



## PRIVACY POLICY OF THE BOND OF THE VERMEULEN FAMILY

### Who are We

The Bond of the Vermeulen Family as hereinafter referred to as the Bond.

The Bond currently operates the organisation Bond of the Vermeulen Family, [the webpage https://www.vermeulenbond.org](https://www.vermeulenbond.org), the facebook page "Bond of the Vermeulen Family in Southern Africa", collect information and updating the database of the Vermeulen genealogy as well as the sale and distribution of genealogy material.

We are mainly busy with research and to promote the Vermeulen history and interest in Southern Africa.

The Bond respects the right of the individual on the protection of information as stipulated by Act 4 of 2013 (Protection of Personal Information Act) (POPI) Act as it is commonly known) or as prescribed in several other legislation and which is compatible with the POPI Act's provisions..

**The purpose of the Popi Act is to protect you as a consumer by** preventing your personal information from falling into wrong hands, thereby causing you harm through identity fraud. In short, it boils down to the fact that the responsible organisation must ensure the protection and confidentiality of personal information in its possession or under its control by establishing appropriate reasonable technical and organisational measures. The POPI Act also applies to the Bond that also handles and processes some of your personal information. Processing involves the collection, receipt, recording, organizing, recycling or using such information. It also includes the dissemination and release of such information (free or for compensation).

**What is considered personal information:** According to the POPI Act, it is data that can be used to determine your identity. These include, but are not limited to race,gender,pregnancy status,marital status,nationality,ethnic group,social descent,skin color,sexual orientation,age,physical or mental health,disability,religion,faith beliefs,culture,language,educational,medical,financial,criminal,work history,identity number,email address,residential address or residential area,postal address,vehicle registration number,banking details,phone number,biometric information, personal opinion and preferences or dislikes.

**The law therefore obliges the Bond to protect personal information as well.**

1. The Bond will do everything in their power to protect, store and take the necessary precautions to protect the unauthorized disclosure of information.
2. The Chairman of the Bond will in this capacity also act as Information Officer for compliance with these precautions.
3. Due to the personal information of Bond members assisted by the Bond management, the following measures will apply:

3.1. All possible precautions will be taken by management to ensure that personal information is secured on their personal computers to prevent unauthorized access. Such information will also not be shared to third parties or other Bond members besides management. Information regarding Bond members and other Vermeulen descendants through which their identities may become public will not be disclosed [on our web page https://www.vermeulenbond.org](https://www.vermeulenbond.org) or on our facebook [page https://web.facebook.com/groups/275110929222200](https://web.facebook.com/groups/275110929222200) or on any other social platform without the consent of the person himself.

3.2. Information that Bond members provide to us regarding his membership will be considered confidential.

3.3. The Bond does not have access to the personal information of persons visiting our web page except if the person completes a membership form and or connects with us to acquire genealogies or to provide information for our genealogy database. Bond members and other Vermeulen descendants may be requested information on family pedigrees and other family info on our website with their permission to post.

3.4. By joining the Bond you give us permission to use or possess the information we require for purposes of functioning your membership.

3.5. The Bond also keeps the information on all Vermeulen ancestors and descendants on the Legacy database program and it then forms the basis of the Vermeulen Genealogy. The information kept here from each descendant includes: Full names and last names, date of birth and place of birth, full name and last name of spouse and place of wedding, children's full names and place of birth and date of death and place of death. This information is collected by research from various sources as well as by information provided personally by descendants. The source where information was obtained from is also recorded. The Bond's management is of the opinion that this information is insufficient to endanger a person identity and that most of this information is indeed published in current genealogies and will also be re-published in the future. The Vermeulen genealogies are sold at a small fee (to cover costs) mainly to Vermeulen descendants. Only descendants and other persons who have purchased and owned the registers have access to this information. All info of buyers and other inquiries into Bond information are considered confidential as far as possible and precautions are taken for possible unauthorised access to it.

#### **Cases where we may disclose your personal information include:**

1. in compliance with a court order or legal process (e.g. issuing a court order or subpoena) **and**
2. to comply with a directive by a legal application institution.

The Bond Privacy Policy on the Protection of Privacy and Information was established to confirm our commitment to protect your information. Please feel free to contact us if you would like further clearance of our policy directives. Also please see our webpage under the heading "**terms and conditions**"

The Bond assumes that you consent to the conditions of this policy as indicated above unless you expressly object to it. If we amend this policy, the date of amendment will be indicated below. If you continue to be a member, it will be assumed that you accept the amended policy.

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