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P.F.de B. Tengbergen
Passport photo, 1936
NAN photo 05979

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Peter Franco de Bruyn Tengbergen

Introduction

These items were apparently donated by Tengbergen's daughter Florentine Francoise de Bruyn-Tengbergen in 1977. They consist of several freemasonry items and documents, photos of Windhoek, Swakopmund and Walvis Bay from the 1920s, and a few other items.

Pieter Franco de Bruyn Tengbergen was born in the Netherlands on 5 January 1867.¹ It is not known how he came to South Africa. He worked as a *landdrost* of the South African Republic, and later as a law agent in Pretoria (1892) and then Witbank, Transvaal and as Assistant Magistrate at Middelburg, 1910-1915.²

In 1920 he was in Windhoek and applied through O'Reilly for admission as a law agent.³ In 1921, he took an examination as sworn translator.⁴ In both cases, it is not clear whether he was actually admitted, but the presence of the postcard⁵ indicates that he was actually working at the Magistrate's Court.

Tengbergen was a Freemason and belonged to the lodges in Belfast (Transvaal), Middelburg (Transvaal) and Windhoek.⁶

He was married to Aletta Johanna Sophia de Bruyn Tengbergen (née Bland) who died on 22.6.1927. They had four daughters: Angélique Cecilia (*20.8.1895 in Barberton), Maria Elizabeth (*12.12.1897 in Bremersdorp, Swaziland) who married K.W. Schreve, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; Florentine Francois (*21.10.1904 in Belfast, Tvl.) and Yvonne (*13.2.1912 Middelburg, +13.2.1920 Witbank).⁷

A passport photo of Tengbergen is available as photo 05979.

The collection is open for consultation without restrictions.

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¹ NAN, file SWAA [1903] A406/4/921

² NAN, file ADM [015] 57/22

³ Ibid.

⁴ NAN, SWAA [1034] A128/6

⁵ See no.8 in this collection

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⁷ NAN, EST [583] 713 and SWAA [1921] A438/491

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3	Invitation from Damaraland Lodge to P.F. de Bruyn Tengbergen for installation and investiture ceremony on 10.5.1933 <i>1 leaf</i>	1933
4	Damaraland Lodge. Notice of meeting on 23.5.1927 <i>Includes list of officers for 1926-27 and past masters members of the lodge</i> <i>1 leaf, 4 p. folded</i>	1927
5	By-laws of the Middelburg United Lodge, no.794, S.C. on the register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland <i>1 brochure, 21 p.</i>	1914
6	Damaraland Lodge. Installation of Bro. Francis Priestley Courtney Clarke. Monday, 23rd May 1927 <i>1 brochure, [8] p.</i>	1927
7	Envelope addressed to P.F. de Bruyn Tengbergen, Middelburg, mailed at Belfast (Transvaal) 16.5.1911 <i>1 envelope</i>	1911
8	Postcard "Lüderitz-Strasse, Windhuk, Deutsch-Südwest-Afrika", published by J.C. Hubrich, Lüderitzbucht; handwritten caption "Old Magistrates Court, Windhoek (former Civil Service Club)" <i>1 postcard</i> Removed to photo originals collection, PO/A6 28785	
9	Pre-printed but unissued German hunting licence: "Jagdschein ... Der Kaiserliche Bezirksamtman"	
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11	The Windhoek Advertiser. Golden Jubilee Supplement, dated 4th July 1969 <i>1 newspaper, 60 p.</i>	1969

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