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HENNING INVOLVEMENT IN FAK GENEALOGY & FAMILY FESTIVAL AT VOORTREKKER MONUMENT



The three men who manned the Henning exhibition at the Genealogy Festival on 9 April 2022 at the Voortrekker Monument: a2.b7.c8.d8.e1.f2.g2 Stanley Henning (left), his son, Heinrich (right) and Louis Swanepoel, grandson of League Secretary, Olivier Henning (middle)

In the so-called "new South Africa", it is "politically unacceptable" to celebrate Foundation Day (or Van Riebeeck Day) on 6 April. The FAK (Federation of Afrikaans Cultural Societies) subsequently decided to host a Genealogy Festival on Saturday 9 April 2022 at the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria.

Families who have organised family unions, individuals

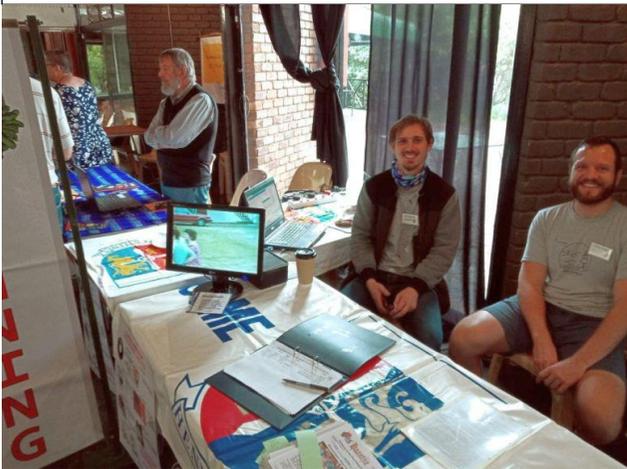
who do research on their own on the genealogies of families and other organisations with genealogy ties, such as the Huguenot Society, Heritage Foundation, FAK and the

In ou Baltiese dialek was Hen = Haan (manlik), Henne = Hen (vroulik). Henning = Haantjie (vriendelike bynaam vir 'n jong lewenslustige en parmantige seuntjie)

Genealogical Society have prepared exhibitions. As usual, the Henning Family League has contributed too!



Above: Stanley and Heinrich Henning at the main table of the Henning Familie League. On the TV screen a film is shown of the 1988 Henning festival. Below: Louis Swanepoel and Heinrich



Isabel Groesbeek, head of the FAK's Genealogy desk, made advertising for the festival in advance through various radio stations. We were very proud when the Afrikaans radio station, RSG presenter Martelise Brink, in her interview with Isabel Groesbeek, emphasised the Henning Family League's virtual museum and newsletters, of which No 150 came to light shortly before this broadcast. No other family in South Africa comes close to our 150 newsletters, which have been published regularly every three months over a period of almost forty years. This is indeed a SPECIAL MILESTONE that we are very proud of, and which has also been spotted by Martelise Brink.

Our league secretary Olivier Henning was unable to

attend the festival himself but arranged for all our exhibition items to be transported by courier from Villiersdorp to Pretoria and back – unfortunately with large expenses for the family league.

However, we were very grateful that three local men were willing to pitch our exhibition and man for the day: Stanley Henning of Wierdapark, Centurion and his son Heinrich, as well as Louis Swanepoel, grandson of Olivier Henning. I was especially proud that my own grandson could represent his grandfather. Louis obtained a BSc degree in Electrotechnical Engineering at the Potchefstroom campus of North West University at the end of 2021 and is now gaining practical experience at a firm in Centurion to qualify as a Professional Engineer. At the dawn of 9 April 2022, we were a little worried because the weather forecast predicted a rainy day, which could have



Above and below: Visitors at the Henning exhibition



meant that many visitors could be deterred. Nevertheless, so many visitors showed up that later the hall couldn't accommodate every one.

We decided to store a full set of exhibition items in Pretoria that could be used at future festivals and exhibitions here and in the area. Unfortunately, there are some items, such as the framed State Herald Registration Certificate of the Henning Family League and several original nineteenth century Henning documents and letters, that are too precious and too great for the risk of damage to send back and forth between the Cape and Pretoria. Future league secretaries will have to decide where the safest

and best place will be to store these important items.

This festival brought out a different dilemma for the family league. During the early 1990s, we had various souvenirs, such as teaspoons, sugar spoons, collar-badges, cuff-links, beer mugs and wallplates with the Henning coat of arms manufactured, at great cost. All these items display beautifully and can proudly be show to other people. Unfortunately, the cost per item was so high that we realized that we would have to sell all these items almost exclusively at cost and then shipping costs still have to add up. The slow pace at which people placed orders resulted in the family league getting its money back drip-wise over more than thirty years. So, we decided that we won't easily have such souvenirs produced again because they really aren't rewarding for the family league and in fact, we won't be able to afford them easily again either, because the manufacturer requires one to order a large number of items at a time. The last of our sugar spoons and cufflinks had been sold before this festival, but we were able to display the



The Krugergallery as seen from the Henningtable. Later there was almost no room for a mouse

very last collar badge, beer mug and wallplate at the festival – plus the last 30 teaspoons.

With the exception of a few teaspoons, all these souvenirs were sold, and it turned out that several people would have bought more items, if there were any

more. Unfortunately, we can't afford to just sell souvenirs at festivals or exhibitions unless we can get an indication from all Hennings that they would be interested in placing orders again. We have determined that the cheapest shipping service these days is Pepstores. A packet weighing 1kg or less cost only R60.00 but must then be collected from the buyer's nearest Pepstore.

We would greatly appreciate it if as many Hennings as possible would let us know if you would be interested in ordering some of these items in the future and what items you would be interested in.

Old Henning Family Cronicle Mystery Solved

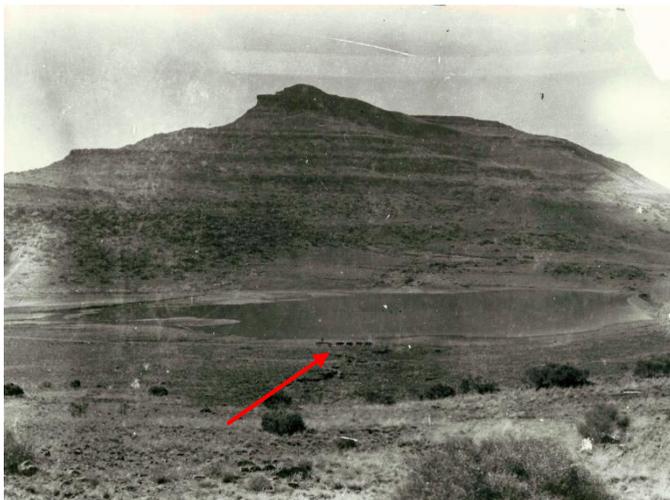
Recently, a Lynn (Lynette) Smith from Sydney, Australia contacted me and asked about Gerhardus Francois Henning (a2.b7.c7.d2) from whom we could only confirm the year of birth, 1855. This Gerhardus Francois (or Gert Frans) Henning's history was shrouded in mystery. With the evidence that Lynn Smith tracked down, we could now put the full history of this Henning to book.

We begin this story with Gerhardus Francois's father, a2.b7.c7. Philippus Arnoldus Henning *22-5-1831. Philippus Arnoldus Henning of the farm Waterval, District of Aliwal North (later Lady Grey) had a colourful history from childhood. His parents and their children lived in a cave deep in the Kramberg mountains (part of



a2.b7.c7. Philippus Arnoldus Henning *22-5-1831 and his wife, Petronella Christina Dempsey *8-8-1836. The walking stick he is holding belongs these days to League Secretary, Olivier Henning

the Stormberg mountain range) from 1837, when Philip was six years old, until 1841. This is one of the most inhospitable parts of South Africa where only the Bushmen tried to live before the first Boer settlers. Philip's father, Gert Frans Henning *1-4-1785, looked for a suitable site where he could build a large enough dam to withstand any drought. This is the area where the coldest temperatures in South Africa are measured in winter – as low as minus 20 degrees Celsius.



The dam on the farm, Damfontein which a2.b7. Gert Frans Henning and his children - among others the 10-year-old Philippus Arnoldus (c7) - built on the farm, Damfontein, from 1841. This dam still supply water to this farm today. Photo late 19th century, taken during a dry period. Note the ox wagon next to the dam

In 1841, after three years of searching, father Gert Frans found a suitable place and demarcated his farm, which he gave the name Damfontein. Philip thus spent the rest of his childhood at Damfontein. Even as a ten-year-old boy, he had to help build the dam. All children who were already strong enough to pick up a stone as big and heavy as a brick had to help carry stones. In those days, there were no other workers who could help. It wasn't until

the end of the nineteenth century that some Xhosas walked up to these remote parts of the Eastern Cape to beg some food and get a job.

After Philip's wedding to Petronella Christina Dempsey *8-8-1836, he bought his own farm, Waterfall in the District of Aliwal North (later Lady Grey) and settled there. Eventually, they had eleven children.

There was only one of Philip - and Petronella Christina Henning's children, their second child Gerhardus Francois (a2.b7.c7.d2), for whom I could not find all data. During my research into this family, I came across several pieces of evidence of the existence of Gerhardus Francois Henning, but unlike all his brothers and sisters where I tracked down most of their baptismal registers, I could only find proof of his birth in 1855.

I also found that his names were recorded on some documents as Gert Francois or Gert Frans — such as his grandfather. He grew up on his father's farm, Waterval in the district of Aliwal North (later Lady Grey).

This Gerhardus Francois' history emerged over the years as one of the greatest mysteries in Henning history.

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DEATH NOTICE.

Pursuant to the Provisions contained in Section 9, Ordinance 104.

1.—Name of the Deceased. *Elizabeth Catharina Henning*
born Henning

2.—Birth-place of the Deceased. *Alival North*

3.—Names of the Parents of the Deceased. *Marthinus Christoffel Henning, Hester Magdalena Henning.*
born Van Buren

4.—Age of the Deceased. *Twenty one years*

5.—Condition in life. *Farmer's wife*

6.—Married or unmarried, Widower or Widow. *Married to Gerh. Fran. Henning*

7.—The day of the decease. *9th October 1877*

8.—At what House, or where the Person died. *at the residence of her husband, Hillbury district Wodehouse*

9.—Names of the Children of Deceased and whether Minors or Majors.
Hester Magdalena
Petronella Christina

10.—Whether Deceased has left any Property, and of what kind. *Share of the farm Hillbury of 500 sheep 10 head breeding cattle 14 oxen, household furniture & horses.*

If the Deceased is not a married Person, or not married in community of Goods,—has left no Will,—this Notice must be made within Six Days after the death. If otherwise, it must be made within Six Weeks.

** It must be filled up and signed by the nearest Relative or Connection of the Deceased who shall be at or near the place of death,—or in the absence of such near Relative or Connection, by the person who shall have the chief charge of the House in or the Place on which the death shall occur; and must be sent either to the Master in Cape Town or to the Resident Magistrate of the District, if within Six Hours' distance; if at a greater distance, it must be forwarded to the Field-cornet of the District.

J. W. Henning
Father in law of deceased

The death register of the first wife of Gerhardus Francois Henning who was murdered by a domesticated bushman

After his marriage to his niece, Elizabeth Catharina Henning *24-9-1856 (daughter of Marthinus Christoffel Henning and his wife Hester Magdalena [born Van Zyl]) they lived on his father's farm, Waterval, where they had two little girls, Hester Magdalena (named after her grandmother on her mother's side) *1-3-1873 and Petronella Christina (named after her grandmother on her father's side) *1-1-1876 born.

During this time Gerhardus acquired the farm Hillbury in the Wodehouse district, with the nearest town of Dordrecht, and he and his wife and their two little girls went to farm there. On 9 October 1877, Gerhardus' wife Elizabeth was murdered by a domesticated bushman on their farm.

With two little girls aged 4 years and 21 months, there was no way he, as a farmer, could look after them on his own so they returned to Grandfather Philip and Grandmother Petronella

on their farm, Waterval. But again, a great tragedy struck him. Both little girls died shortly after each other on 22-6-1880 and 4-8-1880 at the ages of seven years and five months and four years and six months.

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Overeenkomstig de Wet op de Weeskamer, 10 November 1880.

Naam van den Overledene:— *onbekend* Gerhardus Francois
Henning
Geboorteplaats van den Overledene:— *Kaap Kolonie*
Naam der Ouders:— *onbekend*
Ouderdom:— *onkent vierlig jaar - geboren 24 Oct 1857*
Beroep:— *koer en vervoersrijder*
Getrouwd of ongetrouwd:— *getrouwd met Maria Susanna*
Woluwenaar of Weduwe:— *Henning geboren vante*
Datum van overlijden:— *23 Mei 1897*
Waar gestorven:— *te Pieterburg*
Of er testament bekend is:— *Testament by notaris van Keulen*
Of er roerende of onroerende goederen
of beiden zijn nagelaten:— *alleen onroende*
Is de boedel naar gissing boven de £25:— *boven de £25.*
Namen der kinderen, mondig of onmondig:— *geen in leven*
Ab S Henning
1897
H. G. J. van der Merwe *vertrouwde*
Volcker met *echterwilt*

The death register of Gerhardus Francois Henning, where his occupation – farmer and transport rider – is clearly indicated. The year of his birth was, however, only an estimate

On 24 January 1883 Gerhardus Francois remarried in Burgersdorp to Susanna Laseya Pelser. They still lived on the farm Waterval and he and Susanna had four children, Anna Martha *14-10-1883; Petronella Christina *26-6-1885; Philippus Arnoldus *24-10-1887 and Hendrina Johanna *3-10-1889.

During 1892 Gerhardus left for Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) with two wagons full of maize. At one point, he sent £400 (pounds) from Bulawayo to his brother Jan (d6.). The last that was heard from him was that he drove coal from Umtali to Bulawayo. After two years, he went missing and was never heard from again.

According to tradition, Gerhardus got a watch from his brother Jan (Jan Jacobus d6). Many years after he went missing, a retired Rhodesian justice of the peace told Gert's daughter Petronella(e4.) about a watch he got from a black tribal captain. The initials

J.J.H. were on the watch. These were the initials of Gert's brother Jan (d6.) who gave him the watch. Gerhardus Francois was thought to have been murdered in Rhodesia. This is where the trail of Gerhardus Francois Henning came to an end.

During my research, I also came across the death register of a Gerhardus Francois Henning born 24 October (estimated 1857), of whom the parents were unknown at the time of his death, and died in Pietersburg on 23-5-1897. According to this death register, this Gerhardus Francois was married to a Maria Susanna Vorster. Despite intensive research, I couldn't fit this Gerhardus Francois anywhere else, but suspected that it could very possibly be this Gerhardus Francois because the death register indicated that this person was also a "farmer and transport rider" – the same profession as our Gerhardus Francois. His wife's name, however, did not fit our picture, as well as the estimated year of birth - 1857.

Lynn Smith, however, sent me several pieces of evidence proving that the Pietersburg Gerhardus Francois was definitely the Aliwal North (Lady Grey) / Dordrecht Gerhardus Francois, as I suspected, but could not record in the family chronicles without supporting evidence:



Paulina Elizabeth Henning *20-6-1895, only daughter of Gerhardus Francois Henning en Maria Susanna Vorster, with her husband, William Taylor Mitchell and their oldest son, Gordon Henning Mitchell

1. Susanna Laseya Henning (born Pelser), second wife of Gerhardus Francois Henning, sued him for divorce in 1893 – a year after he left for Rhodesia with his two wagons and disappeared – which was granted by the court.

2. Lynn was also able to send me a copy of the marriage register of the Magistrate of Pietersburg proving that the transporter, Gerhardus Francois Henning, married Maria Susanna Vorster at 1-8-1895 in Pietersburg.

3. She also sent me the baptismal register of her grandmother, Paulina Elizabeth Henning *20-6-1895, daughter of Gerhardus and Maria who was baptized in the Catholic Church at Pietersburg on 18-6-1897. Maria was present at baptism alone, for Gerhardus had died the previous month on 23-5-1897.

With this evidence, we have now been able to complete the story of Gerhardus Francois Henning *24-10-1855.

Gerhardus and his third wife Maria Susanna's (born Vorster) only daughter, Paulina, was apparently born on a farm called Houtrivier in the Pietersburg district. After Paulina's marriage (she was called Pauline) to

William Taylor Mitchell in Pietersburg in 1916, they went to live at Bandolierskop. By 1928-29, when they had four children, they decided to emigrate to Australia and settled in Sydney. However, they put their oldest two children, Gordon Henning Mitchell and Hector Taylor Mitchell, in a children's home in Johannesburg and took only the two

younger boys, Roy Kerr Breamer Mitchell and Kenneth Ross Mitchell, along. In Australia, they had a further four children: Maria Headrick Mitchell, Douglas Mitchell, Pauline Elizabeth Mitchell and Eric Mitchell.

Maria Headrick Mitchell (nickname Mary) was born in Sydney, Australia on 24-3-1930 and she married Alwyn Beach Smith in August 1953. They are the parents of Lynette Rosina Smith (nicknamed Lynn), who unravelled all the secrets for us.

Progenitor's mother's names

Until the nineteenth century, many churches in European countries mentioned only the name of the father and the godfather with the baptism of babies. The mother's names were never recorded in the baptismal registers. Have a look at the baptismal registers of the Evangelical Church, Lippstadt of our old progenitor Peter Henrich Henning's baptism. Only his father and his godfather, Syndicus Clüsener, are named. (With the father, only the abbreviation of his names was recorded and not his full names Johannes Gerhard) We tried to consult all possible records to track down Peter Henrich's mother's names, but without success.

Recently, I browsed the records of the Mormon Church and EUREKA!! There I got the name of the wife of Johannes Gerhard Henning and all their children. The children's details are consistent with what I found myself in 1980/81. The mother's name was Anna Maria Kramer. Unfortunately, these are all details that are provided. No birth details; No parents' names. Only her name — but we are grateful that we have now traced this secret after 42 years.

Ev. Kirchengemeinde
Brüderstr. 13
4780 Lippstadt

29. DEZ. 1983

Getaufte 1740

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24. Dezember:

24. Dec. Johann Gerdt Henning; Sohn v. J. u. A. Peter Henrich, Pate: Herr Syndikus Clüsener.

"Johann Gerdt Henning ein Söhnli. durch Herrn Dr. (=Dreckmann)
get. N (Namen) Peter Henrich. Pate:Herr Syndikus Clüsener."

Certified extract of the baptism of Peter Henrich Henning, ancestor of 90% of the Hennings in South Africa from the baptismal register of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lippstadt, Germany. Here it can be seen that only his father's names and his godfather's names are given

A Young Working Henning performs

As we mentioned in the opening article, Heinrich Henning, together with his father Stanley and Louis Swanepoel, grandson of League Secretary, Olivier Henning manned the Henning exhibition at the FAK Genealogy Festival on 9 April 2022 at the Voortrekker Monument.



**a2.b7.c8.d8.e1.f2.g2.h1.Heinrich George Henning
*11-3-1988 not only excell in Computer Science,
but also start doing his part on the cultural side**

We would like to share more about this young man's achievements. a2.b7.c8.d8.e1.f2.g2.h1.

Heinrich George Henning was born in Voortrekkerhoogte on 11-3-1988. He was the only baby to be baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church, Aliwal North, during the first nationwide Henning Festival on Sunday 10 October 1988. The pastor was Rev Willie Henning of Hanover. Heinrich was the fifth generation of his family to be named

consecutively in the Dutch Reformed Church Aliwal North – himself, his father Stanley, his grandfather Olivier, his great-grandfather Stanley and his great-great-grandfather Olivier (O J). His grandfather's grandfather – also Olivier (O J G C) – played an important role in building the first church in Aliwal North and was also the first lead singer in the church.

As a primary school pupil (Gr.7) at Wierdapark Primary School, Heinrich got approval from the education department to take Computer Studies (Gr.10) surpassing many of the high school pupils he was in class with. He wrote Computer Studies Gr12 at the young age of 16 and comfortably obtained a B. He passed Matric with distinction at Eldoraigh High School in 2006. He then enrolled at the University of Pretoria and obtained his BSc Computer Science degree Cum Laude in 2009. During his studies he was appointed to the computer department as part of the team that provides web applications to the computer department's lecturers and students to exchange subject details, upload tasks and help build and maintain a chat forum. At the end of his studies, Heinrich was approached by various Information Technology (IT) companies to apply for positions in Software Development. He initially went to work at Fourier, then at 5th Dimension Technologies (5DT) and then MyRoof. In recent years he has been working for IsoMetrix and was promoted to the firm's chief Software Architect in 2018.

As a software architect he has to plan, coordinate and conduct various technical implementations as well as do research and development to keep the company competitive and innovative.

On Friday, the 8th of April 2022, Heinrich made the Hennings very proud when he was invited by the University of Pretoria to give a guest lecture to final year students about software architecture and practise. At the end of the academic year the exams will include questions from the information shared in his lecture.

Heinrich is a balanced young man who goes mountain biking on a weekly basis, and he loves the challenge of off-road racing. He also trains at the gym and knows several oriental martial arts. As mentioned, he does not hesitate to help with family cultural activities, and he helped to staff the Henning table on 9 April 2022 during the FAK's Genealogy family festival at the Voortrekker Monument.



a2.b1.c8.d6.e8.f1.g3. Jozef Hendrick Henning, father of the late Jacques Henning with his wife, Lyndy on the Caribbean island Antigua. Jozef was murdered in 2017 at his home at Meyerton



**ONS HERDENK DIE LEWE VAN
Meisie de Lange
25 September 1937 – 20 Februarie 2022**

Deaths

We learned of the passing of a2.b1.c8.d6.e8.f1.g3.h1. Jacques Henning *6-6-1977 on 22-1-2022.

Jacques was the son of Jozef Hendrick Henning and his first wife, Theresa Nel. Apart from his estate notice in one of the daily newspapers we could not find any further details. Jacques's father, Jozef, moved with his new wife, Lyndy, to the West Indies island of Antigua in 2010, where they settled with Lyndy's children from a previous marriage. In 2016 Jozef returned to South Africa, while his wife remained in Antigua with the aim of re-joining him once he got a new job and settled down. In 2017 he moved to Henley-on-Klip, Meyerton, where he was held at his home, on 5 May 2017, by criminals who brutally murdered him. The motive appears to have been robbery.

We also learned of the passing of Maria Magdalena de Lange, born Henning * 25 September 1937 in Roedtan (near Potgietersrus - Mokopane). She died on February 20, 2022, in the ripe age of 84 years. Her nickname was "Meisie". She was the 3rd youngest child of Tjaart Johannes

Henning and Gertruida Jacoba De Beer. Meisie grew up at Marken in the bushveld, was there in primary school and from there to Piet Potgieter High School where she met her husband, Frikkie de Lange. Frikkie and Meisie were married in 1957 and from the marriage of 56 years four children were born. She and her husband, Frikkie, also had seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. With much love and compassion, Meisie raised her children, learning about love, faith and hope. Her hands stood for nothing wrong. Meisie was a homemaker of stature, very fond of baking, cooking, gardening and many of her beautiful paintings are hanging in houses everywhere. Frikkie and Meisie lived in Potgietersrus or the farm near Roedtan for 40 years. The last 24 years of her life she and Frikkie lived in Menlo Park, Pretoria. She was extremely proud of her descent as a Henning, she studied the Henning Family Chronicle in detail and the family league newsletters were her favorite post.



a2.b6.c1.d3.e5.f3.g5.h1.i4. Willem Henning, born 9-3-1971 with the two daughters of his sister, Christa Malherbe: Sansha (32) and Mieke van der Merwe (28)

Death of a2.b6.c1.d3.e5.f3.g5.h1.i4.

Willem Henning * 9-3-1971. Willem was the youngest of four children of Pieter Hendrik Henning * 12-1-1941 and his wife, Susanna Catharina Magdalena (born Ralph) * 18-5-1943. Willem was apparently never very healthy from childhood and could never participate in any sport. His heart has always caused great problems. Due to his poor health, he never married and lived with his mother in Bethlehem. He worked for Telkom. Towards the end of his life, he was in the Intensive Care Unit in a hospital in Pretoria for 53 days, before he finally died on 9 June 2022.



a2.b1.c6.d8.e8.f10. Gideon Gerhardus Henning *20-4-1951 who presumably died of a heart attack while he was driving on the Vanderbijlpark – Potchefstroom road near his home

Death of a2.b1.c6.d8.e8.f10. Gideon Gerhardus Henning *20-4-1951 (nickname Bill, because he was such a big baby at birth) was the tenth of eleven children. He went to school at the primary school, De Deur and Dr Malan high school in Meyerton.

He did his apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at the Rand Water Board Zwartkopjes branch in 1968 and was later employed as a Turbine Technician.

He worked most of his career at Elca engineering, Vanderbijlpark

Later until his retirement in 2014, he worked at SIEMENS, Wadeville. After that he went farming with cattle and sheep at Lindequesdrift.

On 12 May 1973 he met his future wife and the love of his life, Joey Le Roux (Johanna Doretea) and they married on 31 August 1974 in the NG Church Vaal River. He traveled extensively through Mauritius, Mozambique, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia.

It is suspected that Bill died of a heart attack on 14 May 2022 while driving on the Vanderbijlpark – Potchefstroom road, near his home.

His brother, Pieter Oelof Henning's daughter, Linda requested that we mention that her uncle Bill was her and her sister Alida's hero. They loved him very much. He always made them laugh. According to Linda, her uncle Bill had a good heart.



Babies

The second son of a2.b6.c4.d1.e5.f5.g6.h3.i3. Rev Jacobus Adriaan Gerhardus (Kosie) Henning *16-7-1993 and his wife Carlizé's (born Snyman), Jan-Carel, was born in Pretoria on 7 April 2022. Rev Kosie is now the minister at the Reformed Church Daspoort, Pretoria

Then we also learned that a2.b7.c8.d8.e5.f5. Rubina Theunissa (Runa) (van Straaten, born Henning) and her husband Simon Sauer (known as Sauer) van Straaten's youngest daughter, Runé and her husband, Jean van Biljon who live in Kimberley had a second son on 28 June 2022. His name Henri Sauer van Biljon. This boy weighed a whopping 3.9 kg at birth. Grandpa Sauer and grandma Runa van Straaten traveled specially to Kimberley to look after older brother Jean-Louis and of course to welcome the new arrival.

The newly born Henri Sauer van Biljon who weighed a whopping 3,9kg when born. His grandma, Runa van Straaten (born Henning) is very proud of this "bulletjie"

Major Medical Setback for League Secretary

On May 2, 2022, League Secretary Olivier Henning was admitted to 2 Military Hospital, Wynberg, as an emergency with gallstone pancreatitis. During ensuing tests there were severe complications which almost took his life.

After two months, Olivier is still very weak and confused and it is clear that it will be difficult for him to continue with his duties as league secretary. (Fortunately, most of this newsletter, was already compiled before his setback). Olivier, Jannetta Steyn and Rudolf Henning, took a close look at the situation and realised that adjustments would have to be made. The following became clear:

On the negative side, it seems that the regular quarterly newsletter might suffer

because there is no one who really has the time to snuff out all newsworthy reports of current and deceased Hennings and compile them in newsletter format (and also translate them); secondly, the stream of donations received by the family league from members is getting smaller and smaller and currently covers only the most essential expenses, such as Internet service, ink or "toner" for printing paper newsletters for people who don't use Email facilities – and then the postal service has become so weak that most newsletters don't reach their destination. Olivier himself started carrying a lot of expenses out of his own pocket and then Jannetta Steyn has been carrying the cost of maintaining the Henning website on the internet for many years out of their own pockets.

On the positive side, it seems that keeping up with amendments to the Family Chronicle and the Henning website will continue, provided all Hennings let us know about amendments in their family circle. There are large numbers of Hennings who have a Facebook page, but who have not yet been included in the Family Chronicle. We notice that many people with a facebook page have family or are friends with people who have been included in the family chronicle. We would like to appeal to you to encourage your family / friends to send us their full details. The current Email Address - olie4@henning.org will remain valid until you are provided with a new address. We will maintain our Email Contact List to keep in touch with as many Hennings as possible.

It has been an honour and privilege for me, Olivier Henning, to have been able to research and record the history of this family until now over 42 years and I will continue to take my side as far as I am able to. It is with a tear in the eye that I realize that I may soon have to surrender completely.

Although the steering committee officially still exists, it is really only Dr Jannetta Steyn - E-Mail jannetta@henning.org and Rudolf Henning (Stephanus Rudolf a2.b7.c8.d8.e3.e5.f1) rudolf.henning@gmail.com involved in keeping the Family Chronicle up to date, if you want to make contact with any of them.

For any donations — the particulars of the bank account of the Henning Family League is still: FNB account no 6265 7601 483; branch 200 712. Current account. Please use your membership number or initials and surname as reference



Money Matters

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