

## Orange River Station Post-office Cancellor



Envelope addressed to **Mrs George A Moore, Silverlea, Wynberg** and bearing the scarce canceller

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The Post Office at Orange River Station is recorded to have used two different types of single circle Oval Date Stamps (ODS) alongside the Barred Oval Numeral Cancellor (BONC) 525; they were "ORANGE RIVER STATION" and "ORANGE RIVER T.O". A third canceller, "ORANGE RIVER CGH", appears to have been used alone.



Orange River Station Post-office 1899 [AG 7129]

George Augustine Moore was born circa. April 1868 in Hackney (Henckley) , England (so. Joseph and Harriet Moore). He married Hendrika Susanna Maria Cornelia van Schalkwyk (Harriet Susan Maria Cornelia) in St. Michael's Church, Rondebosch. In 1900, George Moore is listed as a coach-builder in business at 25 Hanover Street. In 1901, he is a shop-keeper resident in Broad Street, Wynberg.

He died in Wynberg Military Hospital on 20 August 1920, leaving an estate of £216. At the time, he was living at "The Anchorage", 15 / 17 Forest Road, Rondebosch. This block of flats of distinctive design still exists. Shortly after his death, the family moved to 16 Belmont Road, Mowbray. [MOOC listing 6/9/1798.2879 but actually 851/277](#)

Hendrika Susanna Maria Cornelia van Schalkwyk was born in Cape Town circa. March 1866 (do. T van Schalkwyk) and died in Tamboorskloof 7 October 1944. [MOOC 6/9/11309.95288](#)

The couple had 5 children : Bernard Walter, Winnie Ethel (married first to Coutts, later Hanssen), Oswald Augustine, Lawrence Thomas (a minor when his father died; and living in Hillbrow when his mother died), and Hendrika ("Harriet") Josephine (a minor when her father died; and later married to Brunold).



Silverlea estate

Silverlea estate was bought from Edmund and Charlotte Thomas on 8 July 1902 and broken up by a consortium of investors headed up by Edward Ridge Syfret ("E.R.Syfret & Co"). Silverlea House was located then in Mountain View Road, Wynberg and a block of flats were built there by a Councillor Mrs Hopkins (a Bainsfather-Cloete) in 1951.

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