


Fernande Marie-Louise Haenggi-Gruber

From 1904 until her marriage in 1925 plus a few additional notes and images relating to the Gruber and Dullier families

According to documents held or information obtained on the Internet, our Mother Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber was born in Auxonne at no 17 rue Marin, on 1st October, **1904** at 8:00 (*this is according to the copy of the birth certificate issued by the Civil Services at the Town Hall Auxonne on 11th March, 1954, no. 107, and copy of the family booklet issued in Janville on 4th December, 1933, confirming the date to be 1st October, 1904*).

However, according to research by Gérard Gruber in 2009, Fernande Marie-Louise was born under the name of “Fernande Dullier”, registered at the Town Hall Auxonne on 3rd October 1904, living with her grand-parents and her mother who confirmed this at the Town Hall of Auxonne on 25th October, 1904.

Both during **1906** and **1911**, she is recorded in the population census as living with her grand-parents Albert François Hypolitte Dullier (*born 1850 in Lamanche, by profession shoemaker*) and Marie Dullier (*born in 1856 in Aubigny, by profession fruit-vendor*), at 8 rue Marin, *ménage 17*, Auxonne. Her name is reflected as **Fernande Gruber**, grand-daughter.

	
<p><i>Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber held by her mother in November/December, 1904</i></p>	<p><i>Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber in 1907, aged 3</i></p>
	
<p><i>In 1913 our mother Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber took first communion in Auxonne</i></p>	<p><i>In 1919 dressed as “Alsacienne” at the time of the return of the 10th Regiment on 24th July 1919 in Auxonne (Alsace was again part of France)</i></p>

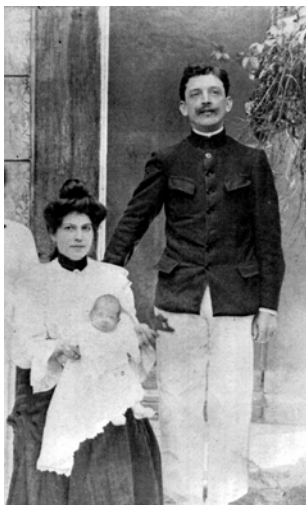
Marie Anne (Anne Marie) (Angèle) Dullier, born at Cléry (Côte d'Or) on 25th March, 1883, a dressmaker by profession, was Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber's own mother. In **1904** she was living as an unmarried woman with her own parents, Albert François Hypolitte Dullier and Marie Alexandrine Dullier-Ruelle at Rue Marin 8, *ménage 17*, Auxonne.



Marie Alexandrine Dullier-Ruelle

In **1906**, our mother, Fernande Marie-Louise, was living with her grand-parents in Auxonne as recorded in the population census for that year.

Marie Anne Dullier married **Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber** on 5th November **1906** at Auxonne (*he was born on 1st July, 1878, at Bône in Algeria*). By profession he was assistant deputy officer at the customs authorities in Madagascar. His residential address was stated to be in Paris (11^{ème} arr.). He was granted leave by the Minister of Colonial Affairs to get married in Auxonne (*he embarked in Tamatave on 19th May, 1906, returning with his wife on 16th January, 1907*). Frédéric Gruber joined the Freemasons, probably in Tananarive. Their son Georges Gruber was born in Tananarive on 1st June, **1907**.



Georges Gruber with his parents at Tananarive in 1907

On 19th April, **1908**, the family of Frédéric Gruber embarked at Tamatave, Frédéric having resigned from the Customs Service with effect 26th May, 1908. Having been nominated thereto, he joined on the 26th May, **1908** the General Directorate: Direct Taxation: Ministry of Finance, Paris, as forwarding clerk.

Gaston Gruber was born on 12th April, **1909** at the home of his grand-parents Dullier in Auxonne. The Gruber's - Frédéric (*employed at the Ministry of Finance*) and Marie Anne - were stated to be living together in Paris.

It was only on the 20th August, **1909**, that Fernande Marie-Louise was adopted by Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber appearing in front of Maître Bernard, notary in Auxonne. This was duly registered and transcribed into the population control office register in Auxonne on 24th November, 1909. *On that day, the name of "Dullier" was deleted and replaced by "Gruber"*.

Our mother, Fernande Marie-Louise, was still staying with her grand-parents as recorded in the population census for **1911**.

Mathilde Dumoulinneuf, Frédéric's mother, lived in Paris at Rue St. Gilles (4^{ème}). Paul Gruber was born in Paris on 29th March, **1911**.

A photo shows Frédéric and Angèle Gruber-Dullier in **1913** at Choisy-le-Roi just south of Paris, together with Georges, Gaston and Paul, without Fernande:



Paul was placed with a nurse named Aubertin at Flammerans near Auxonne, also at Cléry, Côte d'Or.

Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber was mobilized to the army on 2nd August **1914** to 18th April, **1915** returning in due course to his job at the Ministry of Finance, Paris.

Early **1918** the Gruber family lived at number (?) Rue de Tolbiac (Paris 13^{ème}), often travelling to Auxonne.

Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber's residential address between 1913 and 1919 was in Auxonne, staying with her grand-parents until 1918.

On 28th April, **1918**, Frédéric was appointed by the Treasury, Paris, as Tax Collector. On 30th June, **1918**, he took up his appointment at Champdôtre (Côte d'Or), 8 km near Auxonne. The family moved to Auxonne towards June, **1918**, Fernande joining them. They were still living there at the end of WW1 on 11th November 1918, according to Paul's information.

On 31st December, **1920**, Frédéric was appointed Tax Collector at Curgy (Saône-et-Loire) (9 km from Autun, 108 km from Auxonne), taking up his functions on 31st March, **1921** (a file photo shows him at Autun in 1920).

The first time the whole Gruber family appears on records published on the Internet as living together is in **1921** in Auxonne at Rue Carnot 2, ménage 3.

They are listed as: Frédéric Gruber (b. 1878 at Bône in Algeria, by profession tax collector), Marie Gruber (born 1883 at Cléry), with the children: Fernande Gruber (b. 1904 Auxonne), Georges Gruber (b. 1907 Tananarive), Gaston Gruber (b. 1909 Auxonne at 17 rue Marin) and Paul Gruber (b. 1911 Paris). The rented apartment belonged to Henri Dautrey.

In about **1922**, Georges who was then 15 years old, was employed by his father Frédéric to work at the Receiver of Revenue's office. He was to remain a tax collector's employee until the end of his career.

There is a file photo of Paul's communion at Auxonne in **1923**.

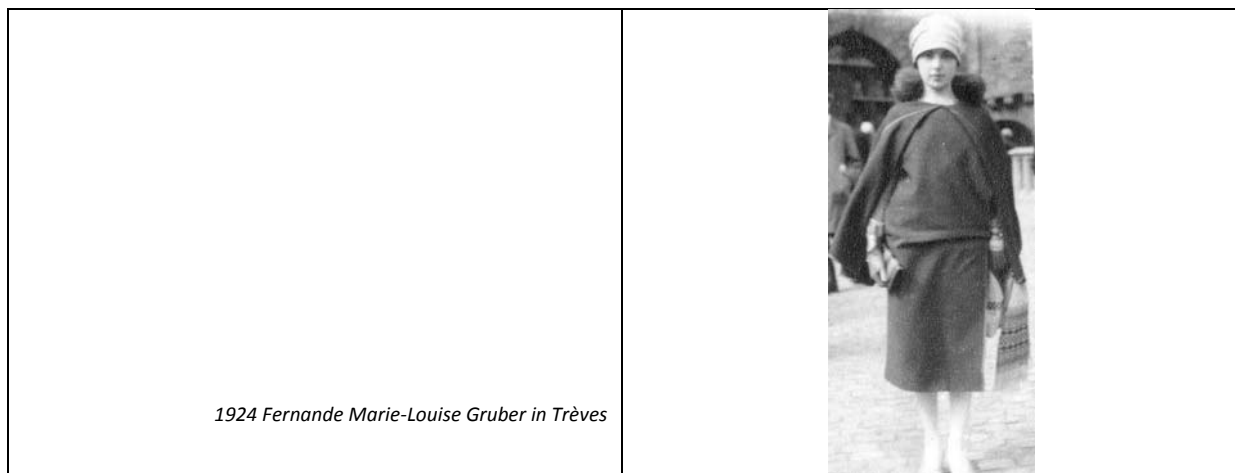
Our mother Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber told us many times that father Frédéric Gruber was very strict; the children were not allowed to talk at the table unless given permission, they always had to raise their finger to be noticed, like at school.

On 1st December, 1923, Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber was appointed tax collector and municipal Receiver of Revenue in charge of the 12 communes forming part of the Janville district (Eure-et-Loir), with effect 2nd January, **1924**, with an increase on 6th August, **1924** to the 2nd scale level.

Towards the end of **1923**, Fernande Marie-Louis Gruber moved to Trèves (*then part of the French occupied zone between 11.8.1919 and 28.6.1930*), working as a clerk in a division of the local Treasury (*possibly dealing with the finances of the occupying forces*); she was one of 10 employees. Her stay is corroborated through a postal card she sent to her own mother on 5th January, **1924** who was then living temporarily at Rue Thiers, Auxonne.

As a result of an accident with a sledge (severe and permanent injury to one of her legs) she had to go to the military hospital in Trèves, from 12 to 28th January, **1924**, this according to a postal card she sent to her grandmother Dullier who was still living at 17 rue Marin, Auxonne.

Our mother repeatedly told me that (*when she was barely 20 years old*), her *first* boyfriend was the son of Eva Grisard, a close friend of her mother Angèle, with whom she attended tennis matches at Roland Garros in Paris seeing Jean Borotra, Lacoste and Tilden playing (*this must have been either during the summer Olympic Games in July, **1924**, or during the last edition of the French Championships (Borotra beating Lacoste in the final)*).



Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber had met her husband-to-be a number of times on the public transport system at Trèves; they got to chat, and she was always offered a piece of chocolate.



On 2nd June **1925**, Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber married in a civil ceremony at Janville, Eure-et-Loir, Heinrich Walter Hänggi whose official residence was stated to be "Uli Rotachstrasse 4, St. Gall". The marriage certificate recorded her as residing in Janville, having no profession, no marriage agreement having been entered into.

There is a file photo of Paul taken at Janville in **1925**.

According to the population census of **1926**, Frédéric Gruber lived with Marie Gruber Dullier and Georges Gruber at no. 18, rue de la Madeleine, Janville (Eure-et-Loir), Georges' occupation being stated as "clerk to the

Receiver of Revenue" (Janville is situated at about 40km South-West of Étampes which itself is 55 km South of Paris).

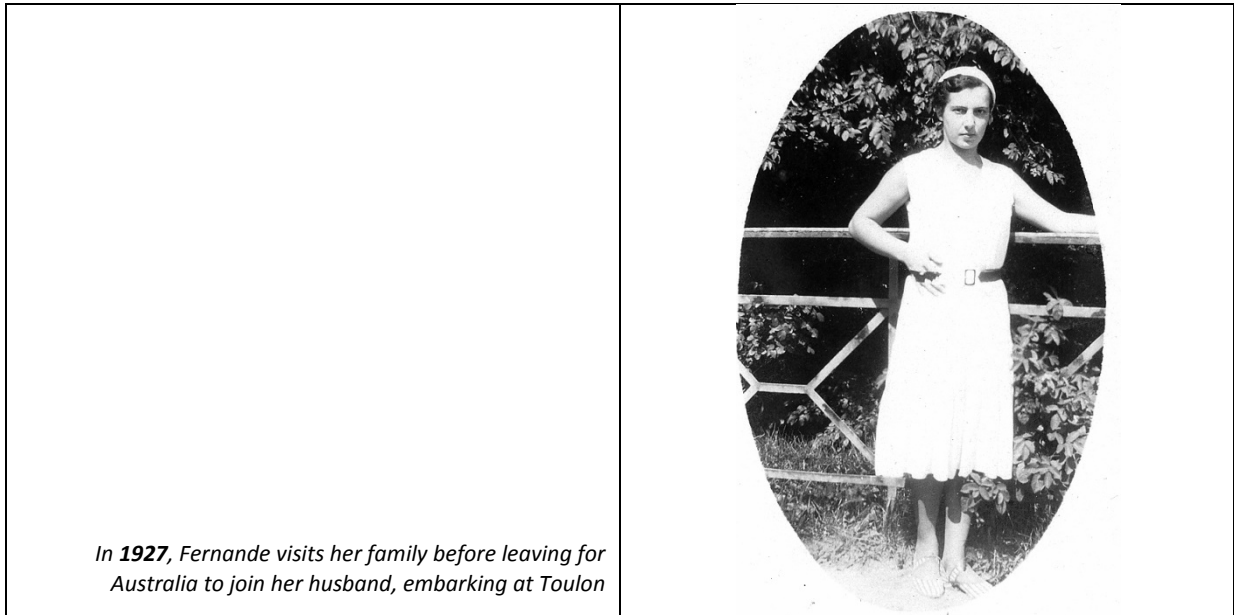
In **1926** no Gruber family members were listed as living in Auxonne at Rue Carnot 2 or 3 or at Rue Marin 8 or 17.

There is a photo from **1926** or **1927**, taken of the family at Janville, being Gaston, Georges, Paul, Angèle, Suzanne, Frédéric Gruber:



There is a file photo of Paul taken at Janville in **1927**.

On 2nd December, 1926, Frédéric Gruber was appointed Chief Receiver for Lyon (Sud-est) (Rhône), as from 31st March, **1927**. He now lived at 222 Grande Rue de la Guillotière, Lyon.



*In **1927**, Fernande visits her family before leaving for Australia to join her husband, embarking at Toulon*

There is a photo of Paul taken in Lyon in **1928**, and on the same day Paul with his father Frédéric and another picture on the same day of Paul with his mother Angèle.

In **1929**, Frédéric Gruber began divorce proceedings. He got very sick, and in spite of the proceedings, Angèle who did not longer live in Lyon, took the train to go and look after him.

Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber and his wife Marie Anne (Anne Marie) (Angèle) Gruber-Dullier divorced on 12th February, **1930** by order of the 3rd Divorce Court of the Rhône tribunal. It appears that Angèle had left the joint matrimonial domicile in the wrong (*the divorce papers were sent from Lyon*).

On 31st December, 1929, Frédéric Gruber was appointed as Chief Receiver for Étampes (Seine-et-Oise), taking office on 31st March **1930**. The office was at 6 Rue Brunard, near Rue Pavée; on the floor above the office, members of the family could stay.



Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber in his tax receiver's office at Étampes

There is another photo of Paul at Étampes, taken in **1930**.

<p><i>In 1931 there is a photo of Paul and Fernande taken at Étampes, with young Bobby</i></p> <p>>></p>	A black and white photograph showing two people sitting on a stone border. On the left is a woman, Fernande, wearing a light-colored dress. On the right is a man, Paul, wearing a dark suit. They are both looking towards the camera. A small dog, Bobby, is sitting on the ground between them.
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Another shows Fernande wearing an Astrakhan coat, thus late **1931**, sitting on a stone border dated 1820 or 1870, near Étampes, holding Bobby. Next to her one can see a book with a ribbon.



Here is a photo of Fernande with a cat, taken in **1931**
in Étampes whilst visiting Georges.

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And another taken in **1931** with a cat (maybe the same;
at the back of the photo was written: "I was calling Bobby
and I had a shiny nose"

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A photo taken in **1932** shows Fernande at the Saône near Auxonne (her mother Angèle having married Henri Dautreuil that year henceforth lived at Auxonne):



In **1932**, a photo shows Paul, Georges and Fernande at the edge of the Saône near Auxonne, maybe the canal:



In mid-**1932**, there is another photo of Paul, Gaston and Fernande in swimsuits, at the Saône near Auxonne (possibly during a visit by Fernande who was now living in or near Zurich):



(Remarks concerning Fernande in France in 1931 and 1932: from October 1931 until the end of February, 1932, her husband was in Montevideo on behalf of Nathan; she shared this time between her mother-in-law in Dübendorf in Switzerland, but spent her days mainly with her family in France, until her husband's return to Zurich via Paris where she rejoined him).

In 1932, Georges Gruber married Madeleine Poullin who was also working at the Receiver's office in Étampes. As from that date, they lived in a small apartment at 5, rue Ste. Croix, Étampes, from which they only moved in 1969 to live at 139, rue d'Orléans, Tigy (Loiret).



Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber with Madeleine Gruber-Poulin, probably at Étampes.

Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber remarried in Étampes on 12th August, **1937**. His second wife was Marie Thérèse Ollier. After his retirement in 1940, he left for Poissy (Yveslines) near Paris.

Additional information and images relating to the Gruber family

Pierre Henri Dautrey (born at Auxonne on 7th July, 1873)

In 1911, at rue Carnot 2 ménage 3, lived Henri Dautrey, by profession tinsmith, with his first wife Aline Dautrey.

In 1921, at Rue Carnot 3, ménage 4 lived the family of Auguste Morot, tinsmith, whose business was owned by a person named "Dautrey". Henri Dautrey did not live there at that time. He owned the whole property Rue Carnot 3.

In **1932**, Henri Dautrey married his second wife **Marie Anne Dullier** at Auxonne. *It appears that Paul was living with them at Rue Carnot.*



Angèle and Henri Dautrey between 1932 and 1936 on the old bridge of Auxonne, with bulwark at right

In **1936**, they lived at Rue Carnot 2, ménage 5 – no profession or business activity is recorded.

I often visited our grand-mother at this address together with our mother and after WW2 with my brother Henri. I remember in particular one visit when the whole Gruber family was gathering around a large table in the dining room on the Rue Carnot side – everybody had plenty to eat, grown-ups taking a drink in-between – the feast stretched over three hours!

There is a photo of the Gruber family in Auxonne in the summer of **1939**, showing Angèle, Paul and Suzanne, Georges and Madeleine, and in the front row Daniel holding Bobby, as well as Gaston crouching with Francis:



Another image from about **1939** shows Albert Dullier (1881-1964), his 2nd wife Joséphine Potricot and Jeanne (out of Joséphine's first marriage), then Gilbert Dullier (b. 1914), Angèle Dautrey-Dullier (being Albert Dullier's sister) and an unidentified person (?):



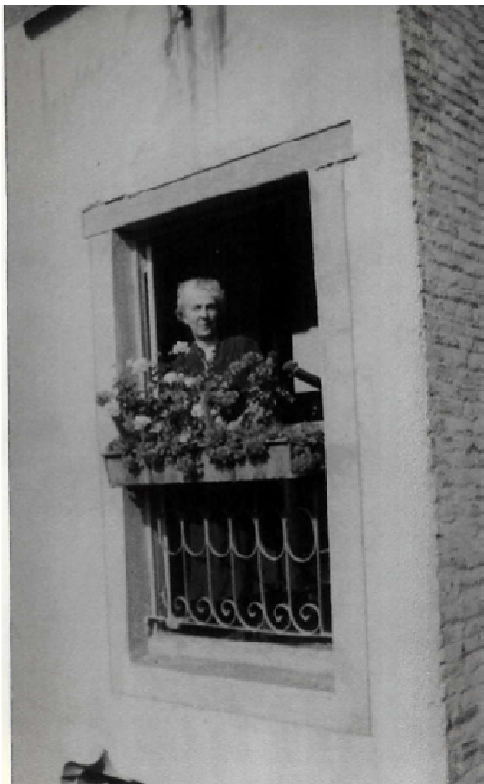
<p><i>Another photo taken in September, 1949, shows Henri Dautrey with Michèle Gruber, Angèle and Madeleine Gruber at Auxonne</i></p> <p>>></p>	
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Another taken in September, 1949, shows Michèle with Fernande, also on the banks of the Saône in Auxonne.

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Henri Dautrey died in **1959**. His widow Marie Anne Dautrey spent wintertime at the home of her son Gaston at Asnières, returning to Auxonne during summertime.



View from the inner court, 3 rue Carnot, Auxonne

She died 1st December **1965** at the home of her son Gaston in Asnières and is buried in the cemetery Auxonne.

Additional Notes

Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber, son of an unknown father and of Léontine Mathilde Dumoulinneuf (*then aged 25 years, without profession or fixed abode*) was born at Bône in Algeria, at rue Randon, on the 1st July, 1878. He was legally adopted by Adolphe Gruber, lieutenant of the infantry, as recorded in the town hall of Saint Maurice (Seine) on 28th August, 1885 (*Frédéric's family name changing from Dumoulinneuf to Gruber*).

On the 11th December, 1896, he committed himself in Paris (3^e) to the army (10th Infantry Regiment) as a volunteer for 4 years, becoming a sergeant three years later on. In December, 1900, he was placed with the reserve unit as a N.C.O., attached to the Infantry Regiment stationed at Coulomniers (Seine-et-Marne). He lived with his parents at 4 Rue du Pont aux Choux, Paris (3^e), his profession stated to be trade employee.

As from 1st October, 1902, Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber is employed by the Metropolitan Customs Services at Tananarive, Madagascar. On 1st January, 1906, he is nominated as N.C.O. of Customs Services. With leave permit on hand (*in order to marry*), he embarks at Tamatave on 19th May, 1906, returning to it on 16th January, 1907. One year later, on 19th April, 1908, he embarks again at Tamatave, leaving the Customs Services as per 26th May, 1908.

On 26th May, 1908, having been appointed thereto, he joins the General Directorate: Direct Taxation: Ministry of Finance, Paris, as forwarding clerk. On 1st July, 1914, he works as an order and accounting clerk and as from 1st January, 1918, as senior clerk of order and accounting, 3rd level.

In the meantime, he was mobilized serving with the armed forces between 2nd August, 1914 and 18th April, 1915. Wounded, he was sent to Robez on convalescence.

On 28th April, 1918, he was appointed by the Treasury Services, Paris, as tax collector, the 30th June, 1918 being the date on which he took up office at Champdôte (Côte d'Or) near Auxonne. On 31st December, 1920, he was nominated as tax collector at Cury (Saône-et-Loire), with effect 31st March, 1921. Then, on 1st December, 1923, he was appointed as tax collector for Janville (Eure-et-Loir), starting as from 31st December, 1923. He advances to the 2nd level on 6th August, 1924.

On 2nd December, 1926, Frédéric Gruber was appointed Chief Receiver for Lyon (Sud-est) (Rhône) as from 31st March, 1927.

On 31st December, 1929, he was appointed as Chief Receiver for Étampes (Seine-et-Oise), taking office on 31st March 1930. In all, as at 15th October, 1940, he had worked for more than 22 years in the Receiver of Revenue environment.



Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber at the tax office in Étampes with Georges and Madeleine Gruber-Poulin (two unidentified persons to the left)

Albert Gruber

Born on the 7th September 1846 at Sainte Marie-aux-Mines (Haut Rhin), nominated Knight of the Legion of Honour on 30th January, 1897, was Lieutenant of the Infantry "hors cadre". He held the Colonial Medal (Tonkin, Madagascar, Sahara), was Officer of the Dragon of Annam, Chevalier du Cambodge. He died on 13th May, 1906.

Tomb 614 PP 1876 of the "Dumoulinneuf-Proust family" at the Père-Lachaise cemetery, Paris (20th division, row 5/18, cadastre 109), near the Casimir Perrier circus (including inscriptions for Albert Gruber and Frédéric Georges Adolphe Gruber):



Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber

*Nothing is known about the real father of **Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber**, our Mother, except that he was director of the railways at Lyon (or Dijon), that later in life she met him only once, accompanied by her mother, and that she did not want to keep up further contact with him.*

In a school competition Fernande Marie-Louise Gruber was presented as first prize the "Prix de la Ville de Paris", being an early edition illustrated book of the "Fables choisies" by Jean de La Fontaine (she kept it until about 1962 when it was stolen from a display in a Johannesburg gallery; I had read it many a time). She had to go to Paris to be presented this prize.

Other notes

*In **1921**, at Auxonne, 17 rue Marin, ménage 37, lived Albert Dullier, born 1881 at Cléry, employed by Pétolat, with his wife Marie Dullier (Marie Ernestine Aline Alice) born 1891 at Comblanchien and their son Gilbert Dullier, born 1914 at Auxonne. Albert was the brother of our mother's own mother Marie Anne (Angèle) Dullier.*

*In **1921** Alexandrine Marie Dullier-Ruelle lived now at Rue Marin 9, ménage 18. On 11th October, 1940 she died at her then domicile at 35 Rue Antoine Masson, Auxonne. She was the widow of Albert François Hipolytte Dullier (b. 26.1.1850 at Lamanche) who had died on 25.3.1915 at rue Marin 17, Auxonne.*

*During the period **1955/56**, Gaston Gruber was appointed Director of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Asnières. Until then Gaston and Renée (my brother Henri's godmother), lived at Boulevard Beaumarchais at the bus stop Rue Saint-Gilles / Chemin Vert not far from the "Magasins Paul Beuscher" where Renée had been manageress. Gaston worked previously at the Préfecture de la Seine.*

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