

## Dr. HENRY GEORGE HAWKINS MONK

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:**

1902 (WP19)\_Mrs Dr Monk, Dutoitspan Rd, Kimberley, C.Colony, S Africa (actually used from Stratford MY 29 03)

### **Brief Comment:**

Henry George Hawkins Monk (1862-1928) was born September QRT 1862 in the district of Yeovil, Somerset; married in the December QRT 1885 in the district of Barrow upon Soar, Leicestershire; and died March QRT 1928 in the district of Taunton, Devon/Somerset. The 1881 Census of England and Wales has him attending school as a boarder of Charles B. Fendall and his wife, Francis, Woodcote House, Windlesham, Surrey.

He was first registered in the Cape Colony on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1901, later taking up the position of Medical Officer of Health for Kimberley and Beaconsfield. His qualifications are given as Lic. Soc. Apoth (Lond 1884), M.R.C.S (Eng) 1885, Dip. Publ. Health (R.C.P.Lond., R.C.S.Eng) , 1890. He appears to have left the service in 1908, the Medical and Pharmacy Register 1909 giving his address as Europe. BY 1919 he was no longer registered as a practitioner in the United Kingdom.

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