LIVERSAGE, Samuel

Born 03.07.1788, Cheshire, England. Died 04.06.1872, York, Natal.

Leader of Liversage’s 1820 Settler Party, farmer, accommodation-house keeper.

1785*c.* First wife Ann ------- born. (MJ p.46)

1788.07.03 Samuel b. (R. Wes. York [JL])

1788.07.03 Samuel b. Cheshire, Eng., son of William Liversage, farmer, Burslem, Staffordshire. (SAG [SS])

1790.01.10 Bapt. Wybunbury, Cheshire. (SAG [SS])

1810*c*. Married Ann -------

1811.10.23 Dau. Elizabeth bapt. Checkly, Staffordshire. (AS)

1812.11.05 Dau. Ann bapt. Checkly, Staffordshire. (AS)

1814.06.30 Son Samuel bapt. Hanley, Staffordshire. Died in infancy. (SAG [SS])

1817 Dau.Catherine Henrietta b. Staffordshire. (SAG [SS])

1820.01.00 Aged 30, farmer, he sailed from Liverpool on the *John* with wife Ann 35, and children – Elizabeth 8, Ann 6, and Catherine 3. Leader of Liversage’s party. (MJ p.46). He was in charge of a party of 48 people from Staffordshire. (Hockly p.37) The *John* sailed from Liverpool in Jan. 1820. (MJ p.73)

1820.01.post First wife Ann d. during the voyage. Before the end of the voyage he married his second wife Mrs Harriet Bond, governess to his children. (AS). Harriette Elizabeth Bond. (SAG [SS])

1820.05.00 The *John* arrived at Algoa Bay. (MJ p.73). Liversage and his party were allocated land on the Blauwkrans River (MJ map), in an area known as Manley’s Flat. (R. Wes. York [JL])

1821.04.07 Dau. Hannah b. (HBL. See note+ preceeding Source List). Hannah b. Grahamstown (SAG [SS])

1823*c*. [It would seem that early on Samuel moved with his family from Manley’s Flat (in the vicinity of Grahamstown) a considerable distance north west to Glen Linden on the Baviaans River, a tributary of the Great Fish River. This would have placed them towards Cradock. (BMS)]

1823.03.11 Dau. Sarah b. (HBL)

1825.05.03 Son George b. Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1825.05.13 Son George b. (HBL).

1827.04.03 Son Samuel b. (HBL). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1829.09.27 Son Willian b. (HBL). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1832.01.31 Son Thomas b. (HBL). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1833.10.19 Son Charles b. (HBL)

1834*c*. [It would seem that Liversage moved with his family south to Fort Beaufort. Probably because of the destruction that preceded the 6th Frontier War of 1835 and because of the war itself. (BMS)]. He recorded having suffered extreme losses in K…. Wars and robberies and that in 1835 he had lost all he had. (CSO 2243 no. C779)

1835.08.30 Son Henry Bond b. (HBL). At Fort Beaufort. (SAG [SS])

1836.03.25 A James Liversage m. Zacharia Christina Meyer in the Grahamstown Cathedral. (AS). [It is not clear how James fits into the Liversage family. (BMS)]

1840.03.13 Dau. Victoria b. (HBL). At Fort Beaufort. (SAG [SS])

1843 Living in Natal at the Umgeni. (T. Green\* in KBP)

1845 Bought a PMB. erf. (SGO III/5/7)

1845.04.18 Was wanting to build a “float pontoon” or floating bridge above the Umgeni waterfall but needed money. (CSO 2236 no.2)

1847 Dau. Catherine Henrietta (Joubert) was drowned in the Umgeni River at Albert Falls. (Voortrekker Museum, Pmb.)

1847.03.00 Bought farm *Botha’s Lusthof* on the Umgeni from H. Milner\*. (CSO 2237 p.13)

1847.11.22 Enquires whether any reply has been received about his application for farm *Botha’s Lust*. [*sic*.] (CSO 40 no.27 p.63)

1850.05.27 “Mr Liversage of the Umgeni, bought three years ago on credit (for he had no capital) a farm from my respectable friends Messrs Milner Brothers\*, and solely by his labour, and his children, has nearly paid for his farm, and supported honorably his large family, and acquired a very respectable *materiel*, exclusively by his farm produce.” (A.Walker\* in [J.C.] *Byrne’s Emigrant’s Jnl*. No.6, July 1850, p.58)

1850.10.00 His house on the Umgeni was the only habitable one passed between Pmb. and York. He was “a fine specimen of the Anglo-African colonist with a long flowing beard as white as snow, but with all the conviviality of his early manhood.” He was of English parents who emigrated to S.A. in 1820 [*sic*]. and came to Natal with his wife, sons and daughters with the Voortrekkers [*sic*]. (“GP” [possibly George Potter\* (SO’BS)] from an un-sourced news-cutting dated 29.01.1897 in the NST news-cutting collection). [He is the one who emigrated to the Cape not his parents. He may have come to Natal with a party of trekkers, but he came too late to have been with the Voortrekkers. (BMS)]

1851.12.00 Mr Liversage at the Pmb. Fair got the prize for the best cheese. (*NT* 02.01.52)

1852.04.00 Samuel Liversage wrote to Acting Colonial Secretary from Pmb. asking permission to take from Pmb. to Magaliesberg 100 lbs of powder – won’t sell it till he reaches there and will get a certificate from a Magistrate in the Tvl. showing that he has conveyed all 100 lbs thither. (CSO 16/2 no.117). [Not specified whether Samuel Snr or Jnr. This also applies to entries dated 24.12.52, 20.01.53 and 06.02.53. (BMS)]

1852.11.28 “… a jolly old white haired, white whiskered Cheshire farmer, who married a Dutch [*sic*] wife, and came into Natal with the Dutchmen; he lives on the trans-side of the Umgeni and keeps an accommodation house. (CBD 28.11.52)

1852.12.01 There is a reference to the falls at Liversage’s. (CBD 01.12.52). [This is the first contemporary reference found that places the Liversage residence at the falls, later to be named Albert Falls.]

1852.12.24 Theodor Ahrens of Pmb., partner of Samuel Liversage who is at present absent from the district, admitted a total debt of £584 by their firm owing to Godfrey Ernest Landsberg and John Philip Hoffman of the firm Landsberg, Hoffman & Co. and also to Alfred Winter Evans\* and Joseph Fleetwood Churchill\*. As he is unable to pay, and the firms are pressing for payment, it is agreed that a number of cattle and wagons belonging to Ahrens and Liversage be sold until the debt is covered. Also, if necessary, a piece of land 111 Burger St, Pmb., belonging to Ahrens to be sold. (RSC IV/3/67 no. 18)

1853.01.20 Samuel Liversage in partnership with Theodore [*Sic*] Arens [*sic*] as a dealer – their estate was sequestrated. (*NI* 20.01.53)

1853.02.06 Deed of assignment dated 24.12.1852 cancelled at the request of D.D. Buchanan\* under a P/A given him by firms Landsberg, Hoffman & Co., Pmb., Evans & Churchill, Dbn, and Theodor Ahrens & Samuel Liversage of Pmb. (RSC IV/3/67 no. 19).

1853.03.00 A dau. was married to a Mr Tennant and they were visiting the old man from Bloemfontein. (Garden papers p.610)

1854.01.26 Meeting for Umgeni Bridge, Waterfall. Mr [J.W.] Winter\* stated that the Govt stood pledged to erect a bridge. It was decided to open subscription lists. At a meeting in Howick the Lt Governor promised to double the amount subscribed. At a meeting at Dr [C.B.] Boast’s\* farm, York, the site for the bridge was selected. It was near the present public road leading from *Broughton* (Mr Liversage’s farm) through the Umgeni, the width of which will be about 40 yds, and over the still flowing “Sea Cow Hole”. (*NI* 26.01.54)

1854.02.09 Waterfall Bridge: new suggested route – near present ford where a rock in the middle of the river gives a solid pier foundation 5ft above water. (*NI* 09.02.54)

1854.07.25 Writing from *Broughton*, Liversage states that he emigrated to Natal from the Cape in *c*. 1844. His eldest son is Samuel [My underlining (BMS)] and he has four others. He asks for a grant of a 6 000 acre farm to the next two sons – William and Thomas – as while in the Cape he suffered extreme loss in K---- Wars and robberies that reduced him to a state of dependence from which he has never been able to raise himself. Further more, in 1835 [the time of the 6th Frontier War. (BMS)], he lost all he had and never received compensation from the Govt. He adds that all of his family were born in the Colony and are strictly faithful to the existing Govt. Answer; it is out of the Lieut-Gov’s power to comply. (CSO 2243 no. C 779)

1854.08.08 Farmer *Broughton*, Umgeni, owner. Son Samuel of same address. (NGG 08.08.54)

1855.07.06 Bridge to be built across Liversage’s Drift. (*NW* 06.07.55)

1855.11.27 “ I started my journey to the German Mission Station, Hermannsburg, between the Umvoti and the lower part of the Tugela …. I crossed the Umgeni below a pretty waterfall at the farm Lieversage, where I spent the night and was treated with venison, bacon and good white mealies. One has to rely on the hospitality of strangers in such parts where there are no inns.” (Bleek p.28)

1856.05.14 Liversage’s Ford was washed away in the late floods. It is not yet known where the river can now be forded. (*NSEAT* 14.05.56)

1856.07.25 Selling 3 000 acres of his farm *Broughton*, Umgeni Drift. (*NW* 25.07.56)

1856.11.25 Samuel Liversage of *Broughton*, Umgeni, appointedferryman Umgeni. Benjamin Harrington\* and James Foord\* stood surety with J.K. Matterson\* acting for Foord. (CSO 2282. Contract dated 25.11.56). [Not stated whether Samuel Snr or Jnr. (BMS)]

1856.12.03 Is to dispose of 3 000 acres of his farm *Broughton* on the Umgeni. Apply J.S. Colborne\* (*NSEAT* 03.12.56)

1857 – 61 ? Liversage, ferryman, Umgeni. In 1861 it specifies he is ferryman at Liversage’s Drift. (BB 1857-9 + 61). [The early Blue Books are handwritten. The initial of Liversage is given each time, but the handwriting is such that it is not possible to decipher the initial. (BMS)]

1861.03.00*c*. S, W, T, H, & C Liversage signed a petition of Umvoti County residents. (CSO 2251 no. E 701). [It is not specified whether it is S. Liversage Snr or Jnr. (BMS)]

1862.01.03 Selling *Broughton* (5 700 acres). To be sold on 11.02.26 by [James] Raw\* & [W.J.] Wilkinson\*. (NCPA 03.01.62)

1862.06.20 Tender of J. Jackson, London, for construction of a trussed girder bridge over River Umgeni at Liversage’s Drift. Cost £3 621 15s. (*NM* 20.06.62)

1862.06.21 A bridge to be erected at Liversage’s Drift by Mr Jackson of London for £3 621. 15s. (*NS* 21.06.62)

1863.10.23 Umgeni bridge at Liversage’s Drift will be completed within a year. A little township has sprung up. The modest hotel has recently been rebuilt by Messrs Preston. (*NM* 23.10.63)

1863.11.11 Messrs Liversages’ remaining portions of the farm *Broughton* are to be sold on 28.11.63. Flax mills are about to be erected on this farm. The new bridge over the Umgeni soon to be completed so transport to market will be easy. It is to be sold in 3 lots – Lot 3 (608 acres), Lot 5 (794 acres) and Lot 6 (454 acres). Others who own lots of *Broughton* are Mr Horsman, Messrs Ford and Petch. (*NCPA* 11.11.63)

1864.11.08 Opening of the Prince’s Bridge at Liversage’s Drift across the Umgeni. A new village has been laid out, erven offered. (*NW* 08.11.64)

1864.11.09 New Umgeni Bridge at Liversage’s Drift opened by Govenor Scott. Named “Prince’s Bridge” in memory of Her Majesty’s late royal consort. It opens up York, Greytown, Upper Umvoti, Buffalo etc. The piers are of hewn stone. The elevation of the road is 12 ft above the river rise of 1857. The new hotel is owned by Mr Preston. It is 200 yds from the bridge and facing it on the south side (*NW*  11.11.64)

1865.08.07 In his house the Gospel was first preached in this locality. (Tomb *Success* graveyard, trans. by JKG). [By this time Liversage Snr and his wife had moved from Albert Falls and were living on *Nooidtgedacht.* (BMS)]

1867.06.02 Wife Harriette d. aged 72. Buried by Revd James Langley. (York Wes. R.) On her tombstone is inscribed: In loving memory of Harriet Liversage who died June 2nd 1867 aged 72 years. Almost her last words were Victory, Victory, Victory. “Her children rise and call her blessed.” Prov. 31:28. (AS)

1868.07.02 Hannah [*sic*] Liversage, 72, farmer’s wife d. (GGR)

1868.08.27 Samuel and his wife Harriet (née Bond) made a will dated 27.08.1868 [*sic*.]. (MSCE 4/26)

1869.06.02 The inscription on Harriett Liversage’s gravestone reads – In loving remembrance of Harriett Liversage who died on June 2nd 1869 aged 72 years. (Tomb *Success* graveyard, trans. by JKG). [The date in the transcription has been altered from 1869 to 1867 in the same ink. (BMS)]

1870.10.26 Laying the foundation stone at *Foord’s Rest*. Old Mr Liversage laying it. It is to be both a school and a preaching room – laying the stone did not take place. (BGD 26.10.70)

1870.11.01 Mr Harman and Mr Richards gone on horseback towards *Foord’s Rest*. I think they are laying the stone today. (Ibid. 01.11.70)

1871*c*. At about this time 4 acres were donated by the Liversage family on which was erected a 6 roomed building at the cost of £60. [The school/preaching room referred to above. (BMS)] It was resolved that the name *Success* be used instead of *Foord’s Rest* (where services up till then had been held) as the new building was on a portion of *Success*. *Foord’s Rest* homestead still standing on *Benvie* on 06.12.1973. (JKG)

1871.05.00 Messrs Liversage, Peckham and Josiah Turton\*, together with the Revd Charles Harmon, formed the committee for the erection of the school house at *Ford’s* [*sic*.] *Rest* near York. (RSC I/8/44 no. 4214)

1871.08.29 Opening of Chapel at *Foord’s Rest*. (BGD 29.08.71)

1872.06.04 Old Mr Liversage d. this morning aged 89 years. (Ibid. 04.06.72). Died at the residence of his dau. Mrs C. Martin [*sic*] near the Seven Oaks aged 84. He was of *Ford’s* [*sic*] *Rest*. (*NM* 11.06.72). Died aged 89, buried by Revd James Langley in the graveyard on *Success*. In a note in the register the Revd Langley wrote: Died at Mrs Martens’ farm *Fairfield*, Seven Oaks. Samuel Liversage was a leader of a party of 1820 Settlers from Staffordshire, ship *John*, which were settled on Manley’s Flat, Albany. Born July 3rd 1788. Died June 4th 1872, aged 83yrs 11mths 1 day. (R. Wes. York [JL]). The inscription on Samuel’s gravestone reads – In loving remembrance of Samuel Liversage in whose house the Gospel was first preached in this locality on August 7th 1865. He lived to see his family and neighbours greatly blessed and died in peace June 4th 1872, aged 89 years. (Tomb *Success*, trans. by JKG)

1872.06.06 Of *Success*, buried at *Success*. (R.Wes. York)

1872.06.11 Came to the Cape 53 [*sic*] years ago and has lived in Natal for the last 26 [*sic*] years. (*NM* 11.06.72)

1873.12.29 He d. 04.07.72 [*sic*] and his wife d. 3 years previously. He has a son H.B. and two others, William and Thomas. He and his wife were of *Success*, Umvoti. Peter Hellet of Greytown made executor dative of their estate. (MSCE 4/26)

1873.12.29 In a letter written by H.B. Liversage from *Nooitgedacht* he gives information about the 3 surviving children of his father’s first marriage and lists the 9 children of his second marriage, giving the date of birth for all of them (except Hannah) and further information about some of them. (RSC I/8/57 no. 5337)

1874.09.17 Administration account of joint estate of Samuel and Harriet Liversage b., Bond [*sic*] of *Success* Umvoti, Umvoti County. It lists their 8 surviving children as beneficiaries. There is a note saying Samuel had been married before and naming his 3 daus. of that marriage. (RSC 1/8/57 no. 5331)

1883.03.00 Henry Bond Liversage sold Sub.C of *Nooitgedacht* to John Geekie [grandfather of John Kinsey Geekie] to form the major portion of *Benvie*. (JKG)

1884.00.00 Almost the entire material of the school/chapel built on a portion of *Success* (by 1884 known as *Chard* and owned by W.F. Marshall) was sold to John Geekie for £50 and was used to build the dairy on *Benvie*. The church bell became the *Benvie* farm bell. The land on which the school/chapel stood was sold to Mr Marshall for £5. An extract from report T16 [no date] on Success School describes it as an old established school built and maintained chiefly by Mr Liversage’s families who have built a good school house and master’s house. The *Success* cemetery is on *Chard* which [06.12.1973] was owned by SAPPI. (JKG)

CHILDREN

First marriage

**Elizabeth** (Born *c*. 1811, England. Still alive in *c*. 1843)

1811.10.23 Bapt. Checkly, Staffordshire. (AS)

1829.08.22 m. in Grahamstown Cathedral to Thomas Burbeck. (AS)

1831*c*. Went to England. (HBL)

1843*c*. Last heard of when she wrote from India. First husband dead, had married again, name of second husband not known. (HBL)

**Ann** (Born *c*. 1812, England. Died *c*. 1860)

1812.11.05 Bapt. Checkly, Staffordshire. (AS)

1829.09.06 m. Somerset East to Robert Wright. (AS)

1860*c*. Died leaving no children. (HBL)

**Samuel** (Born **c**. 1814. Died in infancy)

1814.06.30 Bapt. Hanley, Staffordshire. Died in infancy. (SAG [SS])

**Catherine** (Born 1817 Staffordshire. Drowned 1847, Albert Falls Natal)

1817 Catherine Henrietta b. Staffordshire. (SAG [SS])

1832.12.30 Catherine m. in Somerset East to Jan Abraham Joubert. (AS)

1847 Catherine Henrietta drowned in the Umgeni River at Albert Falls. (Voortrekker Museum, Pmb.). She left 6 children (RSC I/8/57 no. 5331)

Children of second marriage

**Hannah** (Born 07.04.1821 Grahamstown. Still alive in1873)

1821.04.07 b. (AS from SBR). At Grahamstown. (SAG [SS])

1821.04.18 bapt, parents of Wilmot Vale. (AS from SBR)

Date -------- m. Osten [Possibly Austin. (BMS)]. Deceased. (HBL)

Date -------- m. Duffy. (Ibid)

1873 Living in Fort Beaufort. (Ibid)

**Sarah** (Born 11.03.1823. Still alive and living in Bloemfontein in 1853)

1823.03.11 b. (HBL)

1840.12.06 m. Edward Tennant. (AS). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1853.03.00 A dau. was m. to a Mr Tennant and they were visiting the old man [Samuel Livesage] from Bloemfontein. (Garden papers p.610)

**George** (Born 13.05.1825, Glen Linden. Died 04.09.1837, Glen Linden)

1825.05.03 b. at Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1825.05.13 b. (HBL).

1837.09.04 d. (Ibid). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

**Samuel** (Born 03.04.1827, Grahamstown. Died 1902, York, Natal)

1827.04.03 Born. (HBL). At Grahmstown. (CSO 2282). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1832.03.13 Bapt. Glen Linden. (AS)

1832.11.30 Wilhelmina Magdalena van Niekerk b. in Cradock. Dau. of Jacobus van Niekerk and Johanna Helena Josina Pieterse. Voortrekkers who helped found Pmb. (AS)

1851.06.00 Aged 25, took out licence in Pmb. to m. Wilhelmina Magdalena van Niekerk, 18, b. at Cradock. He was b. in Grahamstown. (CSO 2282)

1851.06.22 m. in York Wilhelmina Magdalena van Niekerk . (AS)

1854.06.14 Granted farm *Welgelukte* (3 369 acres. Signed for 14.06.54 by S. Liversage. (SGO III/12/1 p. 82)

1854.08.08 Of *Broughton*, Umgeni, (NGG 08.08.54)

1874.09.17 Living near Ficksburg, OFS. (RSC I/8/57 no. 5337). Dissatisfied with English in Pmb. he moved to the Free State Republic to combat warring Basutos. Had farm *Avondson* in Ficksburg district. Later moved to gold fields and settled in Nigel. (AS)

1878 end Liversage, Samuel, farmer, *Nooitgedacht*, York. (DNA 1879 p. 355)

1880.04.17 Leased from Colonial Govt. 3 000 acres of grazing for 6 months. Land described in Govt. Gatette 23.03.1880. (1/LDS 3/3/4)

1902 d. York, Natal. (SAG [SS])

1919.05.07 Widow Wilhelmina Magdalena d. in the Balfour District. (AS)

**William** (Born 27.09.1829, Glen Linden. Died 13.06.1905, Kokstad)

1829.09.27 Born (HBL). At Glen Linden. (SAG [SS])

1832.03.13 Bapt. Glen Linden. (AS)

1835.05.15 Wife Johanna Susanna Uys b., she was the dau. of Jacubus Johannes Uys (b. 1800) and Geertruida Johanna Human. (Cilliers p.611). G.J. Human bapt 1807. (D/P v.1, p.345)

1855.04.16 Aged 25, farmer of Umvoti m. Johanna Susanna Uys, 20. (GGR)

1858.10.00 Said he had been in Natal 12 years [*sic*] and was aged 28, a farmer of the Umgeni. (SGO III/5/32 no.47)

1858.11.01 Granted farm *TweeFonteins* (3 038 acres), signed for by Colborne. (SGO III/12/1 p. 92)

1861.03.00 Signed a petition of Umvoti Co. residents. (CSO 2251 no. E701)

1868.07.26 Sub. C of *Nooitgedacht* transferred to Thos, Wm and Charles Liversage. (D/T via JKG)

1869.01.04 Member of Greytown Mounted Rifles. Issued with an Enfield and a Terry. (GTN RM’s CB)

1870.11.01 Messrs William and Henry Liversage setting off for the diamond fields this week. BGD 01.11.70)

1871.01.27 Liversage’s k…. came back from the diamond fields, says the Liversages have found 4 diamonds. (Ibid. 27.01.71)

1871.03.18 In newspaper last night that one of the Liversages had found a diamond 37¼ carats worth £8 000. (Ibid. 18.03.71)

1871.04.15 The Liversages came home in a carriage and pair from the diamond fields, saying they had found £40 000 worth of diamonds. (Ibid. 15.04.11)

1871.05.21 William and Thomas Liversage dispatched by registered mail to the Sec. of Standard Bank, London, through the Pmb. branch, a package of 12 diamonds totalling 62 41/64carats valued at £1 500. (RSC IV/19/21 no. 310)

1873.07.26 Refer entry for Henry Bond Liversage.

1873.12.06 Looking out a governess as Mr Sheridan is leaving as there are so few scholars when 2 Liversages are away. (BGD 06.12.73)

1874.09.17 Beneficiary in parents’ estate. (RSC I/8/57 no. 5331)

1874.09.23 Mrs William Liversage has gone to live in Mooi River. (BGD 23.09.74)

1878.03.30 Rem. of farm *Waterfall* or *Broughton* was sold to Louis Demont on behalf of William, Thomas and Charles Liversage. Property paid off on 30.03.78 but bond could not be cancelled because Thomas Liversage was out of Natal farming in the Free State near Harrismith. Cancellation authorized 18.04.78. (RSC I/8/76 no. 6896)

1878 end Farmer *Mount Victoria*, Weston. (DNA 1879)

Date ------- Because of chest complaint of wife moved to East Griqualand to the farm *Kings Crown*. (AS)

1904.02.18 Wife Johanna Susanna d. Buried in Kokstad. (AS)

1905.06.13 d. at farm *Wagner’s Kraal*, Mount Currie. Buried with wife in Kokstad. Name on stone Leversage. (AS)

**Thomas** (Born 31.01.1832, Glen Linden. Died 29.07.1907, Entonjaneni)

1832.01.31 Born. (HBL). At Glen Linden . (SAG [SS])

1832.03.13 Bapt. Glen Linden. (AS)

1843.01.14 *c*. Wife Martha Barbara Müller b., dau. of William Hendrik Müller (bapt. 1818) and Johanna Hendrika Magdalena Hensen. (Cilliers p.385)

1844.01.14 Wife Martha Barbara Müller b. (SAG [SS])

1858.02.00 m. Martha Barbara Müller, 15, of *Nooitgedacht*. He was of *Broughton*, Umgeni. (R. St.P. Pmb.)

1858.02.01 m. Martha Barbara Muller, Pmb. (SAG [SS])

1861.03.00 Signed a petition of Umvoti Co. residents. (CSO 2251 no. E 701)

1868.07.26 Sub. C of *Nooitgedacht* transferred to Thos, Wm and Charles Liversage. (D/T via JKG)

1869.10.04 Member of Greytown Mounted Rifles. Issued with an Enfield and a Terry. (GTN RM’s CB)

1871.02.08 Thomas Liversage, Hellman and Johnson set off for the diamond fields, 3 wagons in all. (BGD 08.02.71)

1871.04.15 Refer entry for Wm Liversage.

1871.05.00 Refer entry for Wm Liversage.

1872.02.15 Set off to the diamonds. (BGD 15.02.72)

1873.07.26 Refer entry for Henry Bond Liversage.

1874.02.08 Mr Thos Liversage’s child d. at Pmb. in the wagon… Dr Boast came to see another of Liversage’s children at Hellman’s, six in diphtheria. (BGD 08.02.74)

1874.04.30 Thos and Henry Liversage with 3 wagons here on their way to the Free State. (BGD 30.04.74)

1874.09.17 Beneficiary in parents’ estate (RSC I/8/57 no. 5331)

1878.03.30 Refer entry for Wm Liversage.

1897.07.29 d., Entonjaneni. (SAG [SS])

1907.07.29 d. aged 65½, farmer, on farm *Zietover*, Entonjaneni district. (MSCE 48/142)

1912.07.08 Wife Martha Barbara, b. in Pmb. dau. of Willem and Hendrina Müller (both deceased) d. aged 69 yrs 5mths 24dys at *Driefontein*, Entonjaneni district. They were m. in Pmb. (MSCE 46/142)

1912.10.11 Widow Martha Barbara d. Melmouth. (SAG [SS])

**Charles** (Born 19.10.1833. Died 22.08. 1906, Vryheid)

1830.02.22 Charles’ wife Maria Isabella Magdalena Martens b. (PB)

1833.10.19 Charles b. (HBL)

1835*c*. Charles’ wife Maria Isabella Magdalena b., dau. of Jan Thomas Martens (bapt. 1800 d. 1877) and Anna Maria Isabella Coetzee. (Cilliers pp340-2) A.M.I. Coetzee was bapt.1808. (D/P p.149)

1840.04.26 bapt. by George Green. Fort Beaufort Meth. Church. (AS)

1840.08.26 Charles bapt. Fort Beaufort (SAG [SS])

1856.10.20 Aged 23, farmer of Umgeni, in Pmb. m. Maria Isabella Magdalena Martens, 21, of *Doornhoek*. (R.DRC Pmb)

1861.03.00 Signed a petition of Umvoti Co. residents. (CSO 2251 no. E701)

1861.12.18 Purchased farm *Groenkop* from Peter Brewer. [Bruwer, Pieter. (SO’BS)] (RSC I/5/63 no.929)

1864.06.27 Sued by Peter Brewer [*sic*.] for the last instalment of the purchase price of farm *Groenkop* Umvoti Division, bought 18.12.61. Plan of farms on Umvoti Flats surveyed by T.W. Fannin attached. (RSC I/5/63 no. 929)

1867.08.23 Plaintiff in a case against a servant heard at Greytown. Lives at farm *Groenkop*. (1/GTN 2/4/1 p. 259)

1868.07.26 Sub. C of *Nooitgedacht* transferred to Thos, Wm and Charles Liversage. (D/T via JKG)

1869.10.04 Member of Greytown Mounted Rifles. Issued with an Enfield and a Terry. (GTN RM’s CB)

1873.07.26 Refer entry for Henry Bond Liversage.

1874.09.17 Beneficiary in parents’ estate. Living near Ficksburg, OFS. (RSC 1/8/57 no. 5331)

1878.03.30 Refer entry for William Liversage.

1884.09.07 Wife Maria [Isabella] Magdalena d. (MSC66/1907, MSCE 27/177)

1885.11.04 m. Susannah Petronella Britz at Lydenberg. MSC 66/1907, MSCE 27/177). Formerly Rossouw. (AS)

1891.10.00 Was of *Riet Vlei*, Standerton, when he made his will. (MSC 66/1907)(MSCE 27/177)

1906.08.22 Charles d. aged 72yrs 10mths 3dys at Vryheid. Was of the farm *Vriesnet*, Vryheid District. (MSCE 27/177)(MSC 66/1907)

**Henry Bond** (Born 30.08.1835, Fort Beaufort. Died 13.08.1910, Babanango)

1835.08.30 b. (HBL). Fort Beaufort (SAG [SS])

1837*c*. Henry’s 1st wife Martha Petronella van Jaarsveld b., dau of Adrian Johannes Frederick Gustaaf van Jaarsveld (bapt 1793) and Aletta Helen v.d. Merwe. (Cilliers p.242)

1837.08.14 Martha Petronella b. (SAG [SS])

1840.04.26 bapt. by George Green, Fort Beaufort Meth. Church. (AS)

1855.04.09 Aged 19, farmer of Umgeni, at Pmb. m. Martha Petronella v. Jaarsveld, 17, of Pmb. (R. DRC Pmb.)

1857.12.10 Henry Bond’s 2nd wife Anna Maria Elizabeth Birkenstock b., Pmb., dau. of Johann Joseph August Birkenstock (*c*. 1828, Germany – 18.08.1889) and Susanna Catharina Scheepers. She was the widow of Jacobus Lourens v. Reenen. (Cilliers p.36)

1858.01.00 Aged 22, a wagon maker of Umgeni Drift, has been here for *c* 13 years (SGO III/5/26 no. 271)

1858.03.01 Granted farm *Umvoti Highlands* (2 639 acres). Signed for by H.B. Liversage 28.04.1858. (SGO III/12/1 p.90)

1861.03.00 Signed a petition of Umvoti Co. residents (CSO 2251 no, E701)

1866.02.06 Sub. C of *Nooitgedacht* transferred to H.B. Liversage. (D/T via JKG)

1868.07.26 Sub C. of *Nooitgedacht* transferred to Thos, Wm and Charles Liversage. (D/T via JKG)

1869.01.04 Member of Greytown Mounted Rifles. Issued with an Enfield and a Terry. (GTN RM’s CB)

1870.11.01 Messrs Wm and Henry Liversage setting off for the diamond fields this week (BGD 01.11.70). See entries for Wm dated 27.01.71, 18.03.71 &15.04.71 as they could include Henry B. (BMS)

1871.11.29 H. Liversage called for a bag of flour. His wagons are gone on to the diamond fields and he is going after them tomorrow. (BGD 29.11.71)

1873.07.26 Sub. C of *Nooidtgedacht* (3 351 acres, 2 roods, 28 perches) sold and ceded to Henry Bond Liversage of *Nooitgedacht*, farmer, by Thomas Liversage of *Nooidtgedacht,* farmer, and William and Charles Liversage. James Raw, auctioneer, Pmb., effected the transfer. Sale price £726.4.3. (D/T via JKG)

1873.12.06 H. Llversage is going to sell out and go to the Free State. (BGD 06.12.73)

1874.04.30 Thos and Henry Liversage with 3 wagons here on their way to the Free State. (BGD 30.04.74)

1874.09.17 Beneficiary in parents’ estate (RSC I/8/57 no. 5337)

1874.10.13 Made affidavit that his half-sister Catherine’s husband Joubert is not in Natal and it will be difficult to trace him. Their children are all of age. Catherine d. at least 10 years before the date of Samuel and Harriet’s will made. (RSC 1/8/58 no. 5395)

1877 Rem. C of *Nooitgedacht* owned by H.B. Liversage. Value of land £2 094.15.9. Value of Bldgs £60. (NGG 08.03.81)

1878 end Farmer, *Nooitgedacht*, York. (DNA 1879 p. 355)

1883.03.00 Henry Bond Liversage was owner of Sub. C of *Nooitgedacht* and eventually in Mar.1883 sold this to my grandfather John Geekie to form the major portion of the farm *Benvie*. (JKG)

1886.04.21 Announced in the *Staats Courant* of the New Republic that the partnership of H.B. and A.J. Liversage , who had traded as general dealers as H.B. Liversage & Son, in the South African Republic and the New Republic, had been dissolved by mutual consent. (HJ p.342)

1897.11.30 Wife Martha Petronella d. at *Mynhoop*, interred at *Rockpoort*. (MSC 162/1908). Henry Bond’s wife Martha Petronella b. in Pmb., dau. of Adrian and Aletta v. Jaarsveld (née v.d. Merwe) d. aged 60yrs 3mths in the Vryheid district (Babanango). Henry Bond signed the death notice. (MSCE 33/97)

1900.03.13 Aged 64, a widower, he m. in Vryheid, Anna Maria Elizabeth Birkenstock widow of Jacob Lourens v. Reenen (Cilliers p.36)

1910.08.13 d. aged 74yrs 11mths, farmer. He was b. in the Cape, son of Samuel and Harriet E. (née Bond) and m. 1.) Martha P. v. Jaarsveld d. 30.11.98 and 2.) Anna Maria Eliz. Birkenstock. He d. on his farm *Geluksfontein*, Babanango. (MSCE 39/93). Henry Bond of farm *Fair View*, Vryheid district, farmer, d. aged 75. Will dated July 1910 at *Fairround*, Babanango. Wife was Anna Maria Elizabeth (Birkenstock). (MSC 309/1910)

1922.01.04 Widow Anna Maria Elizabeth d. (Cilliers p.36)

**Victoria** (Born 13.03.1840, Fort Beaufort. Died 28.07.1914, Greytown)

1834**c**. Victoria’s husband Cornelius Jacobus Martens b., son of Jan Thomas and Anna Maria Isabella Coetzee. (Cilliers pp 340-1)

1840.03.13 b. (HBL). Fort Beaufort (SAG [SS])

1840 04.16 bapt. Fort Beaufort. (SAG [SS])

1840.04.26 bapt. by George Green, Fort Beaufort Meth. Church. (AS)

1856.10.20 Aged 16, of Umgeni, she m. Cornelius Jacobus Martens, 22, farmer, *Doornhoek*. (R. DRC Pmb.)

1872.06.04 Samuel Liversage d. at the residence of his dau. Mrs C. Martin [*sic*] near the Seven Oaks. (*NM* 11.06.72). He d. at Mrs C. Martens’ *Fairfield*, Seven Oaks. (R.Wes. York [JL])

1874.09.17 Beneficiary in her parents’ estate. Lives near the huts, Umvoti Flats, Natal. (RSC 1/8/57 no.5331)

1909.10.05 Husband Cornelius Jacobus Martens, farmer, d. aged 75 at Greytown. (MSC 253/1909)(Tomb GT)

1914.06.28 Victoria d., Greytown (SAG [SS])

1914.07.28 Victoria d. (Cilliers p.312. Date taken from gravestone)

**Notes**

\*After a surname indicates that person as the head of a family and therefore qualified for an entry in Shelagh Spencer’sbiographical register.

+ HBL – Liversage, Henry Bond in letter headed *Nooidtgedacht* 29.12.73. (RSC 1/8/57 No. 5337)

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R. Wes York [JL] – Denotes a comment in the register by Revd James Langley.

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**Newspapers**

*NCPA* – *Natal Courier and Pietermaritzburg Advertiser*

*NI – Natal Independent*

*NM – Natal Mercury*

*NSEAT – Natal and South East Africa Times*

*NS – Natal Star*

*NT – Natal Times*

*NW – Natal Witness*

**Personal Communication**

AS – Short, Dr Andrew

JKG –Geekie, John Kinsey (Deceased)

PB – Barrett, Peace. (Deceased)

SO’BS – Spencer, Dr Shelagh O’Byrne

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CSO – Colonial Secretary’s Office

GGR – Greytown Government Register

GTN RM’s CB – Greytown Resident Magistrate’s Copy Book

MSC – Master of the Supreme Court, Wills (in the Master’s Office. Pmb.)

MSCE – Deceased Estates. (in the Pmb. Archives Repository)

NGG – Natal Government Gazette

RSC – Registrar of the Supreme Court

SGO – Surveyor General’s Office

1/GTN – Greytown Resident Magistrates’ records

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