



eGSSA

10th

Annual report – year ending 2014

Introduction

For the sentimental amongst us 2014 will always be remembered with a bit of nostalgia as we celebrated our 10th birthday on the 4th of February. Apart from the birthday celebrations we also continued to grow as branch. Our projects expanded and our member numbers increased. The webserver moved to Michigan; and we also had to say to goodbye to some of our administrative staff.

Herewith the detailed report of our activities.

Enjoy!

Member news by Alta Griffiths and Lynn Couperthwaite

The 2014 committee members

Management

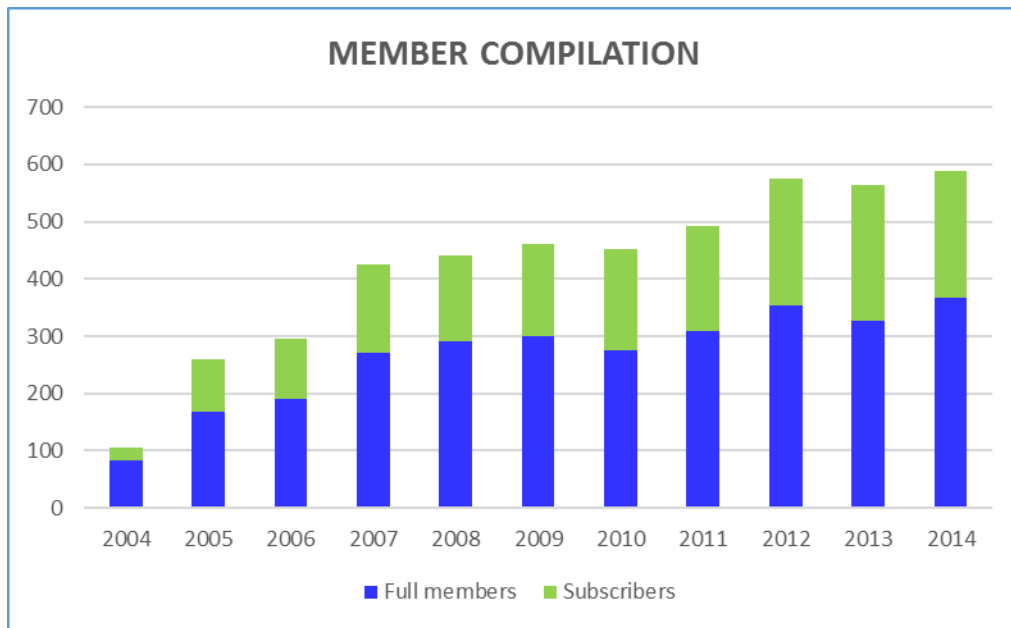
- Alta Griffiths - Chairperson
- Daan Hamman - Vice-Chairman
- Carol Beneke - Treasurer
- Lynn Couperthwaite - Membership services, communication and marketing
- Richard Ball - Web Services
- Judi Meyer - Genesis Sub-Editor

Additional members

- June Barnes - Genesis Editor
- Daan Botes - Post cards
- Corney Keller - Transcriptions
- Annelie Els - Stamouers

Member numbers

The total number of members for the year was 589 with the breakdown of 368 full members and 221 subscribers, showing a slight increase in the number of full members.



By definition a full member is a person who nominated eGSSA as his or her primary branch. A subscriber is a person who selected one of the land based branches as his or her primary branch, but is also subscribing to eGSSA's genesis and eGSSA privileges.

The male to female ratio:

- Male members: 308
- Female members: 281

We have 254 Afrikaans speaking members and 335 English speaking members.

Member distribution

The great majority of our members are South African residents, with substantial minorities from elsewhere in the world: RSA 443, Australia and New Zealand 52, Europe 55 and America 39.

Member achievements

We are proud of all our members who were nominated and recognized for their achievements at the 2014 Genealogical Society's Annual Award Ceremony in Pretoria in March last year.

- Richard Ford (Fellow of the Society Award) - awarded for continued outstanding contributions and dedication to genealogy and the Society in particular.
- Johan Pottas (Genealogist of the Year) – awarded for outstanding contribution that made a visible difference to South African genealogy.
- Peter Kirkman received the GSSA Outstanding Genealogy publication for his book *From Manchester to Albany and Beyond*
- Corney Keller (Golden Banner Award) for his outstanding contribution unlocking Netherlands genealogical sources.
- Daan Botes (Golden Banner Award) for his efforts recording Namibian graves.

Other nominees were:-

- Gerda Coetzee (nominated for GSSA Outstanding Genealogy publication) – for her publication: *'n Historiese-argeologiese studie van die plaas Welkomskraal, distrik Venterstad, Noordoos-Kaap.*
- Ellen Harmse (Golden Banner Award) for organizing genealogy tours to the Cape.
- Mariana Olivier (Golden Banner Award) for her networking efforts to introduce genealogy to the public.

Note: The Golden Banner Award was previously known as the Merit Award.

Member communication

E-mails are still the main form of communication. Constant Contact is used to manage bulk e-mails. Record is kept of all messages opened, bounced or forwarded. The highest number of messages opened was for genesis 69% and the lowest for '1 000 Likes' at 44%.

38 Members received individual emails due to their Internet Service Providers blocking our mailing address.

Genesis by June Barnes



Four issues of genesis were published during the year - all on time - at the end of the designated months as in the table below.

At the beginning of the year it was decided that as part of the 10th Anniversary celebrations we would devote each of the 4 issues to a specific topic, and also to have a countdown of the top 10 surnames to have their roots amongst the first pre-1700 settlers in South Africa. Annelie Els undertook to do the necessary research with very satisfactory results.

Issue	Pages	Feature	Number of items	Articles from non-editorial or management team
Feb - Issue 42	72	Arrivals	16	3
May - Issue 43	74	Marriages	20	2
Aug - Issue 44	60	Baptisms	16	2
Nov - Issue 45	68	Deaths	17	2

As can be seen from the above table, the number of contributions from members remains low. Articles designed to provoke participation failed to do so and very few people used the “Brickwalls” feature. Most of the queries originated from messages on the Facebook page. Whilst we did not get many queries or contributions, there were some favourable compliments from satisfied readers.

Lea Duckitt was recruited to be the new English editor after June’s retirement at the end of 2014, and Louise Hamlyn will be the new English proof reader with Leith Woodall’s retirement also at the end of 2014. Fortunately Lea is also going to be responsible for the layout as this has been done by June in recent years. Judi Meyer takes over the reins of chief editor ably supported by Daan Botes who has been a valuable member of the team as always.

Editorial: The management would like to express their thanks to both June and Leith for the tasks they so ably performed over the years.

Facebook by June Barnes



The Facebook page has continued to grow with “Likes” increasing from around 720 at the beginning of the year to 1 134. June’s commitment to make at least one post a day has paid off with most getting a number of “likes” and shares daily. The celebration activities, Treasures, Postcards and Stamouers, all made a good contribution to the continued growth and support received.

Members of management were added to the editorial team which has helped in keeping up-to-date with messages and queries received. It is noticeable that images such as the postcards are always appreciated and frequent changes to the cover photo do make a difference.

Editorial: A big thank you must go to June Barnes. It was on June’s initiative that we started our Facebook page and her huge effort last year to do daily postings on Facebook. In June’s absence, the genesis Editorial team will run Facebook in 2015; together with the help of several members we hope to keep up with the daily posts.

eGSSA Website by Richard Ball

The eGSSA web site occupies about 180 gigabytes of disk space and is housed on a dedicated server located in the Michigan Data Center, USA. The vast majority of this disk space is taken up by our picture library consisting of Gravestones, Archive documents, Bibles, postcards and books.

Visitors

When looking at web site statistics, the important ones are the number of visitors and the number of visits. A visitor is you or me accessing the web site. A visit consists of one session of whatever duration where a visitor stays looking at the web site. The number of visitors increased by about 30% and the number of visits by about 50% during 2014.

Some of our members may find it interesting to see which web browsers and which operating systems are used to access the web site.

Browsers

Taking the lead in browsers this year is Google Chrome, used by 32% of the visitors to our site, then Microsoft Internet Explorer 21%, Firefox 15%, Mozilla 14%, Safari 11%, Android 2.3% and Opera 2.2%, plus a number of others with very small percentages.

Operating systems

As to the operating system our visitors have on their computers, the proportions are as follows: Windows 75%, iOS 5% (iPhone and iPad), Macintosh 5% and Blackberry 1%.

Along with genesis and the eGSSA Facebook page, the eGSSA Branch's web site is our main means of communication with our members and also the area in which our members are most easily able to contribute by providing photographs of gravestones, documents, bibles and postcards and also by captioning those photographs once uploaded, for the use of the whole genealogical community.

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits
January	60,753	129,087
February	55,698	118,167
March	72,262	155,817
April	72,448	160,348
May	71,222	159,046
June	68,657	153,315
July	74,494	169,376
August	74,300	168,199
September	60,012	125,249
October	79,620	180,238
November	75,802	178,075
December	83,561	196,740
Total	848,829	1,893,657

Archive Photographic Services by Richard Ball

During 2014 we received a total of 531 orders for photographs of documents at the Archives, 316 from GSSA members and 215 from non-members. With the help of our doughty photographers and the volunteers who collect, itemize, process, load and invoice these orders, 90% were completed within 6 weeks, most more quickly than that.



Bibles Project by Richard Ball

In February 2014 we added 6 new Bibles contributed by Charlie Els, Barbara Fourie, Hendrik Grobbelaar.

Added in June 2014 were Bible photographs from the Museum Africa, Johannesburg, organised by West Gauteng Branch of the GSSA, and photographed by Neels Coertse, Lucas Rinken and Giel Nel of the West Gauteng Branch.

With special thanks to Hobbie Stoffberg for cataloguing and captioning them all.

We now have a total of 358 of these very valuable items in the [eGSSA Bible collection](#).

Post Cards by Daan Botes



In our year of celebrations commemorating eGSSA's 10th anniversary, all postcards received, were entered into our Post Card Competition. The competition was promoted on our FB page as well as personal invitations to our regular contributors.

We received 430 postcards from:

Mac Barnard, June Barnes, Francois Biewenga, Erna Buber-De Villiers, Andrea Furness, Colleen Gray, Sharon Hiebner, Nikolas Koulountis, Talita Loftie-Eaton, Annemie Lourens, Glynis Millet-Clay, Christine van Niekerk, Hermien du Plessis, Basil Royston, Peet Schabort, Louis Scheepers and Pauline van Vuuren.

Our collection, after taking out some duplicates, now stands at the figure of 3 037 cards.

Objectives for 2015:

- Maintain our promotion for the contribution of cards by displaying excellent ones on FB.
- Consider another competition to identify the top 100 cards in our collection.

The Gravestone Photograph Project by Alta Griffiths



The project has been ticking over nicely during the year. While we experienced delays in getting the photos transferred to the public site, the backlog was wiped out by the end of December – we finished the year with over 600 000 published photographs.

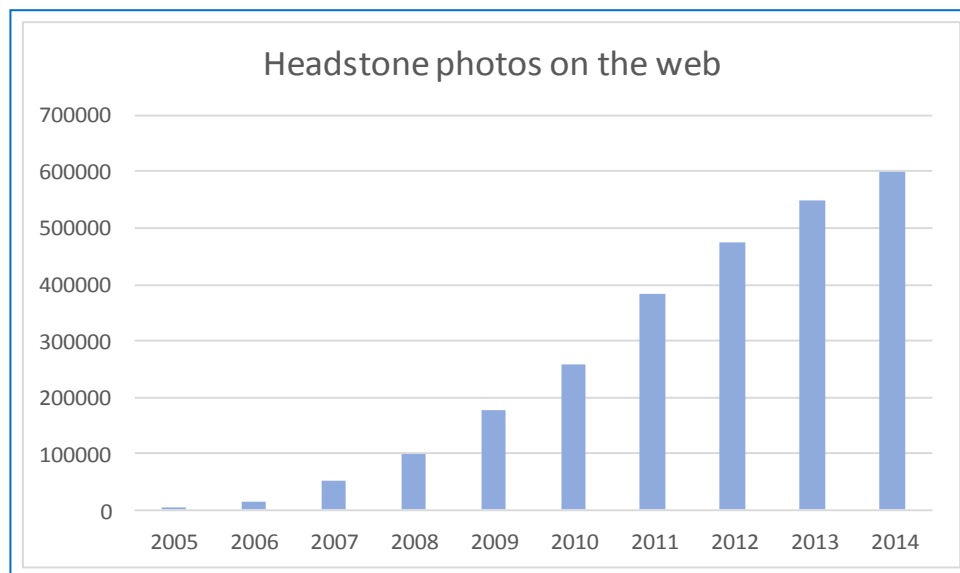


Diagram reflecting the annual growth of the Gravestone Photograph Project

Cemetery Project Coordinator

Alta Griffiths retired as Cemetery Project Coordinator at the end of December. The vacancy has been filled by Riana le Roux. Riana previously volunteered her services as a captioner and was roped in for the new position. Riana has been groomed for the coordinators position since October – training is ongoing.

It is with great appreciation that we need to thank all our contributors, volunteers and supporters for their efforts:-

Photo donations

Adel Pretorius	Frik Venter	Marielle Ford
Adele Richardson	Gail Röthlin	Martie du Toit
Allison Mulder	Gansie Coetzee	Maureen Kruger
Alta Roux	Gary Gray	Maureen Schnittker
Amy Griffiths	Geoff Hawkesley	Melt Loubser
André van Dyk	Gerard Schmidt	Mike Taljaard

Andrea Furness	Gert van der Merwe	Naas Olivier
Annel Meyer	Gina Shepherd	Neels du Plessis
Annemie Lourens	Graeme Chittenden	Nellie Tait
Annette Meyer	Guy Barker	Nico and Hanneli Denner
Arnoldus Bestbier	Heather Peyper	Nico Burger
Attie Delport	Hennie Steyn	Nico Swart
Barbara van der Schyff	Henry Rudman	Ockert and Sasa Malan
Barry and Susan Stieger	Hentie Liebenberg	Pam Smith
Basil Royston	Hermien du Plessis	Pat Crouse
Bernice Jacobs	Hilary Burger	Paul le Roux
Billy Baard	Hobbie Stoffberg	Peet Schabort
Boris Gorelik	Ian Carruthers	Peter and Beverley Moss
Brian Barrett	Ignatius Smith	Peter and Henriette Sonemann
Carel Barry	Isabel Jones	Peter Kirkman
Caren Louw	Jan Jones	Peter Moss
Carol Beneke	Jane O'Connor	Peter Silbernagl
Carol Coney	Jannie and Annelize de Villiers	
Cathy and Colin Cotterrel	Jannie Hanekom	Petro Coreejas-Brink
Celeste Pretorius	Jenny Duckworth	Petrus Fourie
Celia Fourie	Joan Maher	Pieter Taljaard
Charleen Voster	Johan Pottas	Pieter van Aardt
Charlette Barron	Johan Victor	Poppie Robberts
Charlie Els	Johan Visser	Reon Heard
Charlotte Barron	Johann Claassen	Rian Visser
Cheryl Stoner	Johann Hamman	Riana le Roux
Chris and Petra Lombard	Johann Kotze	Riana Schumann
Chris Boyle	John Deare	Rina le Roux
Chris Dreyer	John Schwartz	Rosaleen Flanagan
Christo Schutte	John Stanley	Rose McArthur
Clarence de Meillon	JP Swart	Rowena Nelson
Corrie Evert	Juan-Pierre Jacobs	Roy Oosthuizen
Daan Botes	Judi and Illona Meyer	Ruslou Koorts
Dave Wardle	Junia Rust	Ryan Griffiths
David van der Merwe	Kallie D'Alebout	Sampie and Pietie Orton
Dawie Burger	Kelly Fourie	Sarel Burger
Dayne Skolman	Kevin Janse van Rensburg	SEWFHS
Derek Walker	Kirsten Jee	Shannon Adams
Dewald Jean Vogts-Van Zyl	Koos and Janet Lourens	Shaun Geldart
Dorothy Adendorff	Koos Lourens	Shayne van Rensburg
Douglas Ewan	Leslie de Klerk	Simon du Plooy
Eckhard von Fintel	Levien Smuts	Simone Kay
Eddie Otte	Liz Eshmade	Stewart Moss
Ellen Smale	Liz Graham	Sunelia Heath
Eric and Yvonne Flanagan	Lizette Svoboda	Tharina Coetzee
Esmé and Sakkie Nel	Lorna Sleight-Nicholl	Theodorus Maree
Ester de Beer	Louis Botha	Tian Schutte
Etienne Weideman	Ludwig Döhne	Tobie de Villiers
F J K de Villiers	Lyn Paul	Vanda Chittenen
Fanie Blignaut	Magda Streicher	Vincent Eastes
Fleur Way-Jones	Malcolm de Beer	Warwick Hojem
Flip Crouse	Maria Damon	Wayne Peyper
Frankie Coelho	Maria Victor	Willem van Aardt
Freek Myburgh		Willieta de Swardt

1st Gordon's Bay Sea Scouts & 2st Somerset West Scouts

The Captioners

Andrié Labuschagne, Angela de Klerk, Anina du Plessis, Annatjie Erasmus, Annette Meyer, Daan Botes, Dal Good, Esmé van der Westhuizen, Flap Bester, Glen Swemmer, Heleen Nel, James Anderson, Jane O'Connor, Lorraine Beechey, Melanie dal Grande, Rob Jones, Terry Terblanche and Tharina Coetzee.

The Movers

Annel Meyer, Louis Hurn, Magda Alberts, Riana le Roux and Wilna Eygelaar.

The [Central Cemetery Index and Google Earth Project](#) is updated and maintained by Peter Moss.

[Technical Backup](#) Richard Ball.

South African Records Transcribed by Corney Keller

In 2014 we continued where we left off in 2013; expanding on the existing sections and adding one or two new ones including transcriptions of selected documents from the Court of Justice.

Court of Justice



A new section named Court of Justice was added under the heading 'Cape Town Archive Repository'. The Court of Justice dealt with judicial matters, and contains minutes of the court, records regarding civil and criminal cases, appeal cases, estate papers, contracts, declarations, attestations and inquests. This section contains transcriptions, and in some cases images of, selected documents from this so-called 'CJ' series. Transcriptions and images will be added as they

become available. Amongst others the following interesting documents were added:

- The surprising sentence of stamvader Andries Oelofse for his part in attempted mutiny and murder of the ships officers of the ship *Huis te Velsen*. See CJ 780:90
- The sentences of Francois and Guilliam du Toit, Jan and Claas Elberts, Jacobus van Brakel, Cornelis van Nieukerke, Maarten van Staaden, Willem van Zijl and Hercules des Pres for their part in refusing to appear before court, accused of rebellion and conspiracy against, and the defamation of, the government in 1706.

Amsterdam Classis

No new material was added to this section. Some articles still have some transcription or typing errors, which are revised and edited as they come to light.

Church Registers

The transcription of 'Cape Town Marriages 1713-1756' was completed in early 2014. We set the goal to complete 'Cape Town Baptisms 1743-1757' in 2014. Unfortunately the goal was not reached by the end of the year. Baptisms of Company slave children and baptisms of Burgher slave children were fully completed; however those of Christian children were only completed for the years covering 1743 to 1749. The remainder are still ongoing.

Muster Rolls of free men

This section contained twenty-four articles by the end of 2013. During 2014, four more were transcribed and added by Richard Ball and now totals twenty-eight. See <http://www.eggsa.org/sarecords/index.php/muster-rolls/cape-archives-vc-copies> for the complete list.

The Muster Rolls (monsterrollen), preserved in the form of transcripts in the Cape Archives as VC 39-55 and 103, were apparently yearly lists of the inhabitants at the Cape, drawn up by Dutch East India Company (VOC) officials, and sent to the authorities in the Netherlands where they were preserved.

These are copies done by hand at the end of the 19th Century by George McCall Theal, from the records preserved in the VOC archives at The Hague, Netherlands.

Indexes (Stellenbosch NGK Registers)

Except for some corrections, no significant additions were made. The data was compiled and made available to eGSSA by Ockert Malan.

Indexes to LDS images (FamilySearch)

No significant new material was added to this section during 2014 except for the continuous effort by Carol Chapman with the Bredasdorp indexes.

2014 and beyond

The main aim will be to continue the transcription of the Cape Town Church registers up to the end of the VOC period. Secondly to continue expanding the section containing documents of the Court of Justice. Thirdly to stand open for any new material and suggestions to improve on the site and make it even more valuable to researchers. Having said this however, without the help of new or more volunteers, the growth will probably stagnate during the 2015.

The transcription of documents is an on-going process and depends largely on the availability of (copies of) original documents and transcribers.

Archive collection by Corney Keller

A number of Estate files have been added to the collection:-

- TAB - Added 587 estate files containing 2 713 documents
- KAB - Added 21 estate files containing 156 documents
- NAB - Added 7 estate files containing 64 documents
- VAB - Added 2 estate files containing 12 documents

BDM Project by Richard Ball

This project continues to grow slowly. Added during 2014 were:

- Baptisms: **King William's Town**, Holy Trinity (Anglican) 1849-1892 and **Swartland** (NGK) 1745-1816
- Marriages: **Grahamstown**, St George (Anglican) 1831-49
- Burials: **Port Elizabeth**, Forest Hill Cemetery 1955-2014

With grateful thanks to all the many contributors to this project past and present.

1820 Settler Correspondence by Sue Mackay



The 1820 Settler Section continues to receive several hundred visitors each day. In addition to the original settler correspondence transcriptions, which were completed some years ago, an index has been added which can be downloaded as an Excel file. Correspondence by known settlers or their families covering the years up to 1837 has also been added. Additions have also been made to the pre 1820 information on known settlers, following the publication of more original images online. It is worth checking regularly at <http://www.eggsa.org/1820-settlers/> to see if more has been added in the Additional Information section.

The Newspaper Section by Sue Mackay

The Newspaper Section also continues to be a very well-used resource, some days receiving almost 1 000 visits. Extracts from the Cape Frontier Times have been added, and modern BMD transcriptions from various newspapers are added daily. These transcriptions can now all be viewed in one place at <http://www.eggsa.org/newspapers/>, with a site specific search engine. Thanks are due to all the transcribers.

Passenger lists: Primary Sources by Richard Wolfaardt



395 new names were added to the passenger data. The transcribers eagerly await new photos.

Stamouers by Annelie Els



The year kicked-off with the 10 year celebration of eGSSA and a competition of new, and additional data to the Webpage. A total of 69 entries were received by various members.

NO	STAMOUEUR INFO	CONTRIBUTED BY	NO	STAMOUEUR INFO	CONTRIBUTED BY
1	ACKERMANN	Darrell Ackerman	35	MOOLMAN	Johan Moolman
2	BAILEY	Annatjie Tiran	36	OLIPHANT	Dennis Oliphant
3	BELL	Annatjie Tiran	37	OLIVIER	Ronel Olivier
4	BESTBIER	Annemie Lourens	38	OPPERMAN	Ockert Malan
5	BISSCHOP	Annatjie Tiran	39	OTTE	Eddie Otte
6	BLOEMHOF	Els Thuis	40	PELTZER	Annatjie Tiran
7	BOSCH	Johannes G. Bosch	41	PRINSLOO	Martinus Prinsloo
8	BOSCH van	Johan van Breda	42	RABE	Christine Howard
9	BRAND	Marthinus Brand	43	RICHTER	Elizabeth Hanekom-Heyns
10	BURNES	Marietta Louisa van Zyl	44	VAN ROOYEN	Martie du Toit
11	CALITZ	Avril Dawson nee Calitz	45	ROTHMAN	Elmien Wood
12	CALITZ	Dan Strydom	46	RUST	Christine Howard
13	CHEZE	Annatjie Tiran	47	SCHULZ (Hermannsburgse)	Ockert Malan
14	COETZER	Rassie	48	SCHULZ (Lydenburgse)	Ockert Malan
15	COMBRINK	Marianne Combrink	49	SLOTH-NIELSEN	Esther Sloth-Nielsen
16	DARGON	Jeanette Clements	50	SMITH	Natie Smith
17	ELLIS	Daniel F Ellis	51	STELLA	Annatjie Tiran
18	FAIHST	Lee McGovern	52	t`HART	Louie Mostert
19	FOLEY	Hayley Fritz	53	TANCRED	Lee McGovern
20	FOORD	Annatjie Tiran	54	TIRAN	Annatjie Tiran
21	FOSTER	Marianne Combrink	55	TURKSTRA	Els Thuis
22	GERBER	Elmien Wood	56	VAN DER LINDE	Andrie van der Linde
23	GEYSER	Esther Sloth-Nielsen	57	VAN EMMENES	Phoebe van Emmenes
24	GROBLER	Simon du Plooy	58	VAN MANEN	Jeanette Clements
25	GULDENFENNING	Ockert Malan	59	VAN MEERHOF	Jan Neelmeyer
26	GUSTAFSON	Annatjie Tiran	60	VAN REEDE VAN OUDTSHOORN	Helen Riding
27	HARMSE	Marthinus Harmse	61	VAN SCHALKWYK	Ockert Malan
28	KOEN	Lee McGovern	62	VAN TONDEREN	Elmien Wood
29	KRIEL	Helena Garner	63	VAN WYMEERSCH	Lee McGovern
30	LAUDENBACH	Raymond A. Lautenbach	64	VERMOOTEN	Louie Mostert
31	LEYGONIE	Annatjie Tiran	65	VERSTER	Paul Bosman
32	MAC DONALD	Annatjie Tiran	66	WALCOTT	Annatjie Tiran
33	MOCKE	Johnny Mocke	67	WILLEMSE	Darius Willemse
34	MOLL	Eddie Otte	68	WOLVAARDT	Henri Wolfaardt
			69	WRIGHT	Ernest Bessinger

The competition was won by Johnny Mocke. The winner was randomly selected.

Outreach Program by Alta Griffiths

The focus this year fell on our birthday celebrations. If ever there was a challenge it was to organise an online party. While one wants to transfer the cheer of festivities, you also have to guard at tattiness!

In the end we opted to run different competitions; thereby hoping to encourage interest, participation and at the same time expand our projects.



The competitions included:-

- June Barnes organised a hunt Family Treasures on Facebook in February. The competition had two categories and was won by Letty Riding and Dayne Skolmen respectively.
- Annelie Els organised the Stamouers competition. The competition ran from middle February to end November. 69 entries with additional data for our Stamouers page were received. The competition was won by Johnny Mocke.
- Daan Botes organised the Post Card competition. 430 new post cards were added to our collection. The competition opened in April and closed mid-November. The winner of the competition was Annemie Lourens.
- While it is a GSSA project, we invited Hobbie Stoffberg, co-ordinator of the Funeral Program collection on Genza, to participate in our birthday celebrations. The campaign ran from March to end October. 49 people submitted 743 new Funeral letters. The winner of the competition was Hennie Steyn.

The winners of the above competitions were randomly selected; the organisers went to great effort to ensure that the draws were done fairly.

Another first, was the competition where viewers had the opportunity to vote for their favourite family website. We received 6 entries. And we need to thank all 6 our contestants for putting themselves out there – André Morkel, Dewald Martens, Gina Shepherd, Josey Olivier, Richard Ball and Sarel Burger. The competition was won by Sarel Burger.

As per previous years, we also took part in various other exhibitions and events to showcase our hobby. The workshops and exhibitions are normally well received and tend to create a lot of excitement.

Our program for the year looked like this:-

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR 2014	
Date	Event
22 February	A group of 28 caught the train outside De Doorns to visit the historical sites along the railway track.
15 March	Hobby Expo. Darryll Allwright represented eGSSA at the Hobby Expo Grahamstown
22 March	Petro Coreejas-Brink and Alta Griffiths gave feedback to the Honorary Game Rangers in Somerset West; after their invitational visit to Tankwa Karoo National Park to record the farm cemeteries in the park.
16 April	June McKinnon, author of the book Tapestry of Lives, gave an interesting talk to the Grade 10 History students about the Eva Krotoa; at the Curro Durbanville High School. The event was featured in the TygerBurger, a local newspaper, on the 14th of May.
9 – 10 April	Trudie Marais organized the 1820 Settler Tour on our request. The event was booked out before we could advertise. 19 Friends went on the 2 day tour, visiting to the Nanaga, Grahamstown, Clumber, Port Alfred and Alexandria.
5 – 9 May	National Archive Week. eGSSA organized the exhibitions at the Roeland Street Archives, Cape Town (KAB) during archive week. Other parties at the exhibition were the Cape Family Research Forum, Cape Town Family History Society, Ebrahiem Manual's Simons Town Historical Medley, Genealogical Institute of South Africa (GISA), Graham du Toit's Military Research, GSSA East Cape, GSSA Western Cape, Henning Family League, Krige Family League, Roeland Street Archives, South Africans of Indian Origin and the Tracing History Trust (TANAP).
17 May	Carol Beneke represented eGSSA at the Jeffreys Bay Museum Day in Jeffreys Bay.
22 July	eGSSA took the 4 GISA ladies on an outing to the Roeland Street Archives in Cape Town (KAB). Mr Jaco van der Merwe took the group for a tour through vaults.
2 August	The workshop on Slave Research had to be cancelled due to a death in the speakers' immediate family.
6 September	Daan Hamman and Annelie Els represented eGSSA at the Heritage day at NG Kerk Lynnwoodrif, Pretoria.
26 September	Martie du Toit initiated a genealogy workshop at Chrismar Villas a Retirement Villages in Bellville. eGSSA was invited to do the Introduction. Martie continues to do follow up visits at the Village, assisting the occupants to record their family history.
27 September	eGSSA participated in the South African St Helenian Heritage Association's Heritage Exhibition at the Meadowridge Library, Bergvliet, in the Southern suburbs of Cape Town.
24 October	eGSSA participates in the Southern Cape branch's Genealogy Workshop in George. Martie du Toit and Alta Griffiths represented our branch and met with the Southern Cape members there. 50 people attended the workshop.

Thank you to all the organisers, exhibitors and participants of the outreach program, especially to the new faces who came on board this year!

Similar exhibitions and workshops are planned for 2015 – we will be announcing the program as the year progress; we will give the competitions a skip this year.

The eShop by Alta Griffiths and Carol Beneke

A number of new publications were added to our shop:-

- *Cemetery Recording Project*. 12th Edition. GSSA product under direction of Peter Moss
- *Die Eerste Vryswartes van Stellenbosch 1679-1720* by Dr J.L. Hattingh
- *e-Sagi* Product of the West Gauteng branch
- *From Diaspora to Diorama - The Old Slave lodge in Cape Town* by Robert Shell
- *From Manchester to Albany* by Peter Kirkman
- *Just Ordinary People* by Liz Eshmade
- *Kalahari Mac Omnibus* by C.J. MacDonald
- *Nauhaus – A Remarkable Missionary Family* by Frieda and Michael Honiball
- *Nepgen-Pretorius - research notes* by Rae Nepgen and Koeks Pretorius
- *Pretorius Omnibus* published by Colin Pretorius

Finances by Carol Beneke

This financial report covers the period beginning 1 January 2014 and ending 31 December 2014. Both the income and expenditure of eGSSA increased during 2014. On request of National, eGSSA agreed to process new membership applications on their behalf and pay the branches accordingly. Subsequently this led to an increase in banking activities and we also had to change some of the categories on our financial report.

eGSSA made a profit of R 52 602.69 for this financial year. A copy of the Income and Expenditure Statement for 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 is attached hereto as **Annexure "A"**.

Sale of GSSA and eGSSA products

GSSA sold products to the value of R20 180.00 of which eGSSA retained R2 041.10 commission. eGSSA sold products to the value of R33 816.00. eGSSA makes approximately a 10% profit on the sale of the majority of the eGSSA products.

In some cases eGSSA acts as a retailer selling genealogy products of private individuals and they do the packing and shipping of the items. This is a cost-saving for eGSSA.

eGSSA has had a number of new additions to the eGSSA CD-products list this year. GISA has also come on board with their SAG and SAF CD.

Archive Documents

Archive photos to the value of R133 624.73 were purchased this year, compared to R75 311.00 for 2013.

Website

The total cost for online services for 2014 was R42 174.98 and is, as to be expected, our main expense. This amount includes the webserver charges, domain registrations, software subscriptions, automated backup and the email service.

ANNEXURE A

INKOMSTE- EN UITGAWESTAAT VIR DIE PERIODE 1 JANUARIE TOT 31 DESEMBER 2014

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013	2015
			Begroting / Budget
	R	R	R
Inkomste/Income			
GSSA Membership 2014	37 045.00	15 880.00	38 000.00
GSSA Membership 2015	23 480.00	4 665.00	23 500.00
Familia Hard Copy 2014	1 265.00	-	1 300.00
Familia Hard Copy 2015	1 790.00	-	1 800.00
eGSSA Subsidy 2014	12 800.00	9 750.00	13 000.00
eGSSA Subsidy 2015	7 500.00	4 020.00	7 500.00
Genesis 2014	12 135.00	-	12 400.00
Genesis 2015	5 735.00	-	5 800.00
Valuta verskil/Exchange rate	8 468.17	1 030.69	2 000.00
Donations (GGSA 50 year)	1 000.00	59.00	0.00
Posgeld/Postage	8 574.00	6 117.03	9 000.00
Rente/Interest	1 146.60	3 839.34	1 500.00
Argief Fotos/Archive Photos	133 624.73	81 387.00	135 000.00
Produk GGSA/Product GSSA	20 180.00	29 450.00	18 500.00
Commission GSSA Products 10%	2 018.00		2 000.00
Produk eGGSA/Product eGSSA	33 947.00	24 524.90	35 000.00
Training and Workshops	3 840.00	20 020.00	15 000.00
Credit with Richard Ball (website fees 2015)	18 455.75	1 480.00	0.00
Namens Takke/On behalf of Branches			
• Western Cape	9 790.00		
• East Cape	4 140.00		
• Northern Transvaal	6 210.00		
• Durban & Coastal	550.00		
• Natal Midlands	1 755.00		
• Free State	375.00		
• Vaal Triangle	0.00		
• West Gauteng	740.00		
• North West	540.00		
• Johannesburg	980.00		
• Diamond Field	50.00		
• Southern Cape	400.00		
Sub-Totaal Takke/Sub-Total Branches	25 530.00		
Inkomste Totaal/Income Total	358 534.25	202 222.96	315 300.00

Uitgawes/Expenditure			
Membership payments GSSA 2014/2015	65 734.98		65 000.00
Bankkoste/Bank charges	5 589.40	4 144.05	6 500.00
PayPal fooie/fees	1 414.60		2 500.00
Posgeld/Postage	6 177.54	5 045.91	9 000.00
Bemarking/Marketing	300.00	3 499.38	8 000.00
Webblad/Web page	42 174.98	44 675.10	48 000.00
Ander IT/Other IT	775.00	-	1 000.00
Telefoon/Telephone	-	-	-
Training and Workshops	3 220.00	-	15 000.00
Vergaderings/Meetings	6 627.00	23 970.50	10 000.00
Argief Fotos/Archive Photos	108 169.06	59 246.74	110 000.00
Produkte GGSA/Products GSSA	18 162.00	24 295.50	20 000.00
Produkte eGSSA/Products eGSSA	23 012.00	15 233.40	23 500.00
Diverse/Miscellaneous	-	10.00	-
Betaal aan Takke/Paid to Branches			
• Western Cape	9 640.00	-	-
• East Cape	4 190.00	-	-
• Northern Transvaal	5 685.00	-	-
• Durban & Coastal	550.00	-	-
• Natal Midlands	1 560.00	-	-
• Free State	375.00	-	-
• Vaal Triangle	-	-	-
• West Gauteng	935.00	-	-
• North West	460.00	-	-
• Johannesburg	730.00	-	-
• Diamond Field	50.00	-	-
• Southern Cape	400.00	-	-
Sub-Totaal Takke/Sub-Total Branches	24 575.00		
Uitgawe Totaal/Expenditure Total	305 931.56	180 120.58	318 500.00

Netto Inkomste/Nett Income	52 602.68	22 102.38	-3 200.00
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<i>eGSSA Banking Statement on 1 Jan 2014</i>	<i>193 152.71</i>
<i>eGSSA Banking Statement on 31 Dec 2014</i>	<i>245 755.40</i>

Conclusion

Which brings us to the end of our report!

Thank you to all our members, contributors and volunteers and project leaders – your motivation, vision and participation makes the difference.

The eGSSA management team

27 January 2015

The End