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Victoria Falls



To The Victoria Falls on the ZAMBESI EXPRESS TRAIN

The Mail and Tourists arriving in Cape Town went North via Bulawayo and onto the Victoria Falls

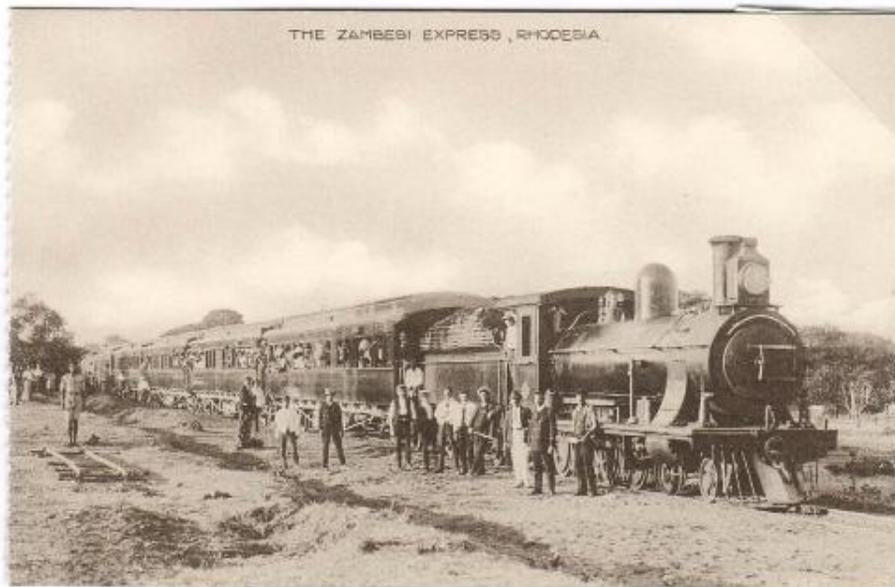
The Rail journey from the Cape to Bulawayo is 1362 miles and 1642 to the Victoria Falls

The original route North from Bulawayo was intended to cross the Zambesi in the Mafungabusi District (about Longitude 29° East) but after the discovery of extensive coal deposits in the

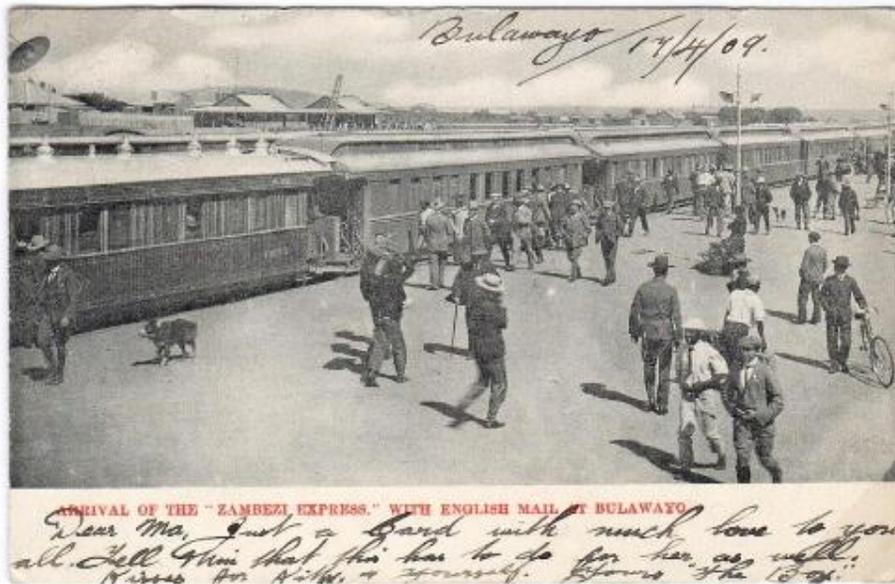
Wankie area the route North was to be via Wankie to the Victoria Falls

The Railway reached Wankie in September 1903 and was completed to the Victoria Falls on 25 April 1904

The Rail Journey (circa 1914) Cape Town to Bulawayo 58 hours and to the Victoria Falls another 16 hours



Bulawayo to the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi Express



A scene depicting the arrival of the Zambesi Express at Bulawayo enroute to the Victoria Falls falls

Victoria Falls Railway Station

The Railway passes behind the Victoria Falls Hotel before crossing the bridge into Northern Rhodesia
On the right of the Station and within a hundred yards is the rear of the Hotel



The post office is on the platform. On the left of the station there is the Police and Native Commissioner's camps - Also Percy Clark's photographic studio

The Victoria Falls Bridge 1904 - 1905 Construction

The 650 foot bridge was constructed in England by the Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Company in Darlington
Shipped to Beira and transported by rail to its location
Construction began in April 1904 and took 14 months to complete

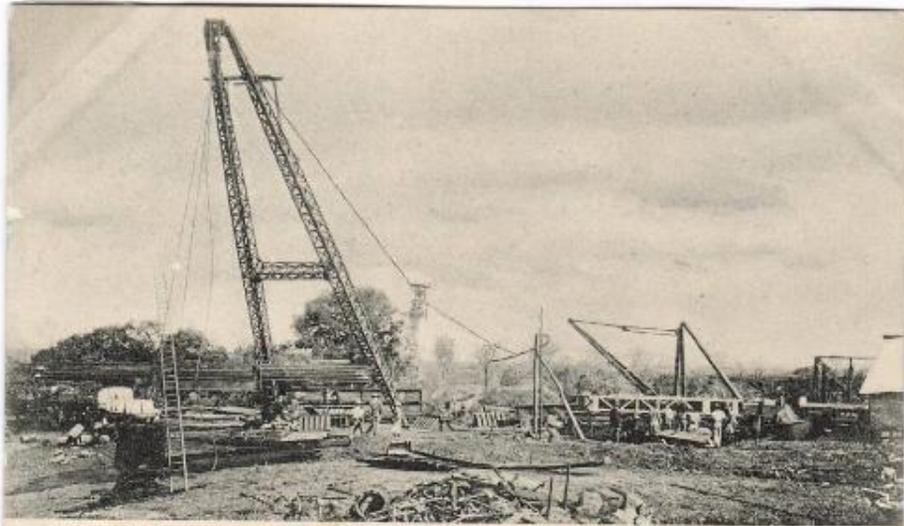
The main arch spans 514 feet at a height of 420 feet above the lower watermark of the river
In Northern Rhodesia the line of rail from Livingstone to Kalomo was laid prior to the completion of the bridge
A 19 ton locomotive named the 'Jack tar' was conveyed in pieces across the gorge and re-assembled



The above photograph shows an early stage of preparation with a series of cables stretched across the Gorge
with a Bosun's chair attached to convey personnel across
Thicker Cables were added as the construction took place from both sides, a system used for a cantilever bridge

The Victoria Falls Bridge 1904 - 1905 Construction

Materials and support services came by rail from Bulawayo
A Construction yard with a large 'A' frame was established 'On-site'



87 Victoria Falls — Construction Yard for Bridge.

Published by E. Peters, Cape Town (Copyright)



84 Tower's Camp, Victoria Falls.

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Tower's camp was erected for the work force and may have been specifically for senior personnel

The Victoria Falls Bridge 1904 - 1905 Construction

Georges Imbault, a French engineer working with *The Cleveland Bridge Company*, was appointed Chief Construction Engineer. Along with Stephen Townsend, the Resident Engineer for *Rhodesia Railways* and Charles Beresford Fox, representing the bridge designers, they visited the site to survey the proposed location for the bridge

On 2 September 1903 the final location of the bridge was chosen over the second gorge close to the boiling pot. The choice of the site was governed by the natural formation of the rock walls of the gorge, advantage being taken of the minimum distance to be spanned, combined with the soundest foundations obtainable



The cable system allowed the transportation of girders and rail to be transported across the gorge. The cableway across the gorge was nicknamed 'Blondin' after the famous French tightrope walker Born Jean-François Gravelet (1824 - 1897) and known as 'The Great Blondin'

**‘Jack Tar’ - A 19 ton locomotive taken to pieces and transported across the gorge using ‘Blondin’
Used during the construction of the
Livingstone to Kalomo line of rail**

**The Engine was also the first locomotive to cross the
Bridge**



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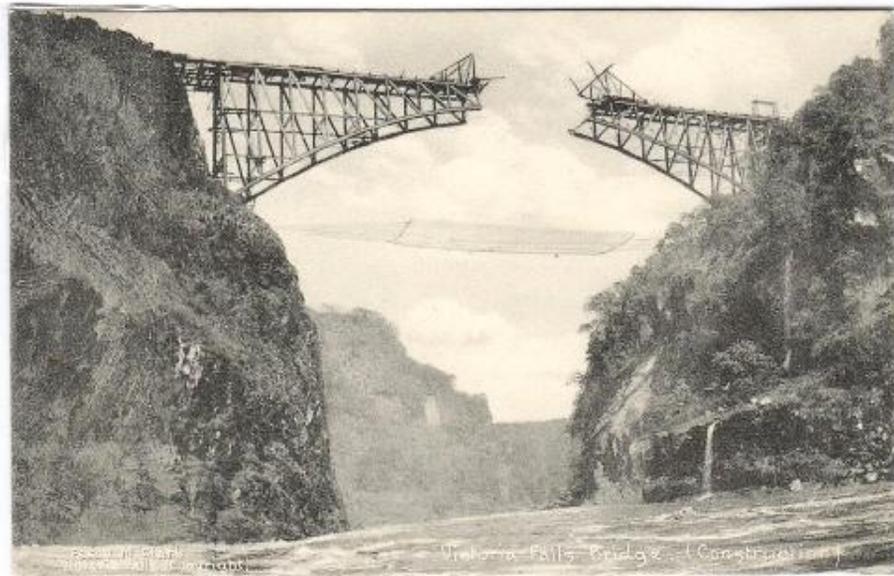
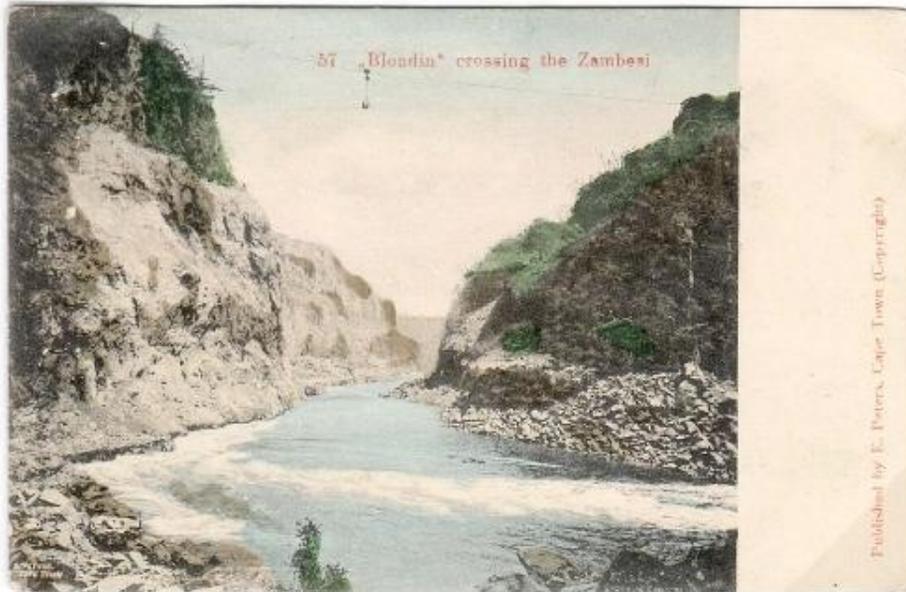
Work on the concrete foundations for the bridge was started in May and complete in October 1904

At the same time the anchorages for the main span during its cantilever stage were prepared and

The assembly of the main bridge structure started on 21 October

The two side spans of the bridge, supported on the abutments and anchored to the rock behind by steel cables was completed in late December 1904

Below 'Blondin' crossing the river at the start of the project



Cantilevered sides of the bridge progressing from both sides of the gorge - Note the safety net

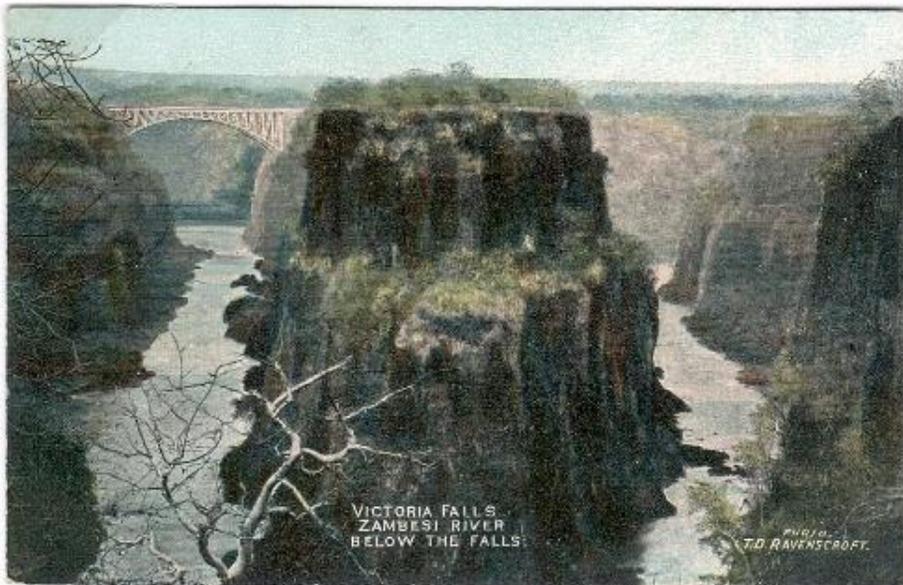
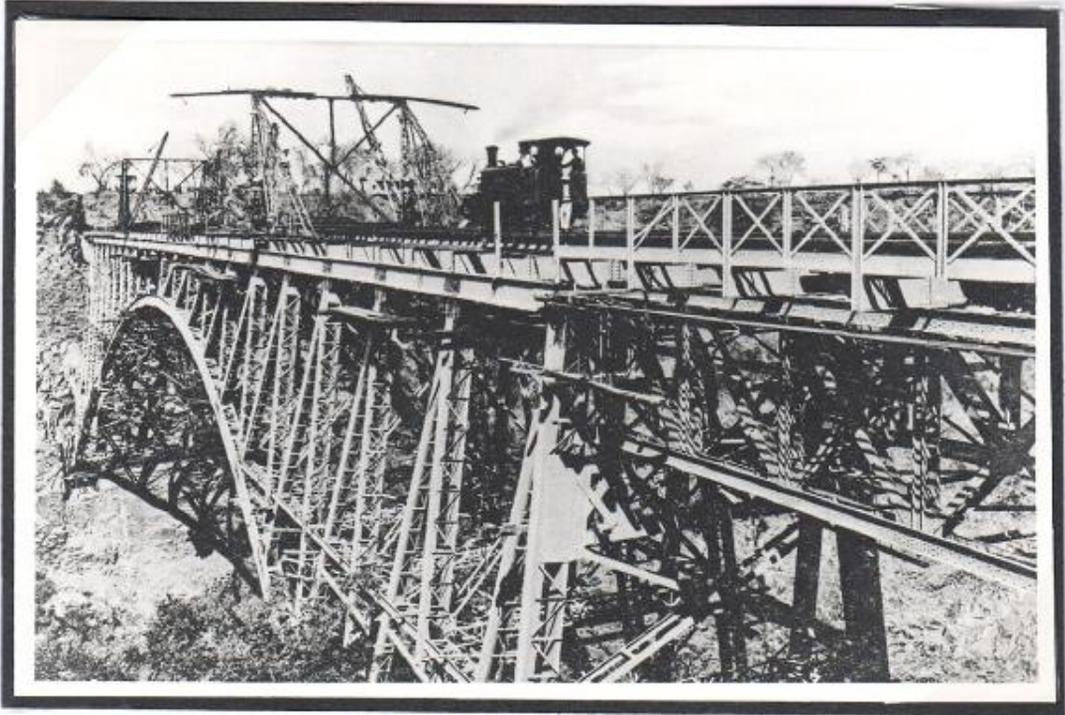
The Victoria Falls Bridge 1904 - 1905 Construction

The building of the bridge progressed smoothly and on Saturday 1 April 1905 the main arch was linked. The closing was a triumphant event and took place without a hitch and Sir Douglas Fox and Partners announced to the world that the great bridge over the gorge at the Victoria Falls was linked up at 6AM on Saturday



1905 - The Victoria Falls Bridge

Final stages of construction with the engine 'Jack Tar' on the bridge



The Railway bridge spans the gorge below the falls

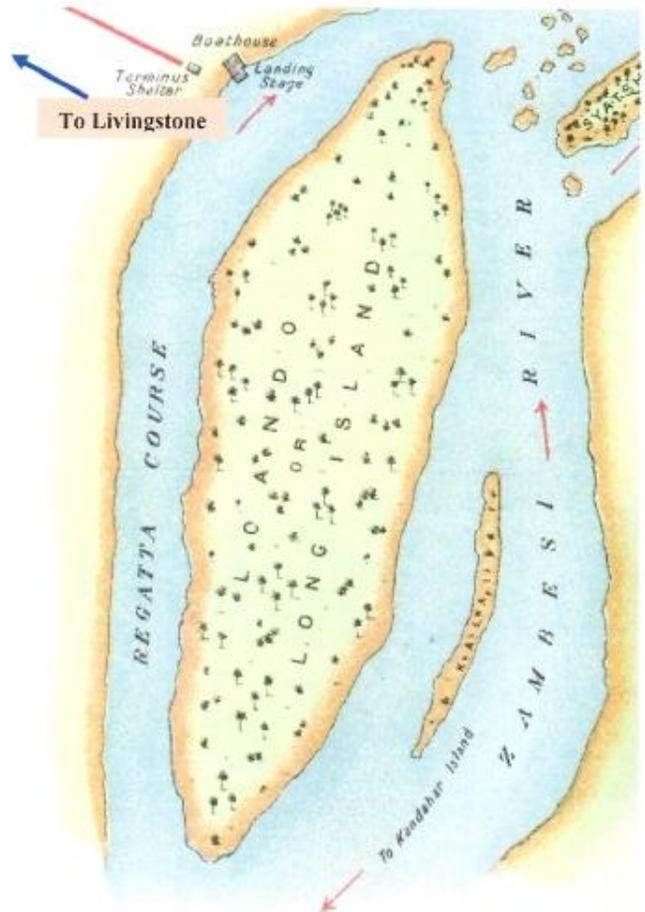
The First Zambezi Regatta - 12 June 1905

The British South Africa Company arranged a Regatta to celebrate the completion of the Bridge and also the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the Falls.

The course was below the Falls between Long Island and the North Bank. Teams from South Africa came from Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London.

The one day event attracted some one thousand people that completely overwhelmed the available facilities at the location and at the hotel. East London won their race - Other races were contested by the local people. Food, beer and whisky ran out much to the disgust of the locals who frequented the hotel's 'outside bar' known as the 'Iron & Timber'.

The Natives staged their own race in traditional dugout canoes and the Paramount Chief Lewanika told his crew ...should they fail to win...he would leave them on an island for the benefit of the crocodiles!



Zambesi Race Course (Natives preparing for the race)

*This gives you a good idea of the width of the river
1905 1907*

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Bank of Zambezi, showing grand stand (1st. Zambezi Regatta)

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Another view above the Falls



Victoria Falls Regatta. — The Restaurant on the Banks of the Zambezi.

Published by Harris & Co.
Port. Elisabeth.

September 1905 - The Official Opening of the Victoria Falls Bridge

This event took place on 12 September 1905 and coincided with the British Association Visit of 1905. Overseas members arrived between 8 - 15 August at Cape Town and their itinerary took them to the Victoria Falls. Special trains arrived at Bulawayo on Saturday morning 9 September and 330 members proceeded to the falls on Monday 11 September, they arrived the following morning and attended the formal opening of the Bridge by Professor Frances Darwin and Sir Charles Metcalfe represented the British South Africa Company.

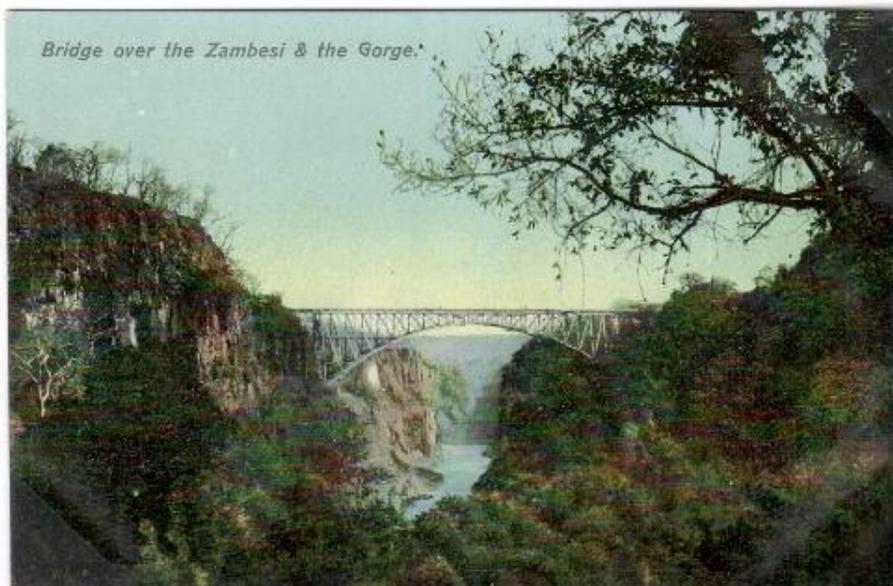


The visitors left the Victoria Falls on Wednesday afternoon 13 September for Bulawayo

September 1905 - Opening of the Victoria Falls Bridge

A Postcard to Mr & Mrs Lawley

At the opening ceremony at the bridge on 12 September 1905, amongst the dignitaries, a Mr Lawley was present
He was the Director and Chief Engineer of Pauling & Company who built most of the Rhodesian Railways
Arthur Lawley was resident director during the extension of the railway from the Victoria Falls to Broken Hill
The Falls - Kalomo section was completed in July 1904, due to financial constraint,
the line of rail finally reached Broken Hill on 11 January 1906



Postcard from Germany cancelled BAD NAUHEIM 17.8.05, transit BULAWAYO STATION 9 SEP 1905 and VICTORIA FALLS 14 SEP 1905 arrival.

The card was probably meant to reach Arthur Lawley when the Bridge was opened,
but narrowly missed that date by two days

The Bulawayo Station cancel is the earliest recorded date (Type Hoyte & Lashbrook 13Ex)

Victoria Falls Bridge

Initially in 1905 the Bridge was intended only for rail transport
A flat surface was constructed to allow horses and wheeled traffic to cross

A 'Real photo' postcard to England, cancelled VICTORIA FALLS 22 AUG 1908 with a shorthand message

I am sorry I cannot give you particulars of this bridge but is a pretty big one anyway

The chap who is standing on the bridge is a chauffeur in the employ of the Central South African Railways and who travels on the dining cars between Johannesburg and Durban. Just the kind of fellow to keep in with when one is travelling on a journey!



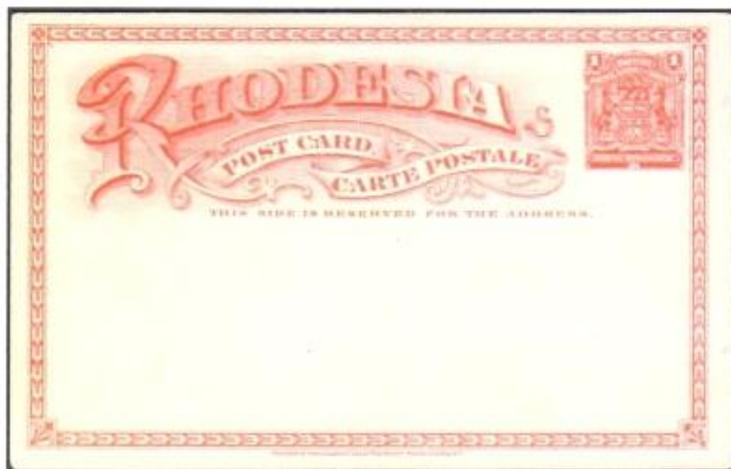
B.S.A.P. (British South Africa Police) Maxim Squad crossing Victoria Falls Bridge

1905 - 1908 Victoria Falls 1d Pictorial Stationery Cards H&G 11a

A set of twelve Postcards with views on the reverse, eleven of the Falls plus one with the interior of a passenger compartment were sold in packs at a premium over face value

No	Title of view	Notes	Photo By	Comment
1	<i>Profile Point from South Bank</i>		F.W. Sykes	The earliest recorded date is 11 MAY 1905 and only for sale in Bulawayo, the Victoria Falls and Livingstone
2	<i>Gorge below Falls, showing Spray at Exit</i>		F.W. Sykes	
3	<i>In Flood. Showing Spray mist, North bank</i>		F.W. Sykes	
4	<i>View from North Bank</i>		F.W. Sykes	
5	<i>The Zambesi above the Falls</i>		F.W. Sykes	
6	<i>Main Fall from Cataract Island</i>	½ size view	F.W. Sykes	A second delivery of cards, in two stages - each of 250 packs of 12, was made in August and September 1908
7	<i>Low water from bottom of Gully on N. Bank</i>	½ size view	F.W. Sykes	
8	<i>Western or Devil's Cataract</i>	½ size view	R.T. Coryndon*	
9	<i>One Mile Wide 400 feet deep</i>		F.W. Sykes	
10	<i>Eastern End</i>	½ size view	C.B. Fox	
11	<i>Rhodesian Railways Train-de-luxe On the Way to the Victoria Falls</i>		Not known	
12	<i>The Highest Bridge in the World</i>		Not known	

* **Robert Coryndon** Administrator of North-West Rhodesia from September 1900 to March 1907. During the official opening of the Bridge he met dignitaries when they alighted from the train after it had stopped on the bridge



Observations on H&G 11a

In general terms, mint postal stationery is far more common than used, however with H&G 11a it is the other way around and to assemble a complete mint set is a formidable task.

Henk de Lange owned a complete mint set and is the only person I know who is able to divulge such information.

Cards used further North were bought by individuals travelling in that direction and gives a false impression that they were for sale in the likes of Broken Hill.



VICTORIA FALLS, RHODESIA. THE ZAMBESI ABOVE THE FALLS

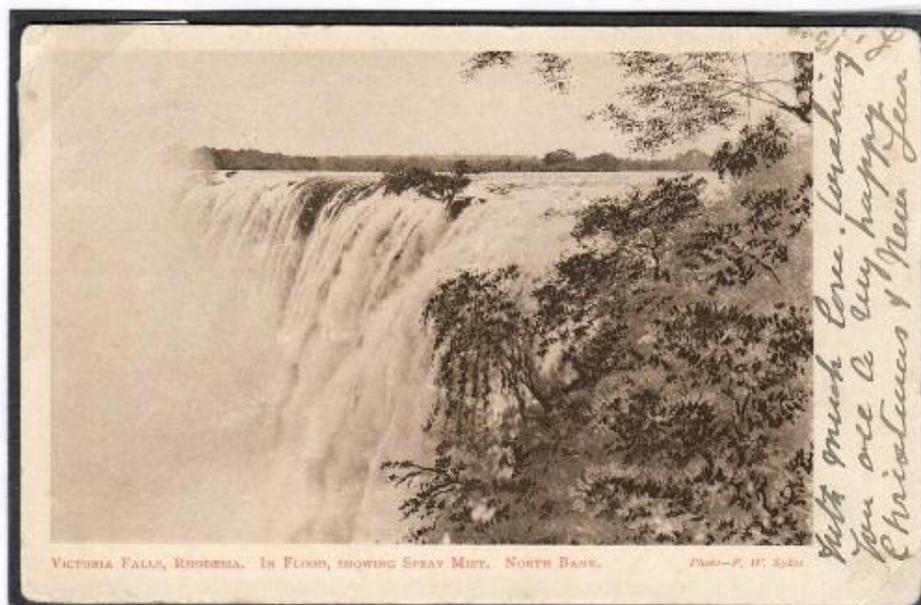
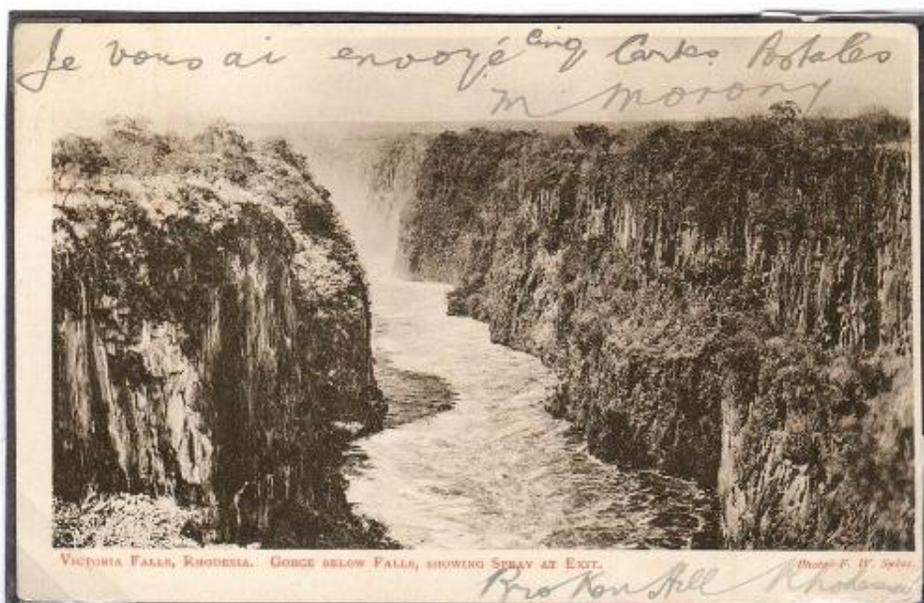
Photo by W. Sykes

View No 5 - *The Zambesi above the Falls* - A rare mint example

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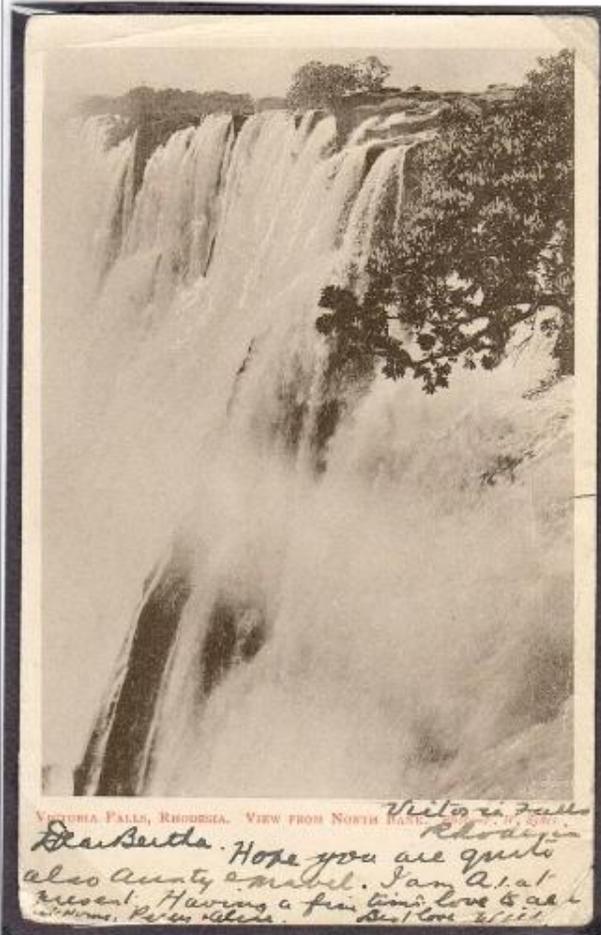
View No 2 Gorge below Falls, showing Spray at Exit
Posted from BROKEN HILL 2 MAY 1911 to France



View No 3 In Flood, Showing Spray mist, North bank
Posted from LIVINGSTONE 9 DEC 1910 to London

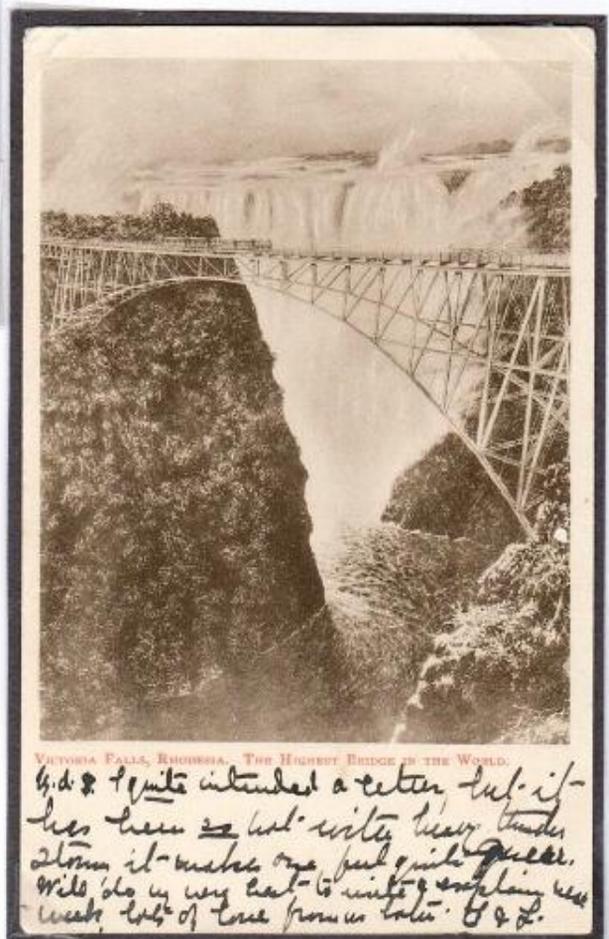
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View No 4
View from North Bank

Posted from
VICTORIA FALLS
15 OCT 1909



View No 12
The Highest Bridge in the World

Posted From
INSIZA STATION
31 OCT 1908

The view on this card looks more like painting or a drawing rather than a photo and confirms that the cards were prepared prior to the completion of the Bridge

Given that they were issued around four months prior to the official opening on 12 September 1905, it suggests that it was the intention to show a completed bridge with a train on it

In my opinion the falls and the spray above the bridge also appear to have been extensively retouched

RHODESIA'S

POST CARD
CARTE POSTALE



THIS SIDE IS RESERVED FOR THE ADDRESS.



Master A. H. Robins
36 King Edward's Mansions
Port Elizabeth

Worthing & Sons, Limited, Great Marlborough Street, London, E.C.



VICTORIA FALLS, RHODESIA. WESTERN OR DEVIL'S CATARACT.

Photo—R. T. Coryndon.

Barotseland
12/6/05

Half Size View

1905 Victoria Falls Publicity Poster from Waterlow & Sons

The British South Africa Company.

VICTORIA FALLS ISSUE.

POSTAGE STAMPS.



Red 1d.



Green.



Blue.



Black.



Red.



Purple.

The Company's Postage Stamps, Registered Envelopes and Post Cards can be obtained, at Face Value, at the Head Office :

2 LONDON WALL BUILDINGS,
LONDON, E.C.

WATERLOW & SONS LIMITED, LONDON WALL.

A unique surviving Publicity leaflet was in the late Ron Benton Victoria Falls collection and enjoyed pride of place in the Chris Cordes Victoria Falls exhibit
There can be no finer item in existence to serve as a frontispiece for a Victoria Falls Collection

1905 Victoria Falls Waterlow Proofs



The above Proof is a cropped and is an enlarged design of the die used for the BSAC 1905 Falls issue



Proofs prepared for *The Victoria Falls Power Company Limited* (VFP) was formed at the end of 1906. Their initial intention was to supply electricity to South Africa but the scheme was cancelled fearing that the coal industry in the Transvaal might suffer by using hydro-electric power. The VFP did eventually build a small power station on the south bank of the Victoria Falls. It was commissioned in March 1938 and provided power for local supplies such as the Wankie Colliery, the Victoria Falls Hotel and the Railway Station.

Waterlow Die Proof - Ex Cordes



**Illustration courtesy Deverell & MacGregor
Ditto next two pages**

2½d Die Proof - Ex Cordes



Approved
W.B.
12/4/05

Master Die Proof - Ex Cordes

2/6



1905 Victoria Falls Die Proofs and Issued Stamps



**Master Die Proof
With blank value tablets**



The Waterlow Archives had two sets of Die Proofs
A 'Clean' set and a 'Dirty' set
These proofs are the 'Dirty' set



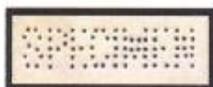
1905 Victoria Falls Specimens

Normal and Occasional Types of Specimens

The set of six values is best known overprinted by Samuel type R6, catalogued as SG 94s to 99s
 Seven hundred and fifty sets of Specimens were sent to the U.P.U.
 The 5d value also exist perforated SPECIMEN being Samuel type R5



There is nothing straight forward about the perforated SPECIMEN type as there are four permutations, being normal, inverted & reversed, inverted & normal and reversed. The foregoing intimates that the stamps were folded into a concertina pattern before being perforated. In terms of philately we would normally assume that the inverted version ought to be the most elusive, but this is not the case.



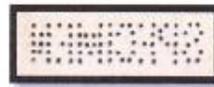
Normal (1)



Inverted & Reversed (2)



Inverted (3)



Reversed (4)

The 5d value perforated Specimen is exceptionally rare in its normal state (1)

Inverted and reversed (2) only two copies recorded

Inverted the most common (3) and reversed (4) a bit more difficult than (3)



Another major rarity is a complete set of six values all perforated Specimen - Two sets known
 The above set includes the following versions: 2½d value - Inverted & Reversed (2) 1/- and 2/6 values Inverted (3)
 1d, 5d and 5/- Reversed (4) An interesting observation, no normal (1) and only one type (2)

1905 Victoria Falls Waterlow Sample Stamps

Rhodesia 1905 Falls Composite sheetlet of nine

This issue has six values thus the sheetlet includes two strips of the 1d, 2½d and 5d values
Plus a 1/-, 2/6 and 5/-, all in olive green

The intact sheetlet of nine ex Birkhead (1986) - ex Cordes (2013) one of two known

Singles are thin on the ground, either without or with different types of overprint
Its S.T. number has not been established - May lie between S.T. 684 and S.T. 692



Composite Sheetlet overprinted Samuel WS1



5d No Overprint



5/- No Overprint



1d Samuel WS 4



2½d Samuel WS 4

Each 5/- Value has a diagonal flaw from the
Left bank into the Waterfall



5/- Samuel WS 2



1/- Totally Imperforate SG 97a



Top Pair (UK collection) - Bottom strip Ex John Michael



Ex Sinton
Harmers 5 Dec 1955

1/- Imperforate between SG 97b Horizontal Pair Ex Remainder Stock



Top Pair ex Thornton
Harmers 15.12.1993
Ex County - Argyll Etkin



Row 2 - Ex Morley
Harmers 6.10.1926
Mosely collection
Variety Dot above
'T' in BRITISH



The **Danson**
block of six
Robson Lowe
16 June 1971

**Imperforate between SG 97c Vertical Pair
Five Pairs Possible**



(1) Mosely Pair
Harmers 5.4.28



(2) Ex Frazer
Spink
March 2004



(3) Ex Sinton
Harmers
5 Dec 1955



(4) Ex Howie
Ex Wood
SG Auction
Oct 1971

I have a poor photocopy of the 5th pair Status unknown

1/- Imperforate vertical SG 97d Horizontal Pair or strip



Pair Spink 14.10.1997
Argyll Etkin 4.11.2003



Strips of Three

- (1) Moseley collection
- (2) Harmers 1945,
Sotheby's Sept 1983
- (3) Ex John Michael

Pair Ex Howie - ex Cordes

Pair in Royal collection

**1/- Perforation Variety
Imperforate to top margin**



One Penny Plating Study



- (a) Spur on left of upper right ball ornaments
- (b) Dash in border round right ld., at bottom right.



- (a) Lines in bottom margin below left value tablet
- (b) Line in bottom margin below right scroll



- (a) Dot in margin below 'A' of 'FALLS'
- (b) Dash immediately below first 'L' of 'FALLS' at top of bottom margin



- (a) Dash in diagonal of 'R'
- (b) Shading line in lower part of the 'R' is unusually strong



- (a) Dot between 'O' and 'R' of 'VICTORIA'
- (b) Dash in diagonal of 'R'



- (a) Line in left margin just above top of ld.
- (b) Line in bottom left margin
- (c) Dash in diagonal of 'R'
- (d) Line in bottom margin below 'CT' of 'VICTORIA'



- (a) Re-entry in left value tablet
- (b) Dash in diagonal of 'R'
- (c) Dash below left of the right value tablet
- (d) Dash below left of left value tablet



- (a) Small spur above left '1905' tablet
- (b) Slight doubling of the ornament at top right



- (a) Small dot in falls above 'F' of 'FALLS'
- (b) Faint dot near right inner frame below 'A' of 'AFRICA'

Twopenny - Halfpenny Plating Study



- (a) Blue dot above top right corner ornamental dot
- (b) Dot in perforation gutter below 'F' of 'FALLS'
- (c) Two dots at bottom left in perforation gutter



- (a) Faint scratch on top of second 'I' of 'VICTORIA'
- (b) Two dashes in right hand upright of 'M' of 'COMPANY'
- (c) Line of shading in right upright of 'A' of 'COMPANY'



- (a) RVT - dot between second and third line of shading below dot of value.
- (b) Short tail on left side of 'O' of 'VICTORIA'
- (c) Dash in 'P' of 'COMPANY'



- (a) Dot in gutter below and left of LVT
- (b) Re-entry on line under 'VICTORIA'



- (a) Faint dot in foot of 'Y' of 'COMPANY'



- (a) Small line in right hand border adjacent to the right hand '1905' tablet
- (b) Large dot in right gutter just above RVT
- (c) RVT - left side white margin has two dots and a dash



- (a) Double dash in right hand gutter half way down breaking the frame line
- (b) Dash in 'c' shaped ornament between the 'VICTORIA FALLS' tablet and the RVT



- (a) RVT - Dot between lines of shading below bobble in top of large '2'
- (b) Faint dash in 'R' of 'AFRICA'
- (c) Dot in 'C' of 'AFRICA'

Five Penny Plating Study



- (a) Re entry in LVT
- (b) Faint scratches in right margin



- (a) Tree flaw - first state two joined curved lines
- (b) Three dots in top margin above 'H' of 'SOUTH'



- (a) Tree flaw - second state one line joined to tree
- (b) One dot in top margin above 'H' of 'SOUTH'
- (c) Dot in bottom margin below LVT



- (a) Tree flaw - second state
- (b) Horizontal guide line at bottom left corner
- (c) Faint dots below Vic Falls Plate
- (d) Dot above 'H' of 'SOUTH'



- (a) Tree flaw - second state
- (b) Re entry in LVT
- (c) Dots below Vic Falls plate
- (d) Dot in bottom margin near base of LVT



- (a) Tree flaw - second state
- (b) Re entry on LVT
- (c) Scratches in top right margin



- (a) Tree flaw - third state line slightly detached from the tree
- (b) Signs of re entry to LVT



- (a) Two dots in left margin at mid point
- (b) Dot in white area round RVT at 6 o'clock



- (a) Small dot almost halfway up left margin partly in the perf gutter

Bird in the Tree Variety - SG 96a - Stamp 10 ex R2/5



State 1
Stamp 10

State 2
Stamp 11



State 2
Stamp 12

State 2
Stamp 13



State 2
Stamp 14

State 3
Stamp 15



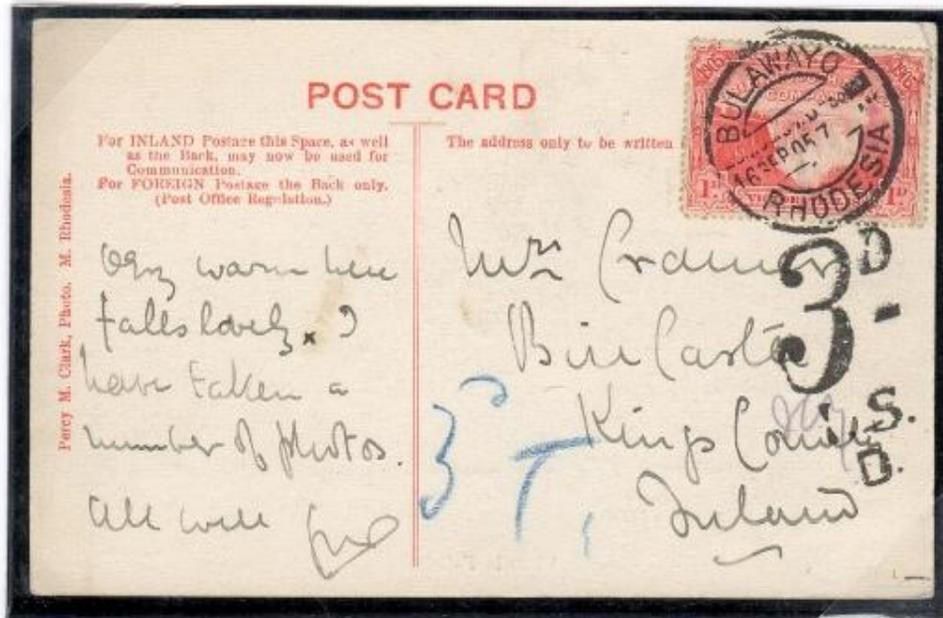
1905 Victoria Falls 1d used on Postcards

A card depicting the Victoria Falls endorsed *For INLAND Postage this Space, as well as the Back, May now be used for Communication. For FOREIGN Postage the Back only. (Post Office Regulation)*

The Sender did not observe the above rule and paid the 1d Postcard Rate instead of the 2½d letter rate

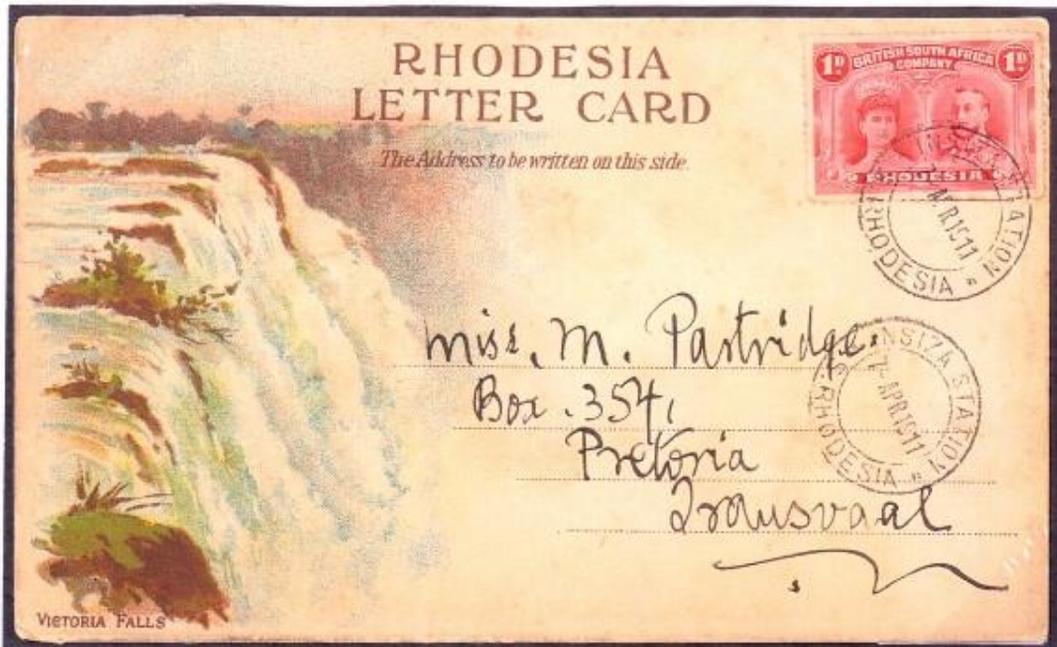
Thus the card was deemed 1½d underpaid and taxed 'double deficiency' = 3^d

Cancelled BULAWAYO 16 SEP 05, this Postcard Rule was amended in 1906 at the UPU Convention in Rome

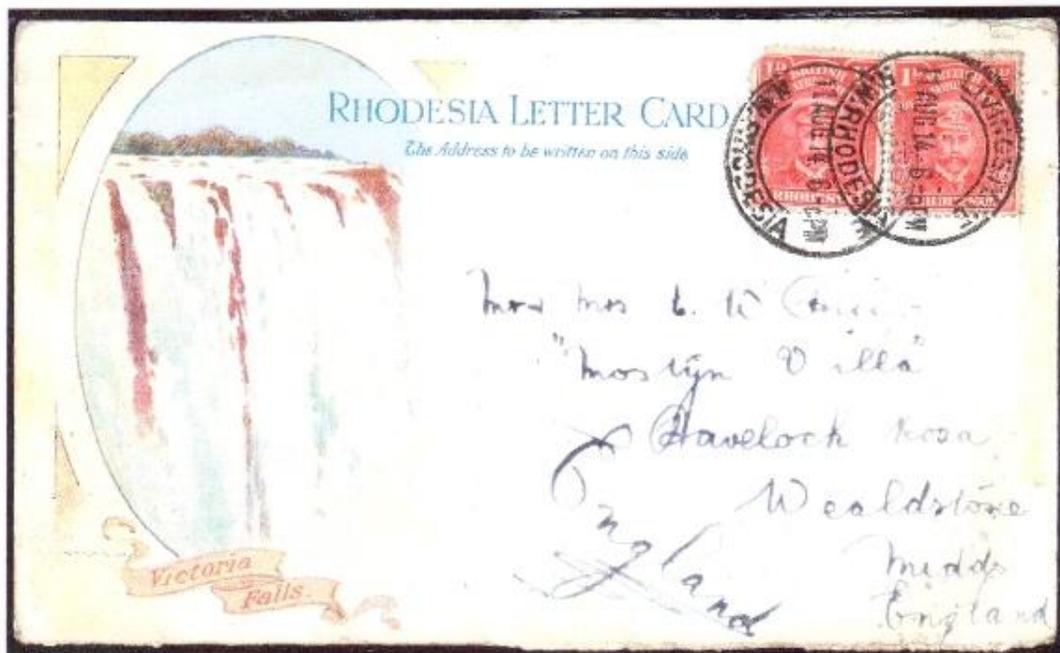


A 'Real Photo' Postcard with a man at the edge of the Falls with a note 'You will recognise me on top, just about to plunge'
1d Falls card cancelled VICTORIA FALLS 25 AUG 1906 to S.A. with Bloemfontein 29 AUG 06 arrival

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY

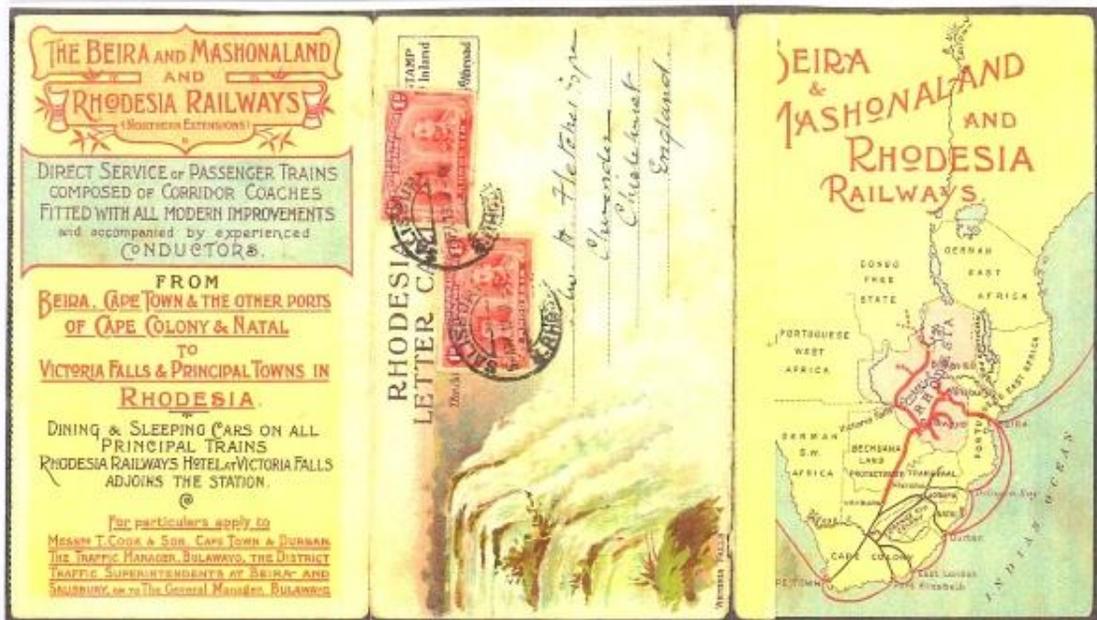


Beira & Mashonaland & Rhodesia Railways Letter Card - 1st Ptg (actual size)
The 2nd printing is the same

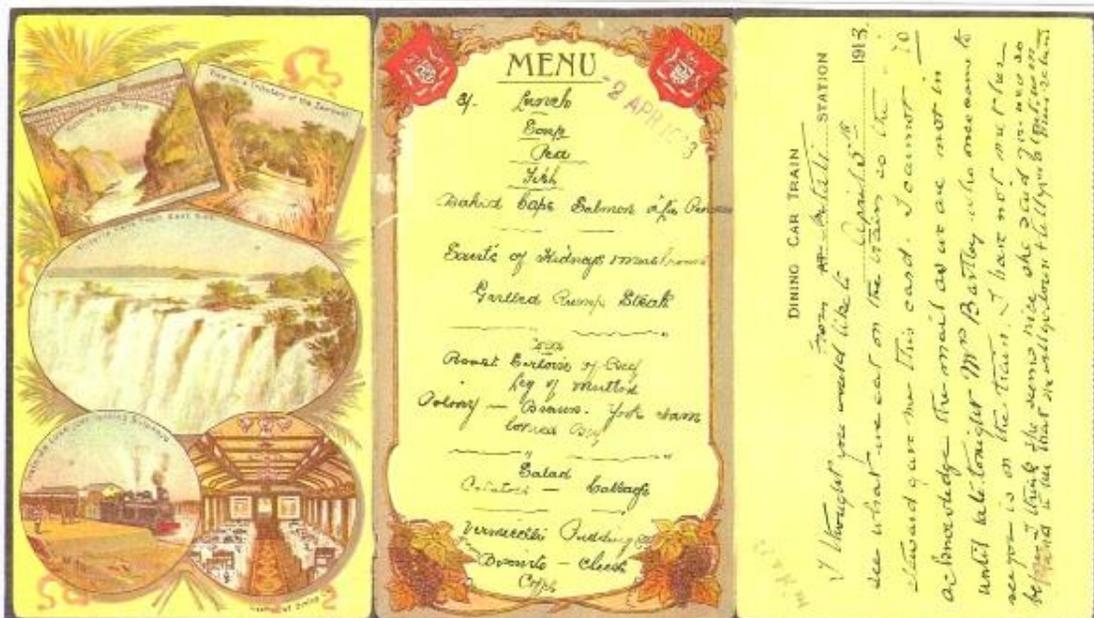


3rd Printing - Design of Letter Card completely Revamped

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY



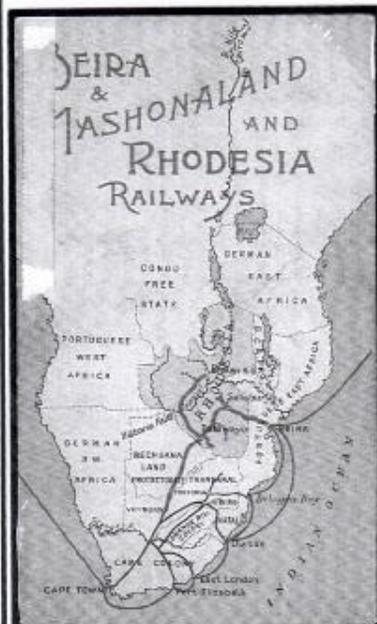
Beira & Mashonaland & Rhodesia Railways Card 2nd Ptg (58% of actual size)
The front three panels



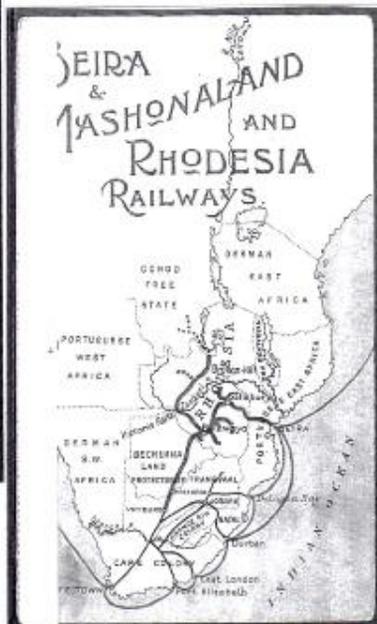
2nd Printing - The reverse of the above three panels

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY

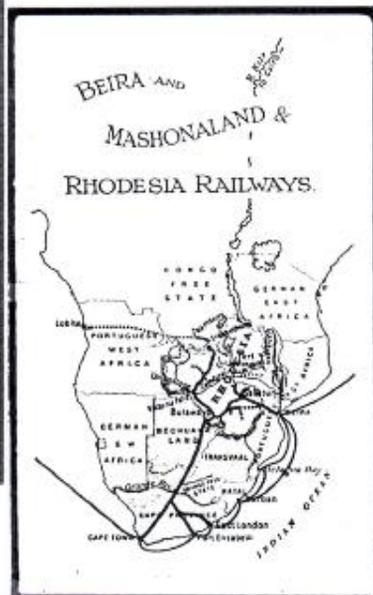
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1st - Rail to Broken Hill



2nd - Rail to Congo border



3rd - Rail to Katanga

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3rd - Revamped Advert

Victoria Falls - The First Hotel

The hotel opened on 8 June 1904 and the early occupants were from the Railways and Personnel associated with the construction of the Bridge - Total capacity 20 guests

The Railways leased the hotel to the *Grand Hotel* in Bulawayo and the first manager of the Falls hotel being an Italian Pierre Gavuzzi - The lowest 'all-inclusive' rate was 12/6 per day
Circa August 1904 *Annexes* were added in preparation of the visit of Queen Victoria's daughter HRH Princess Helena (Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein) on 16 September 1904



The Annexes (Image courtesy Peter Roberts)



Lord Roberts, a well known General during the Boer War visited the Victoria Falls in 1906
The card depicts Roberts and his party at an *Annexe* about to leave

The Victoria Falls Hotel

The original intention was that the hotel would be a temporary structure, when the Bridge was complete and the official opening conducted, the building was to be dismantled once Railway construction moved north
When Livingstone became established, Major Robert Coryndon, the Administrator of NW Rhodesia was in favour of removing the hotel, as that would be to the benefit of the residents at Livingstone



The hotel close to the railway line

Henry Holland a former Conductor on the 'Train de Luxe' became the second Victoria Falls Hotel Manager in August 1906, which included the management of the railway catering services
All provisions were obtained in Bulawayo, to the dismay and irritation of the Traders in Livingstone
Even fresh milk was obtained from Bulawayo as Livingstone milk was not pasteurised
Holland's appointment ended in early 1908 and Thomas A. Mallet took over

The Railway line ran in front of the hotel and was washed away after a storm in late 1908
The line was re-laid passing through the station on a new section of track curving down to the bridge

Redevelopment - In 1912 plans were afoot to redesign the hotel, work started in 1914, was interrupted by WWI and completion of refurbishment by June 1917

Further Expansion was planned in 1923 when Tim Ward took over as Manager and Two 'hammerhead' extensions added another 25 rooms. A swimming pool opened in 1928
A Reception Hall was built in 1929 and a Chapel consecrated on 28 February 1932

In 1934 the Duke of Kent visited the Falls

After 14 years as Manager Ward retired in 1936 and replaced by Thomas Colquhoun

On 16 March 1938 a Hydro-electric Power Station was opened

By November 1938 the Victoria Falls Hotel could accommodate 160 guests

During WWII many servicemen undergoing training in Southern Rhodesia paid visits to the Falls

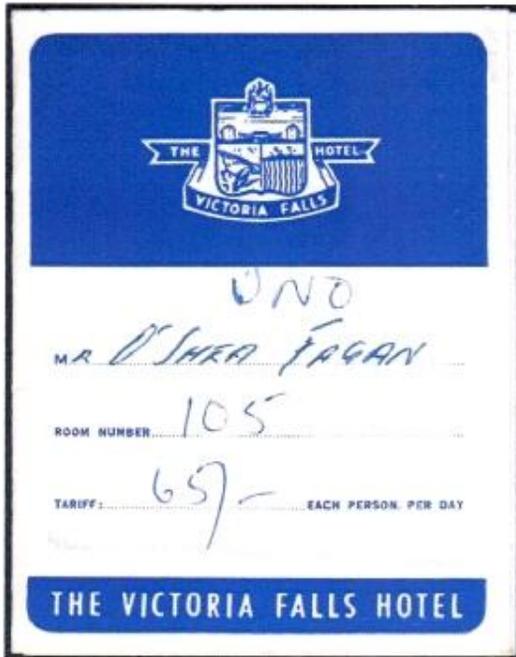
Another Manager - Vincent Tones took over during the mid-1940's and remained until 1961

Zambezi Flying Boat Service to the Victoria Falls

The first test flight landed on 11 December 1947, followed by a commercial service on 4 May 1948

The Flying Boat service ended in November 1950

The Victoria Falls Hotel

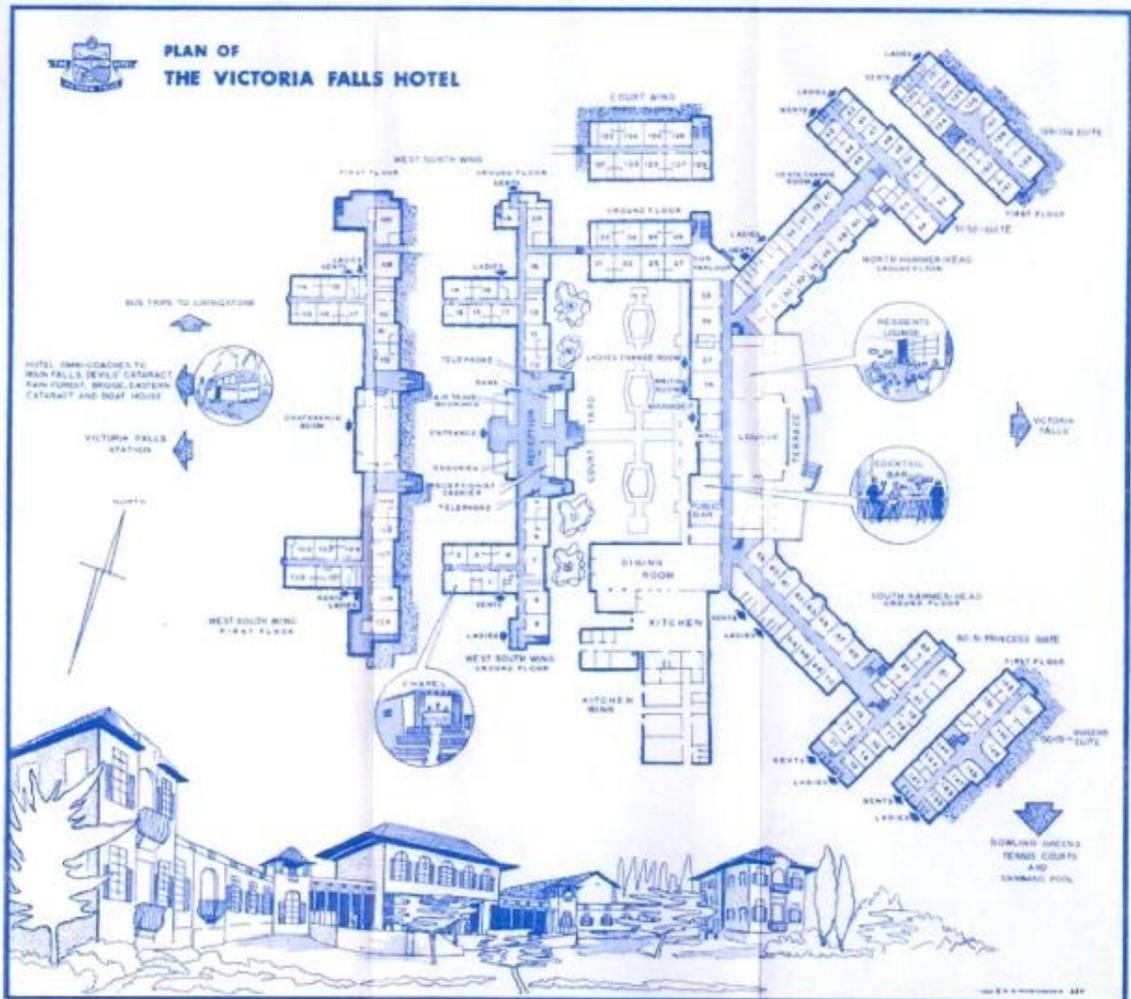


Between 1914 and 1936 hotel tariffs were from 21/- per day, boasting 150 rooms
...completely mosquito proofed

A small folded brochure (NOV 59) includes numerous advertisements
 Rules and services are listed

'Flips' over the Falls by air were available
 A bathing costume may be hired at a fee of 1/-

On the front is noted that Fagan O'Shea was in room 105 at a tariff of 65/- per day

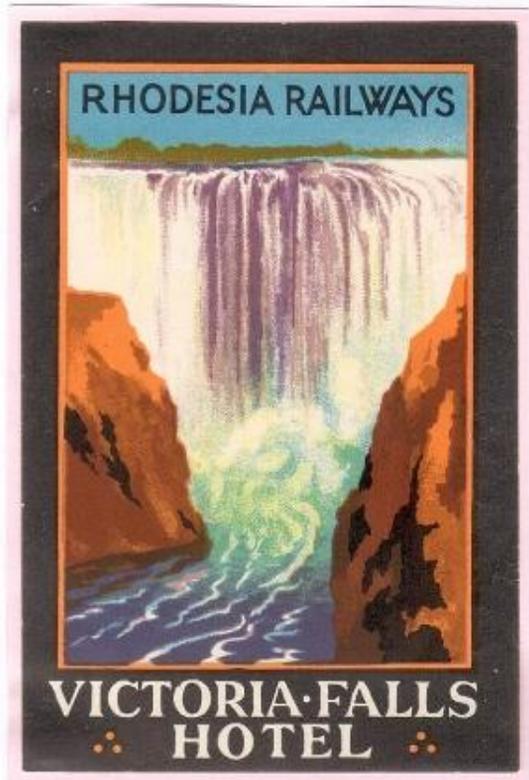


The Victoria Falls Hotel



The Victoria Falls Hotel

A Colourful Rhodesia Railways label
Featuring the Victoria Falls Hotel



An Early Victoria Falls printed envelope
With an interesting emblem on the reverse
Depicting a Pioneer (Settler), a lion and a Sphinx



VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL, ZAMBESI, SOUTH AFRICA - Proprietor T.A. Mallet

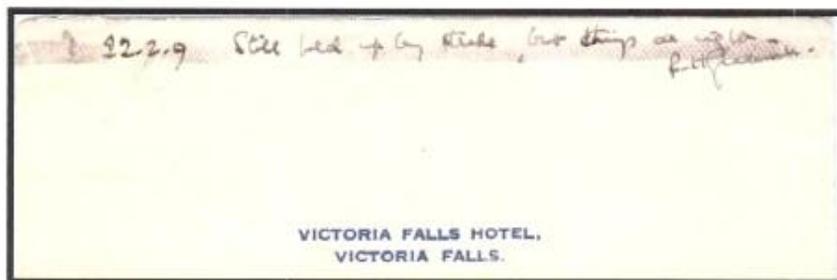
Envelope to West Yorkshire franked 3½d, the correct rate being 2½d per ½ oz.
Cancelled VICTORIA FALLS 12 JUL 1910, backstamped BULAWAYO transit 14 JUL 10
Also a Bulawayo circular TO PAY '2' applied Leeds arrival AU 6 10 and taxed 8^d
The foregoing intimates that the letter was over 1 oz. And required a triple rate 2½d x 3 = 7½d
Underpaid 4d, double deficiency = 8d

The 1929 Rhodesian Railways Strike - Stranded at the Victoria Falls The Aircraft Operating Company's Connection with an Emergency Airmail Service

From 16 February until 6 March 1929 a strike on the Rhodesian Railways brought the entire rail system to a halt. The line of rail ran from Sakania, at the Belgian Congo border, south via Ndola, Broken Hill, Lusaka and Livingstone in Northern Rhodesia. Then across the Zambezi river into Southern Rhodesia via Bulawayo, Salisbury, Umtali and into Mozambique to Beira on the coast.

In 1929 the Aircraft Operating Company was engaged in an aerial survey of the Zambezi River. The Company's headquarters were at Bulawayo, during the survey they operated from a base at Livingstone. Using the Company's two seater Puss-Moth, carrying personnel and/or equipment, frequent flights to and from Bulawayo and Livingstone were necessary.

During the railway strike the Aircraft Operating Company offered their services to fly stranded tourists at the Victoria Falls back to Bulawayo also to carry mail when ever space on their aircraft permitted. Between 18 and 27 February 1929 the Puss-Moth, piloted by Captain J Douglas Mail, made eighteen flights, carried mail on fifteen of them and conveyed a total of seven passengers back to Bulawayo.



Victoria Falls Hotel envelope, franked with a 1d pair of Admirals cancelled by Bulawayo machine slogan - BUY RHODESIAN LOAN CERTIFICATES - 23.2.29 11 AM
The sender's dated comment: 22.2.9. Still held up by strike, but things are lighter R.H. Greenwall

South Africa's proposed Rhodesian Stamp Issue Victoria Falls Designs

In August 1919 General Smuts became South Africa's Prime Minister and it was anticipated that he would take over the Administration of Rhodesia from the British South Africa Company

South Africa's Terms for Union with Rhodesia

Southern Rhodesia would become South Africa's fifth Province, with an initial ten representatives in Parliament, which would rise to seventeen plus four seats in the Senate and one to represent native interests.

A Provincial council of twenty and an executive committee of four to oversee important local services. The council would receive a subsidy equal to half its present expenditure. The Union would take over the railways, expand the port of Beira and undertake to spend half a million pounds over the next ten years on development. Finally they would buy the British South Africa Company mineral and land rights.

Stamps Essays including the Victoria Falls

The anticipation that Southern Rhodesia was to become part of the Union led to the incorporation of the Victoria Falls in several proposed designs of stamps which includes some for the 1910 2½d Commemorative



Essay No 117

The illustrated 1s, numbered 117 in the series, appears to be a definitive design rather than a commemorative

It is described
*19 x 23 mm, Dark brown/grey blue and deep blue
The frame is printed and the vignette is heavily touched up and coloured*



Essay No 24 Bradbury, Wilkinson

A 1d design that has the appearance of a commemorative stamp. The inscription includes Union of South Africa, Transvaal, Rhodesia, Natal, Cape of Good Hope and Orange Free State



The 6 September 1922 De La Rue Victoria Falls essay

A 5/- De La Rue essay

More than likely designed as a definitive. The inscription being Afrikaans, the stamps would be printed alternating English and Afrikaans. This particular essay does not feature in the Pretoria post office photographic collection of Union Essays.



1922 Photographic Bradbury, Wilkinson 1/- Essay from their record books dated 28/8/22

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6th Sept 22.



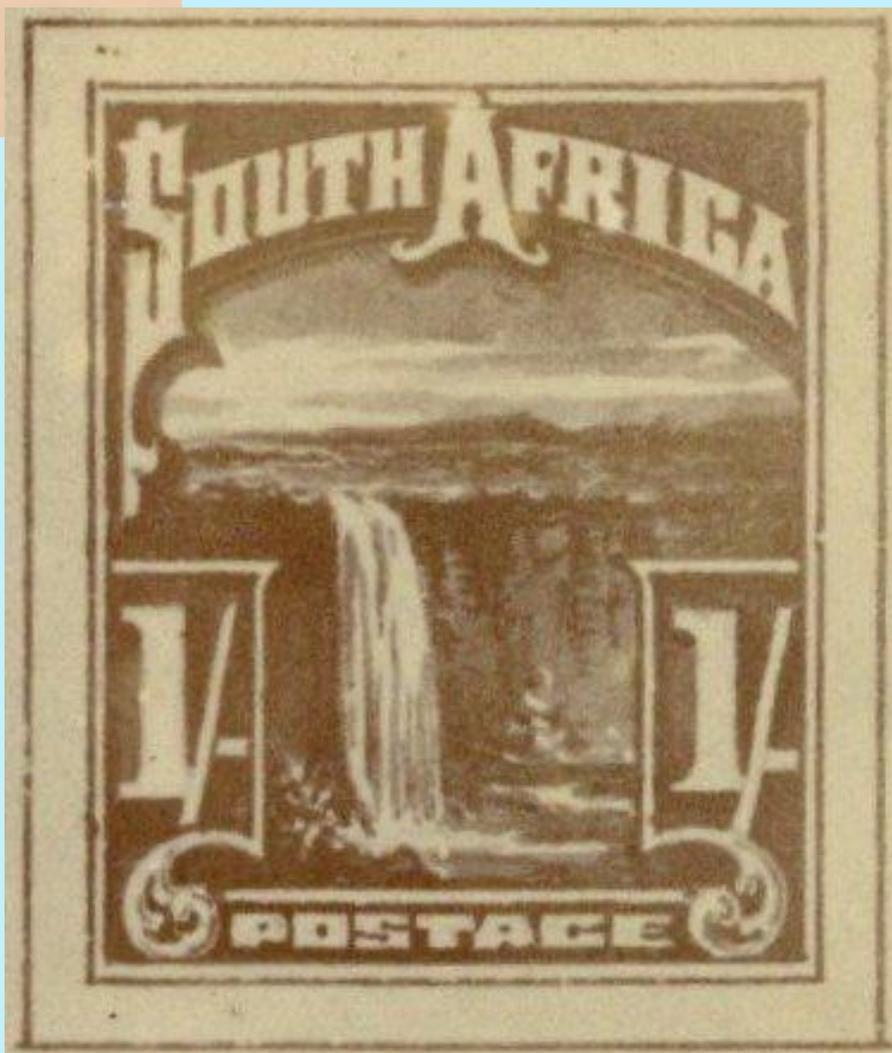


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Southern Rhodesia 1931 Small Victoria Falls Definitives

The 2d and 3d Small Falls stamps were part of the Field Marshall definitives issued on 1 April 1931

Waterlow & Sons printed these mono-colour stamps and the other

Field Marshall values from ½d to 5/- were printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson

In addition the Small Falls design was also used on a 1½d Postal Stationery Postcard

The public did not react favourable to the small Falls stamps and 13 months later, on 30 April 1932, the stamps were withdrawn from sale but remained valid for postage until 31 October 1932

(Postal notice No 13 of 1932)

In the April SAP it was stated...*At the time of writing the 3d value is unobtainable at post offices*

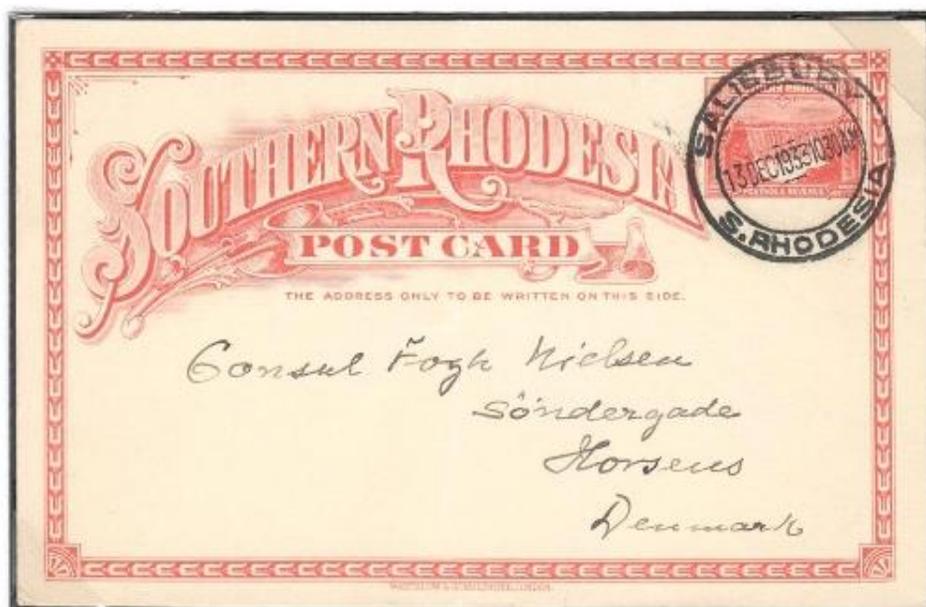


The Iceberg

Farewell to an Iceberg - On 1 May 1932 the 2d and 3d Large Falls were issued and a comment in that month's SAP reads...*A view of the Victoria Falls has been retained, but as the stamps are well designed and printed by the line engraved process, there is no likelihood of many people making the error which they did with the previous stamps of looking at them upside down and admiring the fine view of an iceberg.*



The Iceberg



1931 1½d Postal Stationery card to Denmark, posted SALISBURY 13 DEC 1933

Southern Rhodesia 1932 Large Victoria Falls Definitives

Once the Small Falls were issued they were probably compared to the BSAC 1905 Victoria Falls that may have influenced a decision to more or less replicate their design for the 1932 2d and 3d Large Falls definitives



In doing so the engraver copied the same borders with *VICTORIA FALLS* in the lower margin, an octagonal panel in each corner. As before the value appeared in the lower panels and in the upper panels an eight pointed star replaced the previous 1905 caption. To finish off the same neat engine-turned top and side borders are engraved

The meticulous attention paid to the same detail on the 1905 design probably resulted in overlooking a Postage and Revenue caption



Waterlow Sample Stamps - Both values in Unissued colours - The 3d Imperforate one of two known



Two Major Imperforate Varieties
Imperforate between (SG 30b) and Imperforate horizontally (SG 30a)

The 1932 3d Large Falls Imperforate between Variety Sheet Re-construction



SG 30a Sheet No 478

Units No's 3, 8 19a and 19b are not accounted for, the latter two might be a block
One block of six, five blocks of four (6 possible) and 15 pairs (17 possible)

Southern Rhodesia 1935 Large Victoria Falls Definitives Inscribed POSTAGE AND REVENUE

The 1932 Large Falls definitives (without POSTAGE AND REVENUE) remained in use until stocks were exhausted and the same applied to their Postage and Revenue counterparts

These issues saw use for a longer period than any other Southern Rhodesian stamps and were finally demonetized on 1 July 1955

2d Line perforation 12½ appeared in 1935 and the 3d followed in 1938 being line perforation 14

A later reprint of the 2d in 1941 was line perforation 14 followed by comb perforation 14 x 13½



The 1935 2d Large Victoria Falls - 'Postage and Revenue'
Perforation 12½
Imperforate Plate Proofs



Water & Sons Limited, London, W.C.1, London, E.C.1.

Bunce

31562

Southern Rhodesia 1935 Silver Jubilee

Press Publicity Die Proof

A very unusual combination of the Frame and Vignette of a bicoloured stamp producing a Die Proof of the complete design. Fifty examples were produced and sent to various publications by the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia in London. Forty one were sent out (the majority on 22 March 1935) each copy affixed to a piece of paper and numbered in manuscript. After much effort 25 examples were recovered and today 8 copies are retained in the Zimbabwe Archives

Between March 2004 and October 2010 three examples were sold by Auction and these are the only known examples in Private hands



A Cover by Registered Airmail to England Posted SALISBURY 27 DEC 1935

Southern Rhodesia 1935 Silver Jubilee



Southern Rhodesia 1935 Silver Jubilee



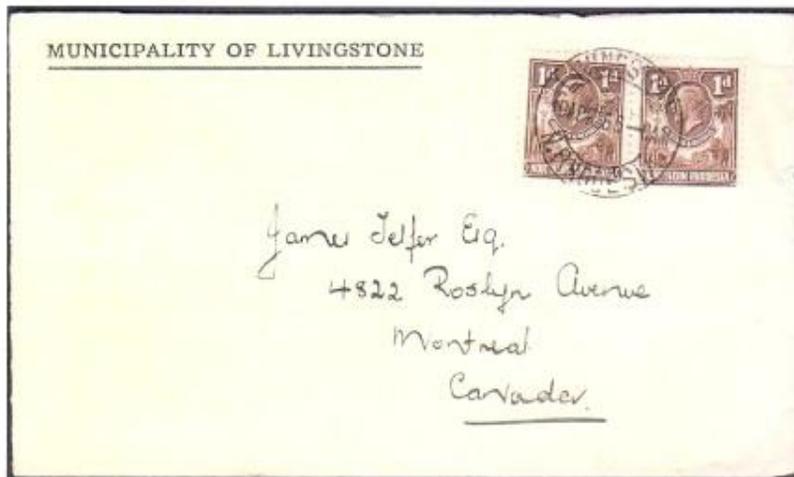
Postal Stationery card to Germany with 5½d Airmail Rate

Registered Envelope (Size H2) with triple Airmail rate to UK



Victoria Falls Publicity Labels

The Municipality at Livingstone issued several labels to encourage the Tourist to visit and see Livingstone and the Victoria Falls - Dating the various labels is not easy, in years gone by, quality was important, thus I adopt the view that the more elaborate, the earlier it is



A MUNICIPALITY OF
LIVINGSTONE
Envelope to Canada

Posted
LIVINGSTONE
19 APR 36

A green & red label inscribed
*Spend your holiday at
Livingstone and see
Victoria Falls (55 x 90mm)*



Victoria Falls Publicity Labels



Envelope to South Africa

Posted
LIVINGSTONE
31 MAR 38

On the reverse, a label 25 x 45mm
in blue, green and black
*Come to Livingstone to see the
Victoria Falls*

Tall perforated and gummed labels
35 x 52mm in either green or blue
*Livingstone Tourist centre for the
Victoria Falls*. There was a note
with them stating circa 1950

Of the four labels, they are a bit
crude in design & print



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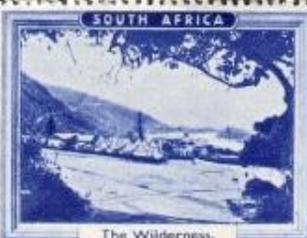
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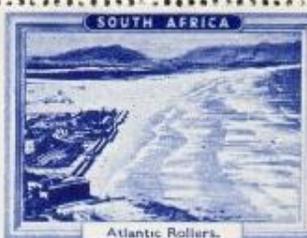
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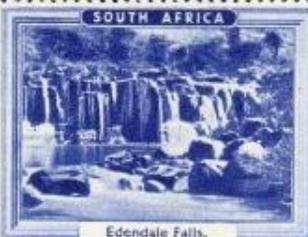
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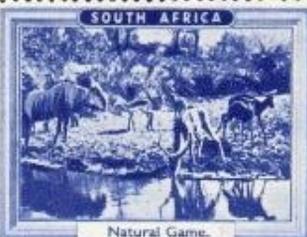
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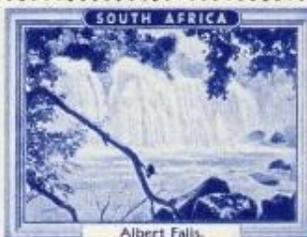
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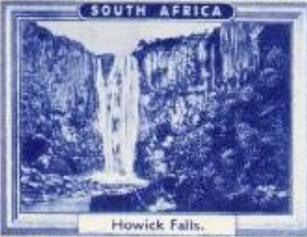
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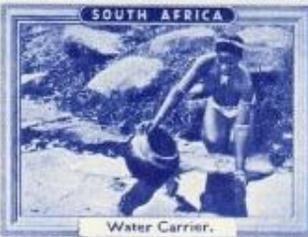
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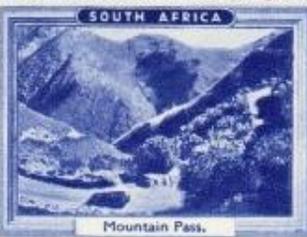
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Water Carrier.



Mountain Pass.



Table Mt. Summit.



Bloemfontein.



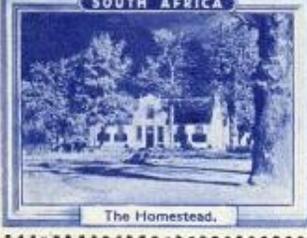
Houses of Parliament.



Pepeti Falls.



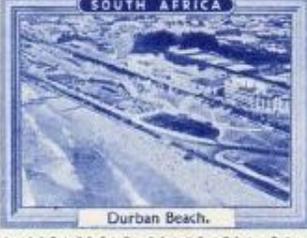
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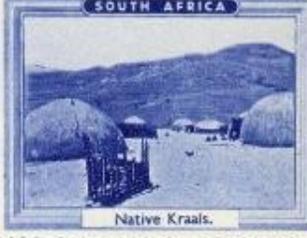
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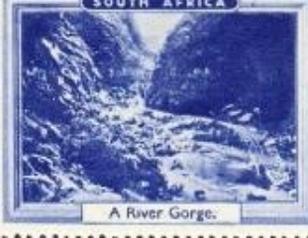
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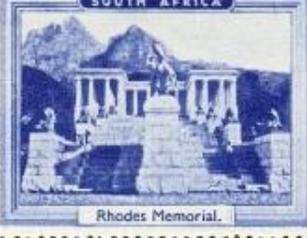
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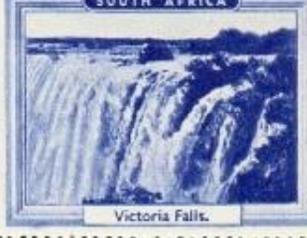
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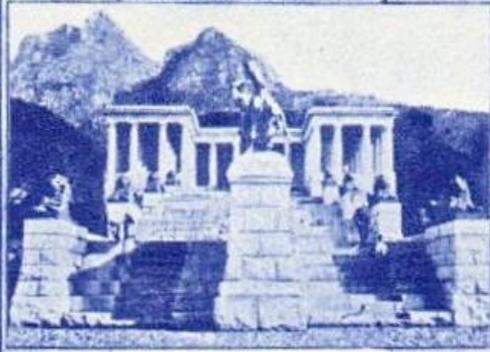


Rhodes Memorial.



Victoria Falls.

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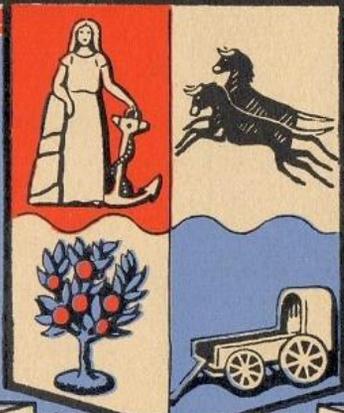
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Victoria Falls.

PRODUCED FOR SAMUEL JONES & CO. LTD. by POSTERSTAMP PUBLICITY LTD., LONDON.



South Africa

Our
Beautiful
Empire

POSTER STAMPS

Southern Rhodesia 1937 Coronation

Waterlow Sample Specimens
In un-issued Colours



Imprint Blocks of four



1d Extended Margin with Plate No 39 546



3d Imperforate to Top Margin (Three sheets)

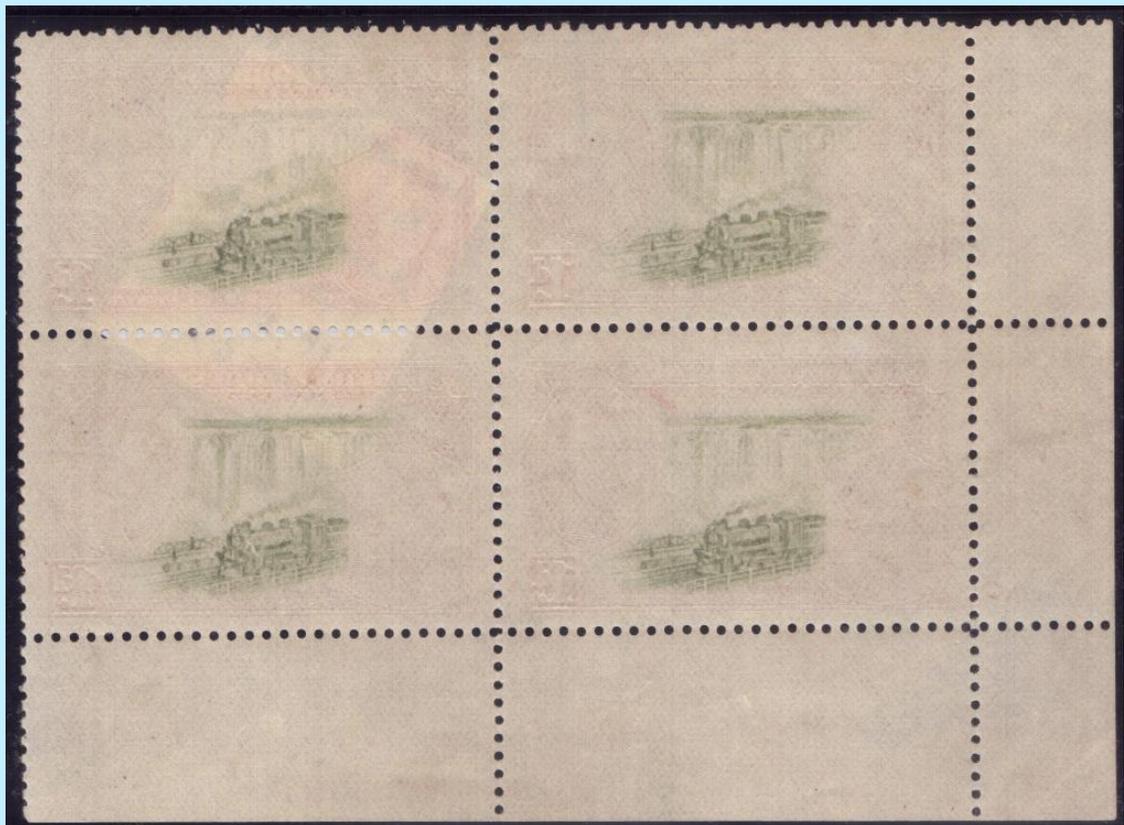


**3d Imperforate to
Top Margin
(Three sheets)
Proving pieces**





1d Vignette offset on the reverse

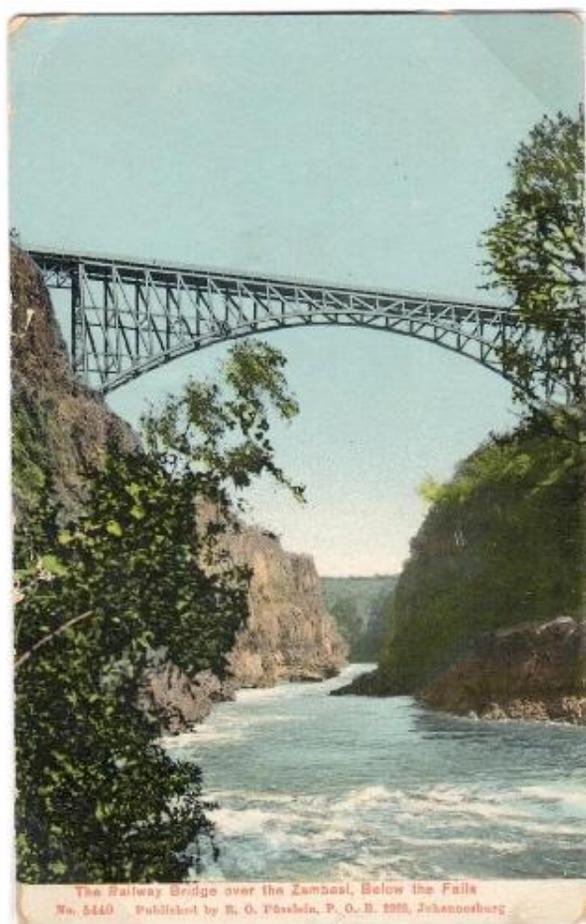


**Southern Rhodesia - 4d Victoria Falls Bridge
1940 Golden Jubilee of the British South Africa Company**

**4d Die Proof
Struck in unissued Colours**

Below a Postcard with a similar view as the design

An Imprint block of four for the issued stamp



Southern Rhodesia 1941 - 44 Military Aerogrammes Imprinted with 3d Large Arms

First Issued on 17 November 1941 specifically for writing to members of the Armed Forces serving in East, West and North Africa

Two years later, on 17 November 1943, civilians were allowed to send these Aerogrammes to members of the Armed Forces in the United Kingdom. The rate was 6d, thus an additional 3d was required

Two different designs exist and there are three printings of the first and two of the second
They are listed by Higgins & Gage and also included in the Kessler's Aerogram catalogue



17 November 1941 (H&G 1) Light blue overlay with micro-print 'Southern Rhodesia Government' Ultramarine panel (Kessler 101)

27 July 1942 (H&G 2) Printed on rough buff paper without overlay - Blue panel (Kessler 102)

25 March 1944 (H&G 3) Printed on cream white paper Light blue panel (Kessler 103)



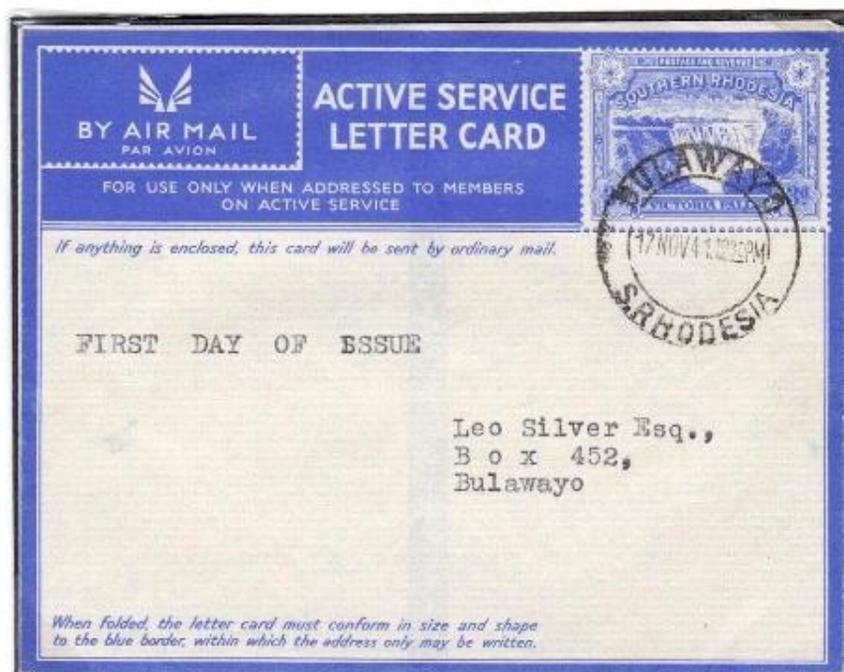
May 1944 (H&G 4) Blue on white paper (Kessler 104)

1944 (H&G 5) Blue on buff paper
Printed on coarse paper (Kessler 105)

Format

H&G 1 to 3 - All with two side panels
(Kessler 101 - 103)

H&G 4 & 5 - Folded into four quarters (Kessler 104 - 5)



First printing, Light blue overlay with micro-print 'Southern Rhodesia Government'
First Day of Issue cancelled BULAWAYO NOV 41



Above Three Printings 1941 - 1944



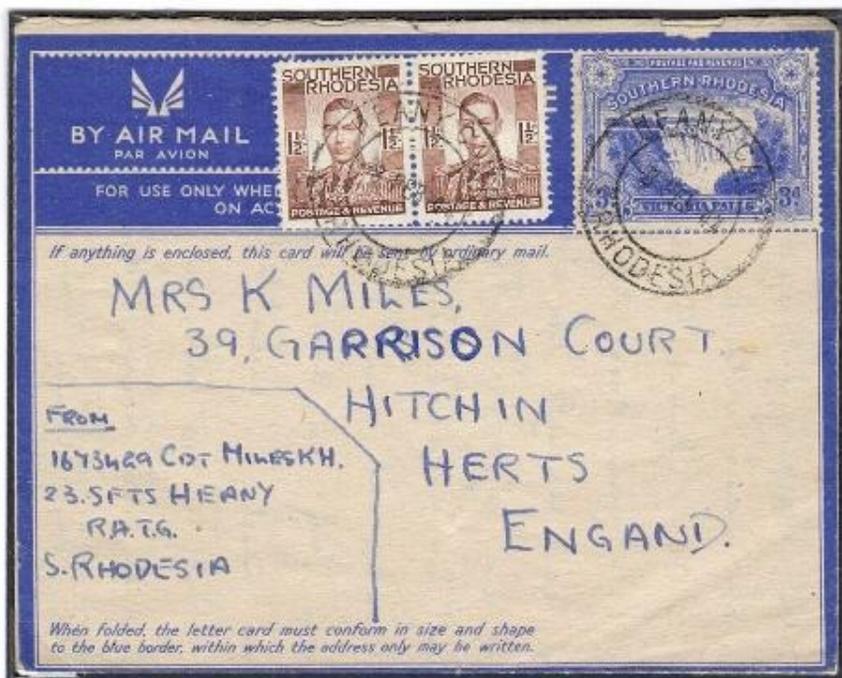
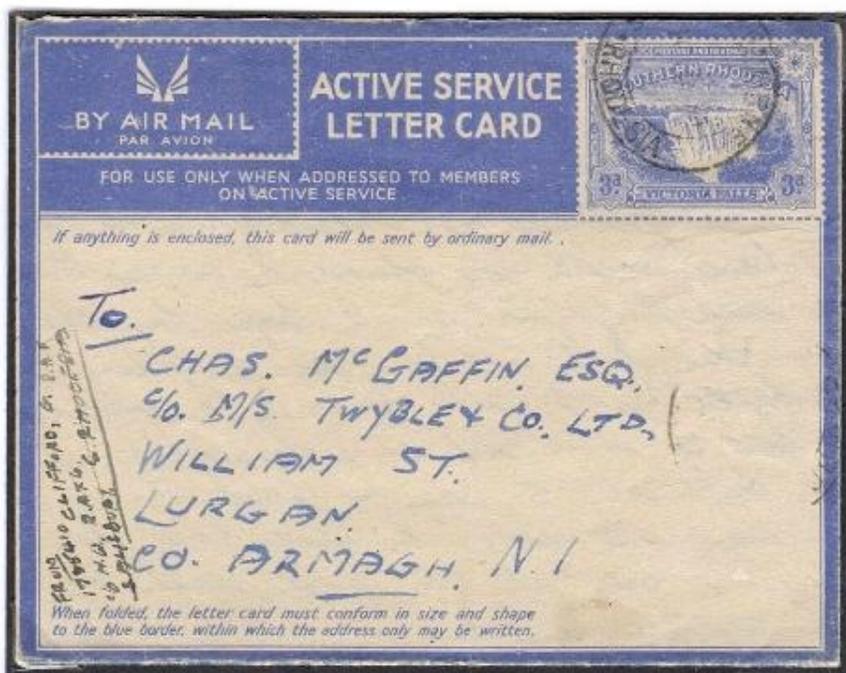
Above Two Printings 1944

Southern Rhodesia 1942 Military Aerogrammes

Imprinted with 3d Large Arms H&G 2 (Kessler 102)

From G. Clifford at R.A.T.G. Salisbury - written 13.2.44

Posted CRANBORNE FEB 42 - Early use of datestamp



From Cadet Ken Miles S.F.T.S. Heany, to his Mother, written 5 Feb 1944

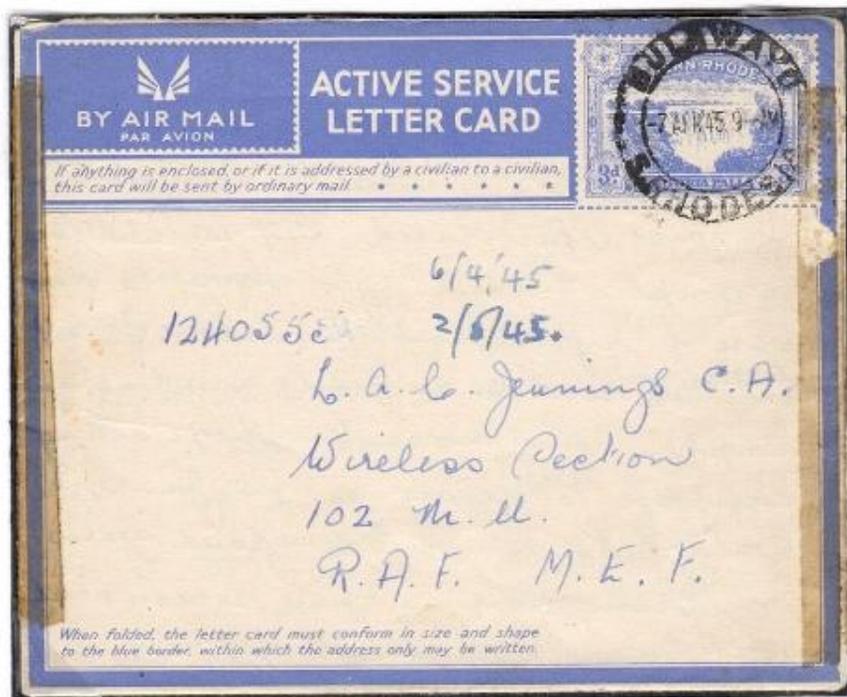
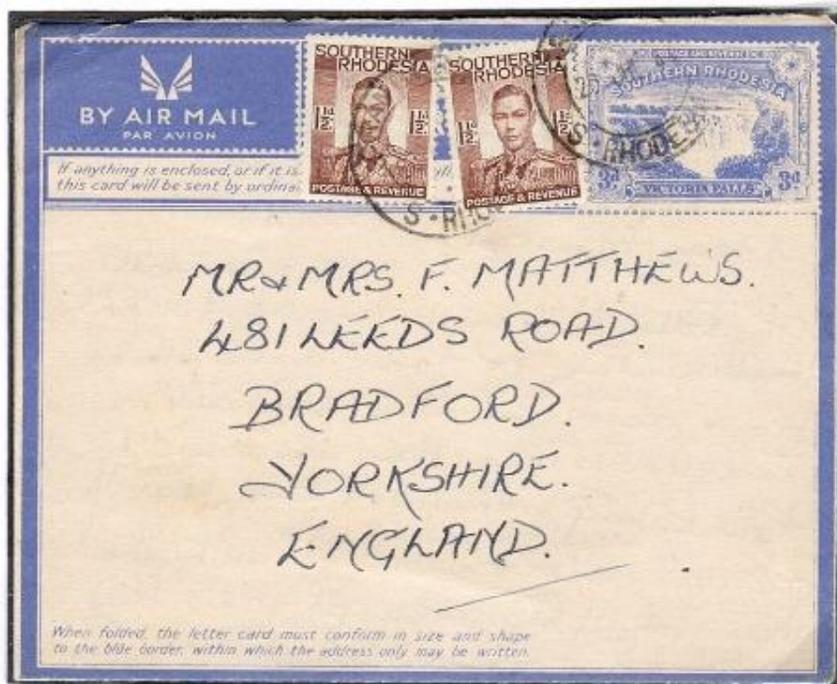
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Southern Rhodesia 1944 Military Aerogrammes

Imprinted with 3d Large Arms H&G 4 (Kessler 104)

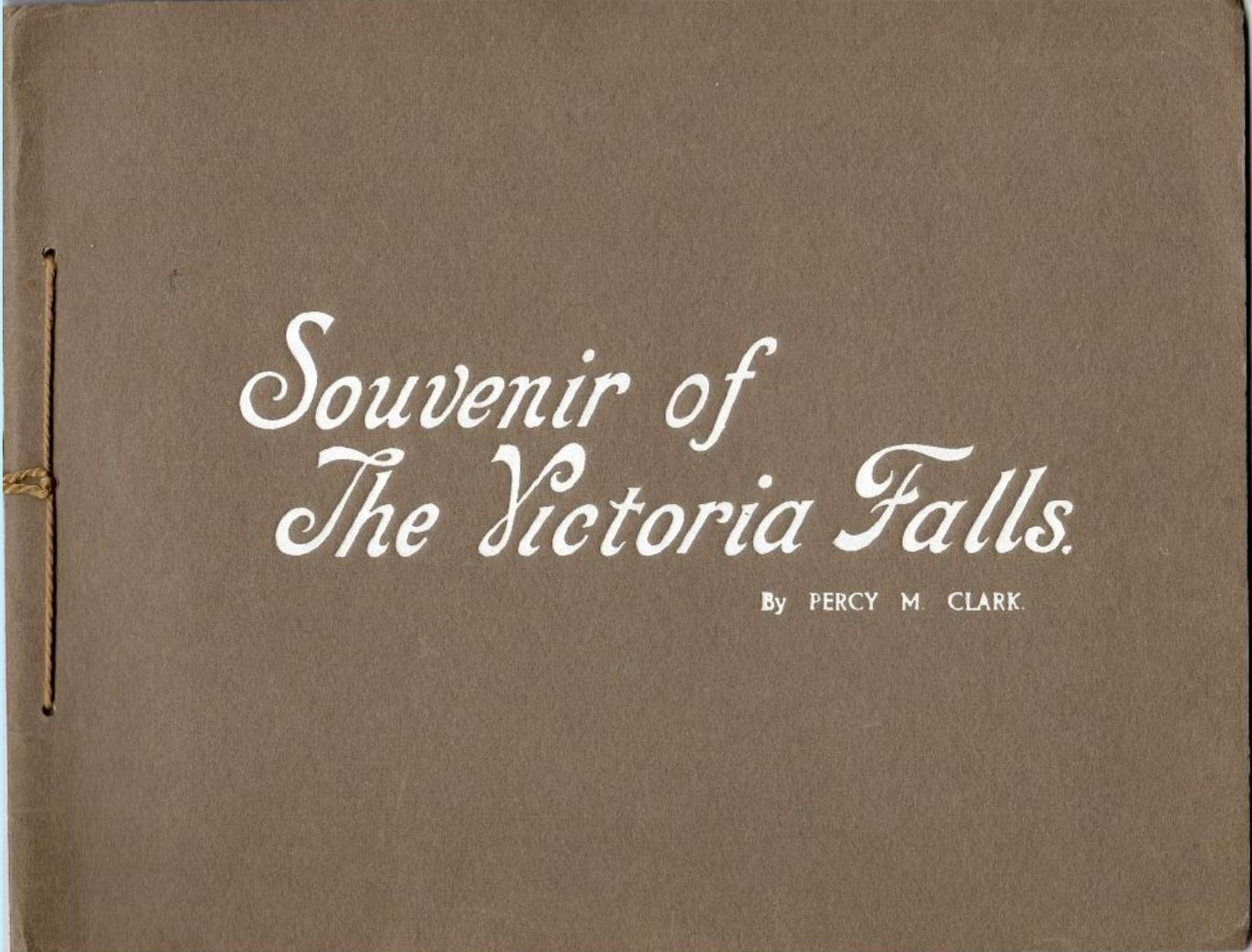
From George Matthews at RAF Cranborne to his parents, written 17.7.44

Posted with an additional 3d and cancelled CRANBORNE 20 JUL 44



A letter from Mrs J. Thorogood at Gwaai, written 6.4.45 to the Wireless Section, RAF, M.E.F.
Posted BULAWAYO 7 APR 45

**Percy Clark Souvenir Books containing 12 large
photographs of the falls and surround
Circa mid 1930's**



*Souvenir of
The Victoria Falls.*

By PERCY M. CLARK.

I have two examples with different photographs
One has a manuscript message on the inside front
cover dated 15 September 1938

VICTORIA FALLS Souvenir Postcard Views

A Pictorial Letter Card by Clark's Curio Store (First Version)

A caption reads - *From Photographs by Victor Clark*

Contains a foldout of six postcard size views of the Falls and each unit is secured by a tuck in flap

Two versions exist and the scenes included are not all the same, the first type is pre-1950

Each scene has a caption at left and at right 'Photo: V. Clark/...' followed by a number



Main Falls V. Clark/8	Eastern End V. Clark/7	Rainbow Fall V. Clark/9	Devil's Cataract V. Clark/12	From Rain Forest V. Clark/10	Eastern Cataract V. Clark/11
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SOUVENIR - *Postcard Views of the*
VICTORIA FALLS —

— FROM PHOTOGRAPHS *by* VICTOR CLARK. —

To.....

Published by **TOKIM** CLARK'S CURIO STORE, VICTORIA FALLS.
"The Oldest Established Curio Dealers in the Rhodesias"
 ESTABLISHED 1903



Main Fall, Victoria Falls

Photo: V. Clark / 8.



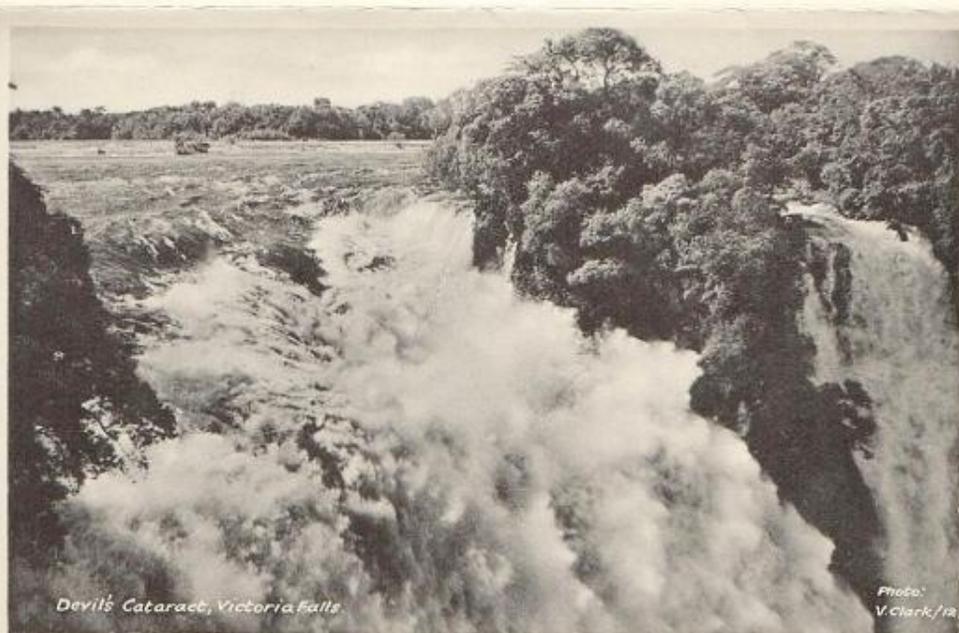
Eastern End, Victoria Falls

Photo: V. Clark / 7.



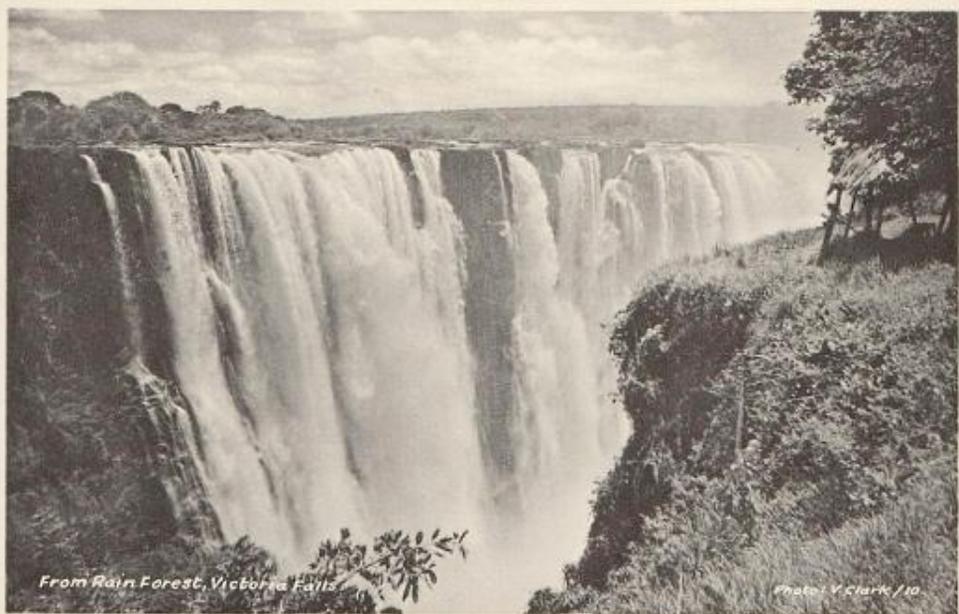
Rainbow Fall, Victoria Falls

Photo: V. Clark / 9.



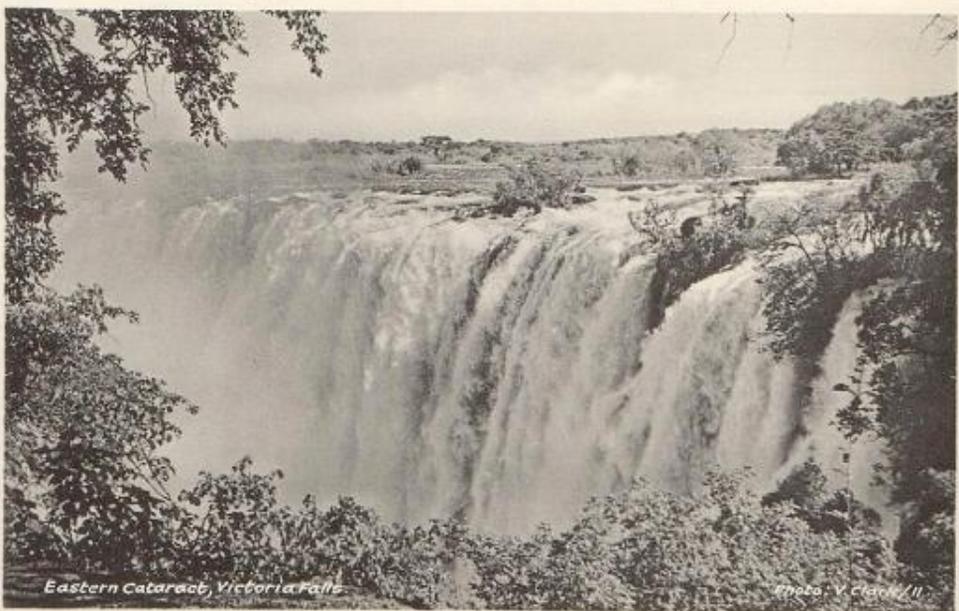
Devil's Cataract, Victoria Falls

Photo: V. Clark / 12



From Rain Forest, Victoria Falls

Photo: V. Clark / 10



Eastern Cataract, Victoria Falls

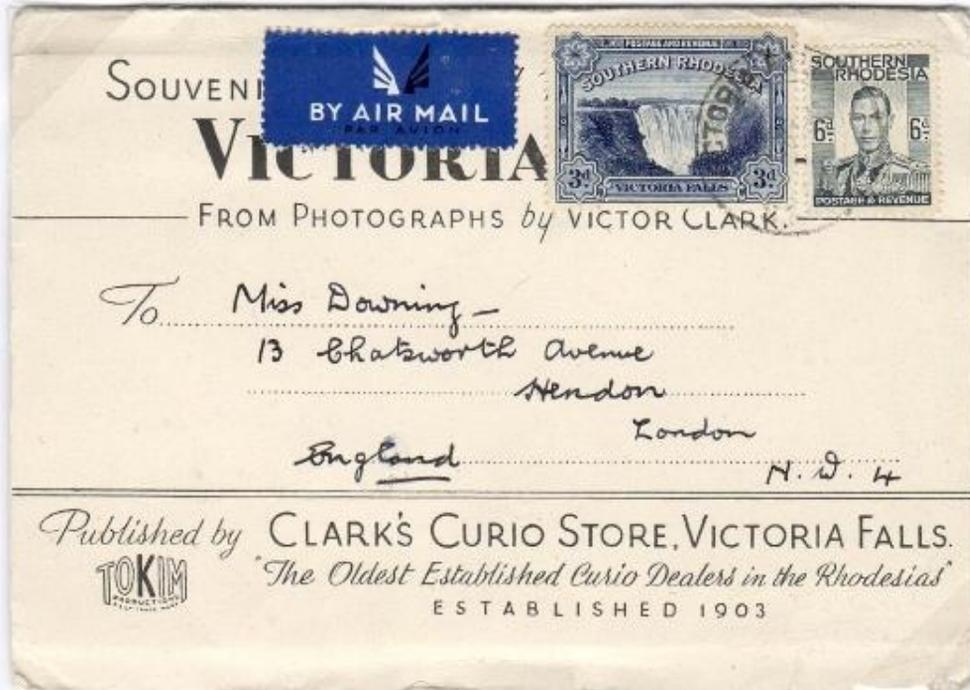
Photo: V. Clark / 11

VICTORIA FALLS Souvenir Postcard Views

A Pictorial Letter Card by Clark's Curio Store (First Version)

9d airmail rate to England, written 4 AUG 1948 and posted Victoria Falls. The writer describes their train journey from Port Elizabeth to the Falls and is very impressed with her surroundings and wrote:

This hotel is marvellous & the only one here - The Royal party had it all to themselves last year



The above item posted at a 1/6 airmail rate to England, date stamped SALISBURY 4 MCH 1949

To Dr Finlay from his son Message headed *Grand Hotel Salisbury 4.3.49* reads:

My dear Daddy, I arrived here safely yesterday evening after 2½ enjoyable days at the 'Falls'.

I expect to leave for Selukwe by car tomorrow. Heaps of love Douglas.

VICTORIA FALLS Souvenir Postcard Views

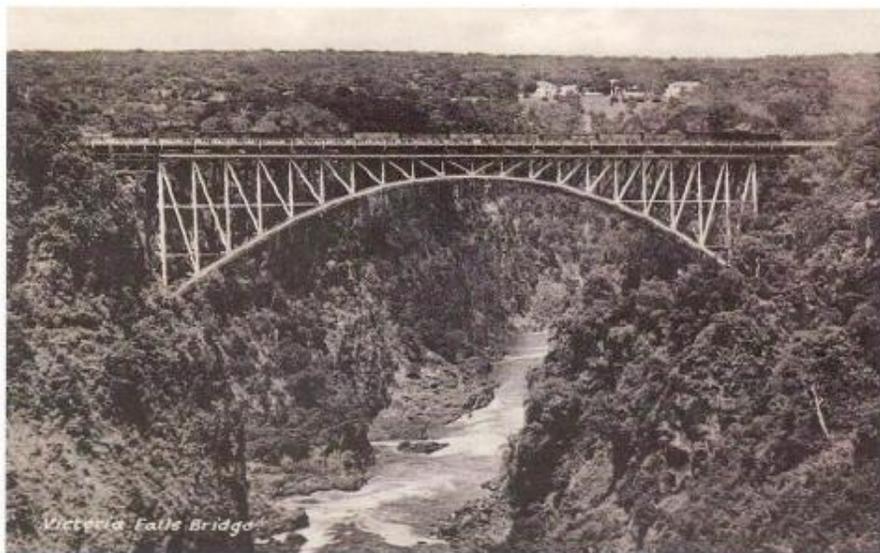
A Pictorial Letter Card by Clark's Curio Store (Second Version)

A caption reads - *From Photographs by Victor Clark*

Contains a foldout of six postcard size views of the Falls and each unit is secured by a tuck in flap

Two versions exist and the scenes included are not all the same, the second type is post -1950

Each scene has a caption at left only - The obvious difference is a scene with the Bridge



Main Fall
in Full Flood

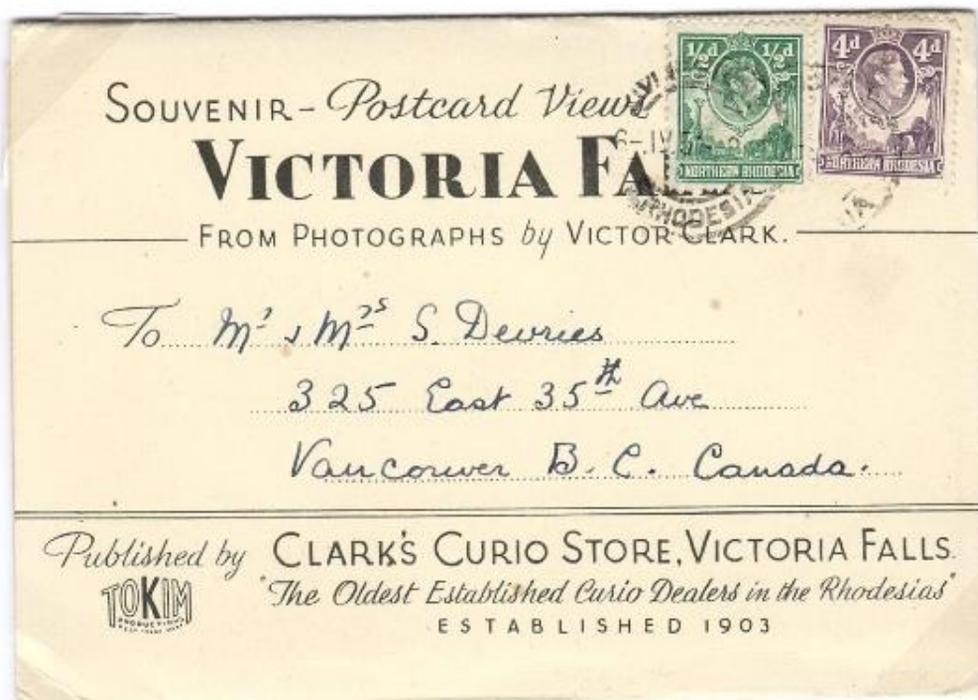
Eastern End

Devil's Cataract
in Full Flood

Main Fall from
Rain Forest

Victoria Falls
Bridge

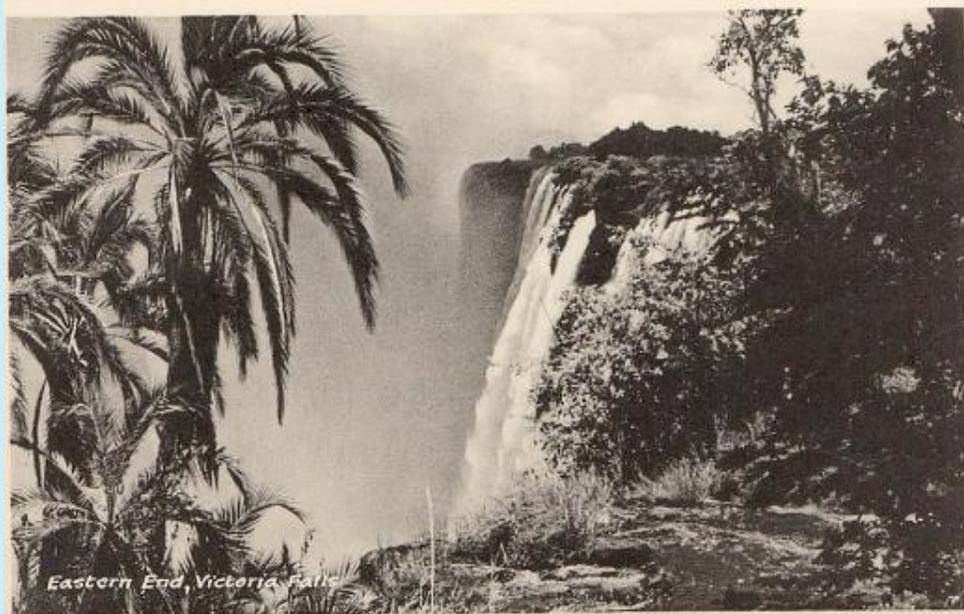
Eastern Cataract



The above lettercard sent by surface mail to Vancouver in Canada with a 4½d rate postmarked LIVINGSTONE 6 IV 51. Message reads: *I am staying at the Falls & having a wonderful time...*



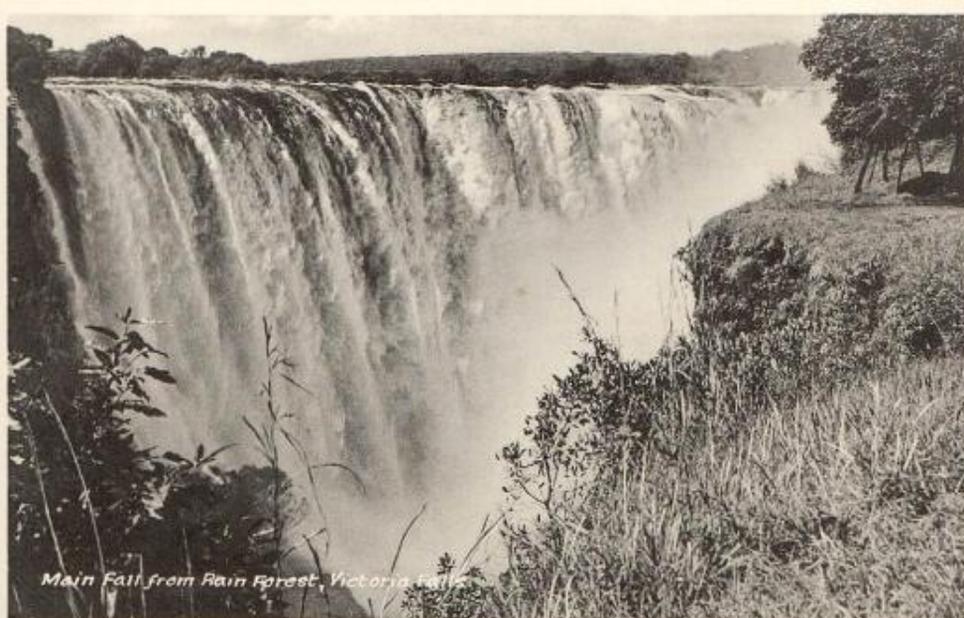
Main Fall in Full Flood, Victoria Falls



Eastern End, Victoria Falls



Devil's Cataract in Full Flood, Victoria Falls



Main Fall from Rain Forest, Victoria Falls



Victoria Falls Bridge



Eastern Cataract, Victoria Falls

Southern Rhodesia - 1953 4½d Definitive

Depicting the spray of the Victoria Falls from the air with the Bridge in the Foreground



Northern Rhodesia 1953 Cecil Rhodes Birth Centenary



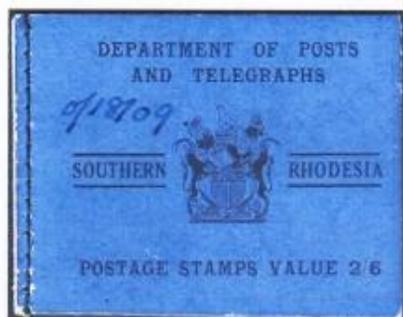
MKUSHI POSTAGE DUES
1953 Rhodes 1d overprinted POSTAGE DUE



Two envelopes underpaid ½d & 1½d & taxed 1d & 3d paid with 1d Rhodes Commemorative
 Typewritten 'POSTAGE DUE 1d' vertically at the right of the stamp
 Cancelled MKUSHI 30 JUL & 19 AUG 53
 Only 5 of the 21 recorded covers have a Rhodes 1d overprint



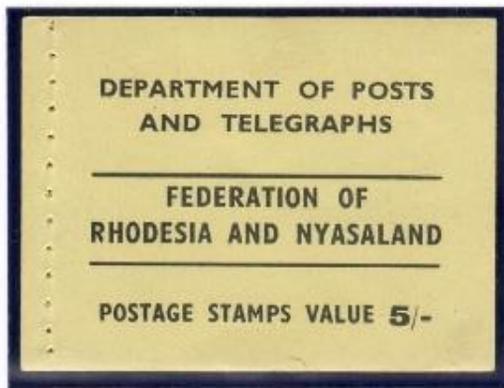
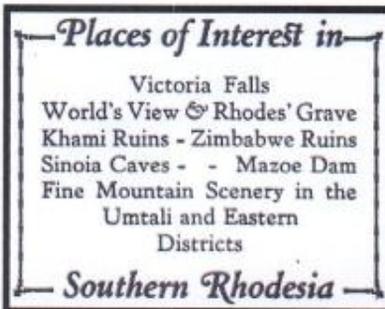
Rhodesian Booklets with a Victoria Falls Connection



The Southern Rhodesia KGV booklets include one interleaving page that includes

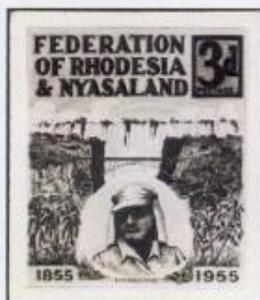
'Places of Interest in Southern Rhodesia'

Which starts with the Victoria Falls

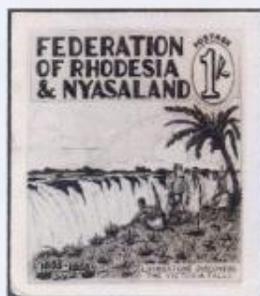


Rhodesia & Nyasaland 1955 Booklet includes three interleaves (two the same)
'A Flying Visit to the Falls' & *'Weekend at Victoria Falls'*

Rhodesia & Nyasaland 15 June 1955
Centenary of the Discovery of the Victoria Falls



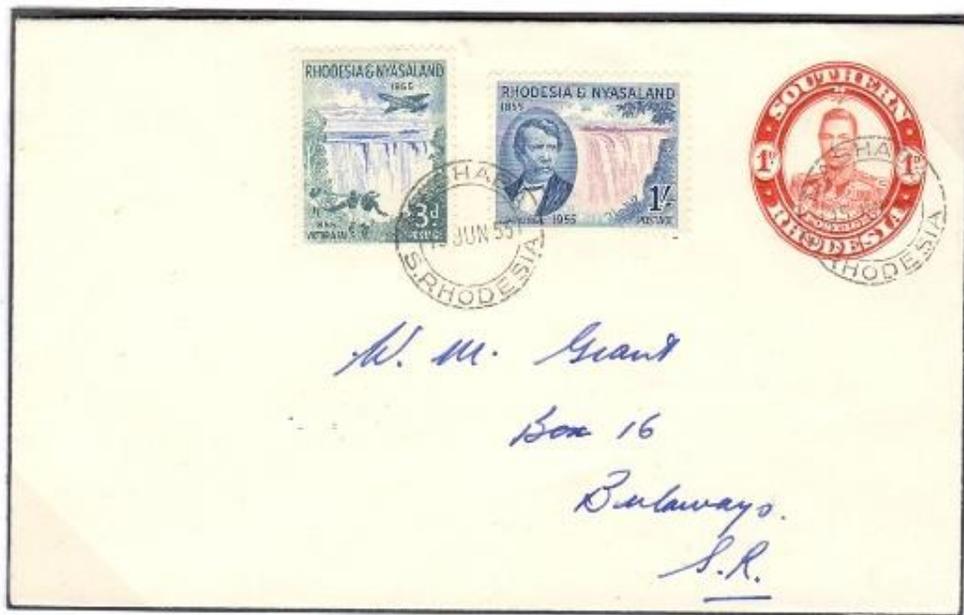
Unadopted Photographic Essays



3d 'Canon' or 'Wing' flaw
Ex R3/3



Rhodesia & Nyasaland - 15 June 1955
Centenary of the Discovery of the Victoria Falls



FEDERATION OF RHODESIA & NYASALAND

3d
POSTAGE

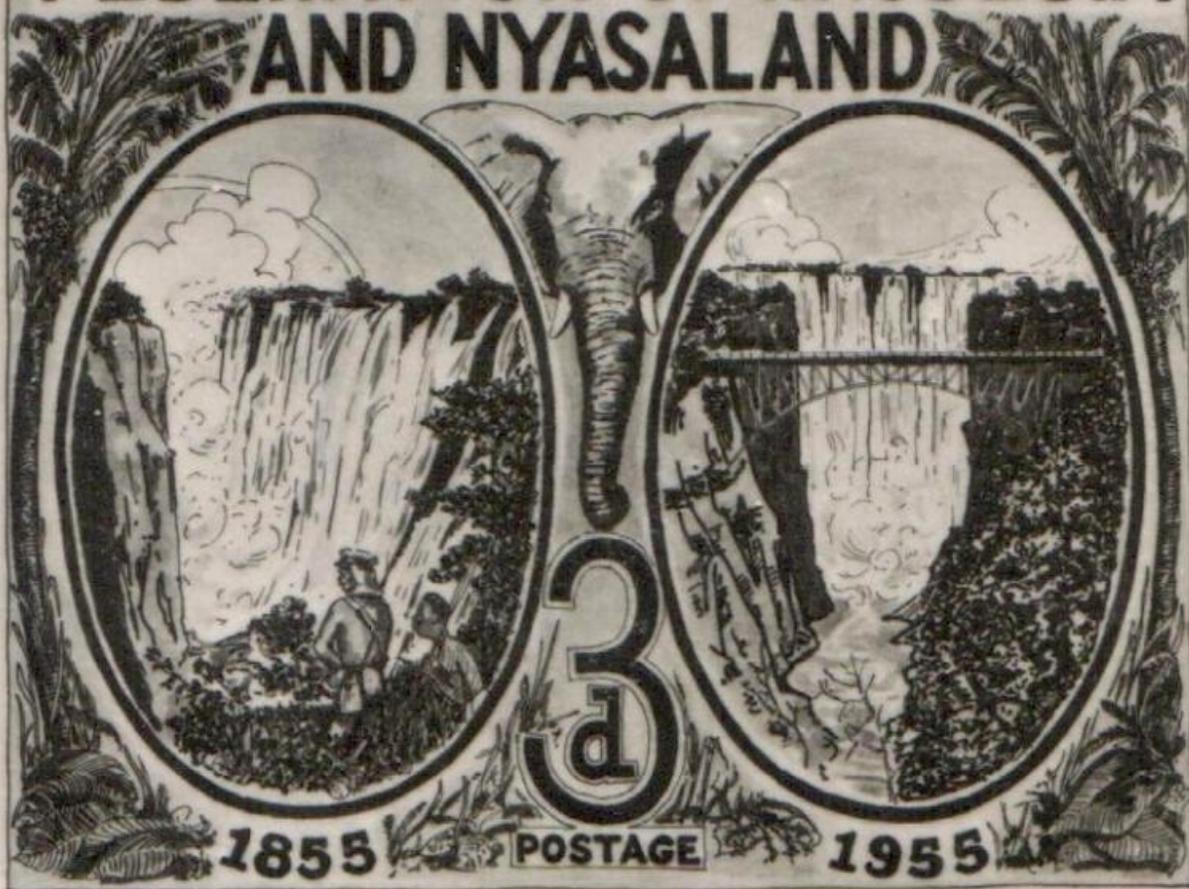


1855

LIVINGSTONE

1955

FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND



1855

POSTAGE

1955

FEDERATION OF RHODESIA & NYASALAND

POSTAGE

1½



1855-1955

LIVINGSTONE DISCOVERS
THE VICTORIA FALLS

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18126

RHODESIA & NYASALAND

1955



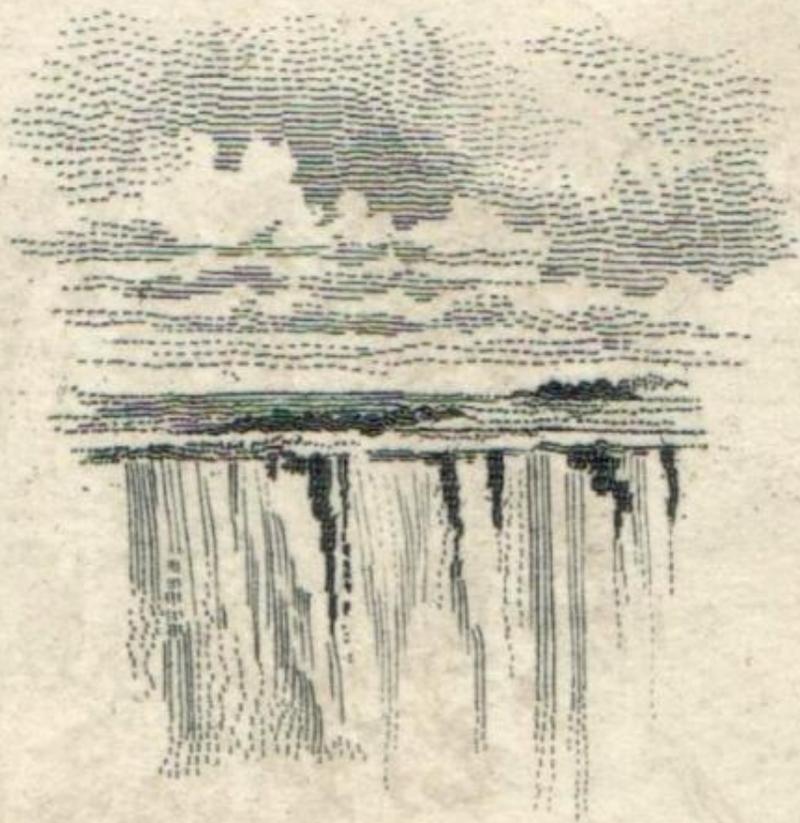
1855
VICTORIA FALLS

3d
POSTAGE

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RHODESIA + NYASALAND

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RHODESIA & NYASALAND

1855



LIVINGSTONE 1955



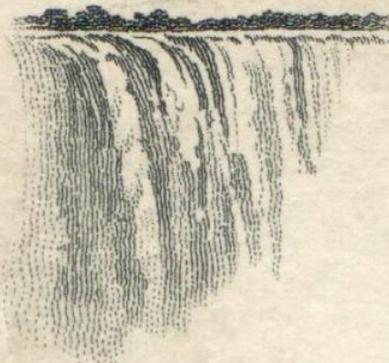
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POSTAGE

30592.

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30590.

RHODESIA + NYASALAND.

1/-

1955 Victoria Falls Centenary Imperforate Plate Proofs



133954
 2,545,000 stamps
 = 21,459 pulls

Waterlow & Sons Limited, London Wall, London, E.C.
*basement wording
 + lay correct* J.H.
 18.3.55

[Handwritten signature]
 10.55
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Waterlow & Sons Limited, London Wall, London, E.C.

COLOUR CORRECT
 PLATE CORRECT
[Handwritten signature]
 21.3.55

SEE THE VICTORIA FALLS - Slogan Machine Cancellation

Used in Northern Rhodesia - At BROKEN HILL, FORT JAMESON, KITWE, LIVINGSTONE, LUANSHYA, LUSAKA, MUFULIRA & NDOLA



Rhodesia & Nyasaland August 1959 6d Victoria Falls Definitive



Tourist slogan machine cancellation SEE THE VICTORIA FALLS (Part strikes on four stamps)

Rhodesia & Nyasaland August 1959 6d Victoria Falls Definitive

Commercial use at LIVINGSTONE, KANSENJI-NDOLA, KITWE
BELMONT-BULAWAYO, KARIBA, SHAMVA, MUTAMBARA, MTOROSHONGA



Commercial use at LLEWELLIN BARRACKS, SALISBURY AIRPORT, ZOMBA, BULAWAYO

SEE THE VICTORIA FALLS - Slogan Machine Cancellation

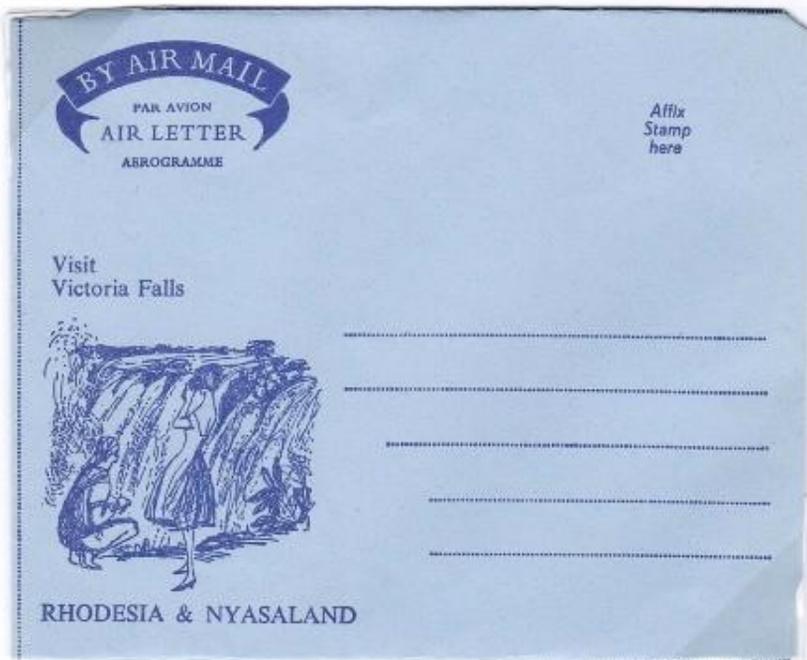
Used in Southern Rhodesia - At BELMONT, BINDURA, BULAWAYO, CAUSEWAY, FORT VICTORIA, GATOOMA, GWELO, HARTLEY, HIGHLANDS, HILLSIDE, KOPJE, MARANDELLAS, QUE QUE, RUSAPE, SALSBURY, SINOIA, SOUTHERTON, UMTALI & WANKIE



Rhodesia & Nyasaland Aerogrammes featuring the Victoria Falls

In 1956 a set of eight Stationery Aerogrammes were produced to promote Tourism and included three Game Reserves, Balancing Rocks, Eastern Districts, Victoria Falls and Zimbabwe Ruins all in printed in pink

At a later date the same designs appeared in blue without an imprinted stamp
Finally the design for the Victoria Falls was modified

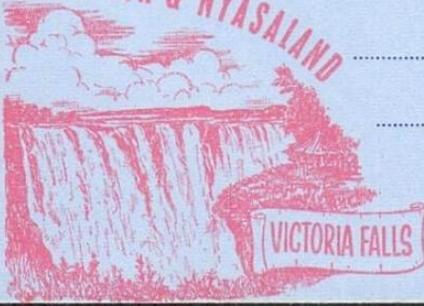


BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AEROGRAMME

ADDITIONAL
POSTAGE IS
NECESSARY
FOR AMERICA,
AUSTRALASIA,
AND CERTAIN
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COUNTRIES



VISIT
RHODESIA & NYASALAND



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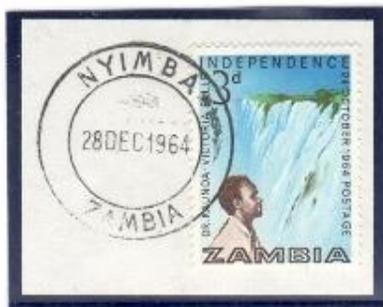
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RHODESIA & NYASALAND



Stamp Collecting Ltd.
42, Maiden Lane
Strand
London WC2
England

Victoria Falls - 1964 Zambia Independence

24 October 1964 - Zambia issued a Commemoratives set of 3 Values, the 3d depicts President Kaunda and the Falls



Wessing Rd
Weschen,
London, NW10
UK.

3d Victoria Falls with an array of different cancellations

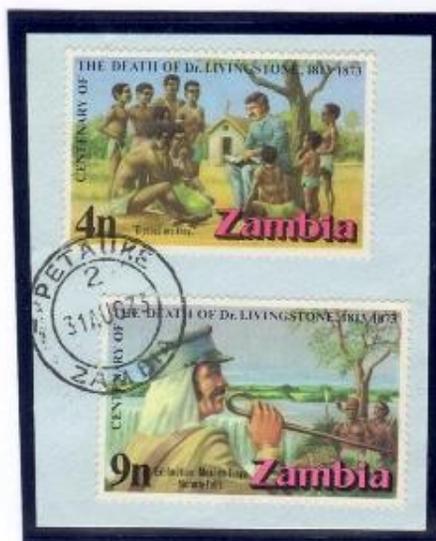
Victoria Falls - 1964 Zambia Independence

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3d Victoria Falls with an array of different cancellations

Victoria Falls - Zambia 1964 & 1973
 3d Independence - Victoria Falls with an array of different cancellations



1973 Death Centenary of Dr Livingstone set of 4, 9n value depicts the Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls Hotel Aerogramme

From Mrs A. Long

From the text I gain the impression that she is either employed at the hotel or the wife of an employee



In the text Alice wrote: *A new Airport was just opened here on the 1st January 1967 just 14 miles from the Hotel...*

Victoria Falls Hotel Aerogramme

A side panel includes two scenes

(1) *Rainbow Cocktail Bar. The Victoria Falls Hotel*

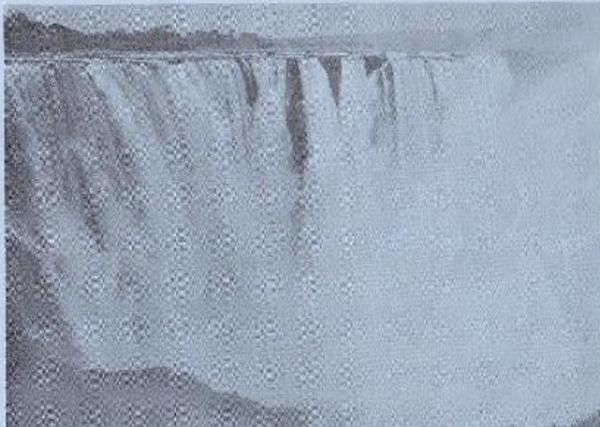
(2) *The Victoria Falls*

KNOWN TO TRAVELLERS OF THE WORLD.



RAINBOW COCKTAIL BAR. THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL.

THE VICTORIA FALLS.



BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



AIR LETTER
AEROGamme



MRS. PEACE,
18, ALLEPTON GRANGE AVENUE
LIDGETT LANE,
LEEDS 17,
Yorkshire
England.

 **The Victoria Falls Hotel**
RHODESIA

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Sender's name and address: MRS. A. LONG,
THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL
VICTORIA FALLS
RHODESIA.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

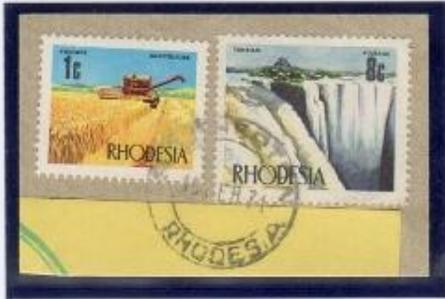
 **The Victoria Falls Hotel**
KNOWN TO TRAVELLERS OF THE WORLD

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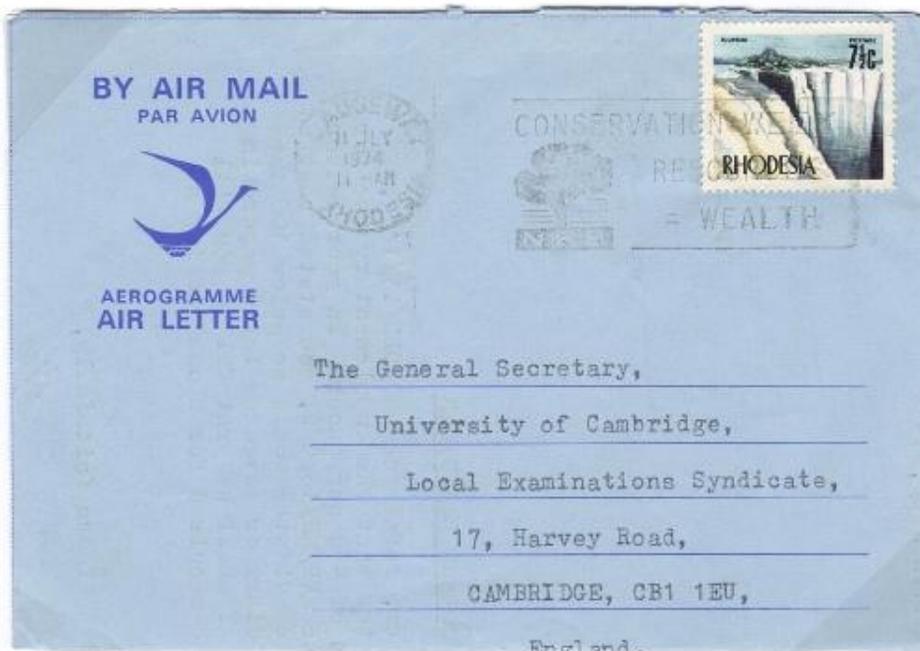
Rhodesia (UDI)
1970 Decimal 8c Definitive and Victoria Falls Cancellations



Rhodesia (UDI) - 1970 8c and 1973 7½c Definitives
Commercially Used



Rhodesia (UDI)
1 January 1973 - New Value 7½c Definitive



Rhodesia (UDI) - Thomas Baines 12 February 1975 Commemorative

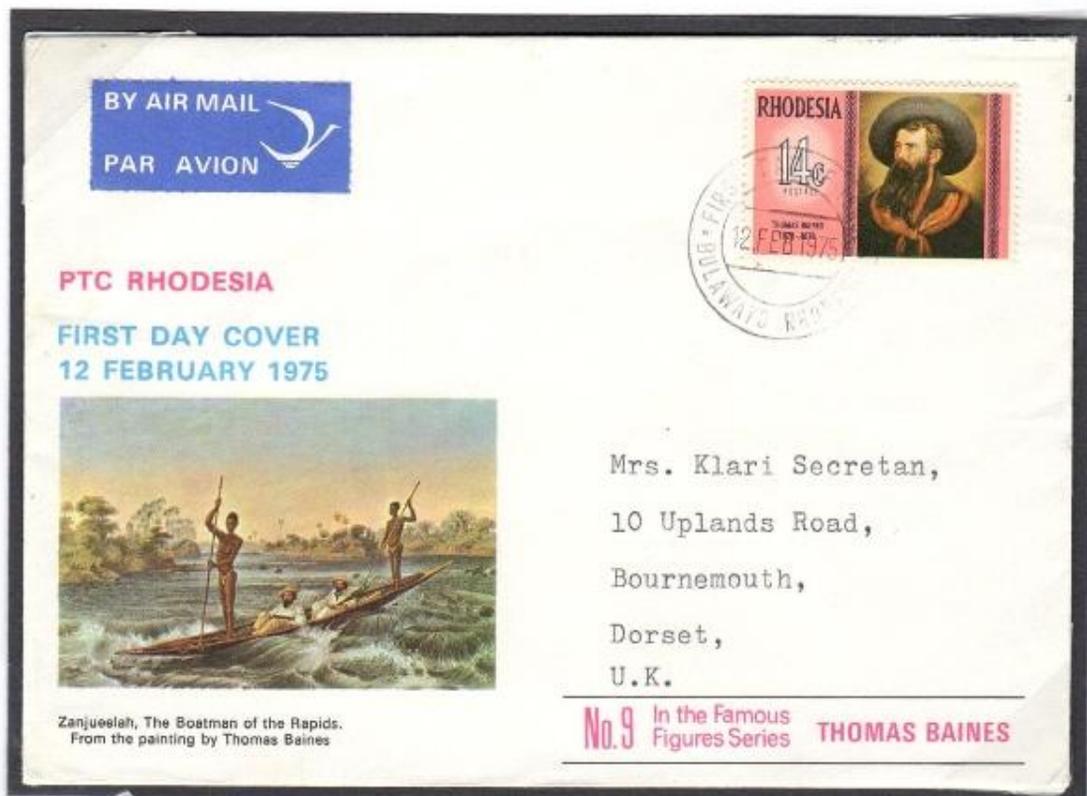


John Thomas Baines Born on 27 November 1820 in King's Lynn, Norfolk and son of a master mariner, educated at Horatio Nelson's Classical and Commercial Academy. He started his working life in 1836 as an apprentice to an ornamental carriage builder but soon turned to painting and studied under the heraldic painter William Carr.

He arrived at Cape Town on 23 November 1842 and worked as an apprentice to a cabinet maker, an ornamental sign-painter, then from 1845 as a portraitist and painter of marine subjects. Baines based himself in the Eastern Cape between 1848 and 1850 and from there undertook three journeys to the interior.

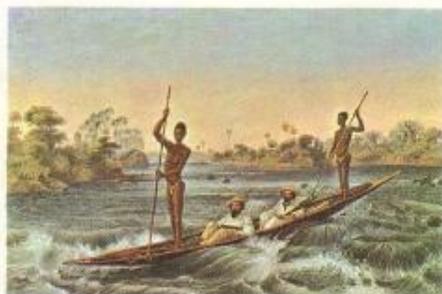
Back in England 1852 - 55, then to Australia 1856 - 57. In 1858 he joined Livingstone at Tete, fell out with Livingstone's brother Charles and was dismissed on 7.12.1857 and returned to Cape Town.

In March 1861, along with James Chapman, Baines travelled from Walvis Bay, across SWA and Bechuanaland to the Victoria Falls, arriving on 23 July 1862 after a journey by ox-wagon of sixteen months. Baines executed the sketches for what became probably his best known paintings. Although Chapman had a camera, technical problems prevented its use. The Victoria Falls would not be photographed until 1891.



PTC RHODESIA

FIRST DAY COVER
12 FEBRUARY 1975



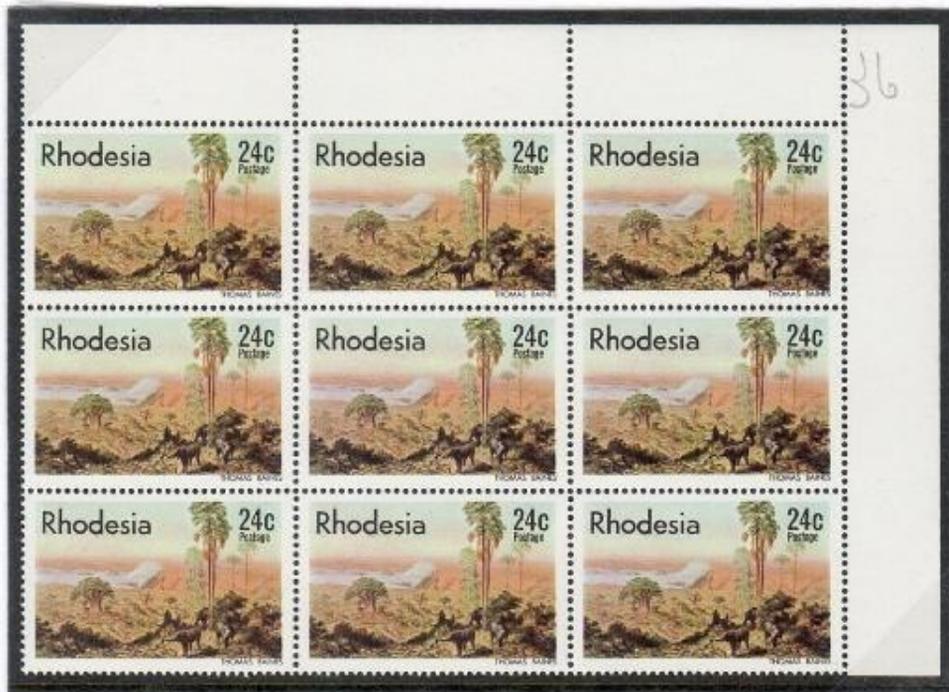
Zanjueelah, The Boatmen of the Rapids.
From the painting by Thomas Baines

Mrs. Klari Secretan,
10 Uplands Road,
Bournemouth,
Dorset,
U.K.

No. 9 In the Famous
Figures Series THOMAS BAINES

The Victoria Falls were first photographed in 1891 by the hunter and trader Francis Harold Watson (1854-1905, known as 'Zambezi' Watson). Watson first visited the region in 1873 and made numerous later visits, often in the company of his close friend Frederick Courtney Selous.

**Rhodesia (UDI) - 1977 Landscape Paintings
24c a Bird's eye view of the Falls by Thomas Baines**



Top value in a set of six on a Registered First Day Cover



Victoria Falls Bridge Constitutional Conference - 25 August 1975

On 9 January 1973 the Prime Minister closed the border between Rhodesia and Zambia and on 1 February Zambia retaliated by closing their end of the border

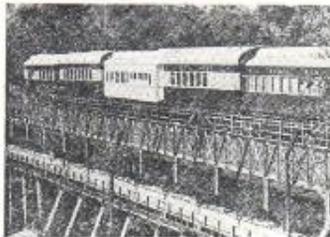
Despite such stand-offs freight was still transported over the Bridge

A Rhodesian engine would shunt a string of freight trucks out to the middle of the Bridge, and a
Zambian Rail diesel would back onto its end of the Bridge and pull them into Zambia

The reverse would also happen - several times a day

The closure of the border had significant impacts on tourism, preventing tourists from the South crossing into Zambia, cutting off the South bank from the services provided in Livingstone

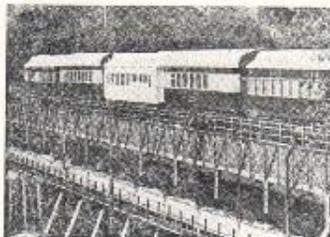
1975 Victoria Falls Bridge
Constitutional Conference



Monday, 25th August, 1975



1975 Victoria Falls Bridge
Constitutional Conference



Monday, 25th August, 1975



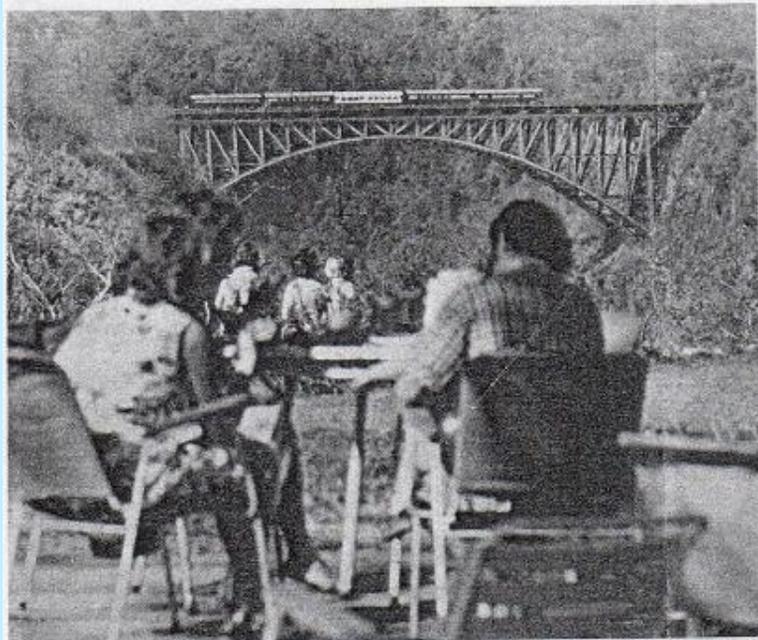
On 25 August 1975 the Bridge was the site of unsuccessful peace talks aboard a
South African Railways coach stationed in the middle of the Bridge

The mediators were Mr Forster, the South African Prime Minister and President Kaunda from Zambia
The talks lasted for nine and a half hours and the Rhodesian delegation sat in home territory while the
ANC sat on the Zambian side. The talks fell through because of the intransigence of all the participants

The civil war escalated and tourism collapsed

25 AUGUSTUS 1975

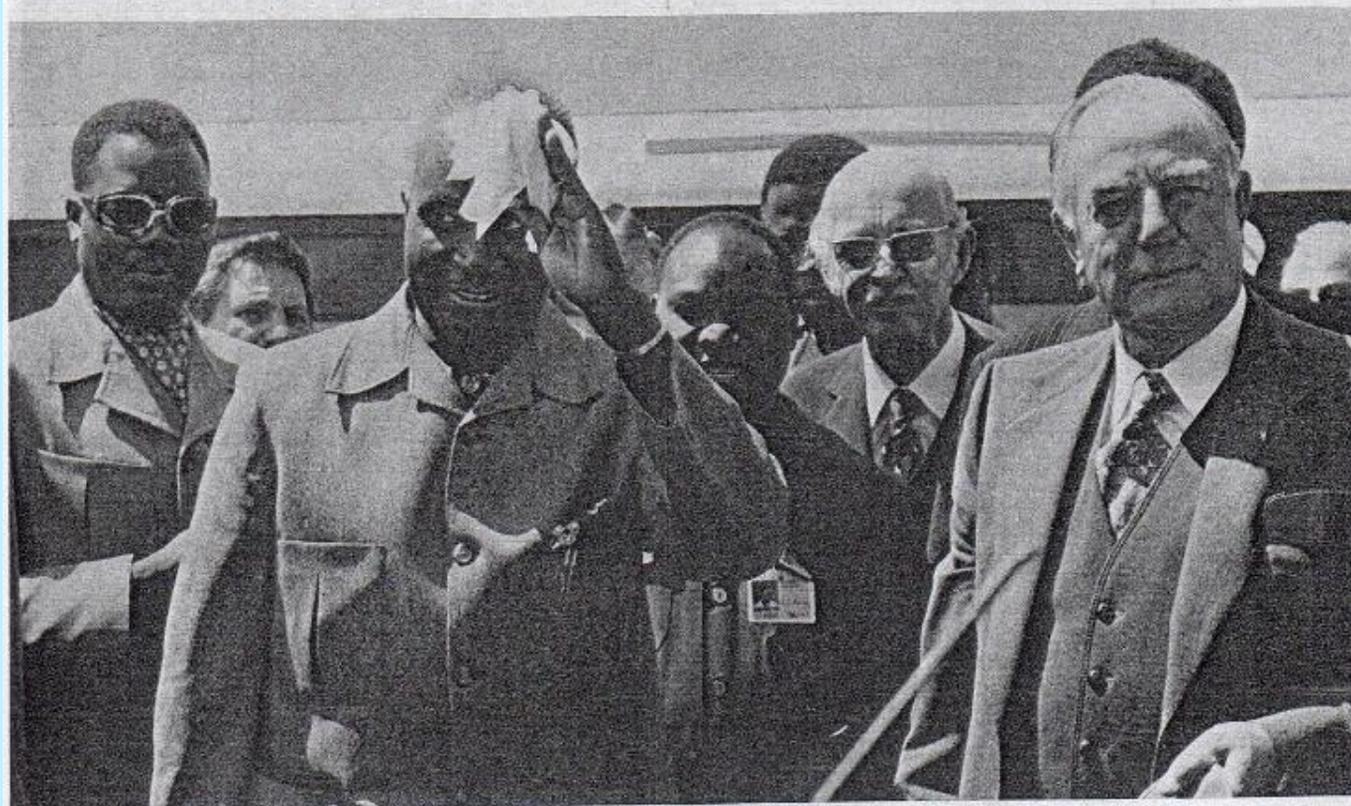
Samesprekinge met pres. Kaunda van Zambië by die Victoria-waterval.



Die brug oor die Zambezi-rivier op die grens tussen Rhodesië en Zambië, waar die Rhodesiese premier en die verteenwoordigers van die ANC samesprekinge gevoer het, met die trein wat Suid-Afrika spesiaal vir die beraad beskikbaar gestel het.



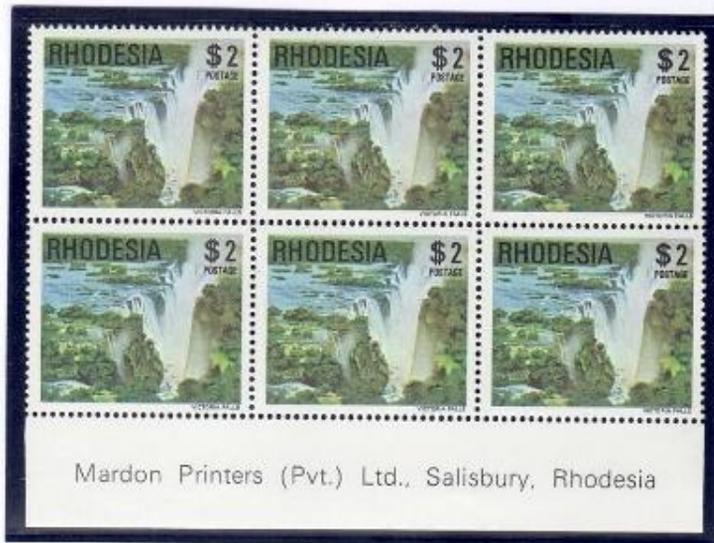
Mnr. Vorster en pres. Kaunda.



Mnr. Vorster en pres. Kaunda in ontspanne luim voor die trein op die brug oor die Zambezi-rivier.

Rhodesia (UDI) - \$2 Victoria Falls

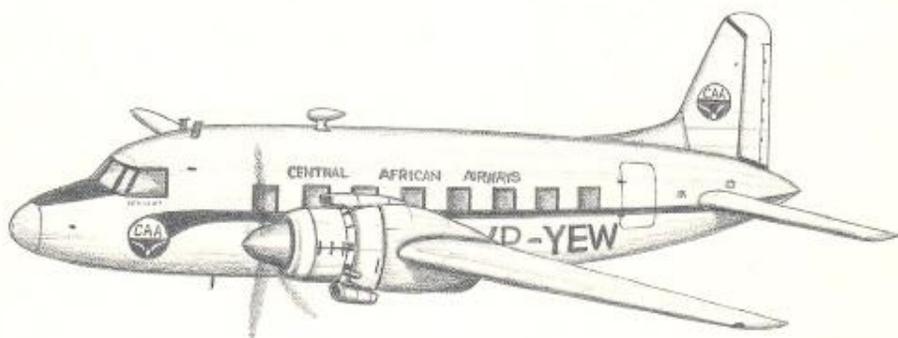
The Last Definitive issued on 16 August 1978 included a top value of \$2 with the Victoria Falls





The Vickers-Armstrongs Valetta Military Transport (two 1,975 h.p. Bristol Hercules 230 engines).

Vickers Viking 1B Technology based on the Vickers bomber.
Pencil sketch of unaccepted design.



1978 Rhodesia Powered Flight with a Victoria Falls backdrop

1978 17 cents value depicting a Viking 1B
1946 Central African Airways used it on their Central African Routes
1953 - 1957 Used on the Salisbury to London Service

The design pictures the Aircraft flying over the Victoria Falls

On the First Day Cover 'mock-up' the value was 16 cents instead of 17 cents

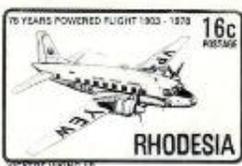


1978 Rhodesia Powered Flight with a Victoria Falls backdrop

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The screened design inserts the Aircraft flying over the Victoria Falls





**P.T.C.
RHODESIA**

FIRST DAY COVER - 17th NOVEMBER 1978



75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST POWERED FLIGHT - 17th DECEMBER 1903

Mock up for FDC with proposed date of issue 17 November, also all values differ by 1 cent to issued stamps. At first issue date changed to 15 November (see inside of printed F.D. envelope) then altered to 18 October 1978.



**P.T.C.
RHODESIA**

FIRST DAY COVER - 18th OCTOBER 1978



75th ANNIVERSARY OF POWERED FLIGHT - 17th DECEMBER 1903

Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls

The Victoria Falls only features on three stamps of Zimbabwe
1980 Definitives - The \$2 being the same design as the 1978 UDI \$2 definitive



One stamp in two Commemorative Issues Featured the Victoria Falls

26 August 1986
8th Non-Aligned Summit
26c value in a set of two stamps

16 October 1991
Commonwealth heads of Government Meeting
65c value in a set of six stamps





2000 - \$50 Definitive

2005 - \$62,000 Heritage site

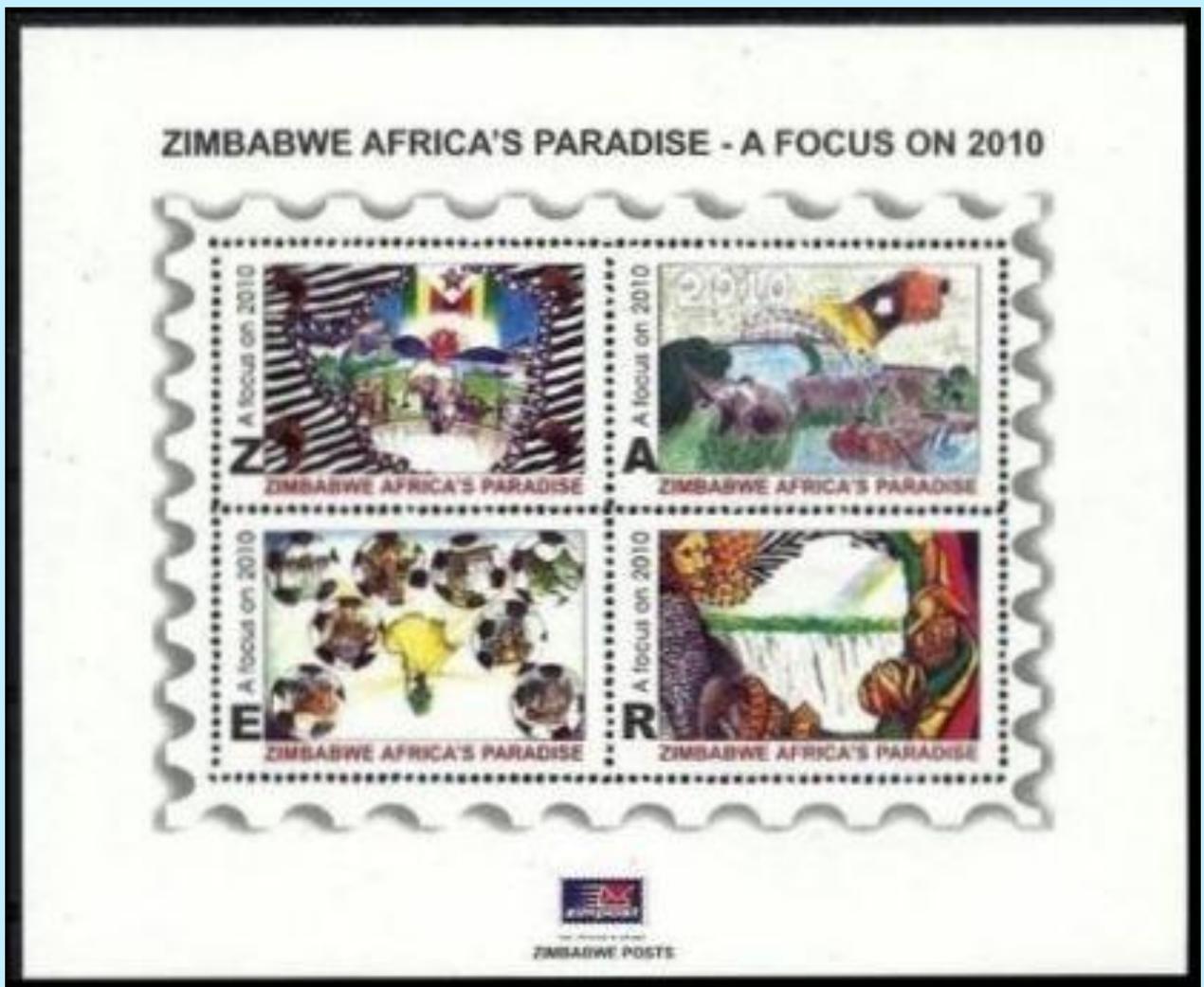
World Heritage Sites of Zimbabwe



ZIMBABWE POSTS



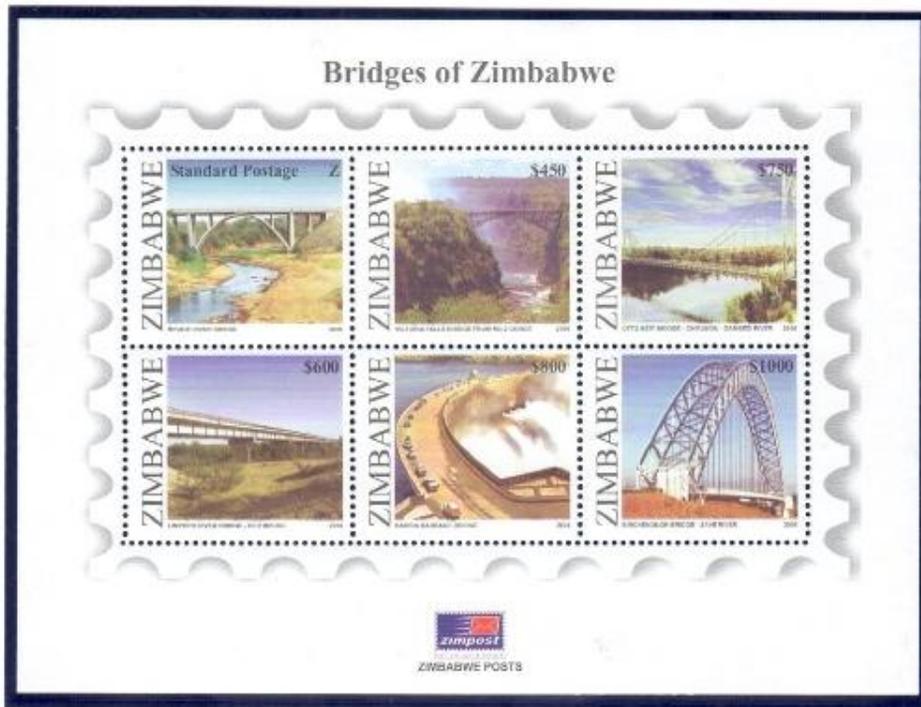
2014 75c History of Transport



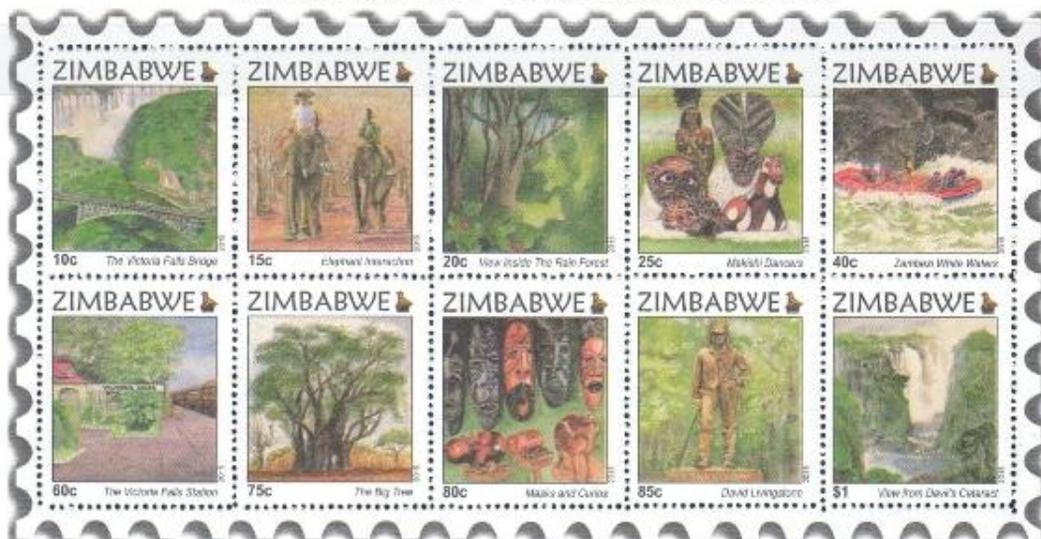
2010 'R' Value Africa's Paradise

Zimbabwe Victoria Falls

24 October 2006 Bridges of Zimbabwe - \$450 depicting the Victoria Falls Bridge



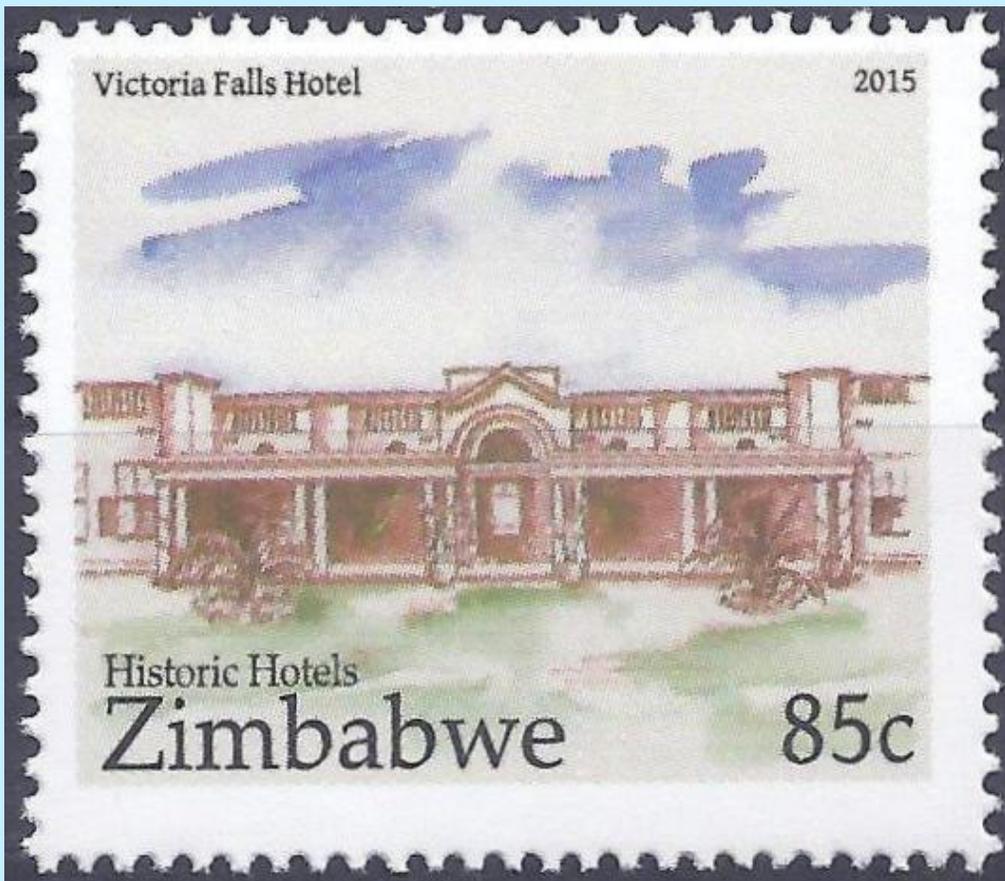
EIGHTH ZIMBABWE DEFINITIVE ISSUE A FOCUS ON VICTORIA FALLS





 ZIMBABWE POSTS

2015 Eight Definitive - Ten values with a Victoria Falls theme



2015 The Victoria Falls Hotel depicted on a stamp

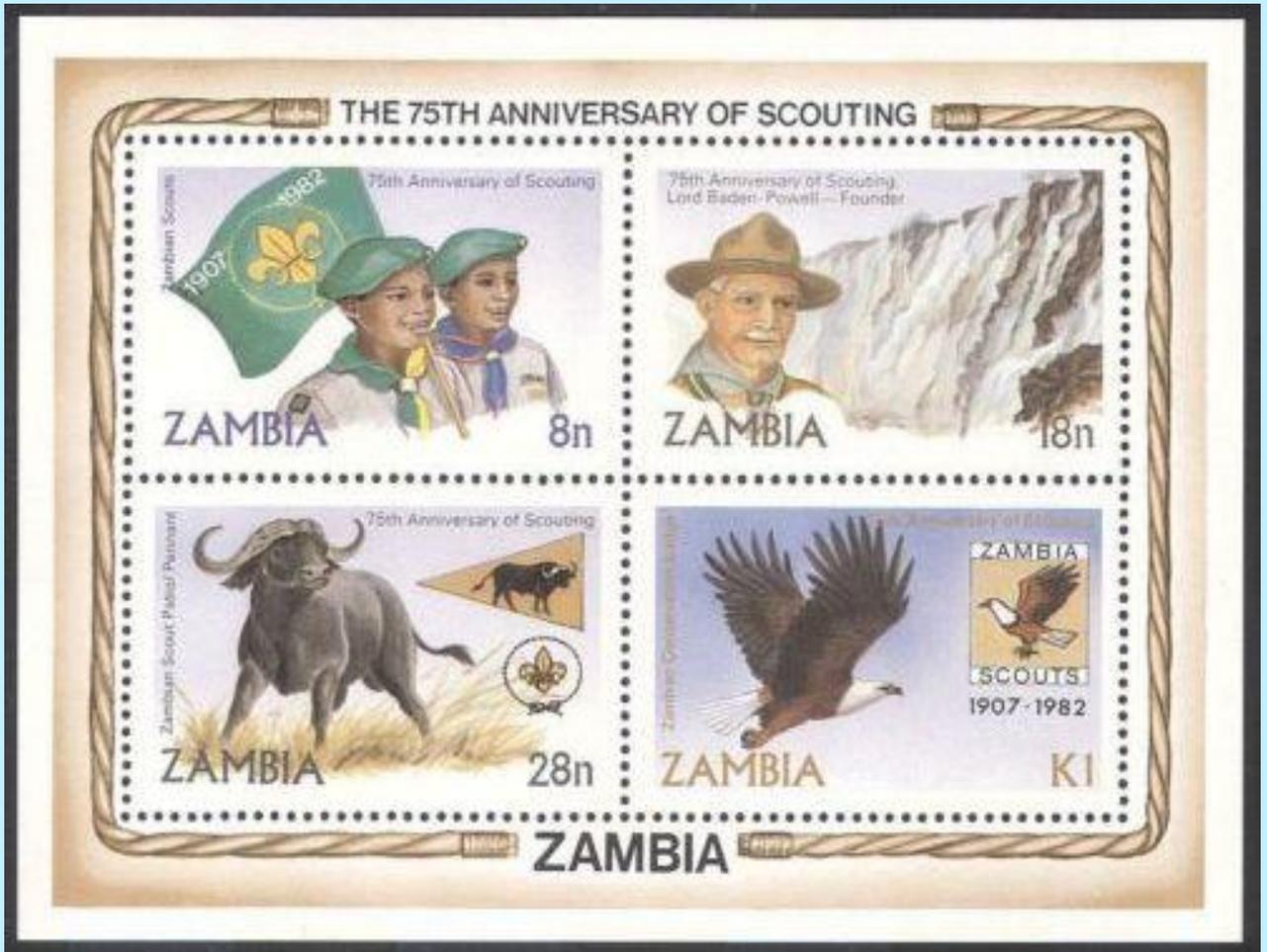


1982 - 18n Scouting

1983 - K1 Commonwealth Day

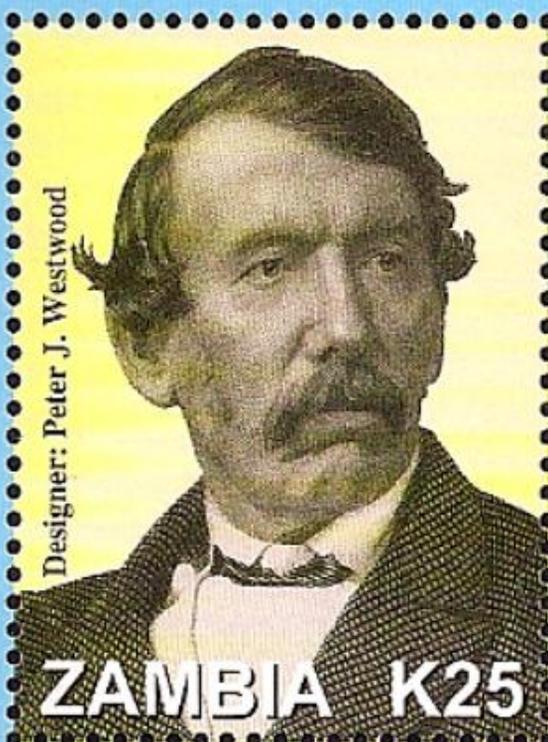
1984 – K45 Air Transport

1999 – K900 Aids Conference



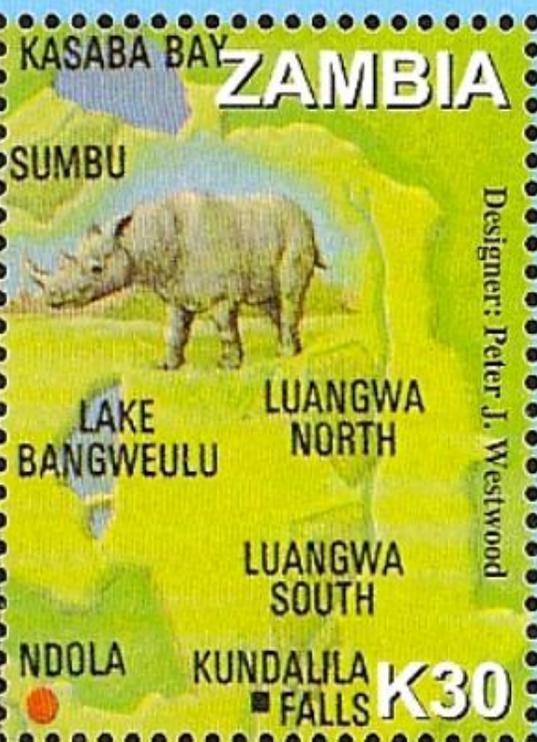
Dr DAVID LIVINGSTONE

BI-CENTENARY OF BIRTH 1813 - 2013



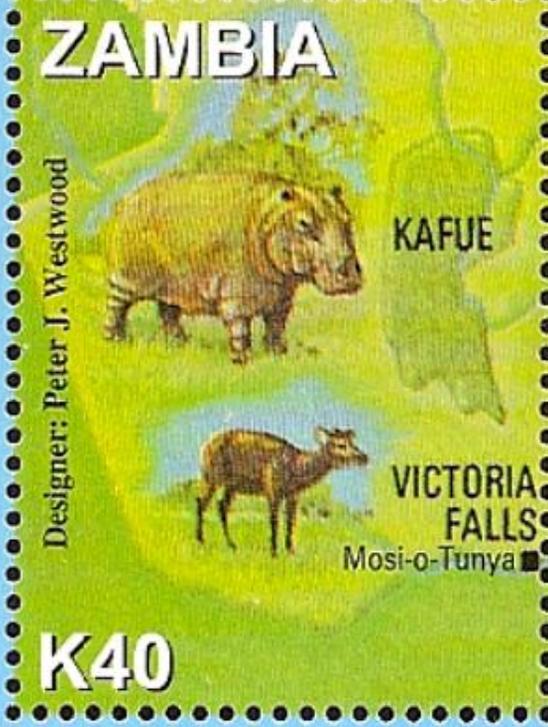
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ZAMBIA K25



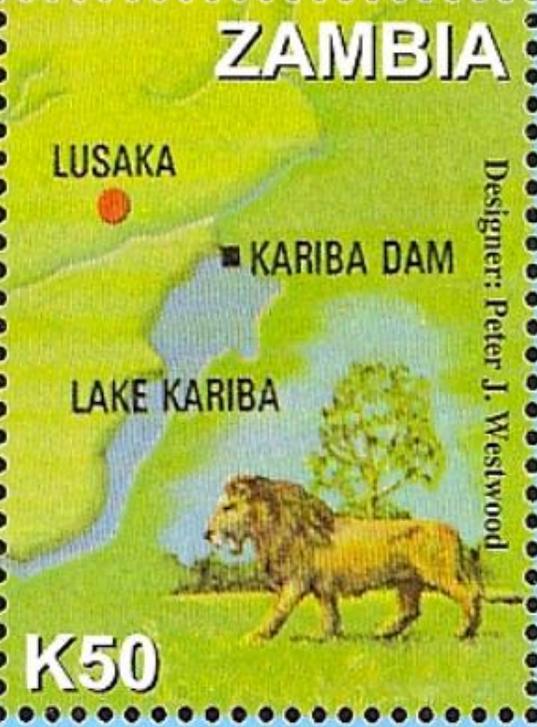
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Designer: Peter J. Westwood

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Zambia - Stamps depicting the Victoria Falls

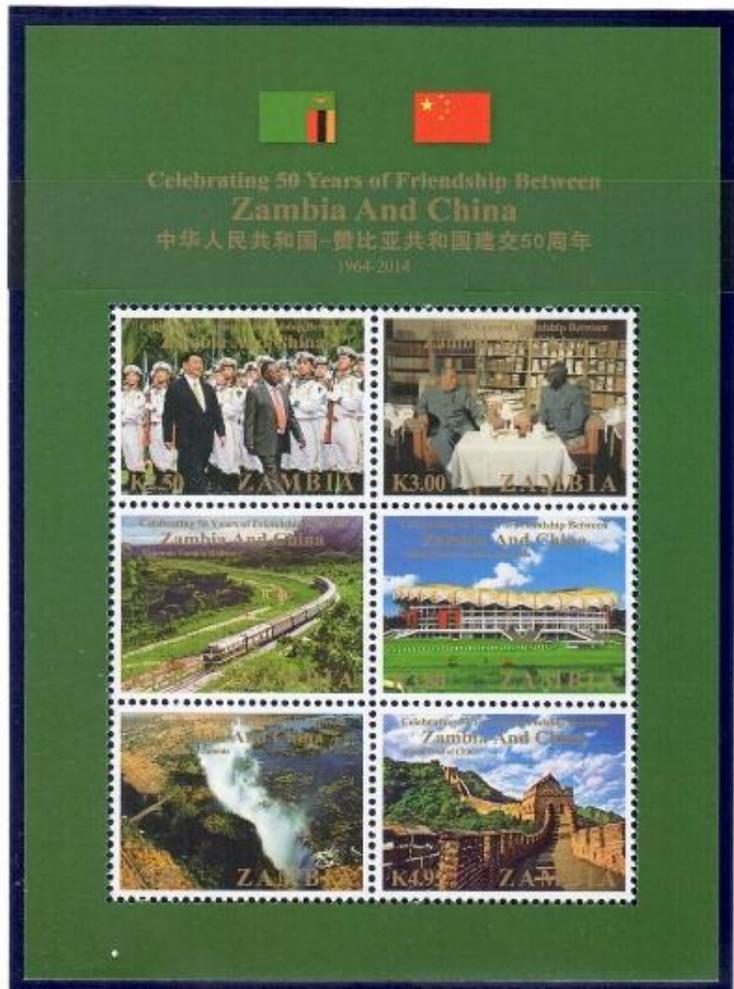
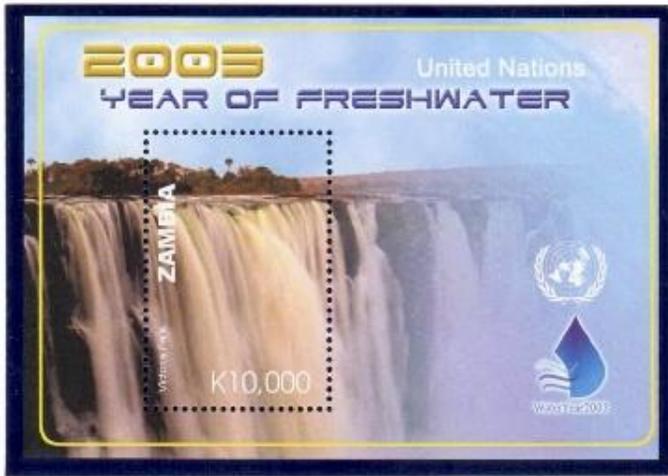
20 January 2006
150th Anniversary of the discovery of the
Victoria Falls
By David Livingstone



28 August 2014 - Waterfalls of Zambia (Set of six)
2K 50 Value depicts the Victoria Falls

Zambia Victoria Falls

30 July 2003 United Nations International Year of Freshwater



2014 Celebrating Fifty Years Friendship with China



NATIONAL PARKS OF AFRICA

