



# EQUINE VETERINARIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA – 220 YEARS OF SERVICE



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# THE FIRST VET IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Thomas Burrowes
- Qualified MRCVS 30 March 1799
- 8<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Irish Light Dragoons (later Hussars)
- First British Occupation at the Cape (1795-1803)
- Regiment at the Cape – November 1796 to February 1803

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8th (King's Royal Irish) Light Dragoons 1855  
(Reprod. from Cavalry Journal 1911).



# SAVMA Coat of Arms



# MOTTO

*Pristinae Virtutis Memores*

Pride in the Past, Faith in the Present and Hope  
for the Future

(Remember our Noble Past)

## FOLLOWED BY

William Levett – 21<sup>st</sup> Light Dragoons; 1806-1813

J Schroder – took over from Levett; left the Cape  
in 1817

John Crump – 1831 – Private Practice

# 1831 Advertisement

## South African Commercial Advertiser 1831 - 3 - July to September

Posted in The South African Commercial Advertiser

Wednesday 28 September 1831

### VETERINARY SURGERY

Mr. John CRUMP, Veterinary Surgeon, “late to the Emperor of Brazil”, offers his services to the gentlemen of this Colony in treating the diseases and accidents of horses. As a Member of the London Royal Veterinary College he trusts that the practice of his profession, founded on acknowledged principles and much experience, will render him useful in a community where good horses abound and their value to Man is appreciated.

Residence: Mrs. HUGHES’, Burg and Church Streets  
Cape Town.

# THEN

John Kingsley, 1801-1866

MRCVS London 1838

Cape Mounted Rifles 1840 – 1860

JB Minnikin – June 1843 - April 1848,

7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards, Grahamstown

Benjamin Channing Rouse Gardiner – 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon  
Guards, 1846 - 1848



# Cape Mounted Rifles



# LEGAL REQUIREMENTS - REGISTRATION

GA Martin – 1859

Requests a License and presents his Diploma

By 1866 gave up Private Practice

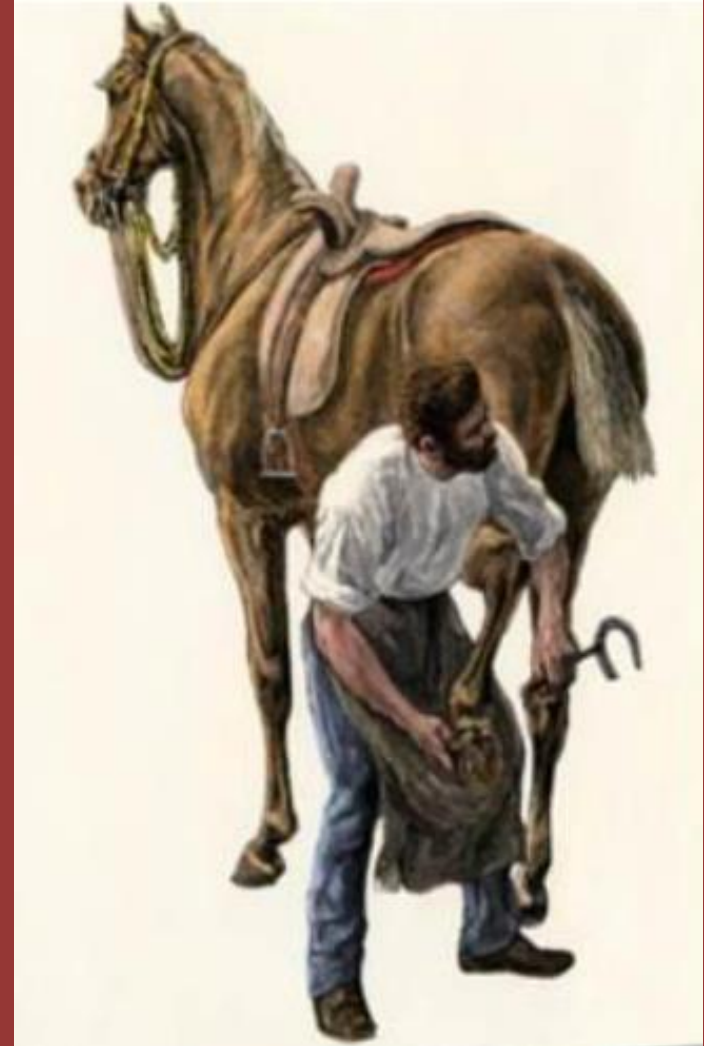
Edward A Gibbon – Requests a License – 1860

(Sir George Grey was Cape Governor from 1854-1861)

# 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards were involved in the 7<sup>th</sup> Frontier War of 1846-1847



# Sir George Grey



# STILL A LEGAL REQUIREMENT

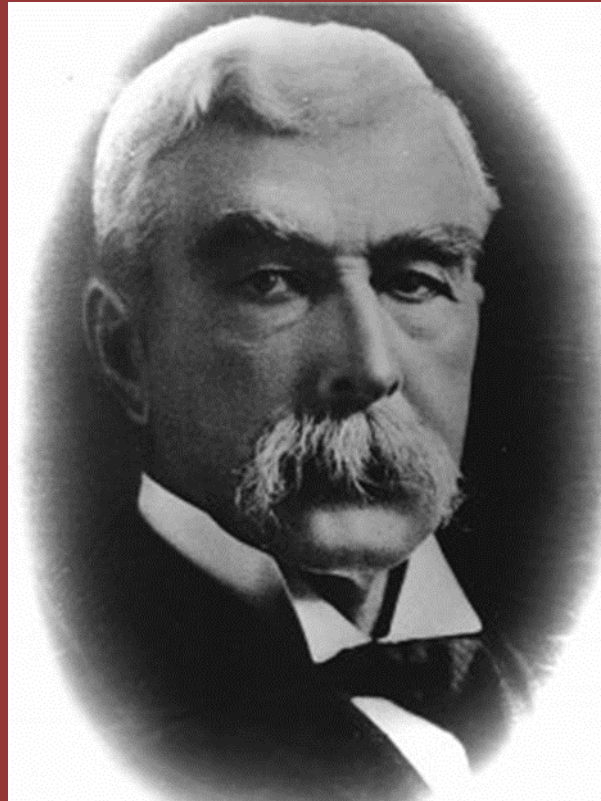
WE Bryan – 1882

JW Foreman – 1883

(then we have no more records)

# Duncan Hutcheon

- Wrote the first veterinary textbook in Southern Africa
- “Diseases of the Horse and their Treatment”, 1893



# FIRST VETERINARY BOARD

- Natal – 1899
- Enacted Act 21 of 1899: Natal Veterinary Board
- Driven by equine practitioners
- Attempts to extend it to Union after 1910
- Still operational until the Veterinary Act of 1933

# Herbert Watkins-Pitchford



Fig 4.—Col. H. Watkins - Pitchford, F.R.C.V.S., whose influence led to the Act of 1899 being placed on the Statute Book. (*Vet Jl.*)



# SIDNEY THOMAS ARUNDEL AMOS

- Born 3 March 1876 – died 31 July 1948
- MRCVS in 1897
- Anglo Boer War
- Secretary of the Natal Veterinary Board 1905
- Member Transvaal Veterinary Medical Association
- FRCVS in 1909
- Member Natal Veterinary Medical Association 1909
- Member South African Veterinary Association 1920
- Private Practice – 1911-1947

# SIDNEY THOMAS ARUNDEL AMOS, cont

Durban Turf Club

World War 1

Clairwood Turf Club – 1921

South African Veterinary

Medical Association President:

1936-1945 (9 years)



# JOHN BAGOT QUINLAN

- 1887 – 1970
- MRCVS in Dublin 1912
- Fitzwygram Prize – 1<sup>st</sup> in Britain
- Lecturer at Potchefstroom
- WW1 – Captain of the SA Veterinary Corps
- Allerton Laboratory – 1920
- Dr Med Vet (Hanover) – 1922
- FRCVS (London) – 1928
- DVSc (SA) – 1929
- Professor of Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics – 1922-1947

# JB QUINLAN



# FOLLOWED BY MANY MORE

Chris Marlow's Article

Jack Boswell

Frik van Rensburg

Jean du Plessis

Chris Marlow

John O'Grady

Maurice Azzie

Brian Baker

George Faul

Sandy Littlejohn

Chris van Niekerk

Willie du Plessis

Tremayne Thomas

Frank Freeman

Robin Rous

# VETS TREATING A HORSE



# SPECIALISATION

- Faculty courses
- SAVA Congresses and Branches
- Equine Practitioners' Group – 1964
- SA Equine Veterinary Association – 2005

**FINALLY ...**

Please preserve your history  
Honour your achievers

**Thank you**

