

EMMANUEL MÖLLER

This document is dedicated to the memory of

Edward Randolph ("Aubrey") Möller (1923-2005)

with whom I had fruitful correspondence but whom I was destined never to have the privilege of meeting.

As we agreed, this document is published expurgated and after his death.

EMMANUEL MØLLER (later MÖLLER) was born on 21 September 1852 in Copenhagen, Denmark, a close relative of the MØLLER/MAERSK Shipping Line. About 1865, he is said to have decided that he had no liking for a desk job and went to sea sailing "before the mast" as a common seaman. He called at the Cape and decided to stay.

In his Application for Letters of Naturalization ¹, the following details are supplied :

He was a painter by trade. He appears to have taken up residence in Cape Town in 1878. The following were his residential addresses from 1878 until 1907 :

Building	Address	Date
	Pepper St, Cape Town	1878-1879
	Basutoland	1880-1881
	Brice Street, Cape Town	1881-1882
	Claremont	1882-1884
Berling's Row	Pepper St, Cape Town	1884-1886
	Loader Street, Cape Town	1886-1889
	Waterkant Street, Cape Town	1889-1992
Hilda House	Napier Street, Cape Town	1992-1996
Atwell's Boarding Hse	Caledon Street, Cape Town	1996-1900
Worham Cottage	Napier Street, Cape Town	1900-1903
22 Railway Cottage	Maitland	1903-1906

He joined the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteer Rifles Band (DEOV : later the famous "Dukes") on 7 February 1885 and the Cape Town Volunteer Engineer Corps ^{2 3} on 8 August 1889, and, at the time of his applying for naturalization on 26 November 1906, was still a member of both regiments. His worthy character and loyalty was attested to by Staff Sgt. Bertrand Grant and the famous Lt. Col. Henry Woodhead, both of the DEOV Rifles.

¹ Application for Letters of Naturalization under Acts No.2 of 1883 and No. 35 of 1889 : KAB. CO 8640.22 dated 1906

² Cape Town Volunteer Engineer Corps was raised by Lt. Col. J Scott Tucker in 1859 as the "Cape Sappers and Miners". Its name was changed in 1861 to Cape Town Volunteer Engineer Corps with a strength of 85. It was re-raised by Capt. J Tennant in 1879. In 1880 it served in the Transkei during the 1880-1881 Basutoland Rebellion with a strength of 102. It merged with the Cape Garrison Artillery in 1891.

³ How this relates to Malmesbury Burgers I have yet to discover. Malmesbury, an agricultural town, lies 60 kilometres north of Cape Town in the Swartland (or Black land, so named after the colour of the vegetation at times of drought). It was named by the British governor, Sir Lowry Cole in 1829 after his father-in-law, the Earl of Malmesbury. The region is known for its grain and viticulture. There was a Jewish community there with a shul, now a museum.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteers Regiment sent 319 men to the Langberg area west of Kimberley during the 1897 Bechuanaland Rebellion; and seconded 250 men to Kitchener's Horse and 106 men to the Colonial Light Horse during the Anglo-Boer War 1898-1902. Though family lore has it that Möller spent four to five months in Kimberley when under siege during the Anglo-Boer War 1898-1902⁴, I suspect that his sojourn in Kimberley was related to the 1897 Bechuanaland Rebellion.



E Möller wearing his medals [1923]

Emmanuel Möller was awarded the Cape of Good Hope General Service Medal 1880-1897 (bar Transkei) (inscribed Tpr. E. Möller, Malmesby. Burg's); and Queens South Africa Medal (bar CC) (inscribed 164 Bandsman E. Möller, D.of E.Own V.R.); and the Volunteer Long Service and Good Conduct Medal 1894-1907. These details (including the single bar of the CGHGS) are confirmed in the documents relating to his Letters of Naturalization and in the CGHGS Roll.

The Cape of Good Hope General Service Medal 1880-1897 was instituted in 1881 and crafted in silver. There were three bars: Transkei, Basutoland and Bechuanaland. Only 10 medals were issued without a bar; and the bar "Transkei" is the scarcest of the bars, numbering 1070. It was awarded for operations in Tembuland and Griqualand East in 1880 - 1881. The CGHGS Roll indicates Möller's rank as "Trumpeter". Only 5 Transkei clasps were awarded to this unit. (ex *F. Mitchell collection*).

⁴ I have yet to consult the Duke's regimental papers in an attempt to check what action Möller saw (if any) during the Anglo-Boer War.



Medals ex Mitchell Collection

Using enhancement techniques on an original photograph dated 1923, there is no doubt that the medal he wears on the left (The Cape of Good Hope General Service Medal) carries two bars. Sadly the lettering is indistinct and the jury is out as to how many letters there are on the second bar.

Given the fact that Möller lived in Basutoland between 1880-1881, it is possible that the missing clasp (the previous existence of which is evident when examining the medal) was Cape of Good Hope General Service Medal 1880-1897 (bar Basutoland). I do not favour this as he only joined the army through the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteer Rifles Band on 7 February 1885 and the Cape Town Volunteer Engineer Corps on 8 August 1889, that is after the Basutoland campaign.

I suspect that the missing clasp relates to the Langberg operation west of Kimberley during 1897 Bechuanaland Rebellion, and that the bar was issued subsequent to his application for Naturalisation in 1906. It is known that additional bars were issued in the early 1900's and that the documentation of these was rather poor.

The medal on the right of the group carries the image of Edward VII and the ribbon is uniformly dark and not that of the Kings South Africa medal 1901-1902. The ribbon of the Volunteer Long Service and Good Conduct Medal 1894-1907 is dark green and given the documentary evidence, this clearly is it. Its current whereabouts is unknown.



Enhanced image of the medals

Möller married one, Mary-Ann (Maryanne) Payne and in fairly quick succession is said to have raised 11 children [sic]. They lived above his shop in the vicinity of the Gardens. In 1901, the family lost everything as the result of fire. Refusing to go into voluntary liquidation or to call on family in Copenhagen for assistance, he battled for years to settle his debts.


He played the French horn but little more is known of this talent.

He was quite short in stature. He was well educated, speaking with but the barest of foreign accents. He is reported to have been honest, kind-hearted, considerate and loved by all. His family life and those of his descendants was extremely complex and remains confidential to the author.

Though his photograph of 1923 reflects a finely lined, somewhat stern visage, with the typical Victorian moustache so fashionable at the time, he was tolerant of others and never heard to utter words in anger nor accusations.

GENEALOGY

1 Peter Hendrik Møller m. Caroline Adolphine KARTOFT

1.1 Emmanuel Peder Møller  (in South Africa Möller) * 21 September 1852 ~ 24 October 1852 Hof-Og Slotskirken, Kobenhavn died 9 September 1925 m. Mary-Ann PAYNE bc. 1862 d. 23 May 1941 buried 25 May 1941

Emmanuel Möller, Mary-Ann Möller and Caroline ("Carrie") Barnett are buried in Maitland Cemetery, Gate 2, Plot 15535, section B, section A remaining vacant to this day. The inscription of the head reads as follows:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR BELOVED FATHER
AND MOTHER
EMANUEL MÖLLER
DIED 9 SEPT. 1925
AGED 72 YRS
MARYANN MÖLLER
DIED 23 MAY 1941
AGED 79 YRS
MY DEAR WIFE
CAROLINE BARNETT
DIED 16 MARCH 1962
AGED 77 YRS
EVER REMEMBERED BY SAM,
MAUD, GLADYS, LILY AND RELATIVES



1.1.1 Joseph Victor Emmanuel Möller m. (first) Beatrice Maud née REYNOLDS (divorced 1930)

1.1.1 Joseph Victor Emmanuel Möller d. 19 June 1944 m. (second) Margaret ("Maggie") DEMPSEY née GRIFFITHS bc. 1885 Wales d. Brown's Hotel, Warmbaths 16 December 1946 [TAB HMG 150/47](#)

Death Notice : MOLLER, Joseph Victor - of 128 2nd Street, Springs, late of 508 Prince George Avenue, Brenthurst and SA Lands Exploration Co., passed away peacefully in Jhb. 19 June 1944. Sadly missed by his loving wife and relatives etc.

Margaret DEMPSEY née GRIFFITHS died leaving daughters Beatrice Maud d. 1947 NAB 814/47 m. WILSON; Lillian Dempsey; Hilda Gertrude m. ALLEN, son-in-law George Arthur Dempsey, niece Cassie Johannes and nephew Leslie Griffiths. The relationships are not explicit in the death notice.

1.1.2 Albert Möller m. (first)

1.1.2.1 Elton Möller

1.1.2 Albert Möller m. (second) Francis (Albert was her second husband)


1.1.3 Caroline ("Carrie") Möller bc. 1885 d. 16 March 1962 buried 17 March 1962 consort **William Peddie ("Percy") SHARRATT** b. Eaton Bray, Bedford, England 1876 d. 21 July 1939 Carlton Hotel, West St., Durban NAB MSCE 29241/1939⁵

1.1.3.1 Edward Roloford Möller b. 16 June 1900 d. 31 March 1981 m. 1920 Edith Newton b. 6 April 1902 Devout Anglican d. 22 November 1992

buried as  



Edward Roloford and Edith Möller

1.1.3.1.1 (* 1.1.3.2) George Edward Möller b. 1922 

1.1.3.1.2 Daughter Möller d. infant, dates unknown

1.1.3.1.3 Edward Randolph ("Aubrey") Möller b. 8 December 1923 d. January 2005 m. 14 July 1945 Mona CORNHILL b. 21 June 1926 d. 4 November 1996



Edward Randolph Möller


⁵ The detailed Family Tree of W.P.Sharratt appears as an appendix to this account. There is no doubt that the name PEDDIE was created through a misunderstanding by the person who wrote down Sharratt's Last Will and Testament whilst he was dying, and that it should have read PERRY (or PARRY), those being family names.

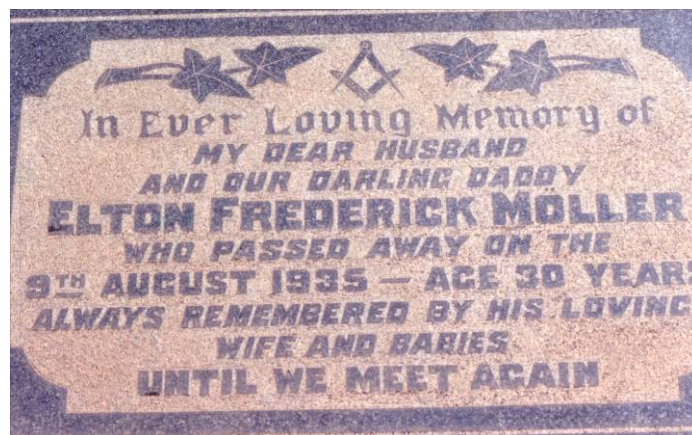
- 1.1.3.1.3.1 Gail Möller b. 15 December 1946
- 1.1.3.1.3.2 Alan Möller b. 15 January 1951 m. 27 July 1971 Jettie Rijlaarsdam b. 17 September 1950
- 1.1.3.1.3.1.1 Steve Möller b. 26 February 1972
- 1.1.3.1.3.1.2 Liza Möller b. 10 September 1982
- 1.1.3.1.3.1.3 Carl Möller b. 4 June 1984



Steve Möller

- 1.1.3.1.3.2 Gail Möller
- 1.1.3.1.4 Edward ("Teddy") Reginald Möller b. 26 February 1930

1.1.3.2 Elton Frederick ("Tiger") Möller  bc. November 1904 d. 9 August 1935 m. Lily



Gravestone of Elton Frederick Möller

Death Notice : MOLLER, Elton Frederick Möller aged 30 years and 9 months died on the 9th August at the Far East Rand Hospital, Springs; underground rigger of West Springs Gold Mine and beloved husband of Mrs L Möller etc.

..... the town is the poorer for the loss of an outstanding musician as well as a most popular young man. Born 30 years ago, he belonged to one of the oldest Transvaal families [sic] His kindly disposition and cheery personality won for him a host of good friends and his musical ability was recognised as being of outstanding merit having been for some years past a popular member of Joe Shippen's Orchestra. More than 300 mourners attended the (Masonic) funeral after which the cortege proceeded to the Benoni Cemetery.

Buried in Plot No. 753, section N, Benoni Cemetery

- 1.1.3.2.1 Gloria Möller
- 1.1.3.2.2 Oscar Elton Möller

1.1.3 Caroline ("Carrie") Möller d. 1965/66 m.(first) Samuel ("Sam") BARNETT b. 1876 d. 18 June 1969

died in Jewish Old Age Home, Cape Town aged 93 years; buried Plot 14417 Pinelands *1 Jewish Cemetery
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1.1.4 Gladys Möller m. Jack BAUM

1.1.4.1 Harry Baum m. Dorothy

1.1.5 Maude Möller b. 30 September 1890 (31 October 1890) d. 1966 m. George MANNING b. Yorkshire 7 May 1888 d. 6 December 1921

1.1.5.1 Mavis Hartwell Manning b. 25 February 1917 m. Len DE WET [3 X o/s)

1.1.5.1.1 Peter de Wet

1.1.5.1.2 John de Wet

1.1.5.1.3 Gail de Wet

1.1.5.2 Joyce Edna Manning b. 24 February 1922 m. Walter Woodrow ("Holly") HOLLINGWORTH [4 X o/s]

1.1.5.2.1 Brian Hollingworth

1.1.5.2.2 Alan Hollingworth

1.1.5.2.3 Gillian Hollingworth

1.1.5.2.4 Michael Hollingworth

1.1.6 Lily Bea Möller m. [2 X females o/s; 1 X male o/s]

1.1.6.1 Gladys

1.1.6.2 Millicent ("Milly")

1.1.6.3 Ronald

1.1.7 Gertie Möller m. [lives in Sydney, Australia]

1.1.7.1 Joyce

1.1.7.2 Mavis

1.1.7.3 Thelma

1.1.8 - 1.1.11 Möller OTHERS

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