

Germaine's background

I started researching my British heritage on my paternal side (Smith and Farmiloe). They were of British descent and two trips to the UK led me to finding my grandfather's family and obtaining many of the documents I was looking for at the time.

But it was my South African roots I was most interested in.

My maternal line takes me as far back as the Great Voortrekkers and the British settlers; this was going to be exciting to research as it would cover both my grandfather and grandmother. The surnames of Holder, Dicks, Thompson, Durand and De Bruin were my grandmothers Heritage. They all hailed from the Dordrecht, Maclear region in the Eastern Cape.

I am the Chairperson of the Vaal Triangles GSSA Branch and find it so true to my nature to encourage and assist our members to find their long gone family members for which some have searched for decades.

I am also an additional member on the NEC of the GSSA and manage the website for the society.

I look forward to seeing you all there to learn some new tricks to the trade.



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