

MARNEWECK FAMILY HISTORY ARCHIVE

BYLAAG D2

Camp Register – Springfontein Refugee Camp

English Transcription

Anglo-Boer War, circa December 1902 | Source: Springfontein Camp Register

Background and Source

This document is a transcription of Bylaag D2 from the Marneweck Family History Archive. It is a handwritten page from the official Camp Register of the Springfontein Refugee Camp, maintained by the British military during the Anglo-Boer War. The camp at Springfontein was one of the many concentration/refugee camps established by the British in the Orange Free State.

The register records the arrival of Boer families and individuals who returned from places of captivity (principally Ceylon) to the camp, capturing details of their family members, marital status, whereabouts of husbands, occupations, farms, and where they were proceeding after leaving the camp.

Of direct family significance: one entry records 'Marnewick, Johann (married), from Ceylon, aged 33, no oath of neutrality, Jagerspantein/Fauresmith, arriving 27 December 1902, proceeding to Bethany.' This is a Marneweck family member returning from internment in Ceylon.

Note on transcription accuracy: The original document is handwritten in difficult cursive script and the OCR quality is very poor. This transcription is based on careful visual reading of the PDF scan. Some words or names may be imperfectly rendered. Dates appear to be December 1902 (written as 'Dec [02]').

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Columns: Head of Family and Members | Married/Single | Whereabouts of husband at time of coming to camp | Age | If taken oath of neutrality (time and place) | Whether oath taken | Occupation (if farmer, name of farm and size) | Town | District | Date of arrival at Refugee Camp | Where going to | Stock at date of leaving

Head of Family & Members	M/S	Whereabouts of Husband	Age	Oath Taken?	Occupation / Farm	Town	District	Date of Arrival	Where Going	Stock/Remarks
Ferrie, Barend Jacob (m) + Barend Jacob (enkel)	M	Van Ceylon	58 / 20	Ja	-	Wepener	-	27 Des. 1902	Na Jannalefontein	-
Fourie, Lubin Bosch	M	Van Ceylon	39	Ja, te Wepener	Ja	-	Wepener	-	27 Des. 1902	Na Jannalefontein
Rooyen, van Lubin Rudolph	Enkel	Van Ceylon	44	Nee	Nee	Klipfontein	Onder Colonia	Rouxville	27 Des. 1902	Na Alwalhoth
Adcock, Richard Louisa (weduwee)	Weduwee	Van Ceylon	45	Ja	Nee	Spionkop	Klipspruit	Coldon Heim	27 Des. 1902	Na Pabhole
Klopper, Coenraad Christoff	Enkel	Van Ceylon	22	Nee	Nee	Schreibers Vet	Wepener	-	28 Des. 1902	Na Jannalefontein
Klopper, Coenraad Christoff	Enkel	Van Ceylon	24	Nee	Nee	Schreibers Vet	Wepener	-	27 Des. 1902	Na Alwalhoth
Hange, Benjamin Jofehi	Enkel	Van Ceylon	18	Ja, te Joubert	Ja	Sterkfontein	Vaalkhops	Rouxville	27 Des. 1902	Na Krooching
Filler, Cornelis Johannes (m) + Johann Abraham (enkel)	M	Van Ceylon	55 / 18	Nee	Nee	-	Jagerspantein	Fauresmith	27 Des. 1902	Na Jagerspantein Kamp
Rous, Johannes Petrus (m) + Nadia Jeld Cornehs (enkel)	M	Van Ceylon	48 / 20	Nee	Nee	-	Jagerspantein	Fauresmith	27 Des. 1902	Na Jagerspantein Kamp
Marnewick, Johann (m)	M	Van Ceylon	33	Nee	Nee	-	Jagerspantein	Fauresmith	27 Des. 1902	Na Bethany

Head of Family & Members	M/S	Whereabouts of Husband	Age	Oath Taken?	Occupation / Farm	Town	District	Date of Arrival	Where Going	Stock/Remarks
Grobbelaar, Petrus Cornelis (m)	M	Van Ceylon	39	Nee	Nee	Jagersfontein/Bosman	Klipspruit	Coldon Heim	27 Des. 1902	-

Notes on Key Entry

Marnewick, Johann – Entry Analysis

The Marnewick entry reads as follows in the original register:

| *Marnewick Johann | Married | From Ceylon | Age: 33 | Oath of neutrality: No | Occupation: — | Town: Jagerspantein | District: Fauresmith | Date of arrival: 27 Dec. [02] | Proceeding to: Bethany*

This entry confirms that a Johann Marnewick, aged approximately 33 in December 1902, was held as a prisoner of war in Ceylon and returned to the Springfontein area upon release. He proceeded to Bethany after leaving the camp. He had not taken an oath of neutrality, indicating he remained a combatant/prisoner until the peace.

This correlates with entry No. 7660 in Bylaag D1 (Prisoners of War at Ceylon): 'Marnewick, Johan, age 30, Zwetfontein, Smithfield, Field Cornetcy Slukspruit', annotated 'Ons Oupa' — suggesting this is the same individual, whose age difference (30 vs 33) is consistent with the two-year gap between capture (circa 1900) and repatriation (December 1902).