

Oyez Oyez Oyez

*To all within distance of my voice I bid you greetings
and extend to all the warmest of welcomes
to this Alve Family Reunion.*

*When invited to perform this welcoming cry I was unsure where to start.
Reading through the pages on the website about Carl & Maria Theresia Alve being the pivotal point
of this Alve Family, was very poignant.
Arriving as they did in Wellington during March 1876 - this stoic German couple and their descendants,
finally ending up here, in the Manawatu.*

*I recalled reading something that Author Alex Haley wrote in the bestselling novel Roots –
and I quote,*

*“In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage -
to know who we are and where we came from.*

*Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life,
there is still a vacuum, an emptiness and the most disquieting loneliness.”*

*Someone in your lineage has painstakingly put together an enormous amount of information about your
genealogy in the hope you will treasure it and keep adding to it throughout time.*

*You have just come from the cemetery which truly is an act of homage because, it is said,
you only live as long as you are remembered*

Hence you have come here— with your ancestor’s spirits to celebrate family.

I have no doubt stories have been, and will continue to be, told over this weekend.

Memories of who did what and when

I implore you please don’t leave out any of the stories of the scally wags and rogues.

They are what make families normal – whatever that means.

We none of us have totally pure, unsullied family histories

George Bernard Shaw once said,

“If you can’t get rid of the family skeleton – you may as well make it dance.”

*Thus said, I trust those of you who have chosen to come to the Reunion this weekend
will make the most of the camaraderie a Family Reunion brings.*

Your attendance will forever be inscribed in the annals of, the Alve genealogy history.

*Carl and Maria Theresia Alve can rest in peace knowing there were two lasting bequests
they could give to their descendants
one was roots the other - wings.*

Long may the Alve Family name, crest and/or banner

- fly.

**Penned and performed
by Town Crier Caroline
Robinson on the
occasion of the Alve
Family Reunion Held
on Easter Sunday 5th
April 2015 at the
Convention Centre in
Palmerston North.**