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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Post offices in German South West Africa with their own cancellations, 1897-1914

In SWA the following local post offices existed, using their own cancellations:

[Map of German South West Africa]

Arrival stamp:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=

With so-called ‘wanderstempel’,
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

Albrechtshöhe:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4057&lang=1
Arahoab: Manuscript cancellation, 1909, via Rehoboth;
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catList[0]=2679&searchString=&page=7&useAsDefault=

Aris:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4059&lang=1
Aroab:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4063&lang=1

Aus:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=2&useAsDefault=

http://www.philaseiten.de/cgi-bin/fb.pl?m=4479
Barby:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4065&lang=1

Berseba:

http://www.forpostalhistory.com/images/994.jpg: “1908, 1908 registered envelope to Germany bearing three 5pf and a 25pf, correctly paying the 40pf rate, cancelled BERSEBA 23.2.08. A Berseba registration label is on the front, on the reverse is a Wiesbaden 27.3.08. arrival c.d.s. The post office at Berseba opened on 1 November 1907 and closed in April 1915. Fine.”
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Bethanien: Nordphilae

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&eAsDefault=

Bra(c)kwater: Reinhard fischer

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&eAsDefault=
Brackwasser:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4232

Cap Cross:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=7&useAsDefault=

Chairos:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4068&lang=1
Ekuja:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4072&lang=1

Empfängnisbucht:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4073&lang=1
Epukiro:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4211
during the Herero War, Cancellation: 4/8/1906

Fahlgras Brazer Windhuk:

http://www.forpostalhistory.com/images/1778.jpg : “1906 German South West Africa, 1906 5pf postal card to Berlin cancelled by a straight line violet EPUKIRO rubber handstamp and a black datestamp of November 1906. These cancellers, Putzel 2A, were used in combination from January to December 1906. Fine and uncommon”.
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4074&lang=1

Ghan (Khan):

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

(currently Khan, Erongo area. Central Namibia)
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=7&useAsDefault=

Gibeon:

http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=2&useAsDefault=
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=
‘mischfrankatur’:
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

"HERERO WAR. 1904 picture post card to Germany, stampless and endorsed 'Feldpostkarte' with a good strike of the GOBABIS negative seal and a GOBABIS 16.10 04 datestamp. A Wurzbach arrival c.d.s. is also on the card.

The Gobabis negative seals were mainly used on 'Feldpost' mail."

http://www.forpostalhistory.com/results.php?s=114&st=&srch=&curr=&PHPSESSID=3fiem2107eih4akd7knjr7h07
Gochaganas:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4078&lang=1

Gochas:

http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/f10868.cfm

(cancellation in manuscript)
Grootfontein:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B%5D=2679

http://philatino.com/jalil/2016-04-12/61245-01.jpg
Gross Barmen:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4083&lang=1

Gross Witvlei:

http://thumbs2.picclick.com/d/w1600/pict/231889445297_/DSWA-Mi-26-Luxusbriefst%C3%BCck-Gross-Witvley.jpg
Hasur:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

Hasuur:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4086&lang=1
Hatsamas/Hatzamas:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&us...
Hoachanas:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4090&lang=1

Hohewarte:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4184

Feldpostkarte during the Herero War, 9/3/1904
Jakalswater:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=3&useAsDefault=

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4095&lang=1

Kalkfontein (Süd):

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&use=AsDefault=

Kanandi:

http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html
Kapenousseu:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catList[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=

Karibib:

Keetmanshoop:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/f10868.cfm
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=3&useAsDefault=

"Deutsch-Südwestafrika, Bahnhof von Keetmanshoop" (zeitgenössische Postkarte)

http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm

Khan, also see Ghan
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4111&lang=1

Klein-Nauas

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4114
Koes

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4117&lang=1

Kolmanskuppe:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=4&useAsDefault=

Kub:
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4222

Kubas:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

Kubub:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

Kuibis:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679
Kuis:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679& searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

Lüderitzbucht:

http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4127&lang=1
“1908 "Deutsche Colonial-Gesellschaft für Südwest-Afrika, Swakopmund" corner card envelope to the Imperial Railroad Commissioner in Aus, bearing 10pf rose (Michel 13) singles (2), cancelled by two-line "Georg J. Hesselmann/Houston Line Agent" handstamp in violet and "Lüderitzbucht/Deutsch-Südwestafrika" segmented transit c.d.s., The German Government entered into a contract with the Houston Line in January, 1907 guaranteeing the fresh water supply from Lüderitzbuch, which only lasted for six months. The Houston Line ship "Hippomenes" operated along the coast between Cape Town and Swakopmund.”
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Marienthal:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=3&useAsDefault=

http://thumbs4.picclick.com/d/l400/pict/322075601475_/DSWA-%C2%B0-Mariental-7613-Luxus-Briefst%C3%BCck.jpg

Nauchas:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

Neuheusis:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=
Okahandja:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

So-called ‘Wanderstempel’ [3/3/1904]:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4182

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679
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Okasise:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=2&useAsDefault=
Okatjomboa:
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4132&lang=1

Okaukwejo:
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=7&useAsDefault=

Okowakuatjiwi
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4212
(during the Herero War, cancellation 1/7/1907)


Okombahe:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=7&us eAsDefault=
http://www.forpostalhistory.com/images/1009.jpg: “1906, 1906 post card to Germany bearing two 3pf, each tied by OKOMBAHE 8.4.06. datestamps. A Rastenburg 21.5.06. arrival cancel is on the front. On the back is a hand drawn map in pencil of the railway system in GSWA.”

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4134&lang=1

Olukonda

Omaruru:
Omitara:

“Established on 20 June 1914, shortly before the outbreak of the War, as a station between Windhoek and Gobabis, Omitara was the last post office opened in German South West Africa”.

Onguati:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=

http://thumbs1.picclick.com/d/w1600/pict/322119803396_/DSWA-%C2%B0-Onguati-8707-und.jpg
Otavi:

[Image 1: http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

[Image 2: http://thumbs1.picclick.com/d/w1600/pict/371769825916_/DSW-1900-GZS-Karte-P2-ZuF-Mi-1-4.jpg]
Otavi Eisenbahn:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4245

Otjihavera

http://thumbs2.picclick.com/d/w1600/pict/311618534185_/DSWA-Mi-19-Kab-Briefst%C3%BCck-Wdstpl.jpg
Otjimbingwe: [Link](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&eAsDefault=)

Otjiwarongo: [Link](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679)

"Otjiwarongo was the intermediate station between Waterberg and the Otavi Railway", according to [Link](http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4209)
Otjoso(n)jati:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4142&lang=1

Otjunjaura:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4143&lang=1
Outjo:


Owikokorero:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4206

During the Herero War; 13/12/1905
Pomona(hügel)

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4147&lang=1

Prinzenbucht:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4148&lang=1
Ramansdrift:


http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=
Rössing:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4152&lang=1

Schiffspost: During the Herero war, 1904, from Station Oas via Deutsche Seepost Hamburg-Westafrika Linie

http://www.germanpostalhistory.com/php/viewitem.php?itemid=69043&germany%20cover=search&#littlepic0
Seeheim:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4154&lang=1

Seeis:


Swakopmund:

http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html
Swakopmund-Windhoek Zug:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&us

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4237

“The construction of a railway line from Swakopmund to Windhoek began in 1897. While the 382 kilometer line was under construction, a mobile postal agency was installed at the advancing railhead, and official instructions were issued in 1898 for the handling of mail. Train drivers were obliged to accept mail at any stop where there was no post office. The stamps were to be cancelled by hand and the date and name of the station to be written below.”
Tsumeb:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

http://thumbs1.picclick.com/d/l400/pict/201695650444_/DSWA-MiNr-14-KOS-Tsumeb-sehr-guter-Stempel.jpg

Uhabis:

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4158&lang=1
Ukamas:

http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/MTA1NFgxNjAw/z/LIYAAOSwo4pYUt-e/$_57.JPG

Waldau:

http://thumbs3.picclick.com/d/w1600/pict/272212832078_/DSWA-%C2%B0-Waldau-2903-Luxus-Briefst%C3%BCck.jpg
31/1/1906 Feldpostkarte,  
http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=2&useAsDefault=

Walfishbay (belongs to Great Britain)  

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4195

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4160&lang=1
it adds: “THE WATERBERG "WANDERSTEMPEL" WAS USED FROM 7-26 NOVEMBER (1904)”

Wilhelmsthal:

Windhoek:

Also with a German stamp with Windhoek cancellation
http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679

or Windhuk:

http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679
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http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=

"DSW 5 Pf. Yacht Fünfländer-Frankatur AK Feste Omaruru nach Uruguay 1912"