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JAMES ANTONY MARK COLE³-ROUS (MARCUS COLE², JAMES COLE¹) was born on 10 July 1936 in Wynberg, South Africa. He married EULALIE GLADYS ROWENA FRANZEN on 13 July 1957 in Brakpan, South Africa. She was born on 9 May 1934 in Benoni, Transvaal, South Africa. James is the grandson of ANNA LOUISE⁶ FLEMMER (CHRISTIAN LUDVIG⁵) born on 28 January 1874 in Cradock, South Africa and died on 22 February 1941 in Observatory, Johannesburg, South Africa. She married JAMES COLE-ROUS on 26 March 1902 in the DRC, Cradock, South Africa. He was born on

25 April 1874, and died 1932.

JAMES COLE-ROUS - PERSONAL HISTORY WRITTEN IN MAY 2004

I started school at Rondebosch Boys Prep school, then was sent to St. Johns College in Johannesburg, and left there to live again with my dad in Rondebosch, and was sent to Christian Brothers College Green Point as a day scholar. My final years of schooling were at Paul Roos Gymnasium in Stellenbosch. Then I went to the South African Air force Gymnasium for my basic training. I trained as an Air Gunner/Radio operator, but due to a defect in my inner ear tubes was grounded and served at the Telecommunications Centre at Pretoria Air School 71.

After an honourable discharge I went to work in Johannesburg and after a couple of years in sales, I married Eulalie Gladys Rowena Franzsen born May 9, 1934 in Benoni Transvaal, on July 13, 1957 at Brakpan Transvaal. Rowena was daughter of Hugh Earling Franzsen whose father Frank, came out from Norway to Knysna as a boy, with his father Lars Franzsen. They arrived in 1869, together with the Thesen family of Knysna fame, in a little topsail Schooner. One of the Franzsens was a vice president of the South African Reserve Bank in the 60's and some of the girls lived in a house in Oranjezicht, where we visited them while on honeymoon. Rowena's mother was Ellie Staples, whose father owned Hayden near Tafelberg Hall and went on some of the hunting parties organized from Tafelberg Hall. Her grandfather was John Bath Staples who came out with the 1820 settlers,

We attended South African Bible Institute, in Brakpan, and were ordained together Sept. 16, 1958 and have served as Pastors of five churches in South Africa, and then joined Mission Aviation an Interchurch service agency providing air transport to missionaries and doctors in third world countries. Rowena was unable to bear children, and we adopted two: Sylvia Joy Cole-Rous born July 20, 1963 in Johannesburg, a Non disclosure adoption. Sylvia finished school and returned to Pietermaritzburg to enter Nursing at Greys. She went on to work for the IRS in Pmbg and met Hilton Myburgh in Pmbg. Sylvia gave birth to Sabrina Courtney Grace Myburgh born March 18, 1997 in Pietermaritzburg. They live in Durban at this time, 2004, she is still with the IRS.

John Timothy Cole-Rous born July 4, 1970 in Johannesburg, a Non disclosure adoption. John finished school in Rosamond, California where he met Lorina Renee Ambriz born March 20, 1977 in Lancaster CA John and Lorina were married in San Diego May 20, 1995. Their first child was Alexandria Eyvonne Cole-Rous born Dec 6, 1993. Their second was John Junior Cole-Rous born October 6, 1995 and third Jaylen Timothy Cole-Rous born June 2, 2003. They live in Lancaster CA where John is currently Assistant Superintendent for a Building Construction Company.

Rowena and I served with MAF the first year as national Public Relations Officer, and then were sent to Zaire (Belgium Congo) for a year 1973, and flew about 100 hours a month there. Jungle flying in a single engine six seat Cessna 185 tail dragger. We were then placed in Transkei and served there as national operations manager and pilot from Jan '74 to Nov '78. We were then asked to go to the USA on a Sabbatical to obtain a degree in Aerospace Maintenance and get the FAA licenses for Airframe and Powerplant. We did, graduated Magna cum laude and were preparing to return to South Africa. At that point MAF were at a loss to use us as they had closed operations in Transkei and did not have a place to put us with South African Passports! We were simultaneously asked by our Church to take a position in Los Angeles which needed Multi Ethnic experience and Children's Ministry experience. Kids work had been our hobby and we accepted, and spent five years building up a large and successful Children's work for the Church in LA. We resigned to start our own as Children's Evangelist, holding special services for all churches in the California and Oregon states. We moved to Missouri early in 2002 and settled in Springfield, and are still travelling to Churches for Special Services.

In 2003 we completed a 12 part Video series for Teacher Training and I learned how and edited all 7 hours of film myself. In 2004 we built and launched our own website and are planning several Crusades, 4 or 5 night special series of meetings for Churches in Missouri and Arkansas and Texas.

P.S. Marcus had the Cole as a first name, but made it part of our surname as it goes back to the Cole sisters, one of

whom married Harry Struben, who found Gold in what is now Johannesburg.

Update 23 December 2021

We spent 65 years in full time ministry and Missions, worked in 15 countries, and ended up in the USA, where I retired from full time ministry. Rowena, my Darling wife of 50+ years was a Registered Nurse and Midwife, and also an ordained minister. We worked as a team, and had a wonderful life. She passed away in Springfield MO, on the first week of December 2007 from a heart attack.

She was an only child of Hugh Earling Franzsen, and Ellie Staples. The Staples family farmed not far from Jim Rous at Tafelberg Hall and the farm "Stradbroke" near Middleberg, E. Cape. Ellie trained as a school teacher, and took care of a school on the east side of Knysna. She married into the Franzsen family, who came out of Stavanger, Norway, with the Thesen family. Frans Franzsen had worked for Thesen and volunteered to be the cook on the ship "Albatross" on the journey to South Africa. He settled in Knysna. His son Hugh Earling Franzsen worked for 35 years with the Victoria Falls Water Supply, which later was named ESCOM in the 1950's.

Jim Cole-Rous published three books in 2012-14, now available in print or Kindle from Amazon.com. 'Rowena: The Girl Who Wouldn't Quit' is a biography of our life journey. I am currently completing a Master's degree, in order to publish an academic book, which will be a History of the Early Christian Church. It will be written in the culture of the African People, for Bible Colleges in Africa. It emphasizes the connections between the people who are mentioned in the Bible. I hope to get this completed in the year 2022.

I am currently being monitored for irregular pulse; after a dual heart bypass in 2016. I will be 86 in July 2022, and live in a fine community village in Springfield MO. My daughter, Sylvia now lives near me, here, and is working in a Mental Hospital. She is now 56 years old, and keeps an eye on me.

My website is www.rousministry.org where I post a monthly short blog, and some history, find these by clicking on the tabs along the top of my home page.

Update 9 April 2022

I am the son of Professor Marcus Rous, and brother of Jill Rainier-Pope (nee: Jill Cole-Rous). My wife was Eulalie Gladys Rowena Franzsen, Her mother's family were 'Staples', farming near "Stradbroke" and she married one of the only male survivors of the first world war, Franzsen, who was born in Knysna and returned home alive. My wife Rowena, as she was called, was a Registered Nurse and Midwife. We met in Boksburg in 1955, and were married in 1957. We were both called to Christian ministry, and served as a team in missions, for 51 years in 17 countries. Rowena died of a heart attack in 2007 in Missouri, USA. Some backup information is on my website www.rousministry.org, readable when you click the tabs on the top of the home page.

Thanks for the latest update from the Flemmer family connections. I found a four volume set of the Anglo-Boer War, and Flemmers are mentioned in there (With the Flag to Pretoria vols. 1&2, After Pretoria vols. 1&2, Folio matching set, 13" x 9". Pub: Harmsworth. London 1901, 1st.ed. In good condition, 121 years since printing). Hundreds of pictures (B/W).

I celebrate my 86th birthday July, 10, 2022.

Cheers to all of you.
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