

ERASMUS: Canadian connection

Erasmus means “the much beloved” and stems from the name of a 15th century saint, Erasmus of Rotterdam.

1. Pieter Erasmus d. 1731 m 1697 Maria Elisabeth JOOSTE (d. 1723)

Pieter Erasmus arrived in the Cape from the Netherlands in 1691. He lived on the farm “Groenkloof”, Drakenstein, Paarl.

- 1.1 Rasmus Erasmus ~ 21 September 1698
- 1.2 Maria Hanna Erasmus ~ 25 October 1699
- 1.3 Lourens Erasmus ~ 22 June 1704 m 9 December 1731 Martha PIENAAR
- 1.4 onwards / various

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 - 1.3.1 Lourens Erasmus bapt Paarl 21 August 1729 m 28 June 1750 Abigael Geertruy PIENAAR, 1.3.2 Abraham ~ 6.7.1738 m. 27.3.1768 Adriana SMIT
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 - 1.3.2.1 Sara Catharina ~ 1769
 - 1.3.2.2 Jacobus Johannes Petrus ~ 2.4.1775 m. 12.4.1795 Martha Maria neé VAN NIMWGEN (wo. Hendrik du Plooy)
 - 1.3.2.3 Abraham Stephanus ~ 1779
 - 1.3.2.4 Catharina Adriana ~ 1784
 - 1.3.2.5 Maria Magdalena ~ 1785
 - 1.3.2.6 Francois Alwyn Johannes ~ 1791

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- 1.3.2.2 Jacobus Johannes Petrus ~ 2.4.1775 m. 12.4.1795 Martha Maria neé VAN NIMWGEN (wo. Hendrik du Plooy)
 - 1.3.2.2.1 Gerrit ~ 1796
 - 1.3.2.2.2 Jacobus Abel ~ 17.5.1796
 - 1.3.2.2.3 onwards / various

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- 1.3.2.2.2 Jacobus Abel ~ 17.5.1796
 - 1.3.3.2.2.1 Petronella Aletta b. 1.6.1817 ~ Graaff-Reinet 7.10.1817
 - 1.3.3.2.2.2 Jakobus Johannes Petrus Erasmus b. 29.8.1821 ~ Uitenhage 9.9.1821 m. Maria Margaretha Catharina JORDAAN
 - 1.3.3.2.2.3 Anna Maria Susanna b. 17.7.1822
 - 1.3.3.2.2.4 Abel Daniel b. 12.4.1824
 - 1.3.3.2.2.5 Carel Christoffel Lodewicus b. 15.2.1826
 - 1.3.3.2.2.6 Johannes George b. 12.8.1827

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1.3.3.2.2.2.1 Jakobus Abel Erasmus b. Weenen 8.1.1845 Natal d. farmer, Krugerspas, Lydenburg 31.5.1912 m. Geertruida Zachryda (Zacharina) Magdalena KRUGER (bc. 1843 d. Lydenburg 26.9.1934 d. Pieter Ernst Kruger & Gertruida Zachryda Magdalena)

- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.1 Jakobus Johannes Petrus Erasmus
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.2 Geertruida Zachryda Magdalena DEGENAAR
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.3 Maria Margaretha Catharina GLINISTER
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.4 Maria Elizabeth JANSEN
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.5 Anna Margaretha Elizabeth PRINSLOO
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.6 Jakobus Abel Erasmus b. d. m. Elizabeth Maria Magriertha neé VAN RENSBURG (b. Brandfort January 1905 d. Johannesburg 17 December 1944)(formerly Erasmus; died FRITZ wo. Frederick Jacobus Fritz)
 - 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.6.1 Susara Catharina VAN DER WESTESTHUIZEN
 - 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.6.2 Elizabeth Maria Magrietha Erasmus
 - 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.6.3 Niklaas Jacobus Abel Erasmus
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.7 Zachryda Petronella VAN DER MERWE (d. 12.5.1936)
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.8 Pieter Ernst Erasmus (d. 17.5.1927)
- 1.3.3.2.2.2.1.9 Isabella Cornelia GLINISTER (d. 10.6.1931)

Jacobus Abel Erasmus (Naturelle-Kommissaris or Superintendent van Naturellen van Lydenburg in die 1880's. Die Abel Erasmus-pas is na hom vernoem.)

This burger voluntarily surrendered on 15 March 1901. On the 7 October 1902 the Military Compensation Board of the Imperial Military and Civil Authorities awarded JAE £3,000 in lieu of his assistance in capturing a Boer laager. (wife : Geertruida Zachryda (Zacharina) Magdalena KRUGER)

Mr Russell, a British Intelligence Agent, Lydenburg reported the following : “This man pulled a man called McIntyre – a British subject – off his horse at “Krugerspost” at the time of the Jamieson raid and *sjamboked* him for no reason but that he was a British subject. Again on the 11th October 1899 he assaulted Messrs Haig & Wickham for being British subjects and refusing to take the oath to the Z.A.R. This man was noted as being the most bitter against the British and being a man of great influence. He did a great deal of injury to us – there was a price on his head in 1881, offered by the British government” [\[TAB SS R2605/80\]](#) [\[CJC vol.882 ref.341\]](#)

Abel Hermanus Johannes Erasmus of Heilbron claim for compensation CJC vol 598 ref.CJC1

Hermanus Johannes Erasmus of the farm “Vaalwater” district Waterberg in 13 July 1903 in Nylstroom was disallowed his claim against the Imperial Military and Civil Authorities of £8 for grain and £15 for furniture (it being claimed as “loot”). [\[CJC vol.1215 ref.304\]](#)

Jacobus Abel Erasmus (junior) of “Krugersport” voluntarily surrendered on 14 April 1901. The Military Compensation Board of the Imperial Military and Civil Authorities awarded JAE (jnr) £30:16:0 in lieu of property commandeered by the Boers and oxen taken by British troops. [\[CJC vol.882 ref.347\]](#)

1.3.3.2.2.1.2 Abel Hermanus Johannes Erasmus married Jacoba Dorothea

1.3.3.2.2.1.2.1 Abel Hermanus Johannes Erasmus bc. Kroonstad, OVS 8.1871 d. Johannesburg 16.3.1951 TAB MHG 1891/51 X Susara Susana JORDAAN (d. 29.1.1918) XX Magdalena Catharena SWANEPOEL

First marriage

1. Abel Hermanus Johannes Erasmus
2. Susara Susana m. v d STADT
3. Johannes Hendrik Erasmus
4. Jacoba Dorothea m. Willem Jacobus NEL (bc. 1854 Smithfield d. farmer, Wolmaranstad 30.7.1904 so. Willem Jacobus Nel & Johanna Catharina)
 - a. Susara Susanna VAN DER WALT
 - b. Johanna Catharina Nel b. 11.9.1883
 - c. Willem Jacobus Nel b. 14.7.1888
 - d. Gabriel Jacobus Nel b. 18.2.1891
 - e. Wynand Frederick b. 28.11.1899
5. Lourens Daniel Erasmus

Second marriage

6. Johanna Jacoba m. VENTER
7. Hester Petronella m. BERNICCHI
8. Wynand Willem Erasmus
9. Alida Karolina m. RADEMEYER

The road from Pilgrim's Rest to Graskop winds through majestic mountain scenery. At the road junction where Sabie is to the right, the combined Routes 532 and 533 ascend revealing wide open vistas before descending to cross the Mac Mac River. Three km further along a path winds down into a small gorge through which the river forces its way under rocks and earth forming a "Natural" bridge. Graskop originated as a gold mining camp in the 1880s. The site was a farm called "Graskop" ("grassy hill") occupied in the 1850s by Abel Erasmus. Today the town serves as a centre for a substantial timber industry, there are a number of large sawmills in the district.

One the other side of Graskop is *Kowyn's Pass*, the name Kowyn having its origin in the name of a Sotho chief who lived in the region. The pass, completed 1959, descends precipitously at a gradient of 1:14 from an altitude of 1 448m to Bushbuck Ridge at 500m. For much of the way the road follows the old wagon route which, with a gradient of 1:7 in places, was one of the steepest roads in the country.

1.3.3.2.2.1.2.2 Hermanus Johannes Erasmus b.c. Lydenburg 1880 d. a farmer, farm "Ziek", district Letaba 29.5.1934 TAB MHG 86221 X Helena Susara SCHOEMAN (b.c. 2.1884 d. "Boschfontein 1064", district Lydenburg 10.4.1914 do. Frederick Stephanus and Anna Willemina BRITS) XX Jacoba Philippina BRITS (d. 16.7.1931) TAB MHG mis-catalogued : not 75972

First marriage

1. Anna Wilhelmina Sophia Erasmus b. 26.7.1904
2. Abraham Stephanus Erasmus b.14.12.1905
3. Hendrina Johanna Carolina Erasmus b.5.8.1907
4. Frederick Stephanus Erasmus b.28.12.1908
5. Hermanus Johannes Erasmus b.1.8.(12)1910
6. Helena Susarah Erasmus b.19.12.(9)1912
7. Gerhardus Johannes Erasmus b.10.4.1914

Second marriage

8. Abraham Stephanus Erasmus b.13.12.1919
9. Jacoba Philipus Erasmus b.11.5.1923
10. Magdeld Gertruida Erasmus b.23.9.1924
11. Ockerf Matthys Erasmus b.22.1.1926
12. Sico Godefrederes Erasmus b.11.1.1928
13. Juliana Erasmus b.4.7.1931

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