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The Story of the South African Flemmers

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Originally the author intended that this book was going to cover the Danish children and their descendants up until about 1914 but this proved to be impractical. Instead you will find that the early generations are dealt with in detail while more recent descendants are recorded with briefer entries. An enormous effort has gone into trying to make sure the facts are accurate but inevitably there will be mistakes for which I apologise in advance.

Some of the information has come from archives and newspapers. Much has come from many people and which have been included and in some cases the interpretation of them by the author. It seems quite likely that different people have different versions of the same family story. Where there is no information about a branch of the family it's because despite the best efforts it wasn't available.

Family trees have been included – a vast collection of information which again the author has been at pains to verify as far as possible. By the very nature of a large family, the tree will change almost day by day.

Die skrywer het oorspronklik ten doel gehad dat die boek die Deense kinders en hulle afstammeling tot ongeveer 1914 moes dek, maar dit was egter onprakties. Daar sal egter gevind word dat die vroeë geslagte in detail gedek word terwyl die meer onlangse geslagte in minder besonderhede opgeteken is. 'n Groot poging is aangewend om die akkuraatheid van feite te verseker, maar daar sal sekerlik onvermydelik foute wees waarvoor die skrywer by voorbaat verskoning maak.

Van die inligting kom uit argiewe en koerante. Baie van die stories wat in die boek ingesluit is het van mondelinge oorvertelling gekom en in sommige gevalle is 'n vertolking van die stories deur die skrywer weergegee. Dit is duidelik dat familieledede verskillende weergawes van dieselfde familiestorie het. Waar daar egter geen inligting oor 'n vertakking van die familie is nie, is dit slegs omrede dat, ten spyte van pogings aangewend is, dit nie beskikbaar was nie.

Familiestambome is in die boek ingesluit met 'n magdom inligting waarvoor die skrywer uit sy pad gegaan het om te bevestig so ver dit moontlik was. Soos die geval is met 'n groot familie verander stamboom byna daaglik.

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