

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

I have so far dealt only with the early history of the Gie family, namely, with the family in France and Switzerland and with the first and second generations of the family in South Africa.

There may be some items which have been omitted although I have tried to get in touch with almost every source of information. There may too be some errors but I have, wherever possible, obtained confirmation of the facts from original sources.

Apart from two children who died in infancy, there were three male ancestors in the second generation. In the third generation there were six males; and fifteen in the fourth generation. Thereafter the family continued to increase and to attempt to produce a full and comprehensive history of the many people in the numerous branches would be a gigantic undertaking. Moreover such a comprehensive narrative would contain details which would be of little interest to a distant relative in another branch.

My branch of the family is descended from MICHAEL COENRAAD GIE and it is now my intention to continue the history of that particular branch.

It is however hoped that there may be members in other branches of the family who will be sufficiently interested to complete the history of their particular branches. I will be only too happy to provide any information which I may have about the other branches.

A family tree differs from a history in that it usually only records the dates of births, deaths and marriages of the members of a family. I have completed a fairly accurate record of the very early members of the family but many details of the later members of the family (who are spread not only over South Africa but also throughout the world) are missing.