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## English Translation



**b9.c3.d3.e3.f4.g2.h1.i2 Johannes Nicholas Hendrik (Nico) Henning \*28 June 1973 who was wounded during a raid on 21 August 2018 in Danville, Pretoria**

## Only a miracle can save the life of Nico Henning

On 22 August 2018 an article was published with the same heading in all the national Afrikaans newspapers. We immediately read the article with great interest. The upsetting news were reported as follows:

The family of Nico Henning (45) are devastated as they sit by his bedside in hospital, praying for his life. Nico was seriously wounded on Tuesday, 21 August, when he was shot by robbers with AK47s in front of the OK Grocer in Danville, Pretoria.

On Wednesday Nico's wife, Linda, her brother, Len Bothma, and his wife, Linette, were at the intensive care unit of the Milpark hospital in Johannesburg where Nico was kept under sedation. Linda was very emotional and were holding her brother's hand while she was telling us about a wounded Nico arriving at home.

Nico, who is a member of the Afriforum neighbourhood watch, responded to an emergency call at the shop. At that time nobody knew how serious the call was and that there were armed robbers. En route Nico received a call that the robbers were armed and that he should turn around. However, the call came too late. The fleeing robbers started shooting at the marked vehicle.

Bothma said that the bullet travelled through the boot, the back and the front seats before hitting Nico in the back. The wounded Nico raced home to ask his wife for help. He refused to let her drive. They didn't make much progress before they were forced to a halt by a flat wheel.

Linda called for help on the neighbourhood watch radio and Nico was then taken to the Kalafong hospital by car. He was then airlifted by helicopter to Milpark hospital.

We are not sure whether the tyre was hit by a bullet, or what happened ... we are also not sure what type of weapon was used to fire at Nico.

Nico has only opened his eyes once, but he didn't seem to be aware of his whereabouts. Linda said that according to the doctor that operated on Nico, it would be a miracle if he survives. Nico's liver and intestines were damaged and one of his kidneys had to be removed during emergency surgery. He might have to undergo more surgery on Thursday to repair the damage to his intestines.

It is not clear whether the doctors have removed the bullet. "The doctors are really doing their best ... but the situation is critical at this stage," says Linda. Friends and family started a prayer group for Linda and Nico. By Wednesday the group had 7000 members from across the world.

Wynand Bezuidenhout, the manager of the shop says that eight robbers with balaclavas launched a strike on the shop and stole the days money.

Captain Agnes Huma, the spokesperson for the police, said that they still couldn't be sure that the suspects used AK47s. She confirmed that the incident is being investigated but that nobody has been arrested.

We determined that Nico Henning is b9.c3.d3.e3.f4.g2.h1.i2 Johannes Nicholas Hendrik Henning \*28 June 1973. We had Nico on record but not his wife and child. After we contacted his wife Linda we were able to update our records with Nico's whole family.

It just goes to show how normal, civilised and responsible citizens of this country are being exposed to millions of unscrupulous barbarians that are flooding our country. It is becoming clearer that there is not a solution for these types of tragedies because the number of civilised citizens is decreasing annually while population growth of the barbarians is out of control.

## Henning Babies

Lately, Henning babies are as scarce as hen's teeth. We seldom hear of new babies being born. Being able to report on three babies and their parents in one newsletter is thus a great privilege. The three babies are all from the Willem Frederik, or Burgersdorp branch of the descendants of Peter Henrich Henning \*1740.

**b6.c4.d7.e8.f1.g1.h2. Tjaart Henning, born 6 September 1991** informed us that he and his wife, Samantha (born Baker) \*20-10-1993 were blessed with a baby boy, Matthew, on 7 September 2017. Tjaart is the son of Louis Johannes Henning and his wife Maria (née Hamer), while Samantha is the daughter of Clover Baker and his wife Lischel (née Olivier).



**Tjaart and Samantha Henning of Nigel, with their first born, Matthew who was born on 7 September 2017**



**Mertin and Marita Henning and their first born, Mikayla who was born on 4 July 2018**



**Rev Kosie Henning baptise their first born child, who was named after his father and grandfather on 16 September 2018, while mother Carlizé is looking**

Tjaart is 'n manager at Fenchem in Pretoria and Samantha is a chartered accountant (CA) with Ernst & Young.

We have been informed that **b6.c4.d3.e7.f6.g2.h2. Mertin Henning \*29-4-1984** and his wife, Marita (born Henrico) \*18-3-1986 from Hallgate, Nigel, had their first baby, a girl named Mikayla, on 4 July 2018 in the Dalview Hospital in Brakpan.

Mertin is the son of Johannes Christiaan Henning en his wife Hester Florina (born van der Walt). He is an IT manager at Tyres 2000 in Nigel, while Marita is a homemaker and a fulltime mother.

In 2017 we reported that **b6.c4.d1.e5.f5.g6.h3.i3. Jacobus Adriaan Gerhardus Henning (or Kosie as he is known) \*16-7-1993** completed his theological studies at the end of 2017 at the Theological School of the Gereformeerde Kerk in Potchefstroom. Shortly afterward he was called to serve the Gereformeerde Kerk Harrismith.

Kosie and his wife, Carlizé, became the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy on 29 August 2018 who is named after his father and grandfather. Kosie performed the christening ceremony himself on 16 September 2018 in the church of the Harrismith congregation, while Ds RA Bain, from the Gereformeerde Kerk Cachet in Potchefstroom, led the service.

## Mauritz and Ollie married for 60 years

b6.c4.d1.e5.f10.g6. Mauritz Henning from Eden Retirement-resort in Pretoria North on the management committee of the Henning Family League served for many years. He was always, and still is to this day, one of our greatest supporters. It is thus a great privilege to be able to report that Mauritz, his wife Ollie Henning (or rather Catharina Machilina, née Hamman) and their extended family, celebrated Ollie and Mauritz's sixtieth wedding anniversary (30 August 2018) and Ollie's eightieth birthday (5 July 2018).

Their three daughters, Loma, Marlene and Alma decided to organise one big festival, on 11 August 2018, in the hall of the Eden Retirement resort, to celebrate both events. One of Mauritz and Ollie's grandsons work in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, and that was the only time that he could arrange leave.



**Mauritz (82) and Ollie (80) Henning at the 60th celebration of their marriage**

All Mauritz and Ollie's children (three, plus two partners), grandchildren (seven plus their partners) and five great-grandchildren were able to attend. Mauritz's two living sisters, René van der Westhuizen (88) from Parys and Esmé Coetzer (78) from Jeffreysbay and several of their children and grandchildren, as well as some friends also attended – all together about 70 people!

Mauritz and Ollie met in the early 1950s at the Ben Viljoen High School in Groblersdal. On the first day of school all the standard 6 children had to queue in alphabetical order. Esmé Henning, Mauritz's sister, stood next to Ollie whose surname was Hamman. Ollie and Esmé became friends but Ollie only new Mauritz as being Esmé's brother.

In the year that Ollie was in matric, Mauritz worked at Ferreira Solicitors in Groblersdal and he needed lodging. Ollie and her mother (Lettie

Hamman) lived in a house and took in lodgers for extra income. Mauritz rented a room from them. Co-incidentally they were both in Gereformeerde Church and attended the same congregation. This was when they got to know one another better.

Later, Ferreira Solicitors relocated to another town but Mauritz did not want to move. His father helped him find a job in Phalaborwa at the mine. Ollie was still in matric, but they already fell in love. They wrote letters because they could not almost use the phone. Many love letters followed!

On one occasion Mauritz wanted to surprise Ollie with a weekend visit. He had the opportunity to fly from Phalaborwa to Groblersdal with a friend that had a light aeroplane. However, he arrived at Ollie's house just to discover that she and her mother went to Vanderbijlpark for the weekend to visit Ollie's sister. Mauritz had to hike back to Dennenelton where his family lived. That Sunday afternoon his brother-in-law, Sias, lent him his car and told him to go and see whether Ollie was back. The Sunday evening was spent making up for the lost weekend.

Ollie finished matric in 1956 after which she and her mother moved to Vanderbijlpark where her family lived. Mauritz managed to find a job in Meyerton. Ollie found a job at the library in Vereeniging and she was very happy there. Grandma and Grandpa Henning moved to Rustenburg and Mauritz joined them to work on mine.

In 1958 they decided to get married. Ollie was 20 years old and Mauritz was 22. The wedding was in the church and afterwards the reception was held at Ollie's older sister's, Lienie, house.

For their honeymoon Mauritz and Ollie went to LM (currently Maputu) in Mozambique and afterward they moved into a small flat in the city centre of Pretoria. Mauritz started working at the Department of Statistics where he remained until he retired. Ollie found work at the State Library.

About a year later their first daughter, Loma, was born and 13 months later their second daughter Marlene. They were lucky enough to live in a small town (the Staatsdorp) close to Wonderboom Airport. There they spent many happy years. Many young families with young children lived there and they visited one another regularly.

Later, all the people from the Staatsdorp had to move away. At first, they lived in Mountain view where their third daughter, Alma, was born. After that, they bought their first house in Danie Theron street, in Pretoria North.

Mauritz made a beautiful garden and they extended the house. There were always many visitors. The family often visited them, and their three daughters all had their weddings in the garden. While the girls were teenagers the house was always full of young suitors. Mauritz's brothers and sisters and their families, as well as Ollie's brother and sister visited regularly. There was lots of laughter in that house and everybody was always welcome.

After Mauritz retired in 1995 they moved to Stilbaai where they already owned a house at the beach. The daughters and their families spent December holidays there, but Ollie missed her three daughters and the grandchildren. After 7 years in Stilbaai, in 2002, they moved back to Pretoria to live in the Eden Retirement Resort, where they still live today.

They are very active pensioners. They travelled in South Africa with their caravan and they made a trip to Europe. They keep themselves busy with researching their Henning and Hamman ancestors. Mauritz paints and they both him and Ollie love reading. Two years ago, when Mauritz was 80 and Ollie 78, they went on a boat trip with two of their daughters in the Mediterranean and they visited places like Venice, the Greek islands and Istanbul. It was something very special for their daughters to experience the trip with their parents.

# Henningsvaer, Lovoten, Norway

In Newsletter 66, of May 2001, there was a short article about the small town Henningsvaer in Lofoten in Norway. However, due to a lack of space we weren't able to say much about this beautiful, romantic little place. Henningsvaer is known as the Venice of Lovoten and is a popular tourist resort for both Norwegian and international tourists.



**Zerline Henning of Eindhoven, Nederlands show the town Henningsvaer on a map of the Lovoten island group**



**The Fiskekrogen – Fish Bar – restaurant where they serve the most delicious fish soup. People come from all over the world to enjoy this delicious soup**

Recently, Peter Henning from Eindhoven, in the Netherlands, informed us that his daughter, Zerline, travelled through the Lovoten district of the Nordland province of Norway and discovered Henningsvaer. She was very surprised to find her own surname so close to the north pole in Norway. Peter is a Dutch Henning and a very good friend of our family league.

Henningsvaer is a fishing village, spread over a few small islands on the south coast of Austvågøya in the Lofoten island group in Norway. It is part of the Vågan municipality in the province of Nordland. Henningsvaer is connected to the rest of Vågan with the Henningsvaer bridges which are all just wide enough to accommodate one vehicle. The little town is mostly located on the islands of Heimøya and Hellandsøya.

The Norwegian Arctic cod lay their eggs in these rich fishing grounds during Easter. These fish enjoy their life in the Barentssee until they reach sexual maturity at the age of seven or eight years of age. One can buy fresh fish from the boats as they arrive in the harbour. At a humble little restaurant, the Fiskekrogen (fish bar), one can get the tastiest fish ever. The restaurant is famous across the whole of Norway for their delicious fish soup.

Many Norwegians travel especially to Henningsvaer to eat soup at the Fiskekrogen.

The 0.3 square kilometre (74 acres) little town has a population of 444.



The traditional fishing village architecture attracts many tourists. Mountain climbing, diving and snorkelling are also popular tourist activities. The Henningsvaer church is also in the town on the island of Heimøya.

**Note the single lane bridge between the Henningsvaer islands and the mainland**



**A glance on the romantic fisherman's village, Henningsvaer, in the Lovoten island-group. It is a popular tourist destination. The mountains in the background is on the mainland**

## Henning exhibition, Aliwal North



Between 1988 and 1990 the secretary of the family league, Olivier Henning, had regular hearty conversations with the municipality of Aliwal North regarding the inclusion of the Henning exhibition in the new museum that was being planned. The museum would be housed in the first church building that was built in 1857 in Aliwal North it would have been known as the Kerkplein museum.

After the change of government in 1994, the new city council and municipality made it clear that they did not like museums of white people and they discontinued all maintenance to the building. They indicated that the building was to be used for storage. Despite several meetings with the mayor and several of her officials, where many promises were made, none of the promises were honoured and it became clear that the Henning and De Wet

exhibitions were coming to an end.

In the meantime, we have had difficulty obtaining suitable Henning artefacts. There are two reasons for this:



1. People with valuable artefacts are unwilling to part with the items because they are exhibited in their own homes.

2. Since most of the Hennings lived on farms in the Free State and Transvaal during the Anglo Boer War, most of the farm houses were burnt down by the English forces and nothing was left. Only a few families that were living in the Cape Colony escaped this tragedy.

We realised that a museum should not just be a storage place of old items. It should tell a story. It should have a theme. With the limited number of items at our disposal we found it difficult to portray our theme "The Henning families as typical trekboer families".

We mostly have items of the Gert Frans branch – the Aliwal North Hennings who lived on the farm Damfontein – but even so, most of the furniture and tools are still in the homes of the various descendants. Fortunately, we kept a record of who owns which artefacts.

The community of Aliwal-North still has a museum committee, consisting of members of the inhabitants of the town that voluntary provide service from time to time, but the Kerkplein museum is now permanently closed. For all practical purposes the Henning exhibit does not exist any more and the Kerplein museum is thus nothing more than storage.

At some stage we will have to devise a plan to break down the exhibition and remove the artefacts. However, the question is what to do with everything and who will be doing the work. Our young people are too busy, and the older ones can't take on such exhausting jobs any more. Many of our donators have passed away and we do not want the artefacts to be lost.

Marthinus Henning from Welkom suggested that we establish a virtual museum for the Henning family on the Internet. Fortunately, we have Dr Jannetta Steyn, who has a doctorate degree in computer science. She is a "Boerenooi", working in the School of Computing Science at Newcastle University in England. Years ago, she established the Henning website on the Internet at her own expense and is still managing it. She agreed to research the most appropriate way to establish such a virtual museum.

Of course, there are advantages to such a virtual museum:

1. There is no building that would need maintenance;
2. The museum can be visited 24 hours a day, seven days a week and twelve months of the year, by any person from anywhere in the world. The only requirement would be to have access to the Internet. In this day and age, most people have a smart phone which means that more people, than ever before, will be able to visit the museum.



3. The virtual tour guide is always available.
4. With all the items that are in people's houses and can be included in the virtual museum, it will be much easier to portray our theme: "The Henning families as typical trekboer families".

This article is the first step in determining who possess valuable Henning artefacts. Please let us know if you own any such items or whether you know of someone else that might have something. It is important to provide the following information:

1. What is the item and what was it used for.
2. From which time period is the item.
3. Whom did each item belong to.
4. Where was it used?

You don't have to send us anything yet. Just let us know whether you have suitable artefacts. In time, we shall be in contact. However, if you would like to send us your photos and information for the captions now, please feel free to do so. It would be important that such photos meet certain requirements:

1. The lighting in the photos should be such that there are no shadows. Items should be well in focus and clear.
2. The background should be white or another plain colour so that the item is clearly visible.
3. It would be great to get photos from different angles to show the item from all sides.

## Children-prisoners-of-war in the Anglo Boer War

Many years ago, we were able to obtain relatively complete lists of burgers from the Boer republics that were kept in foreign camps as prisoners of war during the Anglo Boer War. As such we were aware of the two brothers, b9.c3.d3.e2. **Jacobus Abraham Adriaan Henning** \*11 February 1866 and his brother **Hendrik Jacobus** \*March 1867 (e3), who were members of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek's police. They were both taken as prisoners of war on 9 August 1900 when the British forces invaded Pretoria. Both were held in the Diyatalawa camp in Ceylon.

When we researched the lists there was also a Jacobus Abraham Henning, on the Ceylon lists, that we couldn't identify. This Jacobus Abraham arrived on 5 July 1902 in Ceylon, i.e. after the war ended on 31 May 1902, but before the prisoners of war were repatriated to South Africa.

For many years we could not solve the problem because we were not aware of any other Jacobus Abraham (Adriaan) Henning that was old enough to serve as a soldier in the Boer republics.

Descendants of b9.c3.d3.e2.f4. Jacobus Abraham Adriaan Henning, born 5 June 1893 (a son of Jacobus Abraham Adriaan, mentioned above, who served in the ZAR Police) informed us a while ago of their grandfather Jacobus, born 5 June 1893, who was sent to Ceylon as a boy towards the end of the war to join his father. That is in agreement of the 5 July 1902 date that we have. He was only nine years old.



**The two brothers, Jacobus Abraham Adriaan Henning and Hendrik Jacobus who were held as prisoners of war at Ceylon. The nine years old son of Jacobus Abraham Adriaan with the same names, was sent on 5 July 1902, after the conclusion of peace to Ceylon to join his father. Below the only photograph of Jacobus Jnr**



It sounds very unlikely that such a young boy would have been sent to a prison-of-war camp in a foreign country but considering the information we have, there is no other Henning that would fit the time period.

The first spouse of Jacobus Senior, Martha and their children were held in the Merebank concentration camp in Durban from 17 September 1901. This was despite the fact that there was a concentration camp in Irene, near Pretoria where they used to live. We know that the British sent many Boer women and children, who refused to subject themselves to the British powers and were earmarked as trouble makers, to the Merebank camp.

After the official conclusion of peace, Martha and her children were transferred to the Irene camp and from there they were allowed to go home.

We can only speculate as to why a nine-year-old boy was sent to Ceylon in July 1902. Was it perhaps because he was considered to be a trouble maker that would not respect the authorities of the concentration camp and needed to be punished? Or was it perhaps because he missed his father too much and the authorities decided to send him to Ceylon.

I am of the opinion that this boy was one of our Henning children heroes.

## Money Matters

We again want to thank all those well-meaning Hennings who made donations to the Family League over the past three months. This fine gesture is appreciated immensely and shows that the Henning Family League is important for many and on the right way.

We want to give the assurance that every cent we receive, will be spent for the benefit of the Henning family and more specific, the Henning Family League.

First of all we thank the seven members who contribute regularly on a monthly basis, by means of a debit order.



This is invaluable for the family league.

- Jan Andries Henning and his wife Cornelia of Montana Park, Pretoria
- Jan Hendrik Henning and his wife Nicolina of Glenstantia, Pretoria
- Past Antonie Henning and his wife Nellie of Wonderboom South, Pretoria
- Pieter Hendrik Henning and his wife Anna of Durbanville
- Runa and Sauer van Straaten of Doringkloof, Centurion
- Gesina and Mathys Spangenberg of Swakopmund, Namibië
- Pieter Jacobus Stephanus Henning of Ramsgate



Please! Even if it is a small one

We also want to thank the following members who made contributions over the past three months:

- Dr P A (Philip) Henning and his wife Anna of Langebaan – R500.00
- Ockert Henning and his wife Roline of Sonstraalhoogte, Durbanville – R500.00
- Tjaart (T J) Henning and his wife Louisa of Sinoville, Pretoria – R1 000.00

We appeal to all Hennings to consider a donation from time tot time to the Family League. You decide yourself how much you can afford.

The particulars of the current account of the Family League are as follows:

**FNB Villiersdorp (Branch 200 712); Account name – Henning Family League; Account number – 6265 7601 483. Please use your initials and surname, and if possible your member number, as reference who made the donation.**

# Henning Souvenir

We still have the following Henning souvenirs available. You can order telephonically (land line 028 840 0113 or Cell 082 355 3801) or by E Mail – [olie4@henning.org](mailto:olie4@henning.org). Unfortunately postage according to the weight of the parcel must be added on. We will therefore have to calculate the postage before you can deposit the money into the account of the Family League. Account particulars are as follows: **FNB Villiersdorp branch 200 712, Account name – Henning Family League; Account number 6265 7601 483. Please use your member number or initials and surname as reference.**

- Teaspoons (gold plated) –R50.00 each. **Very nice as a set of six with a sugar spoon**
- Sugar spoons (gold plated) – R54.00 each
- Collar badges – R30.00 each
- Cuff Links — R100.00 set. **Really very nice! Can be worn with pride or displayed in a show case. Will also become a nice heirloom**
- Writing pads (50 pages) – R30.00
- Henning CD – R125.00 each (postage R10.00).
- Determine postage cost before ordering. If you want us to send the parcel by registered post, this will add an extra R30.00 to the postage. Unless you want to place a really big order, postage would most probably be between R10.00 and R20.00. Delivery by Postnet will be R99.00 for a parcel weighing 1 Kg.

**Please support the Family League!**



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