



In the book, “The History of the Great Boer Trek and the Origin of the South African Republics”, published in 1899, the authors attempt to provide a record of the peoples of southern Africa and the historical animosity the Boers and English shared for one another.

Although blinded by his patriotism and the English right of empire building and their automatic domain over any nation seen as uncivilised or those who stood in the way of colonialism, he does make a particular effort to record the peoples (nations) of southern Africa.

The authors are Her Majesty’s High Commissioner for Natal, Hon. Henry Cloete (LLD) and his grandson W.B. Cloete – who attempt to enlighten their British countrymen, with whom the Empire is at war with (Anglo-Boer War in 1899). Of utmost importance is his meticulous categorisation of people, namely:

- Bushman
- Hottentot
- Griqua

- Kafir (tribes)
- Amapondas
- Amabaka
- Barolong
- Matabelee
- Mantatee
- Zulu
- Frenchmen
- Germans
- Dutchmen
- Dutch farmers from the Cape Colony
- Saxon farmers
- [Old] Romans
- British settlers
- Scottish immigrants
- Boer farmers
- Boers

What's quite evident from this account of history in 1899, is that no people called Afrikaners are recorded. Not one mention is made of them in the book and yet somehow today the Afrikaners claim to be Boer. The authors have never met or encountered the Afrikaners or acknowledged their role in the formation of the Natal Republic or any of the Boers, who they so fondly and persistently also call "the emigrants".

These Boers or emigrants are clearly identified as those white people who left the domain of the British colonies and "protectorates" in the search of other lands – away from the colony. Those staying behind are then by default quite content with British rule and identity and therefore cannot claim to be the Boer people. These are naturally the colonials, settlers and Cape Dutch who stayed behind. However, today it is these very Afrikaners who claim to have a right to the Boer identity and heritage – as well as their land.

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