HANS HERRE IMAGES

Hans Herre standing by front wheel of his donkey wagon and Reverend Louis Gottlieb Meyer next to him on a 1929 expedition to Bankfontein near Stinkfontein in the Richtersveld, South Africa.

Hans Herre next to driver; Reverend Louis Gottlieb Meyer in black hat; Hans' father, C Herre, behind LG Meyer; and LG Meyer's son, Rev. G Meyer, in straw hat on an expedition to the Richtersveld near Sendlingsdrift in 1929.
Hans Herre collecting *Lithops herrei* at Sendlingsdrift, Richtersveld, South Africa.

Hans Herre with *Aloe dichotoma* in 1969.

Hans Herre with large and old female *Welwitschia bainesii* north of Walvis Bay, South West Africa.

Hans Herre on one of his expeditions in 1960s.

Hans Herre next to *Cyphostemma cramerianus* near Omaruru, South West Africa in January 1960.
Hans Herre camping with his 1930 Chevy at the Knersvlakte region of hilly terrain covered with quartz gravel in Namaqualand in northwestern corner of Western Cape Province of South Africa that is dominated by leaf succulents belonging to Aizoaceae and Crassulaceae — with Gifberg Mountain in background — in 1957.
Reminiscence: When the Southwest Cactus Grower was formed, Honorary Members were soon selected, but these were given such honor on condition that they did things, on request, for the Growers...the effort on their part for borrowed glory...Among those who gladly accepted this condition was Mr. H. Herre of Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Much correspondence was carried on under these conditions. The following letter recently received is worthy of being shared.

Don B. Skinner, President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

Dear Friend(s):

Very many thanks for your kind letter and the Certificate of the Fellowship of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. You may imagine how proud I was to receive it! Of the other two Fellows, I know, of course, Paul C. Hutchison very well, also Thomas MacDougall is known to me by his publications and his work. Hence we are quite a good lot of fellows! Again very many thanks for your friendship in remembering me on this occasion! At the time of “Desert Plant Life” of the late Ellen Rockeby, we used to write to each other more regularly. But if my work about the genera of the Mesembryanthemaceae is dealt with, I will have some more time for correspondence. But lately this work has taken all my time as there are more than 150 genera. Fortunately most of the material is available, and thus I will have more time in the future.

Of course I am still much interested in the succulents and all that occurs in this region. The main collection of our succulents in the Botanic Garden of the University of Stellenbosch is still there, but as there is no work with these, besides myself, it will not be enlarged further, as the interest is at present more directed to the Protea, Ericaceae, and other plants of our Cape districts. I myself have only a few succulents left, as there is not enough space to cultivate more.

As regards health I cannot complain at all. Of course I am more careful not to overdo practical work in my private garden. If there is a chance I join scientists or amateurs on their trips into Namibaland and the Karroo, as I know the places where the more valuable succulents are to be found. This I still have the pleasure to visit my old friends and will have every chance to do so! This is quite in order. I learn with much pleasure you are still well. E.g., that Murray has her hands full with her work in the societies and the correspondence, and Don is also busy in this direction as well with practical work among the succulents. I shall make sure all remain on such in the future. Remember me to all the old succulent-friends there! With best wishes and kindest regards and many, many thanks, as ever.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Fellow Cactus Succulent Society of America, Inc.

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