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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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1944 200 Years Al Busaid Dynasty in Zanzibar

<http://www.die-briefmarke.com/index.php?id=1275> : "1944 Bicentenary of Al Busaid Dynasty. The Bicentenary of the Al Busaid Dynasty was celebrated by a set of four stamps issued on 20 November 1944 showing a dhow with background map depicting Zanzibar and Muscat. The issue comprised 10, 20, 50 cents and 1 shilling".

10C (M194); 20C (M195); 50C (M196)



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1Sh (M197)



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1946 Victory Issue

10C (M198)



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<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/2679631.jpg?121>: "used for revenue purposes. 1946. As F311 but overprinted VICTORY ISSUE 6TH JUNE 1946 in red. F331. 10c black".

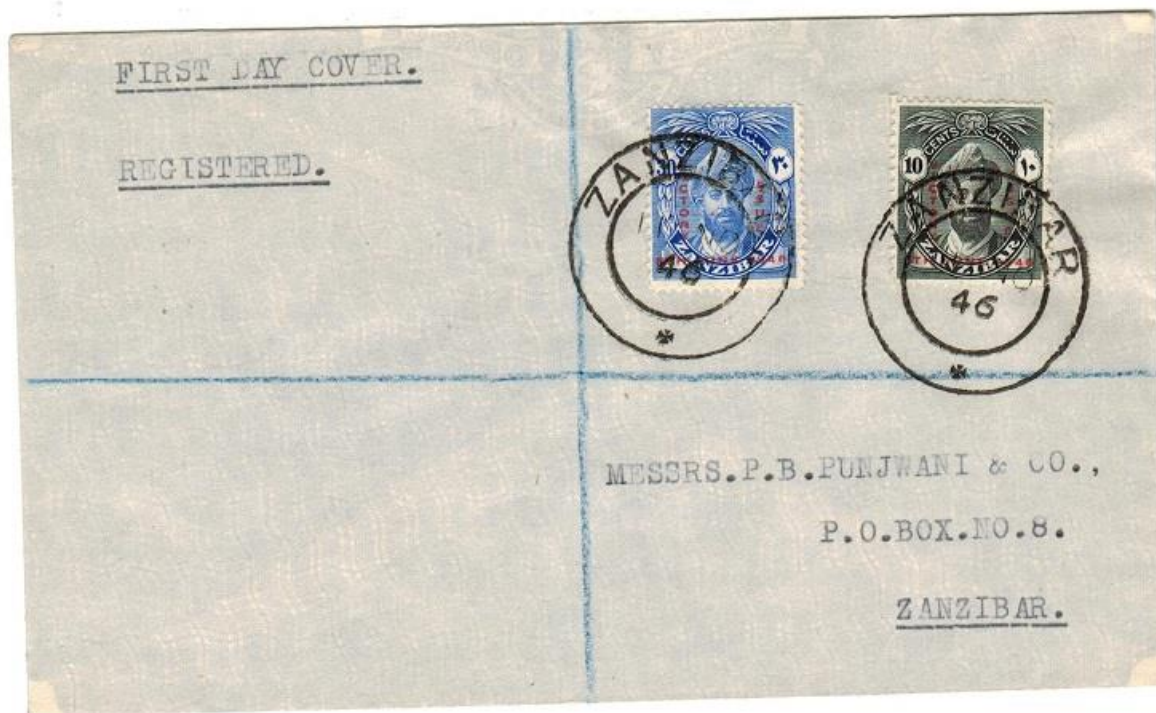
30C (M199)



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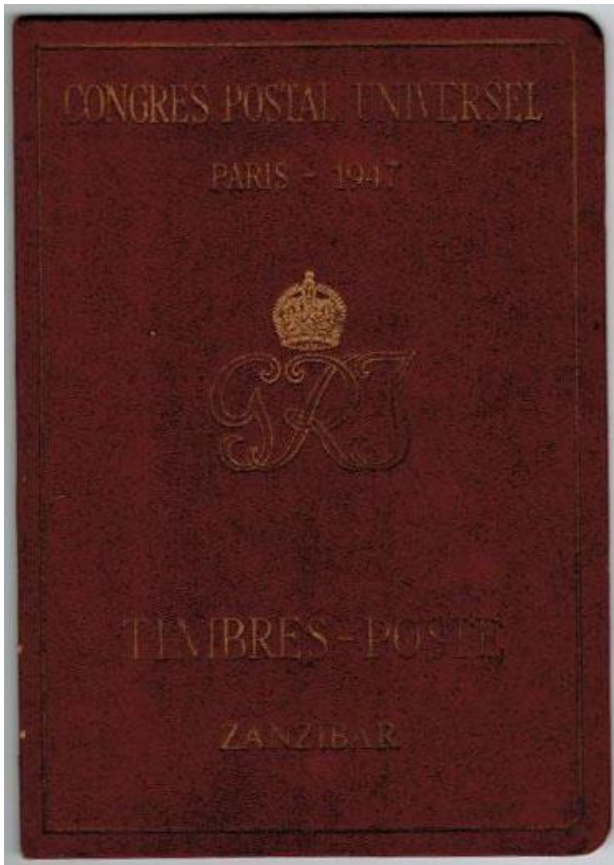


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<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/5587.jpg>: "ZANZIBAR - 1946 registered 'Victory' first day cover addressed locally. 1946 (NO.11) registered first day cover to Tanga bearing the 'Victory' pair (SG 331-32) tied by ZANZIBAR cds's".

1947 UPU Commemoration folder



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/95.jpg>



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/95-1.jpg> : "ZANZIBAR - 1947 UPU folder. 1947 UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS-PARIS 1947 UPU commemoration folder. Very scarce and only given to UPU delegates."

1949 Silver Marriage King George VI and Queen Elisabeth

20C (M200); 10Sh (M201)



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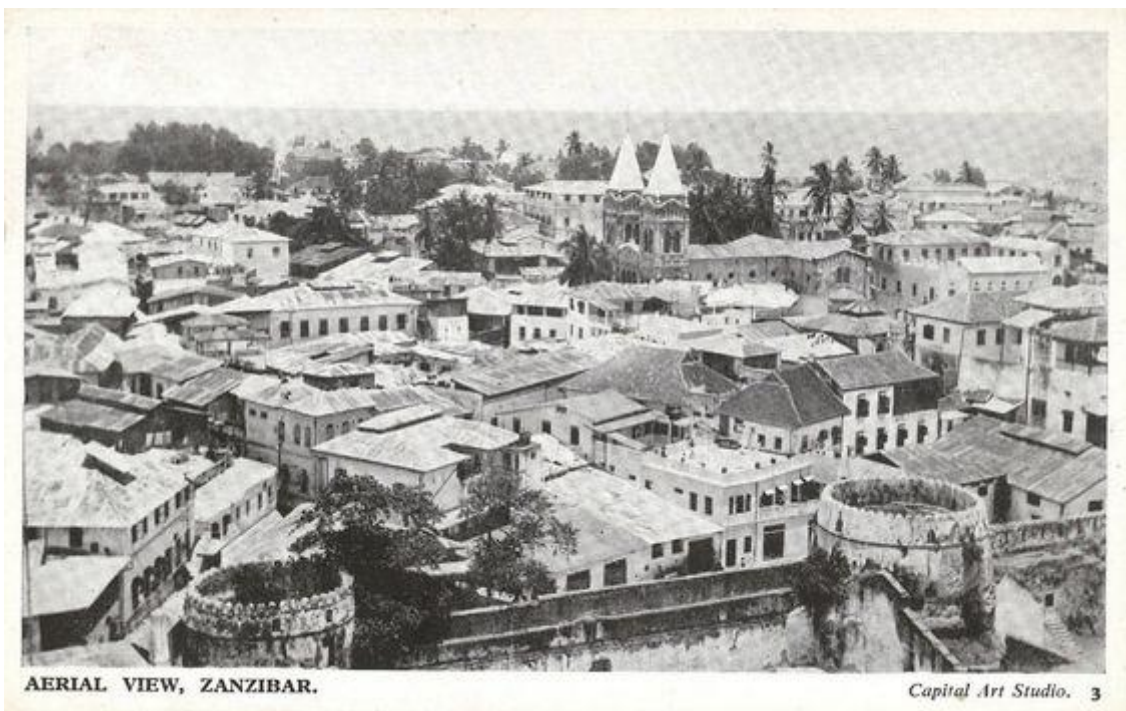
<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/9030807.jpg?131> : "1949. Royal Silver Wedding commemorative issue. 28½ x 37 mm. Perf 11½ x 11. Wmk Multiple Script CA. F334. 10s brown".

1949 75 Years World Postal Organisation

20C (M202); 30C (M203); 50C (M204); 1Sh (M205)



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1952

1952 Sultan Chalifa bin Harub, new design

5C (M206); 10C (M207); 15C (M208); 20C (M209); 25C (M210); 30C (M211); 35C (M212); 40C
(M213); 50C (M214); 1Sh (M215); 2Sh (M216); 5Sh (M217); 7 ½ Sh (M218); 10Sh (M219)



https://www.picclicking.com/d/l400/pict/222275213492_/Zanzibar-Scott-230-240-Mlh-Set.jpg



<http://i.ebayimg.com/images/i/391744630320-0-1/s-l1000.jpg>



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/1873538.jpg?106>: “used for revenue purposes. 1952. New portrait of Sultan Kalif bin Harub (cents values) or Seyyid Khalifa Schools (shillings values). 18 x 22 mm. Perf 12½ (cents values) or 13. Wmk Multiple Script CA. F340. 10c red-orange”.



<http://kayatana.com/images/categories/ZAN1952-347-s1-3.00-UM.jpg>

1954 75th Birthday of Sultan Chalifa bin Harub

15C (M220); 20C (M221); 30C (M222); 50C (M223); 1Sh25C (M224)



<http://kayatana.com/images/zanzibar/ZAN1954-353-357-s5-0.60-MM.jpg>



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/8065.jpg>: “ZANZIBAR - 1954 'Sultans 75th Birthday' illustrated registered FDC. 1954 (AU.26.) illustrated registered first day cover addressed locally bearing the 'Sultans 75th Birthday' issue (SG 353-357 tied ZANZIBAR.”.

1956 stationary



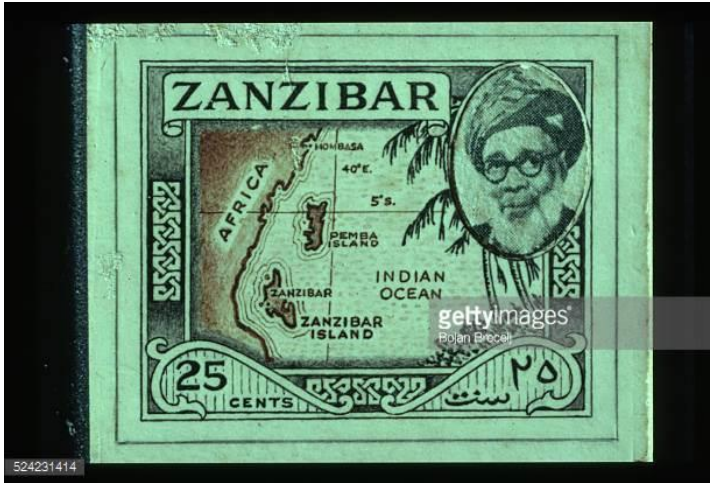
<https://www.sandafayre.com/stockimages/59130327.jpg>

1957 images of Zanzibar and Sultan Chalifa bin Harub

5C (M225); 10C (M226); 15C (M227); 20C (M228); 25C (M229); 30C (M230); 35C (M231); 40C (M232); 50C (M233); 1Sh (M234); 1Sh25C (M235); 2Sh (M236); 5Sh (M237); 7 ½ Sh (M238); 10 Sh (M239).



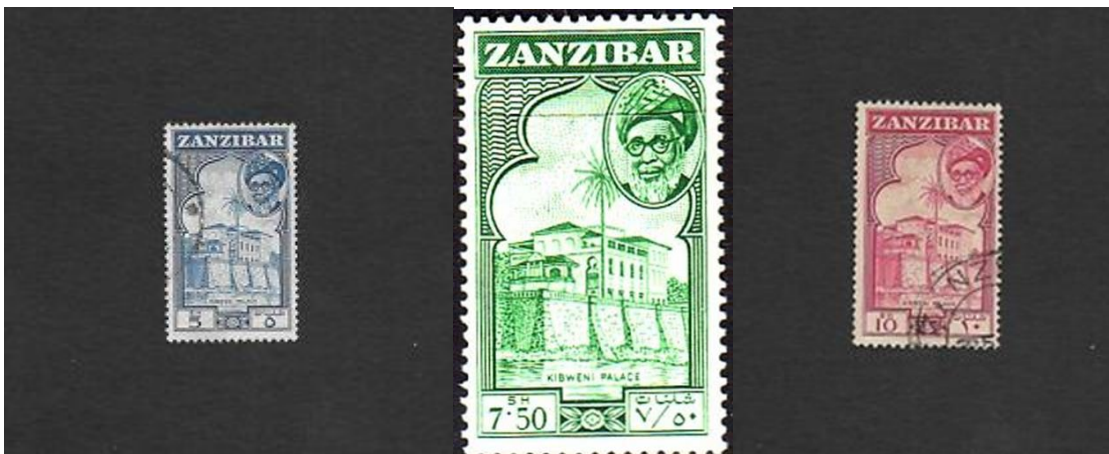
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<http://media.gettyimages.com/photos/zanzibar-postal-stamps-from-the-time-of-the-rule-of-sultan-khalifa-ii-picture-id524231414?s=612x612>



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<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/6537817.jpg>: “1957. Pictorial issue. Map (35c), 28 x 22 mm, perf 14 x 13½. Kibweni Palace (10s), 21 x 36½ mm, perf 13 x 13½. Wmk Multiple Script CA. Printed (recess) by Bradbury Wilkinson. F364. 35c slate and emerald; F372. 10s carmine”.

1961 Images of Zanzibar and Sultan Seyyid Sir Abdulla ben Chalifa.

“Abdullah bin Khalifa of Zanzibar Sayyid Sir Abdullah bin Khalifa Al-Said, KBE, CMG (February 12, 1910 – July 1, 1963) (Arabic: خليفة بن الله عبد) was the 10th Sultan of Zanzibar after the death of his father, Khalifa bin Harub, who died on 9 October 1960 at age eighty-one.[1] He was less popular than his father and had a rough reign as Sultan, as at the time of his death both his legs were amputated. He ruled Zanzibar from October 9, 1960 to July 1, 1963. On his death, he was succeeded as Sultan by his son Jamshid.”. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdullah_bin_Khalifa_of_Zanzibar

5C (M240); 10C (M241); 15C (M242); 20C (M243); 25C (M244); 30C (M245); 35C (M246); 40C (M247); 50C (M248); 1Sh (M249); 1Sh25C (M250); 2Sh (M251); 5Sh (M252); 7 ½ Sh (M253); 10Sh (M254); 20Sh (M255)



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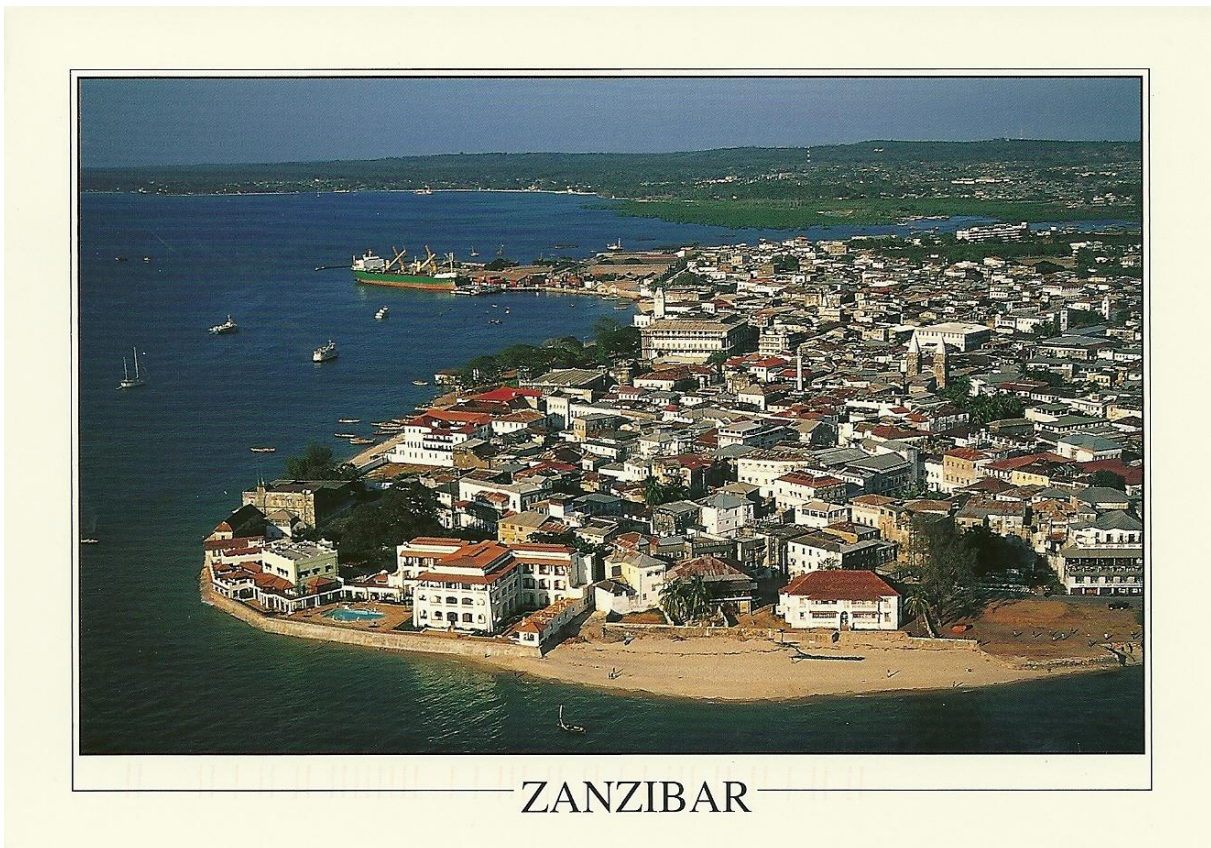
1963 Campaign against Hunger

1.30Sh (M256)



<http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/zanzibar-1963-freedom-from-hunger-fine-mint-4735-p.jpg>

Independent Sultanate



http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_59GNFH9VDw/UfD4u9i0Yal/AAAAAAAAJFI/MJPT4p4QVMU/s1600/scan0040.jpg

1963 10 December, images and Sultan Seyyid Jamshid Bin Abdulla

“Jamshid bin Abdullah of Zanzibar... ruled Zanzibar from 1 July 1963 to 12 January 1964. On 10 December 1963, Zanzibar received its independence from the United Kingdom as a constitutional monarchy under Jamshid. This state of affairs was short lived and he was overthrown by the Zanzibar Revolution. He fled into exile firstly to Oman and then to the United Kingdom, where, as of 2012, he continues to live in Portsmouth[1] with his wife and six children[2] as the Head of the Zanzibari Royal

Family and as the Sovereign of the Order of the Brilliant Star of Zanzibar and the Most Illustrious Order of Independence of Zanzibar.”.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamshid_bin_Abdullah_of_Zanzibar

30C (M257); 50C (M258); 1.30Sh (M259); 2.50Sh (M260)



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1964 Republic: “Jamhuri 1964” surcharge

M261-M301 and M P 25-30



http://www.wokinghamphilatelic.org.uk/index_files/zanzibar_jamhuri.jpg?i=1



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/9330.jpg> : “ZANZIBAR - 1964 5c mint pair with JAMHURI OVERPRINT DOUBLE on one stamp. SG 394. 1964 5c orange and deep green corner marginal adhesive mint pair both handstamped JAMHURI 1964 in black but with one having the variety HANDSTAMPED TWICE. SG 394.”.



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/4949.jpg>: “ZANZIBAR - 1964 20c JAMHURI h/s mint pair with INVERTED and MISSING overprint varieties. 1964 20c Ultramarine in an unmounted mint pair showing the JAMHURI 1964 h/s INVERTED on one and MISSING on the other. A nice combination. Scarce. SG397. With and without overprints”.



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/9331.jpg>: "ZANZIBAR - 1964 30c 'Jamhuri' mint pair one with OVERPRINT MISSING. SG 419. 1964 30c carmine-red and black marginal adhesive mint pair handstamped JAMHURI 1964 on one but with the other having variety MISSING HANDSTAMP. (Slight perf separation.) SG 419."



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/6479.jpg>: "ZANZIBAR - 1964 50c blue and grey unmounted pair with JAMHURI overprint OMITTED on one. SG 402. 1964 50c blue and grey green adhesive in a unmounted mint horizontal pair with one stamp handstamped JAMHURI 1964 the other OMITTED. SG 402."



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/8310.jpg>: "ZANZIBAR - 1964 1.25sh 'Jamhuri' overprint mint pair ONE WITHOUT SURCHARGE. SG 404. 1964 1.25sh slate and carmine adhesive in a fine

unmounted mint horizontal pair showing the 'Jamhuri 1964' overprint on one issue in pair with
OVERPRINT OMITTED on the other. SG 404.”.



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/7120.jpg>: “ZANZIBAR - 1964 JAMHURI handstamp cover to UK. 1964 (JA.29.) cover addressed to UK bearing 25c,30c,35c and 40c adhesives each handstamped JAMHURI 1964 in black and having crosses through the rulers head in ink cancelled by d/r ZANZIBAR cds.”.



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/7033.jpg>: "ZANZIBAR - 1964 JAMHURI overprints on cover to UK. 1964 (JA.29.) cover addressed to UK bearing 5c and 1'25 adhesives overprinted with black JAMHURI 1964 handstamp and cancelled ZANZIBAR. The 1'25 having the portrait crossed with two lines to deface as is usual".



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/7531.jpg> : "ZANZIBAR - 1964 registered 'Independence' cover overprinted JAMHURI 1964. 1963 (FE.5.) registered cover to UK (very light foxing and small hole) bearing the 'Independence' series of four each hanstamped JAMHURI 1964".



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<http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/w7wAAOSwlmRYLc4F/s-l1600.jpg>



<http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/8680.jpg>: "ZANZIBAR - 1964 'Jamhuri' adhesive use of cover to UK. 1964 (JU.1.) cover addressed to UK bearing 10c single and 40c strip of three adhesives overprinted JAMHURI/1964 and cancelled ZANZIBAR".

Postage Due



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https://www.stanleygibbons.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/1800x/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/z/a/zanzibar-1964-sgd25a-30var-postage-due_0.jpg: "ZANZIBAR 1964

SGD25a/30var Postage Due. Postage Due. 1964 (17 Jan) set of 6 to 1s, with type 55 'JAMHURI 1964' handstamp, in blocks of 4, unmounted o.g. The 5c, 10c and 30c on chalk-surfaced paper, the other values on ordinary paper".



https://www.stanleygibbons.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/1800x/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/z/a/zanzibar-1964-sgd25a-8a-var-postage-due_0.jpg : "ZANZIBAR 1964

SGD25a/8a var Postage Due. Postage Due. 1964 5c violet, 10c scarlet, 30c brown, chalk-surfaced paper, with diagonal "JAMHURI 1964" (type 55), in blocks of 4, c.t.o. with "14 MY 64" cds. The 5c with suffixed colour, still an attractive trio, and the only values recorded on chalky paper with the handstamp. Much scarcer than unused examples."

Revenue



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/4485045.jpg?151>: "1964. Revenue stamp of 1936 locally handstamped JAMHURI (=Republic) 1964 (diagonally, horizontally or vertically). R131. 20s black and green".

Postage stamps used for revenue purposes



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/5361393.jpg?497>: "1964 (Jan-Feb). Pictorial issue of 1961, with various designs bearing portrait of Sultan Sir Abdulla, now overprinted JAMHURI (=Republic) 1964. a) Locally handstamped in seriffed font, often diagonally (17 January); F399. 30c carmine-red and black; F403. 1s carmine and black; b) Typo overprint in bold sans-serif font by Bradbury Wilkinson (28 February); F417. 20c ultramarine; F425. 2s orange and deep green; F426. 5s deep bright blue; F427. 7s50c green; F429. 20s sepia".



<http://www.zeboose.com/prodzoomimg3945.jpg>

1964 Republic: Jamhuri Zanzibar (for use in Zanzibar)

M Zanzibar 302-M315



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1964 United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar (for use in Tanganyika, but not in Zanzibar)

M Tanzania 1-4



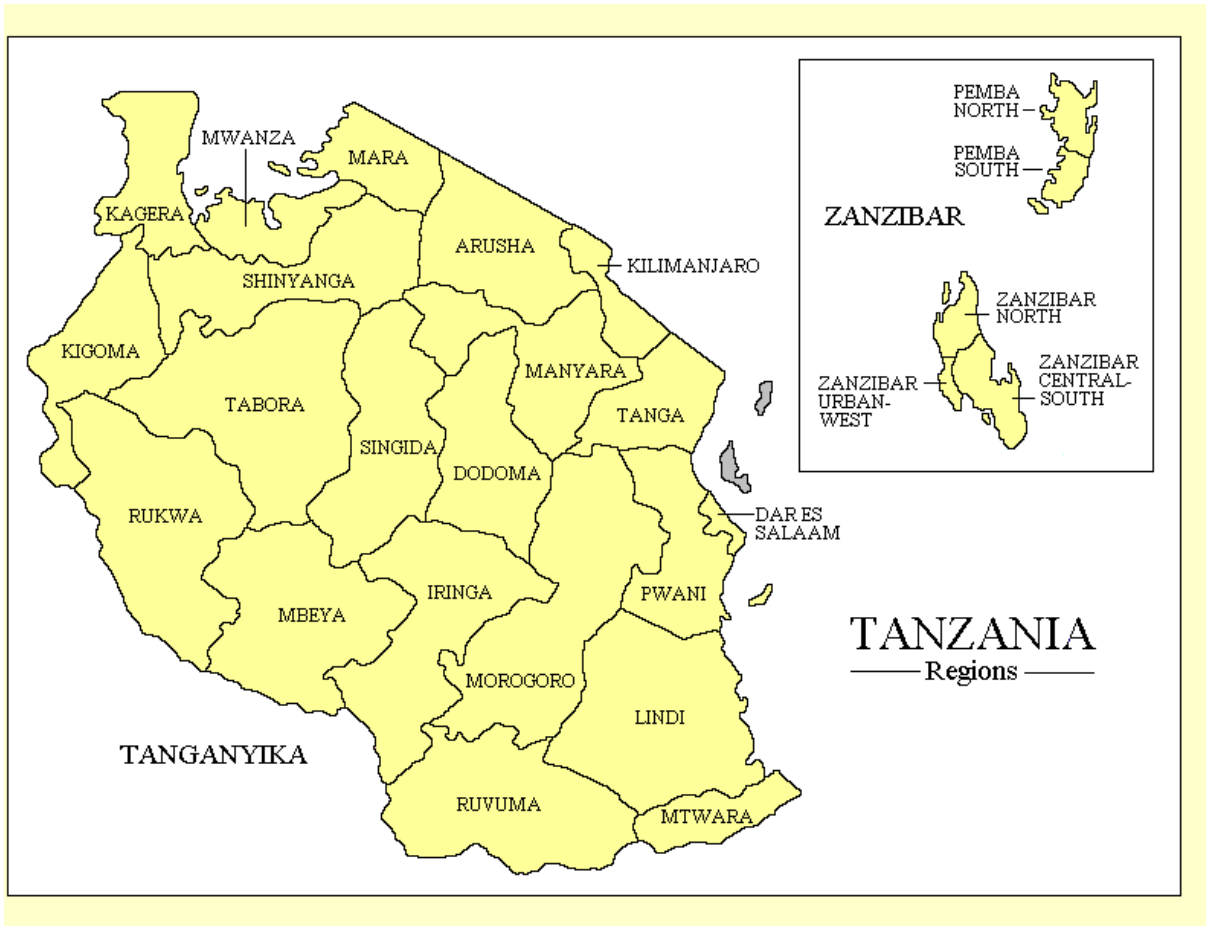
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<http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/tanganyika-1964-inauguration-of-republic-sg-125-fine-used-29922-p.jpg>

1964 Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar



<http://psephos.adam-carr.net/countries/t/tanzania/tanzaniamap2.gif>

M Ostafrikanische Gemeinschaft 132-135



[http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/kenya-uganda-and-taganyika-1964-olympic-games-set-fine-mint-48981-p\[ekm\]1000x852\[ekm\].jpg](http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/kenya-uganda-and-taganyika-1964-olympic-games-set-fine-mint-48981-p[ekm]1000x852[ekm].jpg)



http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/519/1102519_110711151346_msj725.jpg

1965 Part of United Republic of Tanzania: Zanzibar-Tanzania (valid in Zanzibar until 1968)

M316-M354



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1966 Idem



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<https://stamps24seven.files.wordpress.com/2017/04/260417.jpg?w=676>



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Revenue



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/7474815.jpg?620> : “1966. As F461 etc (see below) but locally handstamped REVENUE (15 x 2 mm) in violet. R141. 10c brown-purple and light emerald; R142. 20c ultramarine and light orange; R143. 25c maroon and orange-yellow; Note: Barefoot also lists the following values of this series, none of which I have ever seen: 5c, 15c, 50c, 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, 20s.”. <http://www.revrevd.com/zanzibar.html>



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/8473909.jpg?402>: “1966. New pictorial designs, 39 x 21½ mm, perf 13 x 12½. No wmk. Printed (litho) by German Bank Note Printing Co, Leipzig. F461. 10c brown-purple and light emerald; F463. 20c ultramarine and light orange”.



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Zanzibar/Postage-stamps/FC-i.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Zanzibar/Postage-stamps/FC1-i.jpg>

<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Zanzibar/Postage-stamps/FC2-s.jpg>

1967 Idem



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1965 and onwards: Tanzania (selection of first issue) as well as Tanzania-Uganda-Kenya (first issue)



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Tanzania/Postage-stamps/P-i.jpg>



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1970 Revenue Stamps only for Zanzibar



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/6706344.jpg?279> : "970. New small pictorial types inscribed Pato (=Revenue). 21 x 17½ mm. Perf 14 x 15. No wmk. Printed (offset-litho) by Harrison. Sheets of 100. [R151. 10c dull mauve]; R152. 20c dull blue; [R153. 25c dull brown]; [R154. 30c dull green]; [R155. 50c purple]; R156. 1s drab; [R157. 2s greyish green]; [R158. 3s ultramarine]; [R159. 5s black]; [R160. 10s black-brown]. Notes: 1. Details of the above issue, derived from the Crown Agents archive in the British Library, were first published in Michael Vesey-Fitzgerald's 'Zanzibar Revenues: A Revision', B.E.A. (The Bulletin of the East Africa Study Circle), Vol 15 No 98 (May 2011). He notes that the stamps were dispatched to Zanzibar on 12th January 1970.

2. The values in brackets are known from the printer's archive in the British Library but have not been recorded hitherto as issued stamps. 3 Only one printing of each stamp is recorded in the Crown Agents archive. Print quantities for each value were as follows: 10c - 20,000; 20c - 1,000,000; 25c, 30c, 2s, 5s, 10s - 5,000 each; 50c, 1s, 3s - 10,000 each”.