

THE PASSAPORTIS SAGA by Rick Passaportis on 21 July 2024

A fascinating story of how different families from Cypress and the UK eventually found their way to Rhodesia and thrived here.

Rick Passaportis gave an illustrated talk based on material he has collected on his family's history, for passing on to his own three children and their families.

Born in 1953, Rick was educated at Prince Edward School and then commissioned as 2nd Lt. into the RLI in 1972. He passed the Selous Scouts selection course in 1976 and ended the war as OC Assault Group.

He was posted back to the RLI as OC 3 Commando and RLI which remained intact for 1 year post-Independence then disbanded.

Rick then joined the Sultan of Oman's Special Forces for 6 years and served in the tail end of the Dhofar War. He returned to Zimbabwe and joined John Bredenkamp's organisation heading up military sales into the Middle East as he spoke Arabic.

He left John Bredenkamp after 6 years and set up his own company trading into the Middle East.

Rick says he is retired but now owns Bushman Rock Estate.