



# eGGSA

**The virtual branch of the  
Genealogical Society of South Africa**

**Annual report – year ending 2013**

# Introduction

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2013 has been a year with many challenges and highlights.

The eGSSA volunteers continue to unlock new information and publish it on the web site. The Newspaper transcriptions and Bible album in particular made great progress. The Passenger list however had a number of volunteers who abandoned ship and the expansion of our website has also brought us to the point where we have had to outsource backups.

Herewith the comprehensive report of our 2013 activities.

## Member news by Alta Griffiths and Lynn Couperthwaite

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### The committee members

#### Management

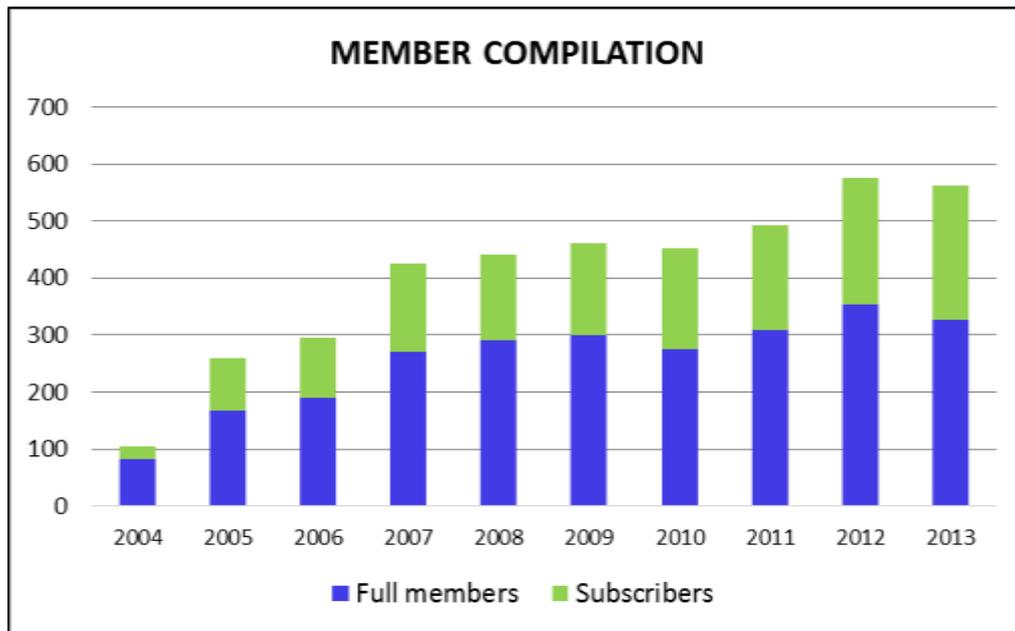
- Alta Griffiths - Chairperson + cemetery project
- Daan Hamman - Vice-Chairman
- Carol Beneke - Treasurer
- Lynn Couperthwaite - Membership Services, communication and marketing
  
- Richard Ball - Web Services
- Judi Meyer - Genesis Sub-Editor

#### 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 is 563 with the breakdown of 326 full members and 237 subscribers – showing a slight decrease in 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 7 couples (husband and wife) were counted as a single unit.

The male to female ratio:

- Male members: 298
- Female members: 264
- Public library: 1

We have 285 Afrikaans speaking members and 278 English speaking members.

### Member distribution

The great majority of our members are South African residents, with substantial minorities from elsewhere in the world.

<b>MEMBER DISTRIBUTION WORLD WIDE</b>	
RSA	442
Elsewhere in Africa (excl RSA)	7
Australia / New Zealand	51
Europe (excl UK)	11
United Kingdom	38
North America	25
Asia	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>563</b>

Looking back at membership over the last 10 years we see that 21 people have been members for 10 years, a 20% retention rate as 104 people signed up in 2004. As for the rest, 45 people have been members for 9 years, 25 for 8 years; 31 for 7 years; 48 for 6 years and 73 for 5 years.

eGSSA processed 4048 applications during this 10 year period - counting all the full members, Genesis subscribers and renewals.

## **Member achievements**

Several of our members received awards at the 2013 Annual Award Ceremony in Krugersdorp during March.

### **Merit awards**

Sue Mackay for her contribution to eGSSA's 1820 Settler project  
Richard Wolfaardt and his team for their work on the eGSSA Passenger lists Project

### **President's awards - Long service**

20 years: Daan Hamman  
10 years: Martin Zöllner  
5 years: Judi Meyer  
5 years: Lynn Couperthwaite  
5 years: Johan Hefer

### **President's awards - For their contribution to projects: 5 years and longer**

Annelie Els - archive service  
Gail Rothlin - cemetery project  
David van der Merwe - archive service  
Wilna Eygelaar - cemetery project  
Heleen Nel - cemetery project  
Andrié Labuschagne - cemetery project  
Lorraine Beechey - cemetery project  
Annatjie Erasmus - cemetery project  
Rita Quebbemann - archive service  
André and Claudie Jooste - archive service  
Jenny Duckworth - archive service

## In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we had to say farewell to one of our members and friend during the year.

André Heydenrych (eGSSA member and Retired GSSA treasurer)

## Member communication

E-mails are still the main form of communication. Constant Contact is used to manage bulk e-mail's, it records the number of emails sent, the bounces, the number of clicks and any emails that were forwarded to other people.

The number of emails sent out by Lynn via Constant Contact was 19 506 as opposed to 13 189 last year. This number does not include the responses to individual queries from both the members and the public.

Individual queries are mostly from people wanting help in finding their ancestors or missing relatives, although we also receive a fair number of general queries. Those standing out this year were:

*Do you have the plot number my relative is buried in?*

*Can you give me the directions to the cemetery – I need to attend a funeral this afternoon?*

*What must I do when I want to exhume a body?*

*Do I need permission to plant a tree on my mother's grave?*

## Genesis by June Barnes

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We achieved our goal of producing 4 issues of Genesis in 2013. All except the November issue were sent for distribution by the due date. The November issue was sent for distribution on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

The age old situation continues with there being very few articles submitted by our members for consideration by the editorial team. We do not know whether more can be done to improve the situation, but are afraid that this is a universal problem. Several articles were introduced which actively request feedback in the year but very little is forthcoming

SYNOPSIS OF ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE GENESIS				
Issue	Pages	Articles	EGSSA team*	Others
38 – Feb 2013	68	6	3	3
39 – May 2013	66	8	4	4
40 – Aug 2013	67	9	5	4
41 – Nov 2013	47	8	7	1
TOTAL		31	19	12
Note: eGSSA team - includes articles written by the Editorial team Regular features excluded				

The program for 2014 is to have 4 issues published in the same months as in 2013.

Each issue will be dedicated to a particular topic to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of eGSSA.

- 42 – February - Arrivals, Settlers, Emigration and Immigration
- 43 – May - Marriages
- 44 – August - Births: Resources here and overseas
- 45 – November - Deaths, graves, wills, inventories, death notices and death certificates

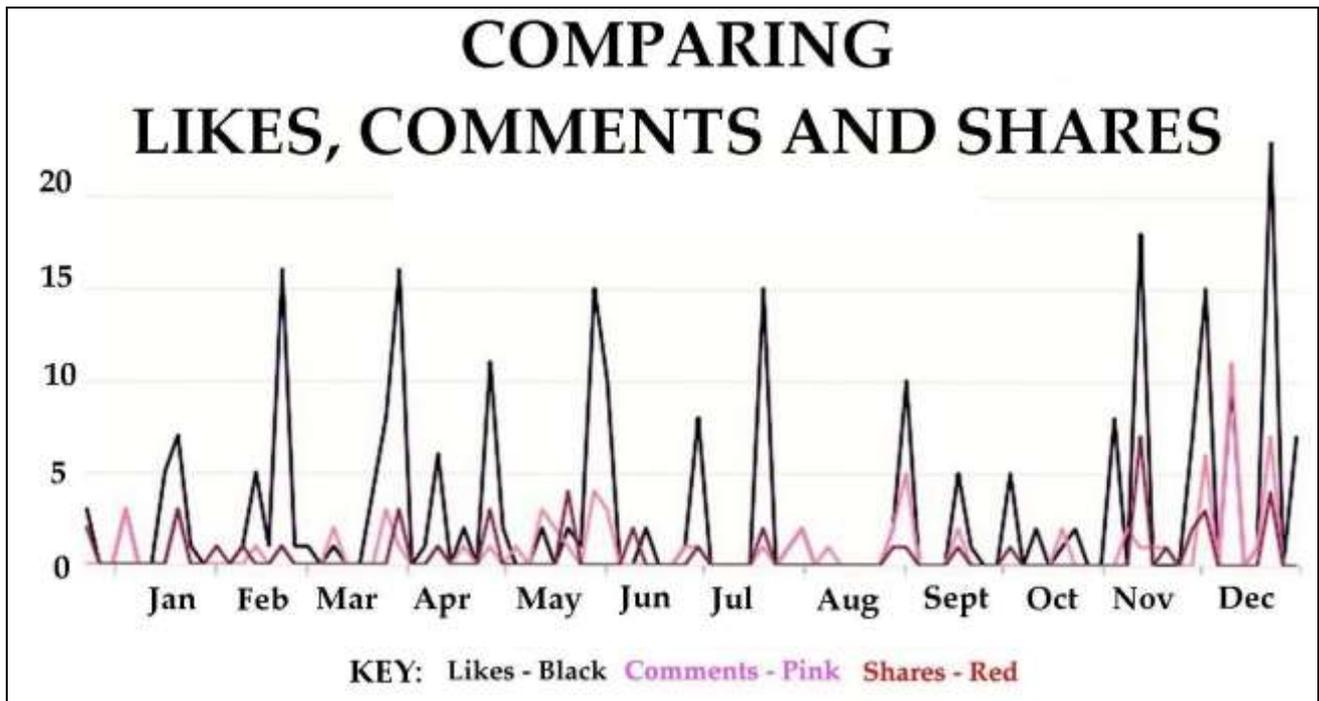
## Facebook by June Barnes

The FB page was set up on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012. By the beginning of November 2014 there were 530 “likes” registered. Following Alta’s campaign to increase the numbers we had an increase of 178 “likes”, a total of 708 at the end of December. This is a good result considering we had 563 eGSSA members for 2013.



As part of the 2014 celebrations we set the challenge to make at least one post a day on the page. With contributions from Daan’s postcards and some research on the editors’ part we should be able to do this. Whether it generates more interest remains to be seen.

The page is very useful for drawing attention to web page up-dates and general announcements. The management team normally submits the news items. We have also tried to change the banner image frequently and thank Richard and Alta for their contributions. The page also attracts posts from individuals asking for information and we have incorporated some of these queries in Genesis. Sometimes there is lively and enthusiastic comments added to posts which is encouraging.



Looking at the figures between 2 Nov and 7 Dec 2013 on average 358 people saw each post. The most seen post in this period was seen by 848 people, which leads to the conclusion that there are a number people who are not "likers" of the page – but still check the postings. This is a good way of promoting what eGSSA.

## eGSSA Website by Richard Ball

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.

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

### Backup

For the 8 years prior to the end of 2013 all the web site data was backed up regularly by the management team member responsible for online services. By that time this was taking several days to do for each backup. After a web site hard disk crash was narrowly averted by the Web server support team it was decided that the approximately 170 GB of data should be backed up regularly and automatically by the service provider for which a monthly charge is made. Backups are now run by Future Hosting's automated backup system and done every second day with the backups stored off site.

## 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. You will see that visitors and their visits increased by around 50% during 2013.

VISITORS TO THE eGSSA WEB SITE		
Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits
January	28,681	59,327
February	28,931	53,418
March	38,202	75,854
April	36,493	75,283
May	54,573	118,655
June	51,327	110,039
July	61,329	123,283
August	62,120	112,079
September	73,786	129,002
October	85,633	151,479
November	78,508	142,142
December	61,196	120,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>660,779</b>	<b>1,271,449</b>

## Web browsers and operating systems

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

TOP 10 OPERATING SYSTEMS		
	Operating System	Percent
	Windows	82.40%
	Macintosh	8.60%
	Linux	3.80%
	BlackBerry	2.70%
	Unknown	1.50%
	Java Mobile	0.60%
	Symbian OS	0.10%

TOP 10 WEB BROWSERS			
	Browsers	Hits	Percent
	MS Internet Explorer	19,479,330	44.20%
	Google Chrome	10,559,388	23.90%
	Firefox	7,114,776	16.10%
	Safari	3,633,533	8.20%
	Mozilla	979,271	2.20%
	Android browser (PDA / Phone)	637,592	1.40%
	Opera	599,598	1.30%
	BlackBerry (PDA / Phone)	550,749	1.20%
	Unknown	168,362	0.30%
	IPhone (PDA / Phone)	102,130	0.20%
	Others	207311	0.40%

## Archive Photographic Services by Richard Ball

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A total of 569 orders for photographs of documents at the Archives were received; 384 from GSSA members and 185 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 or less.



A big thank you must go to our archive photographers, without whom we could never offer this valuable service.

## Bibles Project by Richard Ball

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In September photographs of 64 Bibles from the Albany Museum containing family information, photographed by Johan Hefer for eGSSA and 24 similar Bibles from the Potchefstroom Library collection, photographed by Dirk Bloem for the North West Branch, were added to the Bible collection.

In October photographs of the family information contained in a further 53 Bibles from the collection of the Voortrekker-Msunduzi Museum, Pietermaritzburg were. These were photographed and contributed by John Deare of the Natal Midland Branch of the GSSA.

In December photographs 23 Bibles with family inscriptions were added thanks to contributors: Fish River Museum, Cradock Gereformeerde Kerk Argief Potchefstroom, NG Kerk Argief Bloemfontein, Anina du Plessis, Dora Opperman, Jacobus Tancred De Wet, Johann Montgomery van Eijk, Abraham de Klerk and Lodewyk Goosen and also to the photographers.



With special thanks to Hobbie Stoffberg for cataloguing and captioning every item and to all the contributors and the volunteers who make this collection possible.

We now have a total of 318 of these very valuable items in the [eGSSA Bible collection](#)

## Post Cards by Daan Botes

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 <p><b>Battle Fields</b> Date: 23 Jul 2012 Size: 17 items Views: 374</p>	 <p><b>Cape Peninsula &amp; Boland</b> Date: 09 Nov 2012 Size: 33 items (152 items total) Views: 386</p>	 <p><b>Damme_Dams</b> Date: 02 Nov 2012 Size: 12 items Views: 214</p>	 <p><b>Eastern Cape</b> Date: 09 Nov 2012 Size: 14 items (74 items total) Views: 511</p>
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Attention has been given to the ordering of the filing on site, loading of post cards and some reflection on the mission of this group.

Process changes and acquisition of new software were done to upload post cards from an Apple notebook.

Contributions were received from Glynis Millet-Clay, Peet Schabort, Annemie Lourens, Talita Loftie-Eaton, Petro Gertenbach, Annelie Els, Lenore Frost, Yvonne Johnson, Rita van Vuuren and the Erfenisstigting.

1471 cards were uploaded to bring the year end total at 2698 cards – more than double last year's numbers.

Promotion for contributing more cards and introducing the service, were done on various Facebook interest groups.

Goals for 2014

1. Compile formal Post Card Processing Procedure from input received and experience gained for both Windows and OS X operating systems
2. Contribution of and promotion for cards.

## The Gravestone Photograph Project by Alta Griffiths

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Our target for the year was to have 550 000 photos on the web, we ended the year with 552 428 photos. We only made it by the skin of our teeth as the last of the photos were transferred after Christmas.

The success of this project can only be attributed to the tremendous support we receive.

<b>GROWTH OF HEADSTONE PHOTOS ON THE WEB SITE</b>		
<b>Year end</b>	<b>Total no of photos on web site</b>	<b>Number of new photos added for the year</b>
2005	3500	---
2006	18000	14500
2007	50000	32000
2008	100000	50000
2009	175000	75000
2010	258594	83594
2011	384680	126086
2012	476034	91354
2013	552428	76394

We would like to thank the following participants:-

**Photo contributions** - Some people send us just one or two photos, but many photographers go out of their way to take photos of all the graves in a cemetery.

<b>GRAVESTONE CONTRIBITORS IN 2013</b>		
Adrian Moss	Gert McCarthy	Maureen Kruger
Adriana Barrett	GGSA Free State	Maureen Schnittker
Alet Swanepoel	GGSA North West	Méchelle Beneke
Alex van Niekerk	GGSA Northern Transvaal	Melanie McIntosh

Alistair Knox	GGSA West Gauteng	Melt Loubser
Alta Griffiths	Gideon van Tonder	Mike and Beverley Moll
Alta Roux	Glen Swemmer	Mishack Nunu
Amanda Stander	Glynis Millet-Clay	Monica Schumann
Amy Griffiths	Gordon Campbell	Morné van den Bergh
André van Dyk	Guy Barker	Nantes en Rina Kruger
André van Wyk	Hannes Meyburgh	Natalie Searson
Anette Smith	Hannes Saaiman	Neil Holmes
Ann Tiran	Hannes Theron	Neill Freeman
Ann van Wyk Wessels	Hannes Wessels	Nick Hinde
Anna Oetllé	Hendrik Maree	Nico Burger
Annari du Plessis	Hennie Steyn	Nico Olivier
Anne Marx	Henry and Maryna Northall	Ockert and Sasa Malan
Annel Meyer	Henry Rudman	Ockert Mostert
Annel Meyer	Hetta Scholtz	Pat Crouse
Annelie Els	Ian Currie	Paul le Roux
Annemie Lourens	Ignis Jacobson	Paul Mare
Annie Campbell	Ilze Nieuwoudt	Pauline Swanepoel
Arnoldus Bestbier	Isabel Jones	Peet Fourie
Arnoldus Visser	Izette Soiné	Peet Schabort
Attie Delport	Jacob de Clerq	Peter and Beverley Moss
Becky Horne	Jacques Damster	Peter and Leslie de Klerk
Belinda Nothnagel	Jak van den Bergh	Peter and Suzette Silbernagl
Ben Leach	Jaleen de Beer	Peter Kirkman
Bernard Rudolph	James Anderson	Peter van der Merwe
Bets Terblanche	James Houston-McMillan	Petro Coreejes-Brink
Billy Baard	Jan Coetzee	Petro Naude
Bob Saunders	Jan van Jaarsveld	Piet and Elna Conradie
Braam Schoeman	Janet Melville	Pieter Buys
Brian Barrett	Janine van der Merwe	Pieter Erasmus
Brian Johnson	Jannie and Helena Hanekom	Pieter Oosthuizen
Brian Margetson	Jason van der Merwe	Pieter Taljaard
Carika Matthews	Jean van Helsdingen	Pieter van Aardt
Carol Beneke	Jenny Duckworth	Pieter van der Merwe
Carol Coney	Joan Maher	Renier Feldtmann
Cathy and Colin Cotterel	Johan Hefer	Riaan Coetzee
Celia Fourie	Johan Morgenthal	Riana le Roux
Charles Wait	Johan Pottas	Richard Seddon
Clive Osche	Johan Stadler	Rina Steyn
Colleen Gray	Johan Swanevelder	Rina Venter
Connie Griessen	Johan Vermeulen	Rob and Wendy Wood
Corrie Evert	Johan Viktor	Rob Jones
Corrie Evert	Johan Wessels	Robert Bolus
Corrie van Biljon	Johann Kotze	Robert Mc Tavish
Cynthia Stuterheim	John Deare	Rod and Helga Beaumont
Daan Botes	John Schwartz	Rodney Strydom
Daantjie Strauss	John Webb	Romy
Dal Good	Jonathan Dawson	Rosaleen Flanagan
Darryll Allwright	Joost and Ina Hogewoning	Rose McArthur
Dave Hudson-Lamb	Jorrie Potgieter	Roy Oosthuizen
David de Klerk	Jozef Mocke	Rudy Boshoff
David Mayo	Juan-Pierre Jacobs	Ruslou Koorts
David van der Merwe (eGGSA)	Kathy Cotterrell	Rut Cloete
David van der Merwe (Vaal Triangle)	Kipie Human	Ryan Griffiths
Dawie Burger	Kobus de Klerk	Ryan Smith

De Wet Steenkamp	Koos and Janet Lourens	Sakkie Nel
Debbie Middleton	Koos Lourens	Sandra Campbell
Deon Goosen	Kriek Fourie	Sarel Burger
Derek Austin	Len Combrinck	SEWFHS
Derek Walker	Leon Jansen van Rensburg	Shannon
Dirk Bloem	Leon Marais	Sharon Immelman
Dirk van Heerden	Leon van der Westhuizen	Simon du Plooy
Doug Forsyth	Leslie de Klerk	Simone Kay
Douglas Ewan	Lettie du Preez	Stander Jansen
Duncan and Ashley Barker	Levien Smuts	Stephen Botha
Echard Fourie	Linda Farrell	Steven and Nellie Myburgh
Eckhard von Fintel	Linda Gropp	Steven Schnittker
Elorina du Plessis	Liz Oberholster	Stewart Moss
Elsa du Plessis	Louis Botha	Stoffel and Nicolene Willemse
Elsie Zinsser	Louis Hurn	Suzette de Goede
Emmerentia de Kock	Louise Engelbrecht	Suzette Haines
Emmerentia Geldenhuys	Louw du Plessis	Swannie Swanvelder
Eriaan Oelofse	Ludwic Beneke	Tammy Wellbeloved
Erna Buber-de Villiers	Lynette Paul	Tanite Smart
Ester Stieger	Lynn MacLeod	Terrence King
Ettiene Weideman	Magda Meyburgh	Tertius Marais
Fanie Blignaut	Margaret Gundry	Tharina Coetzee
Fanie Fourie	Margaret Truter	Theodorus Maree
Fleur Way-Jones	Maria Damon	Tian Schutte
Francois Joubert	Maria Victor	Tombi Peck
Francois Visser	Mariana Olivier	Victoria Francis
Frank Butler	Marielle Ford	Wietz Beukes
Freek Myburgh	Mariette Potgieter	Wilfred Duckitt
Fritz Fourie	Marillac Robinson	Willem du Plooy
Gail Richards	Marius Strauss	Willie Solomon
George Davey	Marlene Goosen	Zouna Fonternel
	Mathilda van Zyl	

**Photo uploads** are done by Gail Röthlin and Alta Griffiths.

**The Captioners** worked very hard to get all the captions done; sometimes under very trying personal circumstances. Captioning the photos is time consuming, an endless job. Some volunteers can manage more hours than others.

Andrié Labuschagne, Angela de Klerk, Anina du Plessis, Annatjie Erasmus, Annemie Lourens, Annette Meyer, Arlene Leggat, Carol Beneke, Celeste Rachmann, Daan Botes, Dal Good, Esmé van der Westhuizen, Flap Bester, Glen Swemmer, Heleen Nel, James Anderson, Janine van der Merwe, Lorraine Beechey, Marielle Ford, Phil Theunissen, Rob Jones and Terry Terblanche.

**The Movers** creating the sub albums for the photos that need to be grouped together: Alex van Niekerk, Annel Meyer, Louis Hurn, Magda Alberts, Risanti Saris 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

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In 2013 we continued where we left off in 2012; expanding on the existing sections and adding one or two new ones including indexes to FamilySearch (LDS) online images.

### **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**

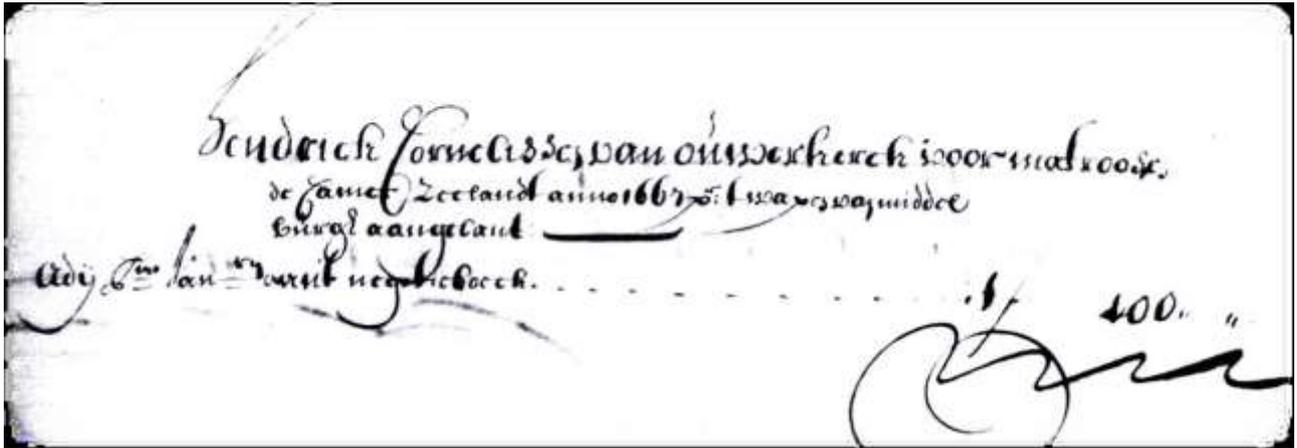
The transcription of 'Cape Town Baptisms 1695-1712' was completed in early 2013. We set the goal to transcribe 'Cape Town Baptisms 1713-1742' and 'Cape Town Marriages 1713-1756' completely in 2013. The baptisms were completed by September 2013. Unfortunately the marriages were not completed. By October 2013 the year 1747 was completed. After that the transcriptions stagnated due to my personal situation.

### **Muster Rolls of free men**

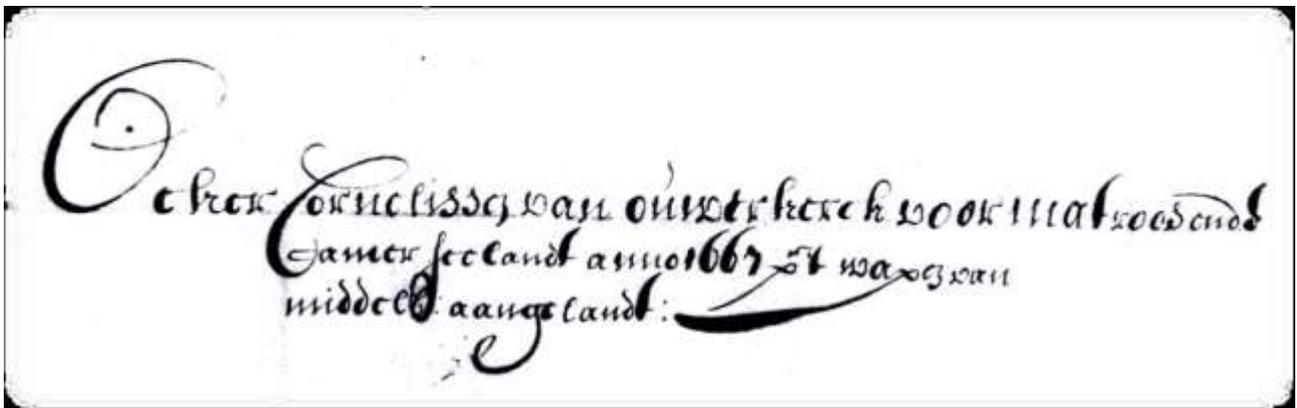
Containing 14 articles by the end of 2012, the number of articles in this section was almost doubled in 2013 and now comprises 24 in total. The following years were added: 1665; 1666-67; 1667; 1670; 1671; 1672; 1673; 1674; 1675 and 1679. All were transcribed by Richard Ball. The Muster Rolls (monsterrollen), 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.

2013 also saw a new subsection of Muster Rolls of free men named "Den Haag Lists of Freeburgers." A new project was started to investigate the provenance of the VC lists by visiting the National Archive in The Hague and to sift through the papers and letters that arrived from the Cape. Each year may contain between 400 and a 1000+ folios (800 to 2000 pages). Most years are indexed with a register in the first part of the packet. So far 25 inventories for the years 1655-1683 has been investigated. The registers indicate that almost all years had a list of free men. It appears however that almost all of the list were removed from the packets at one time or another and never returned. Only two list were still in place; that of 1673 and 1679. Both these list have been published in this new subsection in tabular form and as downloadable transcript. During the research, a list of all free men who had an account at the company for the year 1681 was discovered. This 'Vrijboek' sheds new light on quite a few progenitors as far as the year of arrival, ship and occupation is concerned. This list can also be found in this subsection.

## Examples from the 'Vrijboek 1681': Arrival of the brothers Olivier



Hendrick Cornelissen van Ouwerkerck voor matroos en de Camer Zeelandt anno 1667 pr. 't Wapen van Middelburgh aangelant Adij p:imo Jan:ry van 't negotieboek ... f 100:--



Ocker Cornelissen van Ouwerkerck voor matroos ende Camer Seelandt anno 1667 pr. 't Wapen van Middelburgh aangelant

## Indexes (Stellenbosch NGK Registers)

The section on Stellenbosch church registers was significantly expanded and renewed. Except for the existing baptisms for the period 1688-1732 which linked to the eGSSA BDM Project, all the others, new and existing, are now presented in a searchable tabular. This was effected in March 2013 and comprise the following:

- Stellenbosch NGK baptisms 1732-1788
- Stellenbosch NGK baptisms 1788 to 1815
- Stellenbosch NGK baptisms 1765 to 1794
- Stellenbosch NGK marriage register 1689 to 1788
- Stellenbosch NGK marriage register 1788 to 1815

The data was compiled and made available to eGSSA by Ockert Malan. Ockert also made his article "*Duplikaat-inskrywings in Stellenbosse Huweliksregister: Waar lê die fout?*" available and can be found in this section.

## Indexes to LDS images (FamilySearch)

A new section containing only indexes to FamilySearch images was added in 2013. The first part added was the so called 'Cape Province, Civil Deaths, 1895-1972'. With help of various transcribers this section grew to more than 55.000 records. Our thanks to Lyn Paul, Carol Chapman, Patricia Putter, Gillian Mauchan, Walter Renze, Ellen Stanton, Darryl Allwright, Leanne Starkey and Ockert Malan.

By August 2013 the data sent in by indexers stagnated with only one indexer remaining. The reason may be that FamilySearch has launched its own indexing project for the Cape Civil Deaths. It is probable that the indexers are now devoting their time there.

Also added were

- Grahamstown Methodist Commemoration Church baptisms 1876-1930, and
- an index on the index of Rustenburg - Gereformeerde Gemeente 1859-1910.

## 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 with the research in The Hague and publication of lists of free men and whatever else comes to light. Thirdly to stand open for any new material and suggestions to improve on the site and make it even more valuable to researchers.

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

## BDM Project by Richard Ball

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This project continues to grow slowly.

Added during 2013 were:

### Baptisms

- King William's Town, Holy Trinity (Anglican) 1849-1863
- Swartland / Malmesbury (NGK) 1745-1809;
- Cape Military Chaplain, 1795-1803, 1806-1817, 1824-1839
- Cape Town, the English Church (from 1847 St George's Cathedral) 1811-1839.



## Marriages

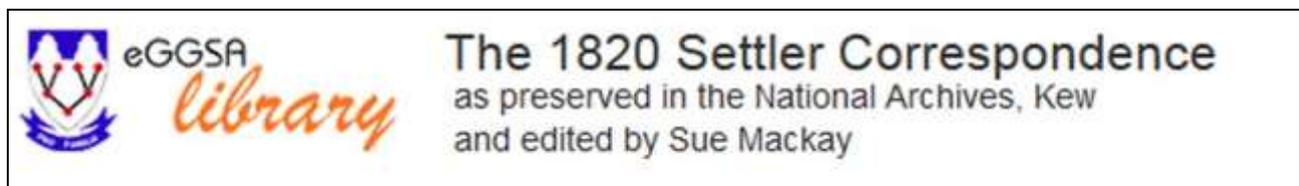
- Cape Military Chaplain, 1806-1817 and 1824-37
- Cape Town, the English Church (from 1847 St George's Cathedral) 1811-1839
- Cape Town (NGK) 1713-1742
- Grahamstown, St George (Anglican) 1831-1836.

## Burials / Deaths

- Tulbagh NGK 1744-1775

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

## 1820 Settler Correspondence by Sue Mackay



The 1820 Settler Correspondence Section has, by its very nature, remained unchanged apart from a few minor corrections, but still gets three to four hundred hits daily.

## The Newspaper Section by Sue Mackay

*Beeld / Cape and Natal News / Cape Frontier Times / Daily Advertiser / Daily News / Daily Representative / Die Burger Oos-Kaap / Eastern Province Herald / Farmers Chronicle (Cathcart) / Graaff-Reinet Herald / Grahamstown Journal / Grocott's / Independent on Saturday / Kaffrarian Watchman / Natal Mercury / Natal Witness / Port Elizabeth Mercury / Queenstown Free Press / Rand Daily Mail / South Africa - a weekly journal / South African Commercial Advertiser / The Mercury / The Herald / The Star / The Sunday Tribune / Weekend Post*

The Newspaper Section is constantly growing, with daily updates to the Eastern Province Herald holdings and also modern BMDs from several papers. Historical extracts are now complete for the Cape Frontier Times (1840-1844 and 1847-1853) and the Queenstown Free Press (1885-1898). Some of these editions have received over 1,000 hits, and the Newspaper Section is generally very well used, with 795 visitors on 29 December alone.

Thanks once again to all the transcribers.

## Passenger lists: Primary Sources by Richard Wolfaardt

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We did not transcribe many passenger lists this year due to the fact that we do not have a proof reader. Our volunteers are getting off the ship one by one because they are busy with other projects.

2013 saw us only transcribe and add 102 passengers' names to the list bringing the total number of transcribed names to 26574.

## Stamouers by Annelie Els

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The Stamouers.com web site was created by André van Rensburg. When he found himself unable to continue to maintain it, André passed it into the trust of eGSSA for maintenance. After lots of delays the new website was launched at the end of 2012. Our thanks to Richard Ball for all his efforts in updating the website again in 2013. The new web software has made it easier to add new entries and update current entries with any submitted information. Annelie Els was appointed as editor in Sep 2013.

The web site attempts to provide genealogical and other information on all those immigrants who founded a family in South Africa. It is entirely dependent on contributions from those who have the required information.

All immigrants are eligible for inclusion including arrivals up to the late nineteenth century and we are looking at expanding the database.

## Outreach Program by Alta Griffiths

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Our outreach program has grown quite a bit. We took part in various other exhibitions to showcase our hobby and where possible involved the land based branches. The workshops and exhibitions are normally well received and tend to create a lot of excitement. This is also a great opportunity to meet existing members and to sign new members up.

Where we previously relied on the kindness of the Western Cape branch for the use of their posters, this year we had our own sets printed. The posters are helpful when trying to explain what data can be found in the various resources.



Examples of our posters

Our program for the year looked like this:-

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR 2013		
Date		Event
March	21	Darryll Allwright represented eGSSA at the Hobby Expo Grahamstown
March	21 – 24	The cemetery project was invited to record the farm graves in the Tankwa Karoo National Park. Alta and Petro Coreejes-Brink spent the weekend in the veld looking for graves. The event was sponsored by GGSA and SANParks.
April	20	The Western Cape branch was invited to the Woester Festival at Kleinplasia in Worcester. Our posters went along
May	3 – 4	eGSSA was invited to man the genealogy table at the Hartlam Festival in Hartenbos. We took the Western Cape and Southern Cape branch with us for the weekend.
May	6 – 10	National Archive Week. We took part in the poster exhibition at the Roeland Street Archives, Cape Town (KAB).
May	18	Carol Beneke represented eGGSA at the Jeffreys Bay Museum Day in Jeffreys Bay
July	12 – 14	eGGSA hosted the Genealogy Workshop in Grahamstown. 82 people attended the workshop. The East Cape and Western Cape branches joined forces with us. A group of people also went to the Waainek cemetery on the Sunday to record the graves. Most of the photos are already on the web.
August	5	Alta was invited to give a talk about eGGSA at North West's branch meeting in Potchefstroom.
August	31	The Durbanville Heritage Society organized a genealogy workshop in collaboration with the Western Cape branch. Alta was invited to give a talk about eGGSA. 76 people attended the workshop.
August	31	Daan Hamman represented eGSSA at the Heritage day at NG Kerk Lynnwoodrif, Pretoria.

September	21	eGSSA participated in the Cape Town Family Heritage Day Celebrations at the St John's Church in Wynberg, Cape Town. Mariana Olivier took our posters with her.
October	18	Judi Meyer was invited to give a talk about eGSSA at the 'Vroue Landbou Unie' in Westonaria. The North West and West Gauteng branches were also present.
October	30	eGSSA hosted the NEC meeting in Cape Town.
December	14	eGSSA met up with the Natal Midlands team in Pietermaritzburg and recorded 2000+ graves in the Commercial Road cemetery in Pietermaritzburg.

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 events are planned for 2015 – we will be announcing the program as the year progress.

## The eShop by Alta Griffiths

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The eShop has seen quite a few additions this year!

- Capensis 1992 – 2001. Quarterly Journal of the GSSA Western Cape branch
- Voters Roll 1984. Volume 1. The First 1 000 000 names. GSSA product
- South African Genealogies (SAG Volumes 1 to 17). GISA product
- South African Family Registers (SAF Volumes 1 to 20). GISA product
- Vrijboek List Project 1768-1791 by Tracing History Trust
- The Anglo Boer Word - A pictorial History
- Broken Promises by Keith Tankard
- Herkoms van die Afrikaner by JA Heese
- Afrikaners in Angola by JA Heese
- Slagtersnek en sy mense by JA Heese
- The ties that Bind by Walter Renze
- Eastern Cape Cemetery CD 2013. Product of the GGSA East Cape branch
- Registers van die Hartman-familie van Wes-Transvaal tot die 7de geslag
- Windhoek van Plaaswyk tot Stads Gemeente by MM Nieuwoudt

We would like to see a further expansion of the shop in the coming year. There is a demand for genealogical products and we want to encourage our members to consider the shop as a means of distributing their published research. Our focus is on DVD's and CD's as the postage on books is very dear. A total of 330 products were sold during the year.

Our sincerest thanks to Richard Ball for cataloguing the eShop items and to Carol and Lüdwic Beneke who run the shop for us so efficiently. Lüdwic had to do more than one post office run on some days.

# Finances by Carol Beneke

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This financial report covers the period beginning 1 January 2013 and ending 31 December 2013. Both the income and expenditure of eGSSA increased during 2013.

eGSSA has an ABSA account used to conduct general business and a FNB account opened with the sole purpose to accommodate our PayPal business once the South African PayPal account has been opened. Currently the FNB account credit card is only used for postage. All payments in foreign exchange are accommodated in a temporary ex-PayPal investment account. We are therefore running three bank accounts. These three accounts are consolidated in one Income and Expenditure Account.

eGSSA has a surplus of R22 102.38 for this financial year.

- The ABSA account increased by R 28,966.16 and
- The FNB account increased by R17 088.85
- and the ex-PayPal account decreased by R23 952.13.

A copy of the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 of the ABSA account, the FNB account, the ex-PayPal account and the consolidated account is attached hereto as Annexure A.

## **SALE OF GSSA AND eGSSA PRODUCTS**

The eShop sells GSSA products as well as genealogy products for private individuals. eGSSA makes a profit of approximately 10% on the sale. In some cases eGSSA acts as a retailer selling genealogy products for private individuals and who do their own packing and shipping of the items.

eGSSA sold GSSA products to the value of R29 450.00. eGSSA sold contracted products to the value of R24 524.90.

A larger than normal amount of stock was purchased in November 2013 in order to accommodate the sale in our e-shop of the eGSSA products.

## **ARCHIVE DOCUMENTS**

Archive photos to the value of R 81 387.00 were purchased this year, compared to R 51,038.14 for 2012.

## **WEB SITE**

The total cost for online services for 2013 was R 44 475.10 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.

## **THE 2015 PREMIUMS**

It is proposed that no increase in the eGSSA branch membership fees for 2015 need be considered.

## **THANKS**

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who has helped me during this year, especially Alta, Daan and Richard, without whom this year would most certainly have proved more difficult.

## ANNEXURE A

<b>INKOMSTE EN UITGAWE STAAT VIR DIE PERIODE 1 JANUARIE TOT 31 DESEMBER 2013</b>			
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2013</b>			
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b> Begroting / Budget
	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>Inkomste / Income</b>			
Ledegeld / Membership fees 2013	15 880.00	8 235.00	15 000.00
Ledegeld / Membership fees 2014	4 665.00	4 760.00	4 500.00
Petty Cash	-	-	-
Genesis 2013	9 750.00	7 910.00	8 500.00
Genesis 2014	4 020.00	4 285.00	4 000.00
Valuta verskil / Exchange rate	1 030.69	1 162.00	1 000.00
Donasies / Donations	59.00	248.00	-
Posgeld /Postage	6 117.03	1 279.00	6 000.00
Rente / Interest	3 839.34	3 711.70	3 500.00
Argief Fotos / Archive Photos	81 387.00	51 038.14	60 000.00
Produk GGSA / Product GSSA	29 450.00	28 499.00	26 000.00
Produk eGGSA / Product eGSSA	24 524.90	15 678.11	19 500.00
Vergaderings & Werkswinkels / Meetings & Workshops	20 020.00	13 234.00	20 000.00
Taksubsidies & produkte / Branch Subsidies & Products	1 480.00	-	-
Diverse / Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Retained in ex-PayPal Account	-	24 858.69	-
<b>Subtotaal / Sub-total</b>	<b>202 222.96</b>	<b>164 898.64</b>	<b>168 000.00</b>
<b>Uitgawes / Expenditure</b>			
Bankkoste / Bank charges	4 144.05	2 753.55	3 000.00
Posgeld / Postage	5 045.91	2 170.04	5 000.00
Bemarking / Marketing	3 499.38	200.00	2 000.00
Webblad / Web page	44 675.10	13 922.38	45 000.00
Ander IT / Other IT	-	225.78	500.00
Telefoon / Telephone	-	-	-
Vergaderings & Werkswinkels / Meetings & Workshops	23 970.50	26 205.11	10 000.00
Argief Fotos / Archive Photos	59 246.74	41 997.00	50 000.00
Betaling GGSA Produkte / Payment GSSA Products	24 295.50	25 649.10	24 000.00
Aankoop eWinkel Voorraad / Purchase eShop Stock	15 233.40	24 065.00	10 500.00
Valuta verskil / Exchange rate	10.00	-	-
Diverse / Miscellaneous	-	250.00	-
<b>Subtotaal / Sub-total</b>	<b>180 120.58</b>	<b>137 437.96</b>	<b>150 000.00</b>
<b>Netto Surplus / Nett Surplus</b>	<b>22 102.38</b>	<b>27 460.68</b>	<b>18 000.00</b>

<b>CASH FLOW</b>				
	<b>Absa</b>	<b>FNB</b>	<b>ex-PayPal</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>
Balance 1 Jan 2013	50 100.48	16 214.67	83 387.63	149 702.78
Receipts	177 354.99	20 100.00	24 867.97	222 322.96
Payments	148 388.83	3 011.65	48 820.10	200 220.58
Balance 31 Dec 2013	79 066.64	33 303.02	59 435.50	171 805.16

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>				
	<b>Absa</b>	<b>FNB</b>	<b>ex-PayPal</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>
Balance 1 Jan 2013	50 100.48	16 214.67	83 387.63	149 702.78
Balance 31 Dec 2013	79 066.64	33 303.02	59 435.50	171 805.16
Increase / Decrease	28 966.16	17 088.35	-23 952.13	22 102.38

## Conclusion

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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 made the difference.

The eGSSA management team  
30 January 2014

**The End**