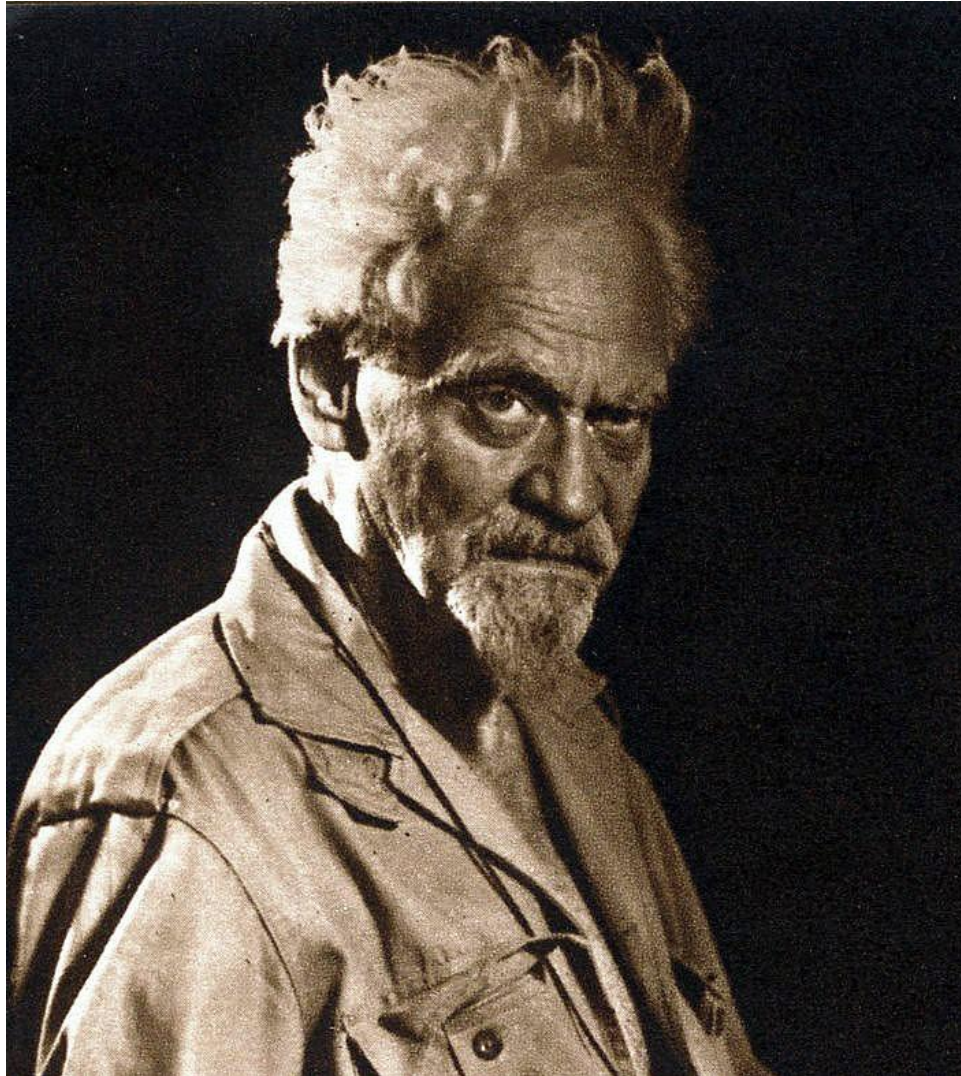


Gerald Brosseau Gardner

Progress Report



Gerald Gardner from document records

So far this report is mainly about Gerald B. Gardner's time when he was overseas.

Concerning edition E:

I have added a batch of newspaper bits and articles from Malayan newspapers that mentioned Gerald Gardner.

There are a few more left that I found with different spelling versions that I will add later.

Also want to add maps and images.

Old notes:

Note: The version on the website is 2012 and I did some updating in 2015 on the word doc but not updated on the website.

In the past one of my favorite area of collecting was the coinage of Sarawak, Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States which were areas that years later I find out that Gerald Gardner was in the 1910's to 1930's.

An now in 2024, I am back working on Gerald B. Gardner again.

Gerald Gardner from document records

~ 1884

GERALD BROSSAU GARDNER was born 13 June 1884 at Leighton, Blundellsands, Lancashire.

Father: William Robert Gardner

Mother: Louise Burguclew Ennis

Ceylon (modern day Sri Lanka)

~ 26 January 1895

Mr. D. Elkington was on a passenger list for the ship "Ophir" dated 26 January 1895 that sailed from Plymouth, England to Colombo, Ceylon.

From the passenger list of the ship Orphir:

Date 26th Jan^y 1895

Ship's Name. / Master's Name. / Tons per Register. / Where Bound.

Ophir / J. F. Ruthven / 6910 / Australia

Port of Embarkation. / Names of Passengers. / Professions, Occupations, ... / English.

- Marital status - Sex - Age / Port at which Passengers have contracted to Land.

PLYMOUTH / Elkington M^r D / ----- / English - Single - Male - "a" Adult of 12 years and upwards / Colombo

Images of part of the record:

J. PENGELLY & Co., PLYMOUTH.					
SCHEDULE B. FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.					
Ship's Name.	Master's Name.	Tons per Register.	Aggregate number of superficial feet in the several compartments set apart for Passengers other than Cabin Passengers.	Total number of Statute Adults, exclusive of Master, Crew, and Cabin Passengers, which the Ship can legally carry.	Where Bound.
Ophir	J. F. Ruthven	6910	3930	183	Australia

I HEREBY Certify that the Provisions actually laden on board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Passengers' Act, for 183 Statute Adults, for a Voyage of 75 Days.

Date 26th Jan^y 1895

(Signature) J. F. Ruthven Master.

Dunsany - Lord
 Haines Francis
 Goode Miss G.
 Elkington M^{rs} G.

Madeira (320 miles west of the coast of Morocco)

~ 29 October 1898

According to a passenger list of the ship "Caribrook Castle" dated 29 October 1898, Miss Combie and Mstr. G. Gardner sailed from Southampton, England to the island of Madeira

Ship's Name. / Official Number. / Master's Name. / Tons per Register. / Where Bound.

"CARIBROOK CASTLE." / 108351 / J. C. Robinson / 4246 / South Africa

Date 29th October 1898

Names and Description of Passengers.

Port of Embarkation. / Names of Passengers. / Professions, Occupations, ... / Scotch. - Marital status - Sex - Age / Port at which Passengers have contracted to Land.

Ston / Miss Combie / None / Scotch - Single - Female - 26 / Madeira

" / Mstr G Gardner / " / Scotch - Male - 6 / "

Images of part of the record:

CASTLE LINE,
 DONALD CURRIE & CO., MANAGERS
(CARRYING THE BRITISH AND COLONIAL ROYAL MAILS),

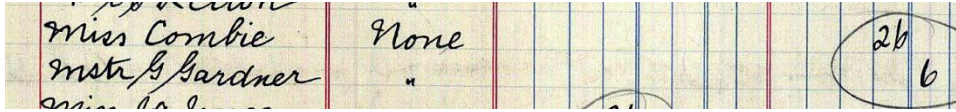
BETWEEN
LONDON & THE CAPE COLONY, NATAL, MAURITIUS, MADAGASCAR & EAST AFRICA.

SCHEDULE B.

FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

Ship's Name.	Official Number.	Master's Name.	Tons per Register.	Aggregate Number of Registered Pass in the various Compartments on board for Passengers, other than Cabin Passengers.	Total Number of Marine Adults, exclusive of Master, Crew and Cabin Passengers, which the Ship can legally carry.	Where Bound.
"CARIBROOK CASTLE."	108351	J. C. Robinson	4246			South Africa

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Provisions actually laden on board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Passengers' Act, for 740 Statute Adults, for a Voyage of 65 Days.



Ceylon (modern day Sri Lanka)

~ 5 June 1899

According to a passenger list of the ship "Darmstadt" dated 5 June 1899, Miss McCombie sailed from Southampton, England to Colombo, Ceylon.

From the passenger list of the ship "Darmstadt":

Date 5th June 1899.

Ship's Name. / Master's Name. / Tons per Register. / Where Bounded.

"Darmstadt" / B. Wilhelmi / 3161 / Australia

Port of Embarkation. / Names of Passengers. / Professions, Occupations, ... / Foreigners. - Marital status - Sex - Age / Port at which Passengers have contracted to Land.

Southampton / Miss M^c Combie / ----- / Foreigners - Single - Female - Adult of 12 years and upwards (handwritten note "E. I.") / Colombo

Images of part of the record:

FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

SHIP'S NAME.	MASTER'S NAME.	Tons per Register.	Aggregate number of superficial feet in the several compartments set apart for Passengers other than Cabin Passengers.	Total Number of Statute Adults exclusive of Master, Crew, and Cabin Passengers, which the Ship can legally carry.	WHERE BOUND.
Darmstadt	B. Wilhelmi	3161			Australia

I HEREBY Certify that the Provisions actually laden on board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Passengers' Act, for _____ Statute Adults, for a Voyage of _____ Days.

(Signature) *B. Wilhelmi* Master.

Date *5th June* 1899.

Part of Embarkation.	Names of Passengers.	Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers.	Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Ages of Children between 1 and 12 years.		Infants.		Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Ages of Children between 1 and 12 years.		Infants.		Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Ages of Children between 1 and 12 years.		Infants.		Ports at which Passengers have contracted to Land.
			Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single					
			Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females					
Southampton	Miss Mc Combie Mrs Buchanan Miss P. ...																				Colombo Bremantle

Port of Embarkation.	Number of Contract Tickets	Names of Passengers.
		<i>cabin</i>
<i>Southampton</i>		<i>Miss McCombie</i>
"		<i>Mr. Buchanan</i>

Madeira (320 miles west of the coast of Morocco)

~ **4 November 1899**

According to a passenger list of the ship "Briton" dated 4 November 1899, G. B. Gardner and Miss McCombie sailed from Southampton, England to the island of Madeira.

From a passenger list of the ship Briton:

Date 4^t November 1899.

Ship's Name / Master's Name / Tons per Register / Where Bound

"Briton" / E. J. Griffin / 5154. / South Africa

Part of Embarkation / Names' of Passengers / Profession, Occupation ... / SCOTCH - Age, Sex and Marital status / Port at which Passengers contracted to Land

Southampton / Miss M^c. Combie / SCOTCH - Adult of 12 years and upwards - Female - Single / Madeira

" / Mr G. B. Gardner / SCOTCH - Adult of 12 years and upwards - Male - Single / Madeira

Images of part of the record:

SCHEDULE B.					
FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.					
SHIP'S NAME	MASTER'S NAME	Tons per Register	Aggregate number of separate compartments set apart for Passengers other than Cabin Passengers	Total number of Statute Adults, exclusive of Master, Crew, and Cabin Passengers, which the Ship can legally carry	WHERE BOUND
"BRITON"	E. J. GRIFFIN	5154.			SOUTH AFRICA

U.S. 299
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I hereby Certify that the Provisions actually laden on Board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Passengers' Act, for _____ Statute Adults, for a Voyage of _____ days.

Date 4^t November 1899 (Signature) [Signature] Master.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PASSENGERS.

SCHEDULE B																						
Port of Embarkation	No. of Cabins Taken	Names of Passengers	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers	EGYPTIAN						SIAM						INDIA						Port at which Passengers have contracted to Land
				Age of each Adult of 18 years and upwards		Age of Children between 1 and 15 years		Infants		Age of each Adult of 18 years and upwards		Age of Children between 1 and 15 years		Infants		Age of each Adult of 18 years and upwards		Age of Children between 1 and 15 years		Infants		
				Married	Single	Married	Single	Male	Female	Married	Single	Male	Female	Married	Single	Male	Female	Married	Single	Male	Female	
				Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Southampton		Brought forward																				
		M ^r Edward Roberts																				Madras
		M ^{rs} White																				
		M ^r M ^r A. G. Ricks																				
		M ^{rs} M ^c Combie																				
		M ^r G. B. Gardner																				
		M ^{rs} May Scriven																				

M^r + M^r A. G. Ricks.
 M^{rs} M^c Combie.
 M^r G. B. Gardner.
 M^{rs} May Scriven.

Ceylon (modern day Sri Lanka)

~ **7 November 1901**

According to a passenger list for the ship "S.S. Shropshire", G. B. Gardner and Miss McCombie sailed from Marseilles, France on 7 November 1901 and went to Colombo, Ceylon.

From the passenger list of the S.S. Shropshire:

Bibby Line

Passenger List of the Twin S.S. "Shropshire,"

From Liverpool for Marseilles, Egypt, Colombo & Rangoon.

Sailed from Liverpool, 31st Oct., 1901

Sailing from Marseilles, 7 Nov., 1901

Commander..... E. Parker.

Per S.S. "Shropshire."

MARSEILLES TO COLOMBO

Mr. G. B. Gardner

Miss McCombie

Images of parts of the record:

BIBBY LINE.



Passenger List
OF THE TWIN S.S.
"SHROPSHIRE,"
FROM
LIVERPOOL
FOR
**Marseilles, Egypt,
Colombo & Rangoon.**

Sailed from Liverpool, 31st Oct., 1901
Sailing from Marseilles, 7 Nov., 1901

Commander.....**E. PARKER.**
Surgeon.....**Dr. W. P. CORNACK.**
Chief Steward ...**Mr. W. S. WARDELL.**
Stewardesses ... **Mrs. MOULD.**
 Mrs. GRAY.

Per S.S. "Shropshire."

MARSEILLES TO PORT SAID
 Major E. P. Strickland
 Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Vallance
 Mrs. Novelli
 Miss Novelli and Nurse
 Mrs. Lawes
 Mr. and Mrs. David
 Major Lewis
 Mrs. Coates
 Miss Coates
 and Maid

MARSEILLES TO COLOMBO.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Hunt
 Mr. L. J. Boustead
 Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hill
 Mr. and Mrs. Halliley
 Child and Nurse
 Mr. A. C. Davies
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Atken
 Child and European Nurse
 Mr. F. C. T. Macky
 Mr. A. Stanley Tapp
 Mr. Walter L. Brunwell
 Mr. G. B. Gardner
 Miss McCombie
 Mr. H. Spence
 Mr. L. G. Knight

MARSEILLES TO RANGOON.
 Mr. James Henderson
 Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Carey
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Adamson
 Mrs. G. Perry
 Mrs. Wingate
 Mrs. Owen
 Miss Owen
 Mr. G. R. Long
 Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lewis
 Mr. A. Atherton
 Mrs. A. H. Bagley
 Miss B. Higginson
 Rev. A. E. Taylor
 Mr. Habener
 Mrs. Percival Marshall
 Mrs. Clement Leggat
 Mr. E. J. Foucar
 Mr. H. F. P. Hall
 Mr. H. H. Forteach
 Mrs. C. R. Connell

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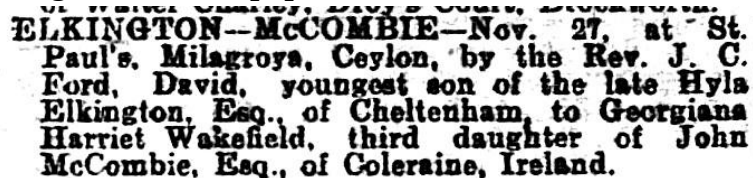
~ **27 November 1901**

Georgiana Harriet Wakefield McCombie married David Elkington on 27 November 1901 at St. Paul's, Milagroya, Ceylon.

From the newspaper, Cheltenham Chronicle, Saturday 21 December 1901, page 2. Marriages.

ELKINGTON - McCOMBIE --- Nov. 27, at St. Paul's, Milagroya, Ceylon, by the Rev. J. C. Ford, David, youngest son of the late Hyla Elkington, Esq., of Cheltenham, to Georgiana Harriet Wakefield, third daughter of John McCombie, Esq., of Coleraine, Ireland.

Image of the newspaper article:



ELKINGTON--McCOMBIE--Nov. 27, at St. Paul's, Milagroya, Ceylon, by the Rev. J. C. Ford, David, youngest son of the late Hyla Elkington, Esq., of Cheltenham, to Georgiana Harriet Wakefield, third daughter of John McCombie, Esq., of Coleraine, Ireland.

~ 27 October 1904

The parents and a brother of Gerald Gardner were on a passenger list for the ship "S.S.Staffordshire" that left Liverpool, England on 27 October 1904 and sailed to Colombo, Ceylon.

From the passenger list of the S.S. Staffordshire:

Bibby Line.

List of Passengers

Per Twin S.S. "Staffordshire"

Sailing from

Liverpool, 27th October, 1904.

Marseilles, 3rd November, 1904.

LIVERPOOL TO COLOMBO.

Mr. W. R. Gardner

Mrs. Gardner

Mr. F. D. Gardner

Images of part of the record:



LIVERPOOL TO COLOMBO.

• Sir Frederick Nicholson	Mr. W. N. Johnston
Lady Nicholson	Miss Archdale
• Mr. T. T. Logan	Miss L. E. Fitzgerald
Mrs. T. T. Logan,	Mr. H. J. C. Prior
Infant and Ayah	• Mr. W. R. Gardner
Mr. Nicholson	Mrs. Gardner
Mrs. Worrall	Mr. F. D. Gardner
Mr. H. L. Andrews	Miss Tompkins
Miss Byron	

~ **1907**

Mr. G. B. Gardner was listed on a passenger list of the ship "S.S. Derbyshire" that sailed from Liverpool on 21 November 1907 to go to Colombo, Ceylon.

From the passenger list of the S.S. Derbyshire:

List of Passengers

PER TWIN S.S. "DERBYSHIRE"

Sailing from

Liverpool, 21st November, 1907.

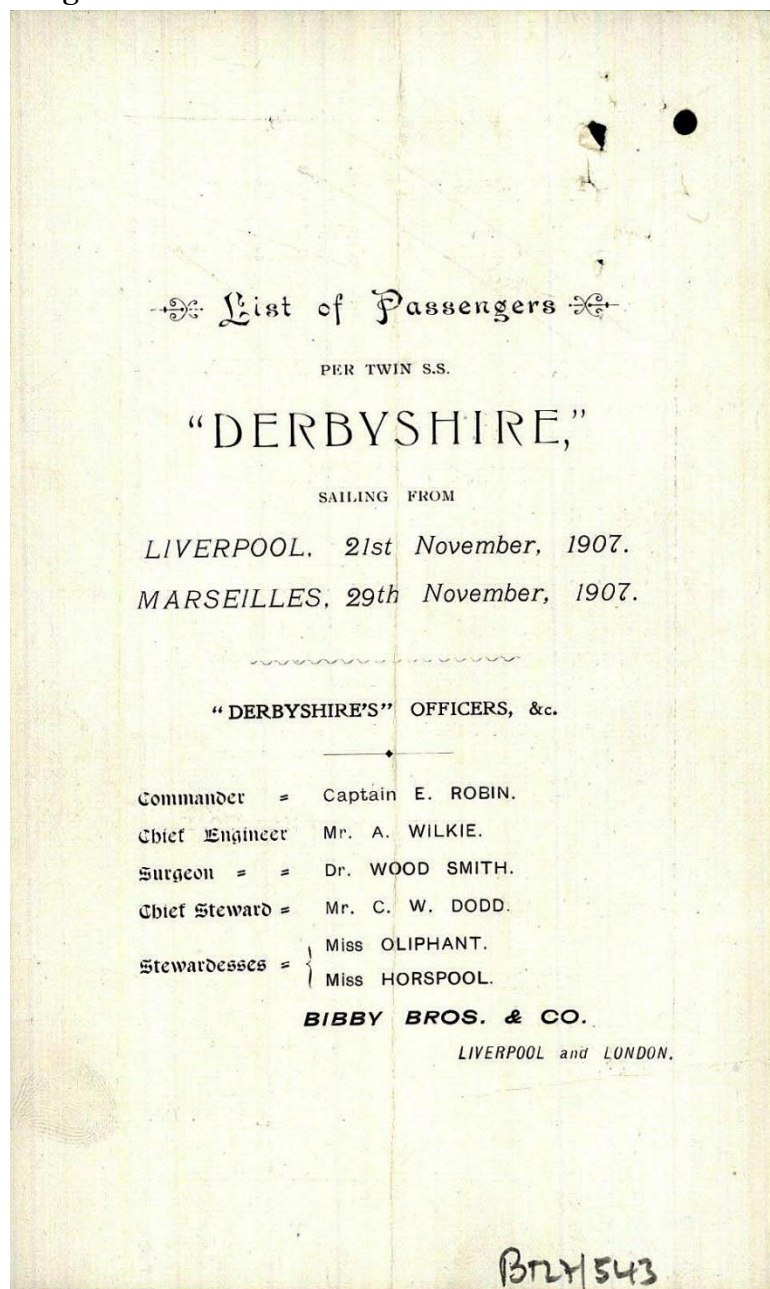
Marseilles, 29th November, 1907.

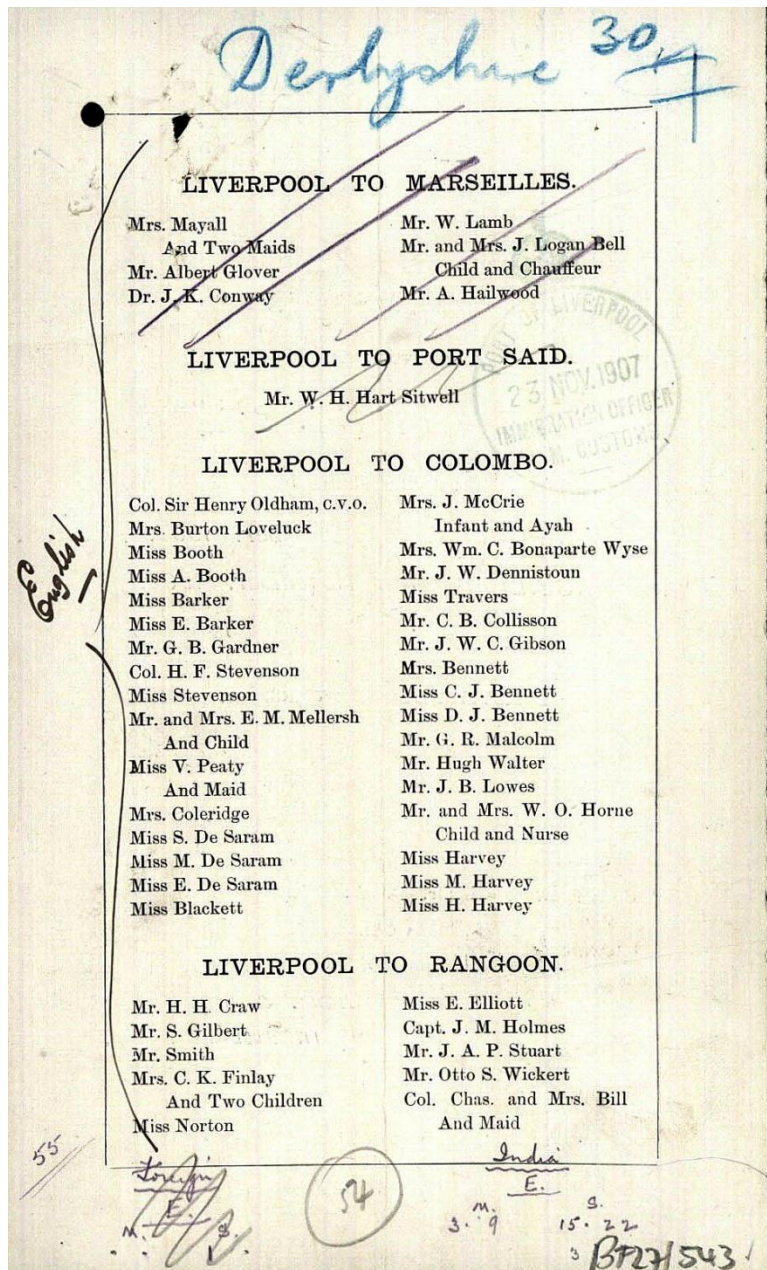
Commander Captain E. Robin.

LIVERPOOL TO COLOMBO

Mr. G. B. Gardner

Images of the record:





~ 1910 to 1911

While Gerald Gardner was in Ceylon, he became a member of the Freemason Sphinx Lodge No. 107 in Colombo, Ceylon.

Gardner started in 23 May 1910 and got a G. L. Certificate in 18 May 1911. He then resigned

From the Freemason Membership Registers:

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Sphinx Lodge No. 107 Colombo Ceylon

Christian Name / Surname / Vocation / E. A. / F. C. / M. M. / G. L. Cert. /
Observations

Gerald B / Gardner / Planter / 23. 5. 1910 / 20. 6. 10 / 27. 6. 10 / 18 May 1911 /
Resigned

Images of part of the record:

Christian Name	Surname	Vocation	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	G. L. Cert.	OBSERVATIONS
Bert Dwyer	Dwyer	Barrow Officer	22. 9. 1909	15. 10. 09	15. 11. 09	20 OCT 1909	2. 7. 1909 same as any
Hugh C	Levens	Soldier	2. 9. 1909	15. 10. 09	15. 11. 09	18 MAY 1911	Resigned
Ernest J	Parker	do	do	do	do	18 MAY 1911	Resigned 1911
Alexander	Allen	Sea Sport	18. 10. 09	22. 11. 09	24. 1. 10	18 MAY 1911	Resigned 1911
Lewis	Walker	School Master	do	23. 2. 10	21. 3. 10	18 MAY 1911	Resigned 1911
James H.	Oxred	Sea Sport	24. 1. 1910	do	23. 8. 10	18 MAY 1911	Resigned
Alexander N.	Lamb	do	do	do	24. 5. 10	18 MAY 1911	Resigned 1910
Gerald B.	Gardner	Planter	23. 5. 1910	20. 6. 10	27. 6. 10	18 MAY 1911	Resigned
Henry J.	Bromley	Sea Sport	(21. 10. 09)	do	do	18 JUL 1911	22. 3. 1910 Resigned

British North Borneo (present day state of Sabah in Malaysia)

~ ca 1910 to 1911

I didn't have any luck (yet) finding documents that has Gerald Gardner's name on it concerning when he was in British North Borneo. He was there for only a year minus or plus a few months.

So what I then did was to prove some of the people that he mentioned meeting while he was in British North Borneo.

From the Kindle version of the book Gerald Gardner Witch, by J. L. Bracelin, 1960 (Gardner arrived at Jesselton in British North Borneo, and...)

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"As Gardner stood on the deck, gazing at the small town, a man's voice intruded into his speculations.

"You Gardner?"

Gardner agreed that he was, and the other somewhat roughly identified himself as Graham, the manager of Mawo Estate, where Gardner was to work. They shook hands, and then Graham nodded."

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"Mawo Estate, Membuket, was about fifty miles from Jesselton."

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Much of the work which Graham's plans made necessary devolved upon the estate surveyor. This man, Hoffman was a Eurasian, officially classed as a "native".

Image of the record:

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SABLAS RUBBER, LD.—London Office, 37,
Threadneedle Street, Cable Ad: Mawao
Secretary—Harington J. Forbes
Manager—Rutherford J. Graham
Assistants—F. J. Heber, C. Craig, R.
D. Hoffmann
Medical Officer—Dr. R. Roper
Accountant—R. J. Richardson
—————

From the 1912 directory of the Sablas Rubber Ltd in British North Borneo, we find listed Rutherford J. Graham as the manager and R. H. Hoffmann as an assistant.

From the 1912 edition of The Directory & Chronicle for China, Japan, Korea, ...:

Page 1508

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

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Medical Officer --- Dr. R. Roper

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[Research note: I was not able to find the 1911 edition of The Directory & Chronicle for China, Japan, Korea, .. If it can be found, it may have G. B. Gardner's name in it (if the laborers were considered as an assistant at Sablas Rubber, Ltd).]

From the 1917 directory of the Sablas Rubber Ltd in British North Borneo, we find R. J. Graham is now general manager of the companies two estates, the Mawao Estate and the Papar Estate.

From the 1917 edition of the Asia, Far East Directories & Chronicles:

Page 1500

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

SABLAS NORTH BORNEO RUBBER, LTD.,

Papar and Mawao Estate --- London Office: 37 Threadneedle Street; Tel. Ad: Papar (Jesselton)

Gen. Manager --- R. J. Graham

Manager Papar Estate --- R. J. Graham

Manager Mawao Estate --- R. S. H. Carew

Assistants --- F. P. Young, R. Skinner, A. Gusch, A. van Hoasbergen and H. K. Iyer

Medical Officer --- Dr. H. A. Lambert

Apothecary --- C. Mitchell

Visiting Agent --- A. Patrick Hadow

Local Agents --- I. H. Hall

Image of the record:

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SABLAS NORTH BORNEO RUBBER, LTD.,
Papar and Mawao Estate—London Office:
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Carew
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Sarawak (modern day Malaysia)

~ Ca. 1911

Perak, Federated Malay States (modern day Malaysia)

~ 1912 to 1914

While Gerald B. Gardner in Sungkai, Perak, Federated Malay States, he was a member of the Freemason Napier Lodge No. 3418 in Teluk Anson (now Teluk Intan), Perak. He is first recorded as being initiated in 3 April 1912 and the record goes to 1914.

Gerald Gardner then resigned 23 October 1914.

From the Freemason Membership Registers:

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Napier Lodge - Teluk Anson

No. 3418 cont^d.

Date of Initiation. / Passing. / Raising. / Surname. / Christian name. / Age. / Residence. / Profession. / Certificate.

1912 - Apl 3 / from / 107 I.C. / Gardner / G B / 26 / Sungkai / Planter / (blank)

Payments made:

1912 - J. (July) - 7/6

1912 - D. (December) - check marked

1913 - D. (December) - check marked

1914 - D. (December) - check marked

Res^d. 23/10/1914

Images of part of the record:

DATE OF INITIATION	PASSING	RAISING	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PROFESSION	CERTIFI- CATE
1912 - Apl 3			Wilson	John	31	Teluk Anson	Planter	1309 11.12.12
" do 3	May 3	June 5	Marshall	Frederick Howell	27	do	do	1357 15.1.13
" do "	do "	do "	Gardner	Stanley Harris	29	do	do	1358 "
" do "	from	107 I.C.	Gardner	G.	26	Sungkai	do	"
" do "	"	1835	Lowe	Victor Leonard	"	Teluk Anson	Accountant	"

" do "	May	Stanley Harris	29
107 I.C.	Gardner	G B	26
1555	Lowe	Victor Leonard	-
2222	-

~ **January 1913**

Mr. G. B. Gardner, Superintendent of Sungkai Estates, Sungkai, Perak, Malay States, was mentioned in some newspapers as a passenger of S.S. Hebe and another on the S.S. Tong Hong.

From the newspaper, Pinang Gazette and Straits Chronicle, 9 January 1913:

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. J. Koch, manager of Lower Perak Rubber Estates, Mr. B. Pownall, manager of Bagan Pasir Estate, and Mr. G. B. Gardner, of S-ngei Estate, arrived in Penang this morning from Teluk Anson by the s.s. Hebe.

Inage of the article:

Mr. E. J. Koch, manager of Lower Perak Rubber Estates, Mr. B. Pownall, manager of Bagan Pasir Estate, and Mr. G. B. Gardner, of S-ngei Estate, arrived in Penang this morning from Teluk Anson by the s.s. Hebe.

From the newspaper, The Straits Echo (Mail Edition), 10 January 1913:

M. A. P.

Mr. V. Hill, Acting District Officer, Lower Perak, was a passenger by the s.s. Hebe from Teluk Anson this morning. Among the other passengers by the same boat were Mr. G. B. Gardner, Superintendent, Sungkai Estates, Sungkai, Mr. T.T.B. Pownall of Bagan Pasir Estate, Bagan Datoh, and Mr. E. H. Koch, Resident Manager, Lower Perak Rubber Estates, Teluk Anson.

Image of the article:

BOAT.

* * * * *

Mr. V. Hill, Acting District Officer, Lower Perak, was a passenger by the s.s. *Hebe* from Teluk Anson this morning. Among the other passengers by the same boat were Mr. G. B. Gardner, Superintendent, Sungkai Estates, Sungkai, Mr. T.T.B. Pownall of Bagan Pasir Estate, Bagan Datoh, and Mr. E. H. Koch, Resident Manager, Lower Perak Rubber Estates, Teluk Anson.

From the newspaper, Straits Echo, 11 January 1913:

M. A. P.

Mr. G. B. Gardner, Superintendent, Sungkai Estate, Sungkai, arrived from Tavoy yesterday by the s.s. *Tong Hong*, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. dos Remedios and Capt. and Mrs. Larson also arrived by the same boat from Renong.

Image of the article:

* * * * *

Mr. G. B. Gardner, Superintendent, Sungkai Estate, Sungkai, arrived from Tavoy yesterday by the s.s. *Tong Hong*. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. dos Remedios and Capt. and Mrs. F. B. Lawson also arrived by the same boat from Renong.

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~ 7 May 1914

Mr. G. B. Gardner was listed as a passenger on the ship *Tara* that arrived from Madras, India.

From the newspaper, Pinang Gazette and Straits Chronicle, 7 May 1914:

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

By *TARA* (May 7) from Madras, Mr K R Clandins and Mr and Mrs Scroby and two children; from Negapatina [sic], Mr G B Gardner, Mrs Naga-thawal, Messrs Chotamea Saib, Krisna Chettiar, ...

(long list of names)

Image of the article:

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~ 15 May 1916

"G. B. Gardiner" of Bidor was a passenger on the ship Namur going homeward.

From the newspaper, Pinang Gazette and Straits Chronicle, 15 May 1916:

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Among the passengers on the homeward bound P and O steamer Namar were Major F S Watson, Mr W I Mayson, Dr and Mr Haigh, Mr and Mrs A J Darby, of Ratu Gajah, Mr G B Gardiner, of Bidor,

(many names follows)

Image of the article:

Among the passengers on the homeward bound P and O steamer Namur were Major F S Watson, Mr W I Mayson, Dr and Mrs Haigh, Mr and Mrs A J Darby, of Batu Gajah, Mr **G B Gardiner**, of Bidor, Dr I F W Alvary, Mrs R H A J Jeff, Mrs E J Souter, Mrs Long, Mr Muller, Mr V B Knott, Mr F W Cruys, Mr W Van den Bergh, Mr G Salvatore, Mrs P V Baines, Insp O'Reilly, Mrs E Jeff, Mr P de C Morris, Mr J H W Evans and Mr and Mrs Russel.

~ **12 October 1916**

Gerald Gardner was in England for a visit and the following passenger list is for his return to the Federated Malay States.

Gerald Brosseau Gardner, age 32, was on a ship "Nankin" that departed from London on 12 October 1916 and was bound to Yokohama in Imperial Japan.

He disembarked at Penang of the Federated Malay States. Gerald was listed as a Rubber Planter.

From the passenger list of the ship Nankin:

Name of Ship / Steamship Line / Date of Departure / Where bound / Embarked at the Port of

"Nankin" / P. & O.S.N. Co. / 12th October 1916 / Yokohama / London

Name / Class / Port at which Passengers have contracted to land / Profession, Occupation / Age / Country of last Permanent Residence / Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence

Gardner Gerald Brosseau / 1 / Penang / Rubber Planter / 32 / British Possessions / F. M. S.

Image of part of the record:

(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)						(7)				(8)
Contract Ticket Number.	NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	CLASS. (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers. <small>In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.</small>	AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except for First Class Passengers state the Age last birthday.						Country of last Permanent Residence.†				Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†	
					Males of 12 years and upwards.	Children between 1 and 12.	Infants.	Males.	Females.	British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.			
	Gardner Gerald Brosseau	1	Penang	Rubber Planter	32											F. M. S.

~ **1917 to 1921**

While Gerald B. Gardner was in Bidor, Perak, Federated Malay States, he was a member of the Freemason Kinta Lodge No. 3212 in Ipoh, Perak. He first is recorded as being initiated in 6 October 1917 then there is the records of 1917 to 1921.

From the Freemason Membership Registers:

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Kinta Lodge. Ipoh Eastern Archipelago.

NO. 3212 cont^d

Date of Initiation. / Passing. / Raising. / Surname. / Christian Name. / Age. /
 Residence. / Profession. / Certificate. /

1917 Oct. 6 / from / 113 / Gardner / Gerald Brosseau / (blank) / Bidoe / Planter /
 (blank)

[Ay?] Fomer Lodge Reply to [person?] away Sphinx 113.

Payments made:

- 1917 D. (December) - 2/6
- 1918 D. (December) - check marked
- 1919 D. (December) - check marked
- 1920 D. (December) - check marked
- 1921 D. (December) - Excluded 10/12/21
- (written on the right margin) - 3946

The above mentioned "Bidoe" is actually should be Bidor

Images of part of the record:

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Kinta Lodge.

No. 3212 cont'd

DATE OF INITIATION	PASSING	RAISING	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PROFESSION	CERTIFICATE
1914 June 23	July 7	Pec 1	Joppleux	Walter Leonard	30	Kyruy	Planter	1899 15.8.17
" July 4	from 2225		Lovetty	Joseph		Sphx	Inspector of Min. Cons.	
" " 4	do	36	Smith	John Daughley		"	Planter	1900 "
" " 7	do	323	Young	Arthur Sydney		"	Planter	
" Aug 11	do	Tam 6	Bylton	James Percy		Chengseyang	Pradigemaaler	1901 "
" " 11	Oct. 6	Pec 1	Buckworth	John Campbell Macey	38	Sphx	Planter	1902 "
" Oct 10	from 578		Beavis	Arthur Edward		Songwee Sphx	Planter	
" " 10	do	113	Gardner	Gerald Brosseau		Bidoe	do	
" Nov 3	do	36	Park	Thomas		Sphx	Engineer	1903 15.8.17

Beavis	Arthur Edward	—
Gardner	Gerald Brosseau	—
Park	Thomas	—

~ 1921

Gerald Gardner was in England for another visit and the following passenger list was for his return trip.

Gerald Brassean Gardner, age 37, was on a ship "Kalyan" that departed from London on 27 May 1921 and was bound to Yokohama in Imperial Japan.

From Yokohama, he sailed to Penang of the Federated Malay States. Gerald is listed as a Rubber Planter.

From the passenger list of the ship Kalyan:

Name of Ship / Steamship Line / Date of Departure / Where bound / Embarked at the Port of

"KALYAN" / P. & O.S.N. CO. / 27th May 1921 / Yokohama / London

Name / Class / Port at which Passengers have contracted to land / (Birth place) / Profession, Occupation / Age / Country of last Permanent Residence / Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence

Gardner Gerald Brassean / 2 / Penang / Leighton, Blundellsands Liverpool / Rubber Planter / 37 / British Possessions / F. M. S.

Image of part of the record:

(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)										(7)	(8)
Cabin Ticket Number		NAMES OF PASSENGERS	CLASS (1st, 2nd or 3rd)	Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers. In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	AGES OF PASSENGERS. State for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday.										Country of Last Permanent Residence.†	Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†
						Adults of 15 years and upwards		Children between 1 and 12		Infants.							
						Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	British Possessions	Foreign Countries				
		Gardner Gerald Brassean	2	Penang	Rubber Planter			37						1	F.M.S.		
		Gerrard George	2	Hong Kong	Antiquar. St. Clerk									1	China		

~ **28 January 1921**

G. B. Gardner was mentioned as a passenger on the ship Plassey leaving for home.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 28 January 1921:

Homeward Bound.

The following passenger are leaving for home by the P. and O. Plassey on Sunday next:

... G. B. Gardner and H. S. Cunningham, ...

(among many names)

Image of the article:

The following passengers are leaving for home by the P. and O. Plassey on Sunday next :—Mr. Justice McCabe Reay, Mr. R. J. Farrer, Mr. W. H. Lee Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. B. Newington, Mr. and Mrs. D. Beatty, Mr and Mrs. A. S. Haynes and family, Messrs. J. Brown, H. B. Layton, MacBride, A. W. Copeland, W. T. Murray, J. K. Strahan, A. P. Cork, H. G. Day, **G. B. Gardner** and H. S. Cunningham, Mrs. E. H. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Montifiore, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. A. Cowan, and two children.

~ 31 January 1921

G. B. Gardner was mentioned as a passenger on the ship Plassy leaving Singapore for home.

From the newspaper, Pinang Gazette and Straits Chronicle, 31 January 1921:

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The following passengers are leaving Singapore for home by the P and O Plassy --- ...

... G B. Gardner and H S. Cunningham, ...

(many names)

~ 2 July 1921

G. B. Gardner mentioned as a passenger on the ship Kalyan sailing from London, England.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 2 July 1921:

OUTWARD BOUND.

Passengers for Straits, China Japan.

Per P and O steamer Kalyan, from London, May 27, and Marseilles, June 4, 1921, to Straits, China, and Japan : ---

(among many names)

... G. B. Gardner, ...

Johore, Unfederated Malay States (modern day Malaysia)

~ **1927**

There was a "B. G. Gardner" that was listed as a member of the Masonic Lodge, Royal, No. 3946 in Johore Bahru, Johore, Malay States in 1927.

He was an I. G. in the lodge which means B. G. Gardner was the Inner Guard for the Lodge.

The previous Freemason lodge that Gerald Gardner was in was the Kinta Lodge in Ipoh, Perak, Malay States, At the end of his record in 1921 for Kinta Lodge was the numbers "3946". Indicating that he transferred to Lodge no. 3946, which is the Masonic lodge, Royal, in Johore Bahru.

So the "B. G. Gardner" listed is a typo for G. B. Gardner. In the records for 1928 and 1929 below, you will see they misspelled his name as "G. B. Gardener".

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1927:

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JOHORE

MASONIC LODGE, JOHORE ROYAL, No. 3946, E.C. --- Johore Bahru

W. M. --- J. Barr

I. P. M. --- H. H. Prince Ahmad

S.W. --- A. J. Wolfe

J. W. --- R. W. Randall

Treasurer --- S. McGuire

Secretary --- A. Rahman-Khan

D. of C. --- H. G. R. Leonard

S. D. --- R. F. Mesney

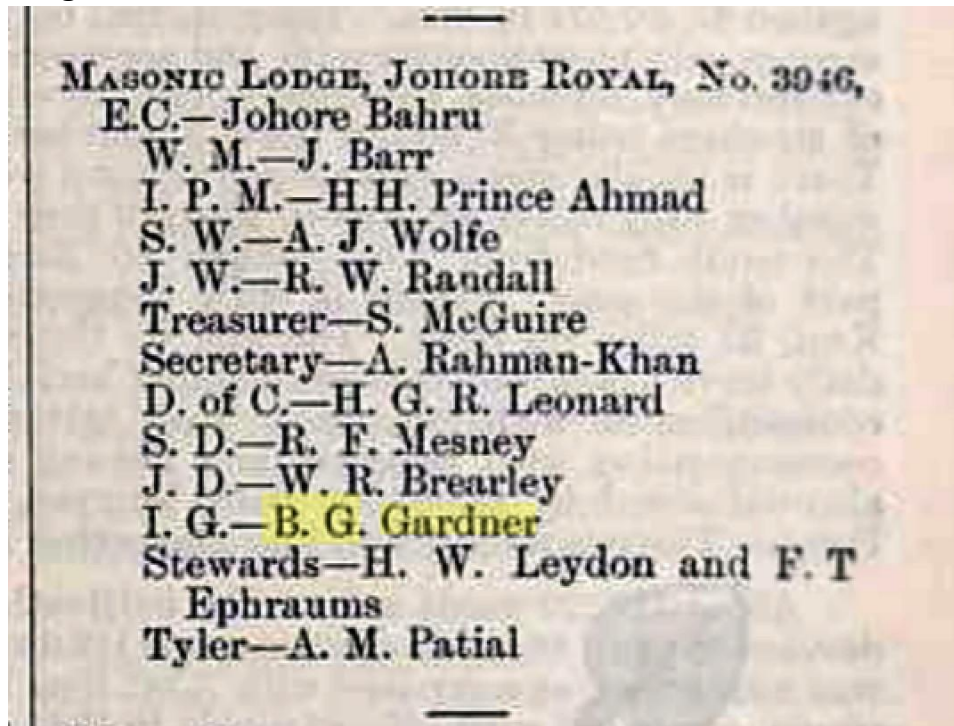
J. D. --- W. R. Brearley

I. G. --- B. G. Gardner

Stewards --- H. W. Leydon and E. T. Ephraums

Tyler --- A. M. Patial

Image of the record:



~ **16 August 1927**

Gerald Brosseau Gardner married **DOROTHEA FRANCES ROSEDALE** on 16 August 1927 at St. Jude church in South Kensington, London.

From the marriage record at St. Jude church:

1927. Marriage solemnized at S. Jude's Church in the Parish of Kensington in the County of London

No. - 77

When Married. - 16th August 1927

Name. / Age. / Condition. / Profession. / Residence at the time of Marriage. / Father's name. / Father's profession.

Gerald Brosseau Gardner / 43 / Bachelor / Principal Officer of Customs Johore, Malay States / 139 Cromwell Road S. K. / William Robert Gardner / Timber Merchant

Dorothea Frances Rosedale / 33 / Spinster / Nursing Sister / S. Thomas' Hospital Lambeth / William Elitto Rosedale (deceased) / Clerk in Holy Orders

Married in the Church of S. Jude according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by me, W. E. B. Barter

This Marriage was solemnized between us, {
 Gerald Brosseau Gardner
 Dorothea Frances Rosedale
 in the Presence of us,
 Arthur C. Allen
 V.C.[M?] Rosedale

Image of part of the record:

Columns :-			
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.
77	16 th August	Gerald Brosseau Gardner	43
	19 ²⁴	Dorothea Frances Rosedale	33

Married in the *Church of S. Jude* according to the R

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Gerald Brosseau Gardner
Dorothea Frances Rosedale

~ 1928

G. B. "Gardener" was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1928.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1928:

Page 1153

JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY --- Customs Building.

Johore Bahru: Teleph. 32 (Johore Bahru)

Johore Bahru

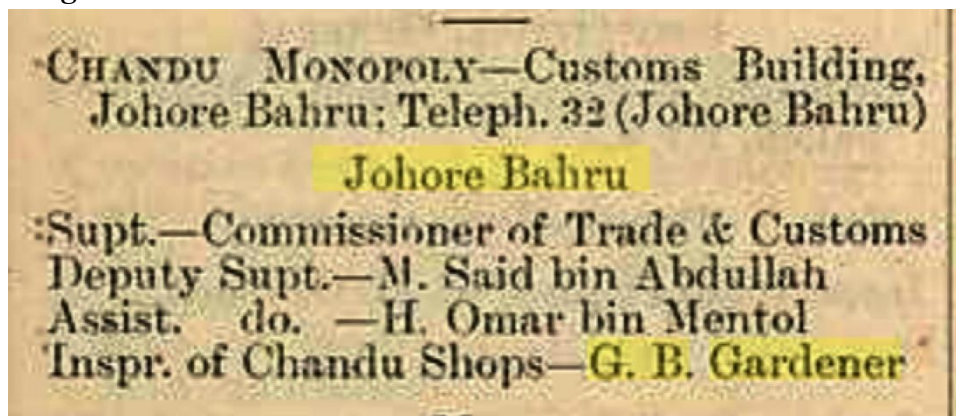
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Deputy Supt. --- M. Said bin Abdullah

Assist. do. --- H. Omar bin Mentol

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardener

Image of the record:



~ **1929**

G. B. "Gardener" was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1929.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1929:

Page 1258

JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY ---

Customs Building, Johore Bahru;

Teleph. 32 (Johore)

Johore Bahru

Supt. --- Commissioner of Trade & Customs

Deputy Supt. --- M. Said bin Abdullah

Assist. do. --- H. Omar bin Montol

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardener

~ **1930**

G. B. Gardner was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1930.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1930:

Page 1334

JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY ---

Customs Building, Johore Bahru:

Teleph. 32 (Johore)

Johore Bahru

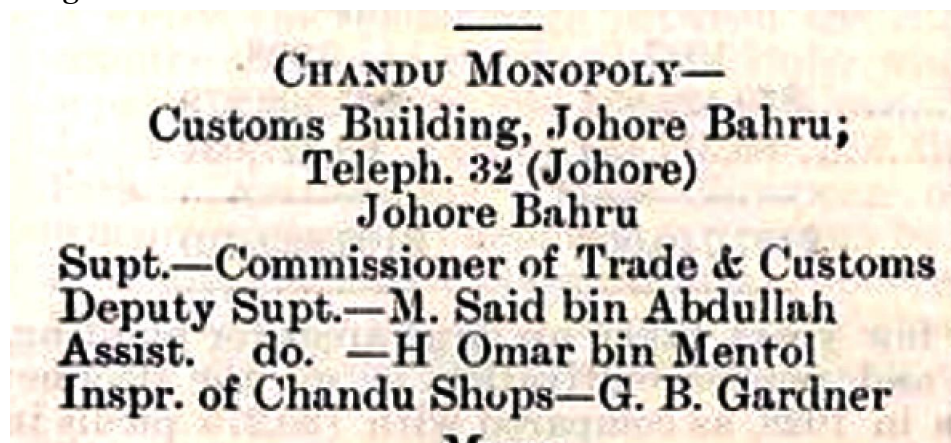
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Deputy Supt. --- M. Said bin Abdullah

Assist. do. --- H Omar bin Montol

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardner

Image of the record:



~ 1931

G. B. Gardner was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1931.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1931:

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JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY ---

Customs Building, Johore Bahru:

Teleph. 32 (Johore)

Johore Bahru

Supt. --- Commissioner of Trade & Customs

Deputy Supt. --- Omar bin Uda (acting)

Assist. do. --- (vacant)

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardner

~ 10 July 1931

Mrs. G. B. Gardner is mentioned as a passenger on the ship S.S. Kashgar leaving Singapore.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 10 July 1931:

PASSENGERS.

The following passengers are leaving Singapore by the s.s. Kashgar, today for Penang, Colombo and Europe : --- ...

... Mrs. G. B. Gardner, ...

(many names)

~ 1932

In a list of Foreign Residents, G. B. Gardner was listed as the Inspector of Chandu Shops in Jahore, Malay States in 1932.

From the directory of Foreign Residents, 1932:

Page 1579

List of Foreign Residents

In ... Malaya States... for 1932

Page 1680

Foreign Residents

Gardner, G. B., inspector of Chandu Shops, Jahore

~ 3 March 1932

Mr. G. B. Gardner was mentioned as a passenger on the ship S.S. Naldera which sailed from Singapore.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 3 March 1932:

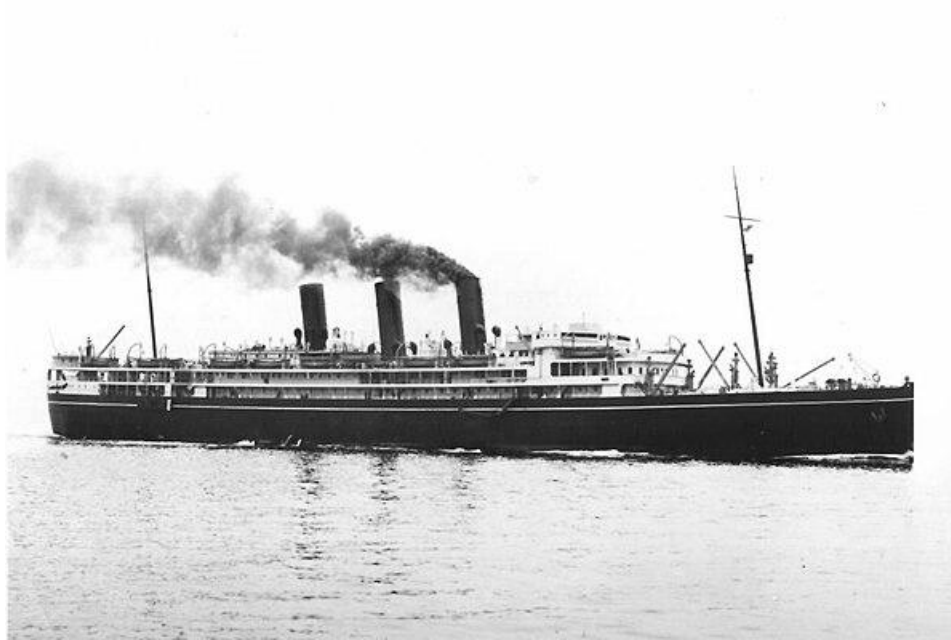
PASSENGERS.

The following passengers, left Singapore today by the P. and O. Naldera for Penang, Colombo, Bombay and Europe: --- ...

... Mr. G. B. Gardner, ...

(many names)

Image of the ship S.S. Naldera



~ 8 June 1932

Mr. G. B. Gardner of Johore Bahru visited the Malayan Office at Charing Cross in London.

From the newspaper, The Singapore Free Press,, 8 June 1932:

MALAYANS AT HOME

Callers at Charing Cross Office

[From Our Own Correspondent]

London May 24.

Among the callers at the Malayan Office this week have been ...

... Mr. G. B. Gardner (Johore Bahru); ...

(many names)

~ 8 June 1932

Mr. G. B. Gardner of 12 Bukit Meldrum, Johore Bahru was a visitor at the Malaya House in London, England.

From the newspaper, Pinang Gazette and Straits Chronicle, 8 June 1932:

Home News For Malaya

Visitors To Malaya House

"Malaya House is becoming to an ever-increasing extent a place of call for residents Home on leave. While some stay for a chat, others content themselves with a visit to the well-equipped and comfortable Reading Room, ..."

"However, in the past few days the callers have included."

"Mr. G. B. Gardner 12 Bukit Meldrum, Johore Bahru."

~ **25 June 1932**

Mr. G. B. Gardner is mentioned as a recent arrival from Malaya.

From the newspaper, Malaya Tribune, 25 June 1932:

Personalities.

... Other recent arrivals from Malaya include: Captain and Mrs. A. H. Barnes, Mr. G. B. Gardner, and Mr. Allan F.,. Roe. ...

(many names)

~ **1933**

G. B. Gardner was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1933.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1933:

Page 1423

JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY ---

Customs Building, Johore Bahru;

Teleph. 32 (Johore)

Johore Bahru

Supt. --- Commissioner of Trade & Customs

Deputy Supt. --- Omar bin Uda

Assist. do. --- Ismail bin Suleiman

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardner

From the directory of Foreign Residents, 1933:

Page 1

List of Foreign Residents in Malayafor 1933

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Foreign Residents

Gardner, G. B., inspector of Chandu Shops, Johore

~ **4 December 1933**

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner were having luncheon at the Government House.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 4 December 1933:

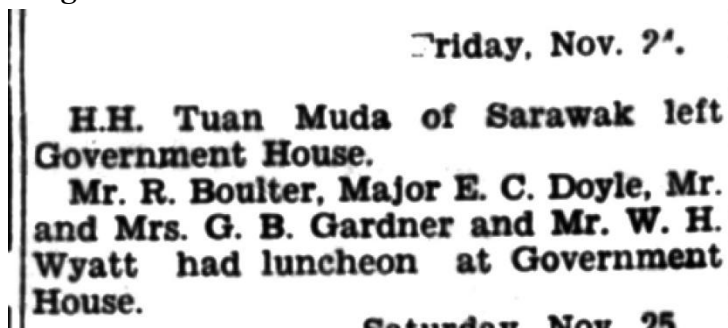
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Friday, Nov. 24.

H. H. Tuan Muda of Sarawak left Government House.

Mr. R. Boulter, Major E. C. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner and Mr. W. H. Wyatt had luncheon at Government House.

Image of the article:



~ **1934**

G. B. Gardner was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1934.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1934:

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JOHORE

At the present time the principal exports of Johore are the carefully cultivated rubber, copra, gambier, pepper and areca-nuts, and the natural products of tin, timber, rattans and damar. For almost all such produce Singapore is the port of shipment.

Johore is rich in iron ore, and a mine is being successfully worked by Japanese in Batu Pahat....

Directory

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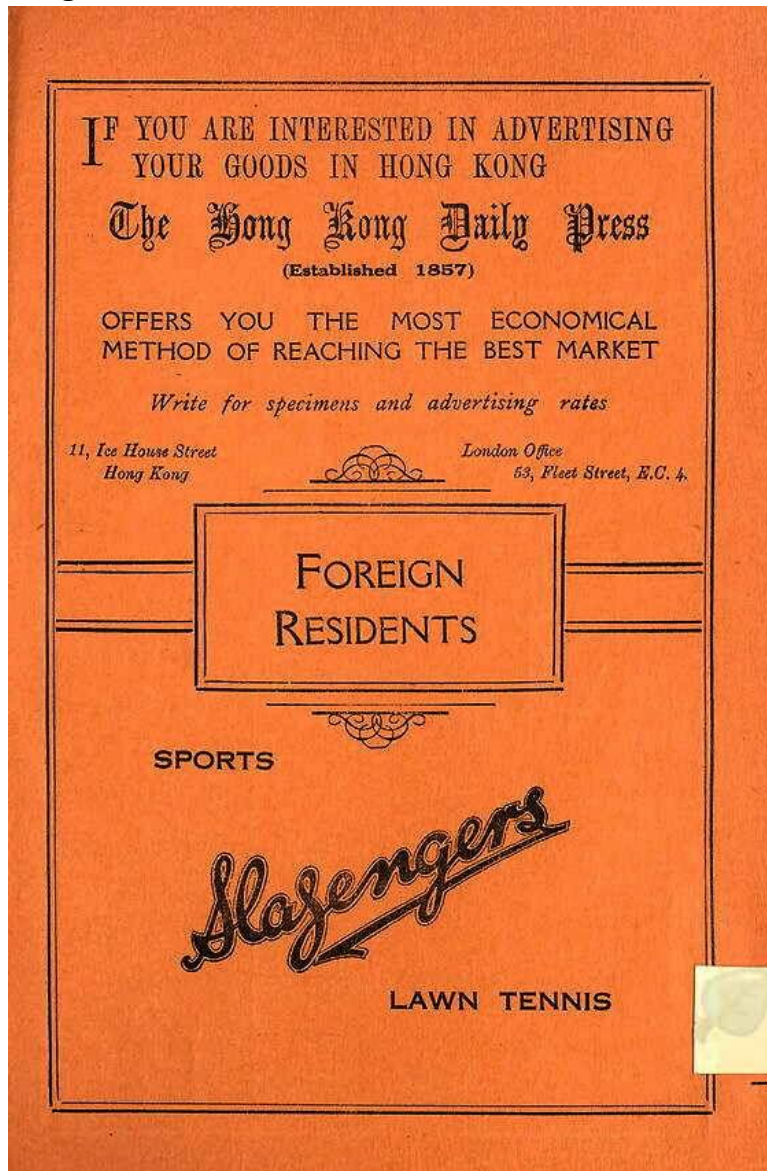
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Assist. do. --- Ismail bin Suleiman
Storekeeper --- Ahmad bin Sendot
Chief Clerk --- A. Aziz bin Abdul Hamid (acting)
Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardner

Image of part of the record:



From the directory of Foreign Residents for 1934:
Page F103
List of Foreign Residents in Malayfor 1934
Page F201 Foreign Residents
Gardner, G. B., inspector of Chandu Shops, Johore

Image of the cover of the record:



~ 4 April 1934

G. B. Gardner, Esq. of Johore made some presentations to the Malacca Historical Society of several old coins and a Japanese lance.

From the newspaper, The Singapore Free Press ... 4 April 1934:

Malacca Historical Society's Work

(long article)

"Presentations made to the Society during the year are:

Two silver two-shilling Dutch coins.

Gold coin of Sultan Abdul Jalil Johore.

Two pewter coins from Makam Tambid, Johore, which are not identified.

A Japanese lance found in Malacca, date unknown.

All the above were presented by G. B. Gardner, Esq. Johore.

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All the above were presented by G. B. Gardner, Esq., Johore.
~~Eight Chinese coins found in Malacca~~

~ **1935**

G. B. Gardner was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1935.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1935:

Page C165

JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY ---

Customs Building, Johore Bahru

Teleph. 32 (Johore)

Johore Bahru

Supt. --- Commissioner of Trade & Customs

Deputy Supt. --- Omar bin Uda

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Chief Clerk --- A. Aziz bin Abdullah

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardner

~ 25 February 1935

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner were mentioned as passengers on the ship President Monroe that arrived in Singapore.

From the newspaper, The Singapore Free Press ... 25 February 1935:

SINGAPORE HARBOUR

Ships alongside the wharves or expected to arrive.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED

The following were passengers [for?] Singapore by the President Monroe on Saturday:

... Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner...

(many names)

~ 18 April 1935

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner were mentioned as guests at a dinner and dance held at Johore Civil Service Club in Johore Bahru, Johore, Malay States.

From the newspaper, The Singapore Free Press ... 18 April 1935:

DR. WINSTEDT

Entertained By Johore Civil Servants

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Johore Bahru, Apr. 16.

The Johore Civil Service Club held a farewell dinner and dance tonight in honour of the General Advisor of Johore and Mrs. Winstedt.

(among the many names mentioned)

...Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner...

~ 21 September 1935

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner were mentioned as guests at a dinner held for the Sultan of Johore's birthday. It was held at the Istana Besar in Johore Bahru.

From the newspaper, Malaya Tribune, 21 September 1935:

SULTAN OF JOHORE'S BIRTHDAY

List Of Guests Present At Thursday's Dinner

The following is a list of the principal guests who were present at the dinner given at the Istana Besar on Thursday:

(among many names)

... Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner, ...

I am not sure if this is our G. B. Gardner, however since the Istana Besar is in Johore Bahru, I felt I should mention this entry.

By this time, the Gardners probably had already decided to move back to England and this party would be a chance for them to let their friends know that they are leaving.

~ **8 November 1935**

Mrs. G. B. Gardner was mentioned as a passenger on the ship Cathay that has sailed from Singapore.

This is when Mrs. Gardner left Malaya States to move back to England. Her husband is to follow a couple months later.

From the newspaper, Malaya Tribune, 8 November 1935:

To-Day's Shipping

CATHAY PASSENGERS

Singapore, Friday.

The following passengers are proceeding by the Cathay sailing at 9.30 a.m. today for Penang, Colombo, Bombay and Europe.

(among many names)

... Mrs. G. B. Gardner, ...

~ **1936**

G. B. Gardner was listed as an Inspector of Chandu Shops operating out of the Customs Building in Johor Bahru in Johore, Malay States in 1936.

From the Asia, Far East Directories for Johore, 1936:

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JOHORE

CHANDU MONOPOLY ---

Customs Building, Johore Bahru:

Teleph. 92232 (Johore)

Johore Bahru

Supt. --- Commissioner of Trade & Customs

Deputy Supt. --- Omar bin Uda

Assist. do. --- Ismail bin Suleiman

Storekeeper --- Ahmad bin Sendot

Chief Clerk --- A. Aziz bin Abdullah

Inspr. of Chandu Shops --- G. B. Gardner

~ 31 January 1936

Mr. G. B. Gardner was mentioned as a passenger on the ship S.S. Rajputana which left Singapore for Europe.

This is when Gerald Gardner left the Malay States to live in England again.

From the newspaper, Malaya Tribune, 31 January 1936:

To-Day's Shipping

PASSENGERS BY THE RAJPUTANA

Singapore Friday

The following passengers are sailing by the P. and O. Rajputana, which left Singapore for Europe this morning: ---

(among many names)

... Mr. G. B. Gardner, ...

Image of the article:

To-Day's Shipping

PASSENGERS BY THE RAJPUTANA

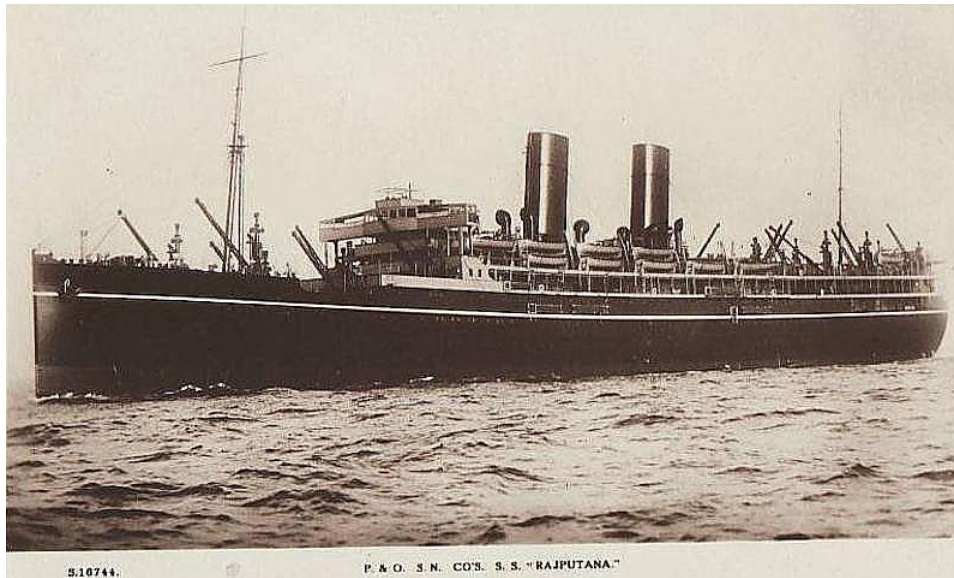
Singapore, Friday.

The following passengers are sailing by the P. and O. Rajputana, which left Singapore for Europe this morning: ---

Mrs. H. F. H. Jones, Mr. T. Earl, Mr. W. Shaibe, Surg. Lt. Mullen, Mrs. I. I.

Davis, Dr. D. M. McDermott, Mr. M. Lock, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Gwilt, Mr. W. Duthy, Mr. **G. B. Gardner**, Mrs. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. and Miss Percival, Mr. F. M. Still, Mr. Cook, Mr. Remant, Mr. Tarzi, Mr. Gain, Mr. W. A. Ward, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Shorter.

Image of the S.S. Rajputana:



From Wikipedia:

"SS Rajputana was a British passenger and cargo carrying ocean liner. She was built for the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company at the Harland and Wolff shipyard at Greenock on the lower River Clyde, Scotland in 1925."

"She was requisitioned into the Royal Navy on the onset of World War II, outfitted in December 1939 at Yarrow's, in Esquimalt, as an armed merchant cruiser and commissioned HMS Rajputana. The installation of eight six-inch guns gave her the firepower of a light cruiser without the armor protection. She was torpedoed and sunk off Iceland on 13 April 1941, after escorting a convoy across the North Atlantic."

~ 28 April 1936

An article mentioning about the book, "KERIS and Other Malay Weapons," by G. B. Gardner, that has been published.

From the newspaper, Malaya Tribune, 28 April 1936:

The Malay Weapon

"KERIS and Other Malay Weapons," by G. B. Gardner, is a book just produced by the Progressive Publishing Company and is on sale for \$2. A special signed edition is obtainable at \$10 a copy.

Mr. G. B. Gardner, of the Johore Civil Service, has rendered valuable service by publishing this treatise on the Malay weapon. He has made a lifelong study of the matter, and his own collection of keris is almost unique. Here in this book you will find all the necessary information to give you a real knowledge of the subject.

The keris (we use Mr. Gardner's spelling, though Kris is perhaps better known) is famous the world over. Everyone has heard of that romantic, sinister Malay weapon with the waving blade. Here you learn the probable origin of the weapon, the manner of its making, the places from which it comes and the many legends and superstitions which attach to it.

There are innumerable superstitions about the keris, the author tells us. There are various ways of testing whether a weapon is lucky to a particular person. A keris is always treated with respect. Many people when drawing an old keris will salute it by raising it to the forehead.

~ 11 May 1936

Another article mentioning about the book, "KERIS and Other Malay Weapons," by G. B. Gardner.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 11 May 1936:

LORE OF THE KRIS

A STANDARD WORK WRITTEN AT KOTA TINGGI.

Keris and Other Malay Weapons.

By G. B. Gardner, Edited by B. Lumsden Milne. (Progressive Publishing Company, Singapore. \$2. Limited Edition \$10.)

This is the whole story of the kris in combat, in ceremonial, in etiquette, in folk-lore and in history. But the book is much more than that: it takes into its scope (and thereby becomes unique in Malayan bibliography) all Malay weapons, including swords, spears, small arms and artillery, and there are notes on methods of warfare and fortification as well.

It is however, the illustrations above all else that make the book peculiarly informative and interesting to the general reader. There are over ninety of these illustrations, both photographs and drawings, and they make all the difference between a book for a specialist and a book for a layman --- even a layman who lives in Singapore and is consequently out of touch with authentic Malay life, but is yet sufficiently interested in that life to want books on his shelves which can tell him something about it.

Moreover, the layman is aided by the arrangement of Mr. Gardner's book, which is most satisfactory; what might easily have been a mass of indigestible material is set out clearly and attractively and in proper sequence. For this result full credit is due to the editress, Mrs. Lumsden Milne, and to the publishers.

Mr. Gardner, who spent many years in Malaya and was a member of the Johore Civil Service at the time of his retirement a few weeks ago, is perhaps the only European in this country who has made a specialised study of Malay weapons. Other men have

included the kris and its peculiar etiquette in their study of Malay life, and have made fine collections of these weapons, but none has concentrate on this subject quite as intensively or as comprehensively as Mr. Gardner has done. The kris has always fascinated him; one might almost say that it has been a hobby carried to the point where it becomes an obsession; and his collection of 400 of these weapons is a very fine one, including as it does almost every type of kris known in this country. But there have been many enthusiastic students of the kris before. Where Mr. Gardner's book is unique, so far as we know, is in the ramifications of his hobby, so that he has been able to give a complete picture of the Malay as a fighting man.

Kris And Rapier.

Although the word kris has a sinister sound, originating in the conception of the Malay as a bloodthirsty pirate which held sway in England a century ago, the universal wearing of the kris no more indicated a crude and uncivilised state of society than did the wearing of the sword during corresponding periods of European history. In fact, the contrary was probably true: the kris was actually a symbol of good manners ! Mr. Gardner quotes from Raffles' History of Java on this point:

"In these countries where there is very little justice to be obtained from the regularly established courts, and where the individual considers himself justified in taking the law into his own hands accordingly, the Malay is always prepared to avenge himself with his keris the slightest insult upon the spot, but the knowledge that such an immediate appeal is always at hand prevents the necessity of its being resorted to. A habitual politeness ensues, and it has been said that if the Malays are savages they are the most polite savages we know of The keris amongst them has for a long period been more exclusively a personal ornament than the rapier was in Europe fifty years ago, being among the higher classes even seldomer resorted to as a weapon of defense or offence than the latter."

Mr. Gardner has his own theory of the origin of the kris. He thinks that it did not come over with the early years of migration from India, but that the Malay got the idea from the barbed, poisonous "sting" of the stingrays, ikan pari. In Stone Age settlements which have been excavated in the Dutch Indies these "stings" have been found five or six days' march from the sea, suggesting that primitive man had some use for them, and what more likely use than as a weapon? The thrusting appendage of the tail of a ray is not really a sting but it is rapier-sharp and covered with a poisonous slime which sets up infection. Whether this slime is dangerous when dried has not been scientifically established, but the Malays certainly believe that it is. At all events, this "sting" would make a very nasty weapon, whether held between finger or thumb or mounted in a hilt, and Mr. Gardner thinks that the small form of the keris majapahit, which dates back to the earliest Iron Age in Java (about the seventh century, A.D.) originated in this way.

Straight Or Wavy.

This however, is the only major point on which Mr. Gardner permits himself to venture into pure speculation. The remainder of his book contains lore and legend he has picked up from Malays, as well as the fruits of his own observation. He destroys a cherished illusion when he tells us that all Malays did not like the wavy keris. "Many of the older men still say that the straight blade is the best, and certainly more blades seem to be made straight than wavy; that is, among blades that are made for use. The globe-trotter always wants a wavy blade and they are made for him."

Mr. Gardner goes on to discuss in detail the main type of blade, hilt and sheath, the countries they come from, and the purposes for which they are --- or rather, were --- designed. Some of them are thoroughly nasty little weapons, more especially the daggers, which Mr. Gardner discusses in a separate section. For example, there is the kuku ayam, a small hooked knife specially made for ripping up the abdomen --- purely an assassin's weapon, of course. And most readers will be surprised to hear of a tiny variety of dagger which Javanese women sometimes carry in their hair, for the special purpose of dealing drastically with anyone attempting rape.

The Malay Bow?

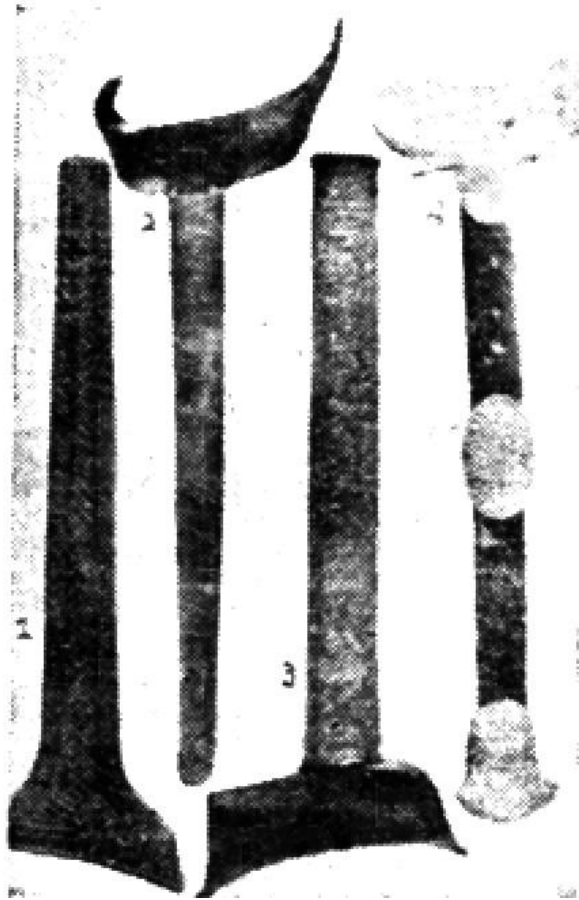
The present reviewer has found the chapters on Malay swords, spears, cannon and small arms even more interesting than the others, since a great deal of material about the kris is already available but few writers have attempted to deal in any detail with other weapons. Mr. Gardner even denotes a section to bows and arrows, for he is of opinion that Malays must have used this weapon at one time. If you ask him why no specimen of the Malay bow is extant, he will aptly retort that only four specimens of the old English longbow, one of the most famous weapons in history, are now in existence, all the others have mouldered away.

In discussing the use of the kris today, Mr. Gardner says: "In Perak one often sees a Malay nobleman wearing his keris as a badge of rank, and may even see it worn by a magistrate sitting on the Bench. I hope that in future this practice may spread, and that once again the Malay gentleman will be proud to walk abroad, wearing the keris, that weapon of romance, the weapon of his ancestors,"

Alas, with the gradual Europeanization of the upper-class Malay it is more likely that the kris will eventually acquire as unreal and artificial an air as the dress sword worn by the Malayan Civil Service. Is that not already the position in Johore, where Government officers never wear Malay costume on State occasions? At any rate we may be thankful that Mr. Gardner, while living in the old Malay centre of Kota Tinggi, did his part in preserving Malay tradition and usage by writing this book, which is a most valuable appendix to the history of the Middle Age from which the Malay race has recently emerged.



A beautifully ornamented kris of the 15th century. The inscription shows that it belonged to Sultan Muzaffar Shah, of Malacca.



Types of kris sheaths, (left to right) Balinese, Javanese, Northern Malayan and Bugis. Both illustrations on this page are reproduced from Mr. Gardner's book.

Note: several articles in error mentioned that Gerald Gardner lived in Kota Tinggi. He actually lived in Johore Bahru. There is an article where he wrote to correct this mistake.

~ 13 May 1936

Another article mentioning about the book, "KERIS and Other Malay Weapons," by G. B. Gardner.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 13 May 1936:

KRIS CRAFTSMEN.

Are Krisses still made in the Malay States? This question, which must have occurred to many people at one time of another, becomes topical with the appearance of Mr. G. B.

Gardner's book, "Keris and Other Malay Weapon," in which no reference is made to present-day manufacture.

Now that the wearing of the kris is illegal, except by persons of recognized rank or status and on ceremonial occasions, there must be little scope for the old-time craftsman who used to make these weapons.

A well-known Johore Malay, when I consulted on this point, writes: "To the best of my knowledge, I do not think there is anyone in Johore today who makes krisses, and I doubt if there ever was. They were formerly made in Perak, Kelantan, Trengganu and Pahang, but I do not know if the art is till kept up in those States. Most, if not all, of the rare and treasured krisses were made across the Straits of Malacca,"

The correspondent does not profess to be an expert, but his letter probably sums up all that the average Johore Malay knows about this question. If readers in other States can pass on any information as to present-day kris manufacture in the Peninsula, it will be of general interest.

~ 14 May 1936

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From the newspaper, The Straits Budget, 14 May 1936:

MR. GARDNER'S KRISSES.

MR. G. B. Gardner, of Kota Tinggi left Malaya on retirement recently, and I believe he is now excavating archaeological remains in Egypt. That is certainly a hobby that would appeal to him, for he loved nothing more than the reconstruction of the past, whether by means of the jungle-covered remains of forts and buildings, or weapons, or oral and written tradition, or anything else.

His collection of 400 krisses (I use the anglicized spelling) was probably the finest ever made by a white man in this country. It is still intact, I believe, and presumably Mr Gardner will find means to arrange and display it adequately when he eventually decides where to settle down. But wherever that may be, it is unlikely to be as appropriate a place as Mr. Gardner's former bungalow at Kota Tinggi, an old Malay capital and the only modern town on a river which has seen

How Sultan after Sultan with his Pomp

Abode his destined Hour, and went his way.

Before he left this country probably for ever, Mr. Gardner passed on an enduring legacy, in the shape of a book entitled "Keris and Other Malay Weapons" which is quite the most comprehensive thing of its kind ever done in the English language. One is indeed thankful that in our time, while there are still Malays living who remember when the kris was not an anachronism, this famous weapon should have found so devoted and

authoritative a historian. Mr. Gardner's book will be reviewed in the Straits Times shortly.

~ 17 May 1936

A newspaper article mentioning about Mr. G. B. Gardner and his character.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 17 May 1936:

MAINLY ABOUT MALAYANS

The Onlooker By

ALTHOUGH Mr. G. B. Gardner is past the age at which Europeans usually retire from this country, his departure a few weeks ago means that a very real loss has been suffered by these branches of local scholarship which are concerned with Malay history, traditions and customs.

There are not many Europeans who could enjoy life in Kota Tinggi. Situated on a muddy river, without a club, and with only a small planting community thereabouts, this out-station is the centre of one of the dreariest, most monotonous, most unattractive districts in the entire Peninsula.

Yet Mr. Gardner was thoroughly happy there. Independent of conventional social distractions, he loved exploring the historic Johore River, re-discovering its forgotten forts, and illuminating the dark places of Johore history by means of the tales and legends preserved by the Malays around him.

There was no more charming host and conversationalist than Mr. Gardner when he had a visitor who really shared his interests. A friend of mine who once spent three hours talking with him and looking at his collection of Malay weapons tells me that he looks back upon that experience as having been worth years of interminable gossip of the pahit-party variety.

~ 13 December 1936

A newspaper article mentioned about Mr. G. B. Gardner's model ship that he made of a ship of the Hindu period of Malayan history.

From the newspaper, The Straits Times, 13 December 1936:

Colony Cavalcade

Headlinitis --- Refuge In A Museum --- Singapore In The Dark Ages: And Thereafter

(long article, only the relevant part transcribed)

MR. GARDNER'S SHIP

NOW I would ask you to turn to the next showcase and look at a model of a ship. To my mind that ship does more to make the Hindu period of Malaysian history real than

anything else in the museum. It was made by Mr. G. B. Gardner, late of Johore, from a careful study of the friezes on the great Borobodur temple in Java, and we may be sure that it is a faithful model of the ships which sailed between India and Malaysia in the early part of the Christian era.

Image of part of the article:

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~ 19 May 1938

A newspaper article mentions about Mr. G. B. Gardner and the history of the Johore river.

From the newspaper, The Straits Budget, 19 May 1938:

Up The Johore.

WHERE those midget steamboats puff up-river today to the modern rubber town of Kota Tinggi, very strange ships have been seen in times gone by.

Everybody knows that Kota Tinggi, as its name implies, was a Malay stronghold in the past and that the rulers of the old Johore empire lived at various places along the Johore River in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, after the last sultan of Malacca had been driven out by the Portuguese.

But how many people know that in recent years Mr. G. B. Gardner has found evidence showing that the history of the Johore River goes back far beyond the Malay period, and that foreign ships were visiting it in times of remote antiquity ?

These finds of Mr. Gardner's have never received the attention they deserved from the public which is interested in such things, and this is a good opportunity to say something about them, especially as they have become topical again with the publication of Dr. Quaritch Wales's most important discovery of ancient Indian cities in the Malay Peninsula.

~ 2 June 1938

A newspaper article mentions Mr. G. B. Gardner and about the wavy kris knives.

From the newspaper, The Straits Budget, 2 June 1938:

Wavy Blades.

NO longer does the wavy kris of the gory Malay pirate send delicious thrills down the spine of the schoolboy reader of adventure stories, as it did when you and I were young, but even though this weapon is now as archaic as the Elizabethan rapier we may console ourselves with the thought that the lore of the kris has been preserved for posterity.

This is so because the kris has accumulated quite a literature of its own in the last four centuries, both in Dutch and English, and it is still growing. Within the last three years we have seen the monograph by Mr. G. B. Gardner, late of Johore, which brought together the fruits of a lifetime of study; and as recently as last December Mr. G. C. Griffith Williams contributed a scholarly essay on the kris to the M. B. R. A. S. Journal.

It is a remarkable fact that the kris does not appear in the reliefs on the Borobodur, although those sculptures (especially the invisible lowest tier which is below ground) depict in detail the everyday life of Java as it was in the eighth century A. D. Ever since that was first noticed, scholars have speculated as to when the kris first became the chief weapon of the Malay and an article of his dress.

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