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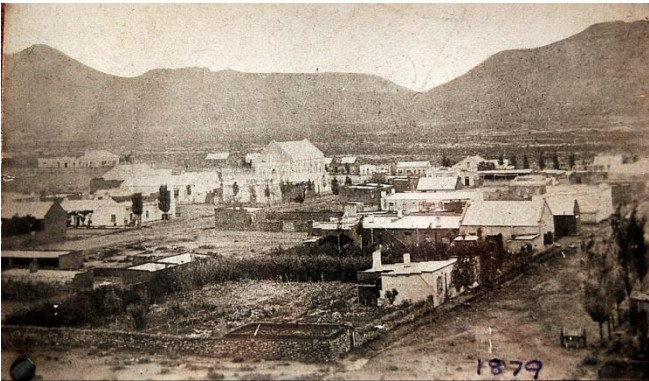
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## English Translation

### The CNE School at Steynsburg



Steynsburg during 1879, only seven years after the town was established. In the beginning the church administered the town. The huge building in the middle of the photograph is the church. Carl Christian Hennings and his wife Johanna (born Postma) and their children lived in the town

In the early days of my research into the Henning families of South Africa I became aware of a Carl Christian Hennings who was married to Johanna Postma (born 1862), the daughter of Rev Dirk Postma, the first minister of religion of the Reformed Churches of South Africa. I never could fit him into the broad Henning picture of any of the Henning clans I was aware of.

At that stage I was not aware of any people from the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Centuries with the surname Hennings in South Africa and thought that someone only spelt his surname wrong, as have happened with several other people I came across during my research. The handwriting of several people (especially clergymen) were such that when they wrote the last 'g' of Henning, it made an extra hitch, that looked like a 's'. I was also aware that this type of mistake occurred in the remote past in Europe and caused the first name and surname Henning to become Hennings, Hennig or Hennigs (because so many "n's and "i's are written after each other). If you look at the Henning coats-of-

arms chapter in our Henning Family Cronicle, you even see that this mistake was made during the days of the knights.

The fact that this Carl Hennings lived in the centre of the area where the b6 (or Willem Frederik) branch of the Peter Henrich Henning clan lived, influenced me to think that he must have fitted into this clan. He lived in Steynsburg, in the North Eastern Cape. This piece of information about the marriage between Carl Hennings en Johanna Postma, therefore, laid for longer than 36 years in my file of unidentified Henning's.

Recently I received an E Mail from a Dirk van Renen who enquired if we were aware of any relationship between Carl Christian Hennings and any of the Henning clans in South Africa. The grandmother of mr Van Renen's wife (on her father's side) was a daughter of Carl Christian Hennings and his wife Johanna (born Postma). He could trace that Carl Hennings was born during 1855 at Altona in Hamburg, Germany.

This makes Carl Christian Hennings the first Hennings progenitor in South Africa, we know of.

Carl and his wife lived in Steynsburg and they apparently had seven children, of which one died as a child. He was apparently involved with the actions of the Reformed Church of Steynsburg to establish a school for Christian National Education (CNE) a few years after the Anglo-Boer-War.

Dirk van Renen sent us an excerpt from M D van der Vyfer's dissertation which was submitted in 1958 to the University of Potchefstroom towards the fullfilment of a M Ed Masters degree. The dissertation discussed the Christian National Education Movement in Steynsburg from 1904 to 1950. Van der Vyfer did not only discuss the role that Carl Christian Hennings played in the establishment of the Christian National Education institutions but also the role that Johannes Christiaan Henning (a1.b6.c3.d9, \*10-6-1843) played. Johannes Christiaan Henning lived in the district, on the farm Kalkoenkrans and served as an elder in the congregation.

The sacrifices and hard work of this dynamic congregation, and the fact that a Henning and a Hennings excelled in this story, urged me to investigate deeper and tell

our readers this very interesting story — especially because several of our members are direct descendants of a1.b6.c3.d9. Johannes Christiaan Henning and so many of the members of the Family League fit into the broader Willem Frederik (or b6) branch.

To understand the situation at Steynsburg better, we have to present some



**The Hennings & Hovy General Dealers and Wool Buyers at Steynsburg Carl Christian Hennings and his son inlaw Willem Hovy (Hovij) owned this business**

background on the position of education shortly after the end of the Anglo Boer War (ABW) in Transvaal, the Orange Free State and the Cape Colony

Before the war, the spirit and education laws in both Boer Republics were cast in the mould of Christian National Education (CNE), where parents were in full control of the education of their children and the management of CNE schools, with support from the respective governments. In the Cape Colony many parents also believed in the principles of parental control and several CNE schools came about.

After the end of the ABW in 1902 the British administrators in Transvaal and the Orange River Colony (as it was named) tried to take control of all schools. They were not at all sympathetic towards the system of CNE-schools. In both Transvaal and the Orange Free State movements started to revive CNE-schools and several schools were established. After self-government were handed back in 1906 and 1907 respectively, the new government immediately started to implement all the principles and objectives of CNE at all state schools. The need for private CNE-schools, therefore, declined.

In the Cape Colony it became clear after the ABW that the education authorities were not at all sympathetic towards the system of CNE education. The most important objective of the authorities were to Anglicize all Afrikaner children. A few private CNE-schools were maintained by communities, but the majority had to relinquish the effort, due to insufficient funding. These communities had to fall in with the state schools.

This brings us to Steynsburg. Steynsburg came into being as a town due to the congregation of the Reformed Church which was established there in 1872. Some of the farmers (especially APJ Steyn, after whom the town was eventually named) felt so strong that they needed a congregation nearer to their farms, that they bought a farm and donated it to the church, to establish a congregation as well as a town. The church,

therefore, performed all the actions for the town to be proclaimed and played an important role in the administration of the town for many years.

The seminary where theological students of the Reformed church was trained, was situated in the nearby Burgersdorp. Even before the ABW it became clear that this seminary would have to move, due to the fact that there was no extension possibilities. When this issue was



**The Steynsburg CNE-school which was erected right behind the church. Both b6.c3.d9. Johannes Christiaan Henning \*10-6-1843, farmer and Elder in the congregation and Carl Christian Hennings \*1855 a general dealer in the town, played a role in the establishment of this school The Gimnasium (high school) en Teachers College were consequences of this CNE school**

handled after the end of the ABW, the Steynsburg congregation proposed that the seminary could be moved to Steynsburg. Several members of this congregation made ample donations (even for the erection of a hostel/ boarding-house) to ensure that their town's proposal be accepted by the General Synod of the church.

By 1904 it was almost certain that Steynsburg would get the “go-ahead”, because the rest of the country was still in a post-war state of destruction and poverty and nobody else were in a position to accommodate the seminary.

The General Synod only had to endorse this move. During the session of the synod discussions took a new twist. The Potchefstroom congregation submitted complete new proposals, which the synod accepted after long and intricate discussions — **a deep and cruel disappointment for the Steynsburgers who sacrificed almost everything to ensure that they get the seminary.**

The determination, resoluteness, perseverance and faith of the congregation of Steynsburg, in this case of principle, would not allow them to abandon their ideal of a Christian-National education action at Steynsburg. The congregation, therefore, decided unanimously that all funds collected, as well as offers of property, will be used for the establishment of a CNE-school. At a church council meeting on 1 July 1904 a commission was elected to submit plans, with calculation of costs, for the erection of a school. The members of the commission were J C Henning (a1.b6.c3.d9. Johannes Christiaan Henning \*10-6-1843), C A van Rooy en H Venter.

At the next church council meeting the submission of the commission was approved and two added members, A J van der Walt and C C Hennings (Carl Christian), would act as a building commission. Carl Christian Hennings was a merchant in the town. A school commission was also nominated and Carl Christian Hennings was also a member of this commission.

It became clear that this was not a normal CNE-school, but in fact a church school. The school commission would consist of representatives of the parents (the



**The Steynsburg Teachers Training College which was erected in 1913, where 850 teachers were trained in the following 37 years. This contributed to successful school education in Afrikaans country wide over the following 100 years**

congregation) as well as representatives of the church council. C C Hennings was elected as one of the parent representatives and Elder Johannes Christiaan Henning as representative of the church council.

On 17 July 1905 the school opened with 60 children. Due to the depression and periodical droughts after the war, the school struggled in the first few years to fulfil



all financial obligations. In spite of all these difficulties the school gradually grew and in 1908 reached the milestone when two candidates, with approval of the school commission, completed the matriculation examination with great success. These candidates were Naomi Hennings daughter of Carl Christian Hennings and Joon van Rooy (1890 – 1964), later the Rector of the Potchefstroom University and Chairman of the Federation of Afrikaans Cultural Societies as well as the Afrikaner-Broederbond.

The Steynsburg CNE-school was also the forerunner of the Steynsburg high school (Gimnasium) and the Teachers Training College which came into existence in 1913. This college delivered 850 teachers in the 37 years of its existence. It had to close down in 1950 when only 10 students remained due to the depopulation of the rural districts and smaller families became the norm. This tragedy is best illustrated with the membership numbers of the Steynsburg congregation. In 1877 the congregation had 341 members (grownups and children). In 1913 membership numbers reached a highpoint of 1315 members. There-after numbers decreased every year and reached, in 2017, the figure of 37 (33 grownups and 4 children).

a1.b6.c3.d9. Johannes Christiaan Henning unfortunately had limited time to enjoy the fruits of his, and his kindred souls', labour. He died on 6 June 1906, at the age of 63 years - only a year after their dream came true. It can be accepted that all his



Henning street in Steynsburg which was named after a1.b6.c3.d9. Johannes Christiaan Henning. This is the street where the teachers training college was situated. The building in the background is the college which was erected in 1913. The college was taken over by the government in 1926. It closed down in 1950 and in 2012 it was transformed into offices. Yours truly took the photograph during 1994/95. We are aware that Dina Margaretha Jacoba (Dienie) Henning (born Greyling) \*7-11-1907, wife of b7.c8.d8.e1. Stanley Henning \*26-1-1904 and mother of Gideon Henning, present chairman of the Henning Family League completed her teachers training at this college during 1924/25

grand children attended this CNE-school as well as the gymnasium. The fact that a street in the town and a railway siding in the district was named after him surely testify that he, in the eyes of the community, played an important role in the history of this town.

Carl Christian Hennings was a businessman in the town. He, and his son in law Willem Hovy, had a General Dealer and Wool Buyers business in the town. Carl and his wife Johanna had eight children (six daughters and two sons). One of the sons, Carl, unfortunately died very young. In the next article we start with the compilation of a family tree for Carl Christian



Henning station in the Steynsburg district which was named after a1.b6.c3.d9. Johannes Christiaan Henning. This station (actually only a siding) is near the R391 junction to Burgersdorp

Hennings and his descendants.

Carl Christian Hennings died on 5 September 1928 at Carolina in Transvaal in the age of 73 years. His wife died two years later on 19 December 1930.

**The complete history of the Reformed Church Steynsburg can be read at the following Internet link:**

[http://www.wikiwand.com/af/Gereformeerde\\_kerk\\_Steynsburg](http://www.wikiwand.com/af/Gereformeerde_kerk_Steynsburg)



Carl Christian Hennings \*1855 who played a huge role in the establishment of the CNE School at Steynsburg during 1905



b7.c8.d8.e1. Stanley Henning \*1904 and his wife Dina Margaretha Jacoba (Dienie) born Greyling \* 1907 who completed her studies during 1924/25 at the Steynsburg Teachers Training College. They are the parents of Gideon Henning, the present Chairman of the Henning Family League

# Children of Carl Christian Hennings

In this article the following signs will be used: \* = born; † = died; ≈ = baptised; χ = first marriage; χχ = second marriage; ÷ = Divorced

At some stage we will have to include Carl Christian Hennings, and his descendants, in a separate chapter in the Henning Family Cronicle. We will do this as soon as we have sufficient information about the family.

Carl Christian Hennings was born on 25 January 1855 at Altona, Hamburg in the present country of Germany. Until now we could not establish when he arrived at the Cape of Good Hope, but we know that on 20 December 1881 as a 27-year old young man he was joined in matrimony with Johanna Postma \*28-11-1862. The marriage ceremony, in the Reformed Church of Burgersdorp, was performed by Johanna's father Prof Dirk Postma, founder of the Reformed Churches in South Africa. At that stage Prof Postma was the Rector of the seminary of the Reformed Churches in Burgersdorp. He outlived four spouses and was even married to a fifth spouse. His daughter, Johanna, was born out of his fourth marriage with Susanna Lasea Kruger \*1841.

Carl Christian Hennings and his wife Johanna Postma had eight children.

1. Susanna (Sannie) \*Burgersdorp 9-12-1882, ≈ Reformed Church (RC) Burgersdorp 21-1-1883, †Middelburg hospital 26-2-1925, χ9-12-1904 Willem Hovy (Hovij)
2. Carl \*17-4-1884, ≈ RC Burgersdorp 7-6-1884, died as baby 26-9-1884
3. Marie Elizabeth, \*22-4-1885, ≈ RC Burgersdorp 24-5-1885, †Graaf-Reinet 3-2-1961, χ12-9-1912 Albert S Best
4. Wilhelmina \*1-2-1887, ≈ RC Burgersdorp 6-3-1887, † Pretoria 1978, χ18-12-1913 Frank Becker Wessels. Their son, Carl Johann Wessels is the father of Karen van Renen, spouse of Dirk van Renen, who planted the seed for the preceding article.
5. Adele Ottillie \*29-10-1888, ≈ RC Burgersdorp 9-12-1888, χSybrand Jakobus Mostert
6. Naomi \*10-8-1890, ≈ RC Burgersdorp 21-9-1890, not married
7. Elizabeth \*Burgersdorp 11-11-1892, ≈ RC Burgersdorp 29-1-1893, †28-10-1977, χ30-8-1914 Albertus Wynand Durr \*2-1-1878, †Johannesburg 18-3-1962
8. Jan Lion \*9-12-1897, †Kroonstad 13-12-1938, χ Anna Susanna Marie Joubert ÷25-1-1937, χχ at Theunissen with Erna Jacomina Marie Bauer. Jan Lion and his first wife only had one son Carl Christian \*25-4-1925. Jan Lion Hennings was an attorney at Kroonstad. His son, Carl Christian \*25-4-1925 is the only member who could continue the family tree of this family. Up until now, we could not yet trace his death register or any particulars of a spouse and/or descendants.

## Newsletters by E Mail

We want to bring it under the attention of all our members again that members who have E Mail facilities have three options to receive the quarterly newsletter:

1. Only by E Mail;
2. By E Mail as well as a paper copy, and
3. Only the paper copy.

We are of the opinion that the electronic version would not be suitable if you use your cell phone to read your Newsletters. We then recommend the paper copy (or both). If you use a laptop-, desktop – or tablet computer, the electronic version are by far the best, although you must remember that we send the Newsletter in a pdf-file. You can print copies of the newsletter, but the pages would not be in the right sequence.

Please let us know if you want to receive your newsletters by E Mail.



## Death of Madeleine Joubert: Aliwal North Museums

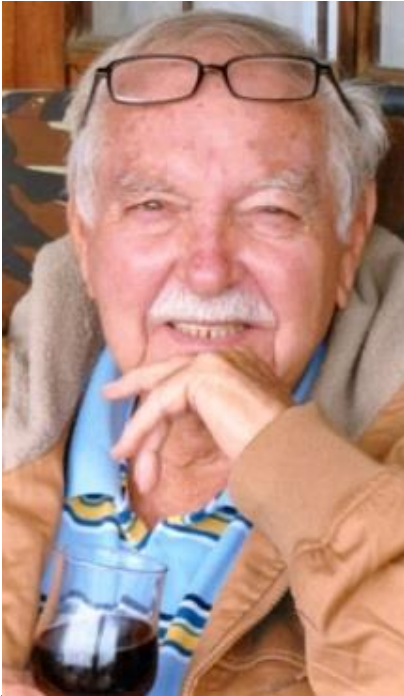
It is with regret that we have to inform our members of the death of Mrs Madeleine Joubert of the Aliwal North Museums on 6 January 2017. Due to the involvement of the Hennings in the history of the North Eastern Cape, and in particular Aliwal North, the Henning Family League erected an exhibition during 1991, on invitation of the old (white) municipality, in the Church Square Museum. Since then we maintained this exhibition.

In the early 1980's Madeleine already got involved with the Aliwal North Museums. For many years she was the stalwart of these institutions. She not only had to man the main museum, but also had to look after the exhibitions. With hard work and clever plans she had to collect funds for the maintenance of both museums. In the meantime she had to withstand the attacks of the new municipality and city council, which came in control after 1994. These new governors who were supposed to assist and fund their own towns museums, became the main enemy of these institutions.

Madeleine had a soft spot in her heart for the Henning exhibition. She also kept us informed when any attention from our side was necessary. She was already in her eighties and was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago. In spite of this, she stayed involved because only one other person volunteered to assist her. During 2016 this volunteer, Mr Hannes van den Berg, unfortunately had to resign, because his wife died and his own health deteriorated very much. He was forced to go and stay with his children in Springs. Since then Madeleine was alone again.

We are aware that Madeleine, in spite of her age and bad health, was constantly looking for other volunteers and funds. We now wait with oppression round our hearts to see if other volunteers would come to light, to take over this very important task.





## Death of Hennings

It is with regret that we have to report the death of **b7.c1.d10.e3.f5.g1. Leonard Henry Henning (Len) \*26-3-1934, second chairman of the Henning Family League from April 1995 until September 1998**, on 19 January 2017 in a medical care institution in George. The last few years Len lived in Wilderness. Approximately a month before his death he had two stroke attacks shortly after each other. He was in a coma and his daughter, Ingrid was forced to arrange for his admittance in a medical care institution in George where he could get constant attention.

Fortunately, League Secretary Olivier Henning and his wife, Charlotte drove the weekend before his death up to George to visit his old friend and comrade. Although his eyes were open, it was clear that he did not recognise us or not even knew who or what we were. We are only thankful that we could visit him while he was still alive. He was 83 years old.

**Leonard Henry Henning \*26-3-1934, second chairman of the Family League who died on 19 Januarv 2017**

Len matriculated at the end of 1950 at the Cambridge High School in East Londen. He joined the South African Airways as a Grade IV clerk. After three years he resigned and moved to Rhodesia (presently Zimbabwe) where he worked for two years at Kariba as a buyer for the British company, Costains.

After expiry of his two year contract, he returned to South Africa for a holiday and to get married to a friend of his sister - the Danish girl, Grethe Peterson. After the marriage they returned to Norhern Rhodesia (Zambia) and lived for ten years in Lusaka. Independence and the unrest in that country forced them to return to South Africa.

They settled at Walkerville, halfway between Johannesburg and Vereeniging, where Len started working as Regional Sales Manager for a stone quarry and cement producing company.

We got to know Len during 1984 when he joined the Henning Family League. We involved him soon in the management of the family league because he was so enthusiastic, hardworking and a proud Henning. We could always rely on him. During April 1995 we elected him as the second chairman of the family league. He served in this position until September 1998, when the management of the family league moved to the Western Cape.

On the sporting front he excelled - as his father - in rifle-shooting. During 1948 he was elected as a member of the South African Schools rifle-team. Thereafter, as a senior, he represented Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) in international competitions. Between 1975 and 1980 he represented Transvaal on the shooting range. His father and

his daughter, Ingrid, were awarded Springbok colours and represented South Africa in international shooting competitions.

During October 2006 Len and his daughter Sonja visited Lippstadt in Germany – the town from where our progenitor, Peter Henrich Henning came. While there, he requested his daughter to spread his ashes, after his death, over the Lippe river, which flows through Lippstadt. When Sonja returns home, she will arrange for the fulfilment of her father's wish.

Len is survived by his four daughters, Ingrid Cronje, Ingeborg Fornefeld, Sonja Henning-Griffen and Erika Vosloo and their families.



**Yvonne Sylvia Henning (born Paul)  
\*26-8-1960, wife of b7.c8.d5.e4.f1.g2.  
Adriaan Louwrens Albertus Henning  
who died on November 4th 2016**

**Yvonne Sylvia Henning (born Paul)**

**\*26-8-1960.** It is with regret that we have learnt of the death of Yvonne Sylvia Henning (born Paul) \*26-8-1960, wife of b7.c8.d5.e4.f1.g2. Adriaan Louwrens Albertus (Rian) Henning \* 14-11-1958 on 4 November 2016 at Pretoria.

Yvonne grew up in Paulpietersburg. She attended high school in Vryheid and thereafter studied at the Durban Teachers College.

Yvonne Sylvia Paul and Adriaan Louwrens Albertus Henning got married in Vryheid on October 10<sup>th</sup> 1980 and their first child, a son, Werner Louwrens was born in Durban on the first of May 1985.

In 1986 Rian and Yvonne moved to Northam, where Rian and his sister, Susanna bought their father's business from his estate.

Rian and Yvonne's second child, Anita was born in Pretoria on 12 August 1987 and their third child, Sandra was also born in Pretoria on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1990.

Over many years Yvonne was a teacher at the primary school at Northam as well as the primary school Platina. She had a huge passion for arts and was an excellent painter.

Rian and Yvonne enjoyed it to go with their family on 4 x 4 tracks all over Africa. They even explored the world from the air when they joined friends on their annual Jabiru flying tour.

In 2011 Yvonne was diagnosed with cancer for the first time.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 yvonne's first grand child, Louwrens Henning was born in Pretoria. Louwrens is the son of Werner and Yolandi Henning.

Alisa Schoeler, Yvonne's second grand child, was born on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 for their daughter, Anita Schoeler and her husband, Hendrik.

Yvonne's third grand child, Liam Henning, the second son of Werner and Yolandi Henning, was born on 6 July 2015, also in Pretoria.

She was a woman who exposed her religion in the way she lived and spoke. In 2011 she resigned as teacher. She had a great love for her grand children and started looking after them and training them.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 her family said farewell to her. She left behind her husband, her parents, sister and two brothers, son and two daughters and three grand children.



**Esmari Henning second daughter of Marthinus Christoffel Henning and his wife Henesia from Welkom, who apparently did the best of all Henning matriculants in 2016. She was also awarded the President Scout award, the highest award a member of the Voortrekkers can achieve**

## Matrics 2016

Unfortunately it is no longer possible to get the names and other particulars of Henning children obtaining their matric certificates every year. We can only keep an eye on the newspapers for Henning children who excelled or rely on the inputs of our members.

We suspect that the top achiever for 2016 was Esmari Henning, daughter of b7.c2.d3.e4.f3.g2. Marthinus Christoffel Henning \*15-11-1963 and his wife Henesia Erika (born Kleynhans) of Welkom in the Free State.

Esmari is the second child of Marthinus and Henesia and obtained five distinctions in Afrikaans, English, Accountancy, Life Sciences (Biology) and Life Orientation. This year she is going to take a gap year and plan to

study occupational therapy from 2018 onwards. This year she wants to work and do horse riding on an equestrian farm. If anybody knows about opportunities in this regard we would love to hear from it.

She started her primary school career at the Koppie Alleen Primary School in Riebeeckstad and finished it at the Nelsdrif

Primary School, a farm school near Welkom. She attended the Goudveld High School in Welkom. During August 2016 she was awarded the President Scout award in the Voortrekkers. This is the highest and most prestigious award a scholar can achieve in the Voortrekkers

## Photo's



a1.b1.c6.d4.e6.f2.g2. Pieter Abraham Henning \*16-10-1941 provided us with a new photo of him and his family, which was taken during December 2016. VLTR: Jeanetta (spouse of Pieter) \*1-1-1949; h1.i2 Pieter Christiaan (son of Salomon); Susan (born Smit, spouse of Salomon); h1.i1 Jeanetta Maria (daughter of Salomon); h1 Salomon Johannes \*21-1-1973; Philippa (born Squires, spouse of Theuns); h3 Theuns Christiaan \*1-10-1980;

a1.b1.c6.d4.e6.f2.g2. Pieter Abraham; h2 Marissa (married Petzer)\*12-2-1976; Nadia (daughter of Marissa); Francois Petzer (spouse of Marissa) and Bianca (daughter of Marissa).

## Money Matters

The transfer of our banking account from ABSA Bank to First National Bank went smoothly and we think that all members have taken note of the transfer. Therefore, we have closed the ABSA account. We request friendly that all donations to the family league be deposited into the following FNB account: FNB Villiersdorp branch 200 712; Account name – Henning Familiebond; Account no 6265 7601 483. Please use your initials and surname as well as your member number as reference.

Many thanks to those members who continue to donate funds on a monthly basis. The same appreciation apply to all members who made their annual contribution over the past three months. As usual we mention the names of those members who contributed R300.00 or more:

- Dr M E J (Tjol) Henning and his wife Amanda of Lyttelton, Centurion – R500.00
- Stanley Henning, his wife, Mary-Ann and their two grownup children, Heinrich and Anél of Wierda Park, Centurion - together R900.00
- Dr P F J (Pieter) Henning of Marblehall — R400.00





# Henning Souvenirs



Can you believe it! Except for Henning CD's with the family cronicle, we have sold no other Henning souvenirs during 2016. All these souvenirs would make beautiful birthday – or Christmas presents or would look very nice in a display cabinet. We, therefore, would like to encourage all Hennings to support us.

You can order telephonically (028 840 0113 or cell phone 082 355 3801) or by E Mail at [olie4@henning.org](mailto:olie4@henning.org). Unfortunately postage according to the weight of the parcel must be added on. We will therefore have to calculate the postage before you can deposit the money into the account of the Family League. Account particulars are as follows: **FNB Villiersdorp branch 200 712, Account name – Henning Familiebond; Account number 6265 7601 483. Please use your member number or initials and surname as reference.**

- Teaspoons (gold plated) –R50.00 each. Very nice as a set of six with a sugar spoon
- Sugar spoons (gold plated) – R54.00 each
- Collar badges – R30.00 each
- Writing pads (50 pages) – R30.00
- Henning CD – R125.00 each.
- Determine postage cost before ordering.
- If you would like us to send the parcel with registered post, this would add another R30.00 to the cost



Hennings are proud of their own!



# A Meeting of Henning Nephews and Nieces



**'n Delicious meal was prepared for the 13 nephews and nieces who came together on 4 October 2016. Standing at the back: Olivier Henning; Gert Grobler and his wife Sylvia (born Henning); Round the table f.l.t.r: Hettie and Fanie Henning; Aubrey and Wiena Wilkinson (born Henning); Charlotte Henning wife of Olivier; Margaret Britz (born Cooksen) and her sister Elizabeth van Oudtshoorn (born Cooksen); Cornelia Underwood (born Fuller) cousin of the two Cooksen sisters; Gideon Henning (standing) and his wife Wiena. Gideon is the present chairman of the Henning Family League.**

On October 4th 2016 a group of eight grand children of b7.c8.d8. Olivier Johannes Henning \*11-9-1869 and his youngest sister, b7.c8.d11 Annie Isabella Henning \*23-1-1877 (married Fuller) gathered at the home of League Secretary, Olivier Henning at the Theewaterskloof Country Estate in the Villiersdorp district. The group consisted of the following people:

1. Gideon Stephanus Henning \*10-10-1935 and his wife Wiena. Gideon is the son of b7.c8.d8.e1. Stanley Henning, oldest son of Olivier Johannes Henning \*11-9-1869. He is also the present chairman of the Henning Family League;

2. Wilhelmina(Wiena) Wilkinson (born Henning) and

her husband Aubrey Wilkinson. Wiena is a daughter of b7.c8.d8.e3. Leonard Henning \*24-7-1908;

2. Olivier Johannes Henning and his wife Charlotte. Olivier is the son of Leonard Henning (like Wiena, above). He is the league secretary of the Henning Family League;
3. Stephanus Rudolf (Fanie)Henning and his wife Hettie. Fanie is also a son of Leonard Henning;
4. Sylvia Daisy Grobler (born Henning) and her husband Gert Grobler. Sylvia is also a daughter of Leonard Henning;
5. Cornelia Margaretha (Connie) Underwood (born Fuller) daughter of Reg Fuller, granddaughter of b7.c8.d11. Annie Isabella Fuller (born Henning);
6. Elizabeth (Liz)van Oudtshoorn (born Cooksen), daughter of Alice Cooksen and granddaughter of Annie Isabella Fuller (born Henning);
7. Margaret Britz (born Cooksen) sister of Elizabeth van Oudtshoorn, granddaughter of Annie Isabella Fuller.

Many of those present have last seen each other when they were children and all of them are already in their late 60's, 70's and even 80's. Many stories were exchanged and everybody enjoyed it immensely. Elizabeth van Oudtshoorn, her sister Margaret Britz and Sylvia Grobler came all the way from Durban, Bloemfontein and Randburg to attend this delightful gathering.