

CHTD Heese



Christoph Heinrich Theodor Daniel Heese was born in 1870 in Riversdale, Cape Colony. He attended school in Pyritz, Germany and obtained a BA degree with honours at the Victoria College (later University of Stellenbosch) in 1899. He taught in various schools in South Africa.

After retirement he lived in Stilbaai and researched the Middle Stone Age artifacts. Heese managed to build a large collection of Stone Age tools. Various articles in both Afrikaans and English appeared in the South African Journal for Science. In 1933 he published a thesis *The Evolution of Paleolithic Technique* in the Annals of the University of Stellenbosch. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Stellenbosch for his archaeological work.

As a tribute to his pioneering archaeological work done in Stilbaai the term *The Stillbay* is still used today to describe this specific archaeological industry or culture.