

Johanna van der Merwe

Johanna Cornelia van der Merwe (7 March 1825 – 15 January 1888) was a [Voortrekker](#) heroine who survived the [Weenen massacre](#), an [impi](#) attack on her trekking party on 17 February 1838, despite suffering more than twenty [assegai](#) wounds.

Johanna van der Merwe



JOHANNA VAN DER MERWE

Johanna Van der Merwe

Born 7 March 1825
[Grahamstown, Cape Colony](#)

Died 15 January 1888 (aged 62)
[Rouxville, Orange Free State](#)

Other names Hannie

Spouse Hendrik Frederik Delpport (m. 1817)

Parent(s) Johannes Frederik Van der Merwe (father)
Helena Catharina Van der Merwe (mother)

She later married Hendrik Frederik Delpport with whom she had seven sons (despite being permanently crippled by the attack). She died aged 62 and was buried in [Rouxville](#).^[1]

An [ox-wagon](#) in the historic 1938 [Great Trek](#) Centenary commemoration trek as well as a [South African Navy submarine](#) were named in her honour.

orn 7 March 1825
[Grahamstown, Cape Colony](#)

Died 15 January 1888 (aged 62)
[Rouxville, Orange Free State](#)

Other names Hannie

Spouse Hendrik Frederik Delpport (m. 1817)

Parent(s) Johannes Frederik Van der Merwe (father)
Helena Catharina Van der Merwe (mother)