Africana Notes and News: Articles published relating to Numismatics

Introduction

Africana Notes and News (Africana Aantekeninge en Nuus) was a bilingual soft-cover publication by the Africana Society, Africana Museum and the City of Johannesburg. Thirty volumes were published, each volume consisting of between 4 and 9 publications. The first was issued in December 1943 and the last 50 years later in 1993.

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A typical publication would consist of a handful of articles, some accompanied by pictures, a few notes and queries from readers and sometimes news of then recent publications by the Africana Museum.

The pages would run continually from page 1 in the first publication of that volume up to the last page in the last publication of that volume. For example, volume VIII was published in four editions being December 1950, and March, June and September 1951 with the pages running from 1 to 135

With the final publication of each volume, a pamphlet would be included recording the titles of all the articles that appeared in that volume with their pages numbers indicated (The authors of the articles were not always named). The index pamphlet would then indicate the title and page of each article but **not** the number (e.g. Vol. VIII, No 1.) of the publication.

In 2022, the Western Cape Numismatic Society was very fortunate when the late Allyn Jacobs donated a large number of mostly numismatic publications to us. Included were 135 copies of Africana Notes and News, the oldest being Vol. VIII, No. 1 (December 1950) and the most recent Vol. 29 No. 8 (December 1991).

There were also 21 copies of the index page pamphlets included, which was very fortunate in that we now have information on some articles published even if we do not have the actual publication in our library.

Index page pamphlets

Here is the list of what we have.

Vol. VI, December, 1948 - September 1949. Vol. VII, December, 1949 - September, 1950. Vol. VIII, December, 1950 - September, 1951. Vol. IX, December, 1951 - September, 1952. Vol. X, December, 1952 - September, 1953. Vol. XI, December, 1953 - September, 1955. Vol. XII, March, 1956 - December, 1957. In future volumes the Roman numerals were dropped. Vol. 13, March, 1958 - December, 1959. Vol. 14, March, 1960 - December, 1961. Vol. 15, March, 1962 - 1963 (No months are given). Vol. 16, March, 1964 - December. 1965. Vol. 17, March, 1966 - December, 1967. Vol. 18, March, 1968 - December, 1969. Vol. 19, March, 1970 - December, 1971. Vol. 20. March. 1972 - December. 1973. Vol. 21, March, 1974 - December, 1975. Vol. 22, March, 1976 - December, 1977. Vol. 23, March, 1978 - December, 1979. Volumes 24 and 25 missing. Vol. 26. March. 1984 - December. 1985. Vol. 27, March, 1985 - December, 1987. Vol. 28, March, 1984 - December, 1989. Volumes 29 and 30 missing.

Comments: We have neither the index page pamphlets nor any of the actual publications of the first 5 volumes published between December 1943 and September 1947. Although we are missing the index page pamphlets of volumes 24, 25, 29 and 30, we do have the following hard copies that appeared in those volumes: -

Volume 24: All the issues except number 3. Volume 25: All the issues except numbers 5 and 6. Volume 29: All the issues except numbers 1, 2, 4 and 5. Volume 30. We have no issues of this (the last) volume.

The authors are in some cases not named in the indexes, but if we have the actual copies, we will supply that information. Also, in some instances the titles are sometimes vague and one is not always sure to what it refers to: - such examples in the indexes are *Money is easier made* and *Tale of two banknotes*.

Title (and Author if available)	Volume & page	Does the WCNS have a hard copy?
Early Coins of the Cape & Shipwreck coins		
Currency at the Cape in 1706 by C. Lockyer.	Vol. 6 page 104.	No
Grosvenor (coin?) necklace	Vol. 13 page 83	No
On the Track of the Grosvenor by Basil Holt (with references to the coins found from the wreck)	Vol. 11 page 88	Yes

The Grosvenor Treasure: Turner's Discoveries by	Vol. 12 page 131	Yes
Basil Holt		
(with references to the coins found from the wreck)		
Picture of a necklace of coins associated with the	Vol. 12 page 170-171	No
Grosvenor.		
Gold coin recovered from the Misikaba wreck site	Vol. 22 page 231 and	Yes
by C.H.N Auret	237 (picture)	
(Part of an article on the wreck speculated to be		
the São João,)		
Coins of the Z.A.R.		
Disturs of a postaged deviating 7 A D aging		Maa
Picture of a postcard depicting Z.A.R. coins	Vol. 20 page 32	Yes
Marshall's souvenirs of the Z.A.R. munt te velde 1902 by Anna H. Smith,	Vol. 22 page 22	No
Medal issued by Z.A.R (Picture)	Vol. 22 page 28	No
Staatsmunt te velde (Picture)	Vol. 22 page 16	No
Veld Pond pattern with smooth edge and very light	Vol. 22 page 28	No
rim (Picture) Veld Pond pattern die made from brass portion of a	Vol. 22 page 17	No
draughtsman's roller rule (Picture)	Vol. 22 page 17	
Coins of the Union of South Africa		
Half sovereign coinages at the Royal Mint, Pretoria.	Vol. 7 page 104.	No
Coins of the Republic of South Africa		
Kruger Rand Mintage Figures	Vol. 24 page 294	Yes – Notes & Queries
Coins of Southern Africa		
Notes on the coinage of German East Africa by	Vol. 7 page 116	Νο
P.J. du Toit.		
Medals & Medallions (generally non-military)		
Description of Van Riebeeck Tercentenary medals	Vol. 9 page 10.	No
and medallions by J.E. Roux.		
A series of silver school medals in the Albany	Vol. 11 page 118	Yes
Museum by M. Kannemeyer.		
President Kruger's birthday medal.	Vol. 12 page 188	No
Goude Buys medal.	Vol. 13 page 83	No
Exhibition of Z.A.R. commemorative medals	Vol. 13 page 204	Yes – Notes & Queries
Gedenkpenninge by A.H. Smith	Vol. 17 page 137	Yes
(Relating to the year 1966)		
Van Imhoff medals by H.B. Zuck.	Vol. 19 page 338	Yes
Picture of the Van Imhoff medal.	Vol. 19 page 341	Yes
	Vol. 19 page 82	Yes – Notes & Queries
Very smart medal (75 Years of the Witwatersrand	V01. 15 page 02	
Agricultural Society and notes on the medals issued).	Vol. 15 page 02	

John Syms Willcox, Silversmith by Rita Snyman (Mentioning of some silver medals).	Vol. 17 page 125	Yes
Grahamstown's Cape silversmith, J.S. Willcox (1837 – 1904)	Vol. 26 page 311	Yes – pictures of medals page 314
Johannesburg medals & tokens by Anna H. Smith (Talk at the SA Numismatic Convention Johannesburg 1974).	Vol. 21 page 67	Yes
Commemorative medals of South African interest in the Africana Museum.	Vol. 23 page 264	No
The Drummond Castle Medal by Anna H. Smith	Vol. 25 page 19 with picture on p. 18	Yes
German-Mpondo Medals by Margaret Rainer	Vol. 25 page 184	Yes – Notes & Queries
Peace, 1919 (Pretoria)	Vol. 25 page 252	Yes – Notes & Queries
(Notes on the Peace Medal of 1919)		Vec. Notes ? Oueriss
Medal of the Prince Imperial	Vol. 25 page 258	Yes – Notes & Queries
Castle Mail Packets Medal for Gallantry	Vol. 26 page 121	Yes – Notes & Queries
Barnsley Anglo Boer War tribute medal	Vol. 26 page 193 and 303	Yes (only page 303) – Notes & Queries
The Medals and Badges of the South African Industrial and Arts Exhibition, Grahamstown, 1898 - 1899 by Patricia E. Scott	Vol. 27 page 1	Yes
Medals for Chiefs and Badge of Honour	Vol. 28 page 158	Yes – Correspondence
Medal awards for matches (Match making in South Africa)	Vol. 21 page 16	Yes - pictures
Tokens		
Petrol ration coupons issued during World War II in	Vol. 14 page 26	Yes
South Africa by J.A. Pringle		
Tokens of Natal	Vol. 19 page 257	No - probably Notes & Queries
Tokens of Southern Africa	Vol. 17 page 295	No - probably Notes & Queries
G.P.O. copper test tokens	Vol. 18 page 359	No
English & Colonial Johannesburg P & T Co. Ltd token	Vol. 19 page 122	Yes – Notes & Queries
Tokens of Southern Africa: addenda and corrigenda by E.J. Maynard	Vol. 18 page 243	No
Tokens of Southern Africa: addenda and corrigenda II by E.J. Maynard	Vol. 20 page 243	Yes
Tokens of Southern Africa: addenda III	Vol. 21 page 180	Yes
Tekenmunte in my versameling by M.D. Badenhorst.	Vol. 23 page 343	Yes
Larkan and St. Faith's tokens by C.S. Balson	Vol. 23 page 109	No
Soicher J. Tokens	Vol. 23 page 256	No
Tokens "P + H" (Powell & Holliday)	Vol. 26 page 119	Yes – Notes & Queries
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South African tokens	Vol. 16 page 339	No - probably Notes & Queries
Tokens	Vol. 28 page 125	No - probably Notes & Queries

Paper Money		
Cartoon-money and medals (Cape Government "cartoon-money" issues of 1806-1831)	Vol. 15 page 215	Yes – Notes & Queries
South African paper money. Notes on the war issues of the Z.A. Republiek -1900 by H.J. Raubenheimer.	Vol. 16 page 174	No
Tale of two banknotes	Vol. 20 page 128	No
Goewermentsbanknote gedruk te Pretoria (Mei 1900) by Jan Ploeger.	Vol. 24 page 90	Yes
Banknotes	Vol. 26 page 195	No - probably Notes & Queries
Patterns		
Notes on the South African patterns in the collection of W. V. Royle Baldwin (written by himself).	Vol. 14 page 59	Yes
Attention to two errors in die article.	Vol. 14 page 158	Yes
Catalogue of South African patterns by S. Gordon (this is an article and does not refers to a book)	Vol. 14 page 49	Yes
Societies and Conventions		
First South African Numismatic Convention	Vol. 14 page 79	Yes – Notes & Queries
Second SA Numismatic Convention	Vol. 16 page 40	Yes – Notes & Queries
South African Numismatic Society	Vol. 15 page 259	No - probably Notes & Queries
Newsletter of the South African Numismatic Society (ceases of publication)	Vol. 15 page 166	Yes – Notes & Queries
Counterfeit coins		
Counterfeit coin (Counterfeit gold coins in the early 1900s in SA)	Vol. 20 page 70	Yes – Notes & Queries
Numismatic Books & Catalogues		
Coinage and counterfeits of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek (Reference to the book by Eli Levine)	Vol. 21 page 119	Yes – Notes & Queries
(Reference to the 1980 South African Coins and their Values by V.J.P. Nicholas.	Vol. 24 page 153	Yes
A South African Coin Book (Referral to the book <i>Ken Jacobs' Coins of South</i> <i>Africa: a complete reference book on South African</i> <i>coins.</i>)	Vol. 26 page 77	Yes – Notes & Queries

(Reference to the book edited by Joe Cribb)Vol. 27 page 253No - probably Notes & QueriesNumismatic essays.Vol. 27 page 253No - probably Notes & QueriesMoney in South AfricaVol. 28 page 123No - probably Notes & Queries(Probably reference to the book by C.L.Engelbrecht)Vol. 17 page 35Yes – Notes & QueriesSovereigns of the British Empire (Book published by Spink & Son)Vol. 17 page 35Yes – Notes & QueriesBoer War Tribute Medals (Reference to the book by M.G. Hibbard)Vol. 25 page 178Yes – Notes & QueriesGerman tokens (Reference to the book by Jerry F. Schimmel that includes tokens of German S.W.A.)Vol. 28 page 160Yes – Notes & QueriesSouth African Paper Money Trends: Standard Catalogue of the Banknotes of South AfricaVol. 27 page 169Yes – Notes & QueriesTickey: Origin of the word? By M.D.W. Jeffreys. Money is easier madeVol. 20 page 137NoPostcards with illustrations of stamps and coins by Anna H. SmithVol. 20 page 19Yes			
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