

# eGSSA

# Virtual branch of the Genealogical Society of South Africa

# Annual report – year ending 2016

26 January 2017

It is the time of the year again when we have to sum up and reflect on our achievements of the past year.

Despite all the challenges of newly available genealogical websites, eGSSA has shown that it still plays an important role in the ever-growing field and we have to commend our founder members for having had the vision to create the virtual branch twelve years ago. As the number of people interested in genealogy increases, so does the need to get answers quickly. Unfortunately, the family links are often littered with inaccuracies and blindly copied leaving it to the serious researcher to spend hours in disproving the data. At eGSSA we believe that we provide invaluable information to ensure the authenticity of our members' research. Our data and transcriptions are based on original sources and, if further verification is required, the sources are listed making it easier for the person to check. We strive to continue on this path.

We would like to thank our members for their continued support, for renewing their membership, sending us new information, supporting our projects and volunteering their services.

To all our volunteers and management team my sincerest thanks. Many faced health problems, domestic issues, relocations and one even went so far as to trip over her own feet with severe consequences. When the tough got going the team pulled together and delivered. You are a formidable force and we are proud of you.

Our report aims to give comprehensive feedback on all branch activities. Due to the size of the report it will only be available in English.

Enjoy!

### Member news by Alta Griffiths and Lynn Couperthwaite

#### The 2016 committee members

#### Management

- Alta Griffiths
- Daan Hamman
- Carol Beneke
- Lynn Couperthwaite
- Richard Ball
- Judi Meyer

#### Additional members

- Daan Botes
- Corney Keller
- Annelie Els
- Riana le Roux

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairman
- Treasurer
- Membership services, communication and marketing
- Web Services
- Genesis Editor
- Postcards
- Transcriptions
- Stamouers
- Cemetery Project

#### **Member numbers**

The total number of members for the year was 547 with the breakdown of 335 full members and 212 subscribers.

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 male to female ratio is:

- Male members: 274
- Female members: 266
- Unknown: 3

We have 260 Afrikaans speaking members and 284 English speaking members.

#### Member distribution

The majority of our members are South African residents, with substantial minorities from elsewhere in the world: RSA 418, Australia and New Zealand 45, Europe 45, Asia 1 and USA 38.

#### Member news

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to a few good friends and members this year.



Both Hobbie and Wilna were well known for all the work they have done on our projects. Hobbie coordinated the Funeral Letters and Church photographs for GSSA and Wilna was for many years the backbone of the eGSSA Cemetery Project. Neill Griesel was murdered on his farm outside Malmesbury in the Western Cape. Their passing were traumatic to all of us.

#### Member communication

In August and September we received a few complaints that some members hadn't received their copies of eFamilia or genesis. The delivery history as shown on Constant Contact indicated that. despite what the members were saying, they had been delivered. After the 3rd Familia and genesis

delivery showed a massive 17 members blocking out mail we changed bulk mailer to Mail Chimp from 18 October. Lynn is still on a learning curve with this.

During 2016 32 bulletins were sent out to all members and subscribers - these included 4 genesis and 4 Familia issues.

There are 17 members whose ISP won't recognise our bulk mailer addresses as friendly or who accidentally unsubscribed from our mailing list. These members receive mail from Lynn's hotmail address.

Over and above the members and eGSSA subscribers, we had 195 names sent to us from the National Executive for eFamilia.

### genesis by Judi Meyer

It is with pleasure once again to report that, with regard to genesis, we had another year of excellent co-operation between the editorial team, management, and members.

All four genesis issues were released on time, packed with interesting reading matter compiled with care and professionalism.

Although, due to illness and surgery, Lea and Judi were unable to contribute to the fourth edition, the eGSSA management team, together with Daan and Louise, joined forces to produce a fine publication.

The management team for the beautiful photographs that adorned the front page of every issue. The Heemkring photographs in particular drew compliments from readers.

Thank you to the editorial team for outstanding cooperation and a job well done. Lea Duckitt will not be available to assist us next year and we want to thank her for her hard work and friendship these last couple of years.

We are looking forward to continue working with you during 2017.

# Facebook by Alta Griffiths

Thanks to the <u>Facebook</u> team we had a very busy year. Our aim for the year was to get to 2000 Likes and we are happy to announce that we ended the year with 2276 Likes.

Our fans are worldwide and Facebook provides useful information of the users' world distribution and language preferences.

Worldwide distribution of Facebook viewers							
South Africa	1693	Zambia	6	Mexico	2	Ukraine	1
Australia	129	Belgium	6	Russia	2	Philippines	1
United Kingdom	115	Ireland	5	United Arab Emirates	2	Oman	1
United States of America	87	Thailand	5	China	2	Uganda	1
New Zealand	43	Zimbabwe	4	Tanzania	2	Sweden	1

Canada	39	India	4	Brazil	2	Bangladesh	1
Namibia	26	Switzerland	4	Chile	2	Malta	1
Netherlands	23	Mozambique	3	Denmark	2	Finland	1
Guatemala	16	Israel	3	Malawi	2	Greece	1
Germany	10	South Korea	2	Portugal	2	Tonga	1
				Taiwan	1	Vietnam	1

Language preferences of Facebook viewers					
English (US)	1283	Italian	3	Norwegian	1
English (UK)	799	Greek	2	Latvian	1
Afrikaans	148	English (Pirate)	2	Khmer (Cambodia)	1
Spanish	14	Xhosa	1	Arabic	1
Dutch	12	Russian	1	Estonian	1
Spanish (Spain)	5	Portuguese (Brazil)	1	Vietnamese	1
German	4	Faroese	1	Swedish	1

The daily contributions are done by a team who often have to delve very deep to keep up with the posts. A big thank you to Annelie Els, Basil Royston, Carol Beneke, Daan Botes, Fleur Way-Jones, Heather McAllister, Hendrik Strydom, Judi Meyer, June Barnes, Keith Meintjes, Linda Farrell, Liz Eshmade, Louise Hamlyn, Mariana Olivier, Morné van Rooyen, Petro Coreejes-Brink, Phil Beck, Riana le Roux, Simone Kay and Trudie Marais.

### eGSSA Website by Richard Ball

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

**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.

#### Browsers and Operating Systems:

Browsers	Percent
Google Chrome	50.60%
MS Internet Explorer	20.30%
Firefox	14.80%
Safari	9.10%
Opera	1.70%
Android browser	1.40%
Mozilla	0.90%
Unknown	0.30%
Iphone	0.10%
BlackBerry	0.10%
Others	0.10%

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits
Jan	55,264	96,188
Feb	44,571	99,815
Mar	25,333	85,437
Apr	34,803	82,211
May	47,071	108,088
Jun	46,784	90,808
Jul	48,684	101,368
Aug	55,074	109,867
Sep	54,994	108,418
Oct	58,272	118,051
Nov	56,279	122,986
Dec	50,369	195,718
Total	577,498	1,318,955

Some of our members may find it interesting to see which web browsers and which operating systems are used to access the web site. These are the percentages recorded over the year. **Operating Systems:** As to the operating system our visitors have on their computers, the proportions are as follows: Windows 77%, Linux 7.2%, iOS 5.5% (iPhone and iPad), Macintosh 4.2%, and Blackberry 1.3%.

Operating Systems	Percent
Windows	75.30%
Linux	11.10%
iOS	6.10%
Macintosh	4.30%
Unknown	1.70%
BlackBerry	0.80%

Along with genesis and the eGSSA Facebook page, the eGSSA Branch's web site is one of 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.

# Document Archive Photographic Services by Richard Ball

During 2016 we received a total of 393 orders for photographs of documents at the Archives, 197 from GSSA members and 196 from non-members. With the help of our doughty photographers and the four volunteers who collect, itemize, process, load, invoice and send out the links for these orders, 90% were completed within 6 weeks, most more quickly than that.



The total was down on 2015, presumably due to the FamilySearch (LDS) web site publishing a great many more South African estate files on its web site during the year. We can therefore expect eGSSA's income (\$2.00 per order) from this source to continue dropping.

# Family Register pages from Bibles and Original Family Registers by Richard Ball

By preserving photographs of these often valuable and always fragile objects we aim to make as many as possible available to all.

Eighteen Bibles were added to the collection during 2016, making a total of 395 in the <u>eGSSA Bible</u> <u>collection</u>

To the contributors, photographers and captioners, many thanks.

### Post Cards by Daan Botes



Some effort has gone into the programs and processes to transfer the uploading of contributions onto a MacBook Air.

Continuous reflection is being done on the mission of this group.

A competition was launched to invite new contributions. As a result, two hundred and sixty seven postcards were entered by Pieter van Aardt, Allan Beeby, Colleen Joy Gray, Doug Sayce, Elne Watson, Heidi Morgan, Lenore Frost, Olga Birch and Nadine van der Merwe. The winner of our 2016 competition is Olga Birch which brings our total collection to 3420 cards

Promotion and invitation for contribution of old post cards was done on various Facebook user groups pages

Goals for 2017

- 1. Completion of manuals for loading cards on MacBook Air
- 2. Continuous promotion and invitation for contributions

### The Gravestone Photograph Project by Riana le Roux



As with the previous year, the project is running smoothly. Literally thousands of photographs were sent in last year (2016) from all over South Africa, Namibia and elsewhere. The largest contributions were from the SEWFHS (East Rand cemeteries) and GSSA West Gauteng with their Sterkfontein (Krugersdorp) cemetery photographs. Dirk van Heerden, from the GSSA Northern Transvaal Branch, contributed all his gravestone photographs taken during the last 5 years. Maureen Schnittker continues to send Stellawood (Durban) cemetery photographs about twice a year on DVD's. The rest were smaller contributions, but just as important.

Our turnaround time is still between 4-8 weeks, from receipt to publishing on the web. There are fewer mistakes and spelling errors, as myself and two volunteers Frida Hagelberg and Annette Meyer do the checking of every caption after the transcribing has been done. This is very time-consuming, but worth our while.

#### Volunteers

Many of the previous year's volunteers are not active anymore, which resulted in having to look for new people. We advertised on Facebook, got a few interested parties, trained a couple, but at the end of the day only one or two stayed on. This is an ongoing problem. However, we did manage and we are trusting 2017 will be the same. Our goal for 2017 is looking for a capable volunteer to assist in moving the photos to the web as Riana is responsible for the majority of the moves; assisted by Frida, Magda Alberts and Annel Meyer.

Corrections coming in are also being done by Riana, except for Stellawood in Durban. Maureen Schnittker was given access to edit and correct captions for this cemetery.

#### Progress

The project started off on 1 January 2016 with 646 809 photographs on the website and ended on 31 December 2017 with 685 776. This shows an increase of 38 967 in total for the year. At the moment we have approximately 7 000 unpublished photographs in the pipeline.

Approximately 235 new cemeteries/memorials with GPS locations were added to the website. This excludes GPS locations which were in the GSSA Cemetery DVD Project already, but which didn't have photos. As far as possible Riana is requesting people whom are active in certain areas to start photographing the cemeteries which are in the DVD, but not on the website with published photographs. Peter Moss has been assisting with this as well. The exercise is not highly successful, but there are cases where we've been very lucky. This will be an ongoing exercise in 2017.

We hope to reach the 700 000 mark by the end of 2017.

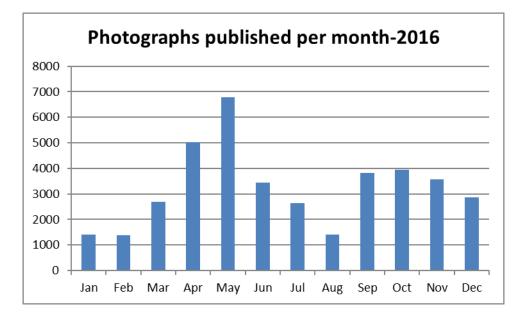
#### **Projects and Goals**

A letter was sent to all the Chairpersons of the land-based GSSA branches in December 2016, asking them to join in a program called "Project Grave Hunting". The aim is to get groups together to photograph and record bigger cemeteries getting lost due to safety factors, weathering, vandalism and neglect. Hopefully by doing this, a bigger part of South Africa's larger cemeteries could be recorded and photographed. Due to the vast amount of work, as well as for safety reasons, we feel working together in a group is the better option. Operating methods and tips on how to photograph gravestones were also included with the request.

It's still early days, but positive feedback has been received from the Vaal Triangle and the West-Gauteng and Western Cape branches so far.

#### Graph

A graph showing the monthly published photographs shows an increase in the months preceding the winter, then a bit of a decrease and then picking up towards the end of the year again. The low activity during August was due to Riana being on holiday.



#### The 2016 Team:

Cemetery Project coordinator: Riana le Roux

The Captioners: Annel Meyer, James Anderson, Frida Hagelberg, Annette Meyer, Magda Alberts, Lorraine Beechey, Terry Terblanche, Andrié Labuschagne, Angela de Klerk, Eileen de Jager, Catherine du Toit, Ken & Eleanor Garvie, Liz Graham, Barend Kruger, Sue van der Berg, Sue McNelly & Maureen Schnittker.

The Movers: Frida Hagelberg & Riana le Roux

Technical back-up: Richard Ball

The GSSA Cemetery DVD Project and Google Earth Cemetery Initiative Information Project: Peter Moss

### South African Records Transcribed by Corney Keller

In 2016 we continued where we left off in 2015; expanding on the existing sections and adding one or two new ones including the long-awaited NGK membership register.

#### **Church Registers**

The transcription of <u>Cape Town Baptisms 1743-1756</u> was completed in July of 2016. In August a start was made with the <u>Cape Town Marriages 1757-1803</u> of which the first 10 years are now completed. The remainder are still ongoing. In addition to the baptisms and marriages, a start was made with the <u>Cape Town Membership lists 1665-1832</u>. The years 1665-1695 and 1695-1712 have already been completed and published.

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Memberships

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

This section was expanded with 7 new rolls and 3 existing rolls were revised. New

- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1662 Free men</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1692 Free men</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1693 Free men</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1695 Knechts</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1696 Free men</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1698 Free men</u>
- Cape Muster Roll 1700 Free men

#### Revised

- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1660</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1663</u>
- <u>Cape Muster Roll 1695</u>

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.

#### 2017 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, focusing on the marriages and memberships lists. Secondly a continued effort will be made to fill in the gaps (where available) in Muster Rolls of free men starting for the period 1703-1712 as well as revision of existing transcriptions. As always, we continually stand open for any new material and suggestions to improve on the site and make it even more valuable to researchers. Having said this however, without the help of new or more volunteers, the growth will probably stagnate during the 2017.

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

# Archive Collection by Corney Keller

A sizeable number of accounts from ship's pay-ledgers have been added to the <u>VOC-Dutch East</u> <u>India Company</u> section of the collection including the following:

- DEPNER Johan van Wellau, soldaat, 1735
- LANGEVELT Pieter uit Durgerdam, Adelborst, 1714
- SMITH Joseph van Neurenbergh, soldaat, 1767
- DIJK Evert VAN van Middelburg, 1783-1792 (Evert van Dyk)
- LOSCH Michael van Amertinge in de Palts, soldaat, 1774 (Michael Lesch)
- OOSTHUIJSZ Johan van Woerden, adelborst, 1685 (Johan Oosthuizen)
- BILLON Bernardus VAN van Overes, soldaat, 1707 (Bernardus van Biljon)
- NEETLINGH Christiaan Ludolf van Willinge, soldaat, 1740 (Neethlingh)
- VISSER Anthonij van Uijtregt, soldaat, 1717 (Anthonie Visser)
- GROEPLAAR Jan van Tangermond, zoldaet, 1705 (Jan Grobbelaar)
- HEIJNSZ Poul van Leijpsich, soldaat, 1680 (Paul Heyns)
- SWART Jan Jansen van Horen, ziekentrooster, 1691
- BEENKE Joan Diedrik van 't Meijerse, soldaat, 1734 (Johan Diederik Beneke)
- CRAFFORT Dirk van Utregt, adelborst, 1724 (Dirk Willem Craffford)
- MONCK Thomas van Stockholm, adelborst, 1680 (which includes the free burghers Elias Raus van Loeduijts, Hans Hensz van Hamburg, Johan Andriesz van Rissen and Michiel Meester van Hall)

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# BDM Project by Richard Ball

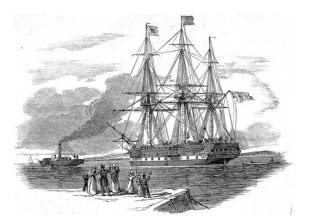
This project continues to grow slowly.

During 2016 we added the following:

- Fort Beaufort Anglican Birth, Deaths and Marriages 1840-1850
- Drakenstein / Paarl NGK marriages 1815-1839
- Cape Town NGK marriages 1757-1762
- The so-called Voortrekker Baptisms, 1837 to 1850 found in a number of early church registers from Natal, the Free State and the old Transvaal.
- Uniondale NGK baptisms 1866-1920
- Grahamstown, Christchurch Anglican, burials 1877-1917
- Drakenstein baptisms 1733-1745

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

### 1820 Settler Correspondence by Sue Mackay



A new section was added to the 1820 Settlers section of the website in September 2016 and had almost reached 2,500 hits by the end of the year. Sue Mackay has added links to Theal's "Records of the Cape Colony". In the late 1890s and early 1900s George McCall Theal published 35 volumes of "Records of the Cape Colony", covering Colonial Office correspondence from 1793 to 1827 held at what was then the Public Record Office (now the National Archives) in London. These volumes can be freely downloaded (or browsed through on line) via the

Internet Archive. Volumes 12 and 13 cover the 1820 settlers, and reproduce a lot of the correspondence already transcribed on the eGSSA site, although Theal's work is much more selective and does not include non party leaders or those who did not emigrate. There is an index in every fifth volume and Volume 35 contains a complete index. Volume 36 is a Register of Contents of Volumes 1-35.

Further updates have also been made to the Additional Information section as new original records become available. In particular Sue Mackay is gradually adding direct links to death notices freely available on Family Search, where such notices give information as to the birth place or parentage of the settlers. A list of settlers killed during the various Frontier Wars, transcribed from "Roll of the British Settlers in South Africa" by E.Morse Jones, has been added as a downloadable Excel file to the Settler Data Tables section.

# The Newspaper Section by Sue Mackay



The Newspaper Extracts section continues to be a valuable resource. Sue Mackay is continuing her transcriptions of extracts from the Grahamstown Journal and has reached 1877, and these have already been well used, as have Sunelia Heath's transcriptions from the Queenstown Free Press. Alta Griffiths has also scanned several years of The Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette and a start has been made on transcribing extracts by Brenda Gassner and Richard Ball. The first extracts, from the year 1826, have now been added to the Newspaper Extracts section of the eGSSA web site.

Both the 1820 Settlers section and the Newspaper Extracts section of the website continue to attract around 1 000 hits per day and are a well-used resource.

### Passenger list: Primary Sources by Richard Ball



Richard Wolfaardt's team has transcribed Cape Archives IB7 and IB8 passenger lists. These are being compared with IB9 which, in some cases, contains extra information.

So far added are those of the Gipsy Bride, The Burlington, The Matilda Atheling and the Sedgemoor, all from the 1860s.

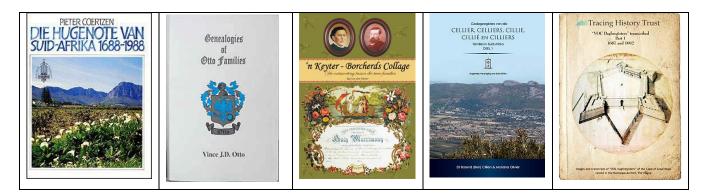
Our grateful thanks to all those who have worked so hard on these lists.



Visits to the Stamouers Web Site is on a steady basis. A competition to attract more visitors and increase the number of the Progenitors on the Web Site has been launched again this year. The previous one was held in 2015.

Stamouers.com Visitors during 2016				
	Unique			
Month	visitors	Number of visits		
Jan	4,064	8,820		
Feb	5,565	11,237		
Mar	4,106	8,471		
Apr	4,038	8,970		
May	4,077	9,278		
Jun	3,655	8,086		
Jul	3,613	8,289		
Aug	4,996	9,554		
Sep	4,567	8,522		
Oct	4,129	8,370		
Nov	4,698	8,427		
Dec	3,842	7,509		
Total	51,350	105,533		

# The eShop by Carol Beneke



We have this year acquired 36 new items for our e-shop. A large number of these are items from the Huguenot Society. We have also obtained permission to market 3 private Family Registers. The Tracing History Trust has made 3 new CD's available, also to be found in the shop. A large number of the new products are downloads.

#### The new additions:

- And we never saw him again the boer war memoirs of Daniel Jacobus Heidi Lovelock
- Cape Commanders' Diaries Part 1 1687 and 1692 -Tracing History Trust
- CILLIÉ Rhebokskloof en sy Mense Andrew Kok
- De Klerk Van Vogelvalleij na verre velde... Geslagsregister van Abraham le Clercq -David de Klerk
- De Villiers Family Genealogy Christoffel C. de Villiers, continued by prof Con de Villiers, completed by Juna Malherbe and Alet Malan
- Die Franse Voorouers van die Labuschagne Familie Casper Labuschagne
- Die Hugenote van Suid-Afrika 1688-1988 Prof Pieter Coertzen
- Die Jordaan Familie Boek 1 en 2 Marthinus Jordaan
- Die Nageslag van Guillaume de Swardt van Bergen-op-Zoom Willieta de Swardt en Johan de Swardt
- Die Pienaar Familieregister H.C. Viljoen en Z.J. Pienaar
- Diocleciano Fernandes das Neves (1829-1883) O.J.O. Ferreira
- Genealogies of Otto Families Vince Otto
- Geslagsregisters van die Cellier, Celliers, Cillie, Cillié, Cilliers families in Suid-Afrika Ben Cilliers en Mariana Olivier
- Goa, die Portugese hoofsetel van die Estado da Índia, 1510-1961 O.J.O. Ferreira en Schalk W. le Roux
- Huguenot Archive 1963-2004 Huguenot Society of South Africa
- Ilha de Moçambique byna Hollands O.J.O. Ferreira
- Keyter-Borcherds Collage Ria van den Heever
- 'n Genealogiese en historiese perspektief op 'n gedeelte van die familie Swanepoel in Suid-Afrika (1698-1906) - James Cooks & Colin Pretorius
- Onder-Kouga: Bakermat van Gerbers en Ferreiras O.J.O Ferreira
- Serpa Pinto amongst Boer and Brit O.J.O. Ferreira
- The Huguenots of South Africa Studies after 1988 Pieter Coertzen
- The Huguenots of South Africa 1688-1988 Pieter Coertzen
- Their Blood in our Veins: Descendants of Richard Allwright 1817 D.W. Allwright
- Theron Geslagsregister C.G. Theron
- Touching Circles, Touching Hands Joan Sutton and Mike Kantey
- Viljoen Familieregister H.C. Viljoen
- VOC-Daghregisters', Deel 2: 1695, 1699, 1700 Tracing History Trust
- VOC-Daghregisters', Deel 3 Tracing History Trust

In total we have sold 117 GSSA CDs with a value of R 21 779.51 and 74 eGSSA CDs. These exclude the ones not posted by us. Commission received from GSSA CD sales is R 3 843.44. eGSSA sold products to the value of R 21 260.00.

We would like to make a request to all our members. If you have an item available that we can market for you, please contact <u>Carol Beneke</u> so that we can discuss the possibility of adding this to our available products.

### Finances by Carol Beneke

This financial report covers the period beginning 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2016. Both the income and expenditure of eGSSA decreased during 2016.

eGSSA did make a profit of R 81 571.21 for this financial year. A copy of the Income and Expenditure Statement for 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 is attached hereto as **Annexure A**.

#### Sale of GSSA and eGSSA products

eGSSA sold GSSA products to the value of R 21 779.51

The 15% commission for eGSSA amounted to R 3 843.44

eGSSA sold products to the value of R 21 260.00

eGSSA makes approximately a 10% profit on the sale of the majority of the eGSSA products.

In some cases eGSSA acts as a retailer selling genealogy products of private individuals and they do the packing and shipping of the items. This is a cost-saving for eGSSA.

eGSSA has had a number of new additions to the eGSSA CD-products list this year.

In respect of GSSA products there was an increase (R 3 113.51) in sales while the eGSSA products the sales have been lower (R 497.00) in 2016.

#### **Archive Products**

Archive photos to the value of R 133 739.00 were purchased this year, compared to R 133 879.00 for 2015.

With all the BMD available on the internet the archive orders exceeded my expectations.

#### Web Site

The total cost for online services for 2016 was R 47 278.70 compared to R 59 498.40 in 2015 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 2017 Premiums

The 2017 Genesis fees have gone up by R 20.00 making it R 50.00 per annum. The subsidy paid to branches has been increased from R 60.00 per branch member to R 80.00.

#### Annexure A

eGSSA income for the year which ended on  $31^{st}$  December 2016

	Report Year 2016	Report Year 2015	Budget Year 2017
	Rand	Rand	Rand
Revenue			
GSSA Membership 2016	30500.00	37375.00	35000.00
GSSA Membership 2017	27015.00	22575.00	20000.00
Familia Hard Copy 2016	2455.00	1335.00	2400.00
Familia Hard Copy 2017	2455.00	2030.00	2400.00
eGSSA Subsidy 2016	10680.00	10750.00	10500.00
eGSSA Subsidy 2017	11920.00	9070.00	11500.00
genesis 2016	11190.00	12320.00	15000.00
genesis 2017	9370.00	4920.00	12000.00
Payments made via GSSA for genesis	0.00	120.00	0.00
Valuta verskil/Exchange rate	4386.14	5604.46	5000.00
Donations	285.00	247.66	0.00
Posgeld/Postage	3520.00	6525.00	3500.00
Rente/Interest	594.88	697.51	600.00
Argief Fotos/Archive Photos	113739.00	133879.18	100000.00
Products GSSA (excl commission)	21779.51	18666.00	25000.00
Commission GSSA Products 15%	3843.44	3294.00	3750.00
Produkte eGSSA/Products eGSSA	21260.00	21739.00	20000.00
Diverse/Miscellaneous	5000.00	0.00	0.00
Training and Workshops	0.00	2329.00	5000.00
Attendance AGM and Meetings	5023.60	4398.00	6000.00
Payments made to GSSA for CDs	0.00	255.00	0.00
Revenue Sub Total	285016.57	298129.81	277650.00
Namens Takke/On behalf of Branches			
Western Cape	11175.00	10140.00	10000.00
East Cape	4080.00	3830.00	4000.00
Northern Transvaal	6270.00	6700.00	6000.00
Durban & Coastal	1000.00	1160.00	700.00
Natal Midlands	1575.00	2180.00	1500.00
Free State	360.00	355.00	350.00
Vaal Triangle	330.00	100.00	350.00
West Gauteng	240.00	1125.00	200.00
North West	360.00	80.00	300.00
Johannesburg	790.00	620.00	700.00
Diamond Fields	0.00	100.00	0.00
Southern Cape	0.00	1220.00	0.00
		1220.00	0.00
Sub-Total Branches	26180.00	27610.00	24100.00
	044400 57	005700.04	004750.00
Inkomste Totaal/Revenue Total	311196.57	325739.81	301750.00

	Report Year 2016	Report Year 2015	Budget Year 2017
	Rand	Rand	Rand
Expenditure			
Membership payments to GSSA 2016/2017	54054.65	73721.50	55000.00
Bankkoste/Bank charges	7735.73	5928.12	7000.00
PayPal fooie/fees	0.00	1742.16	0.00
Posgeld/Postage	1501.35	1689.50	2000.00
Bemarking/Marketing	0.00	0.00	8000.00
Webblad/Web Site	47278.70	59498.40	50000.00
Ander IT/Other IT	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Genesis artikel aankope/article purchase	903.00	0.00	500.00
Stationary	0.00	475.20	500.00
Training and Workshops	0.00	9275.66	10000.00
Vergaderings/Meetings	6872.35	4398.00	8000.00
Argief Fotos/Archive Photos	50928.00	82737.00	45000.00
Produkte GGSA/Products GSSA	21779.51	0.00	25000.00
Produkte eGSSA/Products eGSSA	11505.20	10860.00	11500.00
Diverse/Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	0.00
Forex fees and Forex sales costs	0.00	625.83	800.00
Exchange rate	366.88	438.91	400.00
Expenditure Sub-Total	203025.37	251390.28	224700.00
Betaal aan Takke/Paid to Branches			
Western Cape	11175.00	10240.00	10000.00
East Cape	4415.00	3910.00	4000.00
Northern Transvaal	6270.00	7120.00	6000.00
Durban & Coastal	920.00	740.00	700.00
Natal Midlands	1620.00	2360.00	1500.00
Free State	480.00	360.00	350.00
Vaal Triangle	330.00	100.00	300.00
West Gauteng	240.00	1320.00	100.00
North West	360.00	80.00	100.00
Johannesburg	790.00	620.00	700.00
Diamond Fields	0.00	855.10	0.00
Southern Cape	0.00	1220.00	1000.00
Sub-Totaal Takke/Sub-Total Branches	26600.00	28925.10	24750.00
	220625.27	200245 20	240450.00
Uitgawe Totaal/Expenditure Total	229625.37	280315.38	249450.00
Netto Inkomste/Nett Income	81571.21	45424.43	52300.00

eGSSA Banking Statement on 1 Jan 2015	229077.58 310648.79	183653.15 229077.58
eGSSA Banking Statement on 31 Dec 2015	81571.21	<b>45424.43</b>

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#### BALANSSTAAT SOOS OP 31 DESEMBER 2016 BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	R	R
Fondse aangewend/Funds employed		
Surplus oorgebring/Retained surplus	81571.21	183653.15
Surplus 2016		45424.43
	81571.21	229077.58
Aanwending van Fondse/Employment of Funds		
Vaste Bates/Fixed Assets	Nil/Nul	Nil/Nul
Lopende Bates/Current Assets Bankbalans/Bank	Nil/Nul	Nil/Nul
Balance Beleggingsrekening/Investment	81571.21	229077.85
Account	0.00	0.00
	81571.21	229077.85
Rekeninge Betaalbaar/Accounts Payable Rekeninge Verskuldig/Accounts	8740.35	0.00
Receivable	8239.85	0.00
	500.50	0.00

# Conclusion

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 makes the difference.

Wishing you all the best for 2017.

The eGSSA management team.

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