

## eGGSA Newsletter

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**From the Editor:** This is the third issue of the eGGSA newsletter. I hope you will find it interesting and helpful. Remember: This newsletter is for you, the members of eGGSA. If you have any suggestions, comments, or contributions, please send me an e-mail.

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## eGGSA News

**New Management Team:** Colin Pretorius did not accept the nomination for another term as Chair of eGGSA. The management team for 2008 is:

Martin Zöllner	Chairperson
Colleen Thorne	Treasurer
Daan Hamman	Membership
Lynn Couperthwaite	Communication & marketing
Richard Ball	Technical services

In a letter to the members, Colin said:

*“Over the past 4 years, I have had the opportunity to work with a great bunch of people. We have faced enormous challenges, from starting a branch with such a new outlook and such a different way of doing things, to growing that branch to what it is today - a hugely successful and vibrant branch, with services that we could only dream of a few years ago.”*

I am sure that we all join in wishing Colin the best, and in thanking him for his incredible work in creating and then leading eGGSA through its first years.

**Membership:** eGGSA membership continues to grow. Last year we had 261 full members, plus 168 who are members of other branches and who subscribed to *genesis* and received Member access to the eGGSA web site.

**Family Bibles:** The eGGSA site now has a section images of pages from family Bibles. Many families recorded their genealogy in their Bible. You can see the first few images at

[http://www.eggssa.org/library/main.php?g2\\_itemId=383991](http://www.eggssa.org/library/main.php?g2_itemId=383991)

If you have any images to contribute, please contact Richard Ball: [richard@eggssa.org](mailto:richard@eggssa.org)

***Brill Family Chronicle:*** Among the newer items on the eGSA web site is a document on the Brill family, provided to eGSA by Andrié Labuschagne of Canada. The book may be downloaded at no charge. Dr. Johannes Brill came to South Africa from the Netherlands in the late 1800's, and was the headmaster at Grey College in Bloemfontein.

***Nuwe Begraafplaas CD:*** Die nuutste weergawe (6) van die baie populêre Begraafplaas CD is op 1 Maart by die AJV van die GSA in Potchefstroom bekendgestel. Hierdie CD volg op die vorige weergawe (5.1) wat in die eerste helfte van 2007 bekendgestel is.

Iets nuuts is dat kopers van hierdie CD ook 'n DVD sal ontvang met fotos van 'n aantal grafstene. Bestellings kan aanlyn geplaas word by eGSA se webwinkel: <http://www.egsa.org>

*(The latest edition (6) of the Cemetery CD is available on the eGSA website.)*

### **Books on the Internet: Buying, Researching, and Borrowing**

*“I have the world's largest collection of books. I keep it in libraries and bookshops all over the world. Maybe you'd like to look at it?”* (with a sincere acknowledgment to Stephen Wright, and his collection of seashells.)\*

If you are at all interested in old (used) books (genealogy or not), the Internet is a wonderful resource. The best place to look for books to buy is

[www.addall.com/used](http://www.addall.com/used)

*addall* is not one bookseller's site. It searches hundreds of other sites. You do not buy from *addall*; they will refer you to other sites like Biblio, Abebooks, Amazon, etc.

Occasionally, *addall* will not find a book. Then, check also

[www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com)

which is a similar site, but has some different sources.

If you would like to research or search for published books, go to the US Library of Congress:

[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

and search their catalogs:

<http://catalog.loc.gov/>

The National Library of South Africa also has an excellent catalog:

<http://www.nlsa.ac.za/NLSA/databases>

leading to:

<http://198.54.80.51/search~S7>

For example, the Bowker family of 1820 Settlers farmed at Tharfield, on the coast near Port Alfred. There is a book describing the farm.

Search *addall* for “Tharfield”. I found seven entries, ranging between US \$10 and \$75. Even from the same bookseller, the price varies widely, depending on the listing service. The book is a softcover by C. Thorpe. The full name of the book is: “*Tharfield – An Eastern Cape Farm*”. It was published in 1977.

The book is not found at the Library of Congress, but at NLSA we have: *A.1991-1810 The Bowker and Webb families farmed at Tharfield, near Port Alfred.*

At *bookfinder* the same citations are found, but the total price (including shipping) is quoted: From \$14 to \$91!

Such price variations are not unusual. I have found that South African genealogy books, when available in the USA or Canada, are often a good deal. The same is usually not true of books in Australia and New Zealand. Good prices for Afrikaans books can often be found in the Netherlands.

“*Tharfield*” is a rare, and very interesting, book. \$10 is, I think, a very good price. I would not pay \$90. I bought my own copy in 2005 for a total price of \$17.

Similarly, Cor Pama published “Wagon Road to Wynberg”. It is the story of the settlements along the Liesbeek River, from Van Riebeeck's time to the 1800's. Copies at *addall* are available from \$57 to \$129 (!). Or, at *bookfinder* to \$143 (!!).

At both the Library of Congress and at the National Library of South Africa, you can search on C. Pama as an author to find a comprehensive list of his works. If you live in the USA, any item listed in the Library of Congress catalog can be ordered via inter-library loan at a local library.

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## Member Profiles

A few weeks ago, I asked Colin Pretorius for help in soliciting member profiles for publication in the newsletter. In no time, it seemed, he had obtained over fifty profiles! We will be publishing profiles in both *genesis* and in the newsletter, and we plan to publish those profiles we currently have within a year or so.

## Lidprofiel: Martie Du Toit

### PROFIEL: MARTIE DU TOIT

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**Martie, 2008**



**Die Du Toitgesin in Bellville, 1964**

Agter vlnr Aletta, Lena, Martie, Salomé

Voor vlnr Johanna, Petrus, Conie, Francois

Martie du Toit is gebore in De Aar op 24 Oktober 1947, en gedoop as Martina Elsa in die NG Moederkerk De Aar op 4 Januarie 1948. Haar ouers is Petrus Stephanus du Toit (1920-1973) en Nicola Christie (Conie) Naudé (1919-1974). Omdat sy gebore is op die verjaarsdag van haar ouma aan vaderskant, is die vernoemingspatroon verbreek en het sy een naam van elke ouma ontvang, wat dus ook die naamgewing van die daaropvolgende 4 dogters beïnvloed het.

Die verbreking van die vernoemingspatroon is reeds met haar moeder begin toe dié as baba Nicolaas Christiaan gedoop is weens die afsterwe van haar vader tydens die Spaanse Griep epidemie. 'n Navorser in Jansenville se dooprekords sal *haar* dus as 'n *hy* aangeteken het! Eers as volwassene het sy haar name verander na Nicola Christie toe dit blyk dat haar name nie by geboorteregistrasie aangemeld is nie.

Martie het haar kleinkindertyd tot ouderdom 11½ jaar op De Aar deurgebring. Daarna het die gesin na Springs verhuis en na 5 jaar het die gesin weereens verhuis na Bellville. Sy het gematrikuleer aan die Hoërskool, Bellville.

Tersiêre opleiding in Verpleegkunde het gevolg aan Otto du Plessis Verplegingskollege (Algemene Verpleging, Karl Bremer Hospitaal), SG Lourens Verplegingskollege, Pretoria (Verloskunde), Diploma in Verpleegonderwys (UP), Bellville Verpleegkollege (Psigiatrie) en BA Cur (Hons) aan Unisa met verdere registrasie in Gemeenskapsverpleegkunde en Verpleegadministrasie.

Sy het, na 'n tydperk van amper 4 jaar verbonde aan 'n Sendinghospitaal in die destydse Lebowa, die grootste deel van haar beroepsloopbaan in die akademie en verpleegbestuur aan Tygerberg

Akademie Hospitaal deurgebring. Met die neem van die vrywillige skeidingspakket op 51 jarige ouderdom was haar eerste oorweging om nooit weer in 'n verpleegrigting betrokke te wees nie en verskeie vryskut betrokkenhede en die ontwikkeling van rekenaarvaardighede het gevolg. Tydens

die amper 2 jaar terminale versorging van haar vierde oudste suster, Salomé, het Martie egter besluit dat sy in haar hart 'n verpleegster is. Tans is sy werksaam as deelydse verpleegkundige by 'n Dienssentrum naby haar huis en vind deur die genealogie baie aanklank by die bejaarde inwoners. Die deelydse pos bied ook genoeg vrye tyd om genealogiese navorsing te doen.

Met die vroeë dood van Martie se twee ouers binne elf maande na mekaar het die bymekaarhou van die familie en later hul kinders Martie se grootste vreugde geword. Tans woon sy en haar suster, Aletta reeds 25 jaar saam en dit is die plek waar die nageslag in die familiestories en die afstammingsgeskiedenis opgevoed word. Belangstelling in die genealogie kom eintlik van jongs af, uit die dae toe kinders gesien maar nie gehoor is nie. As 9-jarige wou sy al haar ouma se stories neerskryf nadat sy getuie was hoe haar ouma Tina Naudé en die skoonsuster van haar ouma Lenie du Toit tydens 'n eenmalige kuier op Murraysburg, mekaar identifiseer het as jeugmaats op Jansenville langs die uitleg van die Du Toitkinders se name. Dié tante blyk ook toe 'n eie niggie te wees van Oupa Naudé!

Verdere genealogiese data en familiefoto's waarmee die gesin grootgeword het, het jare dormant gelê en gewag om verder ontgin te word. Die belangrikste hiervan was die handgeskrewe Du Toit-Retief notas uit die doopregisters van die groot NG Kerk op Graaff-Reinet waar haar oupa se jongste broer, Willie du Toit, vir baie jare die saakgelastigde was.

Na afloop van 'n genealogie kursus, aangebied deur Daniel Jacobs, het die toegewyde familienavorsing en verslawing gevolg. Die Du Toit-Naudé agtergrond kon redelik vinnig met behulp van medegeners en deur navorsing in die KAB opgeskryf word. Navorsingsreise na die Kamdeboo het gevolg en die familiegeskiedenis is nou mooi agtermekaar in die vorm van stamlyste en foto's. Die neerskryf van die familieverhale vir die nageslag is nog 'n langtermyn doelwit. 'n Susterskind is opdrag gegee om die genealogiese data op die skootrekenaar, digitale skywe, foto albums ens na haar dood te versorg.

Die grootste vreugde van die genealogie was egter die ontdekking van 'n nuwe Van Rooyen stamvader en die opskryf van sy hele nageslag oor 'n intensiewe periode van twee jaar, in samewerking met 'n nasaat, die Afrikaanse skrywer, Engela van Rooyen. Tesame met haar, asook 'n kleinneef, JC Malan, die eerste voorsitter van die Malanbond, is die navorsing gedokumenteer en die familieverhale beskryf in die 218 bladsye familieboek met die hartklop: *Van Amsterdam tot Noordkaap - die Van Rooyens van die Noordkaap, 1830-2007*. Hierdie stamvader was maar slegs 9 jaar in die destydse Kaapkolonie voor hy oorlede is, maar het deur sy oudste seun 'n talryke nageslag wat tussen Kenhardt en al langs Grootrivier gevestig het. Deur die oudste seun was daar by sy nege kinders 455 bekende agterkleinkinders (5de geslag), gebore tussen 1900 en 1968. Die tweede seun van die stamvader het 'n baie klein nageslag wat op Citrusdal gevestig is - vier lede van die vyfde geslag, gebore tussen 1947 en 1955!

Tans deel Martie die passie van Hendrik Louw om die Noordkaapse families op te skryf en help hom om doopregisters se data in excel in te voer. 'n Ander passie is die afneem van begraaflase, museums en kerke waar sy ookal met vakansie gaan en die beskikbaarstelling van hierdie data aan SA-Gen en eGGSA. Martie help ook vir Dennis Pretorius om Braamfontein begraaflaas se data op excel in te voer.

## **Jewish Genealogy in Southern Africa**

Mass emigration of Jews from Europe began in the last half of the 1800's, and continued through the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Tens of thousands came to South Africa, and many towns had thriving Jewish communities. The Southern Africa Jewish Genealogy Special Interest Group (SA-SIG) has a very interesting web site:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/SAfrica/index.htm>

where you can find much information, and their newsletter:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/SAfrica/newsletter/index.htm#MENU>

### **Member Profile: Michael Smith**



I should state at the outset that my interest in the society is purely through an interest in tracing my wife's ancestors rather than any personal connection with South African families. I am British and based in the UK and worked as a local government planner before retiring in 2005. I have an interest in genealogy and have traced my own family's roots that are found in many parts of England. If any of your members have English roots and wish to research them, I would be happy to offer advice/help where possible.

My wife was born Jeanette Viljoen in Bulawayo, Rhodesia in 1942. Her father Jan Adriaan was born in Zeerust, South Africa in 1908 and her mother, Cornelia was born in Kestell, Harrismith, South Africa in 1906. She was trained as a nurse in Bulawayo and then went to do further training in London, England, where we met. We now live by the sea in Lancashire in the north of England.

Through another family member living in Zimbabwe I have had access to research carried out on the Viljoen family lines by S M Jackson in the mid 90's. There are however many other lines which have so far evaded my research efforts that have largely been confined to on-line sources. I am hoping that membership of the Society may help in this regard. My particular interests are as stated on the membership form:

Any Ancestors of:     Adriana Cecilia van Zyl born 24 April 1888, Transvaal  
                              Cornelius Gerhardus van Rooyen born 4 April 1864, Cape Colony  
                              Susana Sophia Catharena Minnaar born 25 March 1867, Cape Colony

## **Lidprofiel: Ursulah Janse van Rensburg**

Ek is gebore in Oberholzer. My ouers het albei 'n regsberoep gehad, pa was streeklandros met die gevolg ons het baie verhuis. Ek het meestal op die Oosrand groot geword, was in twee laerskole en vier hoerskole, matrikuleer in 1975 aan Hoerskool Voortrekker, Boksburg. Ek is die afgelope 31 jaar getroud met Gawie en het twee pragtige kinders. Na my troue het ek en Gawie vir 'n rukkie in Johannesburg gewoon voor hy verplaas is Kaap toe. Ons het vir 18 jaar in Bellville gewoon waar die kinders skool en universiteit toe is. Nadia is 'n gekwalifiseerde *cordon bleu* chef en Heno 'n klank ingenieur/aspirant musikant. Albei woon in Kaapstad.

Gawie is in 2005 verplaas na Mosambiek en ons woon tans in Maputo. Om 'n expat vrou in die buiteland te wees kan baie alleen wees. As jy nie soos jou man 'n werkpermit het nie, mag jy nie amptelik buite die huis werk nie. Meeste van ons hou ons dus besig met "crafts" onder andere, skilder, lapverf, mosaic, loodglas, "scrapbooking", naaldwerk ens. Ek het 'n klein kunstgroepie wat een keer 'n week by my huis bymekaar kom. Die vroue is almal baie begaafd en hier word pragstukke gemaak.

My pa praat al jare oor familie geskiedenis na vors. Ons skuif na Mosambiek het my tyd en geriewe gegee en het besluit om hom te help om uit te vind of die familie legende dat ons van duitse afkoms is, waar is. Ek gebruik Legacy sagteware en is tans besig met die patriargale lyn van "Van Zweel" wat alle familiename sowel as aangetroudes insluit. My databasis bestaan huidiglik uit ongeveer 310 persone en 108 families. Ek het onlangs op 'n sterfkennis in die SA argiewe afgekome wat wys dat my oor oupagrootjie Emile Wilhelm van Zweel in Hamburg Duitsland gebore is. Ek moet hierdie feit nog bevestig maar dit het die familie baie opgewonde gemaak. Uiteindelik het ons dalk nou bevestiging dat ons tog wel van Duitse afkoms is.

Bo en behalwe Genealogie, hou ek myself ook besig met studeer. Ek is tans tweede jaar BA Sielkunde student by UNISA. Ek geniet dit geweldig. As ek maar op skool besef het hoe lekker en interessant dit is om te studeer ... dis waar dat 'n mens met ouderdom baie wysheid kry!

*Ursulah Janse van Rensburg (van Zweel)*  
Maputo, Mosambiek

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