.

Notes for SAMUEL BERNEZ:

Samuel was born in Lee, Department of Basse Pyrenees, France. Last known child in his family. His marriage contract (Folio 33, number 9777, 10th June 1871) confirms the names of his parents, as obtained by a French researcher. We do not yet know why Samuel came from France to the Caribbean. One story is that he was with the French Military and jumped ship in Martinique. Another story is that he was running away from the second French Revolution (1848 / 1849). Either or both of the stories may be accurate, but that is yet to be determined.

It is believed that Samuel and Uranie came to St.Lucia from Martinique with Fr Tapon, who built the Cathedral (dates to be confirmed). It is said that Samuel helped Fr Tapon to build the Cathedral, but we do not know how. Uranie had a hotel in Castries. When Uranie & Samuel came to St.Lucia from Martinique they brought a slave (or ex slave) called "Old Joe" with them. Samuel and Uranie signed a marriage contract that legitimised the first four children, lists property and values. Samuel's occupation was later listed as "proprietor" at time of marriage in 1871.

At the time of Marguerite's marriage to Frank (28th April 1898), both Samuel and Uranie had already died. Samuel died of septicemia after being pricked in the foot by a lime thorn on the estate at Union. He had asked Felicite Meyers to look after the children (as Uranie has already died), the "books", the land etc but she spent all the money and went on a round the World cruise.

Notes for URANIE PIERRE SILVESTRE:

The entry for Uranie's birth states that she was born at 11pm. Witnesses were Eleonard Blaise, mason and Daniel Edouard, police sergent, both living in Ducos. Pierre and the witnesses signed, but Cecile does not know how to write.

The marriage contract for Uranie confirms the names of her parents, as previously obtained via FHC microfilm. Auntie Barbara recalls Papa saying she was a mulatto. Angela Bernez recalls her father saying she was a Carib. Dianne Rankin nee Bernez, says that in Ducos, Martinique today there is an important Sylvestre family still. No contact has been made yet.

Children of SAMUEL BERNEZ and URANIE SILVESTRE are:

i. ANNELLA⁴ BERNEZ, b. 1864, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for ANNELLA BERNEZ:

God mother to Henry Bernez, born 1875

ii. JEAN PIERRE BERNEZ, b. 1866, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for JEAN PIERRE BERNEZ:

God father to Henry Bernez, born 1875

iii. MARIE BERNEZ, b. 1869, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

7. iv. MARGUERITE GENEVIEVE BERNEZ, b. 10 January 1871, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Abt. 1964, Castries, St.Lucia.

8. v. JEAN JOSEPH CHRYSOSTOME BERNEZ, b. Abt. 1873, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

9. vi. HENRY BERNEZ, b. 10 April 1875, Union Estate, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Generation No. 4

6. BERNEZ⁴ (JEAN³, JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, JEAN¹ BERNEZ) died Deceased.

Child of BERNEZ is:

- i. VICTOR FRANCOIS⁵ BERNEZ-CAMBOT, b. 3 January 1901, Livron, France³; d. 5 June 1925, Fes, Morocco.

Notes for VICTOR FRANCOIS BERNEZ-CAMBOT:

Hero of the Moroccan war, died in combat on the 05/06/1925 near Fes (Morocco). There is in Livron, village in the Bearn County, a monument in the memory of Francois Bernez-Cambot. A street in Pau also bears his name, Rue Serge Bernes Cambot..

7. MARGUERITE GENEVIEVE⁴ BERNEZ (SAMUEL³, JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, JEAN¹ BERNEZ) was born 10 January 1871 in Castries, St.Lucia⁴, and died Abt. 1964 in Castries, St.Lucia. She married FRANK HERBERT ALCÉE 28 April 1898 in Castries, St.Lucia⁵, son of TERENCE ALCÉE and ANNE MORTEAU. He was born 30 November 1870 in Soufriere, St.Lucia, and died 28 October 1924 in Castries, St.Lucia⁵.

Notes for MARGUERITE GENEVIEVE BERNEZ:

Baptised on the day of her parent's wedding, her Godparents were Mr Aurelieu La Corbiniere and Marguerite Johnston. Following the early death of their parents the children were brought up by Felicite Meyers.

Marguerite was educated in Paris and had a beautiful singing voice. She was called the "Petite oiseaux de Ste Lucie" as she sang so well. Francis remembers Granny Alcée as having a beautiful mezzo soprano voice, and that she spoke wonderful French. She was referred to as "Granny Alcée" by the family. After Frank died she lived at the smaller house on Grass Street as there was little money, after the businesses were lost in the Castries fire etc. She was tall and skinny with long black hair that was blonde for the last three inches. Andreuille used to go to see her every morning to comb her hair. She went blind eventually.

Notes for FRANK HERBERT ALCÉE:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 68, #32) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Age is given as 54 at time of death in 1924. Burial certificate (Castries, folio 112, #244) was provided by William Parker. Frank was buried in the vault of Mrs Felicite Meyers. He is listed as a Merchant of Castries, aged 54. The archives list the will as vol 77a, no 43801 and resignation of immovables willed vol 77a no 43968. Son of Noemi Morteau. We can find a birth certificate for Francois Morteau, son of Noemi Morteau, no father listed. We also find the marriage certificate for Frank Herbert Alcée listing him as the son of Noemi Morteau. We have therefore assumed that his name changed from Francois Morteau to Frank Herbert Alcée, through being anglicised and taking on his father's surname. In 1919 on the marriage certificate for Uranie, Frank is listed as a Merchant in Castries. His first job was working at "Gimbells" department store for 4 years before he set up his own business. Frank was thought not to be a very affectionate man, and was very strict with the children, giving physical punishment, which is presumably why Othoniel and Uranie did the same. According to Patsy George and family, if the children asked for a shilling, he would walk away, then throw it to them. His wife, Marguerite (Granny Alcée), became very unhappy and became alcoholic.

FH Alcée is listed as having paid a sum of 4 shillings for a deed of sale of land from J.Lawrencin & A.Analole to ALG Alcée (Alexander). Deed was registered 6/1/1914 No 36060 vol 69. According to Andreuille Alcée, all the boys that Frank had, had Marie in their names except Othoniel.

Frank was buried at Riverside cemetery. In his will, his sons Terence and Samuel are named as the Executors. His daughter, Martha Marie Zephirine is referred to as a minor.

- Left Noemi (his mother) 3 shillings daily
- left Noemi and his sisters Therese & Justina, life enjoyment of 22 Grass Street, Castries.
- Left Mrs Lucinde Laurencin and Cenie St.Cyr £2.00 each
- Left Bertha Alcée (Mrs Edwin Blanchard) his daughter £20.00
- Left Maud Alcée (Mrs Charles Lennox Gabriel de Brossard) his daughter, properties 61 Victoria St and 23 Boulevard St in Soufriere.

Children of MARGUERITE BERNEZ and FRANK ALCÉE are:

- i. JACOB VICTOR⁵ ALCÉE, b. 21 July 1904; d. 11 November 1950; m. (1) FELICITE ALEXANDER; b. 28

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November 1915, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. (2) VIRGIE; d. Deceased; m. (3) SR BAPTISTE'S AUNT; d. Deceased; m. (4) MARIA UNITA MAY BELIZAIRE, 31 October 1928, Castries, St.Lucia⁵.

Notes for JACOB VICTOR ALCÉE:

Jacob's Birth and Baptism certificate (Castries, Folio 70, #316) was provided by Fr Guiste, and gives Jacob's birth date as 21 July 1904. His Godparents were Raymond Imbert and Isabelle Alcée. His Burial certificate (Castries, #230) was also provided by Fr Guiste, and gives his date of death as 11th November 1950, aged 46. He was a merchant of Castries at the time of his marriage. When the American's left Vieux Fort he looked after the property as he had to be pensioned from the police force. His burial certificate lists him as the care-taker at Beane Field hospital, Vieux Fort.

Notes for FELICITE ALEXANDER:

Felicite was a seamstress.

Notes for VIRGIE:

Virgie worked for Uncle Jacob or for the Alcée house.

Notes for MARIA UNITA MAY BELIZAIRE:

The certificate of her marriage to Jacob lists her as a spinster. She left him and went to Grenada and left him with the three girls. When she left, Bernadette Ravineau looked after the children. According to Rene Ravineau, Unita married a Dabrio and had a son with him in Grenada.

Marriage Notes for JACOB ALCÉE and MARIA BELIZAIRE:

Marriage certificate (Castries, leaf 290, #105) provided by Fr Guiste. In addition to witnesses, were listed consorts, J.V Alcée and M.U.M. Belizaire.

- ii. URANIE MARIE FELICITE ALCÉE, d. Deceased; m. (1) BAILEY; d. Deceased; m. (2) FREDERICK MARY POLLARD, 4 January 1919, Castries, St.Lucia⁵; d. Deceased.

Notes for URANIE MARIE FELICITE ALCÉE:

Uranie was married at the Chapel at St.Joseph's Convent. She lived on Micoud Street at the time of her death. Her daughter Emily and husband Burt, remember that Joan, Emily, Burt etc used to meet at Uranie's house on Micoud Street in the afternoons after work. They would drink tea and sit and watch the funerals go by. Uranie was by all accounts a hoarder. She collected everything including newspapers and empty cigarette packets. Once a year, the people making carnival costumes would go to her to get the silver foil from the cigarette packets for the costumes. Uranie owned land at Babaneau with Bananas that Emily and Bert used to farm and run in the afternoons. They then sold it and bought the house on the L'Anse Road.

Notes for FREDERICK MARY POLLARD:

On his marriage certificate he is listed as a gunner in the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, now stationed at Castries. On the certificate of birth for Frederick E.M.B. pollard he is listed as an engineer in Castries.

- iii. MARTHA MARIE ZEPHIRINE ALCÉE, b. 26 August 1910, Castries, St.Lucia⁶; d. August 1973⁶; m. ERNEST FOSTER, Not Married; b. Panama.

Notes for MARTHA MARIE ZEPHIRINE ALCÉE:

Martha is noted in her father's will as being a minor in 1924.

Martha was engaged to Jeaninne Davies uncle, a Volney. However, she became pregnant by Ernest and so the engagement was called off. Kenneth was born at the Alcée house on Coral Street (FH Alcée). Due to the embarrassment of her unmarried mother situation, Martha left St.Lucia for Trinidad. She lived in Trinidad for many years and worked for the Harrisons at Cascade. Ken also lived there for a few years (1939 to 1942) till he was 11 years old. He travelled back on the SS Flight, owned by McQuilkin, which was later sunk by the Germans. On his return to St.Lucia he went to St.Mary's college.

Martha was to have married an American called Gidley, but he died in the war. Martha eventually returned to St.Lucia and lived with her mother, Granny Alcée, at 22 Grass Street. The house on Grass Street was later sold to Marcelin. Ken then bought Martha a house on the Chasset Road.

Notes for ERNEST FOSTER:

Ernest's family were from Barados and went to Panama for work. He then came to St.Lucia. Ernest and Martha met while Ernest was working in M&C's department store in Castries. He later became the Castries Town Clerk. Ernest's father was very fair and his mother was very dark.

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- iv. SAMUEL CHARLES HILAIRE ALCÉE, d. Deceased; m. ANNE MARIE MINIE DUVAL, 4 October 1928, Castries, St.Lucia⁷; d. Deceased.

Notes for SAMUEL CHARLES HILAIRE ALCÉE:

No Children. On his Marriage certificate, Samuel is listed as a merchant of castries.

Notes for ANNE MARIE MINIE DUVAL:

On her marriage certificate, Minie is listed as a spinster of Castries.

Marriage Notes for SAMUEL ALCÉE and ANNE DUVAL:

Marriage certificate (Castries, leaf 285, #97) was provided by Fr Guiste. In addition to witnesses, consorts were named as SCH Alcée, Minnie Duval, E. Duval and Fred L Floissac

- v. TERENCE ALCÉE, b. 2 February 1900⁷; d. November 1982⁷; m. LILIA; b. 4 April 1897; d. 13 April 1990.

Notes for TERENCE ALCÉE:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Castries, folio 14, #77) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Notes for LILIA:

From Font St.Jacques, in St.Lucia, according to Aunty Barbara. According to Uncle Frank she was very colour conscious and would not allow Uncle Terence and their son, Eugene to sit with her and Elma in Church. She also asked Frank not to bring Florie to visit again. Apparently she "passed" Uncle Terence as being Sicilian. Social Security number issued 1981 and 1982 in New York.

- vi. OTHONIEL ALOYSIUS ALCÉE, b. 17 July 1907, Castries, St.Lucia; d. 4 August 1979, Lunar Park, Vigie, St.Lucia; m. VIRGINIA ANGELINA MARY BONNETT, 22 February 1928, Castries, St.Lucia⁷; b. 20 December 1909, Castries, St.Lucia⁸; d. 19 December 1964, Lunar Park, Vigie, St.Lucia⁹.

Notes for OTHONIEL ALOYSIUS ALCÉE:

Othoniel was a strict disciplinarian. One of his well known phrases was "even if the heavens fall, always speak the truth". He went to Venezuela in the 1920's to work in the oil refineries. Many other young men including Primrose, John Compton, Vincent Floissac and Kenneth Foster went to Curasco to work in the refineries to make enough money for their education in England. There is a photo of Othoniel in postcard format dated 12th September 1926 that he sent to Camille LaPorte, his fiancée at the time. It is inscribed, "with fondest love, to Cam from Otto".

Before the 1928 fire, he was a partner in the Heirs Alcée business, with Uncle Sam and Aunty Minnie who ran it. However the business was lost as the insurance which was due on the Friday was not paid, the fire came on the Sunday and the firm went bankrupt, unable to claim for the losses. After the 1928 fire, he studied dentistry with Dr Howell. However he was not earning enough money to keep the family, so decided to open his own business on Victoria Street, which later moved to 37 St.Louis Street and became the International Cafe. The City Council offices now occupy that location in Castries, at the corner of Peynier Street. The family used to look after the French Resistance at 37 St.Louis Street and a couple were married there. According to Andreuille, when he first opened the business he tried to get a loan from Dr Howell for his stock of alcohol. Dr Howell advised him to fill bottles with different coloured water and stack them on the shelves as a temporary measure. Othoniel was married at 21 and ran several businesses in Castries, including a dry goods store, rum shop, pharmacy and the International Cafe. He was also a landlord, renting out many houses in Castries. Othoniel was also a founder member of the "Seamen & Waterfront Workers" Union, one of the largest in St.Lucia.

Othoniel saved Jim Clarke (later the Governor of St.Lucia) from drowning at Vigie Beach. Jim was a good swimmer, but the current was too strong. Othoniel went out to rescue him, but could not fight the current either, so he supported Jim all the way around the peninsular to Faux-a-Chaud in Castries harbour.

A story often told about Othoniel is when he avoided hitting a child in his car on the Vigie Stretch. Apparently he saw a little "urchin boy" run out in front of him in the road, and he swerved to the left and swerved to the right narrowly missing the boy, and said to himself; "Othoniel, you can drive!" He was however, afraid to fly.

His birthday could be 17th or 19th as it was the same as his brother and confused people so his was celebrated on a different day? As he had some dentistry training he used to look after the family's teeth every holiday. His Godmother was Mrs Lucinde Jules, grandmother to Dan Floissac and sister to Rosela Louis who was married to Alexander Alcée.

Othoniel died at the family home at Lunar Park, on the evening of Hurricane David. He refused to be

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moved to a safer location further away from the sea, as he wanted to die at home. He died later that evening.

Othoniel and Virginia raised Margaret-Ann Stephen. Margaret-Ann's natural parents were Emile Travis and Mary Stephen. Emile was a jeweller and a driving instructor. He lived in Fort-de-France, Martinique and the family would "commission" gold bracelets from him for the girl's 21st birthdays. Mary was from Choiseul and died of TB when Margaret-Ann was 9 months old, although Margaret-Ann lived with the Alcées from when she was 3 or 4 months old. The adoption of Margaret-Ann was never legalised as Othoniel could not obtain permission from her birth father. Hence she remained a Stephen, although she was raised as an Alcée. Her Godmother was Ju George and her Godfather was Othoniel Alcée.

Notes for VIRGINIA ANGELINA MARY BONNETT:

Virginia's Godparents as given on her Baptism and Birth certificate were James Hackshasse (Hackshaw?) and Margaret Mary (Nen Margaret was a Blanchard). Her burial certificate notes her as aged 58, but in fact she was 54, occupation is given as housewife. She died the day before her birthday and was wrapped in a blanket that Mum had bought her for her birthday. Witnesses at her burial were Lennie L Charles, Frederick E Pollard, Witing Vernon and Vernon Vitalis.

As Virginia and Aggie were illegitimate children they were not allowed to attend the main St. Joseph's Convent School. There was a special day school where illegitimate girls were allowed. As Mam had enough money when Aggie was a girl, Aggie was sent to the convent school in Trinidad, as a boarder. However, there was not enough money to send Virginia and so she went to the day school. Most of Mam's money had been squandered by her son, Henry, by this stage. However, Virginia and Othoniel were given a house as a wedding present by Mam. Virginia lost her first 4 pregnancies, until some corrective work was done on her womb. Barbara's twin was a boy who was still born, as the cord became tied around his neck. Apparently Virginia loved watching Perry Mason. She was called "Degs" by Othoniel. After the war, when not as many ships called into Castries harbour, Virginia used to send the children to check whether the flag at Vigie Lighthouse was at half mast, which meant a ship would be coming into the harbour.

On Sundays the family would have steaks with lettuce salad for breakfast after 8 o'clock mass and then roast meat for lunch and soup for dinner. On Wednesdays and Sundays they also had homemade icecream. Virginia used to make a custard icecream, which was the children's favourite, and also a coconut icecream. It would need to be churned by hand in a bucket of ice and salt. Granny Bernez used to sit at the table next to Virginia to keep her company. There were also the cooks, Mateo and Babes (who later left to go to Barbados). A "chaudier" was an open iron pot, not too deep, that was used to brown the meat. There were no stoves at that time, so Papa built a long hearth with an external vent at one end, divided into about 6 sections and fired by charcoal. The first stove they had was a kerosene one on a stand. Virginia would order 100 St. Lucia loaves in the morning and 100 in the afternoon, 10 pints of milk from JQ Charles and 15 pints from Farrant's Dairy each day. She would collect the cream from the milk, add salt to preserve it and then churn or whip it to make butter. Dennis Devaux ran Farrants at the time. She would also order more than 2 pounds of cheese and butter.

Her father, Captain Biddie tried to contact her shortly after she was married to Othoniel to ask her to come to Scotland. His nephew was an engineer on one of the ships that came into Castries. The engineer could not leave the ship so asked Mr Inglis (Jackie Belizaire's grandfather) to deliver a message. Apparently Captain Biddie had no children. He had a farm in Scotland and wanted Virginia to come up to visit or live? She got dressed to go and meet the nephew, but was too embarrassed to walk along the wharf and didn't go, although Papa tried to persuade her to. Never had contact with her father again.

8. JEAN JOSEPH CHRYSOSTOME⁴ BERNEZ (*SAMUEL³, JEAN² BERNEZ-CAMBOT, JEAN¹ BERNEZ*) was born Abt. 1873 in Castries, St. Lucia, and died Deceased. He married (1) CAMILLE CHATNEY. She was born 6 March 1883¹⁰, and died August 1966 in Jamaica, Queens, New York, USA¹⁰. He married (2) ELENORA Abt. 1900. She was born Abt. 1881, and died Deceased.

Notes for JEAN JOSEPH CHRYSOSTOME BERNEZ:

Lived in New York and had a son called Bob. I am now in touch with Bob's son, Ted, who responded to a note I'd left on a genealogy message board on 3rd April 2004.

In the USA New York 1910 census on www.genealogy.com (taken 15th April) there is an entry for a Joseph E Bernez aged 39 (hence born around 1871) and his wife of 10 years, Eleanor aged 29. We have Joseph Bernez baptised (certificate 1873, #53 not yet obtained) in St. Lucia on 18th March 1873, but do not have an actual birth date for him. The dates are a very close match, and both were living in New York. In addition to this, at the Ellis Island site (www.ellisland.org) there are two entries for Joseph Bernez entering the USA

from St.Lucia. First in 1896 (14th Sept) aged 23 (hence born around 1873), where he arrives on the ship "Madiana" and gives his occupation as a clerk. Then in 1913 (22nd Sept) aged 40 yr 9 months (hence born around 1872), where he arrives on the ship "Guiana" and gives his occupation as Engineer (possibly Stationers Engineer - does that refer to railways?). In 1913 he mentions that his last entry to the USA was in 1896, and that he has been living in NYC for 17 years, so I have assumed both records are his. His place of birth is St.Lucia, he is 5' 9" tall, with light skin, black hair and brown eyes. In 1913 his marital status is married and he is returning to live with his wife, Eleanora Bernez. Her address is not 100% clear but looks like 101 W115 *** NYC.

On the 1910 census his colour is given as mulatto, and his profession as an Engineer (tallies with the Ellis Island 1913 entry). Eleanor is also listed as mulatto. There is then detail of where he was born and where his parents were born. He gives his place of birth as B.W.I and then seems to cross the B and leave it as W.I. French. His father's place of birth is not clear, but is Fr French and his mother's is Martinique, French. However there is then a line through it and something indecipherable above. This list of places of birth fits, as Joseph was born in the BWI (St.Lucia) son of Samuel from France and Uranie from Martinique. His wife, Eleanor gives her place of birth as Dist of Col (assumed District of Colombia), with both of her parents being from Virginia. On the census Joseph's year of entry into the USA is unclear, although it is 18**. From the Ellis Island records, I assume this year to be 1896. The census states that neither of them have any children at this time (1910). So between Ellis Island and the NY 1910 census we know that Joseph was married to Eleanora from 1900 (10 years before census) to at least 1913 (when he re-enters NY). Following discussion with his grandson, Ted, it appears that Joseph was later married to Camille, but I have not further details of the marriage or dates.

Notes for CAMILLE CHATNEY:

Need to confirm surname spelling, as it could be Chastenet.

Notes for ELENORA:

Date of birth is an estimate based on aged at the 1910 New York census. See further details in notes for Joseph.

Children of JEAN BERNEZ and CAMILLE CHATNEY are:

- i. JOSEPHINE⁵ BERNEZ.

Notes for JOSEPHINE BERNEZ:

Apparently estranged from Bob's family, she lives in Southern California.

- ii. LEO BERNEZ.
- iii. THEODORE ROBERT BERNEZ, SR, b. 1917, New York, USA; d. 27 July 1997, Las Vegas, Nevada¹¹; m. CONSTANCE G. WILLIAMS; b. New York, USA; d. Deceased.

Notes for THEODORE ROBERT BERNEZ, SR:

Lives in New York, USA

Notes for CONSTANCE G. WILLIAMS:

Connie's family are from Louisiana.

9. HENRY⁴ BERNEZ (*SAMUEL*³, *JEAN*² *BERNEZ-CAMBOT*, *JEAN*¹ *BERNEZ*) was born 10 April 1875 in Union Estate, Castries, St.Lucia, and died Deceased. He married THERESE MARIE GABRIELLE JACOB 1 August 1894 in Castries, St.Lucia¹², daughter of MERIL JACOB and SARAH. She was born 5 April 1875 in Castries, St.Lucia, and died Deceased.

Children of HENRY BERNEZ and THERESE JACOB are:

- i. MARIE JOSEPHINE⁵ BERNEZ, b. 1895; d. Deceased.
- ii. MARGUERITE MARIE BERNEZ, b. 1896; d. Deceased.
- iii. CHARLES HENRY JOSEPH BERNEZ, b. 1897; d. Deceased.
- iv. BUSFIELD WILLIAM BERNEZ, b. 1899; d. Deceased.

Notes for BUSFIELD WILLIAM BERNEZ:

Lived in Cuba

- v. NERIZA HENRIETTA MARY BERNEZ, b. 24 January 1901; d. July 1981¹².

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Notes for NERIZA HENRIETTA MARY BERNEZ:

Lived in New York As per internet records at rootsweb.com searches Last known residence: 11566 (Merrick, Nassau, NY <<http://resources.rootsweb.com/USA/NY/Nassau> >) Social security:061-16-4705

Nerissa MH Bernez is recorded as entering the USA via Ellis Island on 2nd November 1923 aged 22 years and 9 months. She arrived on the ship "Guiana", having left from St.Lucia. She is described as African, black, British, single, 5' 1", with a mole of the right hand side of her nose. She is going to join her cousin, Mrs George Floissac at 241W, 139 Street, New York City. She is a seamstress and can read and write English and her father is Henry Bernez.

- vi. HERBERT EDWARD DURANT BERNEZ, b. 1903, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. (1) HILDA FERGUSON; d. Deceased; m. (2) BEATRICE EMMA WALCOTT; d. Deceased.

Notes for HERBERT EDWARD DURANT BERNEZ:

According to Bruce King in the biography of Derek Walcott, Herbert was a wealthy Government official who claimed to be from an aristocratic Creole family who lost its title in the French Revolution. Herbert was awarded the Imperial medal, and used to be responsible for the surveying of crown lands, so many Government land deeds will have HED Bernez noted on them.

It is also believed that Herbert had another daughter with an Indian woman, but no additional details are available yet.

Notes for BEATRICE EMMA WALCOTT:

Bee was the headmistress of the Anglican School in Castries. She became pregnant and so Herbert married her to ensure she would not lose her job. Hilda Fergusson was also pregnant by Herbert at the same time.

- vii. IONE MARIE THERESE BERNEZ, b. 1907, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. CHARLES MAURICETTE.

Notes for CHARLES MAURICETTE:

Charles was a well known professional photographer in Castries for many years.

- viii. JOSEPH SAMUEL BOPHILE BERNEZ, b. 1909, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOSEPH SAMUEL BOPHILE BERNEZ:

Died on a motorcycle

- ix. MARIE THERESE GERALDINE BERNEZ, b. 22 October 1910, Union Estate, Castries, St.Lucia; d. 1 November 1995, Hosp. del Seguro Social, Panamá; m. HENRY RUFUS GEORGE, 4 December 1929, Castries, St.Lucia; b. 22 February 1907, Castries, St.Lucia; d. 23 January 1954, Panamá.

Notes for MARIE THERESE GERALDINE BERNEZ:

Lived in Panama

- x. IRIS VICTOIRE CECILE BERNEZ, b. 1913, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for IRIS VICTOIRE CECILE BERNEZ:

Died Young

- xi. ST. GEORGE SYDNEY BERNEZ, b. 1 November 1915, Castries, St.Lucia¹³; d. 19 April 1993, Brooklyn, Kings, New York, USA¹⁴; m. DOREEN.

Notes for ST. GEORGE SYDNEY BERNEZ:

In the USA. Two of the boys died in a swimming accident in a reservoir. As per death records on internet, rootsweb.com search: <<http://resources.rootsweb.com/USA/NY/Kings>> Last known residence:11225 (Brooklyn, Kings, NY) Social Security number: 050-38-0969

- xii. EDWIN GREGORY ANTHONY BERNEZ, b. 1922, Castries, St.Lucia; m. (1) AUDREY MCBETH; m. (2) MARIE; m. (3) PHYLLIS WARE; b. Canada; m. (4) PAM WALCOTT, Not Married.

Notes for EDWIN GREGORY ANTHONY BERNEZ:

Edwin was also known as Ben and was a Doctor. He and his wife Audrey lived in Sierra Leone for a while. However there was a car accident and their car went into a river. Their baby died of pneumonia, so Audrey returned to England with David.

While still in Africa Edwin met an African woman named marie, who is the mother of Hazel and Dianne.

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She died and so Hazel and Dianne were brought down from England to go to school in St.Lucia.

While in St.Lucia Edwin met Phylis Ware, a Canadian. Apparently he was driving and his tire gave way, so he pulled into Phylis' driveway. They fell in love and married. They went to Canada with Hazel and Dianne. The girls then moved to Toronto and Dianne eventually went to New Jersey.

Notes for MARIE:
Asian / African woman

Notes for PHYLLIS WARE:
Chief Nursing Officer at Victoria Hospital

Endnotes

1. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
2. Birth of Uranie Pierre Silvestre, FHC film 788238 folio 4, act 10, "des actes de naissances, mariages et deces de la population libres qui se feront dans la commune du Trou-du-Chat."
3. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
4. Baptism Certificate for Marguerite Genevieve Bernez, Folio 28, Bapt 114 - Castries Register (Archives).
5. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
6. Information for Martha Alcée, Kenneth Foster - June 2004.
7. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
8. Birth and Baptism Certificate for Virginia Angelina Mary Bonnett, Leaf 5, number 12 - Castries Register.
9. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
10. Birth of Camille Chatney, SSDI.
11. Death of Theodore Bernez, Sr, SSDI.
12. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
13. Birth of St.George Bernez, SSDI.
14. Unknown source not found, TITLE.

The Morteau Name

The Family Legend: The Morteau family owned the Ravine Duval estate in Anse LaRaye. The Morteau owner of that estate was originally from Baltimore. The Morteau family had a lot of girls and at the weekends the girls would be carried from Castries to Anse LaRaye on a sedan chair¹.

The Town and Valley: Morteau is in the department of Doubs, and the region of La Franche-Comté. It is only a short distance from the Swiss Border, and is known for its speciality in watch and clock making, as well as sausages. Morteau is the home of the French 'grandfather' clock and its clock and watch making heritage is the subject of a fascinating museum there.²

The name Morteau first appeared in an official text in 1105. The Benedictin Monks of the order of Cluny arrived at about that time to finish the clearing of the mountains and valleys. There were six or eight of them, at a time where the district on Mondey (Mount of God) was only made up of the town of Morteau. Apart from the monastery there were also several convents in the area.³

The Sausage: *Saucisse de Morteau*. This sausage made exclusively with pork meat, is from the city of Morteau, located in the heart of the traditional "tué" region. The sausage is hung in a "tué", enveloped by the smoke from coniferous trees, for at least 48 hours to achieve its unique taste and its full flavor. The little wooden stick at one end of the sausage is another peculiarity which identifies it clearly. It needs to be carefully poached in simmering water to prevent it from bursting. There are a thousand ways to prepare and enjoy it, cold or warm. A Morteau sausage festival is held in Morteau every August.⁴ The Jésus sausage is a chunkier version of the Morteau sausage although Morteau sausage-producers claim that their sausage is the biggest and fattest in France.

The Sources:

1 Sedan chairs were used in England from about 1634 to the early 1800s. They became particularly popular during the reign of Queen Anne as in 1702 she had to be carried to her coronation in a sedan chair because of severe gout.

2 <http://www.lamaisonrose.info/newpage2.html>

3 <http://www.morteau.org>

4 http://www.interfrance.com/en/fc/ga_la-cuisine.html

The Morteau Connections

The Morteau branch is simpler to understand than the Alcée branch and so the notes below are just to highlight a few of the connections and how they came about. If you would like more detail then please refer to the genealogy reports or to the detailed family tree.

Connections: Alan Philogene

In 2004 I found out that Alan Philogene, who I'd always thought was a friend of the family, was actually related. Alan is related on the Morteau side.

- Alan's mother was Jane Lawrencin and his father was Joseph Philogene
- Alan's maternal grandmother was Lucinde Morteau who was married to Jude Lawrencin
- Lucinde was sister to Noemi Morteau, mother of Frank Herbert Alcée

Connections: Lydia St.Cyr

Lydia used to live on Brazil Street in Castries, nearly opposite Nurse Charles. She is also related to the family on the Morteau side.

- Lydia's mother was Dorzeide Morteau and her father was a St.Cyr
- Dorzeide was sister to Noemi Morteau, mother of Frank Herbert Alcée

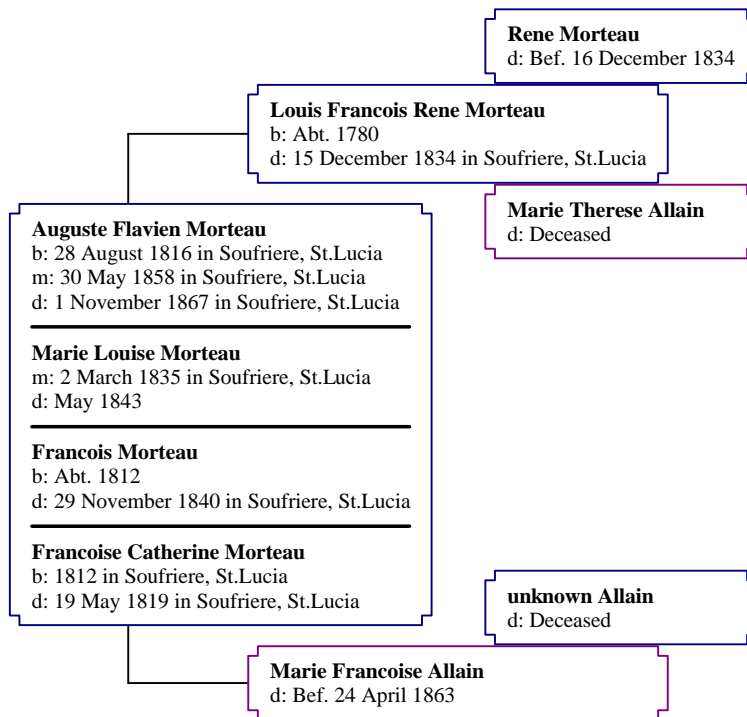
Connections: Devaux

On the Morteau side there is a double connection with the Devaux family.

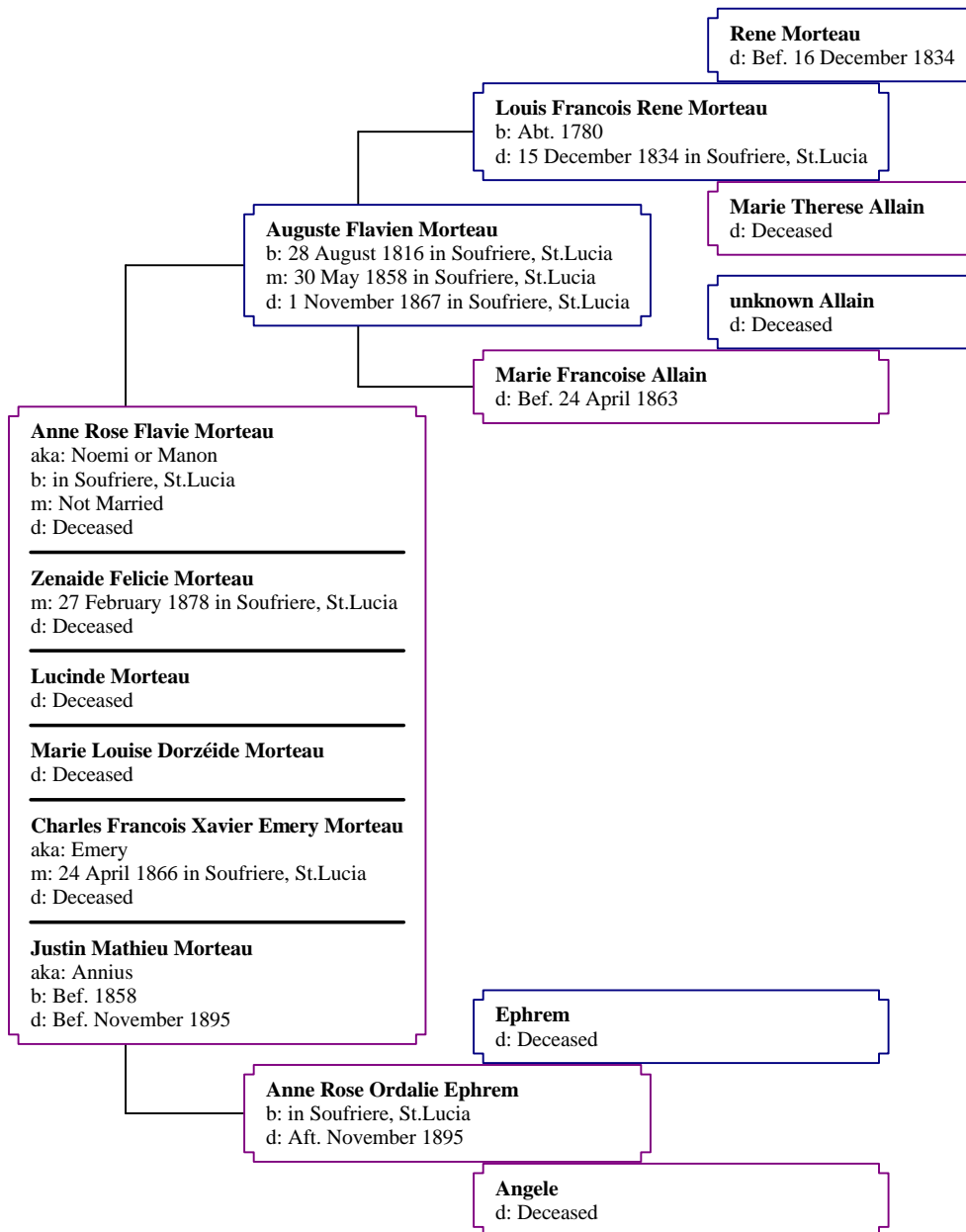
- Noemi Morteau's paternal Aunt was Marie Louise Morteau
- Marie Louise Morteau married Nelson Devaux and they had one daughter, Nellie Devaux
- Also Noemi Morteau and Terence Alcée had a daughter named Bertha Alcée
- Bertha married Emile Louis Samuel Devaux

NB. Apart from the two abbreviated trees in this chapter, please also refer to the tree for Frank Herbert Alcée (born Francois Morteau) in the Alcée chapter to see the other Morteau children of that generation.

Ancestors and Siblings of Auguste Flavien Morteau



Ancestors and Siblings of Anne Rose Flavie Morteau



Descendants of Rene Morteau

Generation No. 1

1. RENE¹ MORTEAU died Bef. 16 December 1834. He married MARIE THERESE ALLAIN. She died Deceased.

Notes for RENE MORTEAU:

Rene is referenced as deceased at the time of death of his son, Louis Rene Morteau.

Child of RENE MORTEAU and MARIE ALLAIN is:

2. i. LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE² MORTEAU, b. Abt. 1780; d. 15 December 1834, Soufriere, St.Lucia.

Generation No. 2

2. LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE² MORTEAU (*RENE*¹) was born Abt. 1780, and died 15 December 1834 in Soufriere, St.Lucia. He married MARIE FRANCOISE ALLAIN, daughter of UNKNOWN ALLAIN. She died Bef. 24 April 1863.

Notes for LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE MORTEAU:

Burial certificate gives his age as being around 54 in 1834, implying he was born around 1780.

Time of death is given as 7:00 am on the burial certificate. Age given as about 54. Witnesses and pall bearers were: Francois Petit Desruisseaux, Rene Brouvet, Louis Francois Lastic and Cornibert DuBoulay, who all resided in Soufriere. He lived at Anse La Raye, we assume on the Morteau Estate that Auguste later lived on.

Notes for MARIE FRANCOISE ALLAIN:

Lived at Anse La Raye, we assume on the Morteau Estate that Auguste later lived on. She died sometime before 24th April 1863, when Auguste Morteau and Nelly Devaux deal with the inheritance arrangements.

Children of LOUIS MORTEAU and MARIE ALLAIN are:

3. i. MARIE LOUISE³ MORTEAU, d. May 1843.
ii. FRANCOIS MORTEAU, b. Abt. 1812; d. 29 November 1840, Soufriere, St.Lucia.

Notes for FRANCOIS MORTEAU:

Burial certificate gives him aged 28 in Nov 1840. Time of death is given as 9:00pm on his burial certificate. Died after receiving the sacrament of penance. Time of burial is given as 5:00 pm on his burial certificate.

iii. FRANCOISE CATHERINE MORTEAU, b. 1812, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. 19 May 1819, Soufriere, St.Lucia.

Notes for FRANCOISE CATHERINE MORTEAU:

Francoise died aged 7. Burial certificate (Soufriere, Folio 76, act 132, sepulture 80) was provided by Fr Guiste.

4. iv. AUGUSTE FLAVIEN MORTEAU, b. 28 August 1816, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. 1 November 1867, Soufriere, St.Lucia.

Generation No. 3

3. MARIE LOUISE³ MORTEAU (*LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE*², *RENE*¹) died May 1843. She married JEAN MARIE NELSON DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE 2 March 1835 in Soufriere, St.Lucia¹, son of PHILIPPE DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE and MARIE DUBOULAY. He was born Bef. 1807, and died Deceased.

Notes for MARIE LOUISE MORTEAU:

On her marriage certificate of 2nd March 1835, her age is given as 21, implying that she was born around 1813. However on her burial certificate of 9th May 1843 her age is given as 37, implying she was born around 1806.

Notes for JEAN MARIE NELSON DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE:

His father Henri died in 1807. The IGI has a record that he was born March 1782, BUT this is the same as his parent marriage date. Similarly Nellie's birth date is the same as her parent's marriage date, so info to be confirmed.

Marriage Notes for MARIE MORTEAU and JEAN DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE:

Also a witness was Jean Baptiste /Lartigue/

Child of MARIE MORTEAU and JEAN DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE is:

- i. NELLIE⁴ DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE, b. 30 September 1836; d. Deceased.

Notes for NELLIE DEVAUX ST.PHILIPPE:

Date of birth was obtained from (www.famille-louisdevaux.com). According to (www.famille-louisdevaux.com) , Nellie did not marry.

4. AUGUSTE FLAVIEN³ MORTEAU (*LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE², RENE¹*) was born 28 August 1816 in Soufriere, St.Lucia, and died 1 November 1867 in Soufriere, St.Lucia². He married ANNE ROSE ORDALIE EPHREM 30 May 1858 in Soufriere, St.Lucia, daughter of EPHREM and ANGELE. She was born in Soufriere, St.Lucia, and died Aft. November 1895.

Notes for AUGUSTE FLAVIEN MORTEAU:

Birth and baptism certificate (Soufriere, folio 77, act 134, #42) was provided by Fr Guiste. Burial certificate (Soufriere, #68) was provided by Fr Guiste. His second name may be Flavien or Fabien as both are found on copies of certificates. Burial certificate (Soufriere, #68) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Children legitimised at his marriage in 1858 are listed as: Marie Louise Dorzéide, Charles Francois, Anne Rose Flavie (Noemi), Justin Mathieu and Félicie (Zenaide).

Notes for ANNE ROSE ORDALIE EPHREM:

Deed of sale of Ravine Duval to FH Alcée (vol 52, Number 20739), she is still alive. It is thought that Anne Rose was of Carib Indian descent. She is also referred to as Louise Rose on her marriage certificate and marriage contract. She was unable to write or sign her name on the marriage contract, but Auguste could. Her parents are named as Mr Ephrem and Angele, and were married at the time of Anne Rose's marriage in 1858. In 1895, now a widow, she sold the land at Ravine Duval to FH Alcée, recorded at the land registry office on 12th November 1895 in vol 52, no 20739.

Marriage Notes for AUGUSTE MORTEAU and ANNE EPHREM:

Archives list the marriage event at Soufriere, #4, 1858. In addition there is a marriage contract (vol 26, no7401 dated 31st May 1858)

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7. iii. LUCINDE MORTEAU, d. Deceased.
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9. v. CHARLES FRANCOIS XAVIER EMERY MORTEAU, d. Deceased.
- vi. JUSTIN MATHIEU MORTEAU, b. Bef. 1858; d. Bef. November 1895.

Notes for JUSTIN MATHIEU MORTEAU:

Justin Mathieu died after Charles Emery Morteau and left no legitimate children.

Generation No. 4

5. ANNE ROSE FLAVIE⁴ MORTEAU (*AUGUSTE FLAVIEN³, LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE², RENE¹*) was born in Soufriere, St.Lucia, and died Deceased. She married TERENCE ALCÉE³ Not Married, son of CHARLES ALCÉE and FRANCOISE BOUSQUET. He was born Abt. 1847, and died 4 September 1880⁴.

Notes for ANNE ROSE FLAVIE MORTEAU:

Noemi's age is given as 90 at the time of her death in 1932. Witnesses were: Samuel H Alcée, Jacob Alcée

and Othoniel Alcée. Noemi was known as Manon. Born Soufriere, living at Castries. Noemi had two sets of twins. It is said that the Morteau girls would be carried from Castries to Ravine Duval on sedan chairs carried by slaves. According to Emily Raye, late in life, Manon lived at 22 Grass Street, Castries, before Granny Alcée moved there following the loss of the house on Coral Street. Manon was very fair and had nice hair. In his will, her son, FH Alcée requested that on her death she be buried in vault 53 at Riverside Cemetery, Castries, and the expense be covered by his estate.

Notes for TERENCE ALCÉE:

Before the Castries fire, a picture of Terence hung in Papa's (Othoniel) room at the home at St.Louis Street in Castries. Terence had a big moustache which was twisted at the ends, and had heavy, distinctive eyebrows. Described as "a real French man".

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- iii. JOSEPH MORTEAU, b. 22 May 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOSEPH MORTEAU:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #122) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Twin of Marie Anne Morteau.

- iv. MARIE ANNE MORTEAU, b. 22 May 1877, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARIE ANNE MORTEAU:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #123) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Twin of Joseph Morteau.

- v. THERESE MARIE MORTEAU, b. 6 July 1880, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for THERESE MARIE MORTEAU:

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 39, #221) was provided by Fr Guiste. Tessa is twin to Marguerite Marie, and had no children.

- vi. MARGUERITE MARIE MORTEAU, b. 6 July 1880, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for MARGUERITE MARIE MORTEAU:

Birth and baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 39, #217) was provided by Fr Guiste. Marguerite Marie is twin to Thesese Marie (we assume to be Tessa).

- vii. MARIE ANNE JUSTINA MORTEAU, b. Abt. 1883; d. 19 August 1925, Castries, St.Lucia.

Notes for MARIE ANNE JUSTINA MORTEAU:

Her burial certificate gives her age as 42, which implies she was born around 1883. Her occupation was given as clerks.

6. ZENAIDE FELICIE⁴ MORTEAU (*AUGUSTE FLAVIEN³, LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE², RENE¹*) died Deceased. She married (1) LEONTIE CADET. He died Deceased. She married (2) NORBAL W EUSTACHE LOUIS 27 February 1878 in Soufriere, St.Lucia, son of LOUIS MARK and LOUISE FRANCOIS. He died Bef. November 1895.

Notes for NORBAL W EUSTACHE LOUIS:

Deed of sale of Ravine Duval to FH Alcée (vol 52, Number 20739) gives Zenaide Felicie as the widow of Narbal Eustache Louis. The surnames in this family are assigned from the forename of the father. So Louis Regis Mark had a son Norbal Louis and he in turn had a son Joseph Norbal. Note that in a deed dated 1895, the name is spelt Narbal.

Child of ZENAIDE MORTEAU and NORBAL LOUIS is:

- i. JOSEPH⁵ NORBAL, b. 1878, Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOSEPH NORBAL:

Baptism and birth certificate (Soufriere, folio 15, #59) was provided by Fr Guiste. The parents requested the baptism at home, and it was performed the same day. We do not know whether Joseph survived.

Birth and Baptism certificate (Soufriere, Folio 15, #59) provided by Fr Guiste states that the Priest P.M.N. Rouyer was called to the home to baptise Joseph, and the baptism was performed the same day, 17th March 1878.

7. LUCINDE⁴ MORTEAU (*AUGUSTE FLAVIEN³, LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE², RENE¹*) died Deceased. She married (1) JULIUS AUGUSTE. He died Deceased. She married (2) JUDE LAWRENCIN Not Married. He died Deceased.

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Notes for LUCINDE MORTEAU:

Lucinde was unmarried. However Francis Clauzel recalls that Lucinde was engaged to Frank Augier. However she became pregnant by Julius Auguste and the engagement was called off. Francis also recalls that Lucinde was brought up by her sister Zenaide also known as Mrs Leontie Cadet (following the death of her first husband, Norbal Louis). Lucinde Morteau was later married to Jude Lawrencin. In the will of FH Alc e of 1924, he refers to her as Mrs Lucinde Laurencin.

Notes for JUDE LAWRENCIN:

Apparently Jude was an old french white man.

Child of LUCINDE MORTEAU and JULIUS AUGUSTE is:

- i. LEO⁵ AUGUSTE, d. Deceased; m. ALEX HEPBURN; d. Deceased.

Notes for ALEX HEPBURN:

Garnet Gordon's mother was also a Hepburn, according to Francis Clauzel.

Children of LUCINDE MORTEAU and JUDE LAWRENCIN are:

- ii. MURCINE⁵ LAWRENCIN, d. Deceased; m. SOUFFRIEN; d. Deceased.

Notes for MURCINE LAWRENCIN:

Murcine had no children and died around 1930.

- iii. JANE LAWRENCIN, b. 5 May 1892; d. 14 July 1946⁷; m. (1) MONPLAISIR; m. (2) JOSEPH PHILOGENE.

Notes for JANE LAWRENCIN:

Jane had long straight black hair and wore glasses. Alan gave her birthday as 5th May and her age at death as 54, hence the conclusion as to her date of birth. No supporting documentation at this stage.

Notes for JOSEPH PHILOGENE:

Joseph was of mixed race, carib, white and black.

8. MARIE LOUISE DORZ IDE⁴ MORTEAU (*AUGUSTE FLAVIEN³, LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE², RENE¹*) died Deceased. She married ST.CYR. He died Deceased.

Children of MARIE MORTEAU and ST.CYR are:

- i. LYDIA⁵ ST.CYR, d. Deceased.

Notes for LYDIA ST.CYR:

Lived on Brazil Street opposite Nurse Charles

- ii. AMED  ST.CYR, d. Deceased; m. VITALISE, Not Married; d. Deceased.

9. CHARLES FRANCOIS XAVIER EMERY⁴ MORTEAU (*AUGUSTE FLAVIEN³, LOUIS FRANCOIS RENE², RENE¹*) died Deceased. He married ANNE VICTOIRE DENYSE PREVOTEAU 24 April 1866 in Soufriere, St.Lucia, daughter of PIERRE PREVOTEAU and ANAIS LAURENT. She died Deceased.

Notes for CHARLES FRANCOIS XAVIER EMERY MORTEAU:

Charles is also known as Emery. He is referred to on a deed of sale (dated 29th May 1878) as the seller of a piece of the Morteau land at Ravine Duval, Canaries. Land had been given to him as a wedding present by his father on his marriage to Eudoxia Prevoteau in 1866. A piece measuring two carres (a carre equalling 3.2 acres or the size of Columbus Square at the time it was defined), and planted with cocoa plantations was sold by Charles to Mr Poleon Jean Baptiste of Canaries. The two carres is distinct from the twenty carres of Morteau land at Ravine Duval that had been left to the Heirs Morteau following the death of their father Auguste Morteau in 1867. At the time of Auguste's death the land was divided equally among six heirs.

Charles has already died by 12th Nov 1895 when the Declaration of Immoveable property for Auguste Morteau is recorded. Charles left behind two children, Arilie and Auguste who are no longer resident on the island.

Notes for ANNE VICTOIRE DENYSE PREVOTEAU:

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Referred to as Eudoxia Prevoteau in the deed of sale for the two carres at Ravine Duval.

Marriage Notes for CHARLES MORTEAU and ANNE PREVOTEAU:
Certificate of marriage (Soufriere, marriage #5) was provided by Fr Guiste.

Children of CHARLES MORTEAU and ANNE PREVOTEAU are:

- i. ANNE FRANCOISE PETRONILLE⁵ MORTEAU, b. Soufriere, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

Notes for ANNE FRANCOISE PETRONILLE MORTEAU:

Baptism certificate (Soufriere, #236 deposited at Castries) was provided by Fr Guiste. The date of birth is not given, but it is stated that she is 6 months old at the time of the Baptism. Not sure whether she is known as Arilie or whether there is another sister named Arilie and Anne died.

- ii. AUGUSTE MORTEAU.

Endnotes

1. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
2. Declaration of immoveable property of Auguste Morteau, Vol 52, No 20738, 1:30, His date of death is given as 1st November.
3. EVALCEE.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 22, 2004.
4. Death Certificate for Terence Alcée, Page 443, number 2214 - Soufriere Register.
5. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
6. Baptism Certificate for Marguerite Genevieve Bernez, Folio 28, Bapt 114 - Castries Register (Archives).
7. Info on Philogenes, Alan Philogene - June 2004.

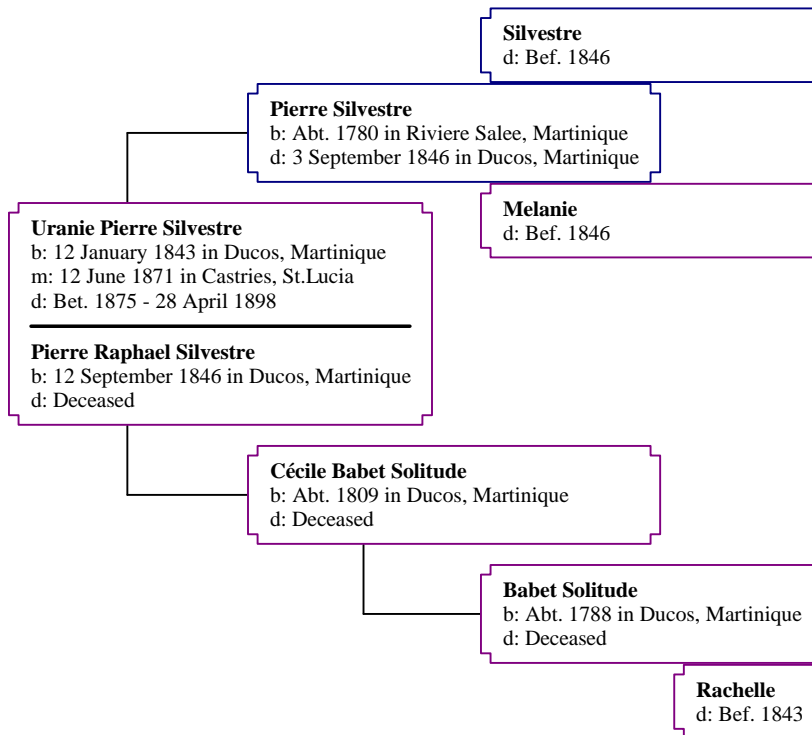
The Silvestre Name

I have not yet had the time to find out more about the Silvestre name and its possible origins. It is a very common name in France to this day. This is one of the shorter chapters in the book, but one that I find particularly interesting as it covers material dealing with the freedom of slaves in Martinique, including the mother and grandmother of Uranie Pierre Silvestre. Here are the notes I made about Uranie's grandmother, Babet Solitude.

"There is an interesting document dated 23rd Jan 1843 (FHC film 788238 - Ducos BMD 1841 to 1851, #6) where Babet formally acknowledges three of her children (Rose Félicité aged 38, Cécile aged 34 and Monlouis aged 13). At the time Babet is 55 and without profession, as is Monlouis. Rose and Cécile are both dressmakers. The document is particularly informative as it details that all of them were freed from slavery on 21st October 1833, and that this was documented formally on 14th November 1833 under the following reference numbers: Rose Félicité (#169), Cécile (#124) and Babet (#63). Monlouis' freedom is also recorded under # 63, as he was a baby at the time. We do not know who the father of these children is. The witnesses to this document were Eléonard Blaise and Daniel Edouard.

Babet and Joseph are married on 24th Jan 1843, and the marriage entry (FHC film 788238 - Ducos BMD 1841 to 1851 #7), gives her age as 55 and his age as 64, hence the estimate of their dates of birth. Joseph is a carpenter, who was freed from slavery on 12th Sept 1836 (#75). Their mothers are both named in this document, and are both deceased at the time. This document is also very informative as Babet and Joseph acknowledge four children between them, who were all freed with Babet as in the document above (#63). The children are Louise Azemia (aged 28, dressmaker), Ann Marie Octavie (aged 26, dressmaker), Acélie (aged 20, dressmaker) and Jean Marie Augustín (aged 18, no profession). The witnesses to this document were Eléonard Blaise, Daniel Edouard, Jean Francois Nelson and Louis Joseph Dogue who all sign. Babet and Joseph are both unable to write."

Ancestors and Siblings of Uranie Pierre Silvestre



Descendants of Silvestre

Generation No. 1

1. SILVESTRE¹ died Bef. 1846. He married MELANIE. She died Bef. 1846.

Child of SILVESTRE and MELANIE is:

2. i. PIERRE² SILVESTRE, b. Abt. 1780, Riviere Salee, Martinique; d. 3 September 1846, Ducos, Martinique.

Generation No. 2

2. PIERRE² SILVESTRE (*SILVESTRE*¹) was born Abt. 1780 in Riviere Salee, Martinique, and died 3 September 1846 in Ducos, Martinique¹. He met (1) CÉCILE BABET SOLITUDE, daughter of BABET SOLITUDE. She was born Abt. 1809 in Ducos, Martinique, and died Deceased.

Notes for PIERRE SILVESTRE:

The entry for Uranie's birth gives Pierre's age as 63, hence the estimation of his birth date. He is a carpenter at the time, living in Ducos (Trou-au-Chat), in the area of Fort Royal. Various documents refer to him as a free mulatto or free man of colour at least as far back as 1816. I do not yet know whether he was born free or freed at some point.

On 2nd Jan 1832 (FHC film 788237 - BMD 1816 to 1840 Trou-au-chat, folio 16, act 46) Pierre obtains freedom for nine of his children, but no mother(s) is named. Their freedom is recorded in Trou-au-Chat in the document above dated 30th April 1832.

His death, aged 67, was reported by Daniel Edouard and Jean Jacques Dorly. The entry for his death gives his parents names, and the fact that they were legally married.

Notes for CÉCILE BABET SOLITUDE:

The entry for Uranie's birth gives Cecile's age as 34, hence the estimate of her birth date. She is dressmaker / seamstress, born and living in Ducos.

Children of PIERRE SILVESTRE and CÉCILE SOLITUDE are:

3. i. URANIE PIERRE³ SILVESTRE, b. 12 January 1843, Ducos, Martinique; d. Bet. 1875 - 28 April 1898.
ii. PIERRE RAPHAEL SILVESTRE, b. 12 September 1846, Ducos, Martinique²; d. Deceased.

Notes for PIERRE RAPHAEL SILVESTRE:

Pierre Raphael was born 9 days after the death of Pierre Silvestre. I have assumed that Pierre Silvestre is the father, but as he and Cécile were not married, and Pierre was dead (and not able to acknowledge the child in person), he is not listed as the father. Witnesses were Daniel Edouard and Jean Jacques Dorly. Again, Cécile is unable to sign.

Children of PIERRE SILVESTRE are:

- iii. MARGUERITE PIERRE³ SILVESTRE, b. Abt. 1809, Ducos, Martinique; d. Deceased; m. THÉOPHILE, 1849, Ducos, Martinique³; d. Deceased.
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Notes for SIMPHORE SILVESTRE:

Do not know whether Simphore is male or female.

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Generation No. 3

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Notes for URANIE PIERRE SILVESTRE:

The entry for Uranie's birth states that she was born at 11pm. Witnesses were Eleonard Blaise, mason and Daniel Edouard, police sergent, both living in Ducos. Pierre and the witnesses signed, but Cecile does not know how to write.

The marriage contract for Uranie confirms the names of her parents, as previously obtained via FHC microfilm. Auntie Barbara recalls Papa saying she was a mulatto. Angela Bernez recalls her father saying she was a Carib. Dianne Rankin nee Bernez, says that in Ducos, Martinique today there is an important Sylvestre family still. No contact has been made yet.

Notes for SAMUEL BERNEZ:

Samuel was born in Lee, Department of Basse Pyrenees, France. Last known child in his family. His marriage contract (Folio 33, number 9777, 10th June 1871) confirms the names of his parents, as obtained by a French researcher. We do not yet know why Samuel came from France to the Caribbean. One story is that he was with the French Military and jumped ship in Martinique. Another story is that he was running away from the second French Revolution (1848 / 1849). Either or both of the stories may be accurate, but that is yet to be determined.

It is believed that Samuel and Uranie came to St.Lucia from Martinique with Fr Tapon, who built the Cathedral (dates to be confirmed). It is said that Samuel helped Fr Tapon to build the Cathedral, but we do not know how. Uranie had a hotel in Castries. When Uranie & Samuel came to St.Lucia from Martinique they brought a slave (or ex slave) called "Old Joe" with them. Samuel and Uranie signed a marriage contract that legitimised the first four children, lists property and values. Samuel's occupation was later listed as "proprietor" at time of marriage in 1871.

At the time of Marguerite's marriage to Frank (28th April 1898), both Samuel and Uranie had already died. Samuel died of septicemia after being pricked in the foot by a lime thorn on the estate at Union. He had asked Felicite Meyers to look after the children (as Uranie has already died), the "books", the land etc but she spent all the money and went on a round the World cruise.

Children of URANIE SILVESTRE and SAMUEL BERNEZ are:

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Notes for ANNELLA BERNEZ:

God mother to Henry Bernez, born 1875

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- v. JEAN JOSEPH CHRYSOSTOME BERNEZ, b. Abt. 1873, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. (1) CAMILLE CHATNEY; b. 6 March 1883⁸; d. August 1966, Jamaica, Queens, New York, USA⁸; m. (2) ELENORA, Abt. 1900; b. Abt. 1881; d. Deceased.

Notes for JEAN JOSEPH CHRYSOSTOME BERNEZ:

Lived in New York and had a son called Bob. I am now in touch with Bob's son, Ted, who responded to a note I'd left on a genealogy message board on 3rd April 2004.

In the USA New York 1910 census on www.genealogy.com (taken 15th April) there is an entry for a Joseph E Bernez aged 39 (hence born around 1871) and his wife of 10 years, Eleanor aged 29. We have Joseph Bernez baptised (certificate 1873, #53 not yet obtained) in St.Lucia on 18th March 1873, but do not have an actual birth date for him. The dates are a very close match, and both were living in New York. In addition to this, at the Ellis Island site (www.ellisland.org) there are two entries for Joseph Bernez entering the USA from St.Lucia. First in 1896 (14th Sept) aged 23 (hence born around 1873), where he arrives on the ship "Madiana" and gives his occupation as a clerk. Then in 1913 (22nd Sept) aged 40 yr 9 months (hence born around 1872), where he arrives on the ship "Guiana" and gives his occupation as Engineer (possibly Stationers Engineer - does that refer to railways?). In 1913 he mentions that his last entry to the USA was in 1896, and that he has been living in NYC for 17 years, so I have assumed both records are his. His place of birth is St.Lucia, he is 5' 9" tall, with light skin, black hair and brown eyes. In 1913 his marital status is married and he is returning to live with his wife, Eleanora Bernez. Her address is not 100% clear but looks like 101 W115 *** NYC.

On the 1910 census his colour is given as mulatto, and his profession as an Engineer (tallies with the Ellis Island 1913 entry). Eleanor is also listed as mulatto. There is then detail of where he was born and where his parents were born. He gives his place of birth as B.W.I and then seems to cross the B and leave it as W.I. French. His father's place of birth is not clear, but is Fr French and his mother's is Martinique, French. However there is then a line through it and something indecipherable above. This list of places of birth fits, as Joseph was born in the BWI (St.Lucia) son of Samuel from France and Uranie from Martinique. His wife, Eleanor gives her place of birth as Dist of Col (assumed District of Colombia), with both of her parents being from Virginia. On the census Joseph's year of entry into the USA is unclear, although it is 18***. From the Ellis Island records, I assume this year to be 1896. The census states that neither of them have any children at this time (1910). So between Ellis Island and the NY 1910 census we know that Joseph was married to Eleanora from 1900 (10 years before census) to at least 1913 (when he re-enters NY). Following discussion with his grandson, Ted, it appears that Joseph

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was later married to Camille, but I have not further details of the marriage or dates.

Notes for CAMILLE CHATNEY:

Need to confirm surname spelling, as it could be Chastenet.

Notes for ELENORA:

Date of birth is an estimate based on aged at the 1910 New York census. See further details in notes for Joseph.

- vi. HENRY BERNEZ, b. 10 April 1875, Union Estate, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased; m. THERESE MARIE GABRIELLE JACOB, 1 August 1894, Castries, St.Lucia⁹; b. 5 April 1875, Castries, St.Lucia; d. Deceased.

4. JEAN PIERRE³ SILVESTRE (*PIERRE*², *SILVESTRE*¹) was born Abt. 1819 in Ducos, Martinique, and died Deceased. He married ROSE REINE PIERRE PAUL EDOUARD. She was born Abt. 1822 in Ducos, Martinique, and died Deceased.

Notes for JEAN PIERRE SILVESTRE:

In the document where Pierre obtains freedom for his children, Jean is the only name given, but in the later document where Jean acknowledges his children with Rose, he is named Jean Pierre Silvestre. This is similar to the case of his sister who is named Marguerite initially and then later Marguerite Pierre Silvestre when she gets married, and also the same as Uranie.

Jean Pierre is born 1818 / 1819 as estimated from the document recording his freedom and the following document, where he acknowledges his children. On 20th May 1846 (FHC film 788238 BMD Trou-au-Chat 1841 - 1851, folio 11, act 25), Jean Pierre Silvestre (mason aged 28) and Rose Reine Pierre Paul Edouard (dressmaker aged 24) acknowledge their two sons, Gile Henry (born 1st Sept 1842 #58) and Pierre (born 5th July 1844 #48). Witnesses were Jean Francois Nelson and Daniel Edouard, who signed with Jean Pierre, but Rose is unable to write.

Notes for ROSE REINE PIERRE PAUL EDOUARD:

Rose was a dressmaker, as indicated in the document where she acknowledges Gile and Pierre as her children.

Children of JEAN SILVESTRE and ROSE EDOUARD are:

- i. GILE HENRY⁴ SILVESTRE¹⁰, b. 1 September 1842, Ducos, Martinique; d. Deceased.
- ii. PIERRE SILVESTRE¹¹, b. 5 July 1844, Ducos, Martinique; d. Deceased.
- iii. JOSEPHINE MARIE-ANNA SILVESTRE¹², b. 25 April 1845, Ducos, Martinique; d. Deceased.

Notes for JOSEPHINE MARIE-ANNA SILVESTRE:

Josephine's birth is registered by her parents in a document dated 14th May 1846. Witnesses are Daniel Edouard and Jean Francois Nelson.

Endnotes

1. Death of Pierre Silvestre, FHC film 788238, folio 17, act 47.
2. Birth of Pierre Raphael Silvestre, FHC film 788238, folio 18 act 51.
3. Marriage of Marguerite Silvestre and Theophile, FHC film 788238, Trou-au-Chat BMD 1841-1851, folio 10, act 29..
4. Birth of Uranie Pierre Silvestre, FHC film 788238 folio 4, act 10, "des actes de naissances, mariages et deces de la population libres qui se feront dans la commune du Trou-du-Chat."
5. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
6. Baptism Certificate for Marguerite Genevieve Bernez, Folio 28, Bap 114 - Castries Register (Archives).
7. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
8. Birth of Camille Chatney, SSDI.
9. Unknown source not found, TITLE.
10. Acknowledgement of Gile Henry Silvestre, FHC film 788238 BMD Trou-au-Chat 1841 - 1851, folio 11, act 25.
11. Acknowledgement of Pierre Silvestre, FHC film 788238 BMD Trou-au-Chat 1841 - 1851, folio 11, act 25.
12. Birth of Josephine Marie-Anna Silvestre, FHC film 788238 BMD Trou-au-Chat 1841 - 1851, folio 10, act 23.

Family Homes and Property

Union Estate, Micoud Street, a hotel and a Martinique plantation - *Samuel Bernez*

On the 26th July 1867 Samuel Bernes (spelt with an s) purchased a house and sugar estate named Union Estate, then measuring 335 carrés (1072 acres), from James Matthews and Company (comprising Thomas Hill and Charles Baker of London, represented by Henry Minvielle). A carré was equal to 3.2 acres and was also equal to the size of Columbus Square when first defined. The deed of sale is recorded in volume 30, number 8821 at the Registry of Deeds and Mortgages.

James Matthews and Co had acquired Union estate on 22nd November 1866 for a price of £1,500 sterling, at the judicial public auctions, following an order from the court on 6th February 1866 that it be seized from Mr Donatien Vitalis. The amount owed by James Matthews and Co on the property was due to be paid in five instalments with the final instalment due on 22nd November 1870. The mortgage agreement was that James Matthews and Co would repay the debt in five years, and that Samuel would in turn repay them over a period of twelve years, by way of three hundred 1600 pound barrels of sugar delivered in stages in the March and June of each year until June 1880. Samuel reserved the right make the payments at a faster rate if he was so able and the total value of the sugar was agreed by both parties to be worth £2,500 sterling.

Family legend has it that Samuel Bernez had slaves at Union Estate who refused to leave after emancipation. However we know that he did not acquire the estate until 1867, which is long after the emancipation of slaves in 1834, even if the 4 year period of apprenticeship is considered, so perhaps they were in fact indentured labourers. This would need to be confirmed. The Bernez family home on Union Estate, where many of the children were born, was situated on a hill from where Samuel was able to view the estate, of which the surrounding hills were a part. It is believed that the house was burned at some time and hence only the foundations are visible today.

Union Estate had to be sold to pay the Government taxes and the Government took over Union as their agricultural station. The St.Lucia Archives has a Proclamation document that indicates that Union Estate was acquired by the Government in 1900 from the then owner, Lawrence Newton. We still do not yet know when the estate was lost by the Bernez family. Further documents at the St.Lucia Archives show that in 1900 the Government ordered a survey of Union Estate to be done. Later, on 11th August 1902 the Government was planning the division of Union Estate into allotments. On 28th June 1904 many lots of land were sold, each of about 5 acres, to the total of about 260 acres.

Prior to the above ownership of Union Estate there are also documents which show the following miscellaneous information about Union Estate.

- 1) As per an article in the Caribbeana (Vol II, pg 335) on 23rd February 1822 Union Estate was sold by Reverend William John Jolliffe of Surrey, England to Inglis & Co (John Inglis, John Bellingham Inglis and James Inglis). It was described as being 249 acres, with buildings for sugar coppers and a stock of 250 slaves. The article was obtained from the Saint Lucia National Archives.
- 2) The ownership by Reverend W.J. Jolliffe of London was confirmed by the 1822 Slave

Register for Saint Lucia. On 28th Feb 1822, the Reverend had 55 slaves that had been unaccounted for on Union Estate in 1822 & 1823.

3) The later ownership by Inglis and Co was confirmed by the 1828 Slave Register for Saint Lucia. On 26th Feb 1828 they owned Union which was a sugar estate with 179 slaves.

4) Some time between 1828 and 1831 Union Estate changed hands at least once, as the 1831 and 1834 Slave Registers for Saint Lucia show that it was owned by Reverend Morris Forsyth and George Forsyth on 28th Feb 1831 (157 slaves) and on 22nd Feb 1834 (153 slaves).

The Slave Registers were all viewed at the British National Archives (formerly the PRO).

5) From 1834 we do not know how many times it changed hands until we get to 1866 when it was seized from Mr Donatien Vitalis by the crown.

Prior to Samuel's death, there is a deed of sale dated 25th September 1875 (vol 37, number 11, 302), where he purchases a plot of land on Micoud Street, measuring 41 feet facing Micoud Street, by 64 feet. It is bordered to the North by Micoud Street, the South by the property of Madame Yatte, East by the rest of the land of the seller (Marie Anne Lawrence) and West by the property of the Destangays. The price was £28 pounds and 14 shillings sterling.

Samuel and Uranie also owned a hotel on St.Louis Street that was supervised by Madame Felicite with Walter as the butler. There was a gambling casino at the hotel.

It is understood that Samuel also owned a plantation in Martinique, which was still in his name until relatively recently when the Martinique authorities contacted the Bernez family in Saint Lucia and asked them to claim the land. At this time we do not know where in Martinique the property was situated.

Balatas Estate, Soufriere - *Louis Rene Morteau*

The Morteau family lived at Anse La Raye and Soufriere for the most part. Louis René Morteau was Grandfather to Noémi Morteau, the mother of Frank Herbert Alcée. Although we know that they owned Ravine Duval most recently, the Slave Registers show that Louis René Morteau and Charles Allain co-owned Balatas Estate in Soufriere. It is interesting to note that two generations of Morteau and Allain married. Rene Morteau married an Allain and their son Louis René Morteau also married an Allain.

Balatas Estate in Soufriere is referred to several times in the Slave Registers of Saint Lucia. The Abstract of Plantation Returns of 1828, shows that on 11th Feb 1828 LR Morteau had 50 slaves at Balatas Estate. The Abstract of Plantation Returns of 1834, shows that on 12th Feb 1834 Louis Rene Morteau and Charles Allain had 39 slaves at Balatas Estate, Soufriere, which was then a cocoa plantation. Also in 1834 there is a record of compensation for the loss of slaves where Louis René Morteau and Charles Allain of Soufriere claim for 39 slaves from Balatas Estate. They were awarded £88, 10 shillings and 10 pence.

Louis also partially owned Perou sugar estate in Castries, together with Jean Louis Lacour and Jean Charles Allain. On 18th February 1834 there were 66 slaves on Perou estate. Louis René lived at Anse La Raye, we assume at Thuillier (later divided and called Ravine Duval) where his son, Auguste, later lived. Louis René died aged 54 on 15th December 1834.

Auguste Morteau and Nelly Devaux (granddaughter of Louis René) dealt with the inheritance arrangement of Heirs LR Morteau (Vol 27, No 7803), whereby Auguste and Nelly inherited the "Thuillier" Estate which they divide (by deed of partage) so that Auguste inherited the part known as Ravine Duval Estate.

When Auguste's son Charles married in 1866 Auguste gave him two carrés of the Ravine Duval Estate as a wedding present. Later on a deed of sale dated 29th May 1878, Charles sold this two carré piece of land which was covered in cocoa plantations. The land was sold to Mr Poleon Jean Baptiste of Canaries and the two carrés were noted as being distinct from the twenty carrés of Morteau land at Ravine Duval that had been left to the Heirs Morteau following the death of their father Auguste Morteau in 1867. At the time of Auguste's death the land was divided equally among six heirs.

Later in a deed of sale (Vol 52, No 20739, 1:30) dated July 1895, the heirs Morteau (Widow of Auguste Morteau and daughters Dorzeide, Noemi, Lucinde and Felicie) sold their undivided shares in Ravine Duval to Frank Herbert Alcée. In so doing he acquired the majority of the Ravine Duval Estate, 16 carrés (equivalent to 49/60 of the estate). The vendors were his mother (Anne Rose Flavie Morteau aka Noémi Morteau) his aunts (Marie Louise Dorzeide Morteau, Lucinde Morteau and Felicie Morteau) and his grandmother (widow Auguste Morteau, née Louise Rose Ephrem). He bought the estate for £300. Dorzeide and Widow Auguste Morteau were unable to sign their names, the others could. Most of the documents referenced above were obtained from the Saint Lucia National Archives.

52 to 54 Coral Street and 22 Grass Street - *Frank Herbert Alcée*

Amongst other properties in Castries, Frank Herbert Alcée owned a large house on Coral Street (52 to 54) that had four turrets and a veranda. Othoniel had sketched it on a blackboard for his children to see what the family home had looked like. It was known as "The Little Palace". Frank wanted all the children to live there and indeed Uranie and Emily lived there for a while. According to Francis Clauzel, the Coral Street house had four turrets to represent each of Frank's four sons. There was a large four pedal piano at Coral Street one of only two on the island, the other being owned by the nuns. The house on Coral Street was lost when the rates weren't paid after Frank's death. Marguerite then had to move to a small house at 22 Grass Street.

Morne Avite, 37 St.Louis Street, Block 6 and Lunar Park - *Othoniel Alcée*

The family also owned the Morne Avite estate, also known as the Water Works estate, which is at the top of the hill overlooking Castries, that gets covered with cloud. It was originally owned by Mam, but she was in debt and it needed to be auctioned off. Virginia asked Othoniel to buy the estate to keep it in the family. They lived there during the war to avoid the threats to Castries. Also a torpedo in Castries harbour which damaged the "Lady Nelson" and the "Umtarta" (an Indian merchant ship) also cracked the windows at 37 St.Louis Street that faced the wharf. The men from the Umtarta would make mango jelly and put in in a dish in a benoir of ice to set. There was a large driveway up to the Morne Avite estate, with a three bedroomed wooden house. There was also space under the house as the land sloped. On the estate a worker called David used a cart and horse or donkey to take the produce to

hire Mr Clauzel's car to get up to the estate and back, as there were only a few cars on the island at the time, some of which were owned by Russell Belizaire, Harold Devaux, Dr Wells and other doctors and Staffie Odlum. Staffie and the Clauzel's used to hire out cars. Papa sold Morne Avite to the brother of Alphonse the overseer before the 1948 fire, dismantled the wooden house, and moved it to Castries to build the second story of the house on Peynier Street. The story goes that the overseer had cut down some mahogany and cedar trees on the estate and sold them. He was warned by Papa, but then cut down another 50 and sold them, so Papa took him to court. The next time Papa went to the estate to ride the horse he was thrown off. Was this a deliberate act? Perhaps a pin under the saddle? Everyone loves a mystery.

After the 1948 fire the family were moved from 37 St.Louis Street to Block 6 at Vigie. Other Block 6 families resident at the time were the Matthews (upstairs), the Monplaisirs (upstairs), Lala Ravineau (Richmond)'s family (small apartment upstairs), the Giraudy's (downstairs), Lala (small apartment downstairs), the Alcée's (downstairs). The St.Helens were in the Officers Mess at Vigie. Story has it that the 1st or 2nd Sunday after the 1948 fire, the families went swimming in the morning, then came back for a big party at Block 6 with musicians. People could not believe that these families had lost everything in the fire, but were still able to be happy. There was a write up about it in the Voice newspaper. As part of "Fire relief" the army cooks went around with cooked food in big containers for the families. Harry Lloyd was one of the chefs. The families were also given clothes. Andreuille had her Sunday uniform stolen while she was at St.Edmunds. The Alcée's lived at Block 6 for about 18 months to 2 years, and it was eventually demolished to make way for the expansion of Vigie Airport.

Papa stumbled across Lunar Park one day while searching for land, and had to crawl under the bushes before he saw the house. JQ Charles' house at Vigie (next to Lunar park) was also a War Department property and was sold to JQ. Papa ordered truckloads of soil and backfilled to reclaim the swampy area. Years after they had been living at Lunar Park they discovered army ammunition under the floorboards and had to get it all cleared out by the Government.

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