

## KOLLER

Information relating to the Family Koller prior to the name arriving in South Africa can be found on Koller Family: The South African Connection <http://www.koller.co.za/>

1 John Thurston Koller b. 1828 "Thurston Cottage", Parish of Castro St. Mary De or Catel, Island of Guernsey d. 10 May 1885 [MOOC 7/1/465.65, 6/9/220.829, 13/1/467.21, 13/1/479.6, 13/1/781.43, 13/1/810.138] m. (first) Elizabeth M unknown d. Dulverton, Somerset 1853

1.1 Ellen Robertina Koller b. Dulverton, Somerset, United Kingdom November 1843 d. "Orpington House" Station Rd., Mowbray, Cape 1 October 1917. Unmarried [MOOC 6/9/996.3581.1917]

1 John Thurston Koller bc. 1829 "Thurston Cottage", Parish of Castro St. Mary De or Catel, Island of Guernsey d. 10 May 1885 [MOOC 7/1/465.65, 6/9/220.829, 13/1/467.21, 13/1/479.6, 13/1/781.43, 13/1/810.138] m. (second) 1856 Ann McCAFFRY d. 1903 [TAB MHG 27696]

John Thurston Koller was the son of John Thurston Koller and Mary Emily BRIDGES. The name Koller does not appear in the transcribed 1841 census returns for the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, Serk, Caskets Rock, Alderney, Jethou and Herm. The circumstances of his arrival in the Cape are unknown.

John Thurston Koller was a successful Estate and Land Agent. He lived at "Belle Vue", Rondebosch. Relatives mentioned in his estate papers included Jane Elizabeth Koller, Ellen Robertina Koller [MOOC 6/9/996.3581] and Jessica ("Jessie") Maria Koller of Erith, Kent. He is buried in St. Thomas' Church Cemetery, Rondebosch. The grave and headstone were lost in 1976 and replaced with the cross (below).





1.1 James Catford Koller d. > 1951 m. Amy d. 1951 [TAB MHG 1806/51](#)

Bonded to value of £.350 on 14 June 1893. Was living in Jeppes Town, South African Republic.

1.2 William Alfred Koller b. Cape Town August 1858 d. Parys, dist. Vredefort, OFS 16 October 1949 [VAB MHG 1160/49](#) m. Durbanville Elizabeth Ann TURNER bc. 1859 d. "Bequest" PO Coalbrook dist. Heilbron 29 October 1941 [VAB MHG 33607/1941](#) (do. William Benjamin Turner)

In 1888, William Alfred Koller was a House, Estate and Law Agent, enrolled as such at the Magistrates' Court, Cape Town, and working out of *Riddell's Chambers*, Adderley Street, Cape Town.

Signatures on their Antenuptial Contract ANC MHG 33607

The home of he and his wife, No. 1 Bree Street, Cape Town, was bonded in both their names against their inheritances bequeathed them by their respective fathers <sup>1</sup>. The date and circumstances in which he was appointed Town Clerk of Bloemfontein are not known. However, by 1894, their bond was raised in a similar manner to previous occasions, but from Bloemfontein, where they had purchased No. 67 Aliwal Street, Bloemfontein. Over the years, they raised a number of bonds in a similar fashion, and went on to call their farm in the Heilbron district, "Bequest". But a few archival remnants remain of Koller's activities in Bloemfontein. Of interest was his role in organising the reception of Joseph Chamberlain to the town in 1903 [see *A Blink in History* elsewhere on this site]. In 1913, Koller brought an application before the Supreme Court, Transvaal bench to have Thomas Dennis McCaffry removed as executor of the Estate of James McCaffry [TAB TPD 602/1913: WA KOLLER](#). [see below]

Their signatures many years later

1.2.1 Thurston William Koller bc. March 1882 in Cape Town d. Bergvliet, Cape 5 January 1949 m. Annie Heatley GREGAN bc. December 1886 Montague, Cape (do.

<sup>1</sup> General Estate and Orphan Chamber " ..... bind as a mortgage and charge all the right, title and interest in and to the interest, inheritance, income and dividends arising [out of the] residuary Estate and Effects bequeathed to or in favour of his said Constituents by the Wills of the respective fathers John Thurston Koller and William Benjamin Turner, deceased ..... " [KAB DOC 4/1/472.1568](#)

William Gregan & Catherina THERON) d. Parys, OVS 22 March 1948 VAB MHG 41193.1

Thurstan William Koller MOOC 6/9/15662.159/49 was born in Cape Town c. March 1882. He went on to have an influential career in the civil service, holding positions of Examiner of Accounts and District Examiner, Audit Department, Orange River Colony (1903-1911); Controller and later Auditor-General (1912-1932); Provincial Auditor of Cape Province (1932-1941). He died in humble circumstances in Bergvliet, Cape on 5 January 1949 in his 67th year, leaving two sons.

1.2.1.1 Thurston William Alfred ("Chappy") Koller

1.2.1.2 Katharina ("Rina") Koller d. 1933

1.2.1.3 Edwin Turner Koller

1.2.2 Hubert James Koller b. 1883 d. 1966 m. (first) Magdalena Maria

ELLINEKHUYZEN b. 1866 d. 1946 VAB MHG 39476/1946

1.2.2.1 Ella Patricia Koller b. 1911

1.2.2.2 William Hubert Koller b. 1914 m. b. Bloemfontein d. 1974 Jean Rousseau

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1.2.2.3 Theodore Reginald Koller b. 1918

1.2.2.4 John Thurston Koller b. 1919

1.2.2.5 Rudolph Grobler Van Ellinckhuyzen Koller b. 1920 m/div 1971 Josephine Eleanor STEGMAN

1.2.2 Hubert James Koller b. 1883 d. 1966 m. (second) Suzanne RITCHER

1.2.3 Frederick Bridges Koller m. Florence Marguerite ("Daisy") ASKEW

According for papers in the estate file of William Alfred Koller , the whereabouts of his son, Frederick Bridges Koller, were unknown to his family, though his father speculated that he may have emigrated to Canada or British Columbia. He is mentioned as a beneficiary of his mother's estate.

1.2.4 Muriel Robertina Koller m. John McCoubrey HAMILTON VAB MHG 15874/1922

In 1934, Muriel Robertina HAMILTON was the owner of "Bequest". SAB VWR VOLUME\_NO 50 REF. B645/116/7. Her husband died in 1922 after being assaulted. No offspring.

1.2.5 Leonard George Koller b. 1889 d. August 1943 b. Mary Anne Alys THOMPSON  
15 February 1898 d. Sasolburg August 1980

1.2.5.1 Raymond Leonard Koller b. 1919

1.2.5.2 Louise Koller b. 1918 d. 1987 m. Kenneth GREEF

1.2.5.3 Campbell George Hamilton Koller b. 1930

1.2.5.4 Muriel Joy Koller b. 1935

1.2.6 Sidney (Sydney) Robert Koller [attorney in Frankfort] m. Violet

1.2.6.1

1.2.6.2

1.2.6.3

14th March, 1950  
*S. R. Koller*  
S. R. Koller  
Executor

Signature of Sidney Robert Koller

1.2.7 Reginald ("Rex") Storey Koller m. Dorothy Jessie MUSSON (do. 1.3 below)

1.2.7.1

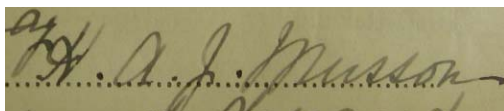
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1.2.8 Archibald Lloyd Koller m. Johanna Delina TAB MHG 11774/73

1.2.8.1

1.2.8.2

1.3 Henrietta Anne Jane Koller b. Zonnebloem, Cape Town November 1860 d. 10 June 1919 Mental Hospital, Bloemfontein VAB MHG 38840/1946, MOOC 6/9/1503.3048 m. Frank MUSSON d. 16 January 1919 (second: formerly married to Elizabeth Maria BAIL, daughter Florence Margerite Elizabeth Musson m. ASKEW)



Signature of Henrietta Anne Jane Musson in 1917

1.3.1 Frank Alfred John MUSSON MOOC 6/9/1137.2119

1.3.2 Gladys Ann(ie) Musson

1.3.3 Gordon Musson

1.3.4 Basil George Musson

1.3.5 Dorothy Jessie Musson (see 1.2.7 above)

1.4 John Robert Koller d. 1904 TAB MHG 5513/1904

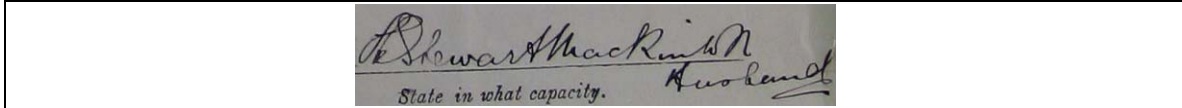
1.4.1 John Robert Koller d. 1946 TAB MHG 38839/1946

1.5 Amy Ellen Koller d. 1946 TAB MHG 3688/46 m. (first) William TURNER VAB MHG T267/1892

1.5 Amy Ellen Koller d. 1946 TAB MHG 3688/46 m. (second) Hay Stewart MACKINTOSH d. < 1946

1.6 Jessica ("Jessie") Laura Elizabeth Koller b. October 1867 d. 2 Mordant St., Jeppe Town, Johannesburg, SAR 30 March 1896 TAB MHG 3688/46, MOOC 6/9/354.1679, MOOC 13/1/806.97 m. Hay Stewart MACKINTOSH d. <1946

At her death, Jessica ("Jessie") Laura Elizabeth Koller held a bond of £.300 taken on 8 June 1895. Hay Stewart MACKINTOSH was Chief Teller, National Bank, Johannesburg. There were no offspring. He went on to marry her sister, Amy Ellen Koller, then a spinster.



**Unidentified**

Hubert Koller d. 1973 Unmarried. TAB MHG 11223/73

Frederick W(illiam) Koller d. 1898 TAB MHG O/15088

Beverley Muriel Koller m/div. Theo Noel Taylor

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