

**Extracts from Autobiography “Charles Wright Parker Alison”**  
[52 Ancestors: #14 Charles Wright Parker Alison Esq. CB](#)

While Charles was on assignment in Tehran, Persia, Eliza traveled to Cairo, Egypt with her daughter Helen Baltazzi, fell ill and died on 27 Dec 1863 at the Hotel D’Orient. Charles did maintain some connection with her family as her nephew Henry Hardy Ongley was appointed with him in Persia as well as served as his personal secretary for a time. Charles was also one of the godparents of another nephew, Philip Charles Sarrell, in 1866.

In *The English Amongst the Persians* historian Denis Wright notes that Charles did “acquire an Armenian mistress” and with her had at least one child, Victoria. He also spends a bit of time on his career and rumors about his conduct in Tehran.<sup>1</sup> In fact there is an interesting Chancery case noted in *The Weekly Reporter* in January of 1875 regarding both Alison’s alleged children and a subsequent marriage between his mistress, Vardine Rafael, and his nephew Henry Ongley.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-English-Amongst-Persians-Nineteenth-Century/dp/1860646387> **Might be worth reading**