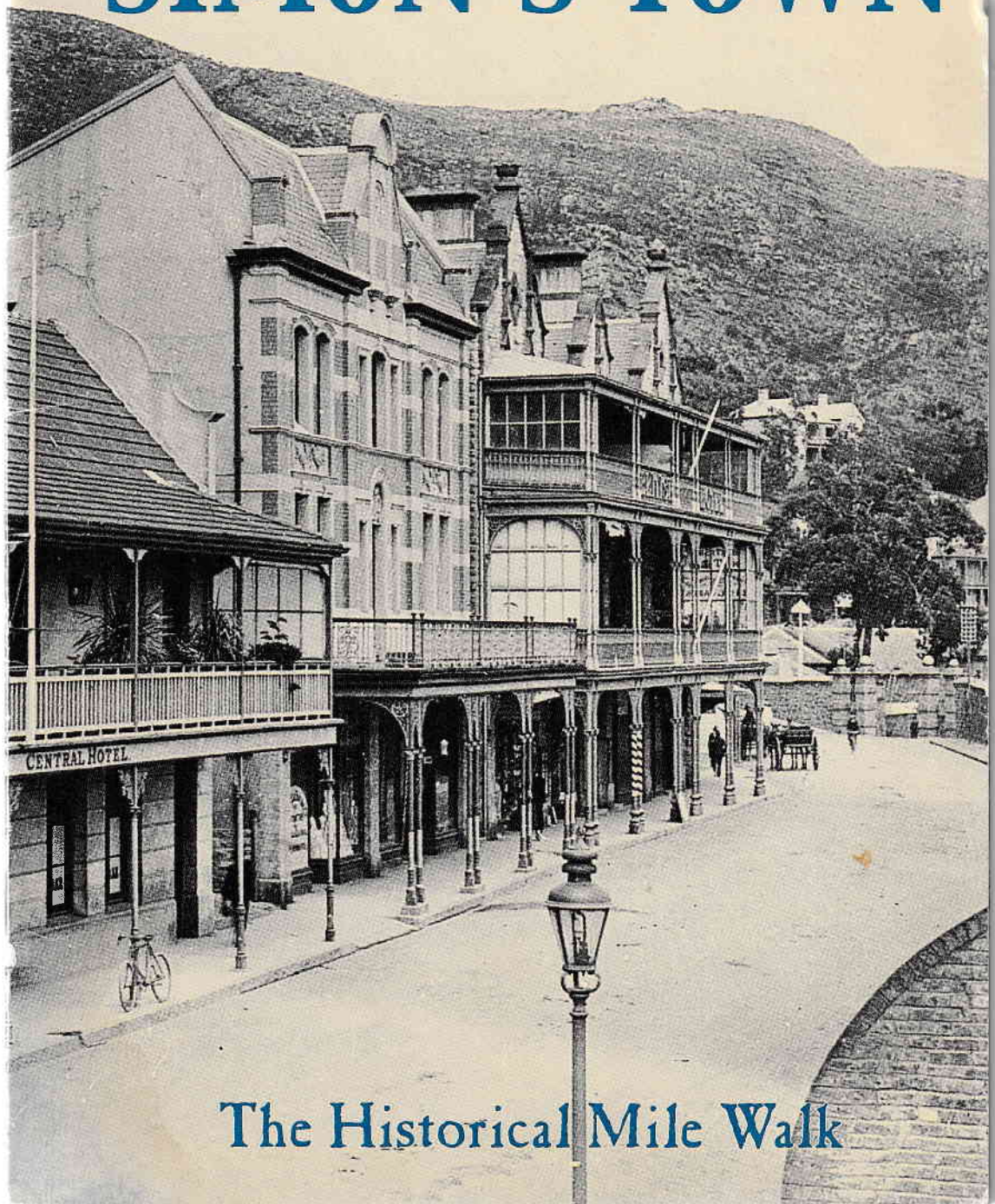
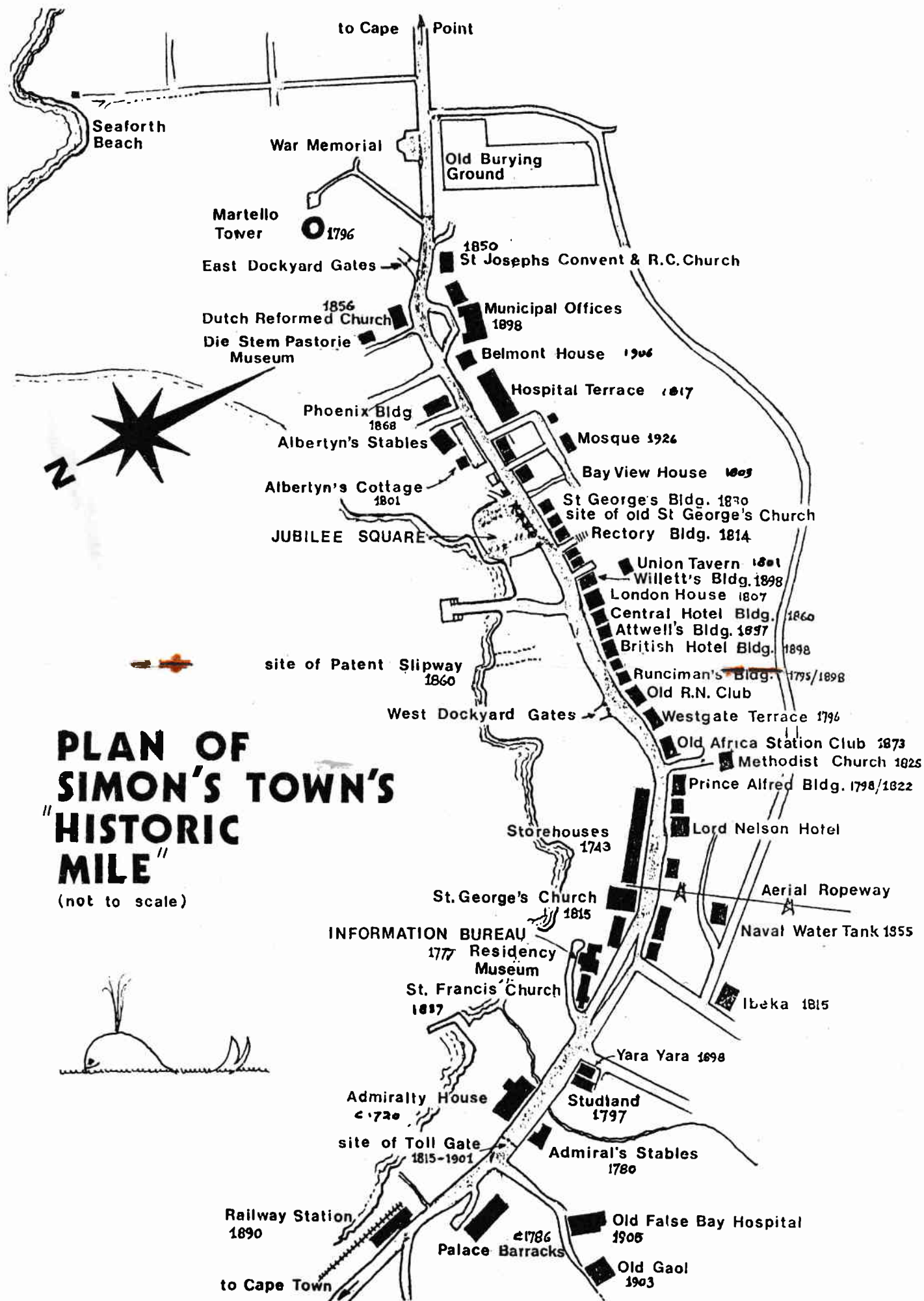


SIMON'S TOWN



The Historical Mile Walk



CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
1888 - 1903

SIMONS TOWN

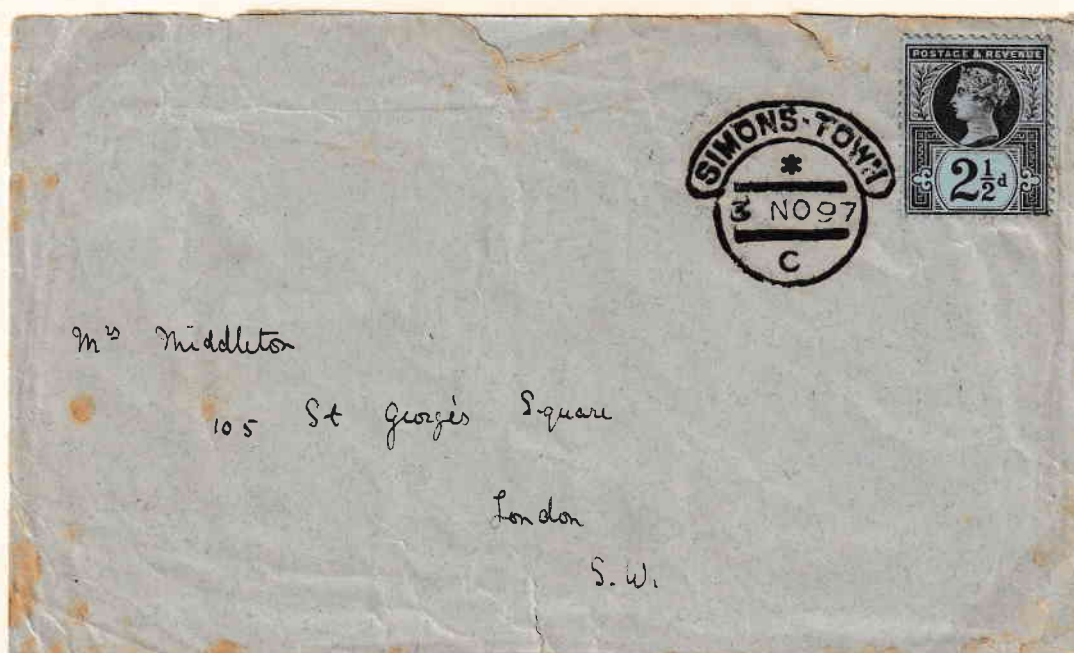
Simonstown was the strategic British Naval Port at the southern tip of Africa.



Valentine's sepia post card of Simons Town from the west; unused.

Simons Town to London

Irregular use of British stamps on envelope from Cape Colony – stamp not cancelled;
but shows particularly clear hooded datestamp.



Envelope addressed to 'London SW'; wrongly stamped with British Jubilee issue 2½d stamp;
envelope datestamped but stamp not cancelled with 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 3 NO 97 / C';
no extra charge incurred.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
1888 - 1903

SIMONS-TOWN

The Simons Town hooded die measures 19 x 24 x 27 mm. Frescura (2002) recorded it used from 11 January 1888 to 10 December 1902, which we can extend to 20 January 1903. The upper index is always '*' with a single letter in the lower index position. The following lower letters are known used: A, B, C, D, E & F.

Lower Index Letters A-F



*
Xx NO 90
A



*
9 JA 94
B



*
5 AP 93
C



*
2 SP 94
D



*
17 MR 92
E



*
6 OC 9x
F

Simons Town to Cape Town



Cape of Good Hope 1/2d brown post card addressed to the 'Standard Bank of South Africa, Cape Town'; impressed stamp cancelled hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 27 AU 89 / B'; delivery single circle 'G. P. O. / CAPE TOWN / 1 / AU 27 / 89'.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
July-November 1897

SIMONS-TOWN

The second form of the asterisk shows a horizontal stroke
to the 6-rayed asterisk and no vertical stroke.
The asterisk plug must have been insertable upright or sideways.



*
xxAP 94
C



*
4 JA 99
C

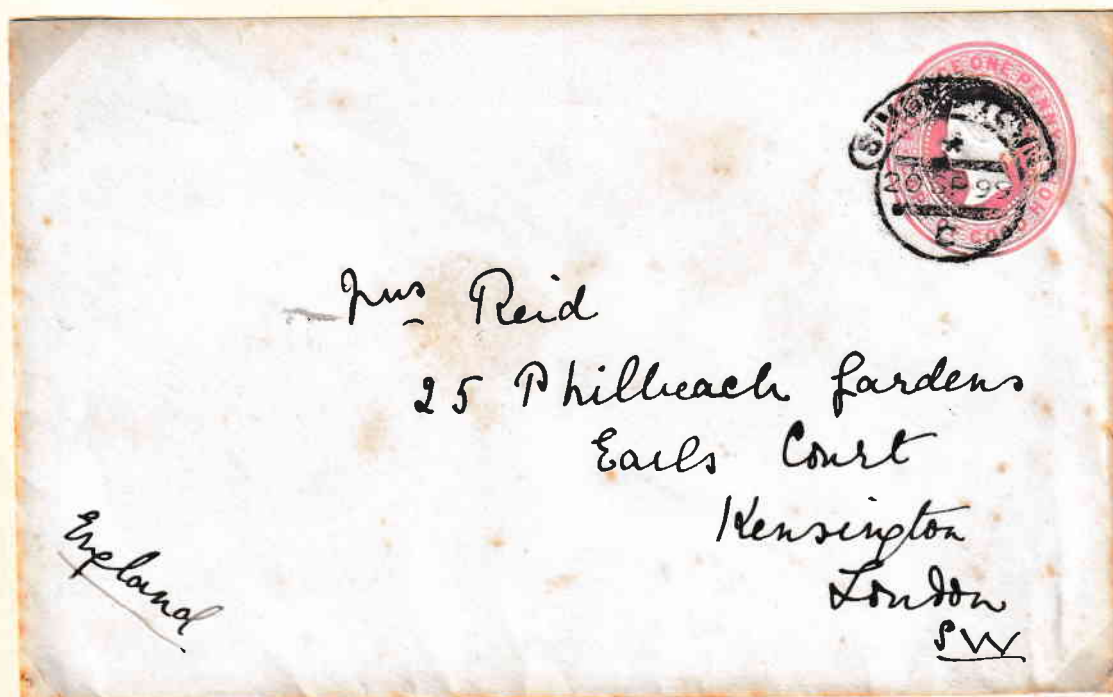


*
xx xU 99
D



*
SP 7 90
F

Simons Town to Kensington, London



One penny pink postal stationery envelope addressed to 'Earls Court, Kensington, London SW':
stamp cancelled hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 20 SP 99 / C';
on reverse single circle 'EARLS-COURT-S.O. / S.W. / 9. PM / OC 7 / 99'.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
1889 - 1897

SIMONS-TOWN

The use of the asterisk shows two forms. One form shows a vertical stroke to the 6-rayed asterisk and no horizontal stroke.
The asterisk plug must have been insertable upright or sideways.



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27 MY 92
A

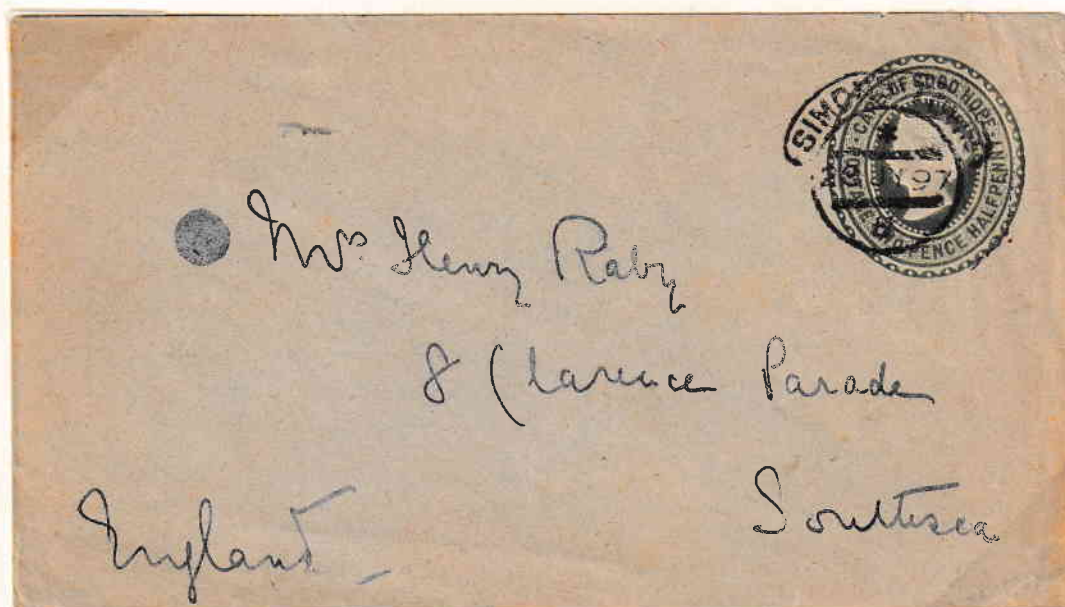


*
xx OC 94
E



*
29 MR 9x
L

Simons Town to Southsea, England

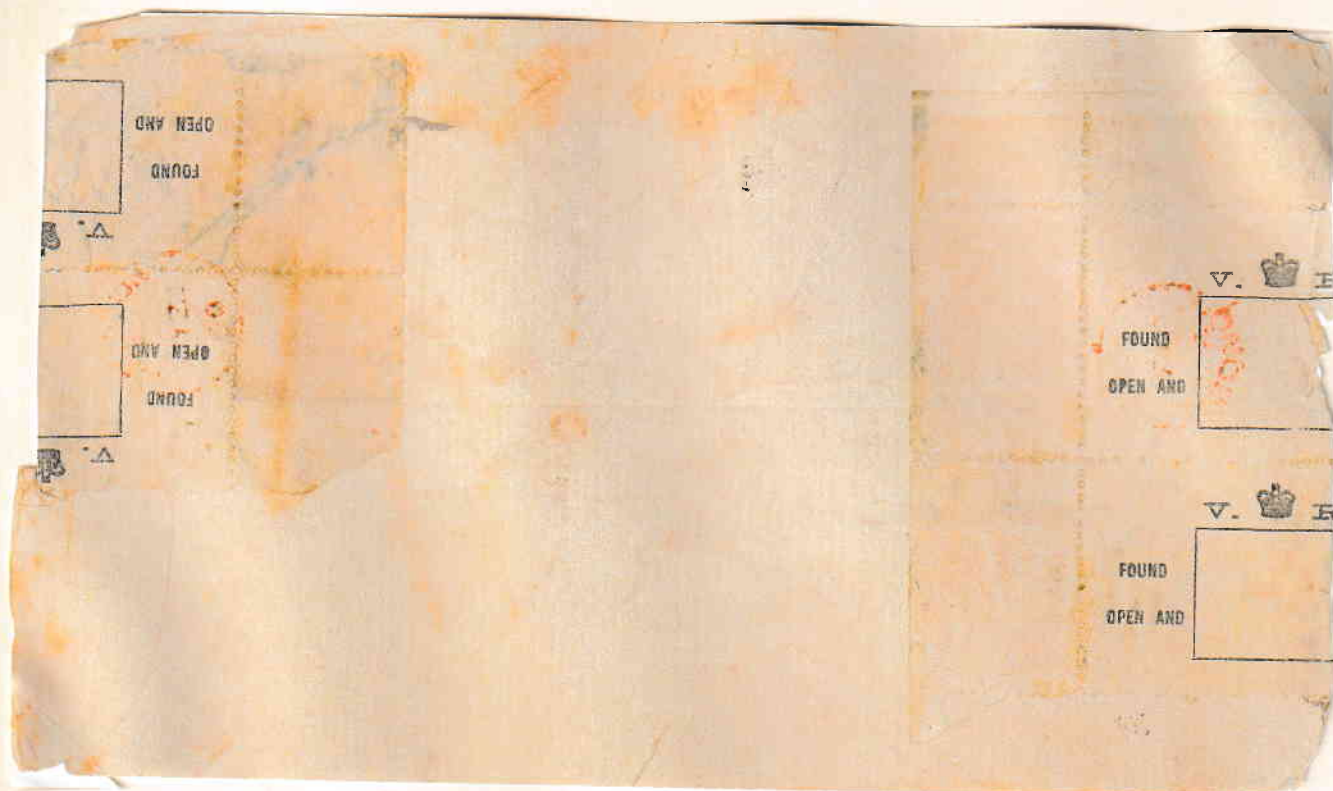


2½d green postal stationery envelope addressed to 'Southsea, England'
Stamp cancelled 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 23 JY 97 / B'.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
4 July 1900

SIMONS-TOWN

Damaged and Officially Sealed Label (London)



Photocopy of reverse

Envelope addressed to Cosham, England bearing four 2d Hope stamps cancelled hooded die 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / [?] JY 00 / C' damaged in transit and resealed with PO label 'M. - No. 11' inscribed 'V [crown] R / FOUND OPEN AND OFFICIALLY SEALED' with weak 'LONDON / t / JY 21 / 00' single arc datestamp in red.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
6 September 1900

SIMONS-TOWN

Boer War Illustrated Letter Card to Ipswich

Illustrated Boer War envelope in blue with red border, drawn by F. Arthur Stevenson dated 16 May 1900, and published by G. Budrions, 28 Church Street, Cape Town.



Photocopy
of reverse



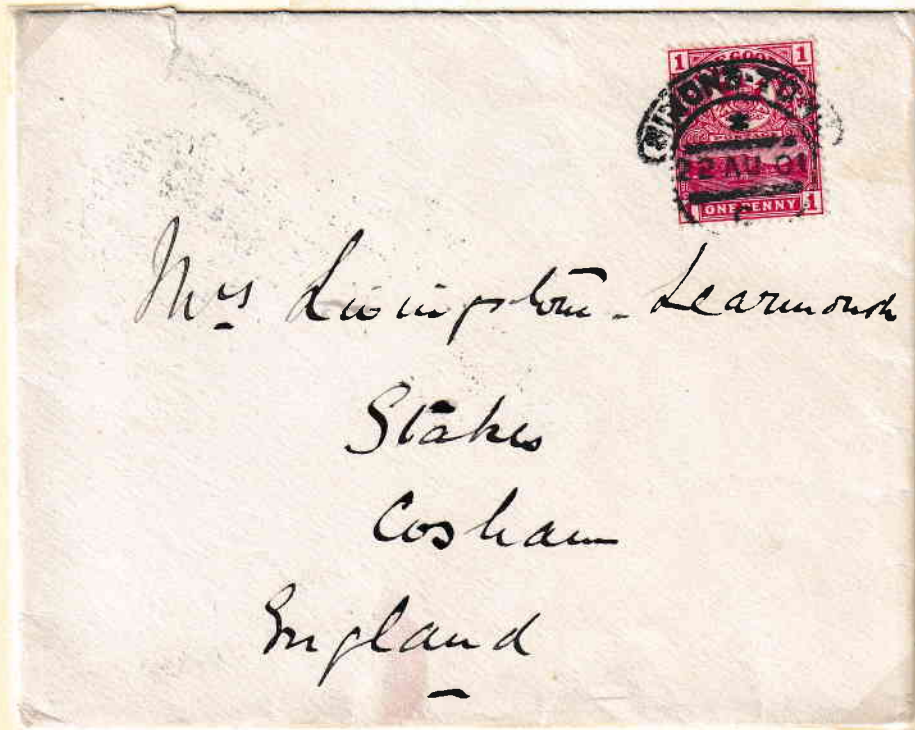
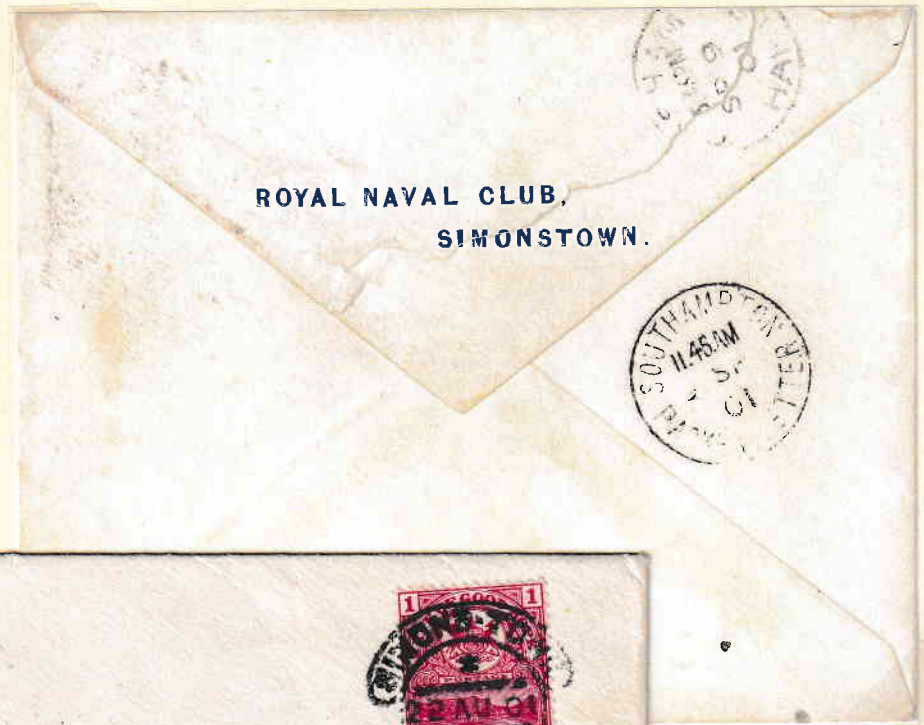
Written by '8265 L/Cpl J Last, W Riding Regt' and addressed to 'Miss N. Last, Durban Villa, Levington Road, Ipswich, England'. Stamped with 1d Standing Hope and Anchor cancelled hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 6 SP 00 / A'. On reverse receiving small circle 'IPSWICH / 2. AM / SP 24 00'.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
22 August 1901

SIMONS-TOWN

Royal Naval Club, Simonstown

Photocopy
of reverse

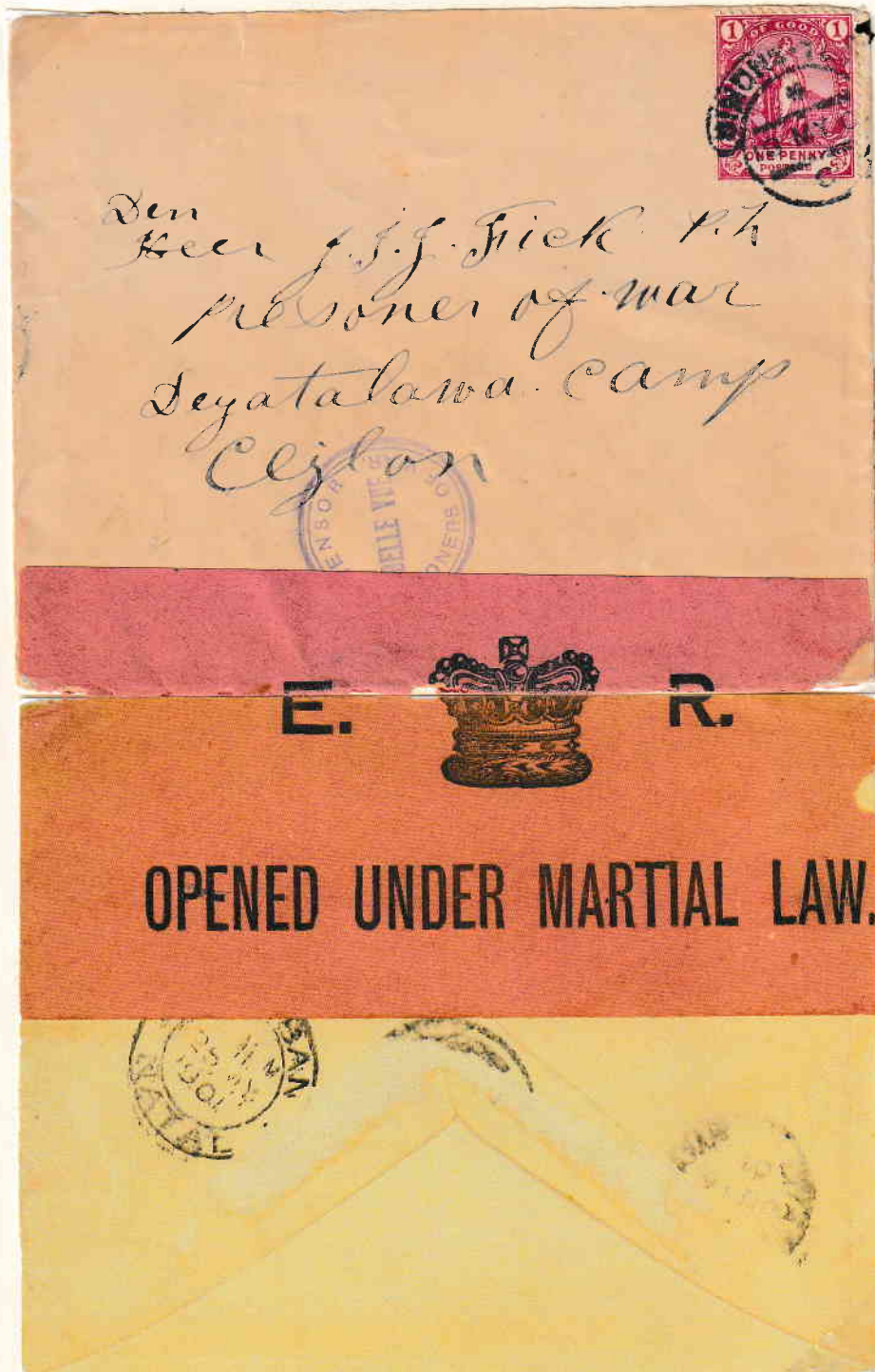


Envelope with printed address of the 'ROYAL NAVAL CLUB, SIMONSTOWN' in blue, addressed to 'Mrs Livingstone-Learnmonth, Stakes, Cosham, England', stamped with Table Mountain view 1d red cancelled hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN' / * / 22 AU 01 / C'; on reverse circular 'SOUTHAMPTON / PACKET LETTER / 11.45AM / 8 SP / 01'; delivery single circle 'COSHAM / 5.45PM / 9 SP / 01'.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
18 May 1901

SIMONS-TOWN

Simons Town to Deyatalawa POW Camp, Ceylon



Photocopy
of reverse

Envelope addressed to 'Den Heer J.J.J. Frick P.h. Prisoner of War, Deyatalawa Camp, Ceylon'; stamped with 1d red cancelled hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 18 MY 01 / C'; double circle 'DURBAN / 25 MY / 1901 / NATAL'; opened and struck with double circle 'CENSOR / PRISONERS OF WAR / BELLE VUE' in purple and resealed with red tape: 'E. [Crown] R. / OPENED UNDER MARTIAL LAW'.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

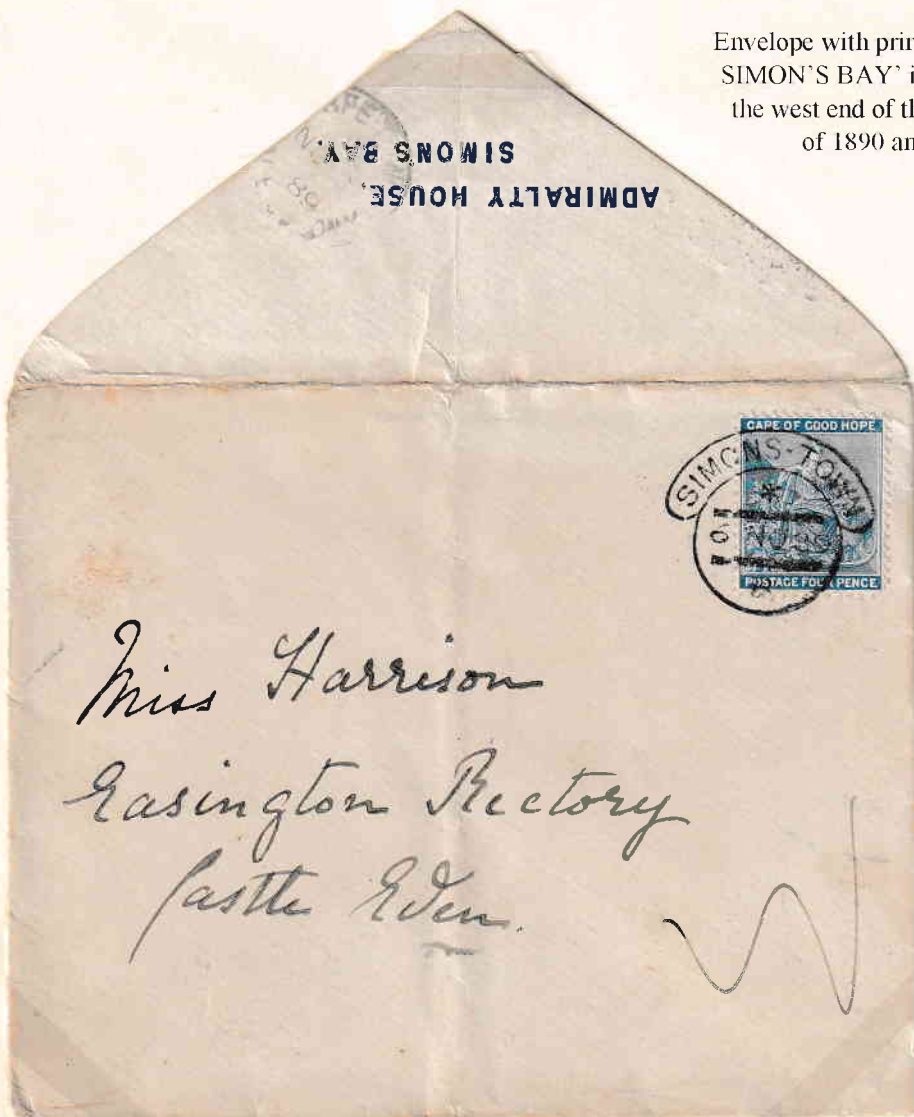
Hooded Datestamp

6 November 1889

SIMONS-TOWN

Admiralty House, Simons Town to Castle Eden, England

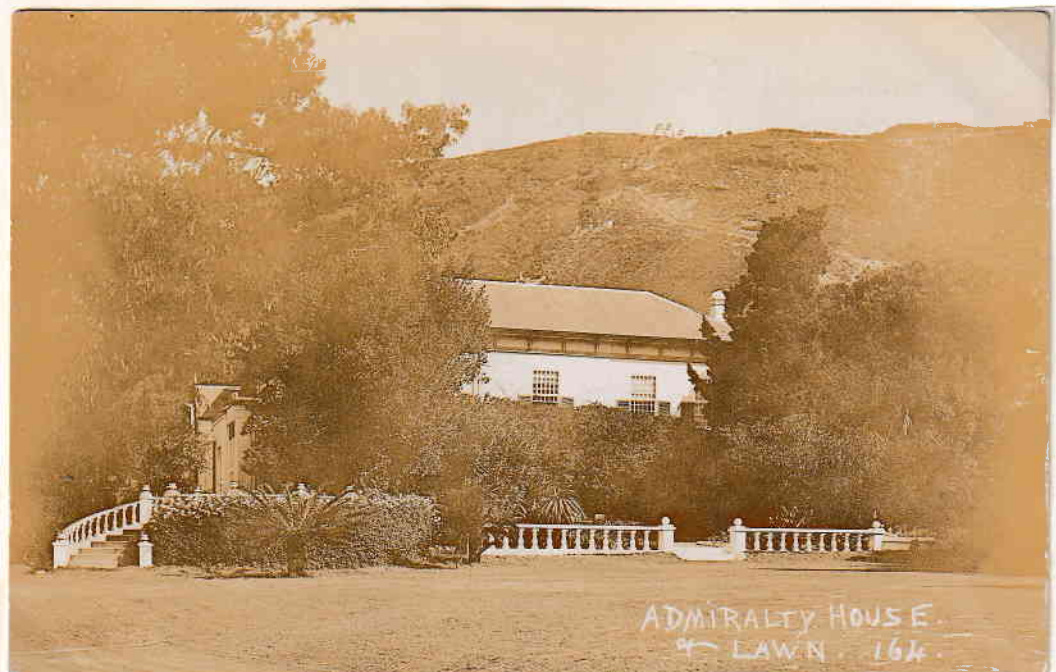
Envelope with printed on flap 'ADMIRALTY HOUSE / SIMON'S BAY' in blue ink. The house was situated at the west end of the town close to the Railway Station of 1890 and the Toll Gate of 1815-1890.



Envelope addressed to Miss Harrison, Easington Rectory, Castle Eden. Stamped with 2½d pale blue seated Hope and Anchor cancelled hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 6 NO 89 / A'. Transit single circle 'CAPE TOWN / CAPE COLONY / NO 6 / 89'.

Reference: Dommissie, Boet. 2005. Admiralty House, Simon's Town. ISBN: 0620320168.

Unattributed post card of Admiralty House from the seaward lawn

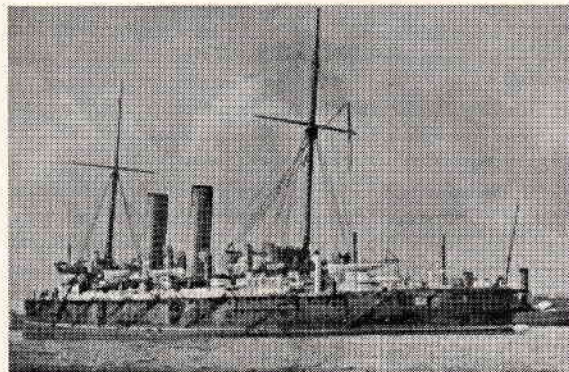


CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
17 June 1902

SIMONS-TOWN

Late use of the Simons Town hooded die on envelope with headed letter from officer on board H.M.S. Gibraltar.

H.M.S. Gibraltar



HMS Gibraltar in 1892

Built and launched in 1892 by Napiers of Glasgow, HMS Gibraltar was an Edgar Class cruiser of 7,350 tons and 360 ft length. She survived World War I and was sold in 1923. Her armaments included: two 9.2", twelve 6" guns and four 18" torpedo tubes.

Long chatty letter from Tom Fothergill to his sister describing his journey out to South Africa on board the Walmer Castle and of the passengers he met.

HMS Gibraltar was about to go on a tour of duty up the East African coast to Zanzibar.



H. M. S. GIBRALTAR.

Sunday 18th.

My darling Punch
To continue. Got
a letter this morning from Miss
Wentworth to say that Miss
Dunnett has become engaged
to her cousin's best man.
Rather sharp work isn't it
Got on Tuesday for the first
time & enjoyed my Thursday
Rabbit & good place South
Africa to people
out & marry.
The officer here

Envelope addressed to Cranbrook,
Kent; stamped with pair of Cape of
Good Hope 1d view of Table
Mountain cancelled with hooded
'SIMONS TOWN / * /
17 JU 02 / F':
on reverse single circle
'CRANBROOK
3.30 AM / JY 7 / 02'.



Miss P. Fothergill
Cranbrook
Kent
England.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Simons Town
20 January 1903

To Captain Arthur Limpus on board HMS Gibraltar

Late use of the Simons Town hooded die with code C

LIMPUS, Vice Admiral Sir Arthur (1863-1931) KCMG, CB Joined Royal Navy in 1876 saw active service on China Station, the Sudan, and South Africa, where he received special promotion to Captain. Naval Adviser to Ottoman Navy 1912-14. on expulsion was awarded the Grand Cordon of the Ottoman Order of Medjidieh and the rank of Vice Admiral in the Turkish Navy. Admiral Superintendent, Malta, 1914-16.



Limpus as Rear Admiral



Envelope with return address of Mr Limpus, Bellvue, Simonstown, addressed to 'Captian Arthur H. Limpus, H.M.S. Gibraltar, Hoeltyes Bay, Saldanha Bay'; 1d Cape of Good Hope adhesive cancelled hooded 'SIMONSTOWN / * / 20 JA 03 / C'; single circle 'HOEFIELD / 1 / JA 21 / 03' and 'HOETJES BAY / A / JA 24 / 03'.

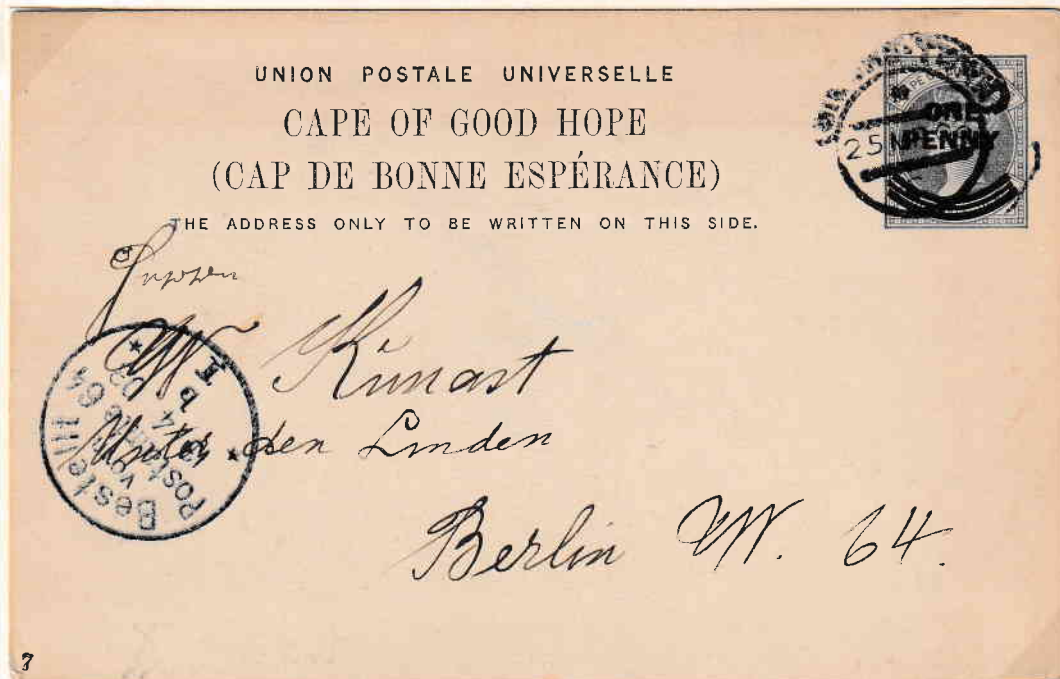


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25 March 1903

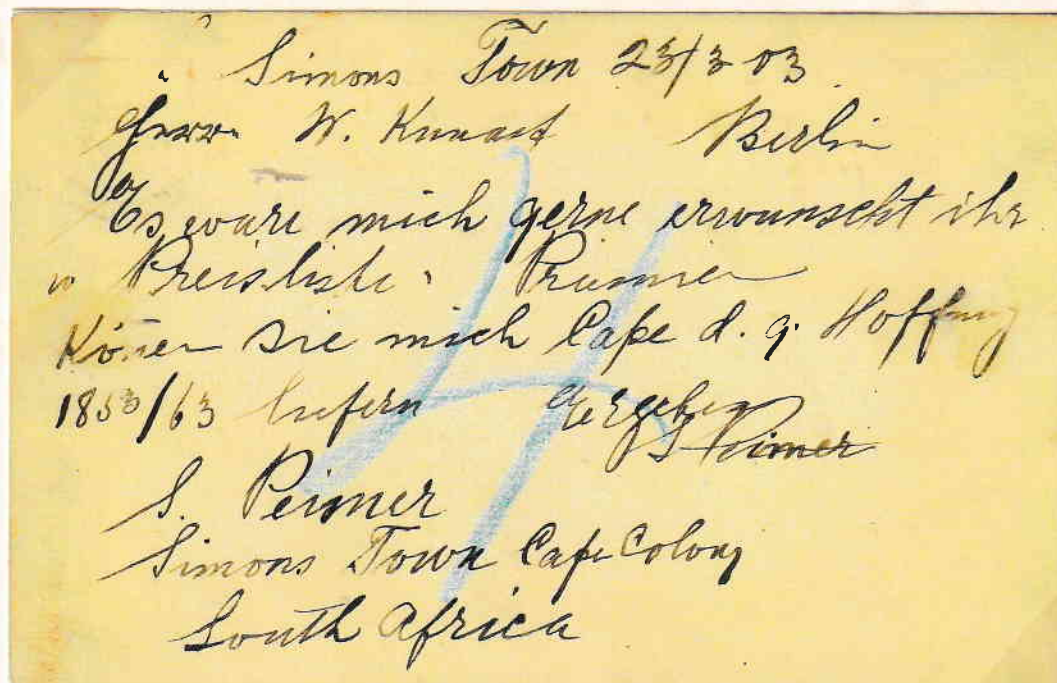
SIMONS-TOWN

One Penny over print on Three Half Pence Post Card

Simons Town – Berlin, Germany



Photocopy
of reverse



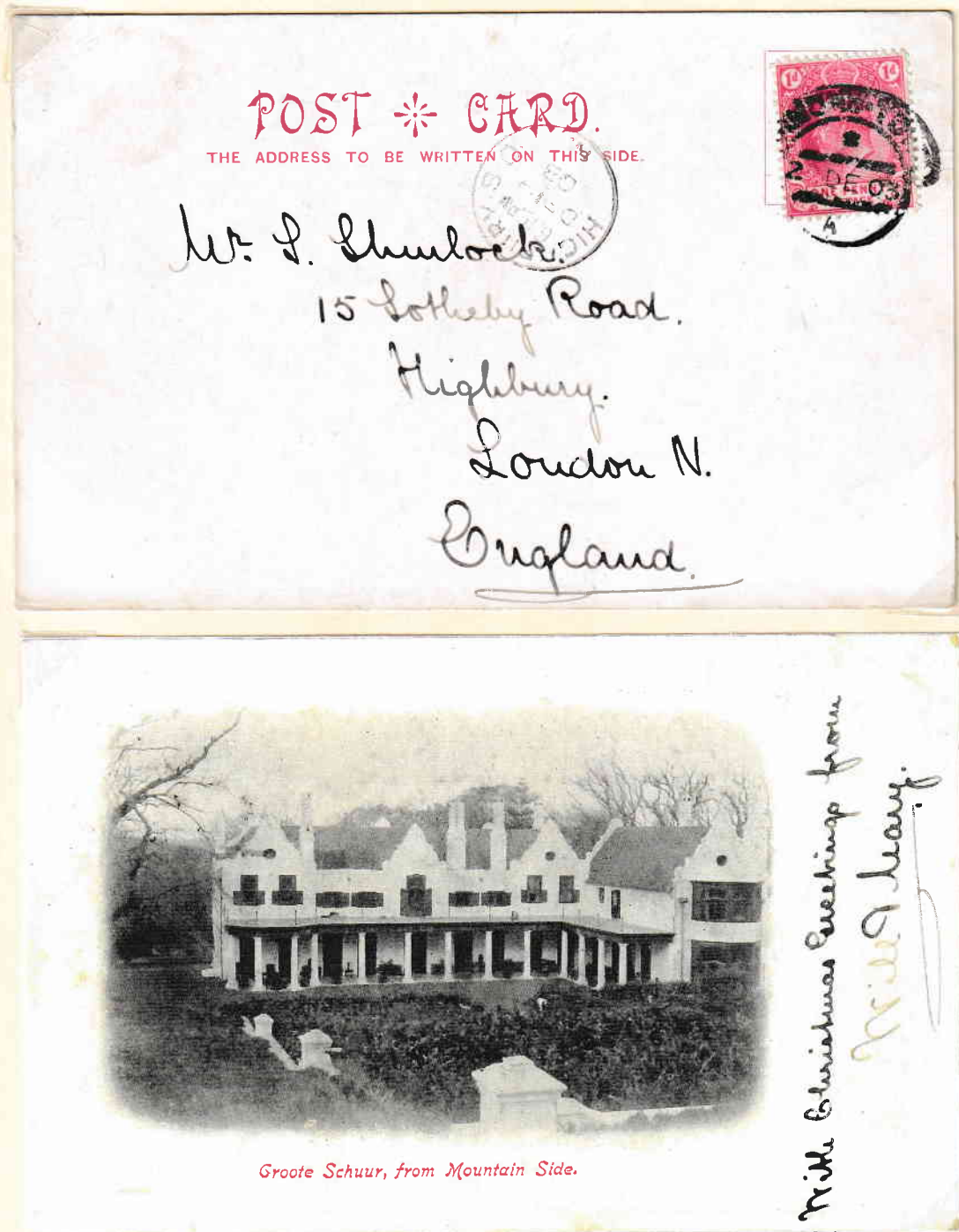
Three half pence grey UPU Post card, overprinted 'ONE / PENNY' with three bars in arc; from 'S. Peimer, Simons Town Cape Colony' addressed to 'Hr Kūmast, Unter den Linden, Berlin W 64'; receiving circular: 'Bestellt / vom / Postampte 64 / 3 4 03 / b / * I *'.

Contents may relate to stamp exchange.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Hooded Datestamp
2 December 1903

SIMONS-TOWN

Last known use of die



Photocopy
of reverse

Post card of Groote Schuur addressed to 'Highbury, London'; stamped with an Edward VII 1d adhesive and cancelled with hooded 'SIMONS-TOWN / * / 2 DE 03 / A'; delivery single circle 'Highbury S.O. / N / 6.15.PM / DE 19 / 03'.

Groote Schuur was the traditional house of the Prime Ministers and Presidents of South Africa from the Union in 1910 to 1984. The site dating from 1657 was originally a 'Big Barn' of the Dutch East India Company. Much of the original building was destroyed by a fire in 1896 when it was under lease to Cecil Rhodes.

It was rebuilt under the supervision of the architect Sir Herbert Baker.