

THE GARVIE GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Since the arrival of Laurance and Johanna Garvie in Knysna Southern Africa has undergone dramatic changes.

The Garvies experienced the Diamond and Gold Rush. They fought in the Anglo-Boer War, World Wars I and II, and the Angolan War. They trekked to Kenya. Some remained while others returned. Change has been in their blood.

As we move rapidly to the close of another Century so a "new South Africa" is being born. And the Garvies will add that to their heritage too.

Therefore all the urgency that we must record what is known of the Garvie family history for our children lest they forget.

In the Book of Job (8.8f) we read: "For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and apply thyself to that which their fathers have searched out (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing because our days upon earth are a shadow): Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?"

In this edition we feature the descendants of Laurance and Johanna Garvie's eldest son, John Garvie. This represents the largest branch of Garvies in South Africa. The other six branches will be featured in subsequent newsletters.

This is YOUR story. It is the story of your uncles and aunts, cousins and second cousins. It is one chapter in the Garvie story. Please fill us in on missing or incorrect information. Thank you for your continued support and updates.

COLIN GEORGE GARVIE

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GARVIE, JOHN (JACK)

*1870-05-21 to Laurance and Johanna Garvie in Edinburgh,Scotland.

x1891-06-03 to Sarah Bethia Elizabeth Skea (Lilly),Bloemfontein.

+1952-01-23 Durban.

Garvie got wagon up escarpment on new road Uasin Gishu Nandi District."

- Reference in the National Archives, Kenya c1912.

John arrived in Knysna at about the age of ten with his parents and brothers. In Kimberley he became associated with John Orr. He married Lilly Skea in Bloemfontein. Both were well known in social and theatrical circles. By 1902 the

family moved to British East Africa (Kenya) with other Garvie brothers where they farmed on the Garvie Estates at Uasin Gishu. Malaria forced the family back to South Africa. John worked at the Kensington Bakery on his return. He also took up further appointments with John Orr's until his retirement.

*1892-05-30 to John and Lilly Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD married Ernest William Parker.
+1961-01-23 in Durban.

-----"Suddenly a leopard leaped out of the bush and took Spottie, who gave a little yelp and we saw him no more. To make matters worse, May fainted!"
- Joan Cole-Edwardes, May's sister.

May was probably born at Bloemfontein. She accompanied her parents to Kenya where she taught at Nairobi. She returned to South Africa in 1912. In Johannesburg she met Ernest Park, 1st Celloist in the Johannesburg City Orchestra. They were later divorced. May died of a coronary thrombosis at the age of 69.

PARKER, DOROTHY MAY

*YYYY-MM-DD to Ernest and May Parker.
xYYYY-MM-DD married John Gallaghen.
+1976-MM-DD

Attended St Annes Convent, Umzinto, Natal.

PARKER, THELMA BLANCHE

*YYYY-MM-DD to Ernest and May Parker.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Keith Manson Bishop.
+1977-02-02.

Attended St Annes Convent, Umzinto, Natal.

GARVIE, LAWRENCE

*1894-12-05 to John and Lilly Garvie Kimberley.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Hilda Mary Barrett in Potchefstroom.
+1935-09-14 at home, 25a Forest St, Forest Hill, Johannesburg

Lawrence, named after his grandfather, was born in Kimberley in 1894. He was engaged to Hilda Barret a descendant of early settlers in Natal when the Great War broke out. Lawrence served up north and subsequently invalided to a military hospital. Lawrence and Hilda then married. Hilda's family had connections with Cecil John Rhodes. Lawrence was a Mining Instructor. The family stayed at Bezuidenhout Valley in Johannesburg where Hilda was assaulted by a servant. Lawrence died at home at the age of 41.

GARVIE, ERROL

*YYYY-MM-DD to Lawrence and Hilda Garvie.
+YYYY-MM-DD died in infancy.

GARVIE, NORMA DORIS

*YYYY-MM-DD to Lawrence and Hilda Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Harold Proctor.
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, ASHWELL KENNETH ALWYN

*1918-08-11 to Lawrence and Hilda Garvie in Johannesburg.
x1940-01-27 married Winifred Doreen Daniels (b.1916-12-01) in Johannesburg.
+1972-02-18 in Durban.

Ashwell Garvie was born on the 11th August, 1918 in Johannesburg. Ashwell aged 23 married Winifred aged 22 in 1940. Ashwell and Winifred settled in Northern Rhodesia building at Fort Rosemary. The family came down to South Africa on a holiday and were advised not to return. The family had nowhere to stay. All their assets were left behind. Ashwell eventually found work with the Corporation. He passed away 18th February, 1972 aged 63 at 4 Manourview Rd, Durban.

GARVIE, TERRENCE LAWRENCE

*1941-11-41 to Ashwell and Winifred Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Muriel Evelyn Boddy.
+YYYY-MM-DD

Terry Garvie was an engineer turned Christian Educationalist and first Principal of the Word of Life Christian School in Springs.

GARVIE, ANDREW BARRY

*YYYY-MM-DD to Terry and Muriel Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

Andrew did his National Service with the Medical Corp of the SADF at Pretoria.

GARVIE, MATTHEW THOMAS

*YYYY-MM-DD to Terry and Murial Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, PHILLIP MARK

*YYYY-MM-DD to Terry and Murial Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

Phillip did his National Service with 92 Ammo at Witbank.

GARVIE, RUTH LEIGH

*YYYY-MM-DD to Terry and Murial Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, STEVEN

*YYYY-MM-DD to Terry and Murial Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, TIMOTHY GAVIN

*YYYY-MM-DD to Terry and Murial Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

Timothy did his military service with 6 SAI at Grahamstown.

GARVIE, ROBIN HERBERT JOHN

*1943-08-16 to Ashwell and Winifred Garvie in Johannesburg.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Dorothy Koekemoer. xx=YYYY-MM-DD married Lucy Ann
Symes.
+YYYY-MM-DD

John did his apprenticeship at Durban Transport Services as a diesel mechanic. He
worked on the mines and has his blasting certificate for surface blasting. He has other

certificates for courses done on earth moving equipment. He was a foreman at Metal Box for many years. His interest is reconditioning and selling motor cars. Lucy was born at Matatiele a descendant of the Symes family which came out with the Burnes Settlers. She worked as a Computer Supervisor with the Turf Clubs.

GARVIE, DORIAN

*YYYY-MM-DD adopted by Robin and Lucy Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD to Debbie Maquire.
+YYYY-MM-DD

Dorian went to Hillary School, then Queenswood High and finished at George Campbell Technical High. He was an all round sportsman including speedway racing. He worked as a Section Manager on the Railways.

GARVIE, DILLON

*YYYY-MM-DD to Dorian and Debbie Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, DALE

*YYYY-MM-DD to Dorian and Debbie Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, ROBIN MARTIN (BEAU)

*YYYY-MM-DD adopted by Robin and Lucy Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD to Shirley Williams.
+YYYY-MM-DD

"Beau" attended the same schools as Dorian. He is a fitter and turner by trade working for a plastics firm. He has excelled at speedway racing.

GARVIE, JENNIFER

*YYYY-MM-DD born to Robin and Dorothy Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD to Robert du Plooy
+YYYY-MM-DD

Robert and Jenny work for a security firm in Ladysmith.

DU PLOOY, DONOVAN

DU PLOOY, CAMERON

GARVIE, ASHWELL

*YYYY-MM-DD born to Robin and Lucy Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

Ashwell Garvie, named after his grandfather, went to school at Hillary Primary and George Campbell Technical High did his apprenticeship as a loom turner at Hamersdale. He is a keen computer hobbyist.

ADOPTED CHILDREN AND GARVIE FAMILY HISTORY

Adopted children are a special privilege and a valued possession. We can only rejoice with those parents who have taken on this happy responsibility.

In family histories, adopted children are not a problem but frequently a blessing. We are not dealing with pedigrees as we do with animals. A family register has a far wider context. An adopted child may well not be biologically part of a family but there is no doubt that they are thoroughly incorporated into the history and traditions of the family.

In a family history we deal with adopted children as with any other member of the family. Their story is our story! Were this not permitted, for example, there would be no history of the Steyn family to describe. The descendants of the Steyn progenitor Douwe Gerbrand Steyn all stem through his adopted son, Jacobus.

However, for sake of those who study inherited diseases, adopted children are indicated not to differentiate but so as to prevent the researcher following a false lead. Fortunately their is no evident genetic disease within the family.

Hopefully those more complex situations such as high divorce percentages, cohabitation, artificial insemination, test-tube babies and even surragacy will not become a serious problem to the Garvie genealogist. The unusual birth of Jesus after all did not seem to pose too great a dilemma to Matthew and Luke!

GARVIE, KENNETH RHODES

*1953-07-05 to Ashwell and Winifred Garvie in Lusaka, Zambia.

x1974-12-14 to Eleanor Susan Thompson in the Pinetown Methodist Church, Natal.

Eleanor was born in 1954-09-14 at Uitenhage baptized in the Steytlerville Methodist Church. Her parents were Ivor Oscar and Enid Thompson.

+YYYY-MM-DD

Kenneth Rhodes Garvie was born in Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia. There had apparently been an earlier family connection with Cecil John Rhodes. Ken was born 100 years exactly after CJR!

He had a very successful school career and was Dux (Sc. Head Boy) in his matric year. He studied further and obtained a Diploma in Chemistry. He worked for his BCom and BSc Computer Science Degrees.

Ken met Eleanor on the 1st October 1971 at 20h20 on a blind date!

Ken works as an Industrial Chemist Manager in Durban while Eleanor is an Accounts Clerk. Eleanor has been a stimulating contributor to the Garvie history.

GARVIE, JOHN JAMES SUTHERLAND

*1896-12-28 to John and Lilly Garvie in Kimberley.

x1923-0-06 married to Gladys de Lorme (b.1899-10-25 in Johannesburg, d.1974-07-17).

+1963-MM-DD

-----The native chief called Jimmy 'Kulla Kid'. He was regarded by the Swahilis as a son of the king because of his bravery."

- Sheila Garvie

He could build anything from a bicycle to a battleship."

- Jack Stodel

James Stuart Garvie became a renown hunter in Kenya and was a tracker for the Theodore Roosevelt expedition. During the Great War Jimmy served with the 7th SAI in German East Africa. Jimmy married Gladys May de Lorme. He was 27 and she had turned 23. They resided at 11a Scott Street, Jeppes Extension, Johannesburg. Gladys was a buyer for Stuttafords. Between 1914 and 1925 Jimmy worked on the mines. He later worked for African Theatres in Cape Town and is mentioned in Jack Stodel's The Audience is Waiting. Gladys passed away in 1974 at Seapoint suffering a cerebral haemorrhage.

GARVIE, GERALD (GED)

*1930-10-24 to James and Gladys Garvie.

x1954-MM-DD to Thelma Ziska Roberts. There were no children.

The marriage lasted three years and was ended 1956-03-02.

xx=1958-05-31 to Sheila Norma Fahrenfort to whom was born Brent Stuart, Hayes, Fiona Norma and Troy John. She has a furniture and flower shop in Cape Town.

Divorced in February 1971.

xxx=1975-12-10 to Moira Sacks to whom was born Robyn and Grant.

The marriage ended in 1988-02-9.

+YYYY-MM-DD

Gerald did a trade as a fitter and turner and later became an indent agent and operated Garvie's Transport in Cape Town. He was a keen cyclist. Ged was Victor Laudorum at school and boxed for Western Province.

GARVIE, BRENT STUART

*1959-08-21 to Ged and Sheila Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD to Helen Hayes.
+YYYY-MM-DD

Brent was a shoe designer, one of the best in South Africa and the youngest ever to qualify in the leather industry. He lived in Port Elizabeth and a keen windsurfer. A good horseman he rode for Western Province.

GARVIE, JAMES

*1985-05-11 to Brent and Helen Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, STUART

*1989-12-?? to Brent and Helen Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, FIONA NORMA

*1962-02-19 to Ged and Sheila Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

Fiona was a keen genealogist having started a family tree many years ago. She spent two years in America traveling and working. She is fond of horses, an interest she derived from the family which was "horse crazy". Fiona has done amateur racing, show jumping, dressage and has trained race horses. Her preferred sport, however, is skiing.

GARVIE, TROY JOHN

*1966-08-24 to Ged and Sheila Garvie.
+1988-09-23 Troy died tragically at the age of 22.

GARVIE, ROBYN

*1976-10-23 to Ged and Moira Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, GRANT

*1978-07-15 to Ged and Moira Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, JOHANNA ALICE (JOAN)

*1900-01-14 to John and Lilly Garvie in Durban.
x1920-04-14 married Joseph Neville Cole-Edwardes.
+YYYY-MM-DD

Only now do I realize how God looked after us through all those dangers - not only diseases but savages and wild animals too."
- Joan Cole-Edwardes reflecting at the age of 89.

Joan, born in South Africa, grew up in Kenya and one of the major contributors to the Garvie Kenya history. Her fascinating accounts of life in early Kenya has enriched the Garvie family history. At the age of 12 she returned to Johannesburg and at 14 started working at Ansteys for £8 per month. Joan left Ansteys at the age of 20 when she was in charge of the hosery, gloves, lace, trimmings departments. She married Neville Cole-Edwardes a lawyer with Alexander Bros. Solicitors. They were close friends of Eric Rosenthal who had planned to write about the Garvie pioneers in Kenya.

COLE-EDWARDES, RODERICK NEVILLE

*YYYY-MM-DD to Neville and Joan Cole-Edwardes in Johannesburg.
xYYYY-MM-DD to Claudine.
+1984-05-26 in Johannesburg.

Roderick Neville Cole-Edwardes, born and educated in Johannesburg, joined the signalers and served his country up North for five years, and on his return, joined the company of National Cash Registers whom he served for twenty-three years. He then responded to a call to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa where he served with distinction.

GARVIE, CHARLES WILLIAM

*1904-12-10 to John and Lilly Garvie.
x1933-12-11 married to Gertrude Ann Delpont who was born 1917- 03-21.
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, ANTHONY JOHN

*1937-01-09 to Charles and Gertrude Garvie.
x1960-04-03 married Eschelle Dorothy Cross b.1939-10-17. The marriage ended by divorce 1968-05-08.
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, MICHAEL CHARLES

*1960-10-12 (alternate date: 1960-12-12) to Anthony and Eschelle Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, NEILL ANTHONY

*1963-12-16 to Anthony and Eschelle Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, BRETT

*YYYY-MM-DD to Anthony and Eschelle Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, VALMAY

*YYYY-MM-DD to Anthony and Eschelle Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, WAYDE

*YYYY-MM-DD to Anthony and Eschelle Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD

+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, DERRICK CHARLES

*1939-12-30 to Charles and Gertrude Garvie.

xYYYY-MM-DD married Jane ????. xx=YYYY-MM-DD married Lola????.

+YYYY-MM-DD

Derrick became the well known Durban architect with some notable buildings to his credit.

GARVIE, NICHOLAS

*YYYY-MM-DD born to Derrick and Jane Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, JOHN

*YYYY-MM-DD born to Derrick and Lola Garvie.
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, ALYMAR BRIAN

*1947-02-09
xYYYY-MM-DD
+YYYY-MM-DD

GARVIE, MARGARET CONSTANCE (TRIXIE)

*1906-02-15 to John and Lilly Garvie in Nairobi.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Ivan Viljoen in Bloemfontein.
+1988-MM-DD in Pretoria.

John and Lilly intended calling Margaret, Beatrix from which her nickname but changed it after a close friend of theirs called Constance. Margaret attended St Annes Convent, Umzinto, Natal.

VILJOEN, HEATHER

*1937-09-01 to Ivan and Trixie Viljoen.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Cliff Purslow.
+YYYY-MM-DD

VILJOEN, VION

GARVIE, DONALD STUART

*1908-04-10 to John and Lilly Garvie in Nairobi.
+1916-10-16

Stuart was born during John and Lilly Garvie's stay at Nakuru, Kenya. Lilly had gone to Nairobi for the birth. At the age of eight, whilst his father was away in the army, Stuart

contracted a cough which grew worse and eventually developed into diphtheria. The little boy passed away on the 16th October 1916.

GARVIE, DONALD SUTHERLAND

*1873-06-03 to Laurance and Johanna Garvie in Edinburgh,Scotland.
xYYYY-MM-DD to Cornelia Steyn.
+1912-10-22 buried in the Old Cemetery, Nairobi.

As far as we could ascertain, never did any white man travel in these parts..."
- Donald Garvie describing a safari into central Africa 1899.
"The only European settlers in the whole of the Nandi country are two Boer families called Garvie and Steyn...terrified of the Nandi."
- Col. R.Meinertzhagen, Kenya 1905.

Donald Garvie was the family adventurer. He arrived in South Africa with his parents when he was seven and grew up in Knysna and Kimberley. In the late 1890s Donald undertook a safari into Central Africa. He was involved in the Relief of Kimberley in 1899. In 1902 he settled in Kenya. Meinertzhagen refers to him in his Kenya Diary. He was among the first white settlers in Nandi. In Nairobi he ran a hotel and introduced bioscope to Kenya. He also edited the Advertiser. He died a young man.

GARVIE, DOROTHY

*1905-02-DD to Donald and Nellie Garvie at Kapsabet, Kenya.
xYYYY-MM-DD married James Riddell (Jnr).
+YYYY-MM-DD

Dorothy Garvie was born during the Nandi rebellion at a place called Kapsabet in February 1905. Dolly writes:"The chief of the Nandi tribe was so taken at seeing a white woman with lovely long golden hair and a small white baby that he assured them that he would ensure no harm came to them."

GARVIE, LOUISE

*190?-MM-DD to Donald and Nellie Garvie in Johannesburg.
xYYYY-MM-DD married Harry Gledhill.
+YYYY-MM-DD

Louise married Harry Gledhill and had three boys: Douglas, Tony and one other.