

## THEUNIS GERT VICTOR

Trooper Theunis Gert Victor of the Naauwpoort District Mounted Troops (D.M.T.) was awarded the QUEEN'S SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL without bar on 6 October 1910 [inscribed 145 TPR. T.G. VICTOR NAAUWPOORT D.M.T.] for his services during the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902. Some 50% of the 128 medals issued to this unit were not claimed.

The Anglo-Boer War 1898-1902 Medal Roll for the Naauwpoort District Mounted Troops lists the following family members:

154 Viktor HJ of PO Naauwpoort, CC: Queen South Africa Medal, no bar, issued 21.10.1910  
145 Victor TG of PO Naauwpoort, CC: Queen South Africa Medal, no bar, issued 6.4.1910  
135 Victor JP of PO Naauwpoort, CC: "Leeufontein", Queen South Africa Medal, no bar, issued 6.4.1910

COLONIAL DEFENCE FORCE: ATTESTATION PAPER Victor Theunis Gert, Age 18 (thus bc. 1883 vice supra) a farmer from "De Dam", Arundel, lists his next-of-kin as "My father TG Victor". He was sworn on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1901 being allocated the Regimental No. 145. He was illiterate signing "His X mark"



On the Death Notice [MSC 1957/2875](#) of apparently the self-same person, Wessel Christiaan Viktor and Ybella Christina Susanna POTGIETER are listed as his parents.

Naauwpoort or Noupoot ("narrow pass") is in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa. Laid out on the farm "Hartebeeshoek" when the railway reached the site in 1884, it is a bleak spot subjected to searing heat in summer and bone-chilling cold in winter.

Naauwpoort, De aar and Stormberg were three critical railway junctions south of Orange River *en route* to Bloemfontein in the Oranje Vrij Staat. General French was entrusted with the task of holding back of the Colesberg Boers - "using a mere handful of men scraped together from anywhere" - whilst the main troop advance was along the lines of the two railways to Kimberley and Bloemfontein. Naauwpoort was his base, and thence he made a reconnaissance by rail on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1900 towards Arundel, the next hamlet along the line. Finding no resistance, he moved on towards Modder River. General Clements continued to cover Naauwpoort until the advance of Roberts's army caused a complete reversal of the whole military situation.

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### GENEALOGY

Though there are certain to be many sources of information pertinent to the Victor Family in South Africa, given his time and logistical constraints, the author has only explored two resources, namely the State Archives Repositories, Cape Town and Pretoria.

The significant contributions of Margaret Nowak and Gavin Victor at [gavin.victor@sita.co.za](mailto:gavin.victor@sita.co.za) are acknowledged with thanks.

This should be seen as a preliminary communication and not definitive. Any contribution to expanding on, or correcting, the information here listed will be welcomed.

For greater detail regarding the Victor Family look elsewhere on this site.

Family Name : meaning literally "winner", what was formerly a first name became a family name
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1. Gerrit Victor b. Amsterdam, a sick-visitor m 16.1.1667 Christina ("Styntje") VAN DEN BERG.



1.1 Cornelis Victor b. Ceylon ~ 26. 10. 1667 m. 8.8.1688 Cornelia Jacoba JUNIUS [sic: see note below] (b. Amersfoort)

1.1.4 Gerrit Victor bc. 1695 m. 15.6.1721 Susanna BOCKELENBERG

1.1.4.2 Jacobus Adriaan Victor ~ 19. 9.1723 dc. 1766 m. 23.12.1759 Sara Maria KOEKEMOER (dc. 1812)

1.1.4.2.3 Joachim Jan Hendrik Victor, b. Uithoek, Roggeveld dist. Sutherland ~ 20.10.1765 burger of Stellenbosch d. farmer, "Modderfontein" Rhenosterberg dist. Colesberg March 1836 1840  
6/9/19.4071 ; 6/9/32.7282 ; 7/1/177.80 & 81 ; 7/1/250.108 m. 7/1/250.108  
(second) 13.10.1793 Jacoba Johanna (Jacomina Jacoba) GRIESEL (GRISSEL) b. 30.11.1775 Worcester d. "Hoogemoedsfontein" dist. Colesberg 1.5.1844 MOOC 6/9/32.7782 ; 7/1/177.80 & 81 (Will filed 3.8.1860 district Middelburg ) (do. David Jacobus Griesel & Anna Maria PELSER)

1.1.4.2.3.1 Theunis Gerrit (Gertze) Victor bc. 10.1782 / 23.10.1790 Swellendam ~ 2.11.1794 (Will dated 1.7.1856 filed 14.3.1863 7/1/266.24) d. an Agriculturalist "Modderfontein" cornetcy Rhenosterberg 24.6.1841 MOOC 6/9/25.5310 m. Hester Sophia JANSEN VAN RENSBURG

1.1.4.2.3.1.2. Johannes Petrus Victor b. Roggeveld b. 12.4.1819 d. farmer "Jaagpoort" 13.7.1873 1873 6/9/144.9590 (1870 7/1/311.42) will filed 13.9.1870 estate value £864/15/-) d. 14.2.1871 m. Catharina Petronella PRETORIUS / PRETORIOUS [sic] (b. 10.4.1827 Graaff-Reinet d. "Kleinfontein" district Middleburg 17.7.1870 6/9/132.6302 13/1/267.97  
filed 16.3.1871; 7/1/310.47 Will 3.9.1860 filed 18.8.1870) do. Wessel Christian Pretorius [sic] & Catharina Pretonella [sic] LOOTS)

1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3 Wessel Christiaan Viktor bc. November 1849 d. a farmer 19.5.1910 "Coetseekraal" dist. Colesburg MOOC 6/9/645.1687 m. (first) June 1852 Ybella (Abella) (Albertus) Christina Susanna POTGIETER, "Zevenfontein", Hanover d. "Damfontein", Hanover [21.3.1892] 21.3.1896 [MOOC 13/1/764.148 MOOC 6/9/351.741] estate valued at £359/12/6] (do. Albertus Jacobus Potgieter & Abella Christina Susanna COETSEE)

**1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3.3 Theunis Gert Viktor** b. Hanover 22.10.1883 d.  
farmer, Noupoot dist. Middelburg 6.5.1957 (1957/2875) estate valued at  
£988/13/5) m. Colesberg Elsie Josuna VAN DER WALT  
1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3.3.1 Ybella Christina Susanna Viktor m. Johannes VAN  
DER MERWE  
1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3.3.2 Hester Catharina Maria Jacoba Elizabeth Viktor m.  
Henning Johannes VAN ASWEGEN  
1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3.3.3 Wessel Christiaan (minor) Viktor  
1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3.3.4 Elsie Josina Viktor m. Nicolaas George Anthonie  
GELDENHUYS  
1.1.4.2.3.1.2.3.3.5 Anna Dorothea Viktor m. Hendrik van de Walt  
VORSTER

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