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Introduction

Provenance

These documents were found in an official file folder with the heading “The Rehoboth Basters and their New Constitution, etc” among unorganised material in the National Archives. The immediate physical context and a pencil note on the verso side of the re-used file cover indicate that the folder originated from an office of a member of the South West Africa Legislative Assembly. Apparently this is a compilation of papers for personal reference, put together in 1961, and it was therefore taken into the Private Accessions collection. Most probably the folder got to the National Archives through an undocumented transfer of papers from vacated offices of members of the Legislative Assembly for the Whites in 1990.

Content and context

The issue of the legal status of the “Rehoboth Gebiet” and its inhabitants had been a contentious matter throughout the mandate period. Apparently, in 1961 there was an effort to ratify a new “Constitution” for Rehoboth, which was the background to compile this convolute. The material present in this Accession does not contain any conclusion of this initiative.

The material is accommodated in one box and consists of 9 numbers with 12 items (3 being duplicates) in good condition.

Processing

The individual items have also been indexed in the ACCPT database.

Werner Hillebrecht, 2 October 2013

Listing

1

Wetboek van die Rehoboth Basters. Afgekondig deur die Kaptein en sy Raadslede in die jare 1872 en 1874

Cyclostyled copy of the "Vaderlike Wette" of the Rehoboth Basters. Carries a file number "429/442" from an unknown filing system

17 fol.

2

Hoachanas. The following is a short pre-history of Hoachanas drawn up recently

Cyclostyled document

19 fol.

3

A short history of Rehoboth

Cyclostyled document

12 fol.

4

The case of the Rehoboth Gebiet being a reply to allegations of the Republic of Liberia

Cyclostyled document. Written by John D. Viall, Acting Assistant Magistrate at Rehoboth, dated 4 May 1961, addressed to the Secretary for South West Africa and labeled "Confidential"

60 fol.

With two additional copies, labeled 4a and 4b

5

Notule van onderhoud tussen Sy Edele die Administrateur en die Basterraad in die Administrateurskantoor, Windhoek op Maandag 21 Julie 1958

Cyclostyled document. Minuted by F.J. Lötter. Concerns various points of disagreement between the Raad and the Administration

11 p.

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Die geskiedenis van die Rehoboth Basters

Cyclostyled document. No author mentioned. Covers the history of the Rehobothers from 1868-1958

49 fol.

With an additional copy labeled 6a

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New Constitution for the Rehoboth Gebiet

The document consists of one page stating the need for a new constitution for Rehoboth, and a photocopy of John Viall's text "The case of the Rehoboth Gebiet being a reply to allegations of the Republic of Liberia" with added handwritten references
[2], 56 fol.

8

The Rehoboth Basters [Chronology]

A typewritten chronology 1866-1961
8 fol.

9

Proclamation no.28 of 1923 of the Administrator [Agreement between the Administrator and the Raad of Rehoboth]

Photographic copy
[14] fol.