

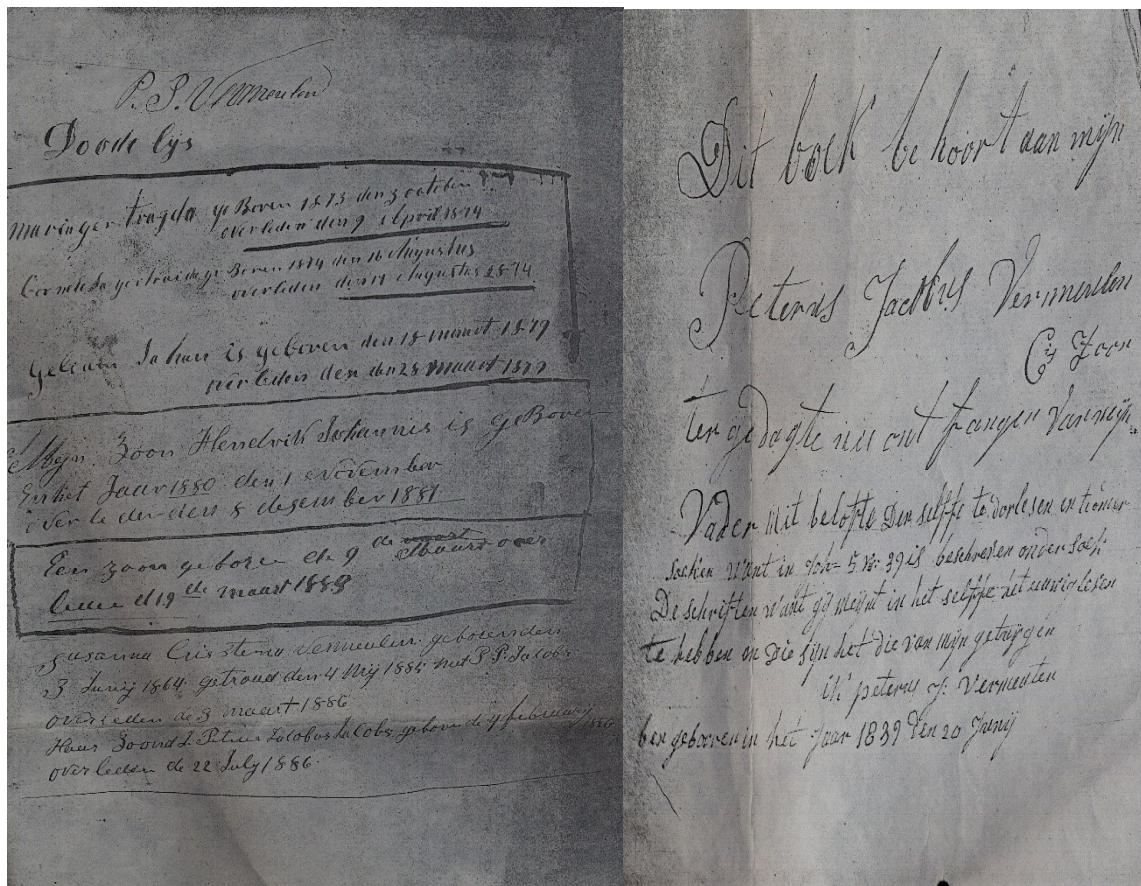
FAMILY SOUVENIRS



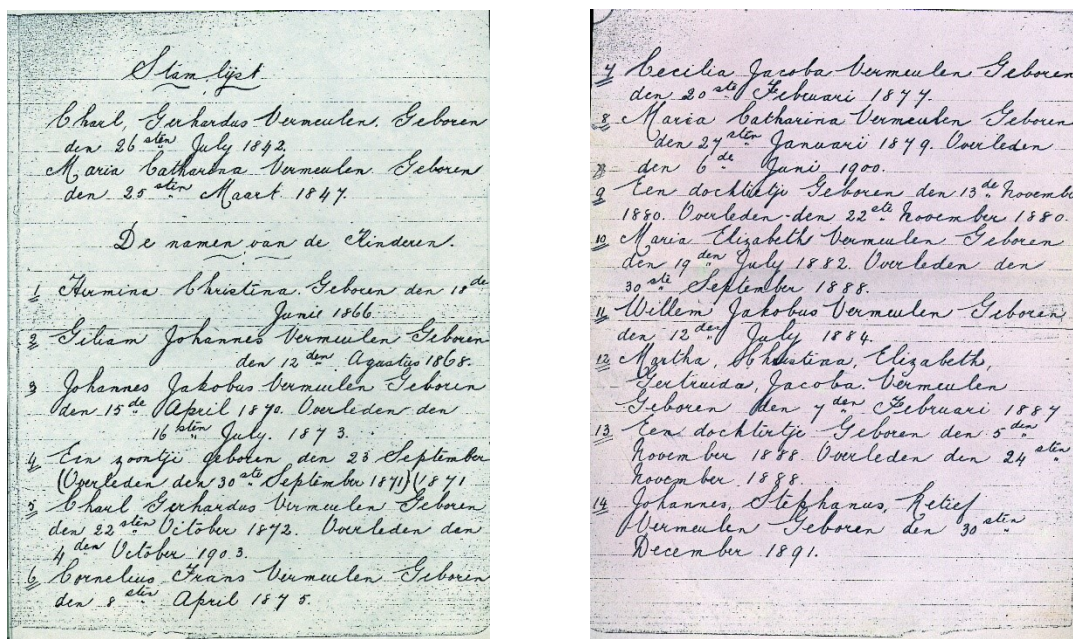
Souvenirs of Cornelis Frans Vermeulen (1845-1915). Items still in possession of family. Photos provided by Pieter <D10901> a great-great-grandson of Cornelis.



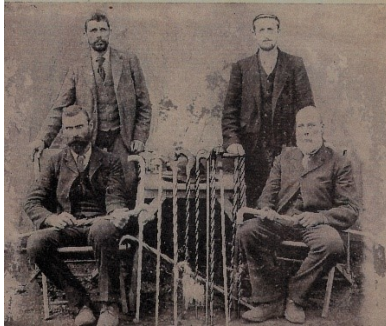
Family Bible donated by Philipus Carel Izaak Vermeulen <D2466> (1870-1945) to his son.



An extractt from the family Bible of Petrus Jacobus Vermeulen (1839-1895) <D269>. Photo provided by Dr P J Vermeulen who was in possession of bible in 1991.



Extract from the family Bible of Charl Gerhardus Vermeulen (1842-1908) <D816>.



The person pictured left is Michael Johannes Vermeulen (1866-1930)<D2350> and his father Cornelis Frans (1843-1902)<D836> is right in front in the photo (according to Frik de Beer great-grandchild on the mother's side). Photograph took in 1901 on St. Helena Island where they were Anglo Boer War prisoners .

Michael, his father and brother, Petrus Johannes, fought in the Anglo Boer War and were captured on February 27, 1900, in Paardeberg. He and his father were sent to St. Helena. In the camp, some of the prisoners kept themselves busy by making walking sticks. Michael and Cornelis headed the project with others. There was, among other things, a walking stick made with the Transvaal coat of arms at the forefront of the handle. The stick was sent to President Paul KRUGER when he was in exile in the Netherlands. The stick can be seen in the Kruger House in Pretoria.

The War Museum in Bloemfontein's records show the details of their detention and in the Anglo Boer War concentration camp in Kimberley the camp records also indicate that Michael were detained in the St Helena concentration camp.

The following items are owned by Frik de Beer's family and we thank him very much that we can publish this contribution here.

Michael Johannes Vermeulen on St Helena

Michael Johannes was captured during the Anglo-Boer War and exiled to St Helena. Among other things, he also made the following items by hand (the teaspoon gives perspective):

- 1 Dragonfly of Whale Tooth
- 2 Pen holder in the form of a feather
- 3 Pen holder with engraving
- 4 Small ship, possibly similar to those on which they were transported. (The masts and sails of the ship had already been broken off when I first became aware of it in the 1960s).



