

BANK OF AFRICA LIMITED

The 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:

1908 (CP56a)_The Manager, Bank of Africa Limited, Johannesburg (actually used from The London Bank of Australia Limited, London 17 OCT 11)

Comment:

The Bank of Africa Limited was an Imperial Bank.

Places of Operation	Dates of Operation
Cape Colony	1879-1912
Natal	1879
Transvaal	circa 1889
Orange Free State	1879

Cape Uniform bank notes for circulation after 1891: 10/-, £1, £5, £10, £20

Banknotes were issued outside the Cape prior to 1900

Natal 10/-

Transvaal £5

Orange River Colony/Free State £1

Banknotes were issued outside the Cape from 1900-1920

Natal 10/-

Transvaal £5, £10, £20

Orange River Colony/Free State £10, £20

The Bank of Africa Limited was later taken over by the National Bank of South Africa

References:

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