

The National Archives

South Africa “How to” Guide, Intermediate Level: Activity

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Access the NAAIRS website to answer the following questions:

1. Answer the following questions for the surname “van der Merwe”:

Approximately how many entries show up in the database “RSA” (for all archives)?	
Change the database to “KAB” (for Cape Province). How many entries for the surname show up in this index?	

2. Paul Kruger was a president of South Africa during the Boer War, and is considered to be a folk hero. Using NAAIRS, look in the Transvaal Archives database for Paul Kruger under his birth name, Stephanus Johannes Paulus Kruger. **Type each name on a separate line.** Death notices for Transvaal are listed under source description MHG. Find the death notice entry for him in 1904.

What is the reference number?	
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3. Go to FamilySearch Wiki and look for the Wiki page entitled “South Africa – Genealogy”. Click on “Probate Records” under the Topics list. From that page, choose Transvaal. Read the information in the Wiki article and answer the following questions:

What is the FamilySearch Catalog title for the Death Notices collection?	
What is the FHL Film number that would have the death notice for Paul Kruger?	

[Click here](#) to check your work against the Answer Key. Remember, this will let you know you’ve mastered the Guide!