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**Present day photo of the the Post Office Tree at Mossel Bay. In 1501
a message, with the information that Bartholomeu Dias had died,
was left by a homebound ship in its shade for passing mariners. It is
a prelude to a planned large article covering the Post Office Stones.**

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Editorial Notes

Just in a couple of months, we will hopefully all be meeting at our 30th Anniversary Society Convention and Annual General Meeting, this year hosted by the Philatelic Show in Boxborough MA. We will, like we did last time in Denver 2015, gather for a full day before the show itself for a African Philatelic Symposium at the nearby Spellman Museum. Colin Fraser has again managed to put an exciting symposium program together, covering a wide array of subjects from WW2 pioneers, the Transvaal railway, African liberation and philately, southern African philatelic literature, South African border war and the Cubans, and the Cape eastern frontier. It is also expected that several exhibits with southern African themes will be on display during the show itself. We are looking forward to a long weekend of philatelic scholarship, exciting new exhibits, and meeting old and finding new friends. If you rarely attend philatelic shows, this is the opportunity not to be missed. Look at pages 32 and 33 for information.

In this issue, our Founding Father Bill Brooks takes us on a journey through the early history of our Society. It all started in 1987 with a small group, mostly from southern California, and grows rapidly to a world-wide group of nearly 200 in 1995. Only eight years! Shortly thereafter, we had our first major convention in 1997, during the international exhibition in San Francisco, where we celebrated with a major auction and other events. Since that high point, we have seen a dramatic drop to just over 110, after which our membership has stabilized or, dependent on how we want to see the facts, slightly declining to around 100 members (see graph on page 37). Some simple calculations tells us that with the current decline, we will have to close shop in about 20 years! On this background, the report from the membership secretary on page 32 is rather alarming that at this point 16 members have not yet paid their subscription that have been due since September last year. If it is any consolidation, this development is common for many of the smaller specialist societies of southern Africa (and other areas). We have about 12-10 specialist societies devoted to southern Africa. This is two less than 2-4 years ago. We are simply dwindling away. Still we are still alive, we have a journal that is still arriving with regular intervals, we have occasional conventions, and we have at least one yearly auction. So we must be doing something right despite our dropping membership.

Just as going to press, it has been announced that a longtime member and contributor to the Forerunners, Bill Wallace, has unexpectedly passed away in San Francisco. Bill was a strong supporter of our Society in the 90's. We will return when we have more informations.

The deadline for the next issue will be June 15, 2017. Please let the Editor have your contributions - small or large - as soon as possible.

Changes of address or email should be reported to the Secretary-Treasurer David McNamee at dmcnamee@aol.com.



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Royal Mail is Considering Philatelic Stamp

A few years ago, it was proposed to Royal Mail that the Royal Philatelic Society of London should be honored with a commemorative postage stamp at the occasion of its 150th Anniversary in 2019. To the surprise of everybody, the idea has now progressed and is included in the official list of possible events to be recognized. The way Royal Mail will take this forward is to run a survey to test the market appetite. The online survey for 2019 issues can be found at: <https://www.royalmail.com/2019>. The survey takes just a few seconds to complete. Consider helping our hobby and the Royal Society to achieve this great recognition. The Royal Society choice is the seventh in the first category.

Society Affairs

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President's Corner

Greetings from Ontario and apologies for cutting my last message off so abruptly! It was a matter of too little space remaining to finish off comments about the show! During the banquet and award presentations, my "World of Insects" exhibit received another silver, but to my surprise was also awarded the A.A.P.E. pin for "Best presentation in a level other than Gold"-still lots of work to be done, but it was gratifying to find I was on the right track!

Last time Barbara and I were "in the west" was in 1985 in Reno, on the eastern side of the mountains, so we decided to further investigate the eastern side on a trip last year and to visit some of the National Parks that we had heard of. We started on a Monday morning through the seemingly endless construction around Denver until we could pick up I-70 and head west climbing all the way until we went over Vail Pass at 10,666 feet and then passed through the skiing areas with blocks of apartments all boarded up waiting for another ski season! The Colorado River joined the highway just past Gypsum and we went through New Castle (?), Silt, Rifle and Parachute (fascinating names) and on through Glenwood Canyon, which was amazing, to Grand Junction, where we stopped at the visitor centre. We asked about the Colorado National Monument and were told it would take about 1½ hours to go round it so we took the opportunity and were very glad that we did! Back to the highway and we crossed into Utah and went away from the Colorado and arrived in Green River, where we had planned to stay. The motel was right beside the Green River, which flows from north to south and later joins the Colorado! In the morning we were back on I 70 across rolling, desert-like terrain until we dropped through a cut and were faced with spectacular sandstone ridges. We turned south on Hwy. 24 heading across the San Rafael Desert to Hanksville (no relation!), which was like an oasis in the desert. We stopped for coffee and chatted with the owner who told us they were short of water (3-4 inches of rain instead of the usual 7)! We drove on through Capital Reef N.P., which was wonderful and used up a lot of film before we stopped at Torrey for lunch. Since we were heading for Panguitch on Hwy. 89, we took Hwy. 12 through the Dixie National Forest, which was heavily treed and very much "up and down". The town of Escalante is situated on the "Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument" and the road west ran alongside the Fremont River. We stopped for a break at an overlook for more picture-taking and I took one of a Long-Tailed Burrowing Wasp, which I hoped would come out! Just before arriving at Panguitch (where we had booked a room), we went through Red Canyon, which is just north of Bryce Canyon and it was spectacular. Panguitch was a bit of a disappointment, as they had the road up, but the motel was okay and we were able to buy a couple of well-illustrated books, one on Capitol Reef and the other on Utah! The weather on the following day was cool and cloudy, not the greatest for visiting Bryce Canyon, but it was still fantastic with all the pinnacles in reddish rock, sculpted by the wind. We walked a couple of trails; an easy one for Barbara and a more difficult one for me, in which I was surprised to see a two tall conifer neatly hemmed in by the red rock walls. At the southern end of the canyon there was a Bristlecone Pine 1,600

years old! We left the canyon and drove north on a back road to Antimony with a branch of the Sevier River next to the road and stopped for some supplies. Took a look at the Otter Creek Reservoir, which had a campground and which brought back memories of our travels in the eastern U.S. with our children and a tent trailer! Picked up Hwy. 89 and cut over to Cedar City, where we stayed the night. Picked up Hwy. I-15 and traveled south, all downhill until we turned on to Hwy. 17, which took us into Zion National Park, where we drove to Springdale and booked in to the motel! (To be continued.)

Until next time...

Alan J. Hanks

TBVC Studiegroep/Study Group

The Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda, and Ciskei Study Group has started a comprehensive study of the stamp issues of the South Africa Homelands. So far 44 summaries of the stamp issues have been distributed:

- No. T1: 1976 summary; legislative assembly; independence (8 pages).
- No. T2: 1976-84 first definitive series (12 pages).
- No. T3: 1977 Transkei Airways; medical plants; radio (8 pages).
- No. T4: 1977-78 the blind; pipes, weaving, wild fruits (9 pages).
- No. T5: 1978-79 cripples; initiation, water resources (8 pages).
- No. T6: 1979 year of the child (4 pages).
- No. T7: 1980 fishing flies; Rotary International; cycads (9 pages).
- No. T8: 1981 medical plants (4 pages).
- No. T9: 1980 birds (4 pages).
- No. T10: 1980 tourism (4 pages).
- No. T11: 1981 fishing flies and headdress (8 pages).
- No. T12: 1981 independence and scouts (8 pages).
- No. T13: 1982 fishing flies (9 pages).
- No. T14: 1982 Boy Scout Movements and City of Umtata (8 pages).
- No. B1: 1977 summary, independence issue (8 pages).
- No. B2: 1977 first definitive series (12 pages).
- No. B3: 1978 world hypertension month; Taung's stone works; Wright brothers (8 pages).
- No. B4: 1978-79 independence; boxing; road safety (8 pages).
- No. B5: 1979 sorghum beer, platinum, and agriculture (8 pages).
- No. B6: 1979 year of the child (4 pages).
- No. B7: 1980 anti-smoking; Mafeking (4 pages).
- No. B8: 1980 birds (4 pages).
- No. B9: 1980 edible wild fruits; world title fight; tourism (8 pages).
- No. B10: 1981 year disabled (4 pages).
- No. B11: 1981 indigenous grasses; Lord's passion (8 pages).
- No. B12: 1983 forests and sharks (8 pages).
- No. B13: 1982 scouts (8 pages).
- No. V1: 1979 summary; independence (4 pages).
- No. V2: 1979 first definitive series (7 pages).
- No. V3: 1980-81 wood carvings; Tea and sunbirds (8 pages).
- No. V4: 1980-81 orchids; bananas (8 pages).
- No. V5: 1981 sunbirds; lakes and waterfalls (4 pages).
- No. V6: 1981-82 music instruments, frogs (8 pages).
- No. V7: 1982 writing (4 pages).
- No. V8: 1982 sisal and trees (8 pages).
- No. V9: 1983 migratory birds, writing (8 pages).
- No. V10: 1983 indigenous trees and migratory birds (8 pages).
- No. C1: 1981 summary; independence (8 pages).
- No. C2: 1981-1991 definitive birds (18 pages).
- No. C3: 1982 Cecilia Makiwane (4 pages).
- No. C4: 1982-83 pineapples, military uniforms (8 pages).
- No. C5: 1982 small mammals (4 pages).
- No. C6: 1983 forests and sharks (8 pages).
- No. C7: 1983 education; 1984 indigenous trees (4 pages).

Each stamp description gives a detailed summary of the philatelic knowledge as well as the special cancellations and

covers. If your interest is the homelands, this is definitely something that you will want to see and a project you must get involved in. The group invites comments and input to the project. Connie Liebenberg

It is with regret that we just have learned that Connie Liebenberg passed away in August last year. She was very active in the TBVC study group and was our regular source for the newsletters. She will be difficult to replace in this as well as many other study groups. It is hope that somebody will take over her important role in completing the philatelic study of the Homelands.

Mark Your Calendar

Several important stamp shows and exhibitions are fast approaching. It is now time for making a decision about to attend and to mark your calendar.

PSGSA 30th Anniversary Convention will take place during **Philatelic Show, Boxborough, Massachusetts**, May 5-7, 2017. A full day African Philately Symposium is being planned for May 5th at the Spellman Museum (<http://www.spellmanmuseum.org>).



APS STAMPSHOW, Richmond, VA, August 3-6, 2017. For information go to <http://www.stamps.org/STAMPSHOWS>.

The **Third International Symposium on Analytical Methods in Philately** will take place in London at the Royal Philatelic Society during 13-15 October. Visit www.analytical-philately.org for details.



A **Postal History Symposium** has been hosted jointly by the American Philatelic Research Library and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum since 2006. The 'Tenth Blount Postal History Symposium' will be held Nov. 1-2, 2018 at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. The theme is 'WWI and its Immediate Aftermath.' Information is now available. Deadline for submitting proposals is June 15, 2017. Visit <http://www.stamps.org/Postal-History-Symposium> for information.



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Membership Secretary and Treasurer Report

As of writing this, 15 % of our membership have taken up the offer of US\$20 for digital distribution only. The remaining have paid the \$20 + cost of postage to retain membership.

A total of 17 members have still not paid the subscriptions that was due 1 September 2016 for the current year ending 31 August 2017. This is four times the usual slow-pay members. If not paid up by April 1, they will be dropped from the membership roll.

Life Member Jurgen Philipp's mail was returned from Germany. We have no email on file. It would be appreciated if any member can give us information on Jurgen.

Our income for 2016-2017 will cover our expenses for 2016-2017. Our current assets are \$10,986 (about 3 years of operating funds). We are a small society, but financially healthy.

PSGSA National Convention 2017

Since the founding of the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa some 30 years ago, we held our first national meeting at Pacific 97 with a major auction, numerous meetings and in general a wonderful time getting to know so many of our members. Members from South Africa, England and Germany attended as well as Canada and numerous states from the USA. From time to time, we gather again at a major national stamp shows in the USA. Our last gathering was in May 2015 with a Pan-African celebration at RMSS in Denver.

Well, it is time to get together once again and show off our material, renew acquaintances and garner new friends. Next May 5-7, 2017, at the Philatelic Show in Boxborough, MA we have invited all of our related South Africa societies to join us here in Boxborough for another Pan-African convention. The festivities will include at least one day of seminars and talks about the British Empire in Africa at the nearby Spellman Museum, a group dinner at a fine dining establishment with transportation to and from the show hotel, and planned trips for those attending that are not immersed in philately. Yes your spouses can come and have something fun to do!!! Imagine that! These trips will be planned with transportation to many of the local historical sites in the area.

Our special PSGSA award will be given to the top exhibit of Southern African philately.

The invited societies include the South African Collectors Society, Transvaal Study Circle, Orange Free State Study Circle, Rhodesian Study Circle, Cape and Natal Study Group, Philatelic Federation of South Africa, Aerophilatelic Society of South Africa, Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society, Southwest African Stamp Study Group, Bechuanaland and Botswana Society, Postmark and Postal History Society of South Africa, East Africa Study Circle and the West Africa Study Circle.

For those who are interested in exhibiting please look at the Philatelic Show website at <http://www.nefed.org> / for the prospectus and entry forms for the exhibition, the show hotel data and other pertinent information of meetings, seminars, schedules and field trips.

Colin Fraser

PSGSA Convention Coordinator



POSTAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM:
Philately and Postal History of Southern Africa.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017.

**THE SPELLMAN MUSEUM OF
 STAMPS & POSTAL HISTORY
 AND REGIS COLLEGE (COLLEGE HALL 202),
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FREE ADMISSION – Please register at www.spellmanmuseum.org

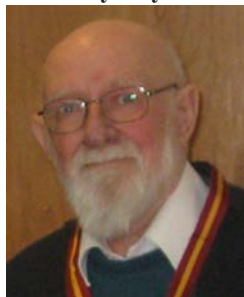
Program:

8:00AM	Exhibition opens at the Spellman Museum's Exhibit Hall
9:00 - 9:30AM	Walk/drive over to College Hall room 202, at Regis College
9:30AM	Opening remarks – Yamil H. Kouri Jr. and Tim Bartshe (moderator)
9:45 - 10:25AM	“Postal History of Southern South African Pioneers in World War II” by Peter Thy (California, USA)
10:35-11:15AM	“The Intersection of African Liberation and Philately in the Life of an Activist” by Ken Lawrence (Pennsylvania, USA)
11:25AM-12:05PM	“The NZASM (Transvaal railroad)” by Tim Bartshe (Colorado, USA)
12:05-1:00PM	Lunch at Regis College cafeteria (Dutch treat)
1:00 - 1:40PM	“The Philatelic Literature of Southern Africa” by Hugh McMackin (California, USA)
1:50 - 2:30PM	“Union of South Africa: The Darmstadt Trials of 1929” by Eddie Bridges (New York, USA)
2:40 - 3:20PM	“The South African Border War: including the involvement of the Cubans 1966-1989” by Gawie Van der Walt and Johan Joubert (Cape Town, South Africa)
3:30 - 4:10PM	“The Development of the Cape Eastern Frontier 1864-1910” by Guy Dillaway (Massachusetts, USA)
4:20 - 5:00PM	Closing remarks and discussion by Tim Bartshe - see you next year!



Closed Albums

Alan Roy Drysdall 1933-2017



Alan died peacefully after a short illness on 11th January 2017. After graduating from the university in 1957 with a degree in geology, he accepted an appointment in the Colonial Service as a geologist with the Geological Survey Department of Northern Rhodesia. Here he stayed for 18 years and eventually rose to the rank of Director. He thus experienced the end of Rhodesia and

Nyasaland and the emergence of the Republic of Zambia in 1964. It also saw the financial collapse of the international copper market and of the Copper Belt. Following an assignment in Saudi-Arabia, he retired to his home country. Although it was as a professional geologist that he first found his métier as a researcher and writer, it was as a philatelic and postal history writer that this talent really bloomed. His geological background is still indisputable in the form of a Permian cynodont named in his honor (*Luangwa drysdalli*). The first philatelic fruit of his talent saw the day in the form of a monograph on the philately and postal history of Northern Rhodesia and Zambia published by Robson Lowe in 1976. He has since maintained his interest in the stamps and postal history of most of southern Africa and has written and published a monumental number of books and more than 200 articles. He has been the editor of and a major contributor to the *Transvaal Philatelist* for the last 15 years, the editor of the *Natal and Zululand Post* since it was first published in 1997, vice-chairman of the Rhodesian Study Circle since 1996, and a significant contributor to the *London Philatelist*. Few philatelists have achieved in a lifetime what he did. He will be greatly missed by the philatelic community devoted to southern Africa. Our condolences to his wife, children, and grandchildren. Our world has indeed become smaller.



Luangwa drysdalli Brink 1963

<http://theropsida.deviantart.com/art/Luangwa-drysdalli-146713469>

See also *SG Zambia* 188 (1973).

Connie Liebenberg 1937-2016

Connie passed away late last year. She was born in Cape Town. After her basic university degree, she joined in 1962 the Department of Foreign Affairs and was posted to SA Embassies in Belgium, India, and France. In 1972, she returned home. Philately was now a big part of her life.



Connie was a member of many philatelic societies from which many of our members undoubtedly have had contact to her. Some of these were: Thematics Southern Africa, the TBVC Stamp Study Group, the SA Stamp Study Circle, and the RSA Stamp Study Group. She will be difficult to replace. South African philately has lost a Grand Lady.

Cassie Carstens 1964-2016

Cassie died last year. He was born in Pretoria, educated at the University of Pretoria, and spent his working life as a minister with the Dutch Reformed Church. In 1977, he was introduced to stamps and stamp collecting and fast became a force in organized philately. It was particularly in youth philately that his administrative skills became useful. Between 1990 and 2008, he nurtured countless children (now adults) in the wonders of philately. In 1999, he was elected President of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa. Many of our members will be familiar with his regular columns in the *South African Philatelist* on thematic subjects and certainly will have noted his cheerful smile, like above. Cassie Carstens focused his activities on promoting philately in South Africa and abroad. He will be missed.



Edward (Ted) Proud 1930-2017



Ted Proud died early this year on 6th February. He was a British postal historian, philatelic writer, publisher, and dealer who in 2008 signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. Anyone who has anything to do with the postal history of the British colonies in the last decades will inevitably have encountered numerous books written by Ted Proud. In terms

of volume, Ted Proud was undoubtedly one of the most prolific authors: he could boast of a production of sixty different books. From 1961 on, he acted as a stamp dealer for the Proud Bailey Company Ltd. In March 1987, he sold his company to Stanley Gibbons, after which he preferred to confine himself to publishing and exhibiting. He won several international gold medals for many of his exhibits. His published books are divided over three separate series: 'The Postal History of the British Colonies Series' (43 titles), 'The Army Postal History Series' (5 titles) and 'General Postal History' (13 titles). Most recently are three thick volumes on intercontinental airmail. His immense output will keep the memory of him alive; people will remember him as one of the best experts and writers the philatelic world of Great Britain had to offer.

Based in part on information in the *South African Philatelist* and the introduction in Spink's sale of Drysdall's Transvaal collection. The obituary for Ted Proud is from the website of the Association Internationale de Journalistes Philatéliques <http://www.aijp.org/>.

Report of the 2016 Society Auction

The Society's Annual Auction that closed December 20, 2016 contained 480 lots with a total reserve value of \$25,580. Of the 480 Auction Lots twenty bidders were awarded 86 lots for a total of \$5700. A wide variety of philatelic material was offered with an emphasis on early Cape of Good Hope, Orange Free State and Transvaal stamps and postal history, plus our usual strong showing of SWA, Bechuanaland and early Union of South Africa. Competition was strong this year with choice lots receiving a number of bids. The value of early bidding must be emphasized as several awards were based on the date of receipt of the bid.

Some really marvelous material was sold including Lot 47, a lovely 4d. on white paper with huge margins and Lot 51, a 1d. Vermilion Cape Wood Block. Also, Lot 150, a double censor mourning cover from Winburg to St Helena.

Lot	Realized	Lot	Realized	Lot	Realized	Lot	Realized
9	\$80.00	117	\$27.00	263	\$30.00	433	\$90.00
10	\$40.00	124	\$15.00	264	\$25.00	434	\$90.00
22	\$110.00	125	\$18.00	268	\$38.00	443	\$30.00
25	\$40.00	133	\$65.00	270	\$38.00	444	\$25.00
26	\$15.00	134	\$125.00	271	\$29.00	445	\$25.00
33	\$11.00	136	\$70.00	272	\$175.00	446	\$70.00
35	\$10.00	139	\$53.00	276	\$275.00	450	\$11.00
36	\$10.00	141	\$12.00	278	\$75.00	451	\$10.00
42	\$20.00	150	\$60.00	279	\$11.00	457	\$9.00
47	\$20.00	153	\$145.00	287	\$9.00	467	\$12.00
51	\$450.00	154	\$26.00	288	\$14.00	472	\$10.00
58	\$275.00	160	\$31.00	314	\$9.00	473	\$20.00
62	\$70.00	183	\$27.00	343	\$12.00	475	\$45.00
67	\$20.00	194	\$13.00	360	\$550.00		
70	\$17.00	206	\$17.00	362	\$13.00		
74	\$185.00	207	\$22.00	374	\$158.00		
80	\$10.00	243	\$40.00	380	\$12.00		
100	\$20.00	244	\$13.00	381	\$12.00		
101	\$9.00	245	\$30.00	382	\$14.00		
103	\$9.00	250	\$24.00	386	\$13.00		
107	\$80.00	253	\$9.00	425	\$20.00		
110	\$50.00	258	\$17.00	426	\$20.00		
111	\$50.00	261	\$20.00	428	\$185.00		
115	\$48.00	262	\$30.00	432	\$110.00		

Unsold Lots are available at the reserve price shown in the catalog at our Society website www.PSGSA.org



Lot 151



Lot 47



Lot 51

The Early PSGSA Story

by William C. Brooks VI, FOUNDER

The following is a story about the founding and flourishing of a philatelic specialty society, which came into being some 30 years ago. In technical parlance, organizations such as this one are known as a voluntary membership association. Key success variables include: (1) the publication of a periodical, (2) a core group of committed members who perform essential tasks over a multi-year period, and (3) a marketing strategy focused on membership recruitment and revenue growth.

There is a fourth key success variable which has been crucial to a society's long term success - a strategy of having members contributing to and getting actively involved in any of a number of society activities to be discussed below.

Welcome to OUR story.

Early Beginnings

During the Fall of 1986, I was the President of the Arrowhead Stamp Club. At the November meeting I was having a discussion with another member named Charles "Chuck" Lupo about our collecting interest in the Pre-Union States. We both felt "lonely" in that we did not know any other collectors who had the same interest. Therefore, we decided that we would place notices in *The American Philatelist* Stamp Collector and Linn's concerning the formation of a study group focusing on the Cape of Good Hope, Griqualand West, Natal, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.

Picking a Study Group Name and Establishing Dues

Over the next three months into early 1987, we received responses of interest from twenty or so collectors from across the United States. Surveying these interested collectors during the Spring of 1987, the name selected for our group was **The PreUnion States Study Group** with annual dues of \$10.00. Shortly thereafter we affiliated the American Philatelic Society.

Coming Up With a Periodic Publication and Logo

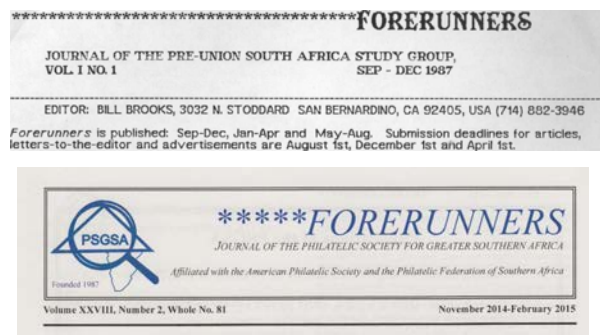
The next task at hand was the development of periodic publication, which initially came out in the newsletter format in 1987. What Chuck and I gathered from various sources, the lifeblood of any study group or specialist society was its publication. Without one, a group eventually "withered on the vine". A specialty group publication is "the glue that binds" so to speak.

The current title *Forerunners* was approved by the membership at that time. We decided on a three times per year publishing schedule, which still applies to this day. (With the passing of co-founder in 1989, the Society established the Charles Lupo Memorial Award, which was awarded to the author of "best" article appearing in each year's volume of *Forerunners*.)

One important task that remained was the design of a logo for our group, which would appear in our publication masthead. Co-founder Chuck Lupo and I decided that a logo contest would be held. (The strategy here was to get the founding members involved in the making and direction of their specialty group.)

We also asked members to send in stamps and covers, which would then be awarded as a prize for the winning submission. Five submissions were received. A ballot was sent out showing these entries. The winning entry, which has adorned the journal since the first issue, had been submitted by the late founding member Louise Christian. (Louise was a specialist in the Penny Ship issue of South Africa.)

Since 1988, *Forerunners* has been entered in literature competitions both in the US and internationally. It has received 30 awards as a result, ranging from Bronze to Vermeil.



Mastheads of *Forerunners* #1 and #81

Growth, Expansion and a New Name

By mid-1989 our membership had grown exponentially both here in North America and Europe. During this time, proposals from individual members included expanding the group focus and upgrading it from a study group to a philatelic society. A review of membership applications indicated that their collecting interests went far beyond that of the pre-union states. As a result of this research it was decided to propose an expansion of the group's focus, as well as to rename the study group as **The Philatelic Society of Greater Southern Africa**. The matter was put to a vote and readily approved by the membership.

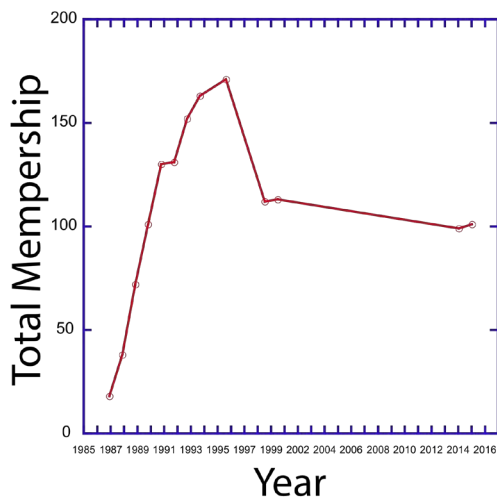
The approved expansion beyond the pre-union states now included the following colonial and post-colonial entities: Basutoland, the Bechuanalands, Botswana, Lesotho, the Homelands, the Nyasalands, the Rhodesias, the Interprovincial Period, New Republic, Southwest Africa, Namibia, Union of South Africa, Zululand, and Zimbabwe.

There was a bit of acrimony from a very few members concerning this expansion. They felt that including modern issues was as "violation" of the original collecting focus of the Society. It had been explained in a journal editorial that several members did have collecting interests in that era and desired to see articles covering the subject. In short order, the matter became a non-issue.

Formation of the Society Governing Board

Up until 1989, the affairs of the Society were being handled by yours truly and late co-founder Chuck Lupo. This included publishing the journal, collecting annual dues and maintaining

membership records. Chuck passed away that year which left only myself to run the Society, so-to-speak. I contacted founding member Tim Bartshe indicating that a few more bodies were needed to “run the show”. He agreed and we began approaching members who may have been interested in assuming responsibility for a variety of activities. In consultation with founding members, it was decided to establish the following positions for the proposed Board: President, Vice President, Secretary/Journal Editor, Treasurer, Director/Programs and Director/Archives. The individual members contacted regarding these positions accepted for a two year term; they were Dr. Guy Dillaway (President), Richard Millar (Vice President), yours truly (Secretary/Journal Editor), Ron Carlson (Treasurer), Louise Christian (Director Programs) and R. Timothy Bartshe (Director of Archives)



PSGSA Membership from 1987 to 2015

The Society International Representatives (IR)

Membership growth was extremely rapid and by 1997, we had 167 members worldwide. This was a far cry from the original 14 founding members in early 1987. At our peak we had members in the following countries besides the US: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, and Switzerland. I then came up with the concept of recruiting a sample of these members as IRs from different countries to be contact points for Society members who are travelling, as well as collectors in their geographic area who may have an interest in what the Society has to offer. The IRs were then designated as ex-officio Board members.

The initial group of IRs included the following members: Canada – Patrick Delmore, England - Athol Murray, Germany - Werner Seeba, Japan – Yutaka Ohkubo, Malaysia - Jeremy Watson, Netherlands - Dr. G. H. Jonkers, NZ/ Australia - John Campbell, Scandinavia - Erland Hansen, South Africa - Dr. H. U. “Ulli” Bantz, Switzerland - Martin Eichele, and the U.S.- David Wessely.

The Society’s Question and Answer Panel of Experts

As editor of the Society journal for 10 years (1987 -1997), I began receiving questions from readers, e.g., “Why did the Cape of Good Hope postal authorities pick the triangular shape for their first issue?” Being familiar with the expertise of several of our members, I would mail the question to a member who was a specialist on the subject being inquired about. Upon receiving the answer, I would then publish it along with the question in Forerunners in the Question & Answer column.

By the early 1990’s the volume of questions received from readers had grown to the point that I decided to “eliminate the middle man (namely me)”. Rather than receiving inquiries and then forwarding them on to one of my knowledgeable peers, I decided to form a Society Question & Answer Panel of Experts the members of which were listed in each journal issue. Questions were to be forwarded to the appropriate panel member who would then answer it and forward his/her response and the question to the Editor for publication in the journal. The Panel member would also forward a copy of his response to the questioner. (Members and nonmembers could both avail themselves of this service.)

The initial panel members were as follows (areas of expertise in parenthesis): Syl C. Tully, Panel Chair (Natal, forgeries), Dr. H.U. Bantz (South West Africa/Namibia), R. Timothy Bartshe (Orange Free State), Walter Bjork (Military Postal History in Africa during WWII), Ron Carlson (all revenues and locals, Griqualand East/West, Stellaland, Royal Niger Territories, Uganda Missionaries), Tony Davis (Zululand), Alan Drysdall (Postal history of Transvaal and British Central Africa), Morgan Farrell (Interprovisionals and Union of South Africa), Dr. G.H. Jonkers (New Republic and Stellaland), Frederick P. Lawrence (Mafeking Blue Prints and “Mafeking Beseiged” overprints), Athol H. Murray (Cape of Good Hope Postal History), John Rightmire (Cape of Good Hope after the triangles), Robert F. Taylor (Cape of Good Hope pre-Adhesives), Bill Wallace (the Rhodesias), David Wessely (the Bechuanalands) and Rae Wolpe (Cape of Good Hope triangles).

Journal Specialty Columns

In addition to the formation of the above panel to support the membership, a number of specialty columns began appearing in Forerunners about the same time. As Society founder and original journal editor, I established relationships with a large number of the membership and was able to identify those with specialized knowledge and expertise in their collecting areas. These members were encouraged to consider writing a column, which would benefit members’ general knowledge and enhance their enjoyment of their journal. (When approached it was emphasized to the prospective author that they were not expected to have a column appear in each journal issue all the time.)

Several specialized columns continue to appear in the journal. Since the inception of this journal’s program, columns have covered the following subject matter areas: Aerophilately, Anglo-Boer War Philately, Back of Your Book, the Bechuanalands, the Boer Republics, Cape Postal History; Fakes, Forgeries & Facsimiles; the Homelands, Modern Issues, the Rhode-

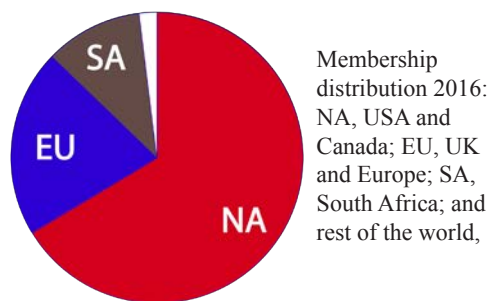
sias, South Africa Tax Marks/Postage Dues & Postal Stationery, South West Africa/Namibia, Transvaal Philately and Zululand.

Other Journal Features

In addition to these specialty columns, and regular articles, Forerunners contained a number of other focused features: Questions & Answers, Unanswered Challenges (a question which “stumped” the experts), My Favorite Philatelic Item, A Cover With A Story, and The Bookie Report (review of recently published philatelic books and monographs).

Society members indicated that when they travel, they sometimes like to visit postal museums and libraries. Beginning in the 1990’s “space fillers” began appearing in the Journal listing one or two philatelic museums or libraries. In the July-Oct ‘98 issue an Appendix listed all of the institutions previously appearing. As listed, there were several in the following countries: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Japan, Poland, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and the U.S. The same Appendix listed 15 British Africa Specialty Groups.

Society members are spread throughout the world. Therefore, an early journal feature, The International Scene, was instituted. In this feature we listed updates/press releases from other specialty groups, as well as philatelic shows scheduled in other countries and the U.S.



The Society Marketing Strategy

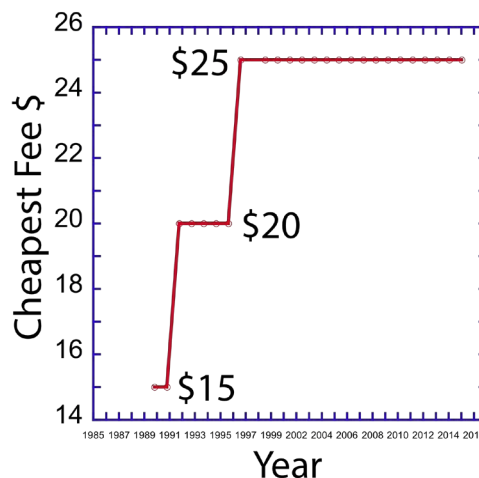
As mentioned in the introduction, one of the key success variables for Society like ours is the development and implementation of membership recruitment and revenue growth strategy. Regarding membership recruitment, several mechanisms were put in place: (1) having the aforementioned International Representatives submit our press releases to philatelic organizations in their geographic area for appearance in their publications, as well as newspapers, (2) submission of Society publications as entries in national and international literature competitions, (3) holding Society meetings at stamp shows including staffing a table and (4) exchanging publications with other greater southern Africa specialty groups and societies, including placement of our press releases in their respective publications.

Now we come to the Society’s revenue growth strategy, which includes the following elements: (1) an adequate dues structure to cover the cost of production and mailing of the society journal, (2) holding an annual auction open to members and non-members alike and (3) an aggressive outreach effort

to philatelic dealers and auction houses for the placement of advertising in the journal.

A great deal of research was required to establish an advertising rate structure for ads of various sizes, i.e., whole page, half page and so on. The established rates in various philatelic magazines and newspapers, as well as publications of several specialty groups and societies were reviewed to determine what the commercial market would accept as reasonable.

After establishing an acceptable rate structure, the next task at hand was to develop information, which would appeal to potential advertisers and make them want to place an ad in the journal. A survey of the membership at the time included gathering data on their acquisition behavior. (Completed survey instruments were returned anonymously.) The survey consisted of the following items: (1) one’s estimated annual spending on stamps, postal history, etc., (2) methods of acquiring material for one’s collection (marking as many that apply) - ads appearing in the society journal, commercial ads appearing in other publications, private treaty, dealers, stamp shows, approvals, auctions, and (3) how many auctions one participates in during a year. (The results of the first survey yielded total annual member expenditures of \$1.1 million for philatelic materials!) The data from the survey was compiled and used in a marketing packet sent to a number of dealer and auctions houses. This was in the very early 1990’s and resulted in a significant increase in advertising revenue for the Society.



Development in the cheapest PSGSA membership fee

The Society Publications Program

Back in the late 80’s, I started receiving inquiries from readers regarding topics that they were currently developing articles about or asking if I knew of others who might have similar interests in co-authoring with them. As editor, I decided to place an announcement of a new journal feature the Society Publications Program. Under that heading, I asked readers to send in their requests for assistance, which would then appear in the journal announcing the need for potential co-authors or mentors. In addition to the subject of the proposed article, the name and address of the author-to-be would appear for anyone wishing to assist.



The latest Society publication

The Society Publications Exchange

Early on, we began exchanging publications with the following specialty groups: Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society, Bechuanalands & Botswana Society, Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa, East Africa Study Circle, Orange Free State Study Circle, Postmark & Postal History Society of Southern Africa, Rhodesian Study Circle; St. Helena, Ascension & Tristan Da Cunha Philatelic Society, South African Collectors Society of Great Britain, South West Africa Stamp Study Group, Transvaal Study Circle and West Africa Study.

The Celebration of British Africa Philately

For our 10th anniversary (1997) we published a special edition (Nos. 28 & 29 combined) of *Forerunners*. Each of the above groups contributed an article for that special edition - "An Anthology of British Africa Philately". Shortly after its publication the Society celebrated its 10th anniversary by sponsoring mini-convention and British Africa auction during the Pacific '97 U.S. International held in San Francisco. The Society manned a table during the entire show. In addition to our application and sample publications, the other British Africa specialty groups were also invited to have their materials on display. In addition we rented a mini suite, which British Africa groups and their members could use for meetings and programs.

Society Library and Archives

Early on, founding member Tim Bartshe offered his services to establish a society library located in his Colorado home. He has maintained it ever since. It contains donated books, monographs, auction catalogs and newsletters/journals of other specialty groups with whom we exchange our journal. Members can check out items by submitting a written request.

In addition to the above, an early effort was made to put together a bibliographic listing of British Africa references. The initial list appeared in 1997 in the 10th Anniversary edition of *Forerunners*. The only update appeared in June 2001 containing bibliographic references for the following stamp issuing entities: Anglo Boer War, Basutoland/Lesotho, Bechuanalands/Botswana, Bophuthatswana, British Central Africa, British East

Africa, British South Africa Company, Cape of Good Hope, Ciskei, Griqualands, Kenya, Natal, New Republic, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasalands, Orange Free State/Orange River Colony, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, St. Helena/ Ascension/Tristan da Cunha, South Africa, Stellaland, Swaziland, Togo, Transkei, Transvaal, Uganda, Venda, West Africa, Zambia, Zululand; Regional and General Topic Works - Aerophilately, Auction Catalogs, Encyclopedias & Handbooks, Maritime Mail and Specialty Group Journals.

Society Auction

At the request of members, an annual auction was implemented in the late 1980's. The auctioneer at the time was founding member Tim Bartshe who designed the catalog including lot descriptions and took on responsibility for receipt of bids and dispersing sold lots after payment received.

Society Exhibit Award

PSGSA also makes a plaque available to be awarded to the best British Southern Africa exhibit at national and international philatelic exhibitions.

Closing Remarks

In closing I wish to complement Peter Thy for the fine work he has done as the Editor of *Forerunners* since 1998 when I stepped down. Then we must also recognize the long serving members of the Society Board. Without their commitment the Society would not be the success it has been for the last 30 years.



From the 2016 Society Symposium

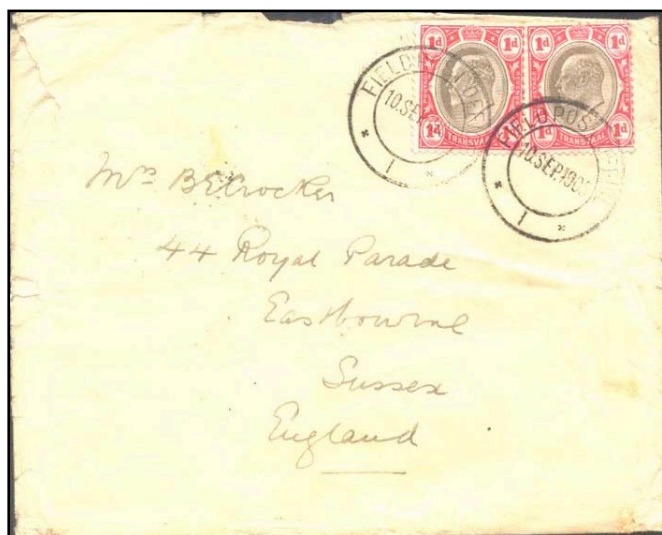
Comment from the present Editor: Bill describes our Society's heydays with upto nearly 200 members. To day we have below 100 members. This is too little to sustain many of the programs described above. Still, we are alive, publishes a journal, have an auction, a publication program, and regular conventions. Time willing, I hope to discuss the status and future of our Society in a coming issue of Forerunners.

A Field Post Puzzle From 1905

by Tim Bartshe and David McNamee

In October 1902, the last Army Post Office in South Africa was closed, but it was not until February 1903 that the last detachment of the Army Post Office Corps left South Africa. After the Army Post Office Corps returned to Britain, its staff returned to their peacetime duties with the General Post Office (GPO). They kept up their military skills by participating in army maneuvers every September from 1903–13.

Several covers from September 1905 posted in Transvaal turned up on eBay recently with Field Post cancellations not seen before or recorded in Robson Lowe's Encyclopedia. In an attempt to unravel this puzzle, the British forces serving in or near Transvaal in 1905 were identified. By 1905, most British forces had been recalled to the UK or redeployed elsewhere.



Field Post 1 dated 10 September 1905

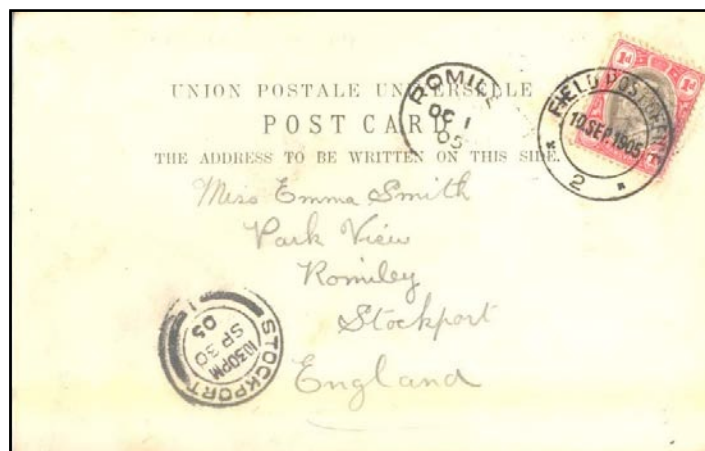
In the latter stages of the Second Boer War, a Royal Warrant was issued 23 February, 1901, and promulgated as Army Order 59 of 1901 to establish the Royal Garrison Regiment of former soldiers serving at the time in Royal Reserve Battalions. The purpose of the Royal Garrison Regiment was to relieve line infantry battalions who were then on garrisoning duty in the Mediterranean and Southern Africa. Reservists "of good character" could enlist for active duty in The Royal Garrison Regiment, and the line infantry battalions could be redeployed against the enemies of the United Kingdom. Five battalions were formed of approximately 200 all ranks in each, and four of these units served for a time in Southern Africa beginning in 1904. Three of the four had left Southern Africa before September 1905.

The 1st Battalion Royal Garrison Regiment was identified as a possible source because they were stationed in Southern Africa from 26 May 1904 until they returned to the UK in 1906. The Royal Garrison Regiment disbanded in 1908.

The 1st Battalion was stationed at Fort Napier in Pietermaritzburg, so two questions arise (if they are indeed the only remaining Imperial unit in Southern Africa):

1. Why would the 1st Battalion be in Transvaal during 10-17 September 1905?

2. Where and when were the Field Post Office devices issued? They are unlike all other Army Post Office devices used in South Africa 1899-1902.



Field Post 2 dated 10 September 1905

Two events in Transvaal might have called for a temporary deployment of the 1st Battalion from Fort Napier to Transvaal:

- Gen. Botha condemned the new constitution at a congress of the Het Volk 5 July, 1905, stirring up unrest among the Boers.
- Public attention was drawn to desertions from mines and crimes by Chinese coolies reported 4 September, 1905.

Or were other units of the British forces still in Transvaal in September, 1905?

Ralph Putzel in volume 2 of his seminal work *The Encyclopedia of South African Post Offices and Postal Agencies*, 1987, lists Field Post Office No. 1. We quote "The Transvaal Postmaster-General (72-2.4.06) reports a special temporary post office at Klipriviersberg Volunteer Camp during 12-21 April, 1906 (both dates inclusive)". The listing of Klipriviersberg 1906 shows the Head Office, Johannesburg (?). Putzel lists the cancel of No. 1 as extremely rare. Based upon the fact that we have seen only three examples for both numbers, we would say this is pretty close to being accurate. To further place this post office, the reverse (picture side) of the second example of Post Office No. 1 has a notation of "Zyferfontein S.A./17.9.05". The original spelling of this Post Office was Zijerfontein, then Cijferfontein., Finally Cyferfontein opened in 1874 and closed in 1903, reopened later but beyond the date of interest here. Its location was south west of Johannesburg.

So we have evidence of a post office being in place for a volunteer camp in April 1906 from the Postmaster-General's report yet examples are from September 1905. They are not philatelic contrivances as they are all addressed to different persons in the UK in different hands.

Still unknown is the origin of the Field Post Office cancellers. Further information is requested from members.

The Trappist Monks at Monte Cassino Mission, Southern Rhodesia

by Mark M. Loomis

A recently acquired cover addressed to the Trappist monks at the Monte Cassino Mission near Macheke, has uncovered for me an interesting chapter in the missionary evangelism of Southern Rhodesia. The cover in question is addressed to 'Trappists, Mission, Monte-Cassino, P.O. Macheke, Rhodesia,' paying the book rate. It is back stamped Trappists Mission, Mariannhill, Pinetown, South Africa, Natal. There is a registered Bulawayo receiving cancel dated July 5, 1906.

The 'Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance,' commonly known as Trappist monks, arrived in Natal, South Africa (now KwaZulu-Natal), in 1882 under the leadership of Rev. Francis Pfanner. Fr. Pfanner, "the vigorous, ruddy-haired [former] Prior of the Monastery of Mariastern in Bosnia,"(1) and a group of 31 volunteers settled on a farm near the village of Pinetown and set to work building a monastery they would name Mariannhill after the Virgin Mary. Soon after arriving, the monks were approached by the local chief who asked that the brothers "teach my people the book."(2) This would set in motion the unlikely prospect of the contemplative monks embarking on a path of missionary activity that would eventually bring them to Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

After receiving permission from the Jesuit prefect of the Zambezi Mission (responsible for Catholic missionary activity in Rhodesia), four Trappist monks from Mariannhill set off for Rhodesia in 1896 to open the Triashill mission in the eastern highlands near Rusape. This first attempt soon failed due to an uprising of the local VaShona.(3) The Trappists returned to Rhodesia in 1902. This time they selected a farm near the Macheke Siding, which was more accessible than Triashill, where they established the Monte Cassino Mission.

Despite the monks' earnest efforts, "the infant mission suffered severely."(4) The cattle that the monks had purchased to stock the farm were all killed by disease. One of the monks died within the first six months due to repeated attacks of fever. His replacement soon returned to Mariannhill. Another monk "was so weakened by malaria that he too was obliged to return to Mariannhill where he died early in 1904."(5) The young mission faced other challenges – a severe drought destroyed everything they had planted in the garden, and disease once again killed off most of the cattle that had been bought to replace those previously lost. In addition to everything else, a fire completely destroyed the new community house that the brothers had built.



One of the monks, Fr. Hyacinth, would later write, “I have often begun native missions; but never before have I experienced such an accumulation of disasters at the outset.”(6)

Despite the challenges, the Trappists persevered. A day and boarding school for boys was opened in 1908. In that year, the monks also occupied and re-opened the Triashill Mission. By 1910, several out-stations and out-schools had been opened within a 40 mile radius of Monte Cassino, including St. Barbara, St. Michael, St. Anthony and St. Boniface. Operation of the schools was undertaken by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, a branch of missionary sisters founded by Fr. Pfanner at Mariannhill in 1885.(7)

The missionary zeal of the Mariannhill based Trappists eventually brought them into conflict with their strict Order and monastic superiors in Rome. “Contemplation and intense missionary activity meant a marriage that the Order of the Reformed Cistercians could not bless.”(8) In 1909, Pope Pius X approved a separation from the Cistercian Order and established the monks as a new order in their own right – the Missionary Order of Mariannhill, which still exists today. Accordingly, any correspondence to or from the Trappist monks – as such - at Monte Cassino Mission would have to have been within the relatively narrow window of late 1902 to 1909.

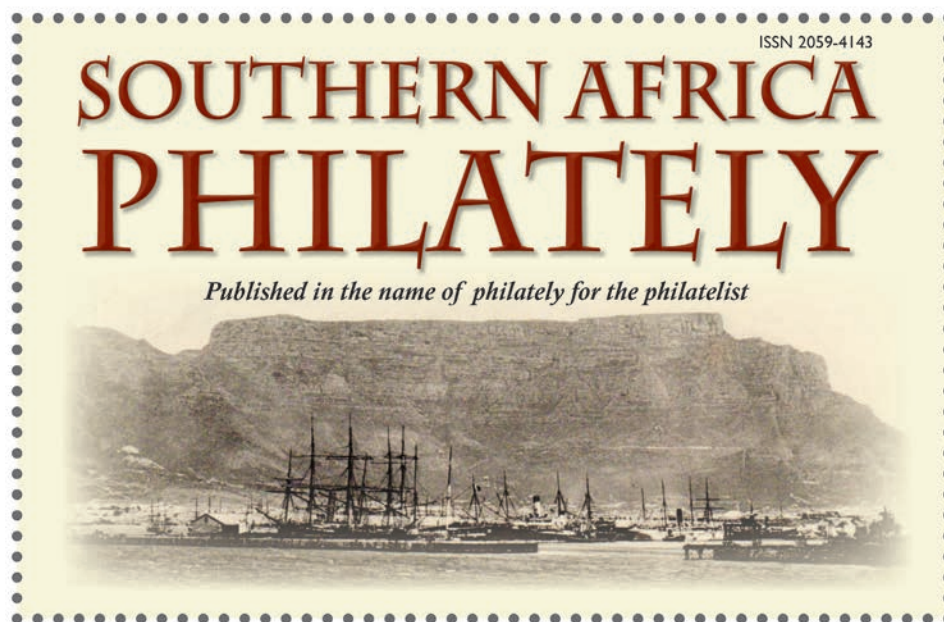
Except for the period 1917 – 1920, when the mainly German monks were expelled and interred in South Africa, the Mariannhill monks continued to operate at the Monte Cassino Mission until realignment of catholic missions in 1929. There were increasing tensions between the Mariannhillers and the Jesuits during the 1920’s. It was ultimately decided that because they

were relatively accessible from Salisbury (Harare), the Mariannhill missions, including Monte Cassino, would be transferred to the Jesuits. In exchange, the Mariannhillers received responsibility for other missions located nearer to Bulawayo. The Jesuits took possession of Monte Cassino in 1929.

Today the mission site is home to the Monte Cassino Girls High School (a Catholic boarding school). The Sisters of the Precious Blood returned and assumed administration of the school in the 1960’s. And in 1996, Ampleforth monks from the English Benedictine Congregation arrived at the mission and established the “Monastery of Christ the Word.” (9)

I would be interested to know if there are any other known covers to the Trappist Monks at Monte Cassino.

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British West Charterland - More Postcards

by Peter Thy

A couple of additional postcards related to the theme of the 1896 British West Charterland Expedition to northwest Bechuanaland (Ngamiland) have surfaced, or more precisely have been rediscovered, since we last visited this subject in 2013 (Forerunners #76).

The first was originally presented by Roger Howard in the Runner Post (No. 52, pages 1296-7, 2000). It is a British Bechuanaland reply card addressed to Mrs Spon at the same address and in the same handwriting as the cover illustrated in #76 (page 77). It is simply signed 'Harry' and likely written to his mother or wife. This time a long message is preserved (transcribed in the opposite box). The card is postmarked Palachwe Khamastown JU 15 and back stamped Mafeking JU 21 96. The card, datelined Palachwe Ju 14 96, states that the expedition is due to leave Palachwe/Palapye the next day. The expedition is known to have reached Palapye on June 1, thus spending about two weeks in Palapye arranging for supplies and permits.

Harry's reference to "Gray (Edinburgh Medical) and Clapham unqualified ditto" suggests that he was a medical man himself and likely is the Dr. Spon of the expedition. Khama, who he regrets not meeting, would have been Khama III, Chief of the Bangwato. The Willoughby whom he met was almost certainly the Rev. W.C. Willoughby, Khama's missionary advisor who had travelled to London with him to successfully protest at the territory being transferred to the British South Africa Company in 1895. The lake he mentions is lake Ngami.

Palachwe Ju 14 96

The expedition goes forward tomorrow. Donkeys left yesterday. Yours and Edith's letters of May 9th received on Thursday. Weekly Sun of 15th. & Gazette of 9th. Since my last have spent a busy time here of which am sending accounts to Bournemouth. In good health & ready to proceed. Clarke has joined me - am learning to make Astronomical observations - 2.30 a.m.!! We have lost a horse & a donkey through illness. Let me know probable date of Adeline's wedding. We drank "Success Guys" on the night of June 10th. With regard to post - From this place letters will be carried out by runners who probably start a week later than ourselves by which time we shall be 100 miles probably. Runners will not overtake us for 12-14 days, return ditto, hence you cannot receive any letters from me inside a month from this date. Irregularity will continue until Lake is reached: after which mails should be regular barring accidents. Regret have not spoken with Khama: no opportunity has arisen. Have seen and dined with Willoughby, also called on Gray (Edinburgh Medical) and Clapham unqualified ditto. Another Headman and Khama's son Sekome Khama have visited me also several local Europeans. Sorry unable to write more for the present, plead business, professional and otherwise - many thanks for letters and friends enquiries, Ever Yours, HARRY.

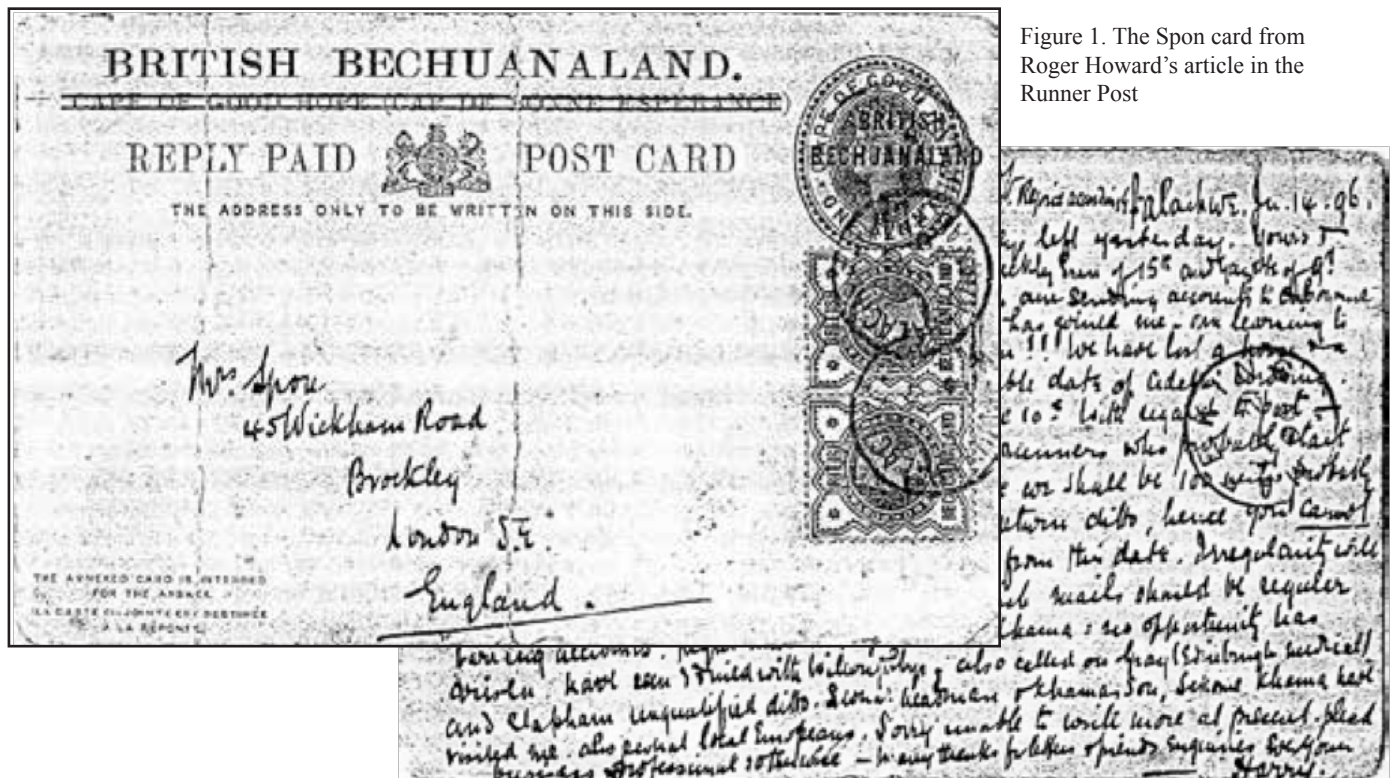


Figure 1. The Spon card from Roger Howard's article in the Runner Post

The other rediscovered card was originally described by Frederick Lawrence, of all places, in *Forerunners* in 2001 (#39). It is a bank correspondence card mailed from the Standard Bank of South Africa in Mafeking to R.J. Hicks at Palapye. It is posted from Mafeking on November 2, 1895, and received in Palapye on November 6. At that time, Mafeking was still in British Bechuanaland, but just two week later, on November 16, 1895, British Bechuanaland was annexed by the Cape of Good Hope.

There is two reasons why this card is of interest. The first is that R.J. Hicks participated in the West Charterland expedition. The other, which interested Frederick Lawrence far more, is the signature of the bank manager that signed the card.

Two other cards are known addressed to Hicks, both from the Standard Bank of South Africa in Mafeking (see *Forerunners* #77 and 79). The first, like this card, is addressed to Palapye (September 24, 1895) and the second is addressed to Lake Ngami (February 27. 1897).

Tony Chilton described the Ngamiland concession in the *Runner Post* (Whole number 16, page 284-289): "On 28 August 1889 Moremi, who was then the Chief of the Tswana or Western Bamangwato tribe, which lived in the semi-desert and swamp areas surrounding Lake N'Gami, granted a prospecting right throughout his territory to a group of three entrepreneurs, James Nicolls, Robert Hicks and John Strombom. In May 1890, the concession was sold to the Africa and General Exploring Company, which shared the same address and the same solicitors as the British South Africa Company. The sale however fell through and the concession reverted to Nicolls and Hicks (Strombom having died). Moremi had also died, on 4 November 1890, but the concession was confirmed on 4 February 1891 by the regent Dithapo and further acknowledged by the Chief Sekgoma when he came of age. The concessionaires' title to the prospecting rights was however challenged by the British South Africa Company which itself held a concession from Khama, Sekgoma's rival to the east. On 22 January 1895, Nicolls and Hicks brought a High Court action against the BSAC, but the matter was settled out of Court by an agreement dated 1 February 1895. This agreement recognised Nicolls and Hicks' rights in an area bounded to the

west and north by the German S.W.A. frontier, to the south by the 22nd parallel, and to the east by the 25th meridian, an area of some 73,000 square miles."

It is on this background reasonable to assume that Hicks' role in the West Carterland adventure was as the **de facto** concession holder, thus with a significant financial interest, in addition to being the only person with the local knowledge and contacts. The West Carterland Limited failed completely and was liquidated sometime prior to World War II. An interesting sideline is that as late as the early 1990's prospecting was (again) going on in the area, as I understand it after gold. I was told during my short tenure at University of Botswana by a fellow faculty member that he and a group of student had been doing geological field mapping in an area covered by tall gras that his students had been very reluctant to venture into due to fear of lions.

But lets us now return to Frederick Lawrence's original interest in the card. Quoting from his original article in *Forerunners* from 2001: "Of much greater interest, however, is the signature of the manager of the Mafeking branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa, Mr. R. Urry. To date, I have been unable to find out anything about him until he came to Mafeking in late 1894 or early 1895 to replace "JAT" as manager of the local branch bank, when the latter was transferred to Richmond, Cape of Good Hope, to be the manager of the local branch bank there. Had it not been for the siege of Mafeking during the Second Anglo-Boer War, we might not be talking about Mr. Urry today.

After the investment of the siege in mid-October, 1899, as an able-bodied civilian who remained in Mafeking, Mr. Urry was pressed into the military defense of the town, and was subsequently stationed at the defensive fort known as "DeKook's Corner". During the evening of Friday, October 26, he acci-

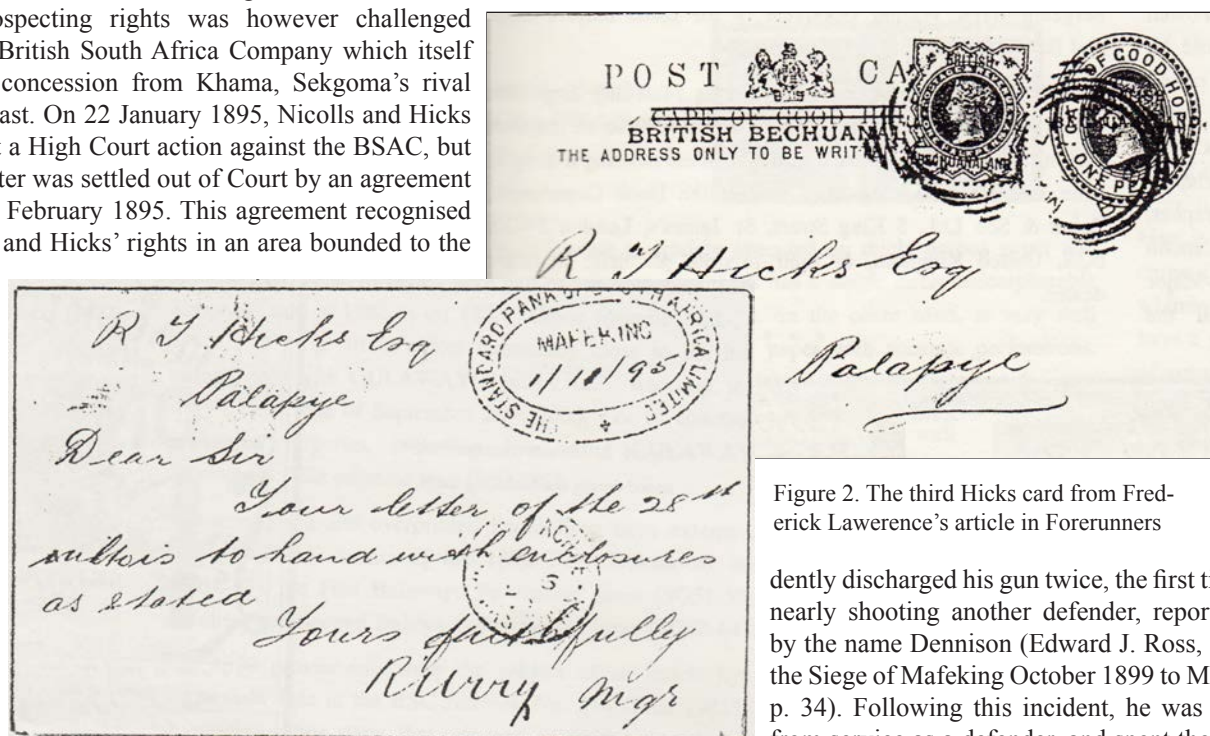
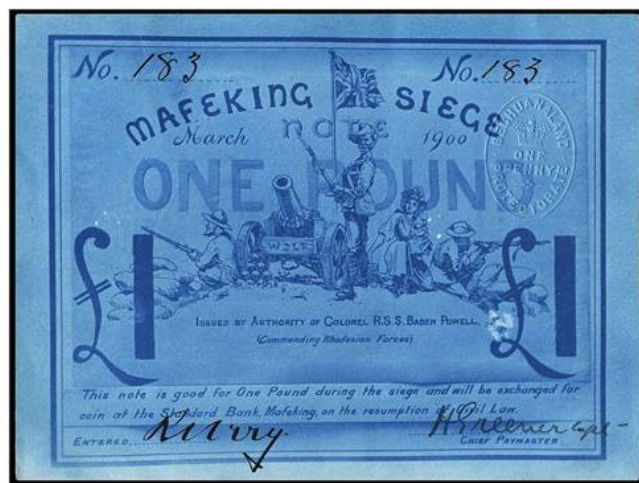
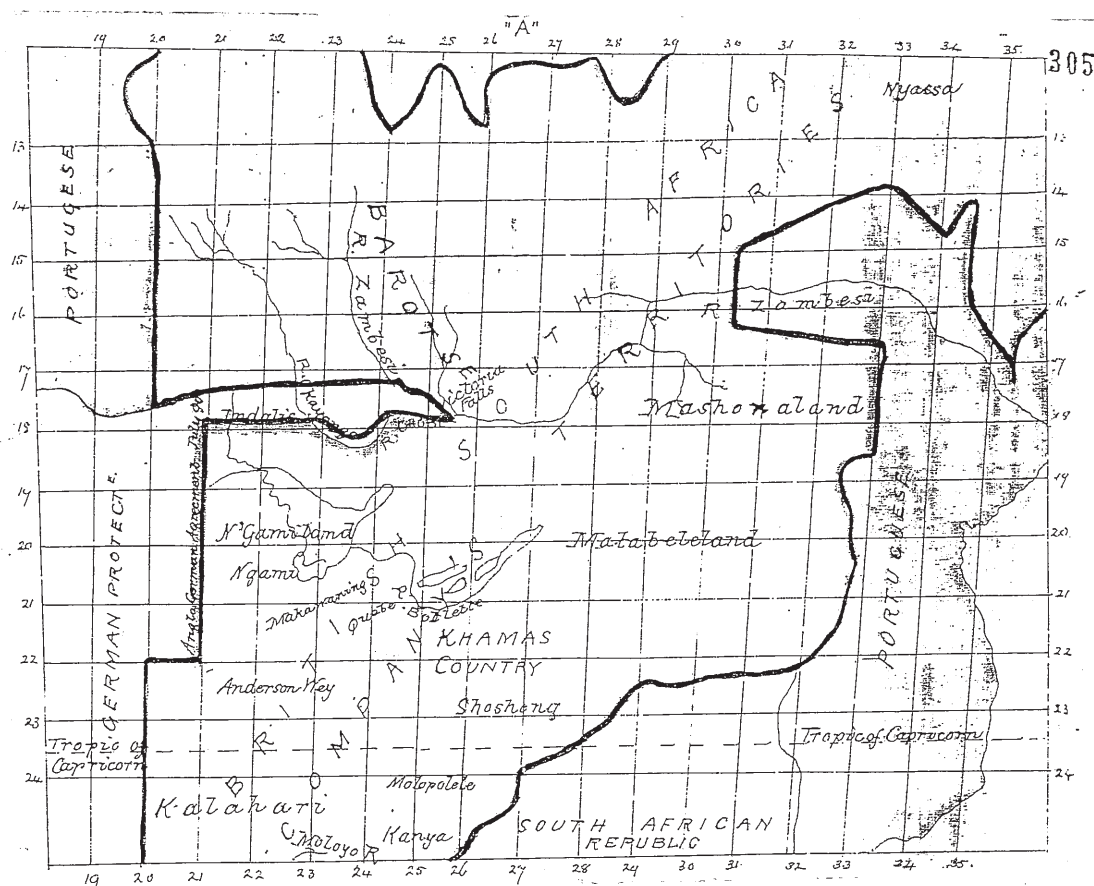


Figure 2. The third Hicks card from Frederick Lawrence's article in *Forerunners*

dently discharged his gun twice, the first time very nearly shooting another defender, reported only by the name Dennison (Edward J. Ross, *Diary of the Siege of Mafeking* October 1899 to May 1900, p. 34). Following this incident, he was released from service as a defender, and spent the remain-



der of the siege working as manager of the branch bank, which had to be temporarily relocated to a dugout trench-tent because of the danger to the wooden bank building from Boer shelling.

Because of the shortage of silver in Mafeking during the siege, the military authorities under Colonel R.S.S. Baden Powell issued paper money notes, or “good for’s”, which could be redeemed for coin after cessation of the hostilities. One pound

notes were produced in March 1900 using the same ferrous-sulfate process which was then used to make blueprints. The design was taken from Baden Powell's sketchbook and adapted by Edward J. Ross, Mafeking auctioneer and photographer, who also prepared the photographic negatives. Captain Greener, the Chief Paymaster, and his assistant, Sergeant-Major Jollie, prepared the coated paper, and Mr. Ross exposed the paper and negatives to the sun and then developed the notes. The finished notes were individually numbered, signed by Mr. Urry in his capacity as manager of the branch bank, and countersigned by Captain Greener in his capacity as Chief Paymaster (Figure 3). The strong, distinctive signature of Mr. R. Urry can easily be seen on both the note and the 1895 bank card.

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Rhodesian and Malawi Postal Orders in the Archives

by John Gledhill

Amongst the turmoil of the 1960's, between the winding up of the 'Rhodesia and Nyasaland' postal federation and the independence of Nyasaland and the Rhodesians, there was a brief period when the countries continued with their old names. For postage stamps the transition is well documented: Southern Rhodesia resumed issues of stamps under that name on 19 February 1964, but renamed itself 'Rhodesia' in October the same year, giving only 8 months with the old name. Northern Rhodesia resumed stamps under that name on 10 December 1963, which were withdrawn on 23 October 1964 and replaced by 'Zambia' issues, giving 11 months of interim issues. Nyasaland's reissue of stamps appeared on 1 November 1963, replaced by Malawi stamps on 5 July 1964, 8 months later.

All three countries had issued overprinted GB postal orders before 1953: the 'Directory of Overprinted British Postal Orders' (2010, and subsequent notifications) records one King George VI for Nyasaland, one King George V and three King George VI for Northern Rhodesia, and one King George V and seven King George VI for Southern Rhodesia. Overprints with the new name 'Zambia' are recorded with datestamps from 1966 onwards. There are also four denominations for 'Zambia' in the British Postal Museum and Archive (BPMA) registration copies, but not for 'Rhodesia', so we cannot easily determine whether the latter were prepared or issued; given the political situation in (Southern) Rhodesia at the time of UDI it is possible that they were not prepared.

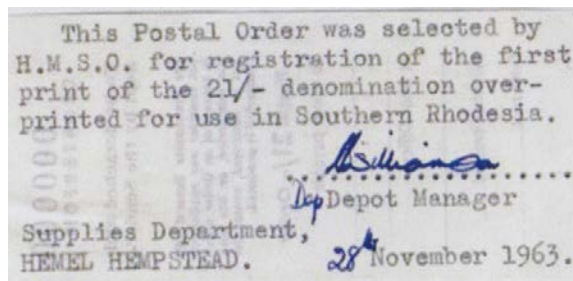
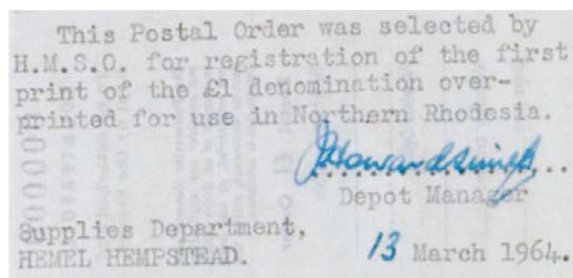
However, there are registration copies for Malawi in the BPMA collection (three denominations), with a registration date of 5 November 1964. Much more surprising perhaps is that the BPMA archive also contains registration copies for Queen Elizabeth postal orders overprinted 'Northern Rhodesia' and 'Southern Rhodesia', covering the very short periods described above.

Douglas Muir of the BPMA (to whom we are indebted for all these scans) states that he is not aware of anything in the archives to suggest that these were not issued, and indeed there must have been an intention to do so or they would not have got to the stage of printing sheets from which the registration copies were taken. The Northern Rhodesia registration copies are dated 13/3/64 and the Southern Rhodesia copies 28/11/63, though the registration date must not be assumed to be the actual date of issue without further research in the BPMA. All bear the dummy serial number typical of registration copies.

There are no recorded used copies of any of the issues for Malawi, Northern Rhodesia (QE) or Southern Rhodesia (QE).



So these registration copies may be unique in bearing these overprints. Examples of any issued copies for these overprints would be very welcome.





This Postal Order was selected by H.M.S.O. for registration of the first print of the £1 denomination over-printed for Malawi.

William
Supplies Dept.,
Stamp Depot.
8th Depot Manager
5th November 1964.

This article is based on two articles originally from the Postal Order News. They are here used with permission.

Postal Order News, Whole Number 114, p. 19-20 (2014).

Postal Order News, Whole Number 118, p. 12-13 (2015).

Amongst other gems in the BPMA, Douglas Muir has sent me the three Northern Rhodesia post order images to the right.

Although handstamped "SPECIMEN" they are clearly not meant to be specimens of actual issues (such overprints were often used as a cancellation rather than implying a "specimen" of an actual issue).

For a start Northern Rhodesia never used "cents". Douglas explains that "they are proofs. What often happened when creating the basis for something that would be applied over a large number of territories was that they took the longest name and used that so that they could be sure the size of the type would be correct for any name. What they have done here is take a long name Northern Rhodesia - and a long currency- 6 cents and combined them to see if they still worked."

That is fine for the first example shown, but the other two are quite surprising as they suggest that there were plans to actually print foreign currency in the poundage boxes for some issues, rather than overprint on the UK poundage; this could involve altering the black ink printing plate, assuming that this did all of the black ink printing, by removing the UK poundage to leave space for the new local poundage.

I wonder if these proofs were part of the moves which led to the moving of the longer country names from the top to the bottom of the overprint in about 1952, so that they wouldn't obscure the King's head (the "WS" prefix is also from this period). The postal orders with the intervening serial numbers do not appear to have survived.

I am indebted to Douglas N. Muir of the BPMA for explaining the various items and for obtaining permission to use the scans in this article.

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Botswana 'Official' Picture Postcards

by Peter Thy and Otto Peetoom

After Independence, Botswana Post issued in March 1967 a postal stationery card, printed by Harrison & Sons and depicting a 2c Hoopoe identical to an issued stamp. Then, twenty seven years later, a commemorative pictorial stationery card with an imprinted 50t stamp coincided with the World Meteorological Organization 11th Session in Gaborone November 14-25, 1994. Another two stamped postcards followed in 1997, one for African Under-17 Football Championship in Botswana during May 1997 with a 50t imprinted stamp. The other for the 1997 World Post Day with a 35t imprinted stamp depicting the UPU logo and on the reverse a portrait of Heinrich Von Stephan, Founder of the UPU.

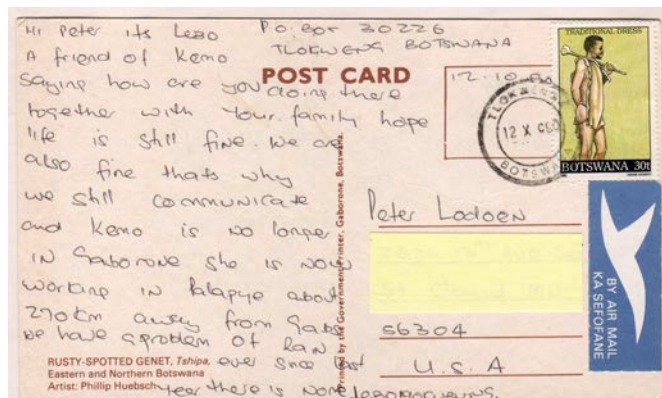
After 1967, however, the Post Office offered for a small fee blank cards about which little is known. In 1987, and again in 1992, sets of stampless cards were released showing the original artwork for the respective definitive series of animals. The cards were sold at the post office as singles or as sets for a small amount of money. Later in 2000, the practice of releasing stampless picture postcards was reinvented and the result have since been a series of cards showing either issued stamps or general tourist themes.

A maximum card (or maxicard) is, as used by philatelists, a postcard that features an illustration along with a stamp of a very similar or related subject affixed to the picture side of the card. Such cards are regularly issued by many post office administrations around the world and can be purchased for a small fee or are handed out for free as a promotion for a new stamp. The philatelist will buy a desired stamp and affix it to the picture side of the card and take it, or mail it, to a post office for cancellation, including first day of issue cancellation. Other types of maximum card are privately produced, but still eventually cancelled by a post office. The best example of the latter are cards produced by the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF). Although some of the Botswana cards invite their use as maxicard by philatelists, they obviously are, and can be used as, postcards to send a message as shown below for the two first series. The question if these cards should be classified as maximum cards are obviously uncertain since, at this point, no examples have been recorded. It is possible that the postcards were purely intended as attractive promotional and commercial offerings.

Here is listed the known picture cards released by the Botswana Post Office. In the case where the card is related to a stamp issue, the year of issue is assumed to coincide with that of the stamp. For other cards, their date of release is largely unknown. The front of the card is taken to be the side with place for the address and stamp. The reverse of the card is the side with the picture.

The listing is not complete and your help is asked for to completing it. Contact the author by writing to thy@krone-stamps.dk, if you can help. Any information on the use of these cards as true maxicards will particularly be greatly appreciated.

PPC 1. 1987. Animal Card Series showing the original artwork for the 1987 definitive stamp series. Set of 20 cards, one for each of the issued stamps. Cards imprinted on the front 'Printed by the Government Printer, Gaborone, Botswana', 'Artist: Phillip Huebsch', and further explanatory text. See note 1.

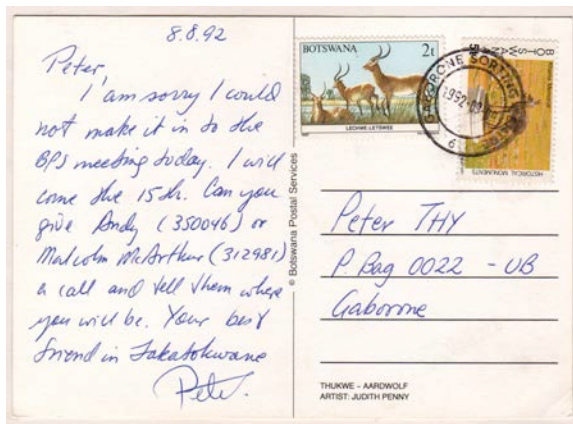


PPC 1

PPC 2. 1992. Animal Card Series showing the original artwork for the 1992 definitive stamp series. Set of 18 cards, one for each of the issued stamps. Cards imprinted on the front 'Copyright Botswana Postal Services', 'Artist Judith Penny', and further short explanatory text.



PCC 2 (reverse)



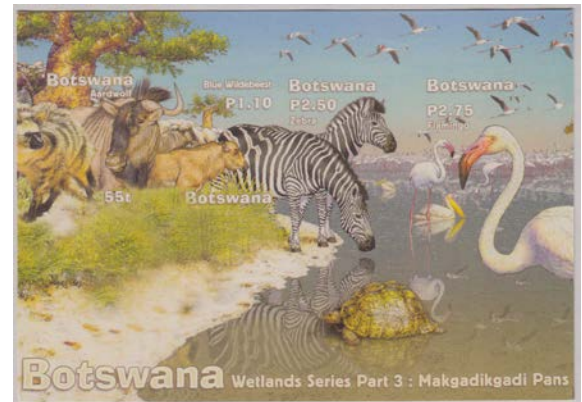
PCC 2 (front)



PPC 3

PPC 3. 2000. Moths Card showing the miniature sheet issued in 2000. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere' followed by contact information. Front Type 1.

PPC 4. 2002. Wetlands Card (Part 3: Makgadikgadi Pans) showing part of the artwork for the miniature sheet. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere' followed by contact information. Front Type 1.



PPC 4

PPC 5. 2005. Black-footed Cat Card showing the four artworks for the 2005 issue. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere' followed by contact information. Front Type 1.

PPC 6. 2009. Night Skies Card showing the four stamps issued in 2009 and the text 'SKY at NIGHT / FOLKLORE OF BOTSWANA'. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere' and 'Illustrations: Paul Melenhorst' together with other explanatory text. Front Type 2.



PPC 5

PPC 7. 2011. White Rhinoceros Card showing the 2011 miniature sheet. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere' followed by contact information in small font. Stampbox with 'PLACE STAMP HERE.' Front Type 3.

PPC 8. 2012? Set of three Wildlife Cards showing animals gathering around water hole. Some explanatory text in addition to 'BOTSWANA' on picture side. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere' followed by contact information. Stampbox with 'PLACE STAMP HERE.' Front Type 3.

PPC 8a. Botswana wildlife at water hole 1
(water lilly in front)

PPC 8b. Botswana wildlife at water hole 2
(zebra in front)

PPC 8c. Botswana wildlife at water hole 3
(elephant in front)

PPC 9. 2016? Set of three Tourist Cards showing plants, animals, and people of Botswana. Explanatory text on picture side using a fancy font. Card imprinted on the reverse with 'BOTSWANA POST / We deliver, whatever everywhere,' followed by contact information, and 'Photographer: Ulf Nermark' vertically to the right. Front Type 4.

PPC 9a. Water lilly Maun Botswana

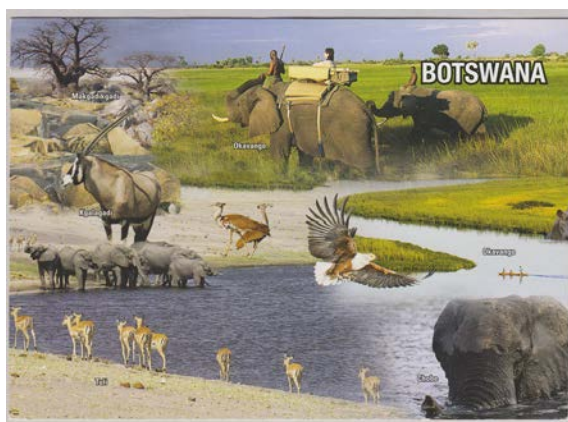
PPC 9b. Hippopotamus Chobe Botswana

PPC 9c. Basarwa Kgalagadi Botswana

PPC 6



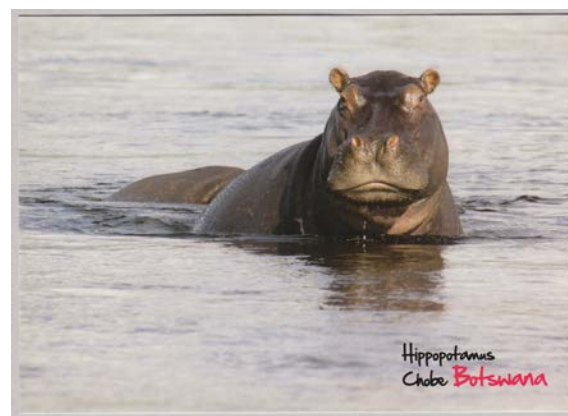
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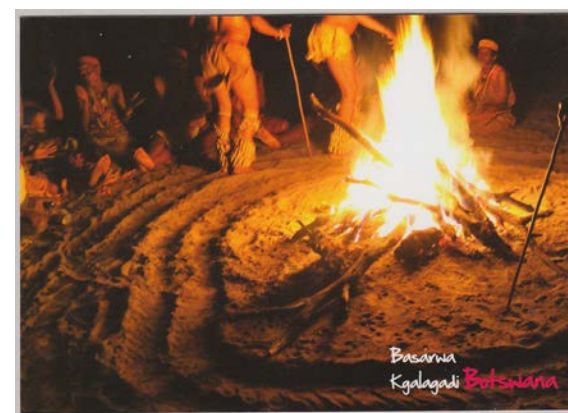
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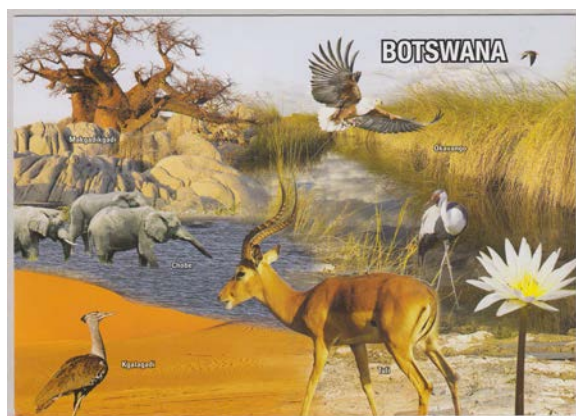
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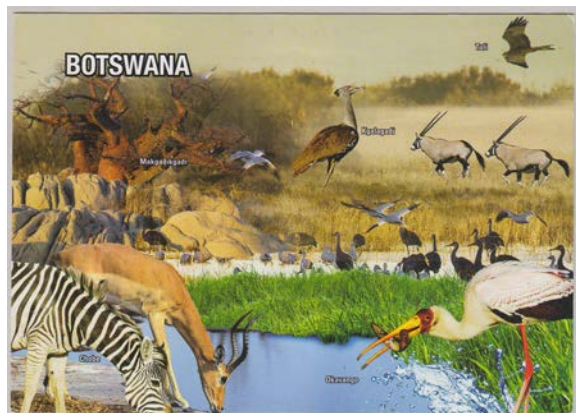
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PPC 8b





Type 1



Type 2



Type 3



Type 4

Card Sizes

PPC 1: 10.0 x 17.0 mm

PPC 2 - 9: 10.5 x 14.6 mm

Note 1. Same type of cards with same front design and printer imprint exists, but with different picture on reverse. These were not sold by the Post Office.



Photo from the website of Botswana Post showing a postal outlet with a card rack on the counter in the back.



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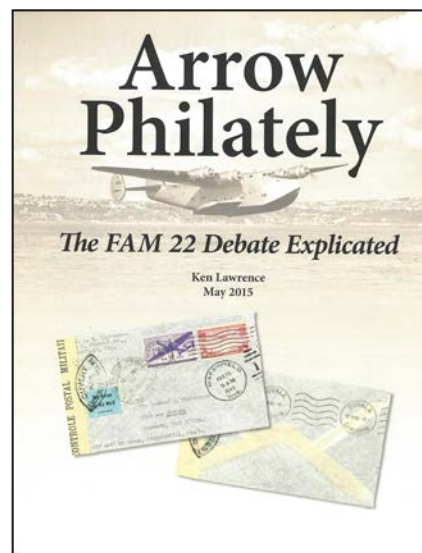
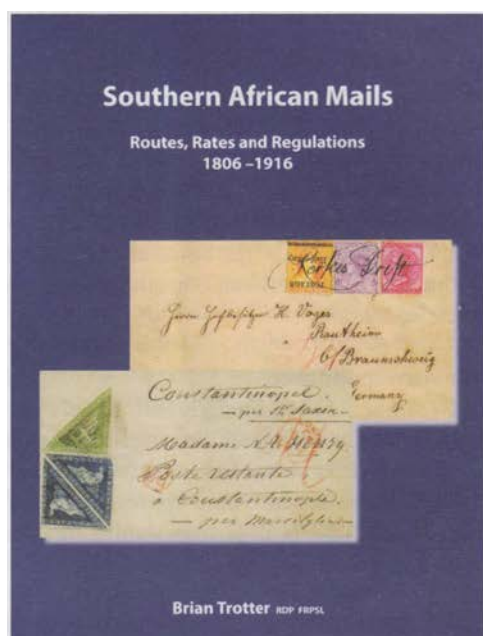
New Books

Southern African Mails Routes, Rates and Regulations 1806-1916 by **Brian Trotter**. Royal Philatelic Society London. Price: £72 (£65 for members of the Royal Philatelic Society London) plus postage and packing.

The book is profusely illustrated and runs to nearly 600 pages. It begins with the second British occupation of the Cape of Good Hope, which took place in 1806, at which time the first postal system available to the public was established. The end point of 1916 represents the time period when all the postage routes, rates and regulations in Southern Africa were well developed and somewhat stable. By 1916 surface mails were running efficiently, but the advent of airmail had not yet begun the major wave of change to the whole structure and concept of transporting the mails.

The book provides an overview of the main routes, rates and regulations for Southern Africa for this period, providing a significant amount of information for collectors of its postal history. It covers all of the territories, from the Cape Colony to British Central Africa and includes information on all them that introduced a postal system, however short-lived it may have been. The book follows the evolution of the postal system of the Cape Colony from 1806, with other territories being added as they came into existence and established their own postal systems. Finally Rhodesia established a mail service during the early 1890's and subsequently less has been written about their postal evolution.

This work provides an overview of the main postage rates for letters and postcards, along with some of the main postal regulations affecting them for each territory. It includes the tax marks and touches briefly on explanatory marks as well. A book for all collectors of the postal history of these territories. (From promotional information from the publisher.)



Arrow Philately. The FAM 22 Debate Explicated by **Ken Lawrence**. Published by the author, 2015, 36 pages. \$15 post-paid to U.S. addresses, \$18 elsewhere. Order from apsken@aol.com or Ken Lawrence, P.O. Box 98, Spring Mills PA 16875-0098.

This illustrated monograph is a response to critiques of the FAM 22 part of the author's article 'Via Miami 1941-1945' published in the January 15, 2014, American Philatelist (http://stamps.org/userfiles/file/AP/feature/Feature_01_15.pdf).

FAM 22 was the Pan American Airways route during WW2 between US and West Africa. A heated discussion has erupted between two groups about FAM 22 using different archival materials (British versus American). Unfortunately, the nature and tone of the discussion that has unfolded in journals and personal emails defiles general accepted standards of civil discourse.

In this publication, Ken Lawrence outlines the discussions (often in unneeded details) and response to the main critiques. It is, however, a pity and not easy to understand that the two sides cannot find a common ground and reconcile their information sources.

Despite this, the monograph is an important contribution that undoubtedly will aid collectors of African airmail during the World War II.

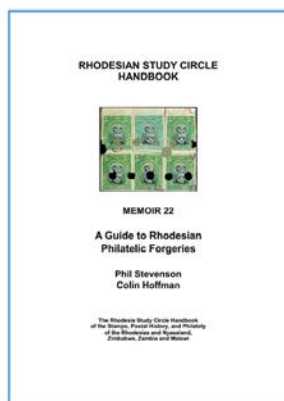
Attendance at World Stamp Show-NY 2016

Attendance at the show was as successful as previous USA Internationals. The vast majority of the dealers had fantastic show and were delighted at their sales and traffic. The show attendees, from all accounts, were delighted with the event. The press reports and coverage were fantastic and the hobby was well served by the exhibition. The numbers were 2,380 – VIP Badges printed in advance; 275 – VIP Badges printed on-site; 2,530 – School group participants; 7,738 – Paper Registrations; 10,094 – Online Registrations. This makes a total of 23,017 unique visitors. (From a news release.)

For the Record

289. The **Annual Conference** of the **Rhodesian Study Circle** is planned for 7-9th April, 2017 at Berkswell, Warwickshire, UK. All is welcome. Contact bonner.thomas@ntl-world.com.

290. The **Rhodesian Study Circle** has just issued their **Memoir number 22** on the known **forges from 1890 to 2016**. It is 120 pages long with illustrations in color and are authored by **Phil Stevenson and Colin Hoffman**. It can be obtained from the society for a non-member price of £20 plus postages (members £15) and handling. For more information, go the www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.



291. **Mike Smith** gave a presentation at the **Royal Philatelic Society** on February 23. The subject was the **postal stationery of the Orange Free State**. A video is available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Non1_ZxFYuk.

292. **Brian Trotter's** book on the 'Southern African Mails, Routes, Rates and Regulation' was awarded 95 marks and a large gold medal at the UK National Exhibition in London early this year. See details elsewhere in this Forerunners.

293. The proceedings of the 'Second International Symposium on Analytical Methods in Philately' is now available as a free PDF file on <http://analyticalphilately.org>.

294. The 'Third International Symposium on Analytical Methods in Philately' is planned to take place in October in London hosted by the Royal Philatelic Society (October 13-15). Information is available by going to <http://analyticalphilately.org>.



295. Stamp dealer and collector **Paul van Zeyl** and philatelic writer and researcher **Alex Visser** have both signed the **South African Roll of Distinguished Philatelists**. The honors were bestowed on them during October South African National Exhibition in Bedfordview, Gauteng.

296. Longtime PSGSA member **Uli Bantz** received the **W.E. Lea Cup** for his editing since 1986 of the **SWA Study**

Circle newsletter, also during the October South African National Exhibition in Bedfordview, Gauteng.

297. At the same event, **Bob Hisey** and **Tim Bartshe** received the **J. Harvey Pirie Memorial Award** for their three-volume work on the philately of the Orange Free State.



298. The **South African Philatelist** is now available on the internet. The recent past 10 issues are at this point posted on **issuu**, which is a depository of free-to-read publications. Go to <http://www.stamps.org.za/sa-philatelist> and use the links to read (not clear if they can be downloaded).



299. The **Stamp Collecting Pod Cast** has now reached 116 episodes. They are all available on the internet for listening or for downloading. Listen to #99 where **George Holschauer** tells the story of **Zululand stamps** (just as real as talking to him at a stamp show).

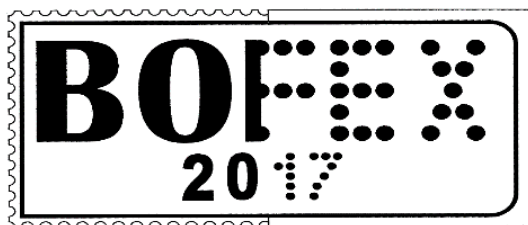
300. **Bob Hisey** and **Ian Matheson** is about to announced the publication their book on 'The "Officials" of South Africa.' Stay tuned for information of the availability and price (bobhisey@comcast.net).

301. The **South Africa Philatelic Services' journal 'Setempe'** has been replaced by an electronic communication, 'Whatsnews'. If you wish to receive these news on a regular basis, just ask **Mmama Phalatse** to be put on their e-address list. Her contact e-address is mmama.phalatshe@postoffice.co.za.



302. **Philatelic Friends** and **Ken Joseph** have announced that in the future they plan to reduce their offerings to southern Africa only. This mean that they will slowly sell, at their regular auctions, non-South African material from their website. Visit www.philatelicfriends.com.

303. The **Talbot Cox** collection of **Swaziland** was sold in July by **Spink** as 150 lots.



South Africa is again arranging a One Frame Virtual Exhibition this July. The exhibition will be a competitive 'One Frame Virtual Exhibition' and open to all members of Societies affiliated to the Philatelic Federation of South Africa (PFSa) and all members of Societies affiliated to the Federation Internationale Philatelique (FIP) and Federation Internationale d'Asie Philatelique (FIAP). Virtual means that the exhibition is completely conducted over the internet: submission, judging, and display.

The exhibition is hosted by the Free State Philatelic Society and supported by and held under the auspices of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa. The date is Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd July 2017. Contact: jnc1@vodamail.co.za or hosarch@mweb.co.za of the Orange Free State Society.

The event is highly recommended. Several Society members participated in last years event and had only positive praise for the event and how it was conducted. Contact Emil Minnaar at emil@Minnaar.org. The Editor has the prospectus and application form.

Websites that Promote Southern Africa Philately

Anglo Boer War Philatelic Society
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 Basutoland, Bechuanaland & Swaziland
www.bechuanalandphilately.com
 Cape and Natal Study Circle
www.capeandnatalsc.com
 Orange Free State Study Circle
www.orangefreestatephilately.org.uk
 Rhodesian Study Circle
www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk
 South African Collectors' Society
www.southafricacollector.com
 The Philatelic Society For Greater Southern Africa
www.psgsa.org
 The Rhodesian Philatelist
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Highlights from Journals and Newsletters

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- Barth, J., 2016. CGH: the Burgher Senate Seal. Cape & Natal Philatelic Journal 20 (Whole No. 79), 153-156.
- Drysdall, A. and Torres, F., 2016. Edwardian datestamps of Transvaal inscribed 'C.S.A.R.'. South African Philatelist 92 (October 2016), 158-161.
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- Higson, A., 2016. The colours of the inks used in the cancellations of Swaziland 1889-1894. Transvaal Philatelist 51 (Whole No. 195), 105-107.
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- Kamffer, G. and Joubert, J., 2016. The functioning of the Pretoria Post Office: circa 1918. A selection of date stamps, cachets and other markings used for the different functions performed in the post office. Part 1. South African Philatelist 92 (October 2016), 164-167.
- Kamffer, G. and Joubert, J., 2016. The functioning of the Pretoria Post Office: circa 1918. A selection of date stamps, cachets and other markings used for the different functions performed in the post office. Part 2. South African Philatelist 92 (December 2016), 178-180.
- Koster, J., 2017. Otjihaenamaparero. FVZA Bartolomeu Dias 29 (Whole No. 113), 8-14.
- Peetoom, O., 2017. 1899-1900 the Boer War in Bechuanaland – part 1. Southern Africa Philately Whole No. 5, 200-206.
- Peetoom, O., 2017. A review of the 1961 decimal overprints. Runner Post Whole No. 94, 2334-2337.
- Peetoom, O., 2017. Major Union varieties and two 1/2d double prints. Southern Africa Philately Whole No. 5, 190-193.
- Peetoom, O., 2017. Rhodesian and Nyasaland postage dues 1929-1954. Southern Africa Philately Whole No. 5, 176-181.
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- Solomon, S., 2016. Natal: De La Rue's printing of the 1/- stamp. Cape & Natal Philatelic Journal 20 (Whole No. 80), 205-215.
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- Solomon, S., 2016. Natal: the 1869 postage overprints – continuing on from the Mann study. Cape & Natal Philatelic Journal 20 (Whole No. 79), 178-187.
- Solomon, S., 2016. Natal: the Madagascar 'British inland mail covers'. Cape & Natal Philatelic Journal 20 (Whole No. 79), 242-247.
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New Books

- Rhodesian Study Circle, 2016: Complete Run of the Journal 1948-2016 including index. PDF format on a Memory Stick. Contact <http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/> for information on availability.
- Stevenson, P. and Hoffman, C., 2017. A Guide to Rhodesian Philatelic Forgeries. Memoriar 22, Rhodesian Study Circle. Go to <http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk> for more information.
- Trotter, B., 2017. Southern African Mails. Routes, Rates, and Regulations 1806-1916. Royal Philatelic Society London. See page 52.
- Fletcher, J.G.F., 2016. Cape of Good Hope, Volume 1, VOC Revenue Stamps 1711-1791; Volume 2, Embossed Revenue 1825-1865; Volume 3, Revenues 1865-1898. 379 pages, ringbound. Contact jfatch@tpg.com.au for details.
- South African Colour Stamp Catalogue, 2017-2018, 35 Edition. Now available from South African dealers at about R750 plus shipping.
- Beck, F., 2016. Handbook. Comprehensive description of Native Tribal Taxes and Levies used in South West Africa during 1913-1987, 128 pages, published by the author, Windhoek. Contact beckciv@iafrica.com.na.
- Lawrence, K., 2015. Arrow Philately. The FAM 22 Debate Explicated. 36 pages, \$15 postpaid to US addresses. Contact apsken@aol.com for further information. See page 52.

Exchange Journals Received

- South African Philatelist: October 2016 (Volume 92, No. 5, Whole No. 938), December 2016 (Volume 92, No. 6, Whole No. 939).
- South West Africa Newsletter: No new issues have been received since no.417.
- FVZA Bartolomeu Dias November 2016 (Whole No.112), January 2017 (Whole No. 113).
- Transvaal Philatelist Volume 51, No. 3 (Whole No. 195, November 2016).
- The PSGSA exchange journals with the Transvaal Study Circle, Filatelistenvereniging Zuidelijk Afrika, and the South West Africa Stamp Study Group. We receive the South African Philatelist as an affiliated society of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa.



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Society Publications

Hisey and Bartshe, 2003. Philately of the Orange Free State, Vol.

1, The Postage Stamps. Hardbound, 280 pages. Sold Out.

Hisey and Bartshe, 2004. Philately of the Orange Free State, Vol.

2, The Telegraphs. Hardbound, 250 pages. Sold Out.

Hisey and Bartshe, 2009. Philately of the Orange Free State, Vol.

3. Hardbound, 205 pages. Sold Out.

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Hisey, B. (compiler), 2006. Postal Office Names of Southern Africa According to Ralph Putzel (CD-ROM). \$15 pp.

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