

DR. CRAWFORD WARREN



QUEEN'S SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1902, 2 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State awarded to C. Warren, Surgeon.

Dr. Crawford Warren was born at Holly Brook Park, Clontarf, Dublin, Eire on 9 October 1861 His father was Isaac Peyton Warren Esq. and mother Mary SHORTT. He was baptised in the parish church on 21 November 1861.

Warren qualified at Trinity College, Dublin L.(L.M.)R.C.P. and S. Irel., in 1888; and progressed to F.R.C.S. Irel., in 1892¹. Two publications are attributed to him in his early years as a practitioner².

By 1891, his registered address is given as Dam Dim, PO Silligoorie, Bengal³; and by 1895 it is given as Ranicherra, Saili Hât, Jalpaiguri, Bengal where he appears to have remained until he travelled to South Africa⁴.

The Second Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) saw Warren doing service as a Civil Surgeon in Nos. 3 General Hospital, Kimberley and 8 General Hospital, Bloemfontein for which he was awarded the Queen's South Africa medal 1899-1902, with 2 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State. He was discharged from service on the Civil Surgeons list on 19 May 1901; and joined the Imperial Military Railways (I.M.R) at Waterval Onder thereafter. Documentary evidence suggests that we was

¹ The Medical Register 31 August 1888 et seq. Curiously, his name remained in the register until (the last in) 1957, that is 13 years after his death.

² Public Health And Poor-Law Medical Services. The British Medical Journal 1892 (May 28, 1892): 1 (1639); 1169-1171; The Canada Lancet 1892: 25 Publ: Toronto Lancet Pub. Co. [etc.]

³ Earlier called Silichaguri, now Siliguri, West Bengal, "Gateway of North East India", the city lies at the foot of the Himalayas and is known for "Tea, Transport, Tourism and Timber".

⁴ This is likely to have been the Ranicherra Tea Estate, Sailihat, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

to be awarded the clasps Transvaal and 1902 but these were not issued; and his application for the King's South Africa medal was declined on the basis of his having moved off to the I.M.R. His name appears on the nominal roll of the I.M.R.⁵ but not on that medal roll which, to my mind smacks of bureaucratic pettiness⁶.

TO BE RENDERED IN TRIPPLICATE.

British Surgeons. Royal Army Medical Regiment in Corps.

ROLL of Individuals entitled to the Queen's South Africa Medal and Clasps under the Army Order No. 233 issued on 1st October, 1902, or to additional Clasps to the Queen's South Africa Medal under that Army Order.

(This form of Medal Roll is supplementary to and is not to supersede that used for other similar Army Orders No. 1 of 1901.)

To be left. Mark	Regimental Number	Rank	NAME	Whether Application has already been made for Queen's South Africa Medal under Army Order No. 1 of 1901	If application for the Queen's South Africa Medal already made or when Ballot notice was submitted	Whether entitled to Clasp			Whether entitled to additional Clasp		Any other Clasp, in which entitled to South Africa Medal	REMARKS (Including names of men bearing unnecessary, fortissimo, etc.)	
						Clasp Cape	Clasp Orange Free State	Clasp Transvaal	South Africa 1901	South Africa 1902			
b-54			<i>Private</i> <i>John</i>										
			<i>John</i>										
			<i>A. H.</i>										
			<i>J.</i>										
			<i>J. B.</i>										

[Every form submitted to be separately signed. Any form badly printed to be exactly similar in material, size and quality of paper.]

I certify that the individuals named in this Roll are actually entitled to the Clasp, or the Medal and Clasp, as claimed above.

James
Signature and Rank of Officer personally signifying of the Claimant's approval.

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He was formally registered as a general medical practitioner in South Africa in 1903 resident at Waterval Onder.

In 1907, the South African Medical Record notes that "Dr Crawford Warren, late R.M.O. (Railway Medical Officer) at Waterval Onder has removed to Springs, on the East Rand, where he has been appointed additional District Surgeon".

⁵ Seen reported by David Biggins <http://www.angloboerwar.com/home>

⁶ In this regard it is worth reading the shenanigans which surrounded the issuing of medals to Major Sir Abraham "Abe" Bailey, a major benefactor in the British war effort. Source [the Search Tree]: [www.ancestry.co.uk/All Categories/ Military / Awards & Decorations of Honour UK / Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1949 / Browse Individual Records in this Title / Africa / South Africa 1899-1902 / Miscellaneous / "Claims not approved by Commander in Chief"](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/All%20Categories/Military/Awards%20&%20Decorations%20of%20Honour%20UK/Military%20Campaign%20Medal%20and%20Award%20Rolls%201793-1949/Browse%20Individual%20Records%20in%20this%20Title/Africa/South%20Africa%201899-1902/Miscellaneous/Claims%20not%20approved%20by%20Commander%20in%20Chief) WO 100/384

He married Beatrice Johanna VAN NIEKERK in Graaff Reinet in 1908; and their only child, Cyril Henry Crawford Warren, was born on 11 January 1909. His wife died in 1920 ⁷.

By 1923, after 35 years in practice, he had retired to Graaff Reinet and was listed in the professional register as "Late District Surgeon, Railway Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health for Springs".

He died in the home of his friend, Ernest Cotter, 4 Sandycove Avenue West, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin on 18 July 1944. The cause of death was given as being athero-sclerosis with associated myocarditis. His son, Cyril Henry Crawford Warren was present at the bedside.

Based on a reading of his estate papers, it appears likely that he was laid to rest at Deans Grange (Deansgrange) Cemetery, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

In a will dated 7 December 1943 ⁸, Warren left substantial assets in Graaff Reinet and Dublin. Ernest Cooter. "my friend" was to be his sole executor. He, in turn, went on to instruct a local Dubliner attorney plus Alfred Neemann and Jozua Petrus van Niekerk of Graaff Reinet to act on his behalf.

Legacies were made to Christina Mary Warren, sister ⁹; Elise Warren, niece ¹⁰; Florence Emma Mecredy, house-keeper; Ernest Cotter "friend provided he acts as Executor of this will"; and "my dear son", Cyril Henry Crawford Warren. After a good deal of debate over claims made by the Receiver of Taxes, Eire, the estate was finally settled on 27 September 1948, its value after expenses and death duties being £. 13067/17/1 ¹¹.

Cyril Henry Crawford Warren married Pauline Sarah (née Marais, formerly the spouse of predeceased Eddie McConnell) ^{12 13 14}, and

⁷ Beatrice Johanna VAN NIEKERK was born in 1882 in Graaff Reinet to Henry and Sophia Petronella van Niekerk and died in Springs aged 38 years on 21 December 1920. Women of South Africa includes the following entry: "niece of Sir Jacob de Wet, British Resident in the Transvaal ... a certified medical & surgical nurse ... recreations tennis, shooting, music"

⁸ Witnesses: Ernest Cotter of 4 Sandycove Avenue, Dún Laoghaire and Henry Burleigh of 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.

⁹ Christina Mary Warren b. 12 Apr 1865 Clontarf and Raheny, Dublin, Ireland parents: Isaac Peyton Warren and Mary Shortt.

Isaac Peyton Warren (1830-1913: so. Isaac Warren) married 19 January 1860 at Clontarf, Dublin Mary Shortt (do. Crawford Shortt). Presumably following her death, he remarried in July QRT of 1886.

¹⁰ Elise Warren b. July QRT 1887. Described as a niece, resident at the same address "Warrenpoint", Clontarf, Dublin, it seems likely that she was the daughter of Christina Mary Warren.

¹¹ In 2012, this is of the order of £. 405,000 or ZAR 5,175,000 Ref: <http://www.thisismoney.co.uk>, and <http://www.xe.com>

¹² The following entry appears in the St. Andrews College, Grahamstown, Register 1844 - 1959: Name: Warren, Cyril Henry Crawford. Entry Number: 3330 Details: son of Dr. C.; Left Dec. 1927; b. 11.1.1909; Upper. Form III-VI. Prefect. Sgt. C.C. 3rd XV. VIII*. J.C. '25; **Trinity Coll. Dublin (med.); Medical practitioner**. This latter detail is incorrect.

except that he was a Captain in the South African Engineers Corp during WW II and a Company Director, I have not been able to ascertain any other details of the man.

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¹³ Pauline Sarah MARAIS DOB 25 February 1904 DOBapt 25 April 1904 St. Saviours Anglican Church, Claremont, C.P. Parents: George and Alice (Aletta Jacoba) Marais of Johannesburg. Witnesses: Wilfrid Ford Marais, Mabel de Villiers, Margaret Elizabeth Marais. Cleric: BH Hampden Jones.

¹⁴ Pauline Sarah Warren (née MARAIS) aged 57 years 2 months died on 14 April 1961 in Bedford View, Germiston. Her husband, CHC Warren, whom she married in 1938 (ANC 3004/38), is listed as a Director, with a previous husband, E McConnell, having predeceased her on 1 December 1960. She left two offspring by the first marriage: Colleen Maun QUAIL and Aroon Jessica Mary PAPPAS.