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What motivated me?
How can Technology assist you?
The Amateur Route

- Google
- Facebook
- Blogs
- Popular Websites
- Archival and Museum websites
- Genealogy Software
- Are you addictive?
- Outcome: Family Tree
Okkert Michal Janse(n) van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7

No path found to Okkert Michal Janse(n) van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7.

Okkert Michal Janse(n) van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7

Birth: circa 1851
Lydenburg, Ehlanzeni, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Death: January 19, 1887 (35)
Emmelo, Eastvaal District Council, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Immediate Family:
- Son of Frederik Rudolph Janse(n) van Rensburg, b1...d7e6 and Margaretha Aletta Catharina de Jager
- Husband of Maria Johanna Christina Nel, b1955860202
- Father of Elsie Maria Van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7; Frederik Rudolphus van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7g; Margaretha Aletta Catharina van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7g; Pieter Willem Adriaan Nel van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7g; Maria Johanna Christina van Rensburg, b1...d7e6f7g and 2 others

Added by: Jacobus Nicolaas Conradie, b1c5f5e8d59511
on September 15, 2014

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Immediate Family

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Statistics

- Family Tree: 5,000
- Blood Relatives: 5,000
- Ancestors: 5,000
- Descendants: 7
- Followers: 1
Family tree numbering

• Notation Example b1c4d1
• “a” (the first generation at the Cape/South Africa)
• “b” (second generation)
• ‘c’ (third generation)
• Position within the particular family
South African Genealogy
Abbreviations

* born
= baptised
x marriage
xx second marriage
÷ divorced
+ or † died
# buried
a. arrival
c. circa (about)
How can Technology assist you?
The Researcher Route

GISA (Genealogical Institute of South Africa)

GSSA (The Genealogical Society of South Africa)
eGSSA Branch

NAAIRS (National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System)

Outcome: Family History
Welcome to GISA's new website
The Genealogical Institute of South Africa

Microfilm Readers are phased out - See News 😞

NEWS

Release of Rauch book - See News

SA Family registers CDs - New series - See News for more information

For the next few weeks may be information on surnames among individual surnames or Free Individual surnames appear. We are working on updates. If you do not have a specific of get it, please contact us at bestwisher@gsa.org.za

All surnames from A to K is complete. See News

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is not necessary to log on to the website to roam around, only if you would like to purchase. The site is designed so that all information available, excluding the content of our books that are not on the website is available, can be viewed without note.

Who and what is GISA?

The Genealogical Institute of South Africa (GISA) collect and preserve genealogical source material in a scientific manner and do genealogical research with a view to delivery and publication of stamregisters and family of all South African families. GISA as non-taxable institution registered with SARS.

Affiliation of GISA at GSU (Genealogical Society of Utah)

GISA on October 1, 2006 an affiliated joined the GSU. This means that the records at GSU on microfilm available by GISA can be ordered in the same way as films at the Family History Centres may be requested. Through the affiliation with GISA researchers can lead to a large amount of resources accessed within South Africa as well as abroad.

e-Shop

Apart from the general appearance is the new website now provides a long-awaited e-shopping facility where publications by the Institute published and / or distributed electronically directly to order. You will automatically receive a confirmation invoice of your order together with the total amounts received and once the payment has been made, the goods you despatched to the address as indicated.
# Links to Online Genealogical Information

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