



ARCHIVAL SOURCES ON PRINCE ALBERT



AG 9736 Swartberg Pass, between
Prince Albert and Oudtshoorn

The Western Cape Archives holds the memory of our province with more than 45kms of records. This flyer will help you identify *some* of the main sources of historical information available to researchers in the Western Cape Archives, specifically on Prince Albert. Remember when looking for information, try all the spelling variations – *Prince Albert* and *Prins Albert*.

1. Secretary of the Village Management Board (1881-1901) and Town Clerk of Prince Albert (1902-1959) (3/PAL, Inventory 3A/90).

The Village Management Board of Prince Albert was established on 3 October 1881. On 24 December 1901, it became a municipality. The Prince Albert Local Municipality now includes the towns and surrounding farm areas of Klaarstroom, Prince Albert, Prince Albert Road and Leeu-Gamka. Records include:

- Board/Council minutes
- Correspondence
- Valuation rolls
- Reports: health, town engineer,
- Financial statements
- Municipal regulations, contract and tenders



AG 7146.76 View of "Queekvalei" (Now Prince Albert) Farm of Widow Sadiarias de Beer, East of Gamka River,

2. Secretary, Divisional Council of Prince Albert (1879-1979) (4/PAL, Inventory 3/76)

In 1858, the Divisional Council of Prince Albert was constituted.

These records include:

- Council minutes
- Correspondence
- Committee minutes
- Valuation rolls
- Financial papers
- Voters rolls

3. Magistrate of Prince Albert (1858-1985) (1/PAL, Inventory 2A/7)

Records include:

- Records of criminal proceedings, including of periodical court in Klaarstroom
- Criminal record books
- Civil cases and judgements
- Correspondence
- Land matters
- Mining papers
- Estate files
- Liquor licensing court

4. Secretary of Prince Albert School Board (1912-1979) (SBPA, Inventory 4/19/45)

The School Board was established in 1905 and dissolved in 1991

- Board minutes.
- Correspondence

5. Deputy Sheriff (1880-1910) (DPA, Inventory 1/118)

Includes:

- Correspondence, including telegrams

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6. Home Affairs Registers for Oudshoorn and Calizdorp (1883-1970s) (HAWC)

The civil marriage, birth and death registers for Prince Albert are contained in the registers for Oudshoorn and Calizdorp.



HOP2049 House of the magistrate of Prince Albert when magistrate and Mrs JP Borchers (on the stoep) lived there

7. Photographs

The Western Cape Archives has over 80 000 photographs. There are photographs of Prince Albert in the Fitchett (landmarks and other buildings, late 1970s and early 1980s), Ravenscroft (street and landscape scenes), Jeffreys, Elliot, Hopkins, Dr. Juritz (late 1880s) and AG Collections (landscapes).

8. Maps and plans

The Western Cape Archives has over 17 000 maps, plans and architectural drawings in the Cartographic Collection, including some maps of Prince Albert and surrounds.



J10645 Mule cart with Attendants on Swartberg Pass near Prince Albert

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