

SUMMARISED TRANSLATION OF ARTICLES IN EDITION 109/ FEB 2012 OF THE “ONS HAANTJIE” NEWSLETTER OF THE HENNING FAMILY LEAGUE

Motorfietsryers skiet vrou dood / Woman shot by Motor cyclist. For almost a month during November 2011, all TV and radio news bulletins, as well as all newspapers, reported on the assassination of Mrs Chanelle Henning on 8 November 2011. She was shot by two men on a motor cycle just after she delivered her son Benjamin (5) at a nursery school in Faery Glen, Pretoria. The motorcycle drove past her car and shot three shots at her. One bullet hit her fatally.

A few days later the man who did the shooting handed himself over to the police. He was a policeman, who was at that stage suspended due to drug abuse and other transgressions. He argued that he was blackmailed to do the assassination. Soon afterwards the man who drove the motorcycle and three other persons were arrested – including a Nigerian, who gave the orders and Mr André Gouws (47) a good friend of Chanelle’s estranged husband.

In 2006 Chanelle Nerine Henning (born Saincic) *20-9-1985 married a3.b5.c2.d4.e2.f3. Nico Henning *11-11-1966. They were busy divorcing, but were for the last three and a half years involved in a huge custody struggle over their son, Benjamin (5).

Nico Henning was also taken in for questioning, but was released because he is at present not a suspect. He is a businessman. It is known that he was a State Prosecutor for a few years and that he is a qualified advocate.

Nico is not a member of the Peter Henrich Henning clan, but a descendant of the Johan Wilhelm Henning clan — Chapter 12 of the Henning Family Cronicle. His parents were the late Dr Cornelius Almero Oosthuizen Henning and his wife Anita Margaretha (born van Tonder). It is tragic that Nico’s father, Dr Almero Henning was murdered in 1994 on his farm in the Gamtoos Valley by one of his farm workers, assisted by three other criminals. Almero Henning was for some time Professor in Engineering at the University of Port Elizabeth and also worked at the Atomic Energy Corporation.

Chanelle Henning was the daughter of Ivan Saincic *21-2-1962 and Sharon Jean Schoeman *20-3-1968.

Photo 1: Chanelle Nerine Henning (born Saincic) *20-9-1985 and her son Benjamin (5). She die on 8 Nov 2011 in an assassination

Photo 2: a3.b5.c2.d4.e2.f3. Nico Henning and his son Benjamin (5) at the funeral of his estranged wife, Chanelle

Skets Uitgeken / Sketch Identified. In the previous Newsletter we published a sketch of a man’s face, done by a L Henning. We enquired if anybody recognise the face on the sketch and/or knew the artist.

Rhea Jansen van Rensburg, a friend of b7.c8.d8.e3.f1. Mrs Leonie Steyn (born Henning) of Brakpan, visited her some time ago. She saw the Newsletter laying around and started reading it and recognised the face on the sketch.

It is Ellis Pearson, an artist of Durban, who must be in his early seventies, if he is still alive. He played among other things in the Afrikaans film “Papillon” with actors like Marius Weyers and Sandra Prinsloo, where he played the role of the clown.

We still do not know who the artist of the sketch is. A clue might be that Ellis Pearson was his mentor and he lived in Durban.

Wanneer hou ons weer Familiefees / When do we have the Next Family Festival? Many of our members would remember all the lovely family festivals we have had since the founding of the Family League in 1984. The biggest and most succesful festival surely was the first one held over the long weekend 8, 9 and 10 October 1988 at Aliwal North. Who would forget the opening ceremony when a huge commando of horseriders, a couch with six white horses and a traditional oxwagon took part in a march past where the mayor of Aliwal North took the salute.

Hereafter followed festivals in 1992, with the inauguration of the Henning exhibition in the Aliwal North museum, the succesful festival in Bloemfontein in 1994 and the festival in Pretoria in 2004.

2014 sound like a good year for the next national festival. It would be 30 years since the founding of the Family League and ten years since the last national festival.

With the management committee based in the Western Cape, where there are not many Hennings and a lot of “crocks” serving on the committee (now I am in for a hiding) we are challenging our members in the interior of the country to come forward with plans for a festival. The vast majority of Hennings live in Gauteng, with the Free State in second place.

b7.c2.d3.e4.f3.g2. Marthinus (M C) Henning of Welkom was the first who enquired about a festival. He suggest that we make a survey of the hobbies of our members and invite Hennings to exhibit their hobbies at our family festival. People who still know old and traditional skills, like the braid of a whip, etc can also show their skills. Marthinus is prepared to co-ordinate such a survey. We, therefore invite all our members to inform Marthinus about their hobbies. His telephone number is 057 388 5269, his E Mail address is: mchenning@goldfields-college.edu.za and his postal address P O Box 4788, Welkom 9460.

Marthinus is also prepared to assist with the arrangements of a family festival. All other volunteers could contact him in this regard, or contact the League Secretary.

Photo 4: Marthinus Henning of Welkom who want us to have another family festival in 2014. We are looking for volunteer to help with the arrangements

Afsterwe van Hennings / Death of Henning's. It is with regret that we learnt of the death of b5.c1.d5.e6.f3.g2.h1. Johannes Jacobus Henning *9-7-1945. He died July 2 2011. He was also known as Hannes or Hannesie. His wife who was married to him for 43 years, wrote a tribute to him. The most important messages covered in this tribute was his love for his wife and children; his diligence for his work and his enthusiasm for sport.

Photo 5: b5.c1.d5.e6.f3.g2.h1. Johannes Jacobus Henning *9-7-1945, † 2-7-2011

Henning babas / Henning babies. The first child of b5.c1.d5.e6.f3.g2.h1.i4. Johannes Jacobus Henning * 27-8-1976 and his wife Estelle Elsabe (born Nortje) of Rustenburg was born on 24-5-2011. His name Sebastian.

Two brothers Henning and their spouses had babies within a few months after each other. Corné, the son of b5. c1.d5.e3.f1.g1.h2.i3. Conrad Henning *17-3-1983 and his wife Barinda Sophia (born Opperman) was born on 8-12-2010 and Wian, the son of Conrad's oldest brother, Jan Andries Henning *19-3-1974 and his wife, Wilmari (born van Vuuren) was born on 16-3-2011.

Photo 6: b5.c1.d5.e6.f3.g2.h1.i1. Sebastian Henning *24-5-2011, son of Johannes Jacobus Henning and his wife Estelle Elsabe (born Nortje)

Photo 7: b5.c1.d5.e3.f1.g1.h2.i3. Conrad Henning *17-3-1983 and his wife Barinda Sophia (born Opperman) *23-5-1983 with their son Corné *8-12-2010

Photo 8: b5.c1.d5.e3.f1.g1.h2.i1. Jan Andries Henning *19-3-1974 and his wife Wilmari, with their son, Wian *16-3-2011 (right). Wilmari's son from a previous marriage, Hendré Calitz on her lap

Geldsake / Money Matters. Thank you to all our members who have already contributed for the year 2012. By doing so, you make sure that the family league would survive and even progress. A special word of thanks to everybody who contributed generously. Unfortunately the majority of our members have not yet contributed for 2012.

Briewe uit Nederland / Letters from the Netherlands. We received two very nice letters from Pierre Schlappi from Tilburg in Netherlands. Pierre has great admiration for the Boer (or Afrikaner) nation of South Africa. His grandmother was a Henning and he thought she descended from a

South African Henning clan, due to the fact that his uncle, Pieter Verbunt regularly receives the *Ons Haantjie* Newsletter. However, Pieter Verbunt has no direct relationship with any South African Henning clan, but was involved with the compilation of the family tree of the Dutch Henning clan, which is also shown on the Henning website on Internet.

Briewe uit die VSA / Letters from the USA. Several Hennings living in the USA enquire from time to time if we have any information about their ancestors. In all cases they do not have sufficient information for us to assist. Recently we received a letter from a Randy Henning from Norman, Oklahoma. What makes him different is the fact that his ancestors apparently also came from the Westphalia region in Germany, like our progenitor, Peter Henrich Henning. The only difference is that Peter Henrich already moved to the Cape of Good Hope in 1765, while Randy's ancestors only moved to America middle 19th Century – therefore almost 100 years (three to four generations) later. The connection is therefore still problematic. Randy's letter in the Newsletter is in English.

Onthou ons wanneer u verhuis / Remember us when you move. From time tot time letters we posted to members are sent back with a note that the postbox have been closed or that the addressee have moved. We want to appeal to all our members to let us know when you move. We want to keep contact with you at all time.

Pieter Henning maak soos sy Oupa / Pieter Henning does like his Grandfather. Like his grand father did 80 years ago, b6.c1.d3.e5.f3.g4.h6. Pieter (Piet) Henning from Strand also wrote a book. His grand father wrote about the Afrikaners who moved to Argentina in the beginning of the 20th Century, while today's Piet Henning wrote a book about management from a practical point of view. He uses many practical examples of managerial problems some of his family members encountered. Information about the book can be found on his web site www.ManagementOne.biz

Ou Manne kan ook leer Vlieg / Old folks can also learn to fly. b1.c3.d7.e9.f1.g3. Nicolaas Johannes (Nico) Henning *1-10-1942 served for many years with distinction on the management committee of the family league. After his retirement at the CSIR as a scientist he started building his own aeroplane as a hobby. Unfortunately there were too many stumbling-blocks and he discontinued his effort. Here-after he developed an interest in microlight aircraft and started learning to fly these things. At the end of 2011 he qualified — in his 70th year. This is an achievement not many people can beat. Read what the Microlighters Association say on their website about this achievement:
<http://microlighters.co.za/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=17434&sid=86314b9be00ca4a0163ca3fce1852e04>

Photo 9: Nico Henning (69) behind the joystick of a microlight on his first solo flight, when he obtained his flying licence

Graduandi / Graduates. At the end of 2011 b7.c2.d3.e5.f2.g4.h1. Esme Marelien Henning *16-11-1975 (married Spicer and daughter of Gideon Petrus Henning and his wife Kathrina Amelia) obtained a Doctorsdegree — PhD in Geology — at the University of Stellenbosch. This degree will be awarded to her in March 2012, because she and her husband recently moved to Richards Bay.

She already obtained the following degrees at Stellenbosch: BSc in 1997, Honours BSc (Geology) in 1998 and MSc Geology in 2001. Esme says that the doctors degree took so long because she worked full time, got married in 2000 and had a baby in 2009. With her studies completed, she now have time to sit and read a book without trying to remember everything she reads. The title of the book she is reading: *Low Pressure Partial Melting of Metapelites at Mt Stafford, Central Australia*. Esme is working as Development Chemist at Richards Bay Minerals. She develop analytical techniques for mine planning.

Only one other Henning graduated at the end of 2011 at Stellenbosch University – Hendrik Lambertus Henning. He obtained a MSc degree in Engineering. Unfortunately we could not identify him. Anybody knowing where Hendrik Lambertus Henning fits into our family tree must please contact the League Secretary.

Photo 10: Esme Spicer (born Henning who obtained a Doctors degree in Geology at Stellenbosch University

Matrikulante / Matriculants. At the end of 2011 43 Henning children passed matric. We also heard of one girl who's mother was a Henning, who passed matric. This compares favourable with the 37 Hennings who passed at the end of 2010. Of this 44 (43 plus 1) 27 passed with university exemption and 14 qualifying for diploma studies. 22 were male and 22 (21 plus 1) were female. 24 live in Gauteng, 5 each in Freestate and Western Cape, 3 in Limpopo, 2 each in North-West, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape and one in Natal.

The four best performers were all girls:

1. b7.c2.d3.e4.f3.g2.h1. Anina Henning *22-10-1993, D/o Marthinus Christoffel Henning and his wife Henesia Erika (born Kleynhans), obtained seven distinctions: Afrikaans home language, English first additional language, Mathematics, Accountancy, Physical Science, Life Science (Biology), Life Orientation
2. b6.c4.d1.e5.f5.g7.h2.i3. Marike Henning *5-2-1993, D/o Jan Sarel Marthinus Henning and his wife Maria Margaretha (born van Zyl), obtained six distinctions: Afrikaans home language, English first additional language, Mathematical Literacy, Life Orientation, Cosumer Studies, Visual Art
3. Alida-Louise Henning. Unfortunately we do not have her on record. She obtained six distinctions: Afrikaans home language, English first additional language, Life orientation, Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, Visual Art
4. Runé van Straaten *14-11-1993, D/o Simon Sauer van Straaten and his wife Rubina Theunissa (Runa) (born Henning), obtained five distinctions: Afrikaans home language, English first additional language, Computer Application Technology, Hospitality Studies, Life Orientation

Anina Henning had to overcome several obstacles before she could perform as well as she did. On several occasions during her school career she was admitted to hospital for operations, where she had to stay for weeks. Afterwards she had to catch up. Since her days in nursery school she was almost deaf in one ear. Due to this, she heard many words wrong and her spelling was a disaster. After she had an eardrum reconstruction she could hear correctly. The spelling took a little bit longer to improve.

After she passed Grade 11 she and her parents decided that she had to move to another school. They were well aware of the disadvantages of such a move, but the advantages were more than the disadvantages, as long as she work very hard. Anina is going to take a gap year in 2012, and will be doing an pair work. She plan to study in a medical direction in 2013.

We are aware that Runé van Straaten will be studying B Com Marketing at the Potchefstroom campus of the NW University .

Photo 11: Anina Henning who obtained seven distinctions in matric at the end of 2011

Photo 12: Runé van Straaten and her friend, Ivan Swart at her matric farewell. She is going to study B Com Marketing at the Potchefstroom Campus of the NW University