



# HERBERT JULIUS BAHR

~ God Bless His Soul ~

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Full Names	<b>Herbert Julius Bahr</b>
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The following synopsis was retrieved from a book titled "*The Berlin Missionaries in South Africa and their Descendants*" (1984).

*Herbert Julius*, \* St. Petersburg, Russia 3.3.1909, s.o. Friedrich Erwin Bahr and Elsa Karolina Meuthel, x Pietermaritzburg 1.5.1937, Ursula Erna Johanna PAKENDORF, \* Emmaus, Bergville dist. 24.7.1918, d.o. Gustav Pakendorf, missionary, and Augusta Maria Johanna Johl. (See also PAKENDORF and JOHL.)

Herbert's father was born in St. Petersburg and grew up there. He was managing director of a shoe factory and a reserve officer in the Tsarist Russian army, taking part in the Russo-Japanese War, as well as in World War I, in which he was captured by the Austrians. He was reunited with his family after they had had to flee to Germany, following the Russian Revolution of 1917.

Herbert came to South Africa as a missionary in 1935.

In South Africa he was stationed at Mbabane, Swaziland, and then at Rosenstein, Bergville dist. He remained at Rosenstein for seven years; these included the war years and his internment of one year. When hostilities ceased, he received a call to take over the German congregation at King William's Town since, owing to the war, they were very short of clergy. Here he remained from 1946-1951, after which he returned to mission work and was stationed at Woyenthin, near Heidelberg. He was also responsible for the whole of the East Rand, as well as for the German congregation at Heidelberg. When Kaske died, Herbert also took over Potchefstroom and district, as well as a large German congregation there.

When the residents of Woyenthin were moved because of the Group Areas Act, Herbert was transferred to Johannesburg. He was elected Dean of the Circuit, Coloured Section. Having been eight years in Johannesburg he applied, for health reasons, for a transfer to Cape Town, where he had three Coloured congregations. He retired in 1974 and now lives in Cape Town.

- b1 Eckhart Herbert, \* Harrismith 31.1.1952. Works at the SABC.
- b2 Gernot Erwin, \* Nigel, Tvl. 2.2.1954.