

Olive Schreiner - Died. Apelwin. Dec 11. 1920

Born 1862. Father German Missionary -
Head of small Lutheran College - Mother English -
(no records even here!)

Large family - Wrote Story of African Farm between
14 - 20 years old - at latter age came to England
with the MSS - much disappointment before
accepted by Chapman & Hall, published 1883

Used pen-name Ralph Iron at first for this
book - later used her own.

All her books illustrated aspects of woman's question

Dreams in 1891 - Then "Dream Life & Real Life"

pub. Fisher Unwin

Spent 6 yrs in Europe - London - Switzerland
& Italy - (always had had asthma) -

Literary circles England - progressives - liberals -
socialists - Member Men's & Women's Club -
a discussion group striving to reach a sane
healthy & happy solution to sex problems.

1889 returned to S.A. lived with her brother in
Cape Town (he was Prime Minister of Cape Colony &
later High Commissioner for the new Union of S.A. in
London. -

Married Samuel C. Cronwright 1894 - her husband
joining her name with his own. - One child died in
infancy.

Olive Cronwright-Schreiner

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In 1895 - pamphlet appeared signed by both -
"The Political Situation" dealing with the new
capitalist régime of the Chartered Company of the
Rand.

1897. appeared Trooper Peter Halkeet of Mashonaland
an indictment of British colonisation methods in
S. Africa.

The pair spent 1897 - 99 in England - returned to
S. A. 1899. - settled in Johannesburg. - Nesel

book An English South African View was barely
published before the war broke out. - They had to
flee from Johannesburg to Cape Town, destitute
except for the clothes they were wearing.

Her Home burned down - including what Olives
considered her most precious MSS - on the
history & future of woman. Ten years
later her Woman's Labour was published
in which as a fundamental she
claims all labour for woman's province
assuming freedom the
full equality of the sexes could be
established.

Her last work an essay on "Woman" pub. in
U.S.A. - scarcely known within country
when she died.
