

Crayenstein Family Tree

CRAYENSTEIN, JOHAN WILHELM b. circa 1819 d. Cape Town 3 September 1860 unmarried, tailor.

He left three siblings: Wilhelm Martin aged 15 years, and Regina Albertina and Gerhardis aged 14 years. He resided at the home of the widow Jan Abrahams. The Death Notice is signed by DWT Abrahams. His estate consisted of one bedstead and bedding.

On 27 May 1698 *Het Huis te Crayenstein* ran aground on the rocks at Oudekraal beyond Camps Bay, having missed Table Bay which was hidden by fog. No lives were lost and the crew managed to land taking sixteen of the nineteen money chests on board with them. An official inquiry was held in Cape Town and the officers responsible for mistaking the bay were demoted and dismissed. The authorities managed to salvage much of the cargo and a thorough search was made for the missing money chests - the remains of one was found with a few scattered coins among the rocks. The other two chests had vanished - either stolen or lost beneath the waves. In 1967 divers brought up Spanish pieces of eight from nearby. The sands have also revealed brass guns with the VOC coat of arms and bars of white metal.

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