

## The Wives of Johannes Petrus MEINTJES (≈ 1751 † 1827)

Johannes Petrus is a common forename combination in the MEINTJES family. Keith Meintjes discovers that the supposed different husbands of three women, two widows and a young girl, were actually the same man.

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For MEINTJES, de Villiers/Pama<sup>1</sup> has:

- 1 b4c1d4 Johannes Petrus MEINTJES ≈ 9.4.1775 x Hester Cecilia OLIVIER<sup>A</sup>
- 2 b4c3 Johannes Petrus MEINTJES ≈ 17.1.1751 x Maria Catharina ERASMUS
- 3 b4c3d1 Johannes Petrus MEINTJES ≈ 22.5.1785 x Elisabeth Margaretha BOTHA  
(see Appendix I: The MEINTJES genealogy in de Villiers/Pama)

In fact, these three women were wives of the same Johannes Petrus MEINTJES, whom I believe to be b4c3. These errors have been repeated in the Meintjes genealogy<sup>2</sup>, in SA Genealogies<sup>3</sup>, Volume 5, pages 513-518), and in my own republication of the Meintjes genealogy<sup>4</sup>.

Proof of the correct genealogy is in two documents<sup>5,6</sup>. Additional circumstantial evidence is in other documents such as<sup>7</sup>.

The inventory<sup>5</sup> for the deceased Johannes Petrus Meintjes and his surviving wife, Elisabeth Margaretha Botha lists, among other heirs, Jacoba Elisabeth, “a child by his first wife, Magdalena Erasmus”, and Daniel Johannes Hendrik, “a child by his second wife, Hester Cecilia Olivier”.

The liquidation and distribution account<sup>6</sup> for Johannes Petrus Meintjes (transcribed in Appendix II) lists (in beautiful script) the three wives, and heirs by all three. The inventory<sup>7</sup> for Magdalena Catharina Erasmus and her surviving husband, Johannes Meijntjies (sic) van den Berg<sup>B</sup>, lists only one of their children, b4c3d2 Jacoba Elizabeth van den Berg. We can thus assume that their child b4c3d1 Johannes Petrus died young, before 1793. (I am indebted to Richard Ball for this reference and observation.)

The first wife, Magdalena Catharina Erasmus, was previously married to Frans Kruger. The second wife, Hester Cecilia Olivier, was previously married to Marthinus Oosthuizen<sup>8</sup>. The third wife, Elisabeth Margaretha Botha, was not yet fifteen years old at her marriage (he was fifty-seven). Nonetheless, they were married for nineteen years and had six children, the last born five years before he died at age seventy-six.

Sources for the following include all the listed references, and my own research.

b4c3 Johannes Petrus MEINTJES ≈ Waveren 17.1.1751 † 11.7.1827

**x Cape Town 26.5.1782 Magdalena Catharina ERASMUS ≈ 16.11.1749, do Jacob Erasmus and Sara de Klerk<sup>10,11,12</sup>, widow of Frans Kruger<sup>C</sup>**

d1 Johannes Petrus ≈ Stellenbosch 22.5.1785<sup>C</sup>

d2 Jacoba Elizabeth ≈ 11.2.1789 x 6.11.1803 Willem Gerhardus ENGELBRECHT<sup>D</sup>

**xx Cape Town 23.9.1792 Hester Cecilia OLIVIER ≈ 11.4.1756, do Okker Olivier and Dirkje Olivier, widow of Marthinus Oosthuizen<sup>8</sup>**

d3 Johannes Hendrik ≈ Graaff-Reinet 2.11.1794<sup>E</sup>

d4 Daniel Johannes Hendrik \* 21.8.1796 ≈ Graaff-Reinet 8.10.1797 x Graaff-Reinet 3.11.1816 Hester Christina Willemina DE BEER

- xxx Graaff-Reinet 30.5.1808 Elisabeth Margaretha BOTHA \* 13.6.1794 ≈ Tulbagh 16.8.1795 11,F , do Frederick Johannes Botha and Maria Catharina Potgieter**
- d5 Johannes Petrus \* Graaff-Reinet 9.7.1809 x Graaff-Reinet 8.5.1831 Heila Elizabeth HELBERG xx Cradock 19.10.1845 Lucia Hendrina Susanna Maria KLEYNHANS
- d6 Frederick Johannes \* Graaff-Reinet 2.10.1810 † 4.8.1893 x Graaff-Reinet 7.2.1830 Elizabeth Catharina SMIT
- d7 Maria Catharina \* Graaff-Reinet 15.6.1813 x 8.11.1829 Charl Jacobus VAN HEERDEN
- d8 Jacoba Elizabeth \* 15.9.1815
- d9 Hendrik Adriaan \* 23.9.1817
- d10 Adriaan Albertus \* Graaff-Reinet 2.3.1822.

### Notes

- A According to the Meintjes genealogy<sup>2</sup>, b4c1d4 Johannes Petrus MEINTJES married Anna Sophia PRETORIUS and had no children
- B There are various spellings of the family name. Before 1850, Meyntjes or Meijntjes was the most common. Meyntjes van den Berg was often used for males, while females were simply Van den Berg. The contemporary Meintjies is, I believe, a result of the standardisation of Afrikaans spelling about 1930 when, for example, *potje* was decreed to be *potjie*
- C The inventory for Magdalena Catharina Erasmus<sup>7</sup> lists (as heirs) her minor children by her first husband, Frans Kruger: Sara Cicilia Kruger, Petrus Jacobus Kruger, and Christiaan Kruger. It also lists Jacoba Elizabeth van den Berg (d2) but not Johannes Petrus (d1) who presumably died before 1793
- D She died before 1828; her surviving children are listed as heirs in<sup>6</sup>. He remarried 8.7.1816; she probably died before then
- E Not listed as an heir in<sup>5,6</sup>, and so presumably died before 1828
- F I have not been able to find any records for her after those cited here<sup>5,6</sup>.

### References

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- 12 MOOC 8/23.40, 11 November 1801. Transcript at databases.tanap.net/mooc.

## Appendix I

### The MEINTJES genealogy in de Villiers/Pama

- a Jan Hendrik (Johan Heinrich) Meintjes, v. den Berg, Munsterland x 14.1.1709  
Christina BASTIAANSZ, d.v. Francois Bastiaansz, v. Armentières en Anna Maria de Leeuw
- b1 Anna Dorothea ≈ 5.7.1711 x Matthias LOTTER xx Johan HASSE
- b2 Francis ≈ 10.12.1713
- b3 Anna Maria ≈ 22.11.1716
- b4 Johannes ≈ 23.7.1719 x 12.5.1747 Jacoba VAN WYK
- c1 Hendrik ≈ 5.5.1748, burger Drakenstein x 5.4.1767 Maria Catharina SMIT
- d1 Jacoba Elisabeth ≈ 16.10.1768 x Jacobus SMIT
- d2 Jacobus Johannes ≈ 6.10.1770, burger Graaff-Reinet x 20.4.1788 Adriana Susanna NAUDÉ
- e1 Hendrik Adriaan ≈ 27.9.1789 x Christina Johanna JOUBERT
- f1 Maria Magdalena ≈ 25.2.1810 † Aberdeen 1872 x Stephanus Petrus NAUDÉ
- e2 Stephanus Jacobus ≈ 26.9.1792
- e3 Elisabeth Johanna Catharina ≈ 7.9.1794
- e4 Maria Johanna Debora ≈ 8.10.1797
- e5 Jacobus Johannes \* Graaff-Reinet 14.3.1800 † Beaufort 15.9.1866
- e6 Anna Susanna ≈ 4.11.1804
- e7 Johannes Petrus ≈ 21.9.1806
- d3 Hendrik Adriaan ≈ 11.10.1772 † Graaff-Reinet 3.7.1849 x 10.4.1791 Catharina Maria NAUDÉ xx Maria Magdalena MEYER
- e1 Hendrik Adriaan ≈ 20.10.1792
- e2 Elisabeth Johanna Susanna ≈ 20.10.1793
- e3 Maria Catharina ≈ 9.8.1795
- e4 Anna Susanna ≈ 22.7.1798
- e5 Catharina Maria ≈ 5.7.1800
- e6 Stephanus ≈ 28.10.1804
- e7 Stephanus ≈ 4.5.1806
- e8 Jacobus ≈ 27.3.1808
- e9 Johannes ≈ 24.6.1810
- e10 Burgert Adriaan \* 1812 † Graaff-Reinet 15.6.1871 x RDM [Regina Dorothea Maria] BOUWER
- e11 Martha Johanna
- d4 Johannes Petrus ≈ 9.4.1775, burger Graaff-Reinet x 23.9.1792 Hester Cecilia OLIVIER, wed. v. Marthinus Oosthuyzen**
- e1 Johannes Hendrik ≈ 2.11.1794
- e2 Daniel Johannes Hendrik ≈ 8.10.1797
- d5 Willem Albertus ≈ 6.4.1776
- d6 Jacobus Francois ≈ 22.3.1778
- d7 Willem Albertus ≈ 28.2.1779
- d8 Catharina Maria ≈ 1.4.1781
- d9 Elisabeth Johanna ≈ 27.10.1782
- d10 Maria Catharina ≈ 3.9.1786 x Izaak Jacobus VAN DER VYVER
- d11 Elisabeth Johanna ≈ 20.4.1788 x Stephanus Petrus NAUDÉ
- c2 Arie ≈ 26.12.1749
- c3 Johannes Petrus ≈ 17.1.1751, burger Stellenbosch x 26.5.1782 Magdalena Catharina ERASMUS, wed v. Frans Kruger**

- d1 Johannes Petrus ≈ 22.5.1785 x Elisabeth Margaretha BOTHA**  
 e1 Johannes Petrus ≈ 26.12.1809  
 e2 Frederik Johannes ≈ 11.11.1810  
 d2 Jacoba Elisabeth ≈ 11.2.1789 x Willem Gerhardus ENGELBRECHT  
 c4 Albert ≈ 25.2.1753  
 c5 Magdalena Christina ≈ 15.8.1756 x Jurgen HANEKOM xx Willem ESTERHUYZEN  
 c6 Willem ≈ 19.3.1758 x Barbara Christina HANEKOM  
 d1 Johannes Petrus ≈ 26.3.1775, burger Stellenbosch x 13.8.1799 Louisa Maria VAN HEERDEN  
 e1 Albert Jacobus ≈ 18.9.1810  
 d2 Albert ≈ 14.3.1779  
 d3 Willem Andries ≈ 24.10.1784  
 d4 Willem ≈ 18.2.1787  
 d5 Margaretha Maria ≈ 20.3.1791  
 d6 Jacoba Elisabeth ≈ 16.3.1794  
 d7 Hendrik ≈ 29.10.1797  
 c7 Elisabeth Jacoba ≈ 14.2.1762  
 b5 Margaretha ≈ 26.4.1722 x 17.10.1745 Anthonie VAN DER MEY, v. Amsterdam  
 b6 Anna Elisabeth ≈ 9.4.1724 x Johann Valentin ECKARD, v. Maagdeburg  
 b7 Geertruida ≈ 22.9.1726  
 b8 Pieter ≈ 16.10.1729

## Appendix II

Partial transcript of MOOC 13/1/54.3 – Johannes Petrus Meintjes, liquidation and distribution account

*General account of Liquidation of the Joint Estate of Johannes Petrus Meintjes and his Wife Elisabeth Margaretha Botha relinquished on the 11th July 1827 by the death intestate of the firstmentioned in favor of his children procreated in three separate marriages or their lawful descendants by representage namely*

*A: By his predeceased first wife Magdalena Erasmus*

- 1 The children of the late Jacoba Elizabeth Meintjes procreated in Wedlock by William Gerhardus Engelbrecht*
- a Johannes Petrus Engelbrecht born on*
- b Catharina Engelbrecht born on*
- c Magdalena Engelbrecht born on*
- d Willem Engelbrecht born on*
- e Jacoba Elizabeth Engelbrecht born on*

*B: By his predeceased second wife Hester Cecilia Olivier*

- 2 Barend Johannes Hendrik Meintjes*

*C: By his now surviving widow Elizabeth Margaretha Botha*

- 3 Johannes Petrus Meintjes born on 9 July 1809*
- 4 Fredrik Johannes Meintjes born on 2 October 1810*
- 5 Maria Catharina Meintjes born on 15 June 1813*
- 6 Jacoba Elizabeth Meintjes born on 15 September 1815*
- 7 Adriaan Albertus Meintjes born on 2 March 1822*