FAMILYSEARCH: SOUTH AFRICA: MAIN MENU 1.2 (UNDER RECORDS).

1. LAST UPDATE – ISSUES

1.1 SOUTH AFRICA, CAPE PROVINCE, CIVIL RECORD, 1840-1972 Last updated 25 January 2023

(We are looking at the second file under COLLECTION TITLE)

I have already worked through the previous version of this file, by using the SEARCH FUNCTION and searching for LAST NAME *Du Plooy*.

All the du Plooy record (of version say 1) that I have worked on will be in RED.

File of say Version 2 (dated 25 January 2023) was now added to Version 1. This resulted in any SEARCH for *Du Plooy* on this file will display all the *Du Plooy* records in BLUE again. Researchers does not know what they had been working on and what not.

* 1. RECOMMENDATION 1: - WHAT WOULD RESEARCHERS WANT?
     1. Show the file, added to Version 1, dated 25 January 2023 separate **WITH a SEARCH function only for the additional files of Version 2.**

NOTE: SEARCH on the Version 2 File dated 25 January 2023 (all Version 1 and Version 2 files) may be SEARCHED and will still include ALL *Du Plooys* of Version 1 and Version 2*.*

1. COLLECTION TITLE ISSUES - https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list?count=20&cqs=south+africa

2.1 Looking at the MAIN MENU of all records of SOUTH AFRICA (detail https: detail above) it is a clear and logic layout. The records are grouped in:

All records are sorted in **Provinces**.

2.1.1 Records of the different Churches – for each Province.

2.1.2 Cemetery records, Civil Record, Estate file, Probate Record – for each Province or Town.

2.1.3 Passenger List – Natal Province

2.1.4 Register of Slaves

2.1.5 Settlers Index

* 1. Looking at FamilySearch **Catalog** Items (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1392488>)
     1. This Catalog now include records that are not included in the Main MENU records in 2.1 above. Such as Baptisms 1916 and as far as 1988, Memberships and Marriages. Why are these CATALOG records not included in and under the MAIN MENU of all records of SOUTH AFRICA? The first part seems to be Dutch Reform Church Archives (Stellenbosch, South Africa).
     2. There are also Dutch Reform Church Record of TRANSVAAL that are incorrectly classified as Stellenbosch and not Transvaal. This includes towns like Potchefstroom, Pretoria, etc.
     3. It also includes records that do not belong to STELLENBOSCH but to Malawi, Nyasaland (Botswana), Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia.
     4. The various CATALOG records are DUMPING SITES instead of been included in the MAIN MENU for SOUTH AFRICA.
     5. Here is another DUMPING STE: (https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/832262?availability=Family%20History%20Library).
  2. RECOMMENDATION 2: - WHAT WOULD RESEARCHERS WANT?
     1. **Show the records** in the correct file in the MAIN MENU for SOUTH AFRICA as an option for Baptisms, Marriages and Membership with the actual date of the records.

NOTE: Having all Stellenbosch church records in ONE place will enable researchers to see what church registers are and are not available online.

* + 1. **Increase the number of headings on the MAIN MENU**. Review headings and Add to the MAIN MENU for South Africa HEADINGS FOR:
       1. Lesotho Records
       2. Malawi RECORD
       3. Namibia RECORDS
       4. Zimbabwe RECORDS
       5. Zambia RECORDS
       6. Swaziland RECORDS
       7. Ships and Ship RECORDS
       8. Voter roles for SOUT AFRICA
       9. Historical Books for South Africa
       10. Concentration camps (Books, Links, Records).

**NOTE: Should you require assistance with identifying record/files to place in the correct Province or sub-file, please let me know and I will assist.**