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Foreword

During the compilation of DIE MEULENAAR, we were already trapped for 565 days in the grip of the CORONAVIRUS pandemic here in South Africa. Obviously, the pandemic has irrevocably changed our lives. Furthermore, the POPIA legislation (Protection of Personal Information Act), which came into effect on July 1, 2021, also brought about a significant change in the activities of the Bond, as well as the communication to all our members of the Bond.

Bond Membership and new Members

We had 79 Bond members and 5 friends at the end of 2020. Five members resigned or failed to pay membership fees for 2021. We thank all our members who so conscientiously pay their annual membership fees and then we also welcome our new members as indicated here. We trust that your membership of the Bond will be pleasant and that it will be mutually beneficial to yourselves and the Vermeulen Family in a whole.

1. Barend Daniël (Bennie) Vermeulen from Postmasburg.
2. Deon Roelof Vermeulen from Arizona USA
3. Ockert Cornelius Vermeulen from Bothasig Cape Town

Facebook Page

It is nice to report that our Facebook page has grown from 581 members last year to 637 this year which are an increase of more than 56 members compared to last year. Thanks to Stoffel and the other people who handle the administration of the Facebook page. Thanks also to our facebook members who regularly post interesting information on our page.

Web Page

As you know, we got a new webpage <https://www.vermeulenbond.org> with many new articles and interesting information. I would like to request all members to send us photographs and information

regarding antiques/souvenirs of Vermeulen ancestors, which are in your possession, for placement on the website under the heading Heritage.

The webpage is visited monthly by about 65 people. For our English-speaking Vermeulen's, our webpage is available in both Afrikaans and English. Except for the previous copies of DIE MEULENAAR all articles on the webpage are translated. Click on the homepage of the webpage on the South African flag to view the Afrikaans version and on the United Kingdom for the English version. See below.



The electronic version of the 2019 updated genealogy as well as the memorial edition (freely provided to Bond members) can also be downloaded from our web page, if paid for. For all other items which can be purchased, please see the web page.

Genealogical Register

No more copies in book form of the Genealogical Register are available for sale. It is not foreseen that the register will be printed again and I would like to request you to save your copy if you own this book, as this genealogy may become in future a prestigious collection item.

Once again, I would like to call on members to pass on to us any change of your family information, family photos and any stories and achievements of the Vermeulen family. This is the only way we can ensure that our family history is preserved for our descendants. The information especially of the last number of years are no longer available from known sources and will become lost if not provided by relatives themselves.

Updating of our database has never stopped but continues undisturbed. Please help us with this important task. At 30.06.2020, there were 18179 names recorded in the database of Dirk Cornelisz and 5245 names in the database of Jan Willemsz. This includes also the names of spouses who are not Vermeulen's. It also includes a small number of names of Vermeulen's that cannot be placed. On 30.09.2021 there are 18290 names in Dirk Cornelisz's database and 5262 names in case of Jan Willemsz

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM was held online on 31 July 2021. In-depth discussion was held on the survival of the Bond. A letter to all members in order to obtain their input was also sent out to all members. The Chairman's Annual Report for the financial year 2020/2021 indicates that the Bond showed a surplus of R188.00 for the year. A total of R2067.00 was also received in the form of donations by members. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone for the gesture. The financial situation of the Bond is sound and currently we have the amount of R36500 in our savings account.

Vermeulen Day Celebration

During our AGM, it was also decided that VERMEULEN DAY will be celebrated annually on 1 August. Already last year on September 24, 2020, this idea was raised on Facebook, and on August 1, 2021,

there was unprecedented positive response to our Facebook page in this regard. Thanks to everyone's positive contribution in this regard.

Club 80

The Club 80 currently consists of 3 members. May they be long saved for our Bond and their close relatives and friends. We wish them all the best and good health for the future.

Dr. Madeline Pretorius Scott was born Vermeulen D<2157> from Pretoria is currently 82 years old.

Jacobus Daniël Vermeulen (Koos) D<8169> turns 87 years old on 19 Desember this year. He is our oldest member.

Hendrik Johannes Vermeulen D<7051> Hendrik is 81 years old.

Background sketch of Jacobus Daniel Vermeulen (D8169) and origin of "Non-Pareil"

Johannes Lodewicus Matthys Vermeulen (Hans 1899 - 1957) In 1921 he moved from Montagu, district of Keisie, to De Doorns in the Hex Valley with his first spouse, Christina Kriel, and was appointed farm manager of the large vineyard Non Pareil by the owner Martin Van Niekerk, with two farm foremen under his control. Hans and Christina had three minor daughters when she passed away at the very young age of thirty in 1929.

Hans was the farm manager for twenty-five years when he bought a portion of Non Pareil in 1946 with the residence in which he and his second spouse, Anna Van Deventer, lived with their family. He renamed this part of the original Non Pareil as Uitkoms. In 1949, Hans bought the farm Bethal, in 1950 the farm Westminster and also in 1952 the mountain farm Sandhoek.

Jacobus Daniel (Koos) Vermeulen (D8169) born 19/12/1934, was the oldest of eight children, and was eleven years old when Hans bought Uitkoms. At school he was the Head Boy and after he passes matric, he farmed with his father at Uitkoms. After Hans' death on 19/09/1957, Koos was then twenty-three years old, he bought the farm from the estate for 10,000 pounds and paid off the amount with record export grape harvests within two years.

Koos were born on Non Pareil, grew up and farmed there. Non Pareil literally became part of the Vermeulen' which were made possible by Hans with his hard work over twenty-five years. Koos farmed on Uitkoms until 1965, when he purchased the Hugenate farm Les Chenés in Franschoek and moved there. He says that during plow time on Non Pareil and Uitkoms, the two plow horses were already harnessed and ready for him to start ploughing when he gets out of school. There is no mercy on an export grape farm. If things have to happen then it has to happen now. Tomorrow is too late.

With the transition of working with plow horses in the vineyards to tractors, the problem was that `n tractor's rear wheels ran too wide to fit in the narrow vineyards. The wheels had to be moved much closer together and later new vineyards were planted much wider. Something that Koos was

revolutionary with, was his idea of doing something about the heavy wheel spray-pump that had to be towed behind the tractor and compacted the ground. His idea was to do away with the towed irrigation pump with long garden hose pipes and two men walking and spraying the vineyard by hand. He built a spray pump tank according to his idea which, without wheels, was mounted only on the tractor's hydraulic air/ bag arms with sprayers and a blower to apply the spray under pressure between the vineyard leaves.

The long spray pipes were no longer needed and the tractor could now also turn shorter with the hanging irrigation pump around the vineyards corners and could spray vineyards faster and more efficiently.

His idea started to take off everywhere and this method was accepted by farmers and building commenced on all wine farms to build the suspended irrigation pump and was improved even further. Today, more than sixty years later, the suspended irrigation pump is built and used all over the world.

As the coincidence would have it, Koos' neighbor in Franschhoek, was a Belgian named Rick Crabbe, who fled with his family to South Africa during the Uhuru uprising in the Congo, and who also name his farm's name Non Pareil.

In 1996 when I asked him what he thought should be the family's motto, his answer was immediately and without thinking about it "Non Pareil!" The motto was registered on our personal family coat of arms. In 2001 during the founding of the Bond, Izak Vermeulen asked me if my dad would care if the Bond's motto was also being Non Pareil. I went to ask him and once again without a doubt he said that it would be an honor if the Bond wanted to use our motto. The Bond's Coat of Arms is therefore also registered with the motto "Non Pareil" as part of the Coat of Arms. He had only one request and that is that in the future the Bond will not forget where the motto came from. Up to now it has never been a problem. We therefore thank the management of the Bond of the Vermeulen Family for the opportunity to explain the origin of the motto in Die Meulenaar.

The meaning of NON PAREIL is "Nothing Better" It is pronounced "Non Parea" and it is an old form of Flemish and French.





Bondswapen van die
Bond van die Vermeulenfamilie
Geregistreer 2001

Persoonlike wapen
J.L.M. Vermeulen
Geregistreer 1996



Persoonlike wapen
C.F. Vermeulen
Geregistreer 1997

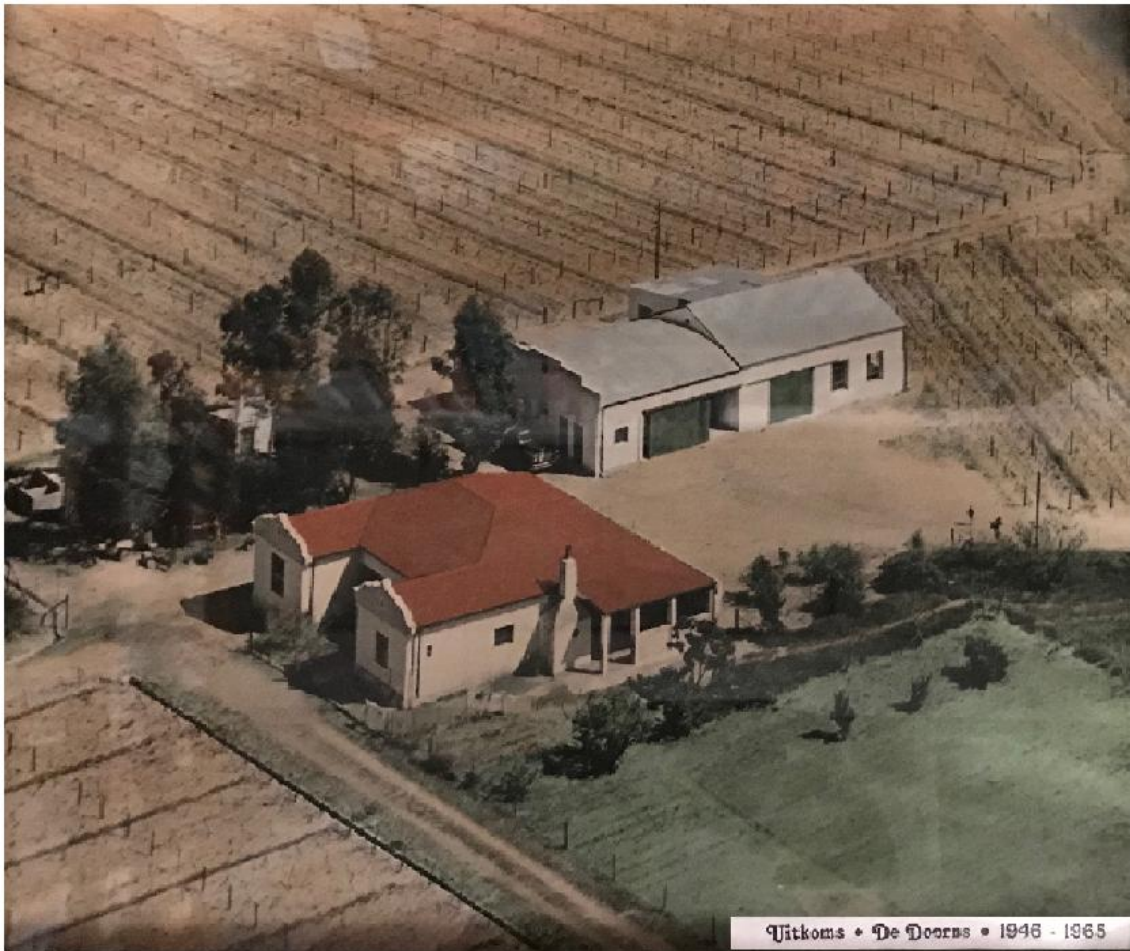
Wapen: In blou, 'n goue skunsgekruijse swaard en drietand; 'n silwer golwende skildhoof belaa i met 'n windmeul tussen twee skulpe, alles in rooi.

Helmteken: Op blou golwe 'n Zuiderzee-botter met gespande seile van natuurlike kleur en 'n rooi wimpel wapperend.

Wronq en dekkede: Blou en silwer

Wapenspreuk: PERSEVERA

House where Koos grew up, Non Pareil, later named Uitkoms



IVON PAREIL

Parents of Koos, Hans (D1988) and Anna Vermeulen(D1955)



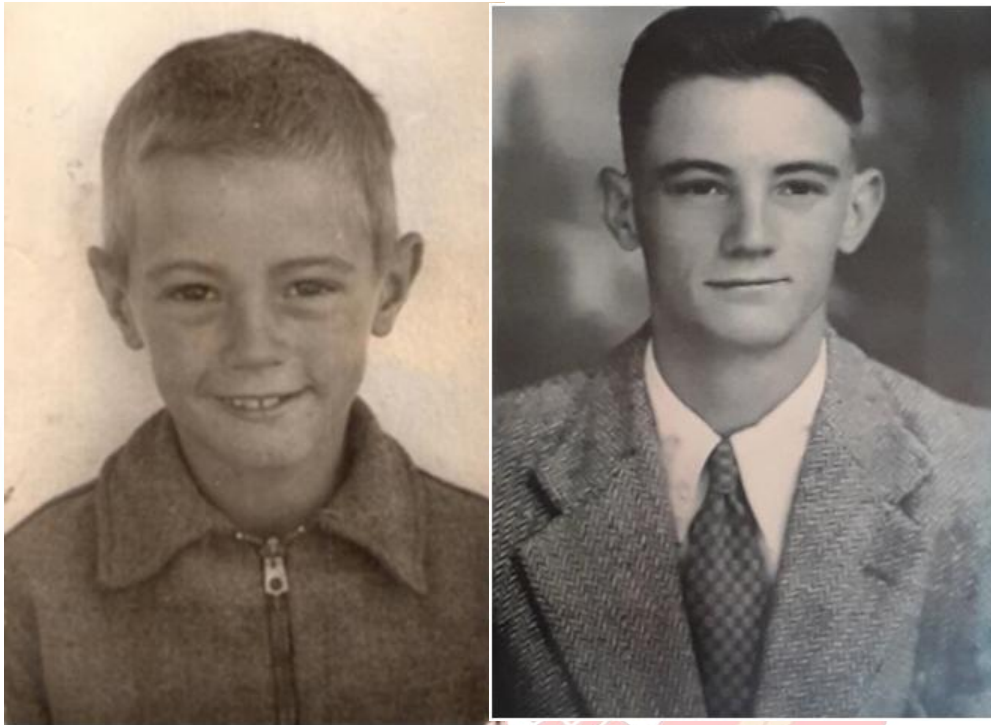
The Vermeulen Family during WWII



From left to right: Louis, Koos, Nico, Rita, Amanda and Piet.

In Front: Attie, the youngest Alex is not on the photo.

Koos, 1st year at school and later as 18 year old.



Koos and Sinie Nel Wedding in 1958.



Koos and Sinie 60 years later.



Sinie, (Gesina Catharina NEL) sadly passed away in February 2020.

Koos and grandmother Anna in 1960, with Koos and Sienie's first born. Johannes Lodewikus M (Johan)



Children of Koos, Johan and Elbé.



Koos with his grandson's Nielen, Johan and Maurits.



Great-grand children. (Christiaan)



Heide Katrien

Fleur Marié



Huguenot farm, Les Chenés at Franschoek.



Landbouweekblad – Magazine Cover photo in 1980.



Vermeulen-Toast

(Hold glass at breast height, all present says)

“Op hulle wat was” *On those who were*

“Op ons wat is” *On us that is*

“Op hulle wat kom” *On those that will be*

Lift glass head height followed by the chant “Non Pareil”

(Full acknowledgement to Johan(JLM) Vermeulen.)

The management of the Bond wishes all our members all the best for the future. Stay safe and healthy.