Beaufort West Morkels
Part 1. Family Line

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This has been a team effort. Margaret Thebus and her mother Margaret Lodewyk provided the bulk of the family line. More information came from Juna Malherbe of the Huguenot Museum and Gregory Morkel of Beaufort West. I (A.T.M.) tried to link the family line to the Morkel Genealogy. Thanks to Nolene Lossau for the baptism and marriage registers for Gert Thomas Morkel.

We welcome corrections and comments. Please use the "Contact us" facility.
Note major change: In this revision, we have changed our assumption about 5th generation Hercules Morkel .

Our story is about a branch of the Morkel family, which includes Reverend I.D. Morkel (see our separate story), Gerald Morkel, former Mayor of Cape Town and Premier of the Western Cape (see Appendix 2), and his sons Garth, Craig and Kent, active in politics. Barry Morkel is Managing Director of The Good Governance Group Pty Ltd. Frances Morkel married Dr. Richard Van Der Ross, Rector of the University of the Western Cape. They were originally from Beaufort West in the Great Karoo but most are now found at the Cape, Canada and Australia.

This mixed-race branch is not in the Morkel Genealogy compiled by Franklin Boonzaaier for P.W. Morkel (1) nor in the Genealogy of the GISA (5) and it is unclear where they fit in the family. Using several sources we were able to develop a plausible family line, even though full documentation is not available.

Using her knowledge of the family, co-author Margaret Thebus constructed a family line from the present back to Gert Thomas Morkel 1857 – 1933. The dates are from his gravestone (2). His death notice (4, Appendix 2) shows that his parents were Hercules MORKEL and Flora SIMON. GISA (5) lists Herklaas Morkel and Flora Simon as *ongekoppeldes* (unattached – i.e. not linked to other Morkels in the Genealogy) who baptized four girls in 1856 in Beaufort West.

Our challenge was to link this Hercules (Herklaas) Morkel to the Morkel Genealogies (1,5). With children baptised and born in the mid-1850s, it is likely that Hercules was born around 1820 to 1830. Our search in the Morkel Genealogies yielded two candidates, both grandsons of 3rd generation c7 Hercules Morkel and Helena Munnik:

e1 **Hercules Morkel *22.2.1821 ~15.4.1821,** son of d3 Willem Morkel of *Brakfontein*, Caledon and Jacoba Elizabeth Dreyer

and his cousin

e1 **Hercules Adriaan Morkel *1823**, Stellenbosch †14.9.1871 x Charlotte Amelia Londt. He was the son of d5 Gerhardus Morkel x Johanna Frederika Brand

There are no further details about Hercules Morkel born in 1821. We discarded him initially because GISA (5, p682) has him dying in infancy, on 15.4.1821. However, according to P.W. Morkel's Genealogy, that is his baptism date. It is likely that GISA used the wrong symbol and that he lived to adulthood, but we do not know. We had him as the link in our first version of the family line. We have now revised this in favour of Hercules Adriaan.

We originally discarded the second Hercules, born 1823, because he was already married to Charlotte Amelia Londt. However, he is listed as the father in the baptism register (6, Appendix 1) for Gert Thomas Morkel, with Flora as unmarried mother. He farmed at Nelspoort (a railway siding about 60 kilometres north of Beaufort West) and was Field Cornet for Beaufort West. In his marriage certificate (7, Appendix 1) Gert Thomas is listed as a farmer at *Salt River Vlei,* in the Beaufort West District – not far from Nelspoort. Hercules did not abandon his second family with unmarried mother Flora. The children were baptised and he looked after them. However, on his death they were not mentioned in his will (9, Appendix 4).

We are now able to construct the family line for the Beaufort West Morkels. The only assumption we make is that Hercules Adriaan Morkel, apart from his marriage with Charlotte Amelia Londt, also had children with Flora Simon and was the father of Gert Thomas Morkel. He was the son of Gerhardus Morkel and Johanna Frederika Brand. We leave it to future researchers to show us right or wrong.

Family Line for the Beaufort West MORKELs

* born ~ Christened x married † died
The ## symbol is used where names or surnames are unavailable

a1 Philip MORKEL 1677 - 1735 x Catharina PASMAN 1691 – 1764
b3 Willem MORKEL 1718 – 1788 x Helena Catharina MALAN 1736 – 1825
c7 Hercules MORKEL 1767 – 1808 x Helena MUNNIK 1736 - 1825
d5 Gerhardus MORKEL ~ 27.10.1799 † 8.7.1826 x Johanna Frederika BRAND
e1 Hercules (Herklaas) MORKEL *Stellenbosch 1823 †Beaufort West 14.9.1871 x Aug 1852 Charlotte Amelia LONDT † 15.11. 1900.

Children with Flora SIMON (5) :

f1 Johanna Frederika MORKEL ~ 30.3.1856
f2 Helena Catharina MORKEL ~ 30.3.1856
f3 Meintje Adriana MORKEL ~ 30.3.1856
f4 Flora Stiena Leonora MORKEL ~ 30.3.1856
f5 Gert Thomas MORKEL Farmer at *Salt River Vlei*, Beaufort West district, * 1 Jan 1857 ~ 11 Sep 1864 †1933 x 15 Nov 1877 Maria THERON d.o. Samuel THERON (Sampie FORTUNE) *Paarl 2.10.1812

Children of Gert Thomas MORKEL and Maria THERON:

g1 Herklaas James MORKEL ~ 1878 x Martha (Martie) ##
g2 Jane Dorothea MORKEL ~ 1880 x ## KELLY
g3 Samuel William MORKEL ~ 1881 - 1957 x Dolphina AUGUSTUS † 1974
g4 Henry Gert MORKEL *27 Nov 1884 ~25 Dec 1884
g5 James John (Jim) MORKEL x Elizabeth AUGUSTUS (Dolphina's sister)
g6 Florence Margaret MORKEL x ## HOFMEESTER
g7 Mary Sarah Johanna MORKEL x ## MURRAY
g8 William Thomas MORKEL
g9 Dorothea (Dora) Charlotte MORKEL x ## ROUX

Descendants of g1 Herklaas MORKEL x Martha (Martjie) ##

h1 Henry Martin MORKEL x Kathleen Wilhelmina MURRAY
- i1 Lloyd MORKEL X Ray DANIELS Both born in Beaufort West
  - j1 Lester MORKEL
  - j2 Nathan MORKEL
  - j3 Nadia MORKEL
- i2 Gerald MORKEL Deceased
- i3 Vivienne MORKEL
- i4 Olga MORKEL
- i5 Olma MORKEL
- i6 Lillian MORKEL
- i7 Jean MORKEL Deceased

h1 James MORKEL
h2 Ethel MORKEL
h3 Vera MORKEL
h4 Flory MORKEL
h5 Jane MORKEL
h6 Kenneth MORKEL
h7 Petrus MORKEL

Descendants of g3 Samuel MORKEL and Dolphina AUGUSTUS

h1 Rev. Isaac (Isak) David MORKEL *1.12.1910 †26.5.1983 x Sarah (Sally) ISAACS
- i1 Sylvia MORKEL
- i2 Lionel MORKEL x Vivien BUTLER
  - j1 David MORKEL
  - j2 Lisa MORKEL

i3 Augustine MORKEL
j1 Isaac MORKEL
j2 Augustine MORKEL
j3 Dwight MORKEL

h2 Gerhard (Gerald, Gert) MORKEL x Francina ##
i1 Keith MORKEL

h3 Samuel MORKEL x Vivienne LA VITA
i1 William MORKEL x Hazel ##
i2 Lynette MORKEL x Gabriel ##
i3 Elise MORKEL x Rodney ISAACS
i4 Marion MORKEL x Abe ##
i5 Henry MORKEL

h4 Elizabeth MORKEL x Harold EHRENREICH
i1 Carl EHRENREICH
i2 Gretchen EHRENREICH x Edward HARTNICK
i3 Harold EHRENREICH x ## ## Canada

h5 Hercules (Moorie) MORKEL x Isabel ROBERTSON (from St Helena) (first wife)
i1 Gerald MORKEL (Western Cape Premier)
j1 Garth MORKEL
j2 Craig MORKEL
j3 Kent MORKEL
j4 Gail MORKEL
i2 Clifford MORKEL
xx Anne PIETERSE (second wife)
i3 Frank MORKEL
i4 Peter MORKEL x Daphne ##
j1 Barry MORKEL
j2 Nancy Laura MORKEL
i5 Samuel MORKEL
j1 André MORKEL
i6 Dennis MORKEL
i7 Michael MORKEL
i8 Priscilla MORKEL x Clive ##
i9 Charmaine MORKEL
i10 Annalise MORKEL

h6 Dolphina MORKEL

h7 Daniel MORKEL x Carrie EHRENREICH
i1 Joan MORKEL x John HARTNICK

h8 Mary MORKEL x Henry PETERSEN
i1 Hilton PETERSEN
i2 Albert PETERSEN
i3 Wesley PETERSEN

h9 Margaret MORKEL *15.10.1924 †12.06.2012 x 12 Jun 1943 William Charles LODEWYK *8.10.1916 †8.10.1994
i1 Carol Ann LODEWYK x Cecil ACKERMAN
j1 Curt ACKERMAN
j2 Bevan ACKERMAN x Maria ##
j3 Raye ACKERMAN x Denise ##
j4 Liann Dolphine ACKERMAN x Vincent CAMASTRO
i2 Margaret Pamela LODEWYK x Brian THEBUS
j1 Garrett THEBUS
j2 Jacqueline THEBUS

h10 Henry MORKEL x Elizabeth STEENKAMP
i1 Isaac MORKEL
i2 Jeanette MORKEL x Rick WETHMAN
i3 Nicolas MORKEL
i4 Maryann MORKEL
i5 William MORKEL
i6 Peter MORKEL

Descendants of g5 James John (Jim) MORKEL x Elizabeth AUGUSTUS (Dolphina's sister)

h1 Gerald Thomas MORKEL *24.2.1916 †28.7.1988 (Butcher) x Katherine WHITTEN * Kimberley 15.2.1917 †15.8.1989 (teacher – gravestone below)
i1 Valerie Elizabeth MORKEL *10.6.1937 (Director of Nursing Training) x ## WAGNER

j1 Andre WAGNER
j2 Paul WAGNER (deceased)
j3 Nigel WAGNER

i2 Maria Frances (Marie) MORKEL *22.7.1940 x Dougie JONES (Emigrated to Australia to marry)
i3 Geraldine Brenda MORKEL *21.9.1941
i4 Gregory James (Greg) MORKEL *1.10.1943 (teacher) x Rachel VAN DER LINDE
*27.11.1945. d.o. ARENDSE X BRANDT, raised by her grandmother, widow VAN DER LINDE (whose second marriage was to Christiaan SCHROEDER)
j1 Celestine MORKEL *1.7.1967 (and a twin who died at birth or soon after)
j2 Greer MORKEL *15.11.1975
j3 Gail MORKEL *8.10.1977

j5 James Thomas MORKEL *6.1.1946 x Katie BOK (Springbok)
j1 Geraldo MORKEL
j2 Ilse MORKEL
j3 Kurt MORKEL

h2 Mary MORKEL 1914 – 1972 x Martin Jacob ISAACS 1912 – 1997 (Uncle Ice, owner of the Beaufort West hotel)
i1 Raymond ISAACS x Norma ## (he is a Dr in Canada)
i2 May ISAACS
i3 Ronald ISAACS

h3 Elizabeth MORKEL x George MACPHERSON
i1 Glenda MACPHERSON
i2 Winston MACPHERSON
i3 Donald MACPHERSON
i4 George MACPHERSON

h4 Isaac MORKEL (owner Mossel Bay Hotel)

h5 James MORKEL

h6 Henry Nathaniel (Loutie) MORKEL *15.7.1931 †1.5.1972 x ## ## (Gravestone below)
i1 Leonard MORKEL
i2 Dawn MORKEL

h7 Queenie MORKEL x ## ERASMUS
i1 Ivan ERASMUS
i2 Elizabeth ERASMUS x ## SMITH
i3 Elaine ERASMUS x ## PHILIPS
i4 Helene ERASMUS

h8 Dolphine (Dolly) MORKEL x Arthur BAKER (Rhodesia)

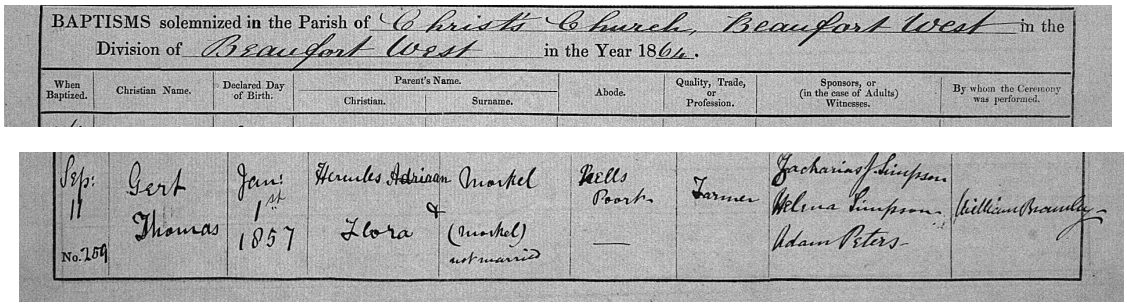
h9 Frances MORKEL x Dr Richard VAN DER ROSS
i1 Benedict VAN DER ROSS
i2 Freda VAN DER ROSS

h10 William MORKEL 1928 – 1996 (gravestone below) x Olive (Ollie) WHITTEN (sister of Katherine WHITTEN)
i1 Norma MORKEL
i2 Judy MORKEL
i3 Terence MORKEL

Sources and Notes:

1. P.W.Morkel 1961. *The Morkels. Family History and Genealogy.* Published privately
2. Family knowledge of Margaret Thebus and Margaret Lodewyk, plus emails from Juna Malherbe, Barry Morkel and Craig Morkel.
3. The name Hercules comes from Catharina Malan's maternal grandfather, Hercule Verdeau. Catharina was the wife of second generation Willem Morkel
4. MOOC 6/9/4356, 39838. Death Notice for Gert Thomas Morkel, filed 29 November 1933.
5. GISA (Genealogical Institute of South Africa) *South African Genealogies.* Vol 5, p684. *Ongekoppeldes* (not connected): Herklaas Morkel & Flora Simon had the following children baptised Beaufort West 30.3.1856: Johanna Frederika, Helena Catharina, Meintje Adriana, Flora Stiena Leonora.
6. https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-23581-678-94?cc=1468076&wc=M93C-QZH:743512138
7. https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1942-23581-4412-28?cc=1468076&wc=M93C-QZF:n378756894
8. MOOC 6/9/4356 – 39838 Inventory for Gert Thomas Morkel
9. MOOC 7/1/319-118 and MOOC 13/1/281 – 55 Inventory for Hercules Adriaan Morkel

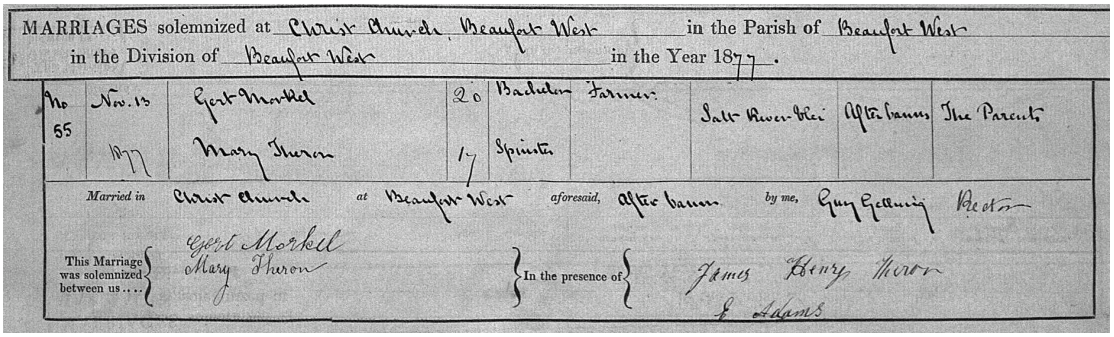
Appendix 1
Baptism and Marriage Registry entries for Gert Thomas MORKEL (6,7)



BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Christs Church, Beaufort West in the Division of Beaufort West in the Year 1864.

When Baptized.	Christian Name.	Declared Day of Birth.	Parent's Name. Christian.	Parent's Name. Surname.	Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	Sponsors, or (in the case of Adults) Witnesses.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Bpt: 11 No. 259	Gert Thomas	June 1st 1857	Hercules Adriaan	Morkel & Flora (Morkel) not married	Bells Poort	Farmer	Zacharias J. Simpson. Helena Simpson. Adam Peters.	William Brandt

Baptism Register Entry for Gert Thomas Morkel (6)



MARRIAGES solemnized at Christ Church, Beaufort West in the Parish of Beaufort West in the Division of Beaufort West in the Year 1877.

No								
No 55	Nov. 13	Gert Morkel	20	Bachelor	Farmer	Salt River-Kei	Afrikaans	The Parents
	77	Mary Theron	17	Spinster				

Married in Christ Church at Beaufort West aforesaid, Afrikaans by me, Guy Fleming Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us.... Gert Morkel, Mary Theron

In the presence of James Henry Theron, J. Adams

Marriage Register Entry Gert Thomas Morkel x Mary Theron (7)

Note the signatures of Gert Thomas Morkel and Mary Theron

Appendix 2
Death Notice for Gert Thomas MORKEL

MOOC 6/9/4356 **39838**

Filed on 29 November 1933

DEATH NOTICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 9, ORDINANCE 104

1. Name of the deceased: Gert Thomas Morkel
2. Birthplace of the deceased: Beaufort Wes
3. Names of parents of the deceased:
   Father: Hercules Morkel, oorlede
   Mother: Flora Morkel gebore Simon
4. Age of the deceased: 76 years 10 months
5. Condition in life (occupation): Rustende werksman
6. Ordinary place of residence: Beaufort Wes
7. Married or unmarried, widower or widow: Getroud
   (a) Name of surviving spouse: Mary Morkel gebore Theron
   Gemeenskap van Goedere
   (b) Name or names and approximate date of death of previous spouse or spouses:
   (c) Place of last marriage: Beaufort Wes

8. The day of decease: On Donderdag 23 November 1933
9. At what house or where the person died: Woonhuis, Beaufort Wes
10. Names of children of deceased, and whether majors or minors (Stating separately these born of different marriages).

1. Herclaas James Morkel, mondig
2. Jane Dorothea Kelly gebore Morkel, mondig
3. Samuel William Morkel, mondig
4. Henry Gert Morkel, mondig
5. James John Morkel, mondig
6. Florence Margaret Hofmeester gebore Morkel, mondig
7. Mary Sara Johanna Murray gebore Morkel, mondig
8. William Thomas Morkel, mondig
9. Dorothea Charlotte Roux gebore Morkel, mondig

(a) Whether deceased has left any property, and of what kind: Movable & immovable property

(b) The deceased has left a will: Yes

Dated at Beaufort Wes the 25 day of November 1933

Signature Mary Morkel (State in what capacity) Langslewende en teenwoordig by dood.

This notice must be filled in and signed by the nearest relative or connection of the deceased who shall at the time be at or near the place of death, or in the absence of such near relative or connection, by the person who shall have the chief charge of the house in or the place on which the death shall occur, and must be sent either to the Master of Supreme Court, in Cape Town, or if the death occurred in the country districts, the Resident Magistrate of the district, in duplicate.

[Samuel William Morkel benoem as Executeur [sic] in testament van 21.3.1907]

(Thanks to Johan van Breda for obtaining and copying the Death Notice from the Cape Archives.)

Appendix 3
Gert Thomas MORKEL Boedel Bates (Inventory) (8)
MOOC 6/9/4356 - 39838

Erf Lot no.122 Beaufort Wes, groot 51 vk roede* 47 vk voete 39 vk duim
Transport no. 616 gedateer 21.5.1881
Erf Lot no. 122 Beaufort Wes groot 58 vk roede* 49 vk voete 73 vk duim
Transport no. 4468 gedateer 1.10.1891
(*1 vk roede = 144 vk voet)

Volgens geswore waardasie vir beide erwe	£ 300-00-00
11 Bokke	£ 5-10-00
Assuransie Polis No. 80382 Colonial Mutual	£ 138-02-10
Totaal	**£ 443-12-10**

Appendix 4
Hercules Adriaan MORKEL Inventory. (9)

MOOC 7/1/319-118
Filed 14 December 1871
Hercules Adriaan Morkel died 14.09.1871
Children

- Hendrik Gert Morkel born 15th December 1854
- Charlotte Amelia Morkel born 2nd February 1857

Both minors

Immoveable Property

- House and Erf in Donkin Street, Beaufort West

Moveable Property

- 8 draught mules
- 8draught oxen
- 1 horse wagon
- etc.etc.

Signed Charlotte Amelia Morkel
1.10.1871

MOOC 13/1/281 – 55
Filed 25 September 1872
L&D Account

- Lot 2 of Erf 2 Beaufort West £ 550 -0-0

Signed C.A. Morkel born Londt

Appendix 5
Whos Who entry for Gerald Morkel

GERALD MORKEL

Gerald Norman Morkel
South African Politician

Born 03-02-1941

CURRENT POSITION(S)
City Councillor | City of Cape Town
2000 - present

Member | NEC
Cape Town

Spokesperson | Labour Party, Environmental Matters, Public Works and Planning

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Vice-Chairman | Federal Council of the National Party

Member | DA Federal Alliance

Minister | Budgetry and Auxiliary Services | Housing and Local Government in Ministerial Council

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Deputy Federal Chairman | Democratic Alliance

PREVIOUS POSITION(S)
Mayor | City of Cape Town
2001 - 2002

Leader | Democratic Alliance
Western Cape | 2000 - 2002

Leader | NNP
Western Cape | 1998 - 2000

Premier | Western Cape Province | Western Cape Government
1998 - 2001

Member of Executive Council | Community Safety and Environmental Affairs,
Western Cape Provincial Government | 1996 - 1998

Leader | House, Western Cape Provincial Government
1996 - 1998

Member of Executive Council | Police Services
1996 - 1998

Member of Executive Council | Housing
1994 - 1996

Minister | House of Representatives
1992 - 1992

Various positions | National Party
1991 - 1991

Member of Parliament | Retreat | Labour Party
1989 - 1989

Chairman | Peninsula Region Labour Party
1988 - 1991

Member of Parliament | Labour Party
1984 - 1984
ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY
Cape Town Hockey Club

Member
Cape Town Cricket Club

Chairman
Cape Town Cricket Club

Honorary Vice-President
WP Cricket Union's Coaching and Planning Committee

Source: *http://www.whoswho.co.za/gerald-morkel-4543*

Google Map showing location of
Gert Thomas Morkel's farm Salt River Vlei, District Beaufort West.

To see all the details that are visible on the screen, use the "Print" link next to the map.