

## CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

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:**

1939 (ES62)\_ Envelope Stamped to Order June 1939-February 1940. Addressed to Mr H J Jones 6 Church Square, Cape Town

### **Brief Comment:**

Mr H J Jones lived at 30 Cleveland Street, Bellville and presumably worked for The South African Association for the Administration and Settlement of Estates which was housed at 6 Church Square, Cape Town.

Following a similar event on 4 March 1832 in Great Britain, on 5 July 1833, the Governor of the Cape Colony, Sir Lowry Cole, issued an ordinance abolishing the Orphan Chamber. The Master of the Supreme Court of the Colony remained as the custodian of estates and trusts. The South African Association for the Administration and Settlement of Estates was formed on 22 April 1834 by 22 respectable citizens in Cape Town. The first President was Daniel Denysen, other directors being Messrs J J Serrurier, R P Jones, J P Serrurier and J A Smuts. The secretary was Johannes de Wet, a vocal protagonist who criticised many of the social evils of the time. The first estate administered by The Association was that of Jacobus Johannes Smuts and surviving spouse Aletta Gertruida Versfeldt, The SA Association was the first Trust Company in the world and their estate the first to be administered by a corporate entity.

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