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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1937 (25/11) King George VI, 13 postage stamps. (Mi 42-54)

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA7054.jpg: “Basic set of 13 values plus additional unlisted shades of all values, the ½d x 3, all clearly distinct. A lovely group and a good basis for further study. Superb unmounted. SG 40-52”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA9170.jpg: “DAWSONS dc, large part strike dated 28 FEB 1938, on pair KGVI 1d definitives.”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA3513.jpg: “MADUMABISA dc, very fine complete strike dated 9 MAR 49, on pair KGVI 1d's on piece.”


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/SR409.jpg: “THEYDON dc, good part strike date (?) DEC 1945, on KGVI 1d on piece.”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/SR409.jpg: “THEYDON dc, good part strike date (?) DEC 1945, on KGVI 1d on piece.”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Bindura%201950.jpg: “BINDURA. 01.03.1913 to 10.11.1965. Renamed from Kimberley Reefs”. See:
http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/bindura/: “Bindura, Mazoe District. Bindura was originally named Kimberley Reefs after the gold mine which was opened in 1901. It changed its name to Bindura on 1st March, 1913 when the railway arrived. The first basic school in Bindura opened in 1912. Post Office History. 1913.03.01 – Name change from Kimberley Reefs to Bindura”.

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http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Junction%20Gate%201945.jpg: “JUNCTION GATE. 01.10.1929 to 31.12.1934; 24.08.1935 to 12.09.1943; 01.07.1944 to 31.03.1956; 01.06.1956 to 30.11.1962. Postal agency under Chipinga”.


http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Bushtick.D2-290x300.jpeg: Cancelled BUSHTICK. See: http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/bushtick: “Bushtick, Umzingwane District. Bushtick Mine was a gold mining operation established by the British South Africa Company in the 1920’s. The mine was a substantial producer of gold and was initially thought to be part of a significant deposit of precious metal in the area but this did not prove to be the case. It thrived during the period 1932 to 1947, peaking in 1938, and closing down in 1951. After the mine was closed, its facilities were to become the basis of Falcon College, a higher education level school for boys aged 12-18. Frederick Courtney Selous, the noted scout, hunter, conservationist and adventurer, had his farm nearby. Post Office History. 1911.03.31 – Telegraph Office. 1921.00.00 – Reduced from a Money and Telegraph Office to a Post and Telegraph Agency. 1935.00.00 – Re-opened as a Postal Agency. 1948.00.00 – Postal Agency under Essexvale.”.
Mashaba (now known as Mashava) is a small mining town. Asbestos was and still is being mined in this small town. There are three mines in the town: Gath’s Mine, King Mine and Temeraire Mine. Post Office History. 1915.05.22 – Opened as a postal agency under Fort Victoria. 1915.06.09 – Upgraded to a post and telegraph office. 1951.00.00 – Post office hit by lightning strike causing fire damage. Service: 1915.05.22 – Mail service by runner to Fort Victoria. 1929.06.02 – Daily mail motor service.”.

CRANBORNE. 02.02.1942 to 10.11.1965”.

Queens Mine is a village that grew up around the now closed Queen’s Mine. The gold mine was pegged on the site of ancient diggings in 1893. It derived its name from the nearby Ndebele queen’s kraal. Post Office History: 1911.10.02 – Opened as a postal agency under Bulawayo. Service: 1911.10.02 – Mail service by coach/mail cart to Bulawayo. 1914.09.07 – Mail service by motor car. 1916.04.30 – Mail service by coach resumes. 1925.09.22 – Daily mail service by motor car”.

Queens Mine, Bubi District.
http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Turk-Mine.D5-288x300.jpeg: “Turk Mine. Bubi District. Turk Mine is a village that grew up around a gold mine of the same name and serves as an administrative centre for the surrounding mining and ranching area. Post Office History. 1927.10.22 – Opened. 1936.00.00 – New post office building opened. 1936.03.01 – Upgraded to a money and telegraph office. Service: 1936.03.01 – Mail by motor service from Bulawayo”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Juliasdale%201951.jpg: “JULIASDALE. 15.05.1951 to 10.11.1965. Postal agency under Salisbury”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA7339.jpg: “1951 26th December, KGVI 1d postal stationery envelope (H & G B5), uprated with KGVI 8d and 1/- definitive plus 3d large Falls (SG 45, 48, 35b), sent airmail to England. Attractive and clean.”.
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Postal_Stationery/SR611_Lettercard_H&G3a.jpg: “KGVI 1d Later printing brown red on green blue, H&G 3a”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA5322.jpg: “1943 6th May, KGVI 4d registered envelope (H & G C3, A type heading), uprated with 2d large Falls (SG 29, on reverse), cancelled ‘BULAWAYO’, addressed to the Cape. Attractive and uncommon.”.


1938 booklets

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Booklets/SB4_exploded(2).jpg

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Booklets/SB4_exploded(3).jpg

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Booklets/SB4_exploded(4).jpg

“SR 140. SB4 1938 2/6 Booklet 3rd Reprint With Postage Rates On the inside cover Exploded covers, interleaving plus ½d and 1d panes of 6 Outside covers are thin glossy card A much rarer version than the 4th reprint”.

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Booklets/SB4_exploded(2).jpg
1937 Revenue stamps


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http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/SRR82.jpg: “1937 KGVI, complete set of nine values 3/- to £50, including the 7/6 black. Very fine used. A lovely and very scarce group. Mewett 274-282”.

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Revenues/SR%20407.jpg: “SR 203. 10/-, £2, £10 & £50 revenues on piece. Oval cancel 20 DEC 45”.


1940 Stationery for Revenue purposes
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/SRR115.jpg: “1940 18th April, printed green on green Rhodesia Chrome Mines cheque (now folded for display), embossed with heavily over-inked orange oval 'SOUTHERN RHODESIA / ONE PENNY / REVENUE' impression, another partial alongside and additionally with KGVI 1d definitive pen cancelled.”

1939 Neopost
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Postal_History/SR715_Early_Meter_Mail.jpg: “SR 715. Envelope to the local Tax office from the department store. Haddon & Sly with a very early Neopost 2 1d Meter mark posted. BULAWAYO 17 IV 39”.

1940 (3/6) Fifty Years BSAC, 8 postage stamps. (Mi 55-62)

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/SR506.jpg: “Plate proofs. Complete set of eight values complete design, imperforate types each in a vertical or horizontal pair. Security punctures, with gum very fine unmounted. Scarce group. SG 53-60 plate proofs”.
https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0055.jpg

https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/d7/38/6c/d7386cbe7b59d0ce07a466df21ac272.jpg : “Southern Rhodesia 1940 BSA Jubilee Set”.
http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/11222.jpg: “SOUTHERN RHODESIA - 1940 registered cover to Belgian Congo with PASSED BY CENSOR h/s”.

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/TUMAAOxyBPZTifmU/s-l225.jpg Cancelled UMTALI.


c1942 Patriotic labels


1941 Stationary for Revenue purposes

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/images/large/RA1109.jpg: “1941 24th December, printed green on white cheque from the 'BLUE & VEE MINES, LIMITED' issued for £28 14/6, struck with embossed oval 'SOUTHERN RHODESIA / ONE PENNY / REVENUE' and KGVI 1d definitive pen cancelled. Attractive.”.

1943 (1/11) 50 Years occupation of Matabeleland, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 63)


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Beatrice%20mine%201943.jpg: “BEATRICE (MINE). Postal agency in the Hartley District. Open: 07.10.1911 to 10.11.1965”. See: http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/beatrice/: “Beatrice; Hartley District. Beatrice is a village named after the Beatrice gold mine, around which it grew. The mine was in operation from 1895 to 1945 and was named after Beatrice Borrow, the sister of Lieutenant Henry J. Borrow, a member of the Pioneer Column. European settlers also established Beatrice Farm, a large ranch that may have been populated with cattle which they had looted from the
Ndebele. Post Office History. 1901.00.00 – Opened as a telegraph office. 1905.03.31 – Telegraph office closed. 1911.10.11 – Renamed Beatrice Mine. 1953.00.00 – New post office building opened and name reverted to Beatrice.”.

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Keynshamburg%201.jpg: “KEYNSHAMBURG. 17.12.1934 to 01.06.1944. Postal agency under Gwelo”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AR189.jpg: “c1945 2/6 KGV1 booklet. Front cover type 2 with non seriffed ‘6’ of ‘2/6’, advertising interleaving and glassine between panes, blank inside front cover. Very fine and complete, unexploded. SG SB4b (5th printing)”.

1945 cover V.E. Day.
1947 (1/4) Visit of the Royal Family, 2 postage stamps. (Mi 64-65)


https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0064.jpg
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/images/large/RA1077.jpg: “1947 7th April, cover bearing Royal Visit set in blocks of four, each cancelled with the special oval crested ‘ROYAL TOUR’ strike in BLUE. Attractive.”.

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Postal_History/1_menu.jpg ROYAL TRAIN.

1947 (8/5) Victory in Second World War, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 66-69)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0066.jpg

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/9ucAAOSwCotZn7rG/s-l225.jpg Cancelled UMTALI


1948 Neopost
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Postal_History/SR731_Postage_paid_in_cash.jpg: “Envelope to USA with BULAWAYO 23.3.48 machine cancel POSTAGE PAID IN CASH”.

1949 (10/10) 75 Years Universal Postal Union, 2 postage stamps. (Mi 70-71)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0070.jpg


1951 (1/10) Postage Due stamps (6 different values with ‘Southern Rhodesia’ printed on Postage Due stamps of Great Britain ). (Mi P 1-6)
1952. Additional Postage Due stamp (idem). (Mi P 7)

1950 (12/9) 50 Years Rhodesia, 1 postage stamp with Victoria, George VI, and Arms. (Mi 72)
1953 (15/4) 100th birthday Cecil Rhodes, 5 postage stamps. (Mi 73-77)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/rz/rzp0072.jpg

KUMALO (AIRPORT). 07.07.1942 to 05.03.1946; 01.08.1949 to 31.12.1956.


1953 (30/5) Exhibition in Bulawayo celebrating 100\textsuperscript{th} Birthday of Cecil Rhodes, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 78)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0078.jpg


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http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/RT53.4-226x300.jpg: “This Royal Tour was specifically scheduled to open the Rhodes Centenary Exhibition in Bulawayo, as well as the unveiling of the Fairbridge Memorial. The tour was originally scheduled for Princess Elizabeth, but due to the King George VI’s death in February 1952 schedules were rearranged, with the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret attending instead. On 30th June, 1953 the Royal Party set out from London on a trip to Southern Rhodesia in a Comet jet airliner which was part of the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) fleet.”.

1953 (1/6) Queen Elisabeth II, Coronation, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 79)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0079.jpg
https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/IL0AAOSw71xZo2d6/s-l225.jpg Cancelled HILLSIDE
1953 (31/8) Regular series with Queen Elisabeth II, 14 postage stamps. (Mi 80-93)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/z/rzp0080.jpg

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/SRR149.jpg : “1953 QEII dual-purpose definitive set of 13 values to the £1 (missing only the 9d, SG 78-84, 86-91) each fiscally used. A very scarce assembly.”.
https://76.my/Malaysia/southern-rhodesia-1953-ge2-day-cover-to-zealand-jennyte-1407-25-jennyte@3.jpg: “Southern Rhodesia 1953 QE2 first day cover to New Zealand”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Colleen%20Bawn%205.jpg: “COLLEEN BAWN. 28.01.1908 to 19.09.1913; 22.10.1913 to 31.06.1920; 08.03.1948 to 10.11.1965. Gwanda District”.


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http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Inyazura%201954.jpg: “INYAZURA. 16.11.1904 to 30.11.1907; 29.05.1922 to 10.11.1965. Postal agency under Umtali, PO from 1927”.
https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/92/af/4f/92af4f80e8c9ca494334a77c5e54035c.jpg: “SOUTHERN RHODESIA - 1954 - REDCLIFF (mDC) DATE STAMP ON SG80”.

https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/c2/e8/8d/c2e88d6782dc8813cf9d0d2e8678379d.jpg: “SOUTHERN RHODESIA - 1954 - AVONDALE (mDC) DATE STAMP ON SG80”.

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Southern_Rhodesia/Postal_Stationery/SR635.Registered_envelope_H&G7.jpg Cancelled UMVUMA


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