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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Introduction

On 1 April 1924 Northern Rhodesia became a British Crown Colony after the British South Africa Company was resolved. The postal authorities of Northern Rhodesia issued 74 different postage stamps and 4 different postage due stamps. After the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (1953-1963) for a brief period separate stamps for ‘Northern Rhodesia’ were issued again (14 postage stamps, and six postage due stamps, in December 1963). On 24 October 1964 Northern Rhodesia became the Republic of Zambia and started to issue its own stamps.

For reference we use the Michel Catalogue: Michel Katalog Süd- und Zentralafrika 2007, pp. 669-671 for ‘NordRhodesien’, and 703-749 for ‘Sambia’. For the preceding BSAC see APH 23, for Rhodesia and Nyasaland (1953-1964) see APH 24 and for railway stamps used in (Northern) Rhodesia see APH 26. British Central Africa/Nyasaland/Malawi is covered by APH 22.

http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Northern-Rhodesia.png
Pre-1925

[Image of a postcard with a Barotzian Police Band]

http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/MTYwMFgxMjI0/z/hoYAAOSwdzVXwpGb/$_57.JPG: “RHODESIA BAROTSI POLICE BAND 1908 PPC 1d ARMS to WEMBLEY GB”. Barotsiland or Baroteland was a Kingdom in Western Zambia of the Lozi people. During the colonial period it always
remained a somewhat separate entity, and after Zambia’s Independence it became Western Province.

Between the formal end of the British South Africa Comp[any, in April 1924, and the issuing of stamps for Northern Rhodesia, ‘Rhodesia’ stamps continued to be used, as issued by the BSAC.

Examples:


https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/d1/f9/01/d1f9015258ee4e76d5be955a143f5bb3.jpg. Cancelled MAZABUKA, Febr. 1925.

https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/362074323840_/Rhodesia-1925-KGV-Admiral-1d-Pair-Used-on.jpg Cancelled FORT JAMESON 14 Febr 1925
Postage and Revenue Stamps Northern Rhodesia 1925-1953

1925 (1/4), George V, with landscape, 17 postage stamps. (Mi 1-17)

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR121.jpg: “Complete set of 17 values, including later 3/-, overprinted or perforated (3/-) ‘SPECIMEN’. An exceptionally fine set, most higher values right marginal. Scarce as such. SG 1s-17s”.

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0001.jpg


https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/dssAAOSwtS1ZpcUj/s-l225.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA POSTMARK / CANCEL "BWANAMKUBWA NW RHODESIA" 1936”.

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/NqMAAOSwC9VZijTt/s-l225.jpg: “Northern Rhodesia 1925 1d definitive SG2 Fine Used cds MONGU-LEALUI”.
http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Abercorn%201938.jpg: “ABERCORN, Head Post Office by 1933. Opened 1893; Under BCA administration until 1 July 1895”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Chisamba%201926.jpg


http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/9KwAAOSwqYdZgJx0/s-l1600.jpg: “HH76 1931 NORTHERN RHODESIA AIRMAIL *Lusaka* Broken Hill Commercial Cover London”.


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http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Lundazi%201936%20cover.jpg: “LUNDAZI. 1908 to 23.10.1964”.

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/0A8AAOSwcLSXMvHo/s-l225.jpg Cancelled MONGU-LEALUI

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR164.jpg: “2/6 black and green, very fine used. SG 12”. Cancelled LIVINGSTONE.


https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/hJQAAOSwLN5WhtF~/s-l225.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA, USED 17, SPECIMEN OVPT”.


https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/nRkAAOSwEzxYY6L0/s-l500.jpg: “RHODESIA 1933 COVER SENT AIRMAIL FROM BROKEN HILL TO ENGLAND @ 10 PENCE RATE”.
http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/11015.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA - 1932 first flight cover to UK used at MPIKA.”.

http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/11020.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA - 1932 first flight cover to Nairobi in Kenya used at BROKEN HILL.”.
1925 Postal stationery


http://www.chrisrainey.com/images/5152.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA 1930 1/2d stationery card uprated 1d adhesive tied "SESHEKE" c.d.s.”.


http://www.chrisrainey.com/images/2738.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA KGV 2d stationery envelope superb unused. The flap is not stuck down.”.

http://www.chrisrainey.com/images/3936.jpg: “NORTHERN RHODESIA KGV 4d registered stationery envelope (Size G) overprinted "SPECIMEN Superb.”.

1925 Revenue stamps GV


1928 Mazabuka Cancels


http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/NR_171_Mazabuka_Postage_Paid.jpg: “NR 171. Postage paid in red ink with Postmaster’s initials added. MAZABUKA 5 DEC 1928 cancel (Ex Sinton)”. 

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1929, Postage Due stamps, 4 values (Mi P1-4).


https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnpt001.jpg
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA5597.jpg: “Postal History / Postage Dues 1937 (5th November), window envelope underfranked at 1d meter frank cancellation, Durban and presumably addressed to NKANA. Endorsed in red crayon ‘T’ then applied with top portion of a horizontally biected 2d due, this cancelled ‘NKANA / 1 NOV 37’. The due partially torn through, presumably by a previous attempt to bisect by hand. A clean and attractive example of this scarce temporary use. (see footnote in SG)”.

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/NR_230_Clouston_Kirby_Green_Flight.jpg: “NR 230. Dubber & Scott had prepaid their envelopes with N.R. stamps for their return These were disallowed in Cape Town hence the 3d ‘Postage Due’ Clouston’s writing restored To the cover A Rare & delightful Airmail Item”. And: “1937 Clouston - Kirby Green Flight. A Bargain - Buy me Breakfast & I’ll carry your Covers During November 1937 a new record was set by Flying Officer A.E. Clouston and Mrs. Betty Kirby Green flying a De Havilland Comet named ‘The Burberry’ from Croydon to Cape Town and back - The 14,690 mile journey was achieved in 4 days 6 hours and 25 minutes with a flying time of 77 hours 49 minutes at an average speed of 189 m.p.h. During the short stop at Broken Hill Mr. Clouston was requested to carry a number of envelopes on the remaining flight to Cape Town and to post them on arrival - Apparently Mrs. Kirby-Green was not in favour of this, as they were already under contract to an English philatelic firm to only carry a limited number of flight covers - Clouston had no such reservations and jokingly suggested that if Scott paid for their breakfast, he would take the covers, this was agreed and considered 'A Bargain'. There are four covers in total – two each addressed to G. Scott, the local wireless operator and Hoston Dubber a postal official. Rediscovered: The two covers addressed to Hoston-Dubber had most of Clouston’s writing rubbed out and my belief is that someone mistook the caption ‘A Bargain’ as a reference to the sale price when the envelopes changed hands. They were in the collection of the late Neil Hartley sold by S. Welz in 1995”.

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http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/6_Menu.jpg

1930 Cigarette Tax


1935 (7/5), 25 Years George V as King, 4 postage stamps.(Mi 18-21)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97d87a66f/r/n/rnp0018.jpg


https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/CnAAOSw9HVZh4vP/s-l225.jpg: “Northern Rhodesia 1935 Silver Jubilee 1d stamp SG18 Fine Used cds LUANSHYA. “.

http://www.airmails.co.uk/catalogue/99000onwards/100512.jpg: “(Southern Rhodesia) Northern Rhodesia to Southern Rhodesia, Lusaka to Umtali, bs 3”.

1937 (12/5), Coronation George VI, with Queen Elisabeth, 3 postage stamps. (Mi 22-24)


https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0022.jpg

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Mazabuka%201937%20Northern%20Rhodesia.jpg: “MAZABUKA. 1911 to 23.10.1964”.


1938 (1/3), George VI, 21 postage stamps (Mi 25-45)


Northern Rhodesia, and Zambia; Version January 2018

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0025.jpg

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AR344.jpg: “Postal History / Postage Dues 1940 (12th September), cover addressed to Kitwe, bearing two KGVI ½d green (SG 25) tied by a CHINGOLA (12 Sep) double circle datestamp. The cover was taxed and bears a large ‘T1d’ in blue manuscript and a postage due 1d grey-black (SG D1) was affixed and tied by a KITWE (13 Sep) double circle datestamp, with an additional strike on the reverse. Edge tear at top from opening, otherwise a fine example of a domestic taxed cover.”.
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR113.jpg: “1½d, carmine-red, position 7/1 with printer’s mark upper left, showing ‘tick bird’ flaw. Merest hint of a hinge, very fine and fresh mint. A Northern Rhodesia rarity. SG 29b”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR199.jpg: “1½d, carmine-red, 'tick bird' flaw, very fine used on piece cancelled 'CHOMA 20 MAY 40'. SG 29b”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR172.jpg: “1½d, yellow-brown, 'tickbird' flaw, left stamp in a horizontal pair, very fine used. SG 30b, 30”. Cancelled BROKEN HILL


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http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Mkushi%20River%201953.jpg: “MKUSHI RIVER. 01.03.1952 to 20.07.1963. 25 km from Mkushi”.

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/KegAAOSwY0lXQtN8/s-l225.jpg: “GBLUE106 Northern Rhodesia Zambia CHITOKOLOKI cds. Superb & rare postmark”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA8887.jpg: “10/-, lower left corner pair superb used on piece cancelled 'LIVINGSTONE 13 VI 46'. SG 44”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA6832.jpg: “1938 KGVI ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6, 3/- and 5/- definitives, on plain cover cancelled ‘LUANSHYA 1 MAR 38’, the First Day of issue, sent registered locally addressed. Very scarce. SG 25, 27, 29, 31, 34, 38, 40-43 “.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA6247.jpg: “1939 6th September, KGVI 4d registered envelope, bearing KGVI 3d and 1/- definitives (SG 34, 40), cancelled ‘LUSAKA’ sent airmail to Italy. Opened at left then resealed with printed ‘Examined by / Censor No…….’ label endorsed ‘6’. Re-addressed upon arrival with numerous transit and arrival strikes on reverse. Attractive.”
http://www.three-centuries.co.uk/images/stock/20100124colonial26.jpg: “1941 Northern Rhodesia airmail cover to MEF soldier POW”.
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR102.jpg: “1943 18th June, two covers bearing KGVI various values ½d to 20/- cancelled LUSAKA and sent registered to Salisbury. Each struck with red rectangular ‘PASSED BY BASE CENSOR / E. A. No. VI/03’ and countersigned. Most attractive and highly unusual”.
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA3809.jpg: “1947 11th December, printed advertising cover for 'THE RHODESIAN STAMP COLLECTORS' EXCHANGE CLUB', bearing KGVI ½d green (SG 25), machine cancelled 'KITWE', addressed to Canada. A most attractive example of the ½d unsealed letter rate.”.
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA6251.jpg: “1951 7th May, cover bearing KGVI 1½d and 4d (SG 30, 36), cancelled ‘MUFULIRA’ and sent registered with black rubber stamp registration cachet, addressed to South Africa. Attractive.”.

1941 Military cover

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR253.jpg: “1941 28th March, cover endorsed at to ‘ON ACTIVE SERVICE’ and sent without charge to Chingola. Struck at lower left with violet rectangular ‘PASSED BY CENSOR / M.F.F. No. 353 U.D.F.’ bilingual cachet duly signed, and then 'A.P.O. - U - M.P.K. / 19' datestamp for the 28th March. Upon arrival re-addressed with Lusaka (3 APR) and then Chingola (7 IV) datestamps.”.

1944 Airgraph
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/NR_197_WWII_Airgraph.jpg: “NR 197. Airgraph from PEMBA. Sent on Christmas Day 1944 To the Isle of Wight Conveying Compliments of the Season”.

1945 stationery
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/NR_160_1945_Jamboree_Card.jpg: “NR 160. It seems that Nkana hosted a Scout Jamboree circa mid-1945 and for the occasion the Bulawayo Chronicle printed these postcards on 6 June 1945. How many were printed is anyone’s guess. I believe that the code figure 84720 has nothing to do with the print run and is in all probability the Printer’s Job No. Extremely Rare”.

1946 Chingola Cancels

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/NR_175_Postage_Paid_Chingola.jpg: “NR 175. A rare Example of the POSTAGE PAID CHINGOLA Dispatched on 3 July. Information provided by Foster himself was that he had only employed his ‘Paid’
handstamp For one day on 6 I 47 & used it On 42 items of mail. This cover proves otherwise”. “During December 1946, stocks of low value stamps at the Chingola Post Office were running low the Postmaster R. Foster obtained a Two line handstamp ‘POSTAGE PAID CHINGOLA’ and used it on mail, in lieu of postage stamps, for a short period. The only recorded dates of use are 31 XII 46, 3 I 47 and 6 I 47 - The latter being the most common date. - It is believed that Mr. Foster produced several envelopes for himself on 6th January”.

1946 (26/11), Victory in WWII, 2 postage stamps, one with two versions. (Mi 46-47)


https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0046.jpg


http://www.africastamps.co.uk/graphics/Z001.jpg: “Z1, Northern Rhodesia, 1946 1½d Victory P13½ on commercial cover to South Africa, clear 'Lusaka' 11.9.47 pmk, minor faults but scarce.”

1948 (1/12), Silver Wedding George VI and Elisabeth, 2 postage stamps.(Mi 48-49)
1949 Postal Stationery

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0048.jpg


1949 Postal Stationery

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Rhodesia_&_Nyasaland/Postal_History/RN225.jpg. Cancelled KITWE.

c 1949 Revenue Stamps
1949 printed British South Africa Company INSPECTION CERTIFICATE with Livingstone altered to Lusaka. Bearing KG V £10 x 2 and £50 revenues plus KG VI 10/- and 20/- postage stamps (SG 44, 45) all tied by oval Accountant General’s Department / Lusaka / Northern Rhodesia (6th Apr) oval datestamps.

1949 (10/10), 75 Years UPU, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 50-53)
https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0050.jpg


1951 Military use
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR252.jpg: “1951 20th April, stampless cover addressed to Kitwe, struck at upper right with black oval 'M. O. T. H. / KUMBUKA SHELL HOLE' cachet duly signed and despatch 'CHINGOLA' datetstamp. Puncture lower left. Highly unusual.”.

1952 Postage dues

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/4_Postage_Dues/D1a_3a_block_um m(1).jpg
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/4_Postage_Dues/D1a_3a_block_um
m(2).jpg: “R 101. D1a - 3a. 1d & 3d Chalky. In blocks of four UMM”.

1953 Ndola Cancels

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/6_Postal_History/NR_177_Postage_P
aid_In_cash.jpg: “NR 177. POSTAGE PAID IN CASH - NDOLA . 27 AU 53 in red. Hoyte type P5t . Rare”.

1953 (30/5), 100th Birthday Cecil Rhodes, 5 postage stamps with Queen Elisabeth II and Rhodes.(Mi 54-58)
1953 (30/5), Exhibition for 100th Birthday Cecil Rhodes, 1 postage stamp, with Queen Elisabeth II and Arms. (Mi 59)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0054.jpg

1953 (2/6), Coronation Queen Elisabeth II, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 60)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0059.jpg

1953 (15/9), Elisabeth II, 14 postage stamps. (Mi 61-74)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0060.jpg

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnp0061.jpg


1953 Postal Stationery


1953 Mkushi Postage Due Provisionals

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/The_Rhodesian_Philatelist/Northern_Rhodesia_Postage_Dues/NR_27_Mkushi_Postage_Due.jpg: “Mkushi Postage Dues. Recorded Usage is from 4 July to 10 September 1953. Twenty one covers, one Front and one used loose stamp are known - I have illustrations of them all. Covers are either addressed to Africans, 13 out of 22 and the nine remaining envelopes are basically all to Beck, either as H.R. Beck or the District Commissioner - This subject has been studied by me quite thoroughly. I initially wrote an article in The Rhodesian Philatelist No 5 in August 1994 and eventually published a book in 2005. H.R. Beck retained four of the covers and they are essentially the most desirable, after his death, his collection went to his eldest son and I eventually acquired that collection which I incorporated into my Postage Due holding. Three types of Mkushi dues are known, typed on a KGVI 1d green definitive, either in upper case (Thirteen covers in total) or in lower case (Four covers in total) and it was also overprinted on the QEII 1953 1d Rhodes Centenary Commemorative (Five covers in total) This Postage Due collection includes two of each time of overprint and in each case, one is addressed to Beck and the other to an African. Many Collectors own Northern Rhodesian Postage due covers, but very few include a Mkushi Postage Due Cover”. And: “The Earliest use of the Mkushi Postage Dues. It appears that the 1d Rhodes were the first stamps to be overprinted on a Typewriter. All four July 1953 dates reflect the foregoing. 23 JUL, 25 JUL, 30 JUL and 31 JUL. The cover at left is No 3 dated 30 JUL 53.Ex Hobbs and Ex Kelly”. [written by Otto Peetoom; Rhodesia Specialist; see: http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/index.htm].
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/The_Rhodesian_Philatelist/Northern_Rhodesia_Postage_Dues/NR_28_Mkushi_Postage_Due.jpg: “Last Recorded date for the Overprinted 1d Rhodes. Cancelled MKUSHI 19 AUG 53. Cover No 15 out of 22 Ex Beck. Envelope is said to have contained an invitation to a Wedding. Illustrated two out of five covers with a 1d Rhodes Mkushi Postage Due”. 
http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/The_Rhodesian_Philatelist/Northern_Rhodesia_Postage_Dues/NR_29_Mkushi_Postage_Due.jpg: “KGVI 1d Upper Case lettering. Thirteen out of 22 Covers are known with this version. Addressed to an African. Dated MKUSHI 5 AUG 53. This is the earliest cover with the KGVI 1d. No 6 out of 22”.


1953 Revenue stamps

http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/5_Revenues/01_QEII_6d_Revenue.jpg: “NR 120. 1953 QEII Definitive. 6d Grey - Overprint Variety. R shifted to left on first stamp. With Normal Used”.

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1955 Revenue stamps


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA9942.jpg: “c1955 (date not clear), cover bearing single QEII 1d revenue stamps (Mewett 594), cancelled ‘BROKEN HILL’ locally addressed. Incorrect useage of these revenues for postal purpose, however apparently allowed. Unusual.”. 
http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/193/955193/955193_150818153503_Northn_Rhodesia_Rev_S_7,16,17,22.JPG: “Northern Rhodesia Revenue Stamps - 1954 - Eliz 2 -1d x 2, 3d, 5s fiscally used. (7,16,17,22)“.

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/SbYAAOSw~e5ZPu7m/s-l225.jpg: “Northern Rhodesia 1953 Revenue stamps, 6 stamps 1/- to £1 Used as”.


http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/364/356364/356364_141112180020_SR_REV1.jpg: “Scarce Northern Rhodesia 1955 QEII left marginal Block of (4) x 20 shilling black Revenue stamps in unmounted mint condition (MNH).”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AR335.jpg: “Revenue 1955 QEII large format £50 slate-grey. Small piece bearing two vertical pairs, very fine used with Lusaka Accountant General (19 Jun 1954) oval datestamps struck in violet. EXTREMELY RARE, we have not seen or handled an example for over 20 years. Mewett 604, Barefoot 26”.

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http://www.rhodesianstamps.net/Northern_Rhodesia/5_Revenues/11_QEII_Revenues_on_piece.jpg: “NR 135. 6d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- (corner fault) & 20/- pair used on piece Cancelled 3 MAY 1959”.

1955 Revenue: Employment Stamp
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA6239.jpg: “1955 30th March, large part printed ‘MIGRANT LABOURER’S WORK BOOK’ (green card covers), issued to one ‘Trywell Mbale’. First internal page (3) applied with four 5/- Employment Stamps, second internal page (7) with a further two examples, each pen cancelled. Internal pages 1-2 and 5-6 removed, apparently as normal. RARE in this form, with a very low survival rate.”.

1957 Postage due

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/F162.jpg: “1957 18th April, printed company return order envelope sent unpaid cancelled ‘MONZE / NORTHERN RHODESIA’ to Johannesburg. Endorsed in ink ‘T 5d’ and then struck with black circular ‘T / 5d’ cachet. This presumably one of a group of underpaid covers which would have had a pool charge applied to all.”.

c 1960 Publicity stamps
http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR260.jpg: “c1960 Publicity labels. Vertical strip of six showing various scenes from the country, printed in black and white / yellow. Gummed and very fine, apparently the complete unit of these. Most unusual.”.

Northern Rhodesia, postmarks during the Rhodesia and Nyasaland period, 1953-1963

1954 Queen Elisabeth II


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http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Isoka%201956.jpg: “ISOKA. 1925 to 23.10.1964. Fife was destroyed by the Germans [in WWI] and was moved south to Isoka”.
MPULUNGU POSTMARK ON 6 RHODESIA AND NYASALAND QE 2ND STAMPS AS SHOWN.

Cancelled KARIBA and LUSAKA.

NORTHERN RHODESIA / NYASALAND / ZAMBIA. QE2. 2 ½d WITH CHINGOLA COMPOUND POSTMARK.

LIVINGSTONE. 24.02.1902 to 23.10.1964. Renamed from Victoria Falls.


CHITOKOLOKI. 23.01.1952 to 23.10.1964. Postal agency at Universities Mission Station.


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1955 Livingstone


1959 Regular series with Queen and landscapes

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Chilanga%201963.jpg: “CHILANGA. 01.01.1913 to 31.03.1931; 04.07.1956 to 23.10.1964”.


1959 Regular series with Queen and landscapes

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Chilanga%201963.jpg: “CHILANGA. 01.01.1913 to 31.03.1931; 04.07.1956 to 23.10.1964”.


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http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Fort%20Rosebery%201961.jpg: “FORT ROSEBERY. 23.08.1901 to 23.10.1964”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Chipili%201963.jpg

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Lilayi%20203.jpg: “LILAYI. 09.05.1960 to 23.10.1964. 9 miles from Lusaka”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Manyinga%201962.jpg: “MANYINGA. 27.10.1957 to 23.10.1964. 25 km from Kabompa”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Mazabuka%201961.jpg: “MAYANKWA. 05.05.1964 to 23.10.1964. Postal agency under Mankoya”.

http://www.michael-hamilton.com/images/RHOD56543.jpg: “SERENJE 7 SEP 63”.

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Mazabuka%201961%20cover.jpg: “MAZABUKA. 1911 to 23.10.1964”.

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https://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/d/i225/m/mYRZ4G3fROcs3UwTd2y5KPw.jpg: “New listing NORTHERN RHODESIA / NYASALAND / ZAMBIA. QE2. 2/- WITH BROKEN HILL POSTMARK. USED”.

1961 Postage due

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AR415.jpg: “1961 14th April, stampless envelope sent from South Africa to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia. Bearing a partial Johannesburg (14 Apr) machine cancellation. Endorsed ‘T6d’ in manuscript, the shortfall being receipted by a Federal 2d (SG D2) and Southern Rhodesia 4d postage dues (SG D5) affixed and tied by KITWE / N. RHODESIA (23 Apr) double circle datestamps. Backstamped with a larger type KITWE (21 Apr) datestamp”.

1961 Mining

1963 Tobacco congress

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Abercorn%201963.jpg: “ABERCORN, Head Post Office by 1933, Opened 1893, Under BCA administration until 1 July 1895”.


http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Magoye%201963.jpg: “MAGOYE. 18.10.1911 to 31.12.1926; 01.03.1956 to 23.10.1964”.

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Milambo%201963.jpg: “MILAMBO. 02.06.1960 to 23.10.1964. Postal agency under Fort Rosebery”.

1963 Red Cross


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1963 (10/12), Arms of Northern Rhodesia and Queen Elisabeth II, 14 postage stamps. (Mi 75-88)


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA5966.jpg: “½d, major variety VALUE OMITTED. Superb unmounted. SG 75a”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA5968.jpg: “1d, major variety VALUE OMITTED. Superb unmounted. SG 76a”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR45.jpg: “3d, major variety VALUE OMITTED. Superb unmounted. SG 78a”.

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http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA5978.jpg: “6d, major variety VALUE OMITTED. Fine unmounted, oily patches as often encountered on this value. SG 80a”.

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA5981.jpg: “9d, major variety VALUE OMITTED. Superb unmounted. SG 81a”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AR365.jpg: “3d, major variety VALUE AND ORANGE (EAGLE) OMITTED, very fine used with machine cancellation. Rare. SG 78b”.


http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR48.jpg: “3d, showing downwards shift of ’3d', now over 'POSTAGE'. Fine used and uncommon thus. SG 78 var.”.

1963 (10/12), Postage Due stamps, 6 values. (Mi P 5-10)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/r/n/rnpt005.jpg

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/RA8410.jpg: “1/- postage due, major variety BLOCK OF FOUR IMPERFORATE HORIZONTALLY AND IMPERFORATE BETWEEN VERTICALLY. In addition, and as usual, showing light double impression of the green printing. Superb unmounted, very scarce. SG D10b”.

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http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/NR201.jpg: “1964 1/- QE booklet, pane upright. Pane with perforations trimmed at top, unexploded. SG SB1. Note: for some unknown reason, booklets showing the pane upright are considerably more difficult than the inverted type”.
Postage Stamps Zambia, selection from 1964 onwards

http://ontheworldmap.com/zambia/zambia-political-map.jpg

1964 (24/10), Regular stamps with local pictures, 14 postage stamps. (Mi 1-14)

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1964 (24/10), Independence issue: 3 postage stamps, one with President Kaunda. (Mi 15-17)

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1965 1st anniversary of Independence


1966 (12/7), University of Zambia, 2 postage stamps. (Mi 28-29)

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1967 (2/5), New Parliament Building, 2 postage stamps. (Mi 30-31)

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1967 (23/10), National development, including map of connections with Tanzania, 5 postage stamps. (Mi 34-38)

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1968 (16/1), New Currency: 1 Kwacha = 100 Ngwee, regular series, 12 postage stamps. (Mi 39-50)

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Zambia 1972 Air mail registered from Mufulira via Ndola to England.

http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/ZJQAAOSwnbZYDLKI/s-l1600.jpg

1970 (8/9), 3d Conference of Non-Aligned Countries, in Lusaka, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 65)

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1973 (1/5), Centenary of Death of David Livingstone, 6 postage stamps. (Mi 102-107)
Source: stampboards. : ‘Zambia - Victoria Falls, The stamp commemorates the Centenary of explorer David Livingstone’s death, 1 May 1873. The postmark is from LIVINGSTONE Town”.

1973 (13/12), First Anniversary of the Second Republic, 5 postage stamps. (Mi 115-119)
1974 (28/4), 50th Birthday President Kaunda, 3 postage stamps. (Mi 120-122)

1974 (23/10), Ten Years of Independence, 6 postage stamps and block with 4). (Mi 123-128 and 129-132, plus block 3).
https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/z/m/zmp0123.jpg

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1974 Revenue


1975 (2/1) Definitives, 14 postage stamps (Mi 141-154).
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1975 (26/8), Namibia Day, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 155-158)
1976 (10/12), Tanzania-Zambia Railway, 4 postage stamps and block with 4). (Mi 168-171)
1979 Commonwealth meeting in Lusaka, 4 postage stamps (Mi 201-204).

1979 (13/11), International Year Against Racism, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 209-212)

1979 Royal Visit
http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/nkkAAOSwU0RXHOJh/s-l1600.jpg: “BRITISH ROYAL COLLECTION ~ QUEEN ELIZABETH VISITS ZAMBIA ~ 1979 COVER”.

1980 (27/9), 26th Commonwealth Parliaments Conference, in Lusaka, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 233-236)

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1980 (30/11), 50 Years Catholic Church in the Copperbelt, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 237-240)
1982 Minerals

[Image: Minerals of Zambia First Day Cover]


1983 (10/3) Commonwealth Day, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 286-289)

[Image: Postage stamps from 1983]

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1984 (28/4), 60th Birthday President Kaunda, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 310-313)
1984 (22/10), 26 Years United National Independence Party; 20 Years Independence, 3 postage stamps. (Mi 322-324)

1985 (9/7), Conference for the development of Southern Africa; SADC, without South Africa, 3 postage stamps. (Mi 334-336)

1985 (2/8), 85th birthday Queen-Mother Elisabeth, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 337-340)
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1986 (21/4), 60th Birthday Queen Elisabeth II, 5 postage stamps. (Mi 353-357)

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1986 Royal wedding UK
1986 (22/12), Ten Years TanZam Railway, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 373-376)

1987 (26/3), City Symbols: Kitwe, Ndola, Lusaka and Livingstone, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 381-384)
1987 (3/11), Zambian People, 5 postage stamps. (Mi 433-437)

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1989 (2/5), Visit Pope John-Paul II, 4 postage stamps. (Mi 478-481)

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1990, 23/6, SADCC development, 4 postage stamps (Mi 520-523)
1990 (23/10), 26 Years Independence, 4 postage stamps (only in Kwachas, showing inflation). (Mi 524-527)

1992 (6/2), 40 Years Elisabeth II as Queen, 5 postage stamps. (Mi 590-594)
1996 (21/2), Monuments, with David Livingstone, and the Von Lettow-Vorbeck Monument (Mi 652-655).

1997 (26/5) Death of Deng Xiaoping of China, 2 postage stamps, one of 1000 Kwachas. (Mi 688-689 and blocks 23 and 24)
1997 (26/8) Golden Wedding Royal Couple Great Britain, 6 postage stamps and block (Mi 713-718 and block 27).
1998 (12/1) Death of Princess Diana, 12 postage stamps, and 2 blocks. (Mi 744-755 and blocks 32 and 33).

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1998 (30/1), 50th Anniversary of Death of Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948), 4 postage stamps. (Mi 761-764, and block 34)
1999 (1/9), Queen Mother Great Britain 100 years old, 4 postage stamps and block (Mi 918-921, and block 52).

1999 (31/12) ‘Faces of the Millennium: Diana’ (!), 8 postage stamps (Mi 1077-1084).

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2000 (7/2) Millennium, 18 postage stamps (Mi 1085-1102).
2000, Six Years COMESA, 3 postage stamps. (Mi 1252-1254)
2001 (9/7), President Frederick Chiluba, 3 postage stamps and block. (Mi 1306-1308 and block 87).

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2001 (30/6), 100th anniversary of Death of Queen Victoria, 4 postage stamps and block. (Mi 1328-1333 and block 90)

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2001 (30/7), 75th Birthday Queen Elisabeth II of Great Britain, 4 postage stamps and block (Mi 1345-1348 and block 93).
2002 (11/2), Memory of 9/11 terror attack on the USA, 1 postage stamp. (Mi 1371)

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2003 (19/5), 21st Birthday of Prince William of Great Britain, 3 postage stamps and block. (Mi 1435-1437 and block 107)
2004 (11/10), SAPOA block, celebrating cooperation in Southern Africa, now including South Africa. (Mi 1477-1484, and block 110)
2004 (23/10), 40 Years Independence (Mi 1485-1488).

2005 (25/6), 100 Years Jesuits in Zambia, 4 postage stamps and block. (Mi 1526-1529, and block 115)
2005 (22/8), Death of Pope John-Paul II. (Mi 1567-1571).
2006 (20/1), David Livingstone 150 Years anniversary of ‘discovery’ of the Victoria Falls, 2 postage stamps.

2006 (8/7) The 75th Anniversary of the Franciscan Conventuals in Zambia, 4 postage stamps

2006, 80th Birthday of Queen ElI of GB
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2006 30th Anniversary of Tazara


2013 (19/3) The 200th Anniversary of the Birth of David Livingstone, 1813-1873
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2014 (13/6) China-Zambia, Kaunda’s visit of the Red Flag Canal in Henan, China, 1974
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Wikipedia information on Zambian Presidents:

Kenneth Kaunda (1924–) 24 October 1964-2 November 1991 (UNIP)


Rupiah Banda (1937–) Acting President 29 June 2008 -2 November 2008 (MMD); President 2 November 2008- 23 September 2011.

Guy Scott (1944–) Acting President 28 October 2014- 25 January 2015 (PF)


2015 (2/2) The 50th Anniversary of Friendship with China
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**A Note on Sources:**

Of all African postal heritage reconstructions, the postal area of Rhodesia (and its predecessor BSAC) is probably one of the postal territories in Africa best covered on the internet. This is the result of dedicated groups with specialised internet presence, like
next to online catalogues (like www.stampworld.com; www.postbeeld.nl, and their free stamp catalogue, www.freestampcatalogue.nl) and internet auction resources like Ebay. Bidorbuy, and others, mentioned in the text. Stamp collectors specialised in ‘Rhodesia’ have an international (in fact global) organisation, registered in the UK: please see http://www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/. We used the Michel Catalogue to indicate each type of postage stamp. Auction houses often use the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue (SG in references), or Scott.