

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1912-1916 (RP28GAa)_The Manager, The National Bank of South Africa, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa (actually used London 30 JAN 18)

Brief Comment:

In 1891, the Nationale Bank der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek Beperk was registered in Pretoria. In 1902, following the Second Anglo-Boer War, the bank was renamed the National Bank of South Africa Limited. The National Bank of the Orange River Colony (formerly De Nationale Bank van den Oranje Vrystaat Bpkt established in 1877) was bought out in 1910; the Bank of Africa (established in 1879) was bought out in 1912; and the Natal Bank (established in 1854) in 1914. Over decades, the bank was renamed Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas), Barclays National Bank Limited, and First National Bank of Southern Africa Limited later becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of FirstRand Limited.

References:

1. Bergman W. A History of the Regular and Emergency Paper Money Issues of South Africa. Publ: Bergman, 2nd Ed., 1971
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