

# eGGSA Newsletter



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## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year and a good rest over the holidays.

The eGGSA branch has been in existence for five years and we hope that you have found something of interest and use to you in genesis or the web site during that time and that you will continue to find things of interest during the coming year.

We would particularly like to thank those tireless volunteers without whom the branch would not exist. Firstly the management team, Martin Zöllner who took on the position of Chairperson at the start of 2008, Daan Hamman who took over the position of Treasurer at the same time, Lynn Couperthwaite who looks after Membership and communication, as well as helping with the captioning of files in our Picture Library and Richard Ball who looks after the web site.

Douglas Ewan has put together four issues of genesis during this year, but only with the help of generous contributions from our members and we thank both him and them for their help.

The Document ordering facility that we offer has proved popular with members and non-members alike, but without our six helpers on this project, the three indefatigable photographers who overcome all obstacles to deliver the photographs, and our three staunch behind the scenes helpers, David van der Merwe who receives the orders, records them and sends them on to the appropriate photographers, Lance Roth who receives the finished photographs from the photographers, zips them into bundles, loads them onto the web site and sends on the necessary information to the third member of the trio, Staal Burger who sends out invoices, checks receipts and forwards the ordered pictures to the clients.

We have had generous donations during the year for our Picture Library of photographs of Bibles, of postcards, and of archive documents from a number of contributors again both members and non-members. Our thanks to all of them too.

In our November newsletter, Alta Griffiths thanked all those who have contributed to the Gravestone photograph collection during the year and here we would like to records special thanks to Alta herself for her unstinting and never ending work on this project.

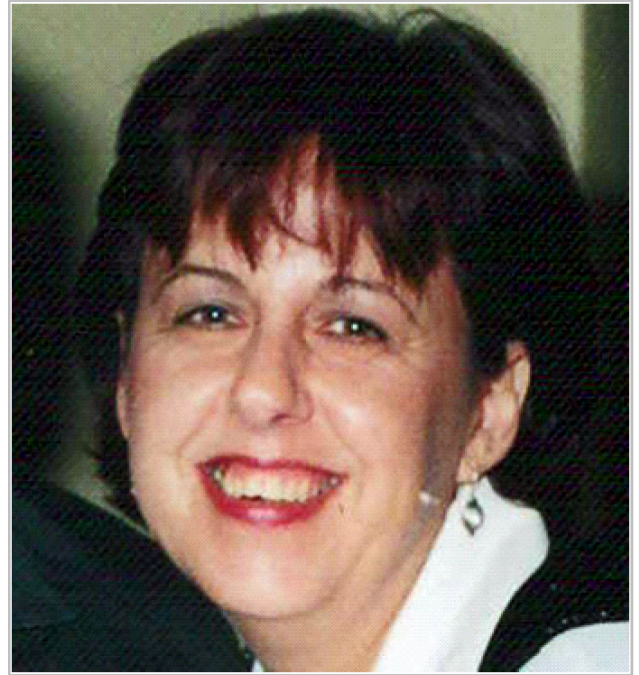
## Alta Griffiths

co-ordinator of the [eGSSA Gravestone Collection](#)

Alta Griffiths nee Rudolph was born in Heidelberg, Gauteng, South Africa, where she grew up and matriculated at Volkskool.

After school Alta left for Pretoria where she completed her Diploma in Nursing at the HF Verwoerd Hospital and in later years her BA Cur degree through UNISA. Although she ended up in the Nursing Education department her heart was still in Intensive Care Nursing.

The birth of her children, Amy and Ryan, brought an end to this career. The family lives in Durbanville, just outside Cape Town, and these days Alta is considered to be a home executive, looking after the children, all the animals and fighting a losing battle with the creepy crawlies!



Her interest in genealogy began about five years ago, when she decided to put photos of all the grannies and grandpas up on the wall, each with a little family tree next to it to explain who is who. The idea evolved and Alta was in for a big surprise when she discovered that her maternal ancestors arrived at the Suikerbosrand around 1855 and her paternal ancestors in about 1890.

The family loves holidays and these always include visiting one or more cemeteries, trying to find an elusive ancestor or cousin. It was this that finally got Alta to involved with the cemetery project on eGSSA, and the rest, as they say, is history!

## Johannesburg Branch of the GSSA is refounded

An interesting and heartening piece of news is that the Johannesburg Branch of the [Genealogical Society of South Africa](#) has been re-started. We wish them good luck.

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## Some Interesting and useful web sites

Daniel Jacobs' guide to South African Genealogical Research:

### Genealogiese Handleiding

Die 2004-uitgawe van my Handleiding vir Genealogiese navorsing kan hier afgelaai word. Van die inligting sal verouderd wees en nuwe bronne ens. wat sedert 2004 beskikbaar geraak het, word uiteraard nog nie bespreek nie. Baie van die inligting sal egter nog van toepassing wees.

Ek beplan om die handleiding in die toekoms verder uit te brei. Die handleiding bestaan uit 189 bladsye met 94 aanhangsels. Die volledige dokument is redelik groot, aangesien baie van die aanhangsels foto's van o.a. dokumente is. Om vir u die geleentheid te gee om uself te vergewis van die inhoud van die handleiding, het u die keuse om eers die notas sonder aanhangsels af te laai. Die handleiding maak nie aanspraak op 'n volledige bespreking van al die onderwerpe nie, maar behoort veral vir beginner-navorsers van waarde te wees.

<http://www.gendata.co.za/index.php/gratis-databasisse/genealogiese-handleiding>

### Genealogical Guide

The 2004 edition of my Guide for Genealogical Research can be downloaded here. Some of the information will be out of date and new sources that have become available since 2004 will by definition not be discussed. But much of the information is still appropriate.

I plan to expand the Guide further in the future. The Guide consists of 189 pages with 94 attachments. The complete document is reasonably large since many of the attachments are photographs of documents. In order to give you the opportunity to make your self aware of the contents you have the choice of first downloading the notes without the attachments.

The guide does not attempt to cover all aspects of the subject, but ought to be of use particularly for the beginning researcher.

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Bobby, one of the regular correspondents on the [SOUTH-AFRICA rootsweb](#) genealogy mailing list, wrote on 24 November:

For those of you interested in 19th century British (England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland) newspapers, Gale currently has a trial (temporary) site available to search. Go to <http://access.gale.com/public/>

It looks like this public trial has now come to an end but there is a form to use for registration. Perhaps your local library has subscribed or you can try a personal subscription. Worth a go?

Bobby also writes: For those of you with New Zealand interests, please try Papers Past from the National Library of New Zealand

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

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## Some Interesting and useful web sites (continued)

On the same email list, Keith Meintjes, another regular contributor, wrote: I wrote a tutorial on how to find places, and especially farms, in South Africa for the eGGSA newsletter. You can find it here:

<http://records-at-eggasa.org/newsletters/eGGSA/eGGSA-2-Aug2007.pdf>

In addition the [Directory of Cities, Towns, and Regions in South Africa](#) is another useful place to check.

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Another interesting site for free access digitized books is

[The Digital Repository of Leiden University](#)

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## Additions and Updates to the Stamouers web site

Nico Walters has contributed a new page to this site, that for Samuel Walter from Pressburg, who arrived at the Cape in 1696 and found the Walters family:

[Samuel Walter \(d. 1726\)](#)

Demornay Du Toit has contributed some interesting notes to the entry for Hendrik Frappe

<http://www.stamouers.com/frappe.htm>

eGGSA is now maintaining this web site and corrections and new entries are welcomed **BUT** please supply these in a finished form that can be copied and pasted onto the web site.

It is not good simply telling us that something is wrong or needs changing. We need you to write the note or the article.

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## Can we remind you?

That we need articles and contributions for **genesis** issues next year, please – without your contributions there is no **genesis**, no eGGSA.

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## South African Genealogies / Suid-Afrikaanse Genealogie

Elmien Wood, Secretary of our parent body, [The Genealogical Society of South Africa](http://www.gisa.org.za), has provided us with the following interesting news.

GISA se uitvoerende raad het in beginsel besluit om vanaf 1 April 2009 dele 1-16 van die SAG afsonderlik op KS te bemark. Deel 17 sal later ook op KS beskikbaar gestel word.

Daarbenewens is reeds gevorder met die bywerk en opdatering tot 1930 van die eerste vier volumes (Vol 1: A-C, vol 2: D-G; vol 3: H-I en vol 4: J-K) wat destyds deur die RGN vrygestel was. Die gedagte is om hierdie databasis soos wat die letters van die alfabet voltooi word, stelselmatig op die internet beskikbaar te stel met voorwaardelike (dws betaalde) toegang. As alles volgens plan verloop, behoort die eerste drie letters van die alfabet (A-C) teen einde Junie 2009 gereed te wees.

Die feit dat SAG besig is met korreksies aan die SAG reeks is lank reeds bekend en genealoë is uitgenooi om errata in te stuur; daarvoor is o.a. 'n fasiliteit aangebring op SAG se webwerf by <http://www.gisa.org.za/?ufsp=40> <<http://www.gisa.org.za>> waar foute aangemeld kan word, en baie lede het dit reeds gedoen. SAG 1 se foute vir vanne A en C is grootliks voltooi, en daar word tans volstoom aan foute van vanne B gewerk.

Nie net word foute reggemaak nie, maar die genealogieë word ook uitgebrei na ongeveer 1930 (terwyl dit voorheen vir die groter vanne teen die middel van die 19de eeu geeëindig het.

Die pryse van die afsonderlike KS'e asook die struktuur en kostes vir toegang tot die databasis op internet sal tegelegenertyd bekend gemaak word.

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The executive committee of GISA, The Genealogical Institute of South Africa, decided that from 1 April 2009 parts 1-16 of the South African Genealogies publications will be published on Cdrom as separate publications. Part 17 will also be made available on CD at a later date.

In addition, progress has been made with the additions and updating to 1930 of the first four volumes which were issued by the Human Sciences Research Council. The intention is that once this has been completed, to make this database available online with a charge for access. If all goes to plan, the first three letters of the alphabet should be ready towards the end of 2009.

That GISA is busy correcting the SAG series has been known for some time and genealogists are invited to submit corrections. A facility for that purpose is offered on the GISA web site at <http://www.gisa.org.za/?ufsp=40> where errors can be noted. (note: this web site takes a long time to appear but does so eventually). Many people have already made such submissions and the correction of errors in Part one of the SAG has largely been completed. A start is now being made on the B surnames.

Not only are errors being corrected, but the genealogies are being extended to approximately the year 1930, where they previously ended around the middle of the nineteenth century.

The prices of the separate CDs as well as the structure and charges for the online database will be announced at the appropriate time.

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## Can You Help?

From: Gejah Regterschot [gejah.regterschot@planet.nl](mailto:gejah.regterschot@planet.nl)

Sent: Tuesday, 25 November 2008 7:26 AM

Good morning,

Mr A Mulder born 17 may 1898 married to Aleida Wannet born 02 april 1901. They had four children. One daughter now living in germany and about 87 years old. A son Anthon (tonnie) Mulder born 14 september 1926. And a twin born in Holland in 1930 Joop and ..... .

My question to you is: Mr. A Mulder from Arnhem is 82 years old. The last 10 years he was very busy taking care of his wife, who was in an hospital for those 10 years. But the older you get the more questions one can have. He never had children of his own wich is very hard for him. But his is wondering about the life that his father has lived. Mr. Mulder(arnhem) went in 1926 to South Africa with his mother and sister to live at Ronde Bosch nr 7 Kaapstad.

Mr. Mulder also had his brother Bernard over to work for him. He also stayed in Kaapstad.

Mrs. Mulder went back to Holland to give birth to the twins. But she decided to stay in Holland.

Mr. Mulder from Arnhem has never heard of him again, because him mother and sister did not give him any information about his way of living or what kind of person he was. Mr mulder would very much like to know if there is someone who can tell him more about his father. He does not know when he died, what caused the death or what kind of work has he been doing. All those kind of questions. Mr mulder from arnhem is very ill, and probably not living for a long time. (he has very severe heartfailure). I really do hope you can help me answering these questions for mr mulder. I hope also that someone has a picture for him.

Thank you for your help

Kind Regards,

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