

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DESCENDANTS OF DIRK CORNELISZOOM VERMEULEN

All of Dirk's descendants come from the third generation of Jan Gabriel<D8> , Guiliam Vermeulen <D10> and Dirk Cornelis<D9>. They were Cornelis<D2 >'s sons and were baptized at Drakenstein and Tulbagh. All of these three children's descendants initially settled in the Karoo in places such as De Aar, Carnarvon, BeaufortWest, Richmond, Victoris West, Hopetown and Richmond, and some of them also in Fauresmith and Heilbron in the Free State. They were mostly livestock farmers. Today, the descendants are scattered across South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and abroad. The following information of descendants and the places where they have settled are known to the Bond.

### DE AAR

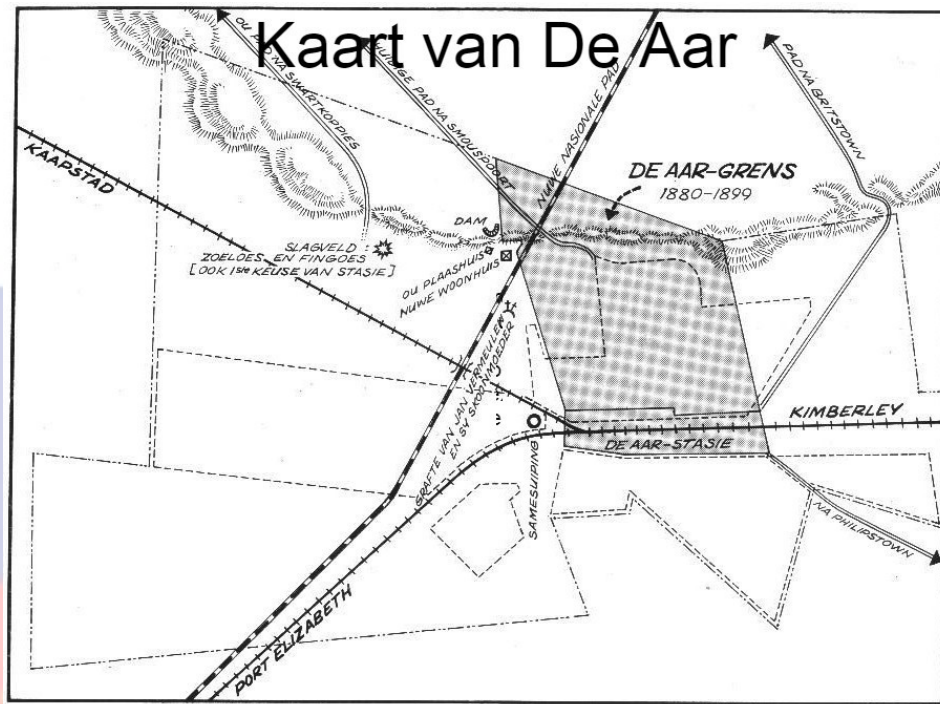
**Jan Gabriel VERMEULEN** <D181>was known as Swart Jan and he was the grandson of Jan Gabriel<D8>. There are not fewer than 113 descendants named Jan Gabriel in Dirk's family.

He was a livestock farmer and with his family and livestock, continued to move north in search of better grazing and water. He landed in the Bo-Karoo. During 1839 the farm De Aar, named after a water artery with glorious fresh water, was allotted to him. The strong water artery provided a place for thousands of sheep to drink. Later when the farm was divided into two portions, the water drinking place served as a joint drinking place for both farms, and was known as "Samesuiping". The farm De Aar owes its name to this water source.

After his death, the farm was divided among his heirs. The portion with the farmstead was inherited by his son Christoffel Johannes (also known as Rooi Stoffel). A section, known as Waterval (Sarelstad), became the property of Jan Weideman, a relative of Swart Jan's wife. The boundary line between the two portions divided the Samesuiping (water drinking hole) into two. Rooi Stoffel sold the farm to a DF Grundlingh on 4 March 1881 for an amount of 1025 pounds.

The town De Aar gets its name from the farm De Aar. A street in De Aar is named after JAN GABRIEL (Swart Jan), namely Vermeulen Street. Swart Jan was buried on the farm after his death.





## PRIESKA

Cornelis Frans Vermeulen<D263> grandson of Guiliam <D10> acquired the farm Kalkfontein approximately in 1840. After his death his son Cornelis Frans<D881> inherited the farm. The latter later also owned the farms Kalkfontein, Kleinfontein, Vaalput, Pasatie, Wanpoort and Vermelo in the Prieska district. He was also the grandfather of Elizabeth Fouche Vermeulen<D10858>, the famous author and the twin Petrus Johannes Vermeulen <D10901>and Jacobus Hendrik Vermeulen <D10901>are his great-great-grandchildren. Petrus and Jacobus still farm on Kalkfontein, Kleinfontein and Pasatie today, which means that the farms are already owned for more than 180jr by this Vermeulen family. It is indeed, a rich family history and heritage to cherish. Cornelis and Anna <D881 and <D889> were buried on Kleinfontein.

The name Cornelis Frans was registered 70 times in Dirk's family tree, while the name Cornelius was named 103 times.

Oorspronklike woonhuis van Cornelis Frans <D881> en Anna op Kalkfontein





Cornelis Frans <D881> en sy vrou Anna <D889>



Cornelis Frans <D263> en sy vrou Engela



Grafsteen van Cornelis Frans <D881> op Kleinfontein

## WINDSORTON

Slypklip is situated " on the banks of the Vaal River between Windsorton and Barkley West. The farm was purchased during 1860 by **Michael Johannes Vermeulen** (1818-1892)<D262>, grandson of Guilliam <D10>. The name Guilliam , spelled in different ways , has been named 47 times in Dirk's family tree. Michael had 22 children by two wives and after his death his son Philippus inherited the farm. Diamonds were also mined on the farm.



### Philippus Vermeulen (1st) (1864 – 1933) <D846>.

- Born, deceased and buried on Slypklip purchased
- Inheritance 398 morgen
- Divide farm into two parts for his sons from his first marriage

*“Wy geven en bemaken hiermee aan Michael Johannes Vermeulen en Philippus Vermeulen, zonen van Testateur, in gelyke delen, het aan ons toebehorende gedeelte van de plaats Slypklip-Noord, gelegen in het distrikt van Kimberley groot ongeveer 398 morgen. Byde verdeling van de gezegde plaats moet deselve also gesneden worden dat de zoon Philippus het woonhuis op de gezegde plaats zal ontvangen”* (Extract from will).

After the death of Philippus (the first) , Philippus (2nd) named his farm De Villiera.

### Philippus Vermeulen (2nd) (1897 – 1969) <D2425>.



- Born on Slypklip North on 18 March 1897
- Go to school at Windsorton – with boat across river and with donkey cart further to school.
- Unknown which standard he succeeded.
- Presumably stay on farm until he becomes involved in the First World War During of 1914/15 as a Burger, member no. 2825 of the “Onberede Betsjoenaland skutters”.

The “burgers” travelled on horseback from Mafikeng, through Betsjoenaland (Botswana), to German Southwest Africa(Namibia)to serve there. After Phillipus' death, his widow Aletta remained on the farm until she sold it. She died in 1986.



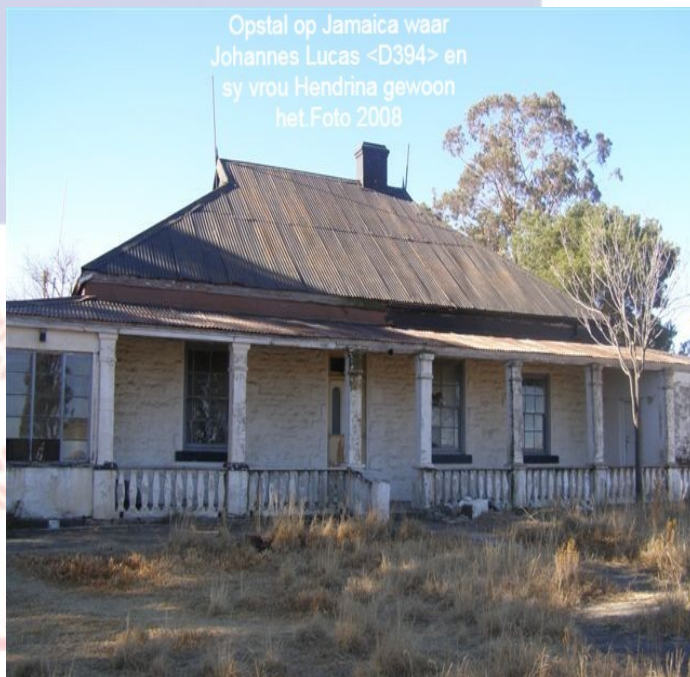
#### The Farmhouse

- The farmhouse was built by Philippus(2) approximately in 1943 and Aletta his wife mainly by themselves with the help of farm labourers.
- It was at the end of the 2nd worldwar and building materials were difficult to obtain.
- All building materials were driven from Kimberley by ox wagon.
- The floors were initially ground floors and later replaced by wooden floors.

Postscript: With recognition to Nico Vermeulen<D10630> who posted this information in a presentation in the Bond ‘s Commemorative Edition of 2020

## HEILBRON

Johannes Lucas Vermeulen<D394> , great-grandchild of Guilliam <D10> has farmed on Jamaica Heilbron district since about 1845 and his son Matthys van As Vermeulen<D1187> settled later on Ellendale, a portion of Jamaica.





Graf van Petrus Cornelis-D1191>



Oorblyfsel van graf op Ellendale vermoedelik van Johannes  
<D394> en Hendrina

## VERMEULENS AND PRETORIA

The descendants of Dirk's Vermeulen were very prominently involved in the foundation of Pretoria. See the document on the Home Page of this website "The Vermeulen family's connection with Pretoria".

