



## GSSA Cemetery Recording News

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West Street Cemetery, Kempton Park, Gauteng.

### **Welcome**

Hello to everyone. Welcome to the latest news on the Project. If inspiration is the name of the game, then all I can say is that judging from the responses to the previous Newsletter, we are being flooded with data to add to the database and therefore the next edition of the CD.

### **Contributors and Volunteers**

As I have said above, we are flooded with data and it is a pleasure to once again acknowledge the work of voluntary contributors to the Cemetery Recording Project. Please contact Errol or Peter at the e-mail addresses at the foot of this newsletter for guidance on our requirements for cemetery data that you may wish to submit. Sharing this data is a great step forward to so many who may have hit a “brick wall”.

### **Cemetery CD**

It is a pleasure to advise that to date 118 copies of CD2 have been purchased. Have you got yours yet? Please contact Andre Heydenrych at [aheydenr@mweb.co.za](mailto:aheydenr@mweb.co.za) to arrange a copy.

Work is progressing well on processing data for inclusion on the next edition of the Cemetery Recording CD. Please refer to the listing of cemeteries added to the database shown below.

These can also be viewed on the GSSA website at [www.ggsa.info](http://www.ggsa.info) where the full list of

cemeteries that are on the database is available. Go to Projects, Cemetery Headstone Project, Summary. It will download a PDF file. The listing is sorted in Country, Province, Magisterial District sequence. Those marked as Published are on CD2.

## **Recording Experiences**

It would appear that there have been no exciting recording experiences reported. There must be something out there that can be shared with us please.

How about this for effort!! Peter Moss getting down to it with help from CC Smith. This was at their recording of Elsburg, Gauteng Cemetery by South East Wits Family History Society.



Possibly they did not "Get it all this morning" – Ed.

## **Branch/Individual Contributions**

We wish to welcome the newest branch of the GSSA. It was established in Potchefstroom on 6 June 2004 under the Chairmanship of Simon du Plooy. We of the Cemetery Recording Project wish them all the best for the future growth of the branch. Here is a report from Simon:-

“Deur die Stigting Simon van der Stel - deesdae beter bekend as "Erfenisstigting van SA" of "Heritage SA" het dit duidelik geword dat daar behoefte bestaan vir 'n Genealogie tak van GGSA vir Potch - Klerksdorp en omliggende dorpe. Ek het dit op my geneem om belangstelling te toets en 'n byeenkomsonder die vaandel van "Erfenis SA" is gereel vir 31 Mei waar 23 persone opgedaag het en geesdriftig besluit het om tot takstigting oor te gaan. Die volgende week 6 Junie het Vaaldriehoek se President - Whitey van Niekerk - deurgekom en onder sy leiding en toesig is die formaliteite afgehandel en bestuur is verkies. Die bestuurspan is as volg:

Voorsitter. Simon du Plooy.

Onder-Voorsitter: Geert Lampen

Sekr. Kathleen de Beer.

Tesourier: Krause van der Walt.

Add: Pieter de Beer.

Peter Coulter - belas met opspoor van plaasbegravinge.

Louw van Deventer - Klerksdorp

Die eerste werklike byeenkoms is gereel vir Maandag 2 Aug. 2004 en daarna maandeliks die eerste Maandagaand van die maand (Vakansies uitgesluit). Die tak het ongelooflike aanbiedinge van hulp ontvang en die res van die jaar se program is reeds gefinaliseer. Die tak stel 'n projek in die vooruitsig om die Potch begravinge te dokumenteer maar die gevoel is dat die lede eers hul voete moet vind. In die tussentyd gaan Simon du Plooy en Peter Coulter voort om plase se inligting te dokumenteer. Die distrik het wel van die oudste begravinge in die ou Tvl gebied en kostelike en

waardevolle inligting is al verkry.

Ons verneem vader GGSA se jongste spruit is in sy veertigste jaar gebore saam met die amper tweelingboet E-GGSA!!”

*Simon has recorded and submitted the Alexander Park and British Garrison, Potchefstroom records to the Cemetery Recording Project. Louw van Deventer has also provided data to us in the past. Many thanks for these efforts – Ed.*

## Branch News

Did you know there is an Electronic branch of GSSA? They have their own website at [www.egggsa.org](http://www.egggsa.org). Pay them a visit and see what they have to offer. For those who are scattered in far parts of the country or the world where there is no branch of the GSSA, this is for you. Here is a note from Colin Pretorius, the Chairman. (Bi-lingual nogal.)

“Het jy al ooit gewonder waar jou naam vandaan kom en wat dit beteken? Wie jou voorouers was of waar hulle vandaan gekom het? Wanneer hulle in Suid-Afrika aangeland het? Of jy dalk van 'n bekende (of berugte) persoon familie is? As jy jou Suid -Afrikaanse voorouers wil naspoor maar geen idee het waar om te begin nie, is hierdie boodskap net vir jou. Ontdek jou familiegeskiedenis die maklike manier - deur jou rekenaar, 'n Internet koppeling, en lidmaatskap van die Genealogiese Genootskap van Suid-Afrika se unieke elektroniese tak - eGGSA. Kom stap saam met ons op 'n fassinerende en geskiedkundige paadjie - besoek die eGGSA by <http://egggsa.org> - dit is nou genealogie sonder grense.

eGGSA, wat in 2004 gestig is, is die virtuele tak van die Genealogiese Genootskap van Suid-Afrika, en verskaf 'n virtuele tuiste vir alle vlakke van genealoë - van die beginner-navorsers tot die mees gesoute familiehistorikus. eGGSA bedien sy lede deur:

- \* Die ontwikkeling van genealogiese vaardighede deur die verskaffing van inligting, publikasies, navorsings-onderrig en ook deur skakelingsmoontlikhede.
- \* Die daarstelling van skakels met verskeie groepe wêreldwyd.
- \* Die verhoging van publieke bewustheid van die navorsing oor en ontdekking van familiegeskiedenis.
- \* Die bemerking van ons fassinerende genealogieveld.

Jare lank is daar reeds mense wat om verskeie redes nie by 'n GGSA- tak kon aansluit nie. Van hierdie redes sluit in dat hulle te ver van 'n tak woon of dat hulle buite Suid-Afrika woonagtig is. Tog het hierdie persone steeds die behoefte om aan 'n tak te behoort en ook in die voordele van GGSA-lidmaatskap te kan deel (voordele soos die ontvangs van GGSA se tydskrif Familia). eGGSA is gestig om aan hierdie behoeftes te voldoen. eGGSA bied die ideale geleentheid om deel van die GGSA te word, en ook om deel te wees van hierdie opwindende nuwe era.

Have you ever wondered where your name came from, what it means and who your ancestors were? Where did they come from? When did they arrive in South Africa? Are you related to a famous or infamous person? If you've always wanted to trace your South African roots but have no idea where to begin, here is your solution. Discover your family history the easy way - with a computer, an Internet connection, and as a member of the Genealogical Society of South Africa's unique virtual branch - eGGSA.

Come and take a walk down our fascinating history path... visit eGSSA at <http://eggssa.org/> It's Genealogy without Frontiers.

eGSSA, founded in 2004, is the virtual branch of the Genealogical Society of South Africa, and provides a virtual home for everyone from the beginner to the most advanced family historian. eGSSA serves its members by:

- \* Providing genealogical skill development through information, publications, research education, and networking opportunities.
- \* Establishing important links with other groups world-wide.
- \* Increasing public awareness of opportunities for discovering family history.
- \* Promoting interest in the fascinating field of genealogy.

For many years, there have been people who, for various reasons, could not join a regular GSSA branch. Some of these reasons include living too far from a branch or living outside South Africa. These people still have a need to belong to a branch and to enjoy the benefits of GSSA membership, such as receiving GSSA's journal, Familia. eGSSA has been established to meet these needs. This is an ideal opportunity to become part of GSSA and to step into this exciting era.”

## **Q & A Department**

**Q.** What happened to the ‘Notes’ field on the new CD?

**A.** During the stages of development of the new layout of information, this line of information was unfortunately overlooked. The information itself is however safe and not lost. It WILL be included in the next edition of the CD.

**Q.** Why do we record the maiden name and surname separately?

**A.** It was decided to adopt a policy of using the maiden name for females, when known, in the same way as the surname for males as the sort/search criteria on the CD. When the married name is known and recorded, it is then included in the ‘Notes’ field.

## **Statistics**

It has been decided not to use the graph format for reporting the statistics in future. Times change and the format will also.

Since January 2004 we have been able to add a further 74 cemeteries with a total of 5,126 names to the database. This means there are now 1,635 cemeteries with 130,454 names in the database as at 30 June 2004.

There are however records of some 54 cemeteries being processed at this point in time. It is not however possible to say how many names this represents. From what I have seen however, it could be in excess of +8,000.

There are however a further 31 cemeteries where we have only recorded the known ‘Location’. It is appreciated that there are many, many more cemeteries out there that need to be listed and recorded. Should you have any information in this regard please contact us at the e-mail contacts at the bottom of the Newsletter.

How do you know you are an addicted genealogist?  
When you would rather browse a Cemetery than a shopping mall.

## **New Cemeteries in Database**

The list of cemeteries and data added to the database since CD2 is as follows: -

**Cemetery**  
**Locality**  
**Province**  
**Statistics**

Bertram  
Constantia  
Western Cape  
8

Blink Klip  
Stella  
North West  
5

Boer War Burger Memorials  
Bethal  
Mpumalanga  
77

Boom Kraal  
Mapochsgronde  
Mpumalanga  
7

Bosmanskrans  
Estancia  
Mpumalanga  
1

Boynespoort  
Premier Mine Game Reserve  
Gauteng  
3

Brakpan  
Hendrina  
Mpumalanga  
9

British Garrison 1880-1881  
Potchefstroom  
North West  
27

British Military Cemetery  
Colesberg  
Northern Cape  
287

British Military Memorial, Suffolk Hill

Colesberg  
Northern Cape  
38

British Military Memorial  
Heilbron  
Free State  
310

Bultfontein  
Hendrina  
Mpumalanga  
5

Caledondraai  
Rouxville  
Free State  
2

Cemetery near Crematorium  
Port Shepstone  
Kwazulu-Natal  
511

Chupanga  
Zambezi  
Mocambique  
10

Concentration Camp Memorial  
Winburg  
Free State  
92

Die Wilgers  
Hazeldene  
Gauteng  
15

Doornkloof  
Magaliesberg  
Gauteng  
7

Doornkraal  
Doornkraal  
Free State  
24

Driefontein  
Dragon Peaks  
Kwazulu-Natal  
6

Driefontein  
Lindley  
Free State  
13

Driefontein

Secunda  
Mpumalanga  
2

Elandsdrif 104  
Rustenburg  
North West  
14

Geluk  
Komati  
Mpumalanga  
13

Goedehoop 45  
Carolina  
Mpumalanga  
20

Hartbeesthoek  
Broederstroom  
North West  
29

Homansvlei  
Schweizer-Reneke  
North West  
13

Homestead Guesthose  
Geluksberg  
Kwazulu-Natal  
2

Honingklip  
Krugersdorp  
Gauteng  
7

Kareepan  
Pramkop  
Northern Cape  
14

St Peter & St Paul Catholic Church, Kerkhof Street  
George  
Western Cape  
272

Koedoesdraai  
Doornkraal  
Free State  
19

Kromrivier  
Rustenburg  
North West  
5

Kwaggafontein

Zeerust  
North West  
21

Kwaggaslaagte  
Kinross  
Mpumalanga  
14

Lotteringskraal  
Zeerust  
North West  
33

Main Cemetery  
Geluksburg  
Kwazulu-Natal  
88

Main Cemetery  
Whittlesea  
Eastern Cape  
85

Marais Street  
Kroonstad  
Free State  
34

Memorial in Boer Military Cemetery  
Colesberg  
Northern Cape  
99

Military Grave  
Trondheim

1

Military Memorial in Cemetery  
Mafeteng  
Lesotho  
115

Middelburg  
Doornkraal  
Free State  
8

New Cemetery – Cem Register  
Fochville  
North West  
1720

NGK Cemetery  
Swellendam  
Western Cape  
82

Nooitgedacht 237

Estancia  
Mpumalanga  
1

Nooitgedacht 251  
Davel  
Mpumalanga  
3

Nooitgedacht  
Doornkraal  
Free State  
29

Norwegian Settlers Cemetery  
Port Shepstone  
Kwazulu-Natal  
267

Old Cemetery  
Balfour  
Mpumalanga  
241

Old Cemetery  
Belfast  
Mpumalanga  
116

Old Cemetery  
Nieu-Bethesda  
Eastern Cape  
8

Opstal Ontspanningsoord  
Derdepoort  
Gauteng  
6

Prinsville  
Vet Rivier  
Free State  
40

Prospect  
Weenen  
Kwazulu-Natal  
21

Puntlyf  
Bronkhorstspuit  
Gauteng  
19

Rietfontein 71  
Coligny  
North West  
18

Rietpoort

Magaliesberg  
Gauteng  
10

Saratoga  
Salt Lake  
Northern Cape  
10

Sterkstroom  
Mapochsgronde  
Mpumalanga  
3

Swartkoppies  
Stoffberg  
Mpumalanga  
3

Syferfontein  
Potchefstroom  
North West  
15

Uitschot  
Vermaas  
North West  
65

Uitspankraal  
Clanwilliam  
Western Cape  
9

Vaalbank  
Carolina  
Mpumalanga  
5

Valafontein  
Outjo  
Namibia  
1

Vogelfontein  
Estancia  
Mpumalanga  
4

Vrede  
Doornkraal  
Free State  
13

Vyfhoek  
Potchefstroom  
North West  
27

Waterval

Nuwe Smitsdorp  
Limpopo  
5

Wonderheuvel, Mapochsgronde  
Roosenekal  
Mpumalanga  
1

Ystervarkfontein  
Bethal  
Mpumalanga  
2

Zandfontein  
Nietverdiend  
North West  
9

Zwartfontein  
Nietverdiend  
North West  
8

## **Editor's Note**

The list of recipients of this newsletter has now grown to in excess of 230. It is indeed gratifying to see such interest in the Project. These readers are spread out around the world. I trust that we will be able to grow even more in the future issues.

## **Next Issue**

Comments and feedback from readers. Please send your comments/feedback on the Newsletter and CD to the Editor for inclusion in the next edition. Anyone wishing to unsubscribe from this Newsletter should please e-mail [mwedolly@mweb.co.za](mailto:mwedolly@mweb.co.za).

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