



THE MAIL BOAT, CAPE TOWN DOCKS

# **CAPE-OF-GOOD-HOPE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY**

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*Cover image:* This cover image shows Jo Bodeon, a back-roper in the mule room at Chace Cotton Mill. Burlington, Vermont. This and other similar images in this book were taken by Lewis W. Hine, in the period between 1908-1912. These images as well as social campaigns by many including Hine, helped to formulate America's anti-child labour laws...

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# INTRODUCTION



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## *An Introduction*

For collectors the [postal history](#) and stamps of Cape of Good Hope are entrenched in mystery and romance. The mixture of explorers, travellers, wars, the birth of a nation and the birth of a new country make for a fascinating past.

My name is Dr Yannis Lazarides and South Africa has been my home for the last twenty six years. Since I was a child I was fascinated by the Cape of Good Hope, its stamps—out of reach then and some of them out of reach now—and its postal history.

I have put this collection of pages on the internet to promote the study of the *postal History of the Cape of Good Hope*. The postal history images presented here are mostly based on my own collection.

The history of the Cape of Good Hope, starts with the discovery of the Cape by Portuguese sailors, the settlements by the

The [Travelling Post Office index.html](#) of the Cape of Good Hope are well represented here, I having been fortunate enough to obtain the majority of items belonging to the collection of the late Mr. Naylor. Naylor together with Hagen wrote two books on the postal history of the Travelling post offices. Interspersed within these pages you can follow the story of the Cape of Good Hope Railways. From the first lines, such as the Cape-Wellington line, the [Western T.P.O.](#), to items such as the [Albany T.P.O.](#) and the [Zwartkops Sorting Tender](#) including a scan of the only known cover from this T.P.O.

Some unusual Postal History material is included, such as the [Kimberley Exhibition](#) postmarks, with the only known cover of one of the caches dated July 1892 and a postcard posted by a member of an Austrian band from the exhibition! You might also be interested in the [Clan William private stamp](#) which was used by the Clan William postmaster during the Anglo-Boer war. The postal history of the [oceanis](#) is described in detail with a unique example of the Armadale Ocean Post Office Postmark.

Although stamps are not normally considered as part of Postal History collections the nature of the Cape of Good Hope stamps is such that I wouldn't have considered this work completed, if at least some mention was made of them. The triangular stamps are well represented with both the [ADHESIVES/Perkins](#)

The rectangular stamps of the Cape of Good Hope present another aspect of the postal history of the Cape of Good Hope and have not been studied well.

Some of the material illustrated here has not been published or exhibited before. The study of the [Table Mountain](#) issue is one of them. Here Postal History material belonging to Mr. E.M. Sturman - the designer of the stamps - is shown. This stamp created a bit of controversy at its time, in that it was the first stamp that did not have the 'Hope' shown. A few cuttings from newspapers regarding this controversy

are shown as well as a letter from the Treasury awarding a bonus to Mr. E.M.Sturman for his design. The earlier issues including the <a href="ADHESIVES/

There are a lot of topics covered in these pages but I am sure there are as much still not covered fully or discovered. I have endeavoured to go back and review most of the primary sources and major auctions and I would contributions in this respect If you have any items in your collection that you think will benefit this project, please <a href="mailto:yannis\_azarides@yahoo.com" > contactme < /a >

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