

## ASP, Carl Johan

Carl Johan ASP was born in 1817. Various sources give different places of birth. His Death notices says "Pinna, Sweden"<sup>1</sup> while Margaret Cairns in her notes on who is buried at St Paul's Graveyard gives "Sockner, Sarstad, Sweden"<sup>2</sup> but "Sockner" in Swedish is "Parish" and Sarstadt is in southern Sweden. So presumably he was born in the parish of Sarstad in Boxholm Kommun, Ostergotlands Lan, Sweden.

On his Death Notice his father is given as "Magnus Asp, deceased" and his mother as "deceased".

It is not know when he arrived in South Africa.

He married Miss Johanna Miller at the English Church Rondebosch (St Paul's) on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1844.

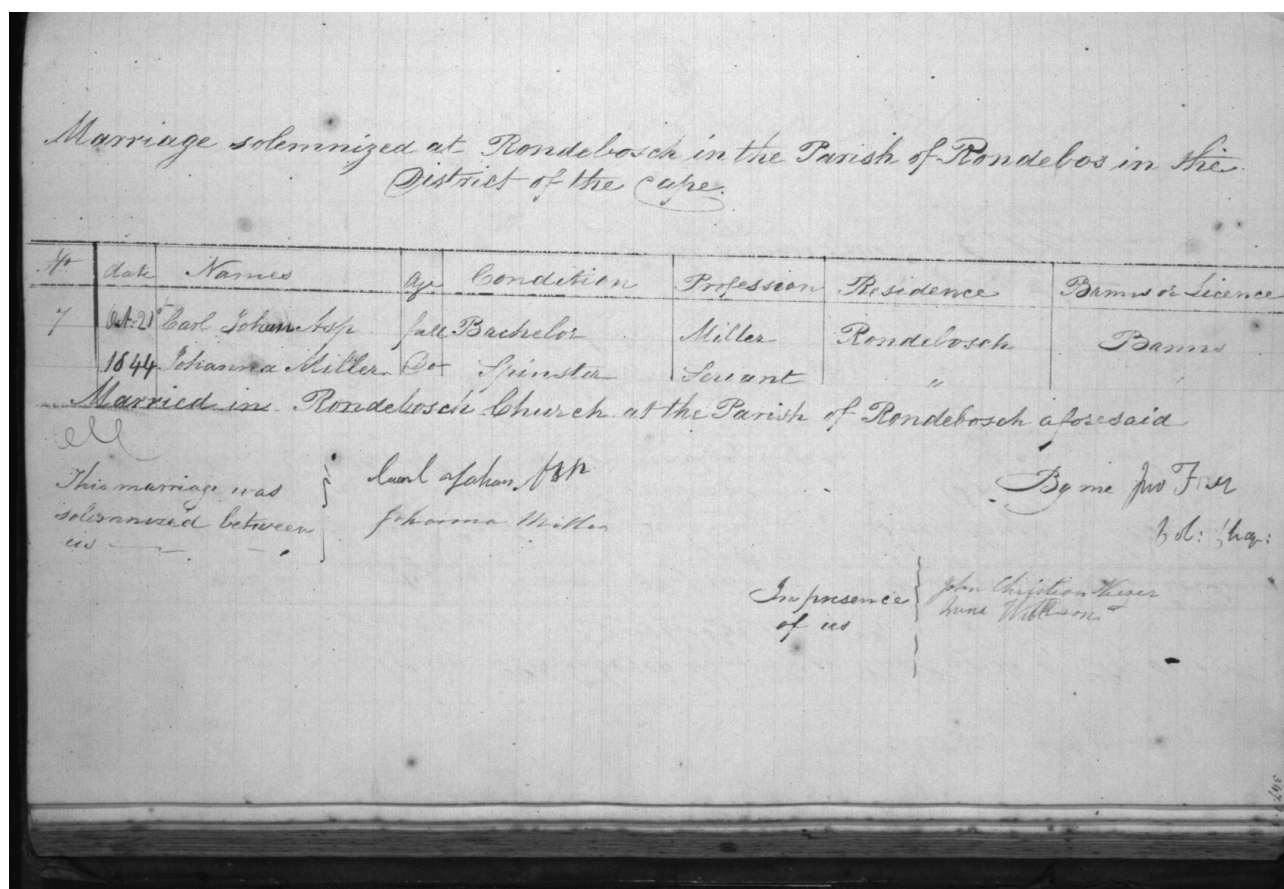


Photo 1: St Paul's Marriage Register

Carl Asp's profession from the Marriage is given as "Miller". Perhaps he was working for fellow Swede, Joseph Letterstedt, just down the road at Josephine Mill.

The first entry on Ancestry24.com directories is for 1847 where is listed as an "ale house keeper" at 18 Zieke Street (Source: 1847 Cape Almanac). The same information occurs in the 1851 edition of the Cape Almanac.

In the 1854 edition the following entry occurs:

Asp, Carl Johann

Profession: Tanner

Street Address: Pleinstreet (Source: 1854 Cape Almanac)

<sup>1</sup> MOOC 6/9/124 Ref 4585 Cape Archives

<sup>2</sup> Margeret Cairns in *Familia*

In the Cape Almanacs for 1861, 1863, 1865 and 1866 the following entries occur:

Asp, Carl Johannes  
Profession: Innkeeper  
Street Address: 98 Long Street  
Source: 1861 Cape Almanac

Asp, Carl Johannes  
Occupation: Inn Keeper  
Address: 98 Long Street  
Source: 1863 Cape Almanac

Asp, Carl Johannes  
Street Address: Crown and Anchor Inn 104  
Notes: residence, 98 Long Street  
Source: 1865 Cape Almanac

Asp, Carl Johannes  
Street Address: Crown & Anchor Inn, 104, res 28 Long Street  
Source: 1866 Cape Almanac

So it appear that Carl ASP was the Landlord of the Crown & Anchor at 104 Long Street while he lived at 98 Long Street (1866 has him residing at 28 Long Street – is this a transcription error or was the numbering in Long Street changed?)

In 1857 Carl and Johanna ASP were witnesses at the marriage of Carl Bystrom, an engineer and Sophia Nordin at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town.

No mention appears in the *Cape Almanacs* of the Claremont Inn where he died in 1868. Perhaps Carl and Johanna only moved there after 1866. His widow continued to reside in Claremont as her death notice shows and she appears to continue to run the Claremont Inn.

Carl Johan ASP was buried from St Paul's Church, Rondebosch. Next to the Burial Register is written "Purchased or Free Ground 1 £10" which is confusing as Purchased Plot No 1 is the PELTRET family. Therefore Carl ASP might not be buried among the purchased plots.

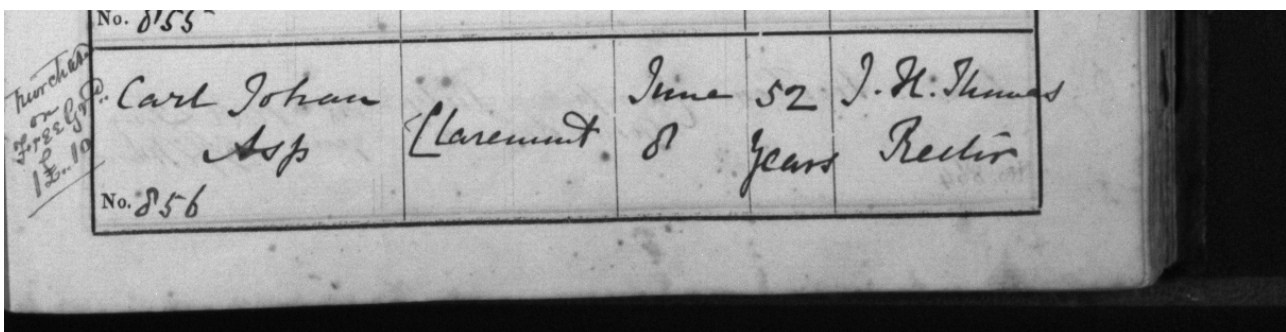


Photo 2: St Paul's Burial Register 1868

On 14 February 1875, Carl's widow, Johanna is the godmother to Johanna Asp Matilda MORRIS (b16 January 1875) at St Saviour's Church, Claremont.

**Name:** Morris, Johanna Asp Matilda

**Baptism Date:** 14 February 1875

**Declared Date Of Birth:** 16 January 1875

**Fathers Name:** Samuel Morris

**Mothers Names:** Johanna Caroline

**Abode:** Claremont

**Quality Trade Or Profession:** School Master

**Sponsor 1 Name:** Johanna Asp

**Sponsor 2 Name:** Justina Matilda Wocke

**Sponsor 3 Name:** Eyen Albert George Wocke  
**Page Number:** 93 **Entry Number:** 941  
**Minister:** ARM Wilshere  
**Church Name:** St Saviours Claremont

Two years later Johanna ASP died on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1877 and was buried from St Paul's Church on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

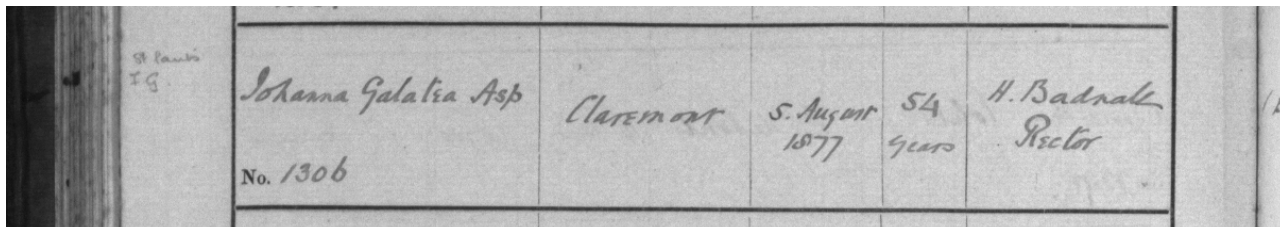


Photo 3: St Paul's Burial Register 1877

What is interesting is for the first time Johanna has a second forename – Galatea – which appears nowhere else in her official documentation. Also complicating matter is the writing on the left of the entry which appears to say "St Paul's IG" but I suspect that it is "St Paul's FG" meaning she was buried in the Free Ground of St Paul's Graveyard.

Johanna ASP's death notice reads as follows:

**DEATH NOTICE**

**Name:** Asp, Johanna  
**Place Of Birth:** Cape Town  
**Age Of Deceased:** 54 years  
**Occupation:** Hotelkeeper  
**Date Of Death:** 4 August 1877  
**Place Of Death:** at her residence in Claremont  
**Father Details:** Deceased  
**Mother Details:** Deceased  
**Marital Status:** Widow  
**Previous Spouse 1:** Johan Asp  
**Left Property:** yes  
**Property Type:** Movable  
**Left Will:** yes  
**Signed At:** Claremont  
**Dated On:** 07/08/1877]  
**Signed Capacity:** n/s  
**Death Notice Signed By:** n/s  
**Other Info:** No children  
**Source:** MOOC 6/9/9156 Ref 79817

The "Crown and Anchor" according to the Cape Almanac of 1871 had a landlord with the name Harry DEANE. It continued to occupy premises in Long Street. A pure coincidence is that I researched, for an Australian lady, the ASSITER family and I find now that a G. ASSITER has the address of the Crown and Anchor 156 Long Street in the 1929 phone book!