

## **8 – I found my biological Dad: - Salome'**

Early 2014. Leonard has received a Job opportunity in Germany. For this we need Criminal Clearances, Abridged Birth certificates and lots of other documents.

Leonard and myself apply for our abridged birth certificates, marriage certificates etc, via our department of home affairs.

To my surprise. DHA informers me that no Abridged birth certificate exists for me. Actually, the lady was very helpful. She hands me a form and requests I submit a late registration of my birth. I can even decide which town i want to be born in.

I am 48 years old. Married. I hold a South African ID. I have registered children born against my name. And the Department of Home Affairs says I don't exist..!

We are getting desperate now. Time is running out and we need to complete the visa applications. We employ a company to do the necessary applications for us.

A week goes by. We can collect the documents.

It's in the car and off to Pretoria. We collect the documents and while we are driving back to Krugersdorp. I open the envelop and go through the documents.

I see my vault birth certificate. But I don't recognize the names of the birth mother and birth father. And my name is shown as Salome' Vonita Schwarz.

I'm confused. I mention this to Leonard. He pulls over on the side of the road and takes the papers from me. We study it together.

The Birth Father is shown as Gustav Otto Schwarz (Dutch)

And the Birth Mother is shown as Susanna Maria Marais. (South African)

However, I recognize the handwriting. This is my known to me Mom Lia's handwriting.

Although the document was signed by Gustav Otto Schwarz.

FORM VAN AANGIFTE VAN 'N GEBORTE.  
FORM OF INFORMATION OF A BIRTH.

(Wet No. 81 van 1962—Act No. 81 of 1962.)

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Voorafte vir die taal van hierdie vorm verskyn op die klemme Afrikaans.  
Attention as to the language in of this form appear on the reverse side hereof.

1. Naam van die kind (Name of child) **Salome' Vonita Schwarz**

2. Geslag (Sex) **♀**

3. Geboortedatum (Date of birth) **26 Desember 1966**

4. Geboorteplek (Place where born) **Queen Victoria Kloof, Johannesburg**

5. Ras (Race) **Swits**

6. Woord van naam van wou (Surnames of parents or guardian) **15 Kameel Hof, Edith Cavell Street, Johannesburg**

7. Plaas van geboorte (Place of origin of parents) **Johannesburg**

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9. Vader van kind—Vader of child (Name) **Gustav Otto Schwarz**

10. Ras (Race) **Swits**

11. Voornam (First name) **Gustav Otto**

12. Van (Surname) **Schwarz**

13. Geboortedatum (Date of birth) **1917**

14. Ouderdom (Age) **49**

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17. Ras (Race) **Swits**

18. Voornam (First name) **Suzanna Maria**

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My Vault birth certificate shows I was born Salome' Vonita Schwarz on the 26<sup>th</sup> December 1966

Father: Gustav Otto Schwarz

Mother: Suzanna Maria Schwarz "Maiden name Marais"

The document was allegedly completed by my Biological Father "Otto Schwarz". However, I recognise the handwriting as that of my known to me mother Lia

This is becoming very frustrating and confusing.

We drive home discussing this further.

Once home. Leonard gets onto the computer and starts doing a search for Gustav Otto Schwarz. The results come up on the 1<sup>st</sup> page. There is a Gustav Otto Schwarz living in Krugersdorp.

Leonard gets a home telephone number and calls.

A Gustav Otto Schwarz answers.

Leonard. "Hallo, is dit Gustav Otto Schwarz?"

Gustav Otto Schwarz. "Ja, hoe kan ek hulp?"

Leonard. "Ken u dalk n Lia Erasmus?"

A long silence. And then.

Gustav Otto Schwarz. "Ja. Wie is die wat bel?"

Leonard. “Ek is Leonard Tadford. Ek is getrou met n Salome’ Vonita Erasmus. Ons het dokumente wat aanwys dat sy dalk jou dogter kan wees”

Gustav Otto Schwarz. “Sy is my dogter. Waar is sy nou?”

Leonard. “Sy sit hier reg lanks my”

Gustav Otto Schwarz. “Ek dink sy moet my kom sien”

A little bit more of a discussion. And we make arrangements to visit the next day.

Next day: We arrive at the address in Krugersdorp at the given time. Which isn’t too far away from where we stay.

Standing outside is an elderly gentleman. We stop the car and climb out and approach the gentleman.

He immediately puts his arms around me and gives me the biggest hug I have ever experienced.



Once inside, he goes on to tell me about the relationship with my Mom. I have to tread cautiously here. His current wife of almost 40 years is in our company and I don’t want to do anything which would cause any hurt or hard feelings.

His current wife was affectionally adopted “Ma Christien” by me. She was a lovely lady and I continued to share a relationship with her after my biological dad’s death on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and up to her death in 2021.

Regrettably, My Dad was suffering with Severe Diabetes which developed into Dementia in his last years. I never found out if his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Suzanna was my biological mother or not.

Regrettably, Susanna passed away before I met my Biological Father.

I did, however, learn from my eldest Brother who was born from my Dad Gustav & Susanna that he remembers a young girl staying with them for several years before she disappeared. Referring to me of course.

**All information supplied herein is truthful and fact.**  
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