

Descendants of Johannes Augustus Dreyer

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Johannes Augustus Dreyer was born in Grube, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He was baptised at the Lutheran Church St. Jürgens in Grube on 7 January 1689. His parents were the Pastor Johannes Dreyer and Anna Catharina Jensen.

He arrived at the Cape employed by the Dutch East India Company (VOC: Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie) as midshipman on 22 November 1713, under the assumed name of Ysack (Isacq) Dalgie. In the will of Isacq Dalgue drawn up on 21 May 1735 at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa (ZA), he states that his real name is Johannes Augustus Dreyer of Holstein and that he wishes his children bear the surname of Dreyer as it is his lineage and family.

Source: Robertson, Delia. The First Fifty Years Project <http://www.e-family.co.za/ffy/g8/p8975.htm>

DN = Death Notice
KAB = Cape Town Archives Repository
NAB = Pietermaritzburg Archives Repository
* → born
= → baptism
† → death
x → marriage
xx → second marriage
d/o → daughter of

The offsprings of most persons might not be complete, I have included those where I have found birth, marriage or death certificates. The bold print is our line of the family, those are as far as I am aware complete.

Johannes Augustus Dreyer =07.01.1689 St. Jürgens Church, Grube, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany; † 06.04.1759 Cape Town, South Africa

x 31.01.1716 Cape Town, ZA **Sara van Wyk** =29.11.1699 Cape Town, ZA
(d/o Arie van Wyk and Cornelia Helm)

b1 Jan Frederik Dreyer =25.09.1718 NGK Stellenbosch, ZA

b2 Johannes Augustus Dreyer = 06.07.1721 x 10.02.1754 Cape Town, ZA, Jacoba Greeff

c1 Johannes Augustus Dreyer * 1754 x Elisabeth Jacomina Munnik
d1 Susanna Maria Dreyer x 12.08.1781 Isaak de Vlamingh
d2 Anna Cornelia Dreyer x 17.02.1782 Lambert van Sittert

b3 Sara Dreyer = 22.08.1723 NGK Stellenbosch, ZA

x 13.09.1761 Cape Town, ZA Johannes Bresler * Kassel, Germany
†11.01.1812 Cape Town [Source:- DN MOOC 8/28.59](#)

c1 Johannes Augustus Bresler † 05.05.1796
d1 Sara Christina Bresler x Jacobus Bosman
d2 Johannes Augustus Bresler
d3 Anna Cornelia Bresler x 08.02.1803 Adam Hesler
c2 Casparus Bresler
c3 Sara Christina Bresler x Pierre Alexander Roubeaud
c4 Frans Rynhard Bresler

b4 Thomas Frederik Dreyer =24.08.1727 Cape Town, ZA x 11.09.1763 Christina Frank

c1 Sara Christina Dreyer =17.07.1768 x Jan Albertus Munnik
c2 Thomas Frederik Dreyer =08.10.1775 †25.05.1845 x Johanna Sibella Eksteen

- d1 Hendrik Oostwald Dreyer
- d2 Petrus Michiel Dreyer
- d3 Jan Frederik Dreyer
- d4 Jacob Hendrik Dreyer
- d5 Hermanus Arnoldus Dreyer
- d6 Johannes Albertus Dreyer
- d7 Thomas Frederik Dreyer
- d8 Christina Sara Dreyer x J. G. Cloete
- d9 Elisabeth Hendrika Dreyer x J. A. Munnik
- d10 Jacomina Johanna Dreyer x Jan Frederik Deneys
- d11 Johannes Augsutus Dreyer † before 1845
 - e1 Thomas Frederik *16.02.1825
 - e2 Willem Adriaan *06.04.1824
 - e3 Maria Elisabeth Susanna Dreyer *30.11.1826
 - e4 Johanna Sibella Christina Dreyer *28.02.1828
 - e5 Petronella Anna Wilhelmina Dreyer * 09.02.1829
 - e6 Jan August van Niekerk *04.12.1831
 - e7 Hendrik Oostwald Dreyer *06.10.1833

Henry Ostewald DREYER was born in Wynberg, near Cape Town, in October, 1833. In his nineteenth year his enterprising spirit led him to Australia, where he spent about seven years in the diggings. He returned to Cape Town, and after spending a short visit with his friends came direct to Harrismith, where from the first he took a leading position. His Australian experience, backed by the natural abilities, qualified him to treat in all matters with the European part of the population: his strong sense of justice and fair play accrued for him the perfect confidence of our native allies; while by relationship and a thorough knowledge of their character, he had a vast hold on the sympathies and feelings of our Africander friends. The greater part of the law business of the district fell into his hands, and though the acquisitions of a student's lore had not been given him in early life, yet by dint of zeal, thoroughness and activity of mind and a solid basis of honest feeling, year after year saw him visibly increasing professional knowledge and working power. In the politics of State he took, always an active interest, and the place which he held as Chairman of the late Volksraad marks the influence which he was maturing in the councils of the Country. Like all men of action and impulsive temperament, he was no exception to the one law of human error, but beneath surface failings there ever shone out the character of a sterling man.

Source eGGSa , Newspaper „The Friend of the Free State and Bloemfontein Gazette“

- e8 Elisabeth Hendrina Jacomina Dreyer *12.08.1836
- e9 Petrus Michiel Dreyer *28.11.1839

- d12 Johanna Sibella Dreyer † before 1845 x Carel Mauritz Zastron
 - e1 Johanna Sibella Zastron *06.06.1831
 - e2 Anna Wilhelmina Carolina Zastron *04.11.1832
 - e3 Elisabeth Hendrina Jacomina Zastron *03.07.1834
 - e4 Engela Hendrina Zastron *24.11.1836
 - e5 Carel Philip Maurits Zastron *30.01.1839

b5 Andries Dreyer =16.09.1731 NGK Cape Town
x 19.12.1756 Cape Town, ZA
Catharina Magdalena Jansen van Vuuren =23.08.1739 NGK Drakenstein
(d/o Gerrit Janse van Vuuren x Catharina Mare)

c1 Thomas Frederik Dreyer =08.11.1761 Cape Town
x 27.10.1782 **Susanna Schutte** =25.12.1764 Paarl, ZA; †1837 Cape Town
(d/o Christiaan Ernst Schutte and Susanna Minnaar)

d1 Thomas Andries (Frederik) Dreyer = 28.03.1784 †12.11.1860
 x Maria Elisabeth Prinsloo
 e1 Maria Magrietha Dreyer *30.12.1813
 e2 Thomas Frederik Dreyer =03.03.1816 †1889
 x 1834 Susanna Jacoba Hendrika Adriana Janse van Rensburg
 f1 Christiaan Lourens Dreyer
 g1 Maria Elizabeth Dreyer x Botha
 h1 Pik Botha †12.10.2018

d2 Susanna Maria Charlotta Dreyer =17.09.1786 x Herman Fourie
 e1 Louis Lucas Fourie *03.07.1814 =17.07.1814
 e2 Christian Ernst Fourie *14.06.1815 =12.11.1815

d3 Johannes Philippus Dreyer =25.02.1790 Waveran
 x Jacomina Frederica Meyer
 e1 Jacomina Lubissina Frederica Johanna Dreyer

d4 Christiaan Lourens Dreyer =03.07.1788 Waveran x Christina Steyn

d5 Roelof Petrus Gerhardus Dreyer =23.03.1794 NGK Graaff-Reinet
 x Hesjje (Hester) Martha Aletta Janse van Vuuren

d6 Ignatius Lucas Dreyer *22.06.1795 =12.11.1796 NGK Cape Town
 x 05.07.1818 Uitenhage, ZA
 Susanna Zagryda van der Merwe *26.06.1798 Uitenhage
 †03.01.1871 Potchefstroom, ZA
 (d/o Hendrik Johann van der Merwe †1815 and Maria Magdalena van Dyk)

 e1 Hendrik Johannes Dreyer x 1847 Susanna Francina Viljoen

 e2 Susanna Catharina Sagarja Marthina (Catrina Margritha) Dreyer
 *09.03.1822; =25.05.1822 NGK Uitenhage, ZA

 e3 Tomas Frederik Dreyer *1824, †21.04.1878 Farm Beestkraal, Rustenburg
 x Susanna van der Mer*

 e4 Maria Magdalena Dreyer *02.08.1826 =13.09.1826 Somerset East, ZA

e5 Lucas Ignatius Dreyer *01.10.1828; =25.02.1829 Somerset East, ZA
 † 08.05.1893 Sterkfontein, Wakkerstroom [Source DN MHG 0/8090](#)
 x 3 May 1847, NGK Colesburg,
 Fransina Elisabeth Visagie * 12.1828
 †22.09.1905 Farm Oudehoutkraal, Wakkerstroom
 (at time of marriage they were both living in Caledon)
 Fransina second marriage to Petrus Wilhelmus Oosthuizen
 †20.09.1905
 d/o Christoffel Johannes Visagie x Isabella Frederika van der Heyden

f1 Lucas Ignatius Dreyer*10.05.1849 Smithfield
 † 02.03.1900 Military Hospital Klerksdorp
 x Anna Maria Waldeck * 04.05.1851 Modder River, OFS
 † 01.07.1936 Maquasie, Wolmaranstad, ZA

Anna Maria second marriage on 24.10.1905 to
Cornelis Gregorius van Niekerk
(d/o Joh. Georg Waldeck x Susanna Joh. Susara Jacoba Meyer)

g1 Susanna Johanna Susara Jacoba Dreyer
* 08.04.1869 Potchefstroom
x James Henry (Jakobus Hendrik) Cranfield
h1 Lukas Ignatius Cranfield *16.01.1898 Witpoort
Dist. Wolmaranstad
h3 James Henry Cranfield *05.12.1902 Witpoort
h2 Fransina Elisabeth Cranfield *04.02.1906 Witpoort

g2 Fransina Elisabeth Dreyer *06.05.1871 Potchefstroom
†03.02.1918 Farm Klipkuil 99 Wolmaranstad
x Jacobus Johannes Janse van Rensburg †07.11.1901
h1 Marthinus Jacob Janse van Rensburg *10.1890
†15.06.1903 Klipkuil
h2 Lucas Ignatius Janse van Rensburg *22.12.1896
h3 Jacobus Joh. Janse van Rensburg *06.05.1899

xx Simon Lodewyk Sauer
h4 Anna Maria Sauer *25.11.1903
h5 Fransina Elisabeth Sauer *05.01.1913

g3 Lucas Ignatius Dreyer *30.05.1873
=01.01.1874 NH Church Potch.
x Hester Petronella Maria Geldenhuys

g4 Johannes Georg Waldeck Dreyer *07.09.1875 Potchefst.
† before 1894

g5 Lukas Ignatius Johannes Dreyer *09.11.1877 Potchefstroom
† before 1898

g6 Anna Maria Dreyer *17 09.1879 Potchefstroom

g7 Anna Johanna Christina Dreyer *19.04.1880
=15.04.1881 NH Potch † before 1898

g8 Isabella Frederika Dreyer *08.05.1882 Potchefstroom
x Petrus Johannes Geldenhuys

g9 Andries Frederik Dreyer *15.06.1886

g10 Thomas Frederik Theodorus Dreyer *10.02.1891
x Anna Sofia Visser

g11 Johannes Georg Dreyer *23.01.1894 Maquassi,
†02.12.1973 Umzinto
x 01.04.1920 **Susanna Magdalena van Niekerk**
*10.02.1902 Komga †02.08.1975 Scottburgh
(d/o Joh. Adolf van Niekerk x Rosina Jac. du Preez)

h1 Lukas Ignatius Dreyer *12.11.1921; †15.04.1995
x Orleen Elizabeth Prinsloo *01.12.1921
j1Merle Sheila Dreyer *11.12.1946†15.08.2014

h2 Rosina Johanna Dreyer *08.09.1924; †12.09.2004
x Gabriel Jacobus Krause *03.12.1909

h3 Anna Maria Dreyer*20.06.1926;†01.09.1926 Bizana

h4 Mercedes Magdalin Dreyer *02.02.1928; †07.2007
x William James Ferreira*14.09.1922 †06.03.1998

h5 George Daniel Dreyer *27.01.1931; †06.2012 PMB
x Iris Rosina Ivans *12.05.1932; †14.08.2006 PMB

h6 Violet Dawn Dreyer *19.06.1933
x Joh. Christoffel Adendorff *19.06.1927†07.01.2001

h7 Albert Waldeck Dreyer * 03.06.1938; †17.09.1985
x Patricia Eunice Lee-Bell

g12 Christoffel Jacobus Dreyer *28.04.1896

g13 Lukas Ignatius Dreyer *11.01.1898; †21.08.1900

f2 Hendrik Johannes Dreyer

f3 Christoffel Johannes Dreyer *10.05.1851; =25.06.1851 Smithfield

f4 Susanna Zagryda Dreyer *03.03.1854; =19.03.1854 Smithfield
x GJJ Visagie

f5 Isabella Frederika Dreyer *05.04.1858 =18.04.1858 Smithfield
x van Niekerk

f6 Thomas Frederik Theodorus Dreyer
*03.09.1860; =23.06.1861 Smithfield

f7 Francina Elizabeth Dreyer *08.04.1866; =12.12.1866Potchefstroom
x van Dyk

f8 Maria Magdalena Dreyer x Veldman

e6 Abraham Jacobus Dreyer *20.11.1832; =23.01.1833 Cape

e7 Zagriyda Sophia Dreyer *03.03.1837; =03.05.1837 Cape

e8 Jan Johannes Phillipus Dreyer

e9 Johanna Charlotta Dreyer

e10 Andries Frederik Dreyer

d7 Casparus Johannes Rynhardus Dreyer = 04.06.1797 NGK Cape Town
x 14.05.1826 Uitenhage, ZA Maria Charlotta Welgemoed

d8 Andries Frederik Dreyer *29.12.1800; =25.11.1801 Graaff-Reinet, ZA
x 03.04.1823 Anna Elisabeth Sovya Geyer
e1 Johannes Marthenus Dreyer *27.06.1844, = 07.10.1844 NGK Winterberg

b6 Anna Cornelia Dreyer = 01.12.1737 NGK Cape Town

Facts on some persons in the Dreyer tree

h4 Mercedes M. Dreyer was born in Kokstad 2 February 1928. She grew up in Matatiele, East Griqualand.

Her father, **Johannes Georg DREYER** (*23.01.1894) had joined the police force at approximate age of 21 years. In the Book on SA Police Members he is recorded, being in the police force from 1915 until 1939 and receiving awards for Outstanding service and Faithful Service. During WW1 (1914-1918) he served in Namibia.

He was policeman in Bizana, East Griqualand . He is mentioned in the 1920 and 1925 Diary of Dr G.B. Thompson of Bizana.

He later managed farms.

He was born on 23 January 1894 in Maquassi, District Potchefstroom, ZA. He was most probably born on the farm Klipkop in ward Maquassi, District Wolmaranstad near Potchefstroom; this farm his mother, Anna Maria WALDECK, inherited from her parents.

He was the third youngest child (of twelve children) of **Lucas Ignatius DREYER** and **Anna Maria WALDECK**. His father was a farmer. At the age of 5 years on 11 October 1899, the second Anglo Boer War (tweede Vryheidsoorlog) broke out and ended on 31 May 1902. His oldest brother and father fought in this war on the side of the Boers. His father died in 1900 in the Military Hospital, Klerksdorp. Johannes Georg was only 6 years old when his father died.

The family suffered a great deal during this war. Their farm Klipkop was completely destroyed during the war by the british soldiers. And the main bread winner and father, Lucas Ignatius Dreyer died on 2 March 1900 in the Klerksdorp Military Hospital at the age of 50 years. From a letter from the Supreme Court signed by Anna Maria Dreyer born Waldeck on 25 October 1902, she confirms that she is penniless and had owned the farm Klipkop, which she sold to Jacob Bernstein of Klerksdorp. On 24 October 1905 she married Cornelis Gregorius van Niekerk (a widower) who lived at time of marriage at Goedgedacht, district Wolmaransstad.

Another child was born on 11 January 1898 with the name of Lukas Ignatius Dreyer, most probably they named the child out of fear that the oldest son Lukas Ignatius Dreyer would not survive the war. This child died at the age of 2 ½ years on 21 August 1900, probably due to the hardships caused by the Anglo Boer War. Often when a child died, it was common practice to name the next born child the same as the deceased child.

Side note: Ouma Madge said that her father (Johannes Georg Dreyer *23.01.1894) often spoke "german", and said he can speak german because his forefathers were German. She never knew whether he just teased them as kids or if it was true.

If true he must have learned from his mother because father died when he was 6 years old. It could also be he learned german while serving in Namibia in WW1.

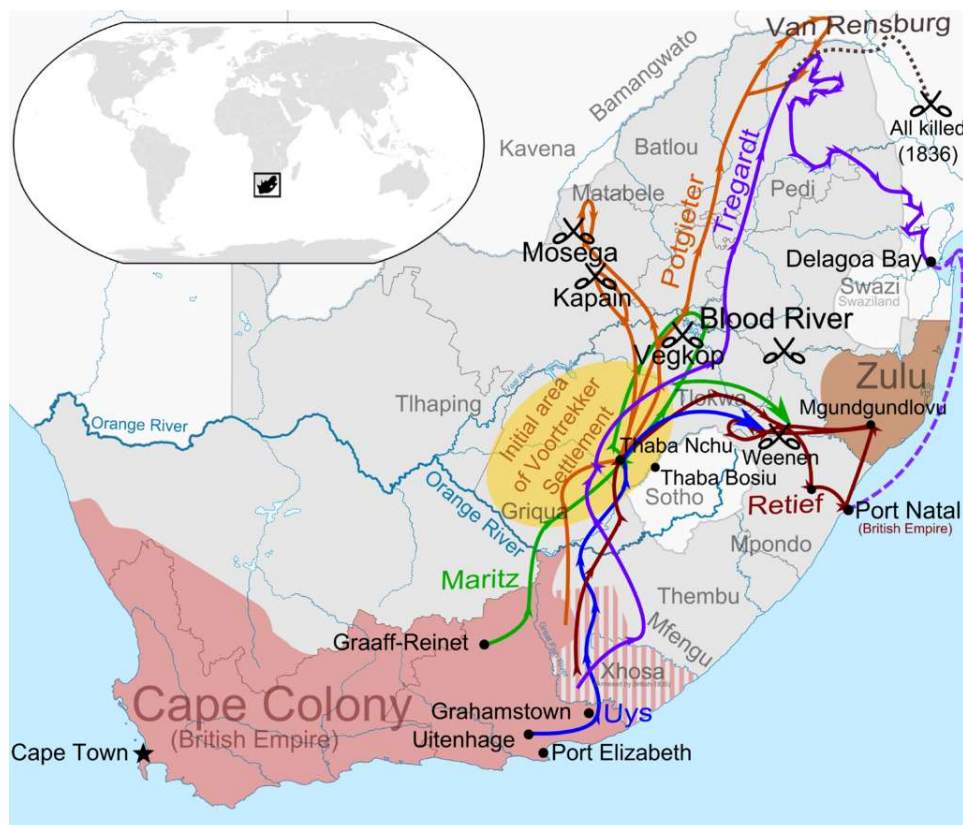
The previous generation **Lucas Ignatius Dreyer** *1 October 1828 born in Cape Colony and his wife **Franssina Elisabeth Visagie** *December 1828, also born in the Cape Colony. Over time they must have moved inland with the Great Trek, because when they got married on 3 May 1847 at the NGK in Colesburg, they both lived in Caledon. He died on 8 May 1893 at Wakkerstroom (near Volksrust), Natal. Francina Elisabeth Visagie remarried Petrus Wilhelmus Oosthuizen at Newcastle and died on the farm Oudehoutkloof in Wakkerstroom. They were farmers.

d6 **Lucas Ignatius DREYER** *22.06.1795 and his wife **Susanna Zagryda van der Merwe** were both born in the Cape Colony and married in Uitenhage on 5 July 1818. Their 10 children were also born in the Cape Colony, as it was known in those days. In November 1848 he and his wife were witnesses at a baptism in Smithfield and in May 1852 they witnessed a baptism in Potchefstroom. That means they were part of the Great Trek from 1835 to 1841. Susanna Zagryda van der Merwe died at Potchefstroom where they had farmed. See below Lucas two brothers and families were part of the Great Trek.

From Wikipedia:-

The **Great Trek** was a north eastward migration of Afrikaans speaking settlers who travelled by ox drawn wagons from the Cape Colony into the interior of South Africa from 1835 onwards, seeking to live beyond the Cape's British colonial administration. The Great Trek resulted from the culmination of tensions between rural descendants of the Cape's original European settlers, known as Boers, and the British Empire. It was also reflective of an increasingly common trend among individual Boer communities to pursue an isolationist and semi-nomadic lifestyle away from the developing administrative complexities in Cape Town. Boers who took part in the Great Trek identified themselves as voortrekkers, meaning "pioneers", "pathfinders" (literally "fore-trekkers") in Afrikaans.

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d4 Christiaan Lourens Dreyer was baptised at the Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Town and marries Christina Steyn. Ian Dreyer from Australia had this to say about his forefather:-
 "Christiaan Lourens Dreyer born 16 August 1787, married to Christina Steyn in Graaff-Reinet on 16 August 1807. A historical episode occurred in 1815, which almost wiped out the Dreyer line as far as we are concerned. At the Slagtersnek Rebellion in 1815 several farmers in the Eastern Cape were executed by hanging as having participated in that rebellion against British rule. The two Dreyer brothers, Thomas Andreas (d1) and Christiaan Lourens (d4) were amongst the accused at

the trial. Their sentences were, however, not harsh and they were acquitted. This happened during the rule of Governor Lord Charles Somerset. It would be fair to suggest that this happening was influential in their ultimate decision to embark on their trek to the Transvaal and Orange Free State (OFS) in the 1830's, in order to, inter-alia, escape British rule."

Ignatius Lucas brothers (d5) Roelof Petrus Gerhardus Dreyer = 23 March 1794 and (d4) Christiaan Lourens Dreyer = 3 July 1788, are listed as having taken part in the „Slag van Bloedrivier" (The Battle of Blood River) on 16 December 1838. Source:- Lede van die Wenkommando wat deelgeneem het aan die Slag van Bloedrivier, 16 Desember 1838

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And in the REGISTER VAN VOORTREKKERSTAMMOEDER

(Uit: Visagie, J.C. 2000. *Voortrekkerstamouers, 1835-1845*. Universiteit van Suid-Afrika, Pretoria)

The register of wives that took part with their families on the Great Trek it lists :-

- Steyn, C. wife of C L Dreyer. Snr
- Van Vuuren, H M A Janse, wife of R P G Dreyer

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- Inventories of the Orphan Chamber, Cape Town Archives Repository, South Africa <http://databases.tanap.net/mooc/>
- eGGSA branch of the Genealogical Society of South Africa <https://www.eggsa.org/>
- Baptisms and Death Notices <https://www.familysearch.org>

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