

INTRODUCTION

Previous publications, notably Harvey Pirie (1955) *Swaziland and New Republic: their stamps and postal histories*, Proud (1996) *The postal history of Swaziland and Zululand*, the four volume Putzel (1986/90) *Encyclopaedia of South African post offices and postal agencies*, and the ten volume Putzel, later Putzel and Visser (1992 to 2003) *The postmarks of South Africa and former states and colonies*, have provided an extensive coverage of the postmarks. Using these publications as a basis, a comprehensive listing and illustration of the postmarks and postal markings, updated with new information, is presented. As a linkage with these publications the relevant reference numbers are given. Note that in some instances the reference numbers are not sequential, as new information has resulted in some numbers being deleted, while others are added. A unique and sequential numbering system is provided. Although only postmarks and postal markings in use to 1968 are listed, later handstamps and postal markings are presented in Putzel, later Putzel and Visser (1992 to 2003) and electronic Addenda. The 'Madame Joseph' forgeries are discussed by Worboys (1994) and Cartwright (2005).