

Surname Changes

Jongklaas → Jonklaas

Kelaar → Kelaart

Ferdinandus → Ferdinando or → Ferdinand or → Ferdinands

Lawrence Joseph → Joseph Lawrence

De Silva → D'Silva → Silva

(There are also distinct branches of these same names)

Von Drieberg → Anjou → Von Drieberg → Drieberg

Parber → Barber

Meijer → Meyer and could also be linked to the family Meier

One of the things I have learnt is beware of name/surname changes so as not to discount somebody that you think may not be of your line, these occur in instances like: -

1. **Better pronunciation/ less errors in spelling**, The name Jongklaas with a G changed to Jonklaas probably due to pronunciation reasons in the country of Ceylon, while in Holland the surname can still be found in its original form *another instance is Misso*.
2. **Assumed names (running away from trouble/family name was disgraced)** *Anjou-Von Drieberg, Shultz-Van Ranzow*
3. **Anglicized** *Parbe-Barber, Smits-Smith, Johannes Henricus-John Henry*
4. **To create less confusion with another family** *Kellar and the name Kelaart which at one stage was Kelaar. On my latest discoveries I have found that Joost Kelaar the originator of the Kelaart Line to be actually Joost Kesselaer which goes back to my first reason of Surname Changes for better pronunciation. It is interesting to note that the first name is more of Dutch Origin while the original surname is of German Origin. Perhaps he came from Holland while the past*

generations came from Germany or near the Border, by looking at your options you can start to look in the right areas.

5. Developments of a name over a period of time

De arpes, de Arpa, Del Harpe, de la Harpe

6. Surname change for no apparent reason *Landsberger-Borger, Speldewinde-de Boer, Heyzer-McHeyzer*

7. Error by the person who logged entry into a book *Joustra-Gaustra, Prins-Prinz*

8. Marriage Union *Male de Zilva & Female van Twest becoming de Zilva-van Twest and later back to van Twest*

9. Abbreviated names *Percival-Percy, William Edward-Bill, Robert Ian Collin -RIC*

10. AKA names *Elizabeth-Lizzy, Beth, Bep, Liza, and Bee etc.*