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**Important Notes:**

**1.**

**These files are also indexed on the NAN database ACCPT.**

**2.**

**These are not the records of SWANLA, but only of a shareholder of SWANLA. All efforts to locate the records of SWANLA have been fruitless, and they must be considered lost.**

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### **Society of South West Africa Farmer Employers of Contracted Extra-Territorial and Northern Natives**

#### **Introduction**

##### **(a) Background History**

In terms of Ordinance Number 48 of 1952 dated 24 November 1952 a society known as the **Society of South West Africa Farmer Employers of Contracted Extra-Territorial and Northern Natives** was to be established "to make provision for contributions and the purchase of shares in the South West Africa Native Labour Association (SWANLA)."<sup>1</sup> The main objects of the society were to buy 19,500 SWANLA shares and to secure two representatives on the board of SWANLA.<sup>2</sup> All bona fide farmers in South West Africa were compelled to become members of the society before they could employ contracted labour.<sup>3</sup>

The society was under the control of a committee of three members elected by society members. A secretary was appointed and the salary of this official was the responsibility of the South West Africa Administration. The society's headquarters was established at Grootfontein.<sup>4</sup> Further financial assistance was provided in terms of section seven of Ordinance Number 48 of 1952.<sup>5</sup> Under section fourteen of Ordinance Number 48 of 1952 the Administrator of South West Africa was empowered to make regulations concerning the affairs of the society.<sup>6</sup>

The first meeting of the society was held at Grootfontein on 24 June 1954.<sup>7</sup>

##### **(b) The documents of the society and their arrangement**

The documents, covering the period 1954-1964, consist of correspondence, index cards and certain SWANLA documents. The correspondence concerns minutes of meetings, membership fees and general matters. The index cards are arranged according to magisterial districts, within each district each employer of contracted labour was allocated a card which contained particulars of employees. The cards were arranged alphabetically within each district according to farmers' surname. The SWANLA documents consist of reports, accounts and memoranda reflecting the work of SWANLA.

Before arrangement certain financial records whose functional value had expired were destroyed in terms of standing authority T 1408 (see Archives file 12/3/5/8/1, Item Number 22, dated 11 January 1983).

After appraisal, the documents occupy 1.20 linear metres of shelving space. The documents are in a poor physical condition.

*Margaret Taylor, BA(Hons.), April 1983*

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<sup>1</sup> The Laws of South West Africa, 1952, p. 794

<sup>2</sup> The Laws of South West Africa, 1952, p. 798

<sup>3</sup> The Laws of South West Africa, 1952, p. 798

<sup>4</sup> The Laws of South West Africa, 1952, p. 798

<sup>5</sup> The Laws of South West Africa, 1952, p. 800

<sup>6</sup> The Laws of South West Africa, 1952, p. 802-804

<sup>7</sup> NAN, SWAA A521/26/4 (Vol. 2)

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### I. Correspondence

Storage unit	File number	File title	Period
1	1.1 v.1	Letter re minutes of meetings - General	1956-1959
	1.1 v.2	Letter re minutes of meetings - General	1959-1962
	1.2 v.1	Membership fee - General	1956-1956
	1.2 v.2	Membership fee - General	1956-1956
2	1.2 v.3	Membership fee - General	1956-1957
	1.2 v.4	Membership fee - General	1957-1957
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	1.2 v.6	Membership fee - General	1957-1957
	1.2 v.7	Membership fee - General	1957-1957
3	1.2 v.8	Membership fee - General	1957-1958
	1.2 v.9	Membership fee - General	1958-1958
	1.2 v.10	Membership fee	1958-1958
4	1.2 v.11	Membership fee	1958-1958
	1.2 v.12	Membership fee - general	1960-1964
	1.3	Farm labour quota - completed cards received	1957-1958

### II. Index cards

*The index cards are arranged alphabetically within each magisterial district according to employer's surname*

Storage unit	File number	File title	Period
5	2.1	Index cards farm labour. Bethanien	1954-1958
	2.2	Index cards farm labour. Gibeon	1954-1958
6	2.3	Index cards farm labour. Gobabis	1954-1958
7	2.4	Index cards farm labour. Grootfontein	1954-1958
	2.5	Index cards farm labour. Karibib	1954-1958
	2.6 v.1	Index cards farm labour. Keetmanshoop A-L	1954-1958

Storage unit	File number	File title	Period
8	2.6 v.1	Index cards farm labour. Keetmanshoop M-Z	1954-1958
	2.7	Index cards farm labour. Lüderitz	1954-1958
	2.8	Index cards farm labour. Maltahöhe	1954-1958
	2.9 v.1	Index cards farm labour. Okahandja A-L	1954-1958
9	2.9 v.1	Index cards farm labour. Okahandja M-Z	1954-1958
	2.10	Index cards farm labour. Omaruru	1954-1958
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10	2.12	Index cards farm labour. Outjo	1954-1958
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### III. Annexure: SWANLA documents

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	3.1 v.2	SWANLA. Annual audit 30 June 1963	1962-1963
	3.2 v.1	SWANLA. Annual report for the financial year ended 30 June 1962	1961-1962
	3.2 v.2	SWANLA. Annual report for the financial year ended 30 June 1963	1962-1963
	3.3	Articles of New South West Africa Native Labour Association (Proprietary) Limited - Nuwe SWANLA	
	3.4	Draft Memorandum of Association of New South West Africa Native Labour Association (Proprietary) Limited - Nuwe SWANLA	