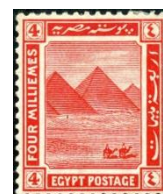




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Introduction

Postage stamps and related objects are miniature communication tools, and they tell a story about cultural and political identities and about artistic forms of identity expressions. They are part of the world's material heritage, and part of history. Ever more of this postal heritage becomes available online, published by stamp collectors' organizations, auction houses, commercial stamp shops, online catalogues, and individual collectors. Virtually collecting postage stamps and postal history has recently become a possibility. These working papers about Africa are examples of what can be done. But they are work-in-progress! Everyone who would like to contribute, by sending corrections, additions, and new area studies can do so by sending an email message to the APH editor: Ton Dietz (dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl). You are welcome!

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Cape of Good Hope postage stamp 1853:

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg

Egypt postage stamp 1914:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post_Stamp_Egypt.jpg

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Postal history and postage stamps of Griqualand West

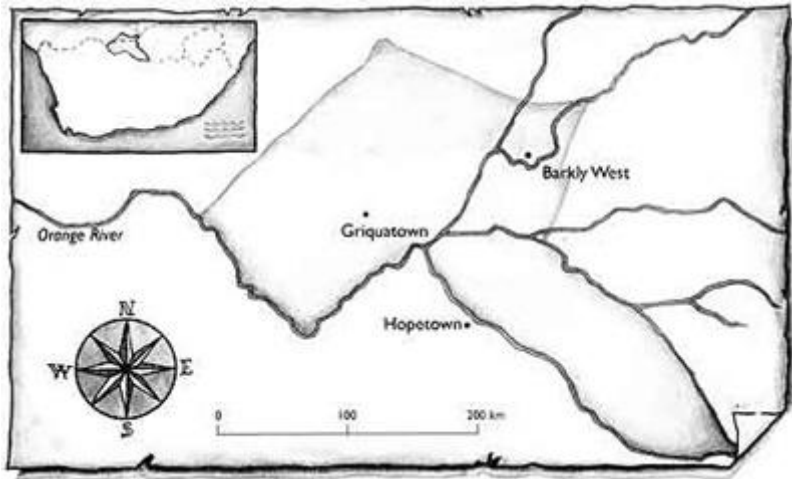
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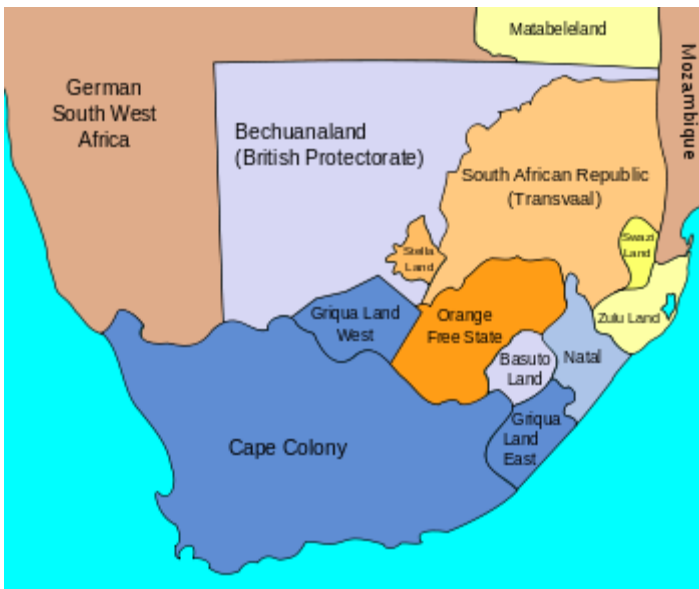
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http://www.sahistory.org.za/sites/default/files/general_pics/all-that-glitters/unit3-griqualand-mines.jpg ; also see: <http://www.sahistory.org.za/archive/all-glitters-rock-which-future-will-be-built-emilia-potenza>



<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/54/SouthAfrica1885.svg/350px-SouthAfrica1885.svg.png> ; see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_African_Wars_\(1879%E2%80%931915\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_African_Wars_(1879%E2%80%931915))

<http://www.britishempire.co.uk/maproom/griqualandwest.htm> (see and copied 15-5-2016):

“The Griqua are an interesting multiracial group formed as a byproduct of colonial expansion from the seventeenth century. They were probably descended from a combination of European, Khoi, San and Tswana inter breeding. As racial attitudes hardened, the Griqua migrated north and east to establish settlements out of the way of the Europeans. Those going north had been offered land by Dr Phillip a London Missionary Society Representative who was aware that the Boers were eyeing the area as part of the their Great Trek of the 1830s and 1840s. The Griqua jumped at the opportunity and formed what would be called Griqualand West.

In 1848 the British annexed the entire area between the Orange and Vaal Rivers, which included the Griqualand area, and called it the Orange River Sovereignty with a Magistrate at Bloemfontein who flew the Union Jack. Due to the high costs

and low returns the British were to withdraw from the area thanks to the Bloemfontein Convention. It did not help the British that they were about to embark on the Crimean War, so were looking to consolidate imperial adventures for the time being. In 1854 the [Orange Free State](#) was established and the Transvaal would slowly form by 1860. This also meant that Griqualand West was technically independent but it would have to fight off incursions from Boers or any other interested groups.

The Griqua formed their own political units with a Captain in charge and had a clear, written constitution. They spoke Afrikaans and were Protestant Christians. However, they were aware that the Boers had little regard for what were referred to as 'half-castes' and had frequent clashes with them.

Official British interest in Griqualand was purely opportunistic. In the early 1870s rich diamond mines were discovered. As Griqualand West bordered [Transvaal](#) and the [Cape Colony](#), both colonies would claim an interest. The Boers and the British were antagonistic and hostile to each other, each colony did not wish the other to take control of such a rich resource.

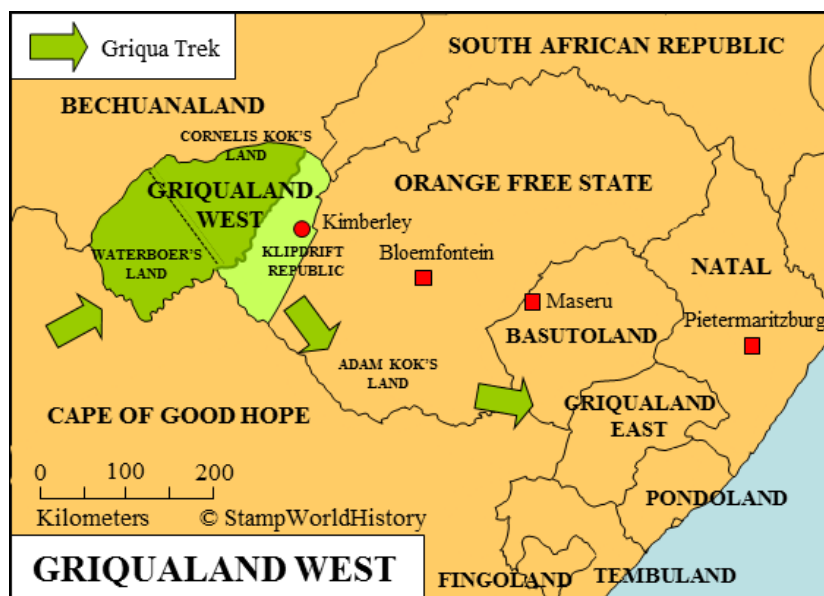
The Transvaal claimed this area based on the Bloemfontein Convention which had stated that the British were not interested in areas north of the Vaal River. The Griqua however were mindful of the poor treatment of blacks and half-castes by the Boers and requested British protection rather than Boer protection. This was probably regarded as the lesser of two equals by the Griqua who realised that they would not be able to withstand a powerful concerted attack by either European power.

An independent arbiter found in favour of the Griqua rather than the Boers. This allowed the British to declare a protectorate over the area from Cape Colony in 1871. However, the British moved with rather indecent haste and declared that Griqualand West was to become a full Crown Colony just two years later. The purpose for this haste was to force the Griqua Captain to sell his mineral rights and those of his people for a thousand pounds per year. The Transvaal was understandably incensed by this diplomatic sleight of hand, arguing that Britain had challenged Boer attempts to annex lands whilst annexing it for themselves.

Seven years later, the full absorption of Griqualand West was completed when it was subsumed into the Cape Colony. This was after Griqua unhappiness over ownership of their land and the right to make claims on the diamond fields led to a full rebellion in 1878. The Griqua and Tlhaping rose up against the British but were crushed.

The Griqua were to see little of the wealth that was to be generated from the enormous diamond mines. They were later to suffer from the racist policies of the

Union of South Africa and even more so under the apartheid policies of the Republic of South Africa”.



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Griqualand-West1.png>

<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/country-profiles-2/africa/griqualand-west/> (seen and copied 15-5-2016):

“Griqualand West is located in southern Africa. The Griqua are a population group in southern Africa that has its origins in Boer colonists mixing with the indigenous Khoisan people in the Boer territory around Cape Town. Towards the end of the 18th century, the Griqua trek from Cape Town into the hinterland to lead a semi-nomadic life. In the early 19th century, two groups of Griqua settle in Cornelis Kok’s Land and Waterboer’s Land – lands named after the ‘Kapteins’ or leaders of the Griqua.

Part of the Griqua, from there, trek further east to settle in Adam Koks Land. When Adam Kok’s Land is annexed by Orange Free State in 1861, the Griqua move on, settling in Griqualand East. Griqualand East will be annexed by the British to Cape of Good Hope in 1874.

Meanwhile, in the 1860’s, diamonds are found in the area of Kimberley attracting many – mainly British – diamond diggers that, in 1870 on Griqua land, found[ed] the Klipdrift *republic* that also goes by the name of Diggers republic. Waterboer calls upon the British to support him in his claim on the land – which is also claimed by the Boer republics of Orange Free State and the South African Republic. Rather than support Waterboer, the British decide to annex the Klipdrift republic and the remaining lands of the Griqua. The official pretext is to protect the interest[s] of British citizens. It is, however, also suggested that the main reason was to gain control over the revenues from the diamond mines before one of the Boer republics would do so. The British, subsequently, form the *colony* of Griqualand West in 1873. Griqualand West will be annexed to Cape of Good Hope in 1880.

The Griqua have, since the end of the 19th century, been largely submerged in other population groups. The diamond mine in Kimberley was used until 1914.”

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamps_and_postal_history_of_Griqualand_West (seen and copied: 15-5-2016)



An 1874 stamp of Cape of Good Hope, [surcharged](#) by the local postmaster for use in Griqualand West.



A one penny 1879 [revenue stamp](#) of Griqualand West.

This is a survey of the [postage stamps](#) and [postal history](#) of [Griqualand West](#), a former British colony that is now part of South Africa.

First stamps

The first stamps used in Griqualand West were stamps of [Cape of Good Hope](#) from October 1871 which can be identified by their cancellations.^[1]

In September 1877 [= 1874], Cape 4 pence stamps were used hand surcharged by the Kimberley postmaster "1d" in ink.^[1]

The first stamps specifically for Griqualand West were issued in March 1877 and consisted of stamps of Cape of Good Hope [overprinted](#) **G. W.** or **G.**^[2]

See also

- [Postage stamps and postal history of the Cape of Good Hope:](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamps_and_postal_history_of_the_Cape_of_Good_Hope)
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- [Identifying Griqualand West forgeries.](#)

Griqualand West according to:

<http://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.nl/2012/07/griqualand-west.html> (seen and copied 15-5-2016)

“Quick History

If it wasn't for the newly discovered Diamond Fields, neither Transvaal (The Boars; cit; what is meant is The Boers; td), or Cape Colony (The British) would have been interested in this backwater area. The Griqua had settled there to avoid the Europeans, and called it Griqualand West. (There was also a Griqualand East, but they never issued stamps.)

In the early 1870s, diamonds were discovered. The Big Hole was dug by 50,000 miners using picks and shovels, and eventually yielded 2,700 kg of diamonds. Cecil Rhodes, founder of De Beers, began his career there.

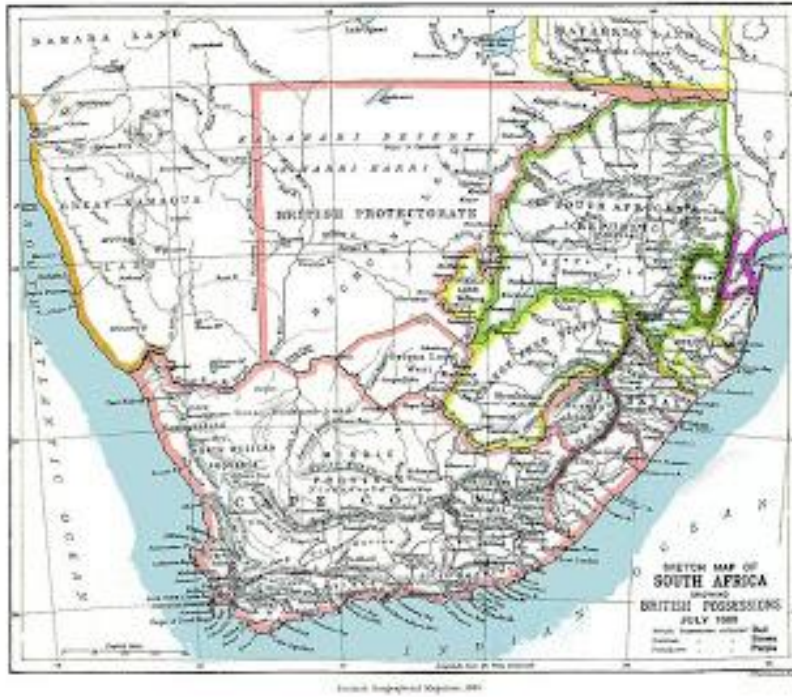
Since the Griqua knew they would not be able to withstand the European onslaught, they asked for British protection, the lesser of two unpalatable choices.

A Protectorate was declared from Cape Colony in 1871. Then, in just two years, the British declared that Griqualand West would become a Crown Colony. Kimberley, which swelled to a population of 40,000 in 1873, was made the Capital.

Cape of Good Hope stamps were overprinted with a "G W", or a "G", and were issued from 1874-1878.

In 1880, Both Griqualand West and Griqualand East were annexed to the Cape Colony.

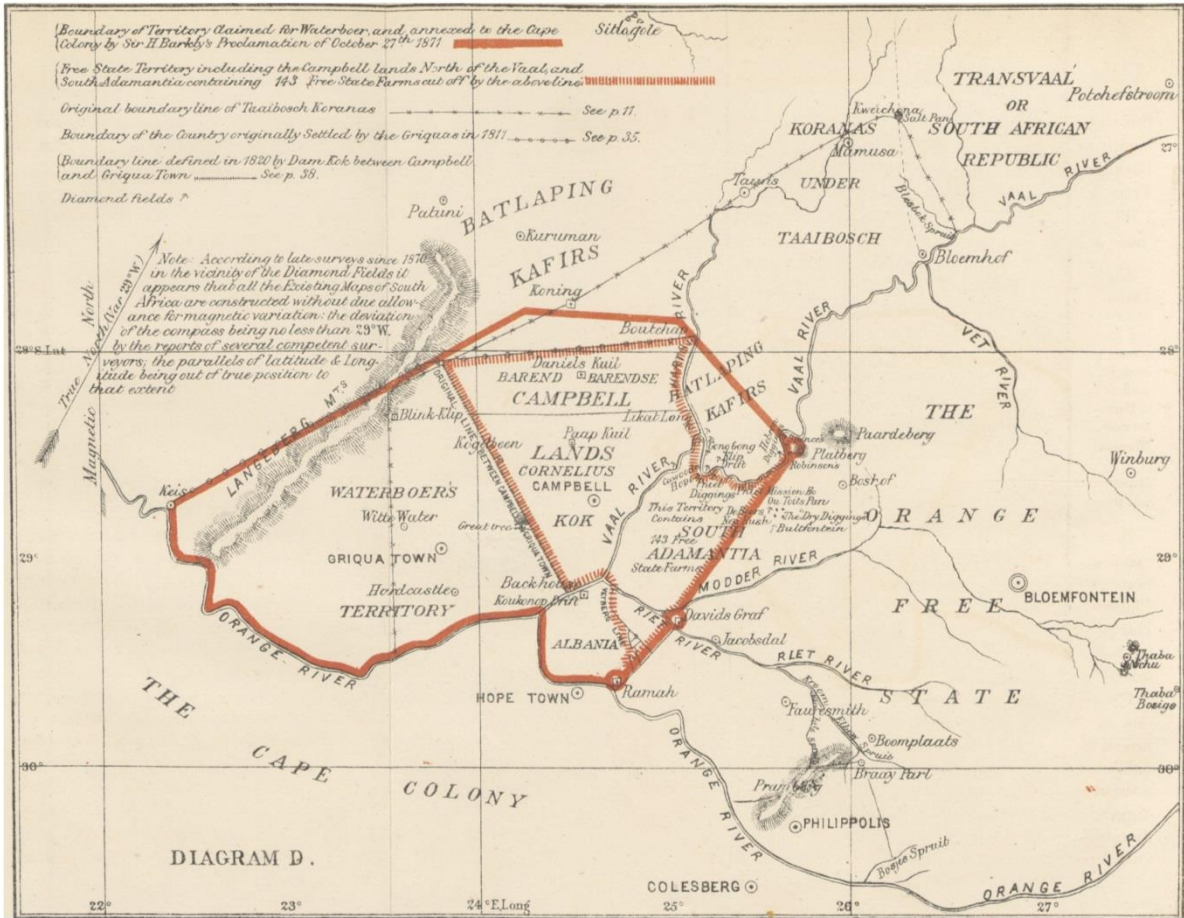
Although stamp production for Griqualand West ceased, the remaining stocks of overprinted stamps were subsequently used for postal duties in Cape Town and Cape Colony.”



1885 Map of South Africa with Griqualand West in the center

<http://1.bp.blogspot.com/>

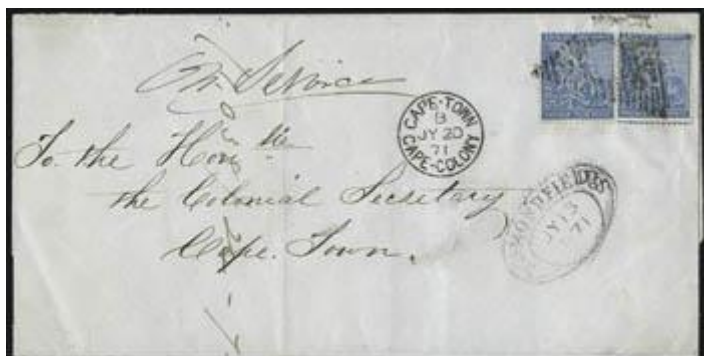
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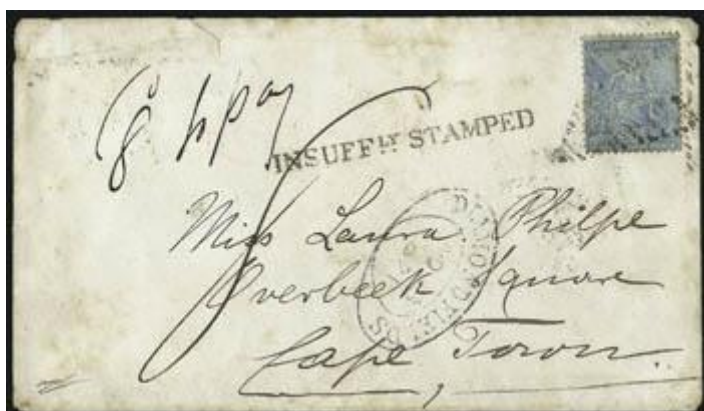
1873 map;

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Griqualand_West#/media/File:LINDLEY\(1873\)_Adamantia_p358.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Griqualand_West#/media/File:LINDLEY(1873)_Adamantia_p358.jpg)

Griqualand-West; Postage Stamps Before 1874/75



1871, from Diamondfields to Cape Town, <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/441.jpg>
“GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 4c Blue (17; SG 24a). Two singles tied by barred triangle cancel with July 13, 1871 "Diamond Fields" double-oval cancel at bottom right on folded cover to "the Colonial Secretary" at Cape Town, Cape Town July 20 arrival datestamp, manuscript "On Service", Very Fine, a scarce early cover, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate”.



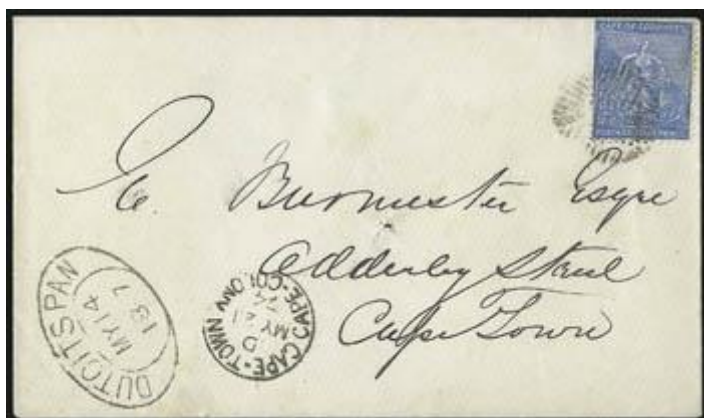
1871: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/442.jpg>, “GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 4c Blue (17; SG 24a). Two covers, each tied by barred triangle cancels and 1871 "Diamond Fields" double-oval cancels on covers to Cape Town, each with Cape Town arrival datestamps, one with "Insuffly Stamped" straightline and marked "8 to pay", small faults incl. one missing backflap, file folds and small tears, Fine”.



1872: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/443.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1872, 4c Deep Blue (17c; SG 24c). Tied by barred oval cancel with 1874 "Dutoits Pan" double-oval cancel at bottom left on small cover to Cape Town, Cape Town Dec. 17 arrival datestamp, Very Fine, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate”.



1873: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/444.jpg> , “GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 4c Blue (17; SG 24a). Tied by barred circle cancel with corresponding "De Beers NR Oc 30, 1873" circular datestamp on cover to Cape Town, neat Cape Town arrival datestamp, small central file hole by tape stain and backflap reattached, otherwise Fine, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate”.



1874: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/445.jpg> , “GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 4c Dull Ultramarine (17b; SG 24b). Tied by barred oval cancel with well-struck May 14, 1874 "Dutoits Pan" double-oval cancel at bottom left on cover to Cape Town, Cape Town May 21 arrival datestamp, trivial central spindle hole, Very Fine, a scarce shade to find on cover especially out of Griqualand West, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate”.



1874: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/446.jpg>, "GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1872, 4c Deep Blue (17c; SG 24c). Single with wing margin at right, cancelled by barred circle cancel with corresponding "Kimberley Oc 15, 1874" circular datestamp on cover to Cape Town, Cape Town arrival datestamp, stamp with small nick at right (not mentioned on certificate), Very Fine, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate".



1875: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/447.jpg>, "GRIQUALAND WEST, Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 4c Blue (17; SG 24a). Tied by barred oval "4" cancel with corresponding "Barkly Sp 13, 75" circular datestamp on cover to Cradock, Cradock arrival oval backstamp, small cover faults incl. small repair at top and light creases, otherwise Fine, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate".



1874 from London to AG Griqualand in Cape Town:

<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/449.jpg> , “GRIQUALAND WEST, Great Britain, 1873-80, 1sh Deep Green (64a; SG 150). Plate 9, tied by barred oval "78" cancel with corresponding "London JY 25 74" circular datestamp on folded letter to Acting Attorney General, Griqualand, Cape Town transit and Kimberley arrival backstamp, letter from Colonial Secretary in London discussing the policy to annex Griqualand West saying "it is a wild place with doubles a wild population to match," Very Fine, a[n] interesting letter of historical significance”.

1874 Sept, Nr 8 Cape of Good Hope with a changed value in hand writing. 1d on 4 d blue. *Michel Griqualand-West nr 1 (easy forgeries, e.g. without frame around the stamp = CoGH Michel 16, which was not used for the genuine stamp = CoGH Michel 8)*



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2f/1874%2C_Griqualand_West_one_penny_stamp.jpg

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/361/871/992_001.jpg

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AC762.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST 1874 watermark Crown CC, 4d blue with manuscript surcharge ‘1d’ in red, very fine mint. A very rare stamp, especially this fine. With clear RPS certificate (1979). SG 1”



<https://www.sandafayre.com/rarestamps/galleryimages/1010.jpg>

<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/vsskua094.jpg>

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http://www.numonesidentifier.com/country/griq/stamp-griqualand-west-1285705713_thumb.jpg;

illustrated there as an example of a forgery: “(1.) Base stamp is Cape of Good Hope #27. (It does not have a frame line around the stamp). (2.) Pink manuscript surcharge. (3.) Exp:do. Ref: R.Carlson.”

Griqualand West 1874 COGH Surcharged 1d Manuscript



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- Issue Date : September 1874
 - Designed by : Charles Bell
 - Printed by : De La Rue
 - Print Process : Die Engraved on steel - Typography
 - Perforations : 14
 - Watermark : Crown over CC
 - 1d in red-brown ink and Four Pence struck out by Kimberly Postmaster

http://www.stampsoftheworld.co.uk/wiki/Griqualand_West_1874_COGH_Surcharged_1d_Manuscript

1877 March. G.W. overprint on CoGH

1p pink (CoGH 12 Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 2*



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4p blue (CoGH 16 Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 3*



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1877 March, big G overprint in six different styles on CoGH



<https://www.sandafayre.com/countries/griqualandweststamps.html>, type I



<https://www.sandafayre.com/itemdetails.aspx?s=579696&return=true>, various types



http://catalogue.klaseboer.com/vol1/html/s_af/griqu2.jpg , various types

½ p grey (CoGH 15 Michel) Michel Griqualand-West nr 4, six types, and each in red or black



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1p pink (CoGH 12a Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 5, six types*



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4p blue (CoGH 8a Michel, with frame) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 6, six types*



<http://www.geocities.ws/stamplink/ident/cape01.jpg>

4p blue (CoGH 16 Michel, without frame) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 7, six types*



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<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AC629.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST 1878 4d dull blue without frame lines, overprinted ‘G’ (Type 6) in black. Small area of extraneous printer’s ink below the overprint, otherwise fine mint. Very scarce. SG 12a”



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AC630.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST 1878 4d dull blue without frame lines, with interpanneau margin at left, overprinted ‘G’ (Type 6) in red. Thinning along edge of interpanneau margin and a few blunt perfs at top, otherwise a very fine mint example in an attractive deep shade. Very scarce. SG 6f”

6p dark violet (CoGH 9b Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 8, six types*



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1 Sh green (CoGH 10a Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 9, six types*



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<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AC636.jpg> "GRIQUALAND WEST 1877-78 1/- green overprinted 'G' (Type 6) in red. BLOCK OF FOUR with slightly rounded corners at right. Light hinge remnants otherwise remarkably fine and fresh mint. An exceptionally rare multiple. Outstanding. SG 9f"

5 Sh orange (CoGH 13 Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 10, six types*



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1878 June and 1879, small G overprint in three different styles on CoGH



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<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/452.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST, 1878, 6p Dull Violet (82; SG 13i). Ty. R (SG Ty. 14), tied along with pair of 1p Rose (88; SG 16) by smudged "Kimberley FE 11 1879" circular datestamp on cover to Pittsburgh Pa., Cape Town, London and New York transit, cover with peripheral edge tears and wear, otherwise Fine, the 6p Dull Violet is an exceptionally rare stamp when found on cover, ex Seybold”.



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½ grey (CoGH 15 Michel) Michel Griqualand-West nr 11, three types of black overprint and two with red overprint



1/2d Grey-black
Type 15



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http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/374/955/637_001.jpg , inverted red

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/361/871/998_001.jpg , inverted black

<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/mskk124.jpg> , inverted G black, probably type IV



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http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/361/871/999_001.jpg , inverted block red



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AC388.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST 1878 watermark Crown CC, ½d grey-black. Vertical interpanneau block of eight, the upper four stamps showing overprint ‘G’ type 15 (upright) and the lower four type 16 (inverted), clearly demonstrating that the setting of 120 was sometimes inverted on the lower two panes. The margin also showing ‘CROWN’ of watermark. Marginal crease barely affects one, otherwise very fine or unmounted mint. Scarce and attractive. SG 14, 15a”.

1p pink (CoGH 12a Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 12, three types of black overprint*



http://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user_images/014/2247014/2247014_140218073008_griqdam1.jpg



<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/nrn124.jpg>, two types

<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/wppk124.jpg>, inverted



http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/443/426_001.jpg



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/16/1572.jpg

4p blue (CoGH 8a Michel, with frame) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 13, two types of black overprint*



http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/565/273_001.jpg “1877-78: Hope with 'G' overprint - Value: 4d (with frameline) - Used “

4p blue (CoGH 16 Michel, without frame) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 14*, three types of black overprint and two with red overprint



<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/atmm124.jpg>, 1879 type III (black G)

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http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/361/872/004_001.jpg

<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Griqualand-West.jpg>

http://www.cghstamps.com/stampboards/Griqualand_T15_4d_with_frameline.jpg

<http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/tqQAAOSwPc9W1gS3/s-1225.jpg>



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http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/15/1235.jpg



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/454.jpg>, "GRIQUALAND WEST, 1878, 4p Blue, Ty. II (95; SG 21). Ty. T (SG Ty. 16) overprint, tied by "4" in barred oval cancel with corresponding "Barkly AP 4, 1879" circular datestamp on blue cover to Transvaal, Kimberly and Marico transit and Transvaal arrival datestamps, central file fold well clear of stamp, Very Fine and scarce, with 1990 B.P.A. certificate".

6p dark violet or violet (CoGH 9b or 9c Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 15, three types of black overprint*



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http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/565/274_001.jpg

<http://assets.catawiki.nl/assets/2014/3/17/d/6/7/d67d82ea-aded-11e3-9073-781ca3908be7.jpg>



<http://assets.catawiki.nl/assets/2015/4/14/e/b/9/eb93dac4-e2d6-11e4-90f5-25458d870bf8.jpg>



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/453.jpg> "GRIQUALAND WEST, 1878, 6p Dull Violet (91; SG 22). Ty. S (SG Ty. 15), two singles tied by barred oval cancel with Nov. 1879 "Dutoits Pan" double-oval cancel at bottom left on cover to Bermuda, Cape Town and London transit datestamps, left stamp with top right corner perf added, still Very Fine, a remarkably scarce destination".

1 Sh green (CoGH 10a Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 16, one type of black overprint, 1879*



<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/wgrh124.jpg>

<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/qpcch060.jpg> , ` 1879 1/- green INVERTED WATERMARK (SG 28var). Fair U, lightly cancelled (used in Port Elizabeth as part of the post-annexation distribution of "G" ovptd stamps) UNRECORDED VARIETY THUS. Small hinge thin, nice appearance. Rare`.



<http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Griqualand-West/Postage-stamps/D6-i.jpg>

5 Sh orange (CoGH 13 Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 17, one type of black overprint, 1879*



<http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Griqualand-West/Postage-stamps/D7-i.jpg>

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<http://www.philasearch.com/bilder/A09315/S201509/633.jpg> ; Cradock post office 1886

1878, middle-level G overprint in eight different styles on CoGH

1p pink (CoGH 12 Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 18, eight types of black overprint.*



http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-hsZI73Op2Vg/T6DPg50kcCI/AAAAAAAAADik/M9aJqqHYKA4/s1600/Scan_GriqW71.jpg , Type I

<http://media.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Griqualand-West/Postage-stamps/E-s.jpg>, Type VII



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1098/451.jpg> “GRIQUALAND WEST, 1878, 1p Rose (65, 68, 74, 77; SG 11d, 11e, 11g, 11h). Ty. Q, P, N, M (SG Ty. 13, 12, 10, 9) in se-tenant block of four with selvage at bottom clearly showing part of paper watermark, pos. 51-52, 57-58, original gum, top pair h.r., couple creases confined to selvage only, Very Fine, a splendid block showing four different types, with 1991 B.P.A. certificate”.

4p blue (CoGH 16 Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 19, eight types of black overprint.*



4d Dull blue
Type 1a



4d Dull blue
Type 2



4d Dull blue
Type 3

http://www.cghstamps.com/stampboards/Griqualand_4d_T1_T6_1.jpg



http://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user_images/449/1402449/1402449_150604160835_GWest_7f.jpg

<http://i.imgur.com/YjgFf93.jpg> “It shows a clear numeral 3 inside a barred oval cancellation mark which puts it at Junction R&M, part of Griqualand. The G appears to have been hand written ...”

6p dark violet (CoGH 9b Michel) *Michel Griqualand-West nr 20, eight types of black overprint.*



<https://www.sandafayre.com/philatelicarticles/articleimages/griq.jpg>

In October 1980 Crown Colony Griqualand-West was united with Crown Colony Cape of Good Hope and remaining stamps were redistributed over existing CoGH post offices and used there.

Michel Katalog Süd- und Zentralafrika 2007, p. 911-912.

Revenue stamps 1878:

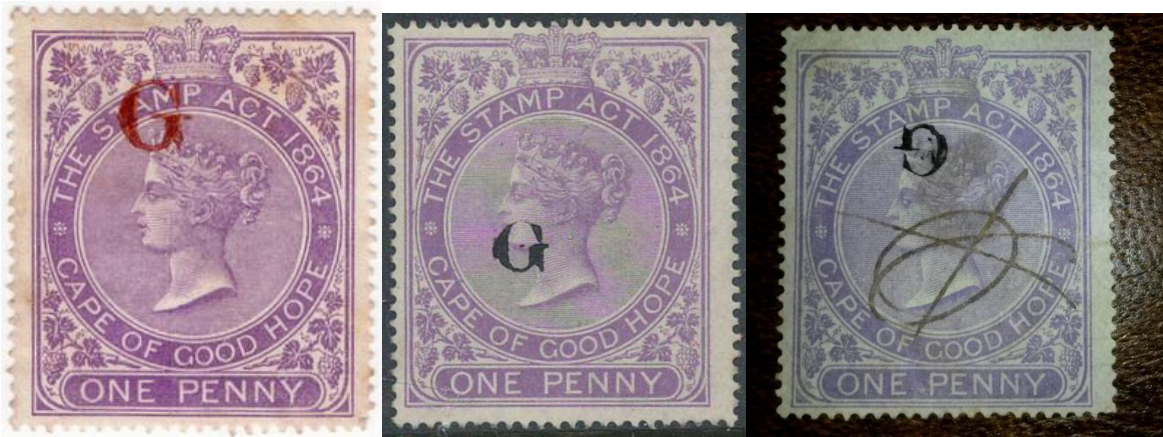


<https://www.sandafayre.com/stockimages/25014457.jpg>



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AC750.jpg> "GRIQUALAND WEST / Revenue 1878 QV 'Bourne Head' complete set of ten, 1d to £5, all are lower marginal. Very fine and fresh mint. Rare and most attractive. Barefoot 60/71. Note, although Barefoot lists a 1/- green and a 1/6 duty, neither are believed to exist."

Other revenue stamps, not for postal usage



http://www.ibredguy.co.uk/main.php?g2_view=core.DownloadItem&g2_itemId=56296&g2_serialNumber=4

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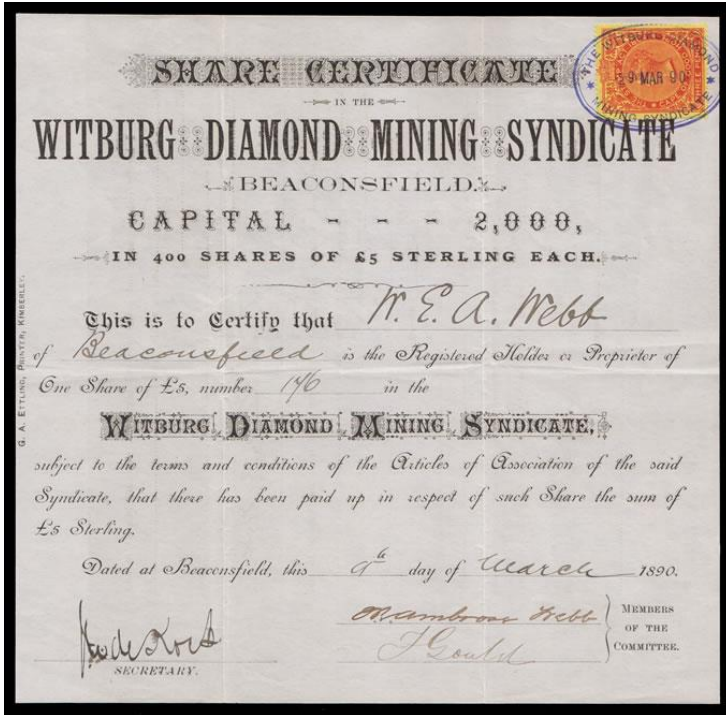
http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/379/1869379/1869379_140617102555_Griqualand_West_Inverted.jpg, inverted



http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/133/675/809_001.jpg

CoGH issued many revenue stamps, see http://www.ibredguy.co.uk/main.php?g2_itemId=39285

Revenue stamp CoGH on certificate for the Witburg Diamond Mining Syndicate, 1890

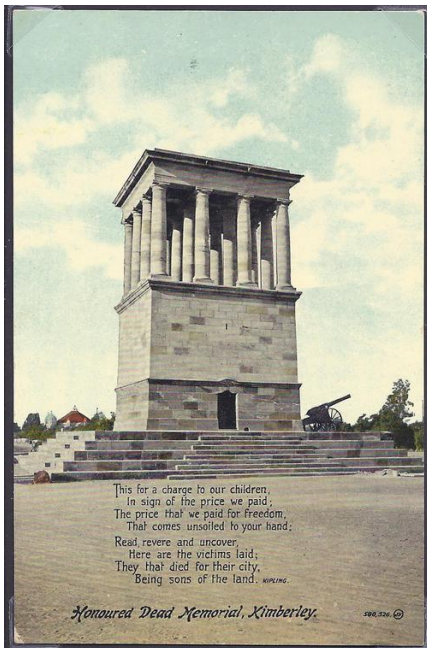


<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/fhq013w.jpg>

Postcards Kimberley after 1880



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http://images.delcampe.com/img_large/auction/000/138/983/731_001.jpg; 1919 Kimberley Town



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Postage stamps used After 1880



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“Griqualand West: Very rare 1881 LANGFORD cover with Barred Oval Diamond cds”.



1896:

http://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user_images/057/1600057/1600057_120806082107_scan7.jpg
g "GW/Kimberley/ZAR: Scarce 1896 Registered cover to Linokana"

Use of Griqualand stamps elsewhere in the Cape Colony: example 1884



<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/vipsw013.jpg>



<http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/-MoAAOSwYmZXJg6Q/s-l225.jpg>