

Hermanus

Born ***Wednesday, November 28th, 1879***

Deceased ***Friday, June 15th, 1956***

Hermanus was employed as a painter, he knew his trade very well and was a real professional. He was a good businessman and had already set up his own company at the age of 27 in 1906. He was a real Hackelis - honest, active, ambitious and a temper.

His life was not always easy. In 1920, on Thursday March 18th, his wife passed away as a result of the Spanish flu that prevailed at that time. His life as a widower was a difficult period for him. His sister, Gertrude took over the daily affairs of the family until he remarried in 1922. He did his best to give a good education to all of his children but due to financial circumstances they could not go on to tertiary education.

His biggest hobby was keeping birds, and in particular, Finches. This was a great pride for him. Furthermore, he also loved music. He often played the organ singing along happily. The children were also effected and became very musical at a young age.

Hermanus died on Friday June 15th 1956 at the age of 77.