

Amazing Alice



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This is a book of memories in pictures lovingly created for you. It encapsulates your life and will take you back in time and place, and remind you of the people, and events that span 100 years of your colourful and exciting life.

Putting it together has been a labour of love and expresses our deepest gratitude to you for being the perfect mother/mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.

You have walked in the way of God, along the path of truth and we follow in your footsteps with our children and grandchildren drawing inspiration from your life and love.

You live in our hearts, we always feel your presence, guiding, loving, encircling, protecting.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY BELOVED MUM



Alice

Alice is a name of Old German Origin, its variant in old French is Adeliz from Adelaide.

It means "Noble & Exalted" and that so aptly describes you, our beloved Mum.

We love you dearly and to us you are not only Noble & Exalted but also ...

Kind
Loving
Smart
Adventurous
Adaptable
Generous
Gentle
Creative
Captivating
Purposeful
Remarkable
Compassionate
Caring
Non-judgemental
Unselfish
Positive
Giving
Understanding
Unforgettable

In one single word - AWESOME!

Your Star Sign - VIRGO

August 23 - September 22



Virgoan energy is paradoxical. It is an earth sign which is materialist and full of stability, yet is also mutable. Governed by Mercury, people born under this sign have a unique ability to be equally at home with both change and order. The Virgoan influence is calm, rational. Virgo has a perceptive energy that is highly discriminating.

YOUR CHINESE STAR SIGN

Boar / Pig

Year of the Pig / Zodiac Sign

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This is the character for boar, pig, or swine in Chinese and old Korean. You were born in the year of the boar / year of the pig, so you..... Are optimistic .. Have good luck with wealth and money .. Are honest, generous, and warm-hearted.

All of the above are so true of you – through our lives we have watched you work tirelessly for those less fortunate than you. You have given freely of your time, money and skills to create works of art to be sold for charity. You have always included rather than excluded and have been kind to everyone around you. You have embraced us all in your circle of love.

Swiss Jokes

A certain English lady visited Switzerland and was having difficulty finding a room, so she asked the local schoolmaster to help her. After a satisfactory room had been found, she returned to her home and did some packing. Suddenly, it occurred to her that she hadn't noticed a W.C. (in England, the toilet is called a Water Closet), so she wrote the schoolmaster about the W.C. The Schoolmaster, not knowing the meaning, asked the parish priest and together they decided that it must mean "Wayside Chapel." He wrote her the following letter:

Dear Madame,

It is my pleasure to inform you that there is a W.C. just 9 miles from your home, in the center of a grove of pine trees. It seats 229 people, and it is open on Thursdays and Sundays. This is an unfortunate situation if you are in the habit of going regularly. You will, no doubt, be glad to hear that some people bring their lunches and make a day of it. I would especially recommend Thursdays, for then there is an Organ accompaniment. The acoustics in the W.C. are excellent; even the most delicate sound can be heard. My son was married in the W.C. and there was such a rush for seats that 10 people had to sit in the same seat. The looks on their faces were very interesting. My wife is sickly but dedicated. She doesn't go regularly, and she hasn't gone for nearly a year. I will be glad to reserve a seat in the W.C. for you, where you will be seen and heard by everyone. Hoping I have been of some assistance.

*Sincerely yours,
The Schoolmaster*

What is God's favourite food? - Swiss cheese... You know why?
Because it's holy!

On the menu of a restaurant: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

In a Zurich hotel: "Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose."

In a Swiss mountain inn: "Special today - no ice cream."

In Heaven:

The cooks are French,
The policemen are English,
The mechanics are German,
The lovers are Italian,
The bankers are Swiss.

In Hell:

The cooks are English,
The policemen are German,
The mechanics are French,
The lovers are Swiss,
The bankers are Italian.



What is Switzerland Famous For?

- Being over 700 years old.
- Having 4 national languages (French, Italian, Swiss German and Romansh).
- Being a federation of 26 independent cantons, all with their own constitution and government.
- Being the only true democracy in the world; practising direct democracy means that the people have the last word on anything, can vote on laws, government spending and launch popular initiatives that are binding for government.
- Founding the Red Cross.
- Amazing natural beauty with lakes, two mountain ranges (Jura and the Alps), many historical monuments and some of the cleanest cities in the world.
- Having been the only country in the heart of Europe to resist Fascism, greatly helped by the fact that each family owns on average 3 guns, including military assault rifles.
- Being world leader in several sectors, including watches and other luxury items, pharmaceutical, food processing and chocolate, biotechnology, engineering - especially hydraulic, civil and mechanical (tunnels, cable cars, mountain railway systems, precision machinery), insurance and banking, perfumes (Givenchy), textiles, recording equipment (Kudelski, Studer) computer peripherals (Logitech) and more.
- Being the most quoted country in scientific references.
- Hosting the CERN, which includes the large Hadron Collider.
- Hosting the European headquarters of the UN as well as the headquarters of the WTO, WHO, ITU and many other international agencies.
- Also, Switzerland is the leading and most advanced producer of spyware and micro technology worldwide.
- A very different country that even its closest neighbours don't really understand!

Fashion in the 1930s

The primary influence on the fashionable shape of the 1930s was the bias-cut dress introduced by Madame Madeleine Vionnet. Dress construction and fabric emphasized the female shape, creating a streamlined effect in keeping with the general aesthetic of the period. Fabrics were draped to create soft necklines and deep backs. Evening clothes became more distinct from day wear; long gowns for women and tuxedos or tails for men were common attire for night clubs.



Stories We Remember



You were the third of five children born to Hedwig and Adolf Gimmi and you lived in an apartment in Zurich where all of you had special chores around the house. Even though you were a somewhat sickly child, you were responsible for helping your mother on wash day. She had no washing machine and it was your job to help her SCRUB dirt off the clothes on a washboard – You remember how cold your little hands used to get! Your childhood was a very happy one and you remember your father being quite strict.

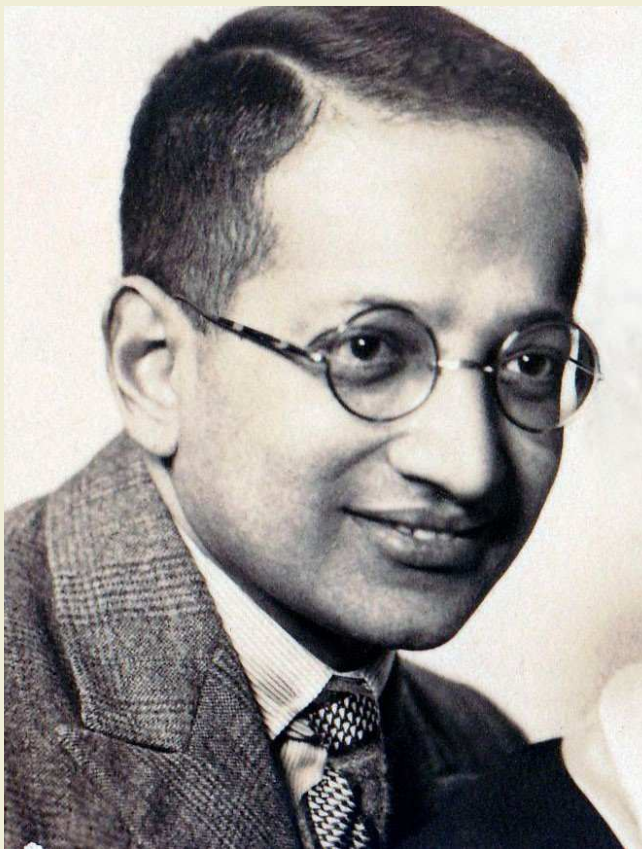


When you graduated from secondary school, (Swiss girls did not study further) your dad bought you a sewing machine and you had your own little business. Your sewing, knitting, bead-mat making and personalized cross stitch greeting cards are a legacy we will always treasure.

To this day Michel, Farhad and Adil have the little stuffed toy dogs you made for them when they were babies, the knitted sleeping bags, (Azura got into Farhad's last year in Seattle) and the knitted patch work blankets. I still have the beautiful skirt you crocheted for me. Our home, wherever in the world it has been, was always filled with beautiful things that you gave us over the years. These things remind us of dad, you and our heritage.



A friend of yours in Switzerland asked you to go with her on a blind date to the University Ball. You agreed, and on the 21st Nov 1935 you got all dressed up in this beautiful pink silk dress with silver brocade flowers on it. Your blind date was Dr Amin Mohsin Tyabji, the man who would soon become your husband and change forever your life as you knew it.

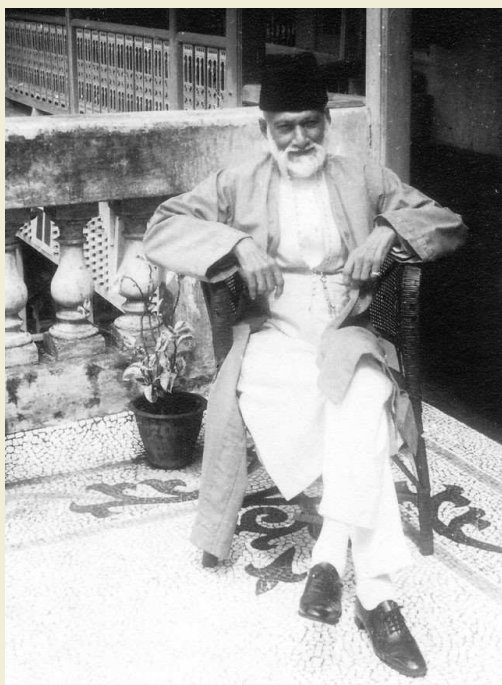


When you told your parents you wanted to marry Amin, an Indian PhD student of chemistry at Zurich University, they had to make their enquiries before giving their consent. They contacted the Swiss Consul in Bombay and he sent a letter back to them stating that the Tyabji family was very illustrious, learned and cultured and they should not worry about their daughter marrying into it as she would be well looked after.

You got married on April 18th 1936 in Zurich. At the time, you spoke no English and had not travelled outside of Europe. What tremendous courage you had to leave your beloved family and everything you knew that was dear and familiar to you, and go off to unknown shores with a new husband to make a new life.

You first went to England where dad had a job at Guys Hospital but you didn't like it at all because you found the people cold, rude and racist. You spent a lot of time looking around for a place to stay while dad was at work. Prospective landladies would tell you their flats were available but when you went back with dad in the evening and they saw this "native" man they'd refuse to rent the room to you.

The one joy of being in England was the birth of your first child Ursula. When she was still a baby, you decided to move to India and you were overwhelmed by the wonderful welcome the Tyabji family gave you on your arrival. You enjoyed meeting and interacting with all of them but always held a special place in your heart for Uncle Hussain who, like you, lived to be 100 (1 October 1873 - 20 October 1973.)



Dad was an only child and had lost his father Mohsin who drowned on a family outing in Kihim while he was trying to save two young children swimming out at sea. Amin was 15 when this happened and consequently his mother Tahira was very protective of him. When you arrived in Bombay you had to stay with your mother-in-law in her apartment in Chowpatty. You were barely able to communicate with each other and she took care of the day to day running of the house.

What a difficult situation that must have been and how well you managed it! You told us of the shock you got when you first went to the Crawford Market many months after you first arrived in India. You were surprised and thrilled when you saw piles of fresh vegetables and TOMATOES! You thought they did not grow in India as granny never served them and you had missed them so much!

Robert was born in 1943 in the apartment building where you first lived and which was owned by Granny. Coincidentally she rented a space in it to the well known portrait painter Mr. J A Lalkaka who had his studio there.

Could you ever have predicted that 28 years later your son Robert would marry his granddaughter Hootoksi?

From the apartment you moved to a beautiful bungalow with a large garden in Breach Candy, and Granny moved in with you but she had her own wing.



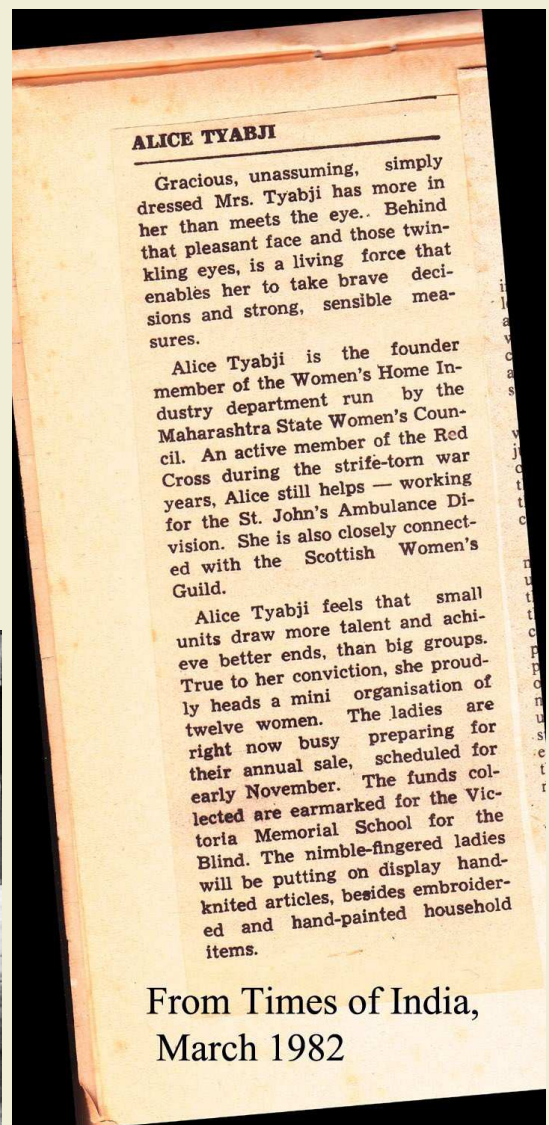
You had many happy times there and over the years you became fully involved in activities with the Red Cross, The Scots Kirk and St John's Ambulance to mention but a few.



Among your large circle of friends you had many Swiss and you'd often have tea parties in the garden. While you sat there nibbling sandwiches Robert remembers the kites swooping down and flying off with a sandwich from the hands of an unsuspecting guest! He also remembers putting out little saucers of milk in the garden for the cobras to come and feast on at night. And he remembers Jessica the black Labrador who would catch any cat who strayed into the compound, toss it in the air and break its neck!



In 2009 we were in Bombay celebrating with Robert's class of 1959, 50 years after they graduated from High School. He met two teachers who remembered him well, and all his classmates most of whom he had not seen in all these years! Several of them remembered playing cops and robbers in the garden of Somerset Cottage, and one of them told me he still remembers you because he did not have a holster for his gun and you made him one!



From Times of India,
March 1982



When you sold the bungalow and later moved into an apartment in Somerset Place you had to downsize and get rid of many beautiful things. You parted with them cheerfully and soon adjusted to the smaller space and continued living life to the full!

In all the years that you were separated from your family in Switzerland you never forgot them or stayed away too long. You travelled regularly to see them and spent many happy summers working in your friend's Souvenir shop in Interlaken where you could speak in English to the many tourists who came in to buy the beautiful Swiss handicrafts.



You have always been blessed with wonderful friends, especially Nora who was steadfast in helping to establish relations between the Zawawi family and your grandchildren Tariq and Clara. She was also there for you when it came to helping you emigrate to Australia.



Much as you had enjoyed your life in India, you knew the time was ripe to make preparations for your old age so you took the plunge to relocate to Australia to be close to Ursula. Once again you had to make huge adjustments to your life, make new friends while taking care of dad whose heart always remained in Bombay. As he aged and needed nursing, you had to make the difficult decision of moving him into a nursing home and we will never forget the devotion with which you loved and cared for him there till the end of his days.

Then years later, long after dad had passed on, you made the decision to move into the Dogherty Apartments, a retirement village in Sydney, because you did not want to be a burden to anybody in your twilight years. So once again you demonstrated your selfless and independent nature to us.



In addition to being a terrific mother, mother in law, grandmother and great grandmother you have always attracted amazing women to be your friends. Foremost among them in Australia has been Val and the Bowens who have supported and helped you every time there was a need.



Nora, Champa, Val, Jennifer and a host of others would agree and shout out loud -

ALICE YOU ARE TRULY AN AMAZING WOMAN!

Once Upon a Time in Switzerland...

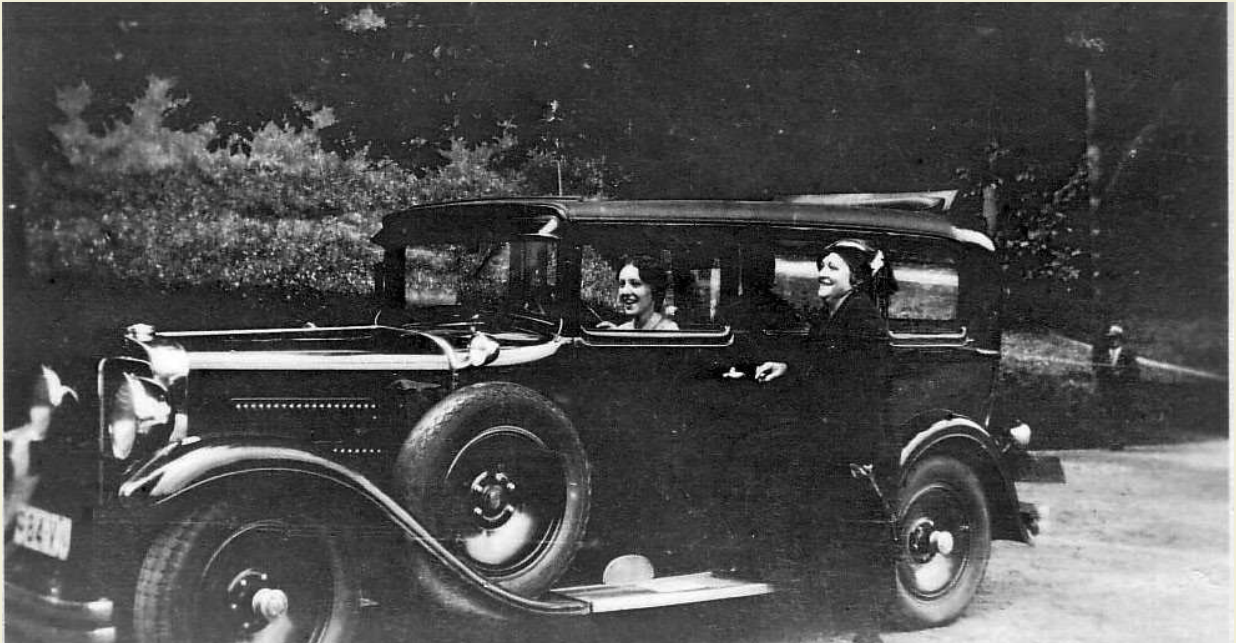




Hedwig and Adolf Gimmi







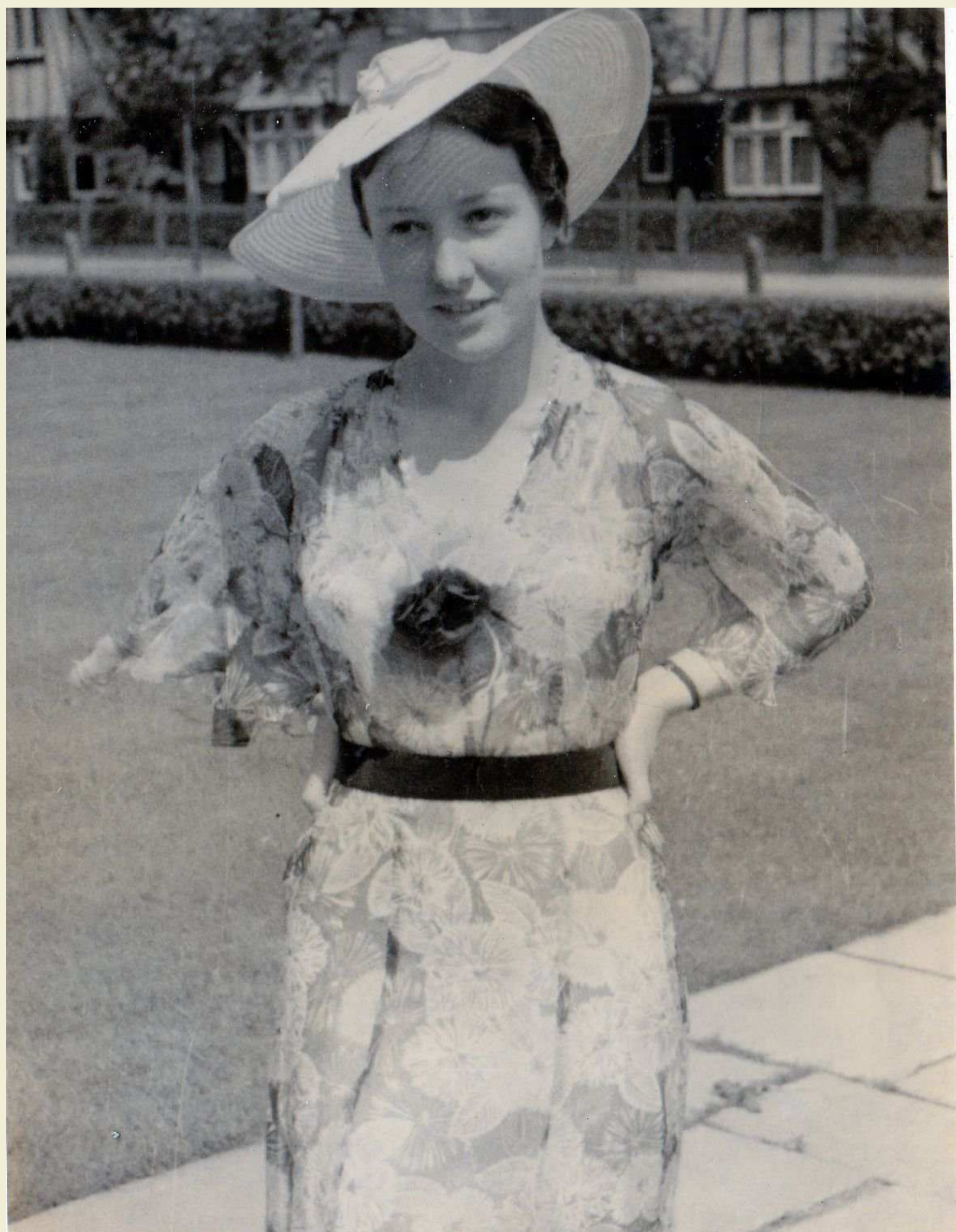
The Gimmi house as it looks today







1937



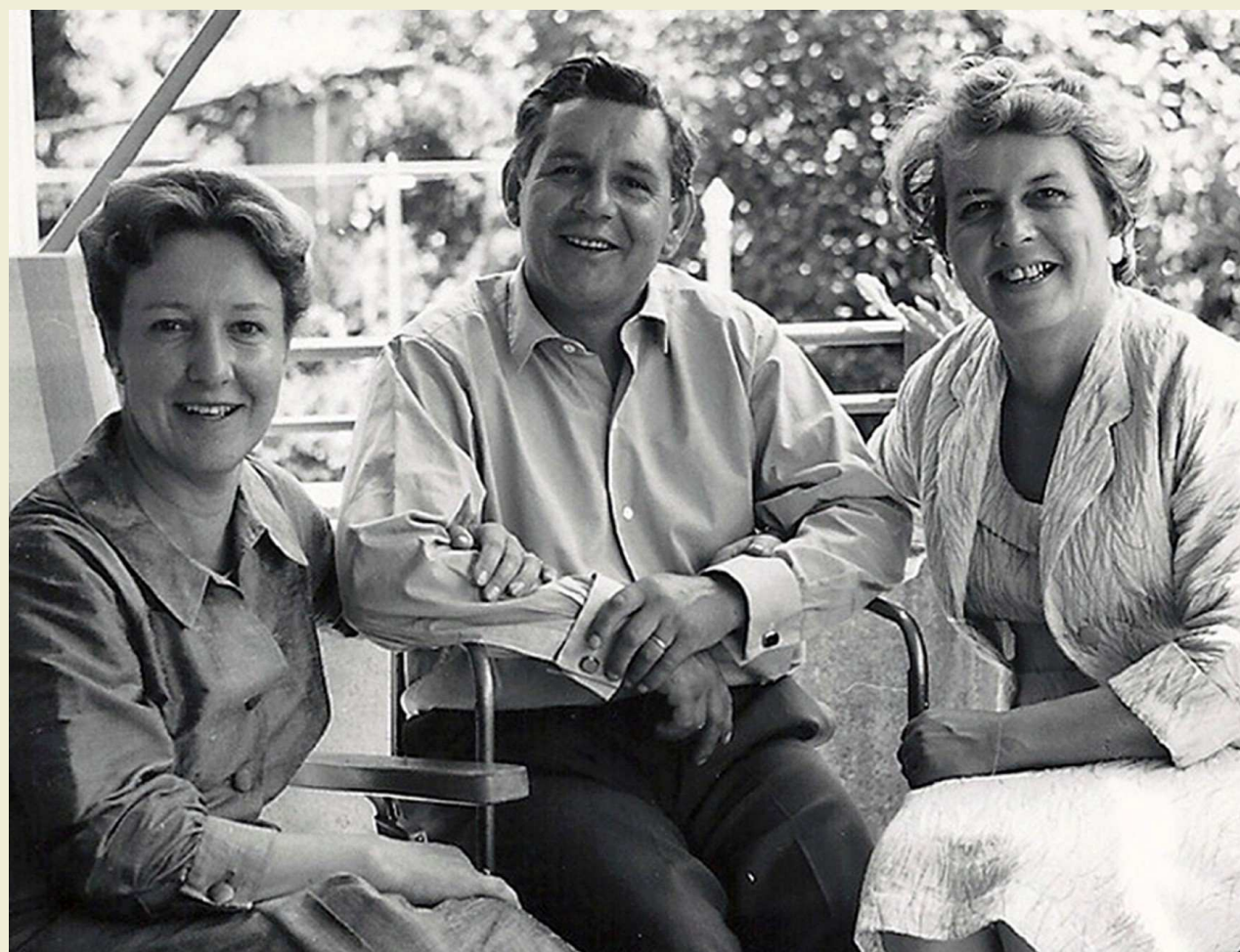




















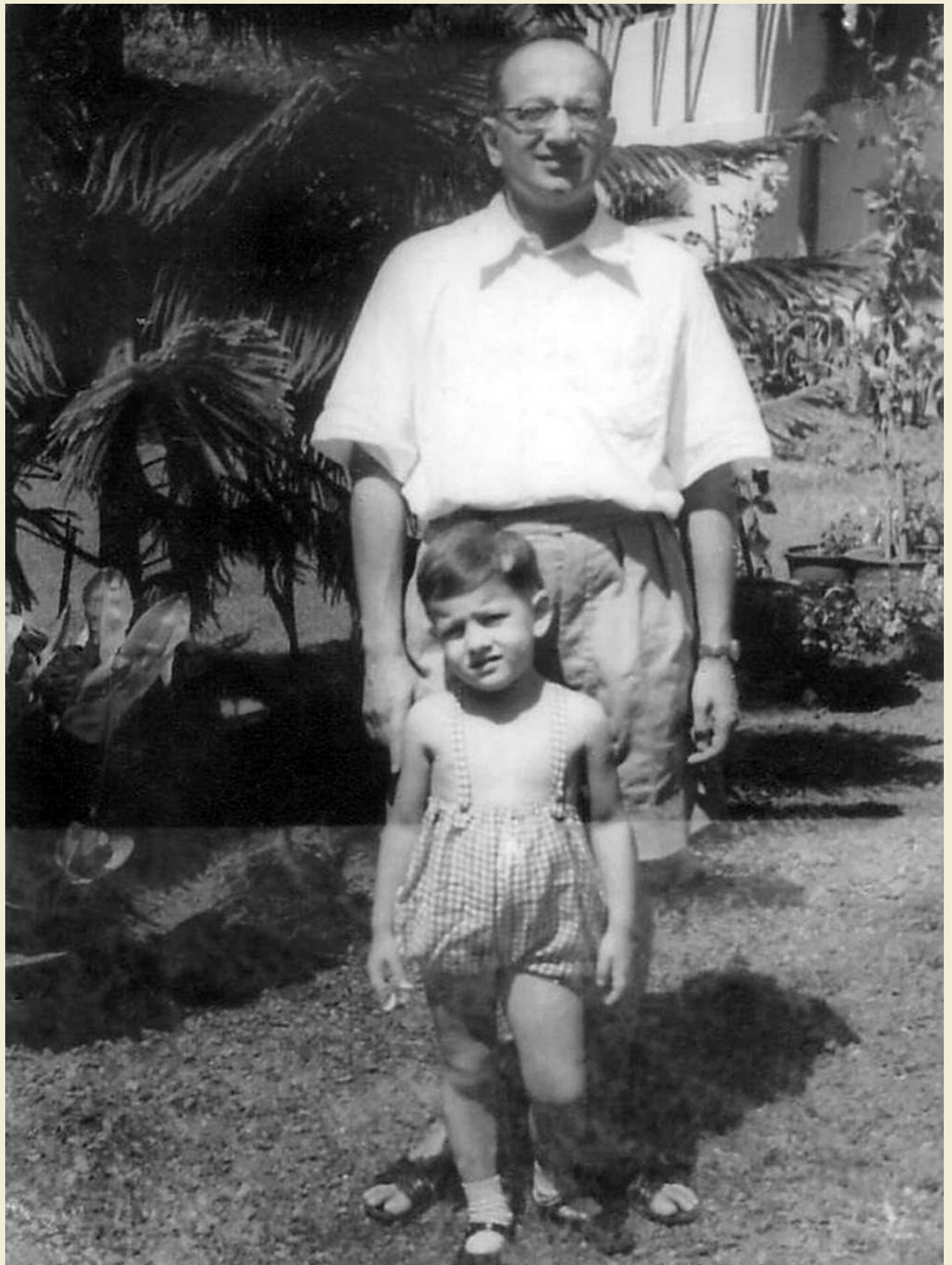


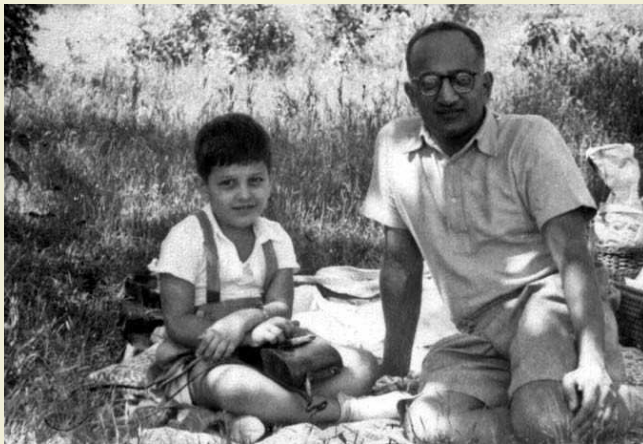
Once Upon a Time in Bombay





















Memorable Events























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anniversary
27 March 2005

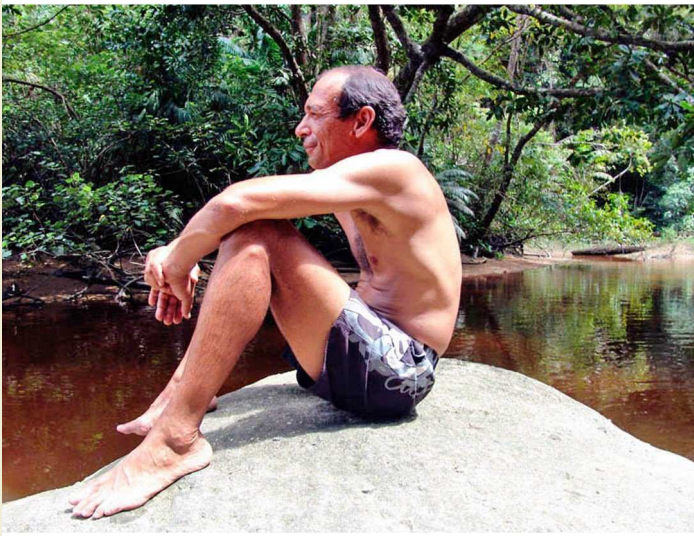




Your Grand children











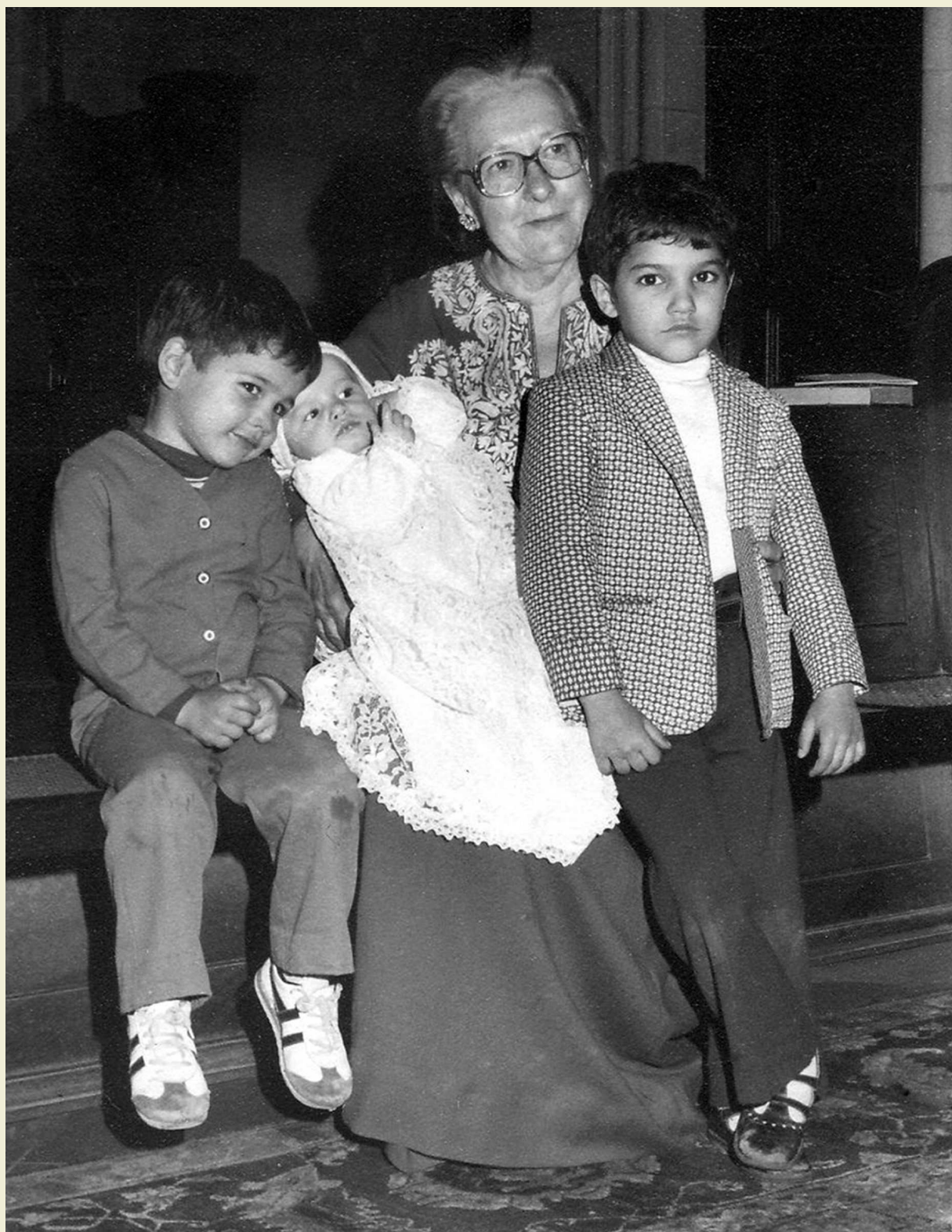


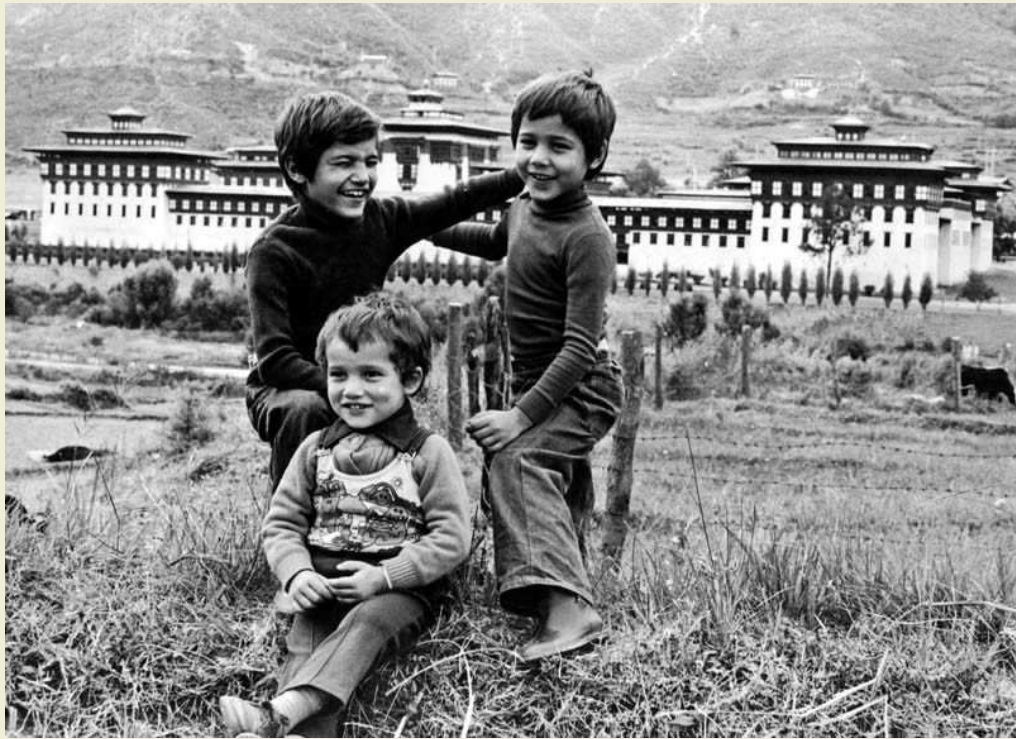
Great Grandma Lalkaka and Farhad, 1975

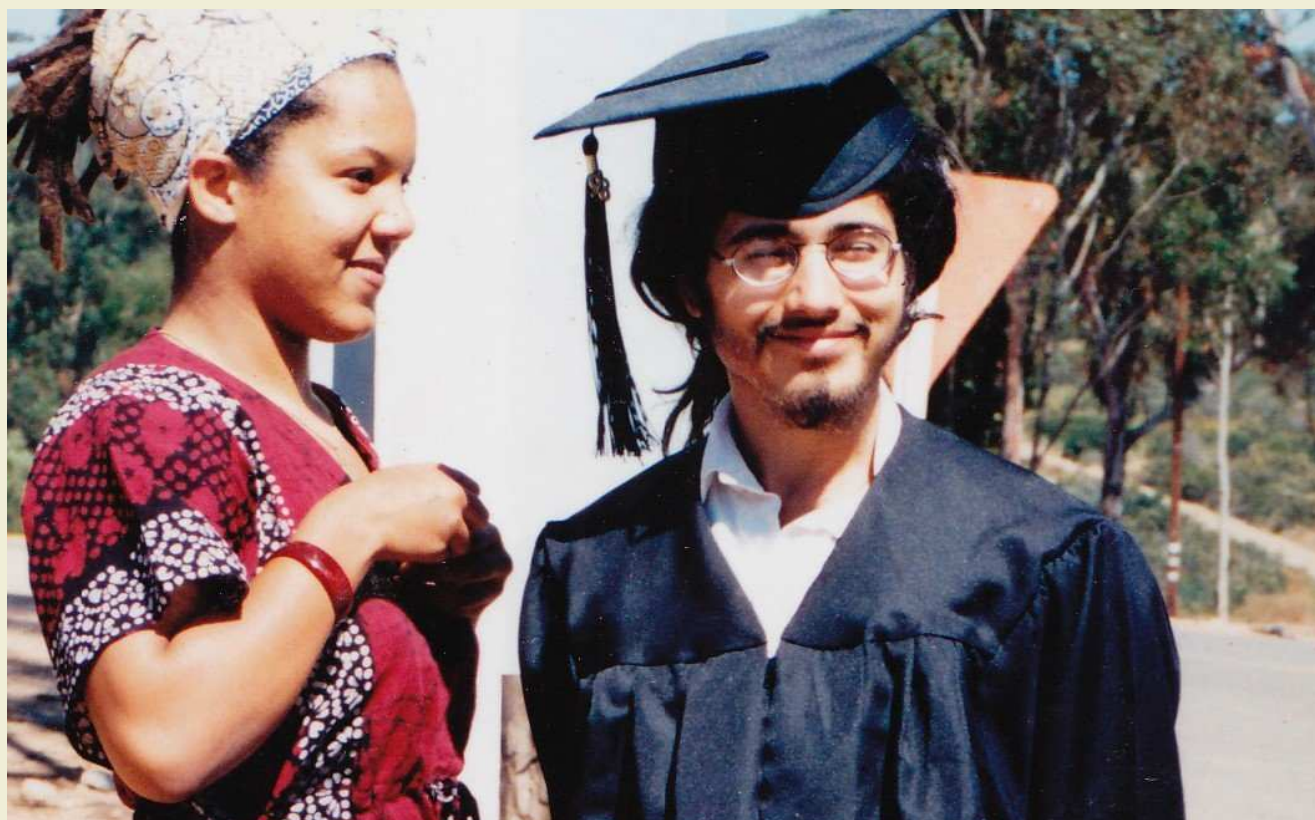


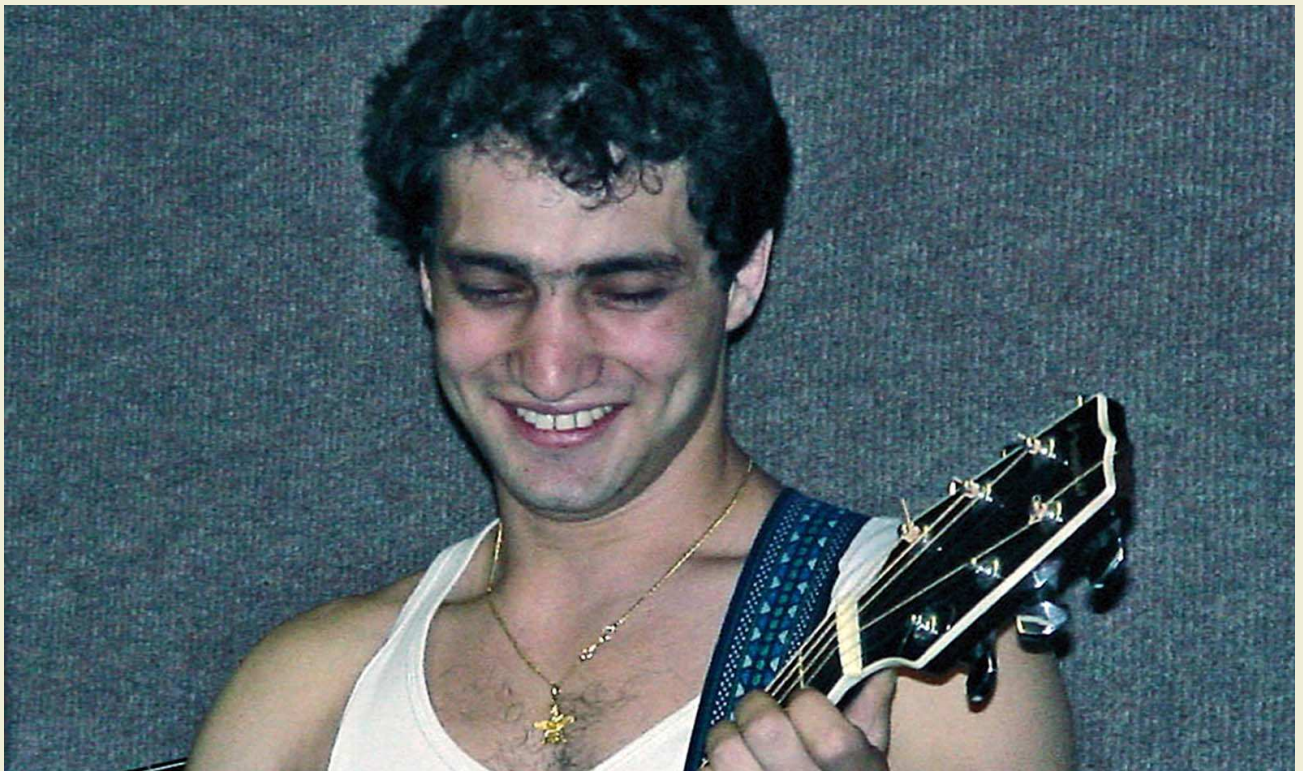
Adil, 1978









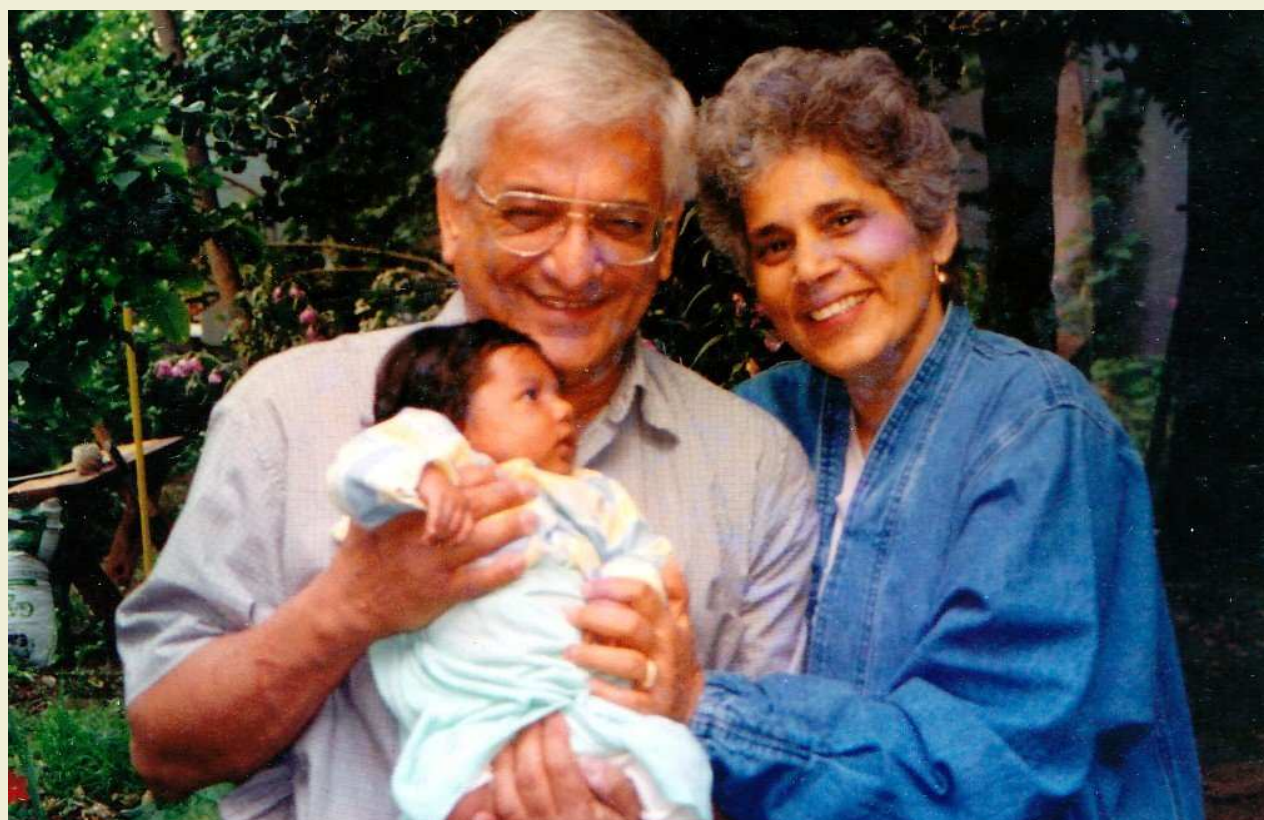




Your Great Grandchildren













Precious Moments







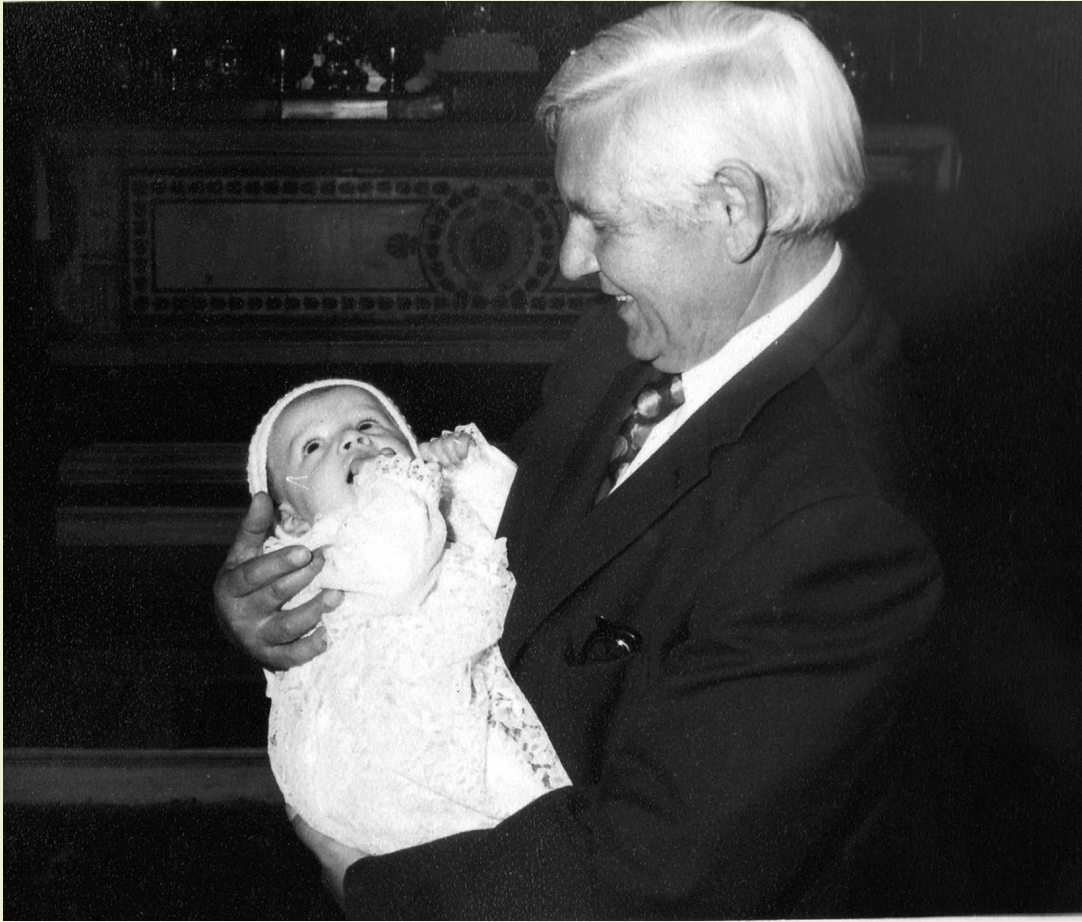


























Famous People Born 1911

Alice Gimmi-Tyabji – Born on 5th September 1911 to Hedwig and Adolf Gimmi in Zurich, Switzerland. Best mother, mother-in-law, grand mother, great grandmother, friend and aunt spanning the continents of Europe, Asia and Australia. Famous for her *saur braten*, *gugelhupf*, bead mats, knitting, crochet, cross stich and sewing and recipient of various awards. She was unanimously voted "Best Female Human on the Planet" by the Tyabji-Gimmi families on 5th September 2011.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi – the Indian Yogi who founded the Transcendental Meditation Movement.

Naguib Mahfouz – Egyptian Novelist and winner of the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Mahalia Jackson – Gospel singer deeply committed to the civil-rights movement, she was closely associated with the work of Dr Martin Luther King.

Josef Mengele – born in Germany and was the dreaded famous doctor known as the angel of death during Hitler's regime.

Ronald Wilson Reagan – born in Illinois, he was the 40th US President

Ginger Rogers – American film and stage actress, dancer and singer. She was Fred Astair's dance partner.

Tunku Abdul Rahman – founding father and first Prime Minister of Independent Malaysia.

Juan Manuel Fangio – Racing car driver from Argentina who dominated the first decade of Formula One racing.

Ali Solomone Aga Khan – The religious leader and international playboy.

Tennessee Williams - Playwright.

E F Schumacher – German Economist.

Historical Events in 1911

Jan 26th - Richard Strauss's opera "Die Rosenkavalier" premieres in Dresden.

Feb 6th - Great fire destroys downtown Constantinople/Istanbul Turkey.

Feb 18th - The first official flight with air mail takes place in Allahabad, British India, when Henri Pequet, a 23-year-old pilot, delivers 6,500 letters to Naini, about 10 km away.

Mar 8th - International Women's Day is launched in Copenhagen, Denmark, by Clara Zetkin, leader of the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany.

Mar 30th - Lötschberg tunnel in Switzerland (13,735 m.) completed.

Apr 12th - 1st non-stop London-Paris flight (Pierre Prier in 3h 56m).

Apr 30th - Portugal approves woman suffrage.

May 16th - Remains of a neanderthal man found in Jersey, UK.

May 31st - R.M.S. Titanic launched.

Jun 10th - Queen Wilhelmina opens Rembrandt house in Amsterdam.

Jun 15th - Tabulating Computing Recording Corporation (IBM) is incorporated.

Jun 16th - A 772-gram stony meteorite strikes the earth near Kilbourn, Columbia County, Wisconsin, damaging a barn.

Jun 22nd - King George V of England crowned.

Jul 8th - Nan Aspinwall is 1st woman to make solo transcontinental trip by horse.

Jul 17th - Proclamation removes "Dei Gratia" from Canada's coins - Overthrown Shah of Persia Mohammed Ali lands on Astrabad with army.

Jul 24th - Hiram Bingham discovers Lost City of the Incas.

Aug 8th - The millionth patent is filed in the United States Patent Office by Francis Holton for a tubeless vehicle tire.

Aug 22nd - Vincenzo Perugia steals Mona Lisa from Louvre, Paris.

Aug 29th - Ishi, considered the last Native American to make contact with European Americans, emerges from the wilderness of northeastern California.

Sep 4th - Roland Garros sets world altitude record of 4,250 m (13,944 ft).

Sep 5th - Alice Gimmi born to Hedwig and Adolf Gimmi in Zurich, Switzerland.

Sep 17th - First transcontinental airplane flight, NY-Pasadena in 82 hrs 4 min.

Sep 29th - Italy declares war on Turkey, starting the Italo-Turkish War.

Oct 4th - First public elevator (London's Earl's Court Metro Station).

Oct 6th - Beatrix van Rijk becomes first licensed Dutch woman pilot.

Oct 10th - Sun Yat-sen's revolutionaries overthrow Manchus (Taiwan National Day).

Oct 24th - Orville Wright remained in the air 9 minutes and 45 seconds in a glider at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina setting a new world record that stood for 10 years.

Nov 4th - France and Germany sign treaty about Morocco & Congo.

Nov 5th - Italy attacks Turkish North-Africa (Libya), takes Tripoli & Cyrenaica.

Nov 10th - Imperial army recaptures Nanking (blood bath)

Nov 19th - New York receives the first Marconi wireless transmission from Italy.

Dec 12th – The Delhi Durbar is held, formally announcing the coronation of King George V and his assumption of the title Emperor of India.

Dec 12th - Delhi replaces Calcutta as the capital of India.

Dec 1911 - The Gateway of India was built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to Bombay.

Dec 14th - South Pole first reached, by Norwegian Roald Amundsen.

Dec 27th – The Jana Gana Mana, which would become free India's National Anthem is sung for the first time at the Indian National Congress annual convention in Calcutta.

Dec 29th - Sun Yat-sen becomes the first President of the Republic of China.

Dec 29th - Mongolia gains independence from the Qing dynasty.

Dec 31st - Marie Curie receives her second Nobel Prize.



14.6 km of the Lötschberg tunnel in Switzerland (13,735 m) was largely dug by hand

Did You Know?

Charles de Jaeger was born in Vienna in 1911. He worked in Austria as a freelance photographer before moving to Britain during the 1930s where he worked for the film unit of General Charles de Gaulle's Free French Forces. He joined the BBC in 1943.

De Jaeger had a reputation for being a practical joker. One time he had to buy some dungarees to protect his clothes during an assignment. He requested compensation from the BBC but was denied. The administration told him that he should have worn old clothes. A month later de Jaeger submitted an expense report in which he included £6, spent on "entertaining press officer, Mr Dungarees." De Jaeger noted, "They paid without a murmur."

The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

On April 1, 1957 the British news show *Panorama* broadcast a three-minute segment about a bumper spaghetti harvest in southern Switzerland. The success of the crop was attributed both to an unusually mild winter and to the "virtual disappearance of the spaghetti weevil." The audience heard Richard Dimbleby, the show's highly respected anchor, discussing the details of the spaghetti crop as they watched video footage of a Swiss family pulling pasta off spaghetti trees and placing it into baskets. The segment concluded with the assurance that, **"For those who love this dish, there's nothing like real, home-grown spaghetti."**

The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest hoax generated an enormous response. Hundreds of people phoned the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this query the BBC diplomatically replied, "Place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

To this day the *Panorama* broadcast remains one of the most famous and popular April Fool's Day hoaxes of all time. It is also believed to be the first time the medium of television was used to stage an April Fool's Day hoax.

The person who came up with the idea of the spaghetti harvest hoax was *Panorama* cameraman Charles de Jaeger.

The idea for the spaghetti harvest hoax grew out of a remark one of his Viennese school teachers often teasingly said to his class: "Boys, you're so stupid, you'd believe me if I told you that spaghetti grows on trees." As an adult, it occurred to de Jaeger that it would be funny to turn this remark into a visual joke for April Fool's Day. He became quite obsessed with the idea, trying a number of times to sell the idea to different bosses. But it was only in 1957 while he was working for *Panorama* that he found some willing accomplices.

Switzerland produced an **embroidered** stamp in 2000, celebrating the world-famous embroidery created in St. Gallen, one of the Swiss cantons.



The multi-coloured Swiss Guards who protect the Pope in the Vatican City must be single, Catholic, males aged between 19 and 30 and at least 5ft 9in tall with Swiss citizenship. Their official language is German. (The Telegraph 2008)

Films were made in Switzerland only after 1924, before which only foreign films were shown.

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer is an accomplished footballer and considered becoming a professional before pursuing a career in tennis. He remains an avid supporter of hometown club FC Basel.



*Messages
from
Family and Friends*





Thank you for being a wonderful Mum.
With love,
Ursula



Dear Nani, I can't even begin to express how much I love you so I'll let my actions talk for me. Tariq



Darling Nani,
Happy, happy birthday How can I explain even to you what an inspiration you are and have always been to me? Maybe to relate one small story; when you visited us here in Oman and we went up to Jebel Akhdar when you were just a young thing of 95 - we tried to get you to stay in the car and look at the view in comfort, rather than getting out and struggling across the terrible stony ground to the edge of the cliff - but I turned around, and there you were, bad knees and all. And when I asked you why, you said : "Well, darling, it hurts if I do it, but it hurts anyway if I don't. So I might as well do it, and see it PROPERLY ... "
Such courage, such a love of life, such a warm heart. If I could manage to be half of what you are I would be proud of myself ... I love you!
Your only granddaughter!
Clara



My darling Dadima,
I have tried to imagine what it must be like to be you. From Zurich to Bombay to Sydney, 100 years of living life! You are an inspiration to us all. I will never forget something you once said- "Keep active in the mind, be kind and always help others". Coming from you these are not only words of wisdom, they are also well learnt and practiced lessons. With all my love and unending wonder for you,
Micheł



Dearest Dadima,
I wish you a very happy Centennial Birthday!! Many Hugs and Bravo for being one of the Chosen Few who live to see so very much! I am exceedingly glad that I am able to be with you on your 100th Birthday, surrounded by all our family. This definitely marks the occasion of 2011 for both Azura and I! Truly, your Faith and Strength have been an Inspiration to Me all the years of my Life. Thus I always carry a strong sense of Love and Gratitude for you. My only regret is not being able to see and communicate with you more often than I have. Maybe that can change now! May God continue to make you shine and grow and spread the joy of living. All my Love,
Farhad





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Darling Dadima,
Your love and generosity has been with me for
my entire life and I have no words to
describe how important that has been.
Your beautiful craftsmanship has taught me
that love can be shown in so many ways.
You are amongst the healthiest that humanity
can offer and I am so proud to be with you on
your one hundredth birthday party.
Happy One Hundred Years Of Life Dadima.
I love you very much.
Always yours,
Adil



The 100th day is a special day. One century,
36,500 days of adventures, discoveries and
triumphs. A race, or more like a relaxing walk to
your 100th year, your grand moment, and your time
of stardom. You have done many wonderful deeds in
your lifetime and have had many wonderful
birthdays, but your fantastic 100th, the big 1-0-0
must be the mother of all. I hope you cherish this
extraordinary day, because we do! Always remember
no matter how old you are, loving family and
adoring friends will always surround you. Happy
Birthday☺!
Love,
Azu

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Alice dearest,
A very Happy 100th Birthday in the company of your family and friends - with many more to come with good health and happiness. May all your dreams come true and may you always be showered by HIS blessings.

You have always been a role model for us :-

- in the way you have shouldered life's challenges with equanimity.
- in the way you have spread love and goodwill all around you.
- in the way you have borne life's health burdens with love, and
- in the way your family (Young and old) love and adore you.

We love you very much and wish all THE BEST FOR YOU.

Roshan & Noshir



Liebes Gotti, liebe Tante Alice,
Aus Deiner Geburtsstadt, 'us Züri' schicken wir Dir nur die besten Wünsche, Gesundheit und Zufriedenheit. Wir gratulieren dir herzlich zum HUNDERTSTEN Geburtstag, eine grossartige Leistung.

Auch wenn wir tausende von Kilometer weit weg sind denken wir immer an Dich und wünschen Dir weiterhin eine gute, schmerzfreie Zeit.

Dein Ronni, Feroza, Dario & Fabian Gimmi



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Dear Dadima,
Happy 100th Birthday! What an incredible blessing it is to share this day with you! If I think of what the last 100 years held, and of all that you have witnessed on our Earth, I am truly humbled and amazed! Your life gives us inspiration to be good to ourselves and to each other, so that we may see the longevity which you have achieved. All your lovely crafts, knitting and needlework always share your sweet spirit with us, as we use these gifts in our home. The greatest gift today is a birthday present from you to us, that we are so fortunate to get to share this special time with you!
Love,
Rosa



Of my longest standing, or sitting? Friend, I want to say "My Friend Alice is indeed a Friend a Friend of Sterling quality." Cannot say more than that. Don't let it be too late.
Love,
Nora

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My darling Aunty Alice,
You've inspired me ever since I've known you. Shannon and I met you at my parents' 40th Anniversary in Bombay and instantly loved your sparkle and pluck. I especially value your clear, straightforward manner. What a joy it has been for me to be in Malaysia the several times when you have also been there! I'll not forget sitting on the marble floor in Robert's and Hootoksi's lovely "Istana" (palace) in Shah Alam, listening to your fascinating life-story. Your exquisitely cross-stitched Christmas cards are brought out each year. They are cherished pieces. You are ever so special! Our world is the richer for having you in it for these 100 years! Thank you for being you. I love you.
Shehernavaz



Lovely to hear of your plans for Alice Khala's birthday.
I'd like to send her lots of love, and thank her for all she and Ameen Chacha did for my mother in the years before they left for Australia.
I myself cherish the memory of how she looked after me in Delhi, having rescued me from my barsati where I was nursing a frozen shoulder (in freezing weather), and at C399 Defence colony, looked after me so wonderfully that I started talking about the Swiss sanatorium I found myself in. I hope she thoroughly enjoys life now, and will enjoy her birthday.
Salima





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Dearest Alice,
Sending you lots of love and Best Wishes for your Centenary Celebrations. We are so fortunate to have known you all these years and to witness first hand how loving and caring you are. You have been a great example to all of us and we are in awe of how thoughtful you have always been. Judy fondly remembers Michel, Farhad and Adil proudly showing off the sweaters you had lovingly knitted for them on their visits to us. And now Judy plans on continuing the tradition with Olivia. Because of all the fond memories the Tyabji boys recounted to our family, all of us including Jon and Sheri and their spouses adore you. You have a wonderful family and we are sure you are thoroughly enjoying them as they are you. Alice you are one in a million and we love you very much.

With warmest wishes, love and kisses,
Judy, Kershasp, Jon, Jessica, Sheri, Preston and Olivia



My Dear Alice,
You have given us real pleasure by your company. I wish you everything good in life and a very happy 100'th birthday.
With love,
Naju

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Dear Alice,
When looking through the family history on the website of Robert, we enjoyed seeing pictures of the times of our childhood in Bombay and Matheran with our parents - and with the monkeys at Monkey Point. Yes, those were the days! They did return on the few occasions during visits to India when we enjoyed picnics and Bird Watching with Amin and Salim Ali at the lakes in Borivili Park. It is wonderful that we can still congratulate you - as the last member of our parents' Swiss-Bombay generation - for your first three-digit birthday. With love and best wishes; machs guet!
Heini, Rosmarie and Peter



Dear Alice,
You have always been a very dear friend, and a source of great inspiration to me. I admire your spirit to live, and your love for life. I have missed your company for many years now and wish you were here beside me.
Here's wishing you a wonderful 100th birthday!!!
Love,
Champa





Alice, my loved friend, what a wonderful journey of Friendship we have traveled together. You have taught me so much. Each time I think of you I remember the saying "In our lifetime the Lord creates His special people and the mould is then thrown away". You, my dear, are one of these people.

Your love and understanding of others shines from you always.

How blest I have been.

Val



Alice - (Dear Grandma) - When someone says to me "Do you know Alice"? what a joy it is to say "Yes, she is my friend". When asked to come shopping or visiting, the words "I come" are wonderful to hear but after Service on a Sunday morning when you are in pain and I say " Grandma, get in the car ", I know the answer will be "No, I will walk". Such spirit and determination, the reason for loving you.
Jennifer



My dear Alice,

A very happy birthday to you. It has been many many years since we last met in Mumbai but I always get news of you. The last we met was when I bought your writing table from you and you were getting ready to leave for Australia. The table is still with me and a great favourite. Much love and have a wonderful day with all your family.

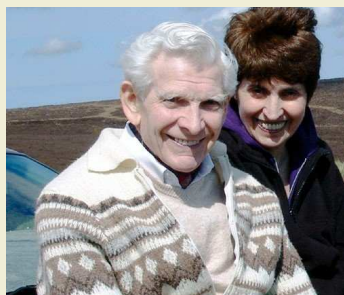
Love,

Navaz





Dear Alice,
Though we have met only a few times over the years, I have always enjoyed hearing Robert, Hootoksi and the boys talk with such warmth and enthusiasm about your various talents, your zest for life and your sweet temperament. So I am delighted Alice dear to have this opportunity to be able to tell you - on your 100th birthday - that I have the greatest respect and admiration for you!
And what better reward could you have than being able to celebrate your centenary surrounded by your loved ones!
With warm affection,
Gitanjali



Dearest Alice,
We send our Heartfelt Loving Wishes from White House Glamis and hope you have a Fantastic 100th Birthday - Congratulations. Much love,
Tom, Elizabeth and Alex





My Dearest Alice,
I feel privileged knowing you Alice - not in wonderland but what a women you are - WOW.
You are a gentle, loving, thoughtful, kind soul - rare as they don't make them like you these days .
You have been a great Mom as you have brought up Robert so well - who is a super guy.
I loved the time I briefly spent with you privately in KL, when I realized just how much world knowledge you had and the abundance of love you had in your strong heart.
Your approach to life was so simple, genuine and fair.
Happy 100th Birthday Alice - You deserve the century and I want you to live life to it's fullest.
All my Love - Always.
Jimmy, Lale, Jim and Sim



Dearest Nanima
Congratulations on reaching a century! You are a total inspiration to everyone who meets you. I always remember climbing nervously aboard the Malaysia Eye while you sprang ahead with a smile on your face clearly relishing the fact that in a minute we would all be dangling high in the sky with an expanse of water beneath us! What guts! Keep living life to the full, as you always have done, and wishing you many more years of adventure ahead!
With all our love and very best wishes.
Kate and Khalifa



Your Circle of Love



