

HISTORY AROUND US

A WORKSHOP FOR ARCHIVISTS ON WHAT ARCHIVES MEAN FOR HISTORIANS

VENUE : THE PIETERMARITZBURG ARCHIVES REPOSITORY

GROUP 1. TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 28-30 JANUARY

GROUP 2. TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 4-6 FEBRUARY 2014

Facilitated by Jeff Guy, emeritus Professor of History and Research Associate of the University of KwaZulu-Natal

DAY 1 The ARCHIVES of Colonial Natal

0930 – 11 Introductions

Session 1

1.1 The significance of Archival collections for historians

1.2 Information resources.

Archives and Libraries

Primary and Secondary Sources

11- 1115 Tea

1115-1230

1.3 Archival resources

Government Archives

Archives and Political Systems

Personal and Private Archives

1230-1315 Lunch

1315- 1500

Discussion

1.4 The Archives of KwaZulu-Natal and Colonialism

1.5 FLOWCHART: Documents and Structures of Power

DAY 2 The HISTORY of Colonial Natal

0930 – 11

2.1 TIMELINE

Colonial Conquest

The Zulu Kingdom

The Colony of Natal

The House of Sonzica

The Locations

The Amakhosi

The Sithole

11- 1115 Tea

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1115-1230

Case Study: The Story of Matshana kaMondise Sithole

1230-1315 Lunch

1315- 1500

Discussion

Case Study: The History of Matshana kaMondise Sithole

DAY 3 SOURCES on Colonial Natal

0930 – 11

Finding the Sources

Secondary material

11- 1115 Tea

1115-1230

Finding the Sources

Primary material

1230-1315 Lunch

1315- 1500

Discussion

Archival research and the digital revolution

ASSESSMENT

Project:

Select a research topic of your own choice – personal, family, community history: a particular event of minor or major importance, a biography or autobiography. You would get more direct help from the History Around Us workshop if you choose a historical subject before 1910. But you might want to work on a more contemporary subject for which material exists. The title should begin with

“A survey of the source materials available for an examination/a history of”

Give reasons why you have selected this particular research topic.

Give an indication of the secondary sources on the subject if they exist, what information they contain, and where they can be found.

Give details of archival sources on the subject, where they can be found, and the significance they have for your research topic.

Remember this does not have to be in an essay format. It is a schematic account on how to gather the source material needed for your research project.

Materials

Basic hardcopy materials are provided, but this is a digitized workshop which makes use of visual material. This can be found on the website of the Killie Campbell Africana Library (<http://campbell.ukzn.ac.za>) which you can access by creating an account, logging in, then following the menu items **Projects and Events > Jeff Guy's Projects > History Archives Workshop**

Alternatively, the direct link to the History Archives Workshop materials is: <http://campbell.ukzn.ac.za/?q=node/48002> (Note: You will need to have an account and be logged in to view this content)

Login Instructions

1. Go to <http://campbell.ukzn.ac.za/?q=node/48002>
2. Click on **create a new account**
3. Complete user account form (Note all fields with an * are required)
 - a. Under '**purpose of research**' please type: *Jan 2014 Archives Workshop*
4. Scroll to the bottom of the Page and click the "**Create new account**" button
5. To confirm your account the system will send you an email with a one-time link. Click on the link and edit your account details. Remember to scroll to the bottom of the page and click "**Submit**"

The following documents will provide the foundation for the Workshop.

1. PROGRAMME
2. HISTORY AROUND US: The presentation used for the Workshop.
3. History of Matshana (written for this Workshop by Jeff Guy)
4. "Easting *Imbuya*" from *Theophilus Shepstone and the Forging of Natal*. A longer more detailed reconstruction of Natal's conflict with *Inkosi* Matshana kaMondise in 1858.
5. TNA: CO179/48, 6407, The Official Report, 1858.

I will also make these documents available in digitized form in the Reading Room of the Pietermaritzburg Archives Repository.