

## Official Free Markings Part 2 - Botswana (Installment 1)

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This is the first attempt to list all the known Official Free markings use in Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana, which, as far as I know, have not been recorded elsewhere.

The listing will be in three main parts:

- Bechuanaland Protectorate (Runner Post #63)
- Botswana markings which show the office of use and the words "Official Free" or similar on the same handstamp
- Official Free handstamps (usually straight line) which are used in association with departmental cachets. The cachets will not be recorded, but the known offices of use will be shown against each type of Official Free marking.

### Part 2 - Botswana Markings

Markings of Botswana are far more numerous than those of Bechuanaland Protectorate and will be published in several installments.

#### Installment 1


This installment covers departments beginning with A, B, C and part of D (one of three sections)


#### Acknowledgment

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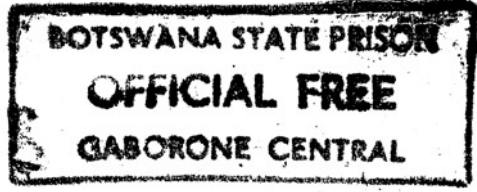
Markings are listed in alphabetical order of the departmental inscription shown on the handstamps. The number to the right of the description is my reference number. For a future update I would be looking for some assistance in using the postmark typology to describe the markings.

Dates are in dd-mm-yyyy format


	
ANIMAL HEALTH INSTITUTE P.O. Box 985 GABORONE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	120
Gaborones 10-09-1985	
Triple Oval 55mm x 33mm	

	
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS PROSECUTION DIVISION GABORONE	125
Gaborones 16-08-2001	
Double Oval 60mm x 36mm	

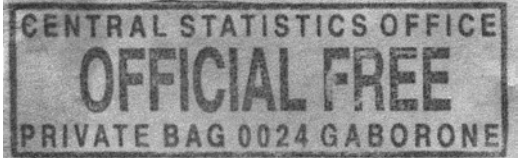
	
BANGWAKETSE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION P/BAG 19 KANYE <b>[STRUCK IN RED]</b>	130
25-01-2002	
Single Oval 53mm x 40mm	

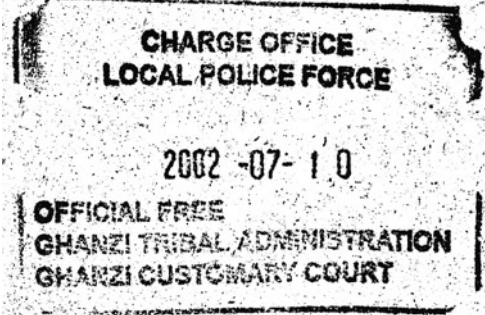
	
BOTSWANA STATE PRISON GABORONE CENTRAL	135
Gaborone Village 29-03-1983	
Rectangle 60mm x 23mm	

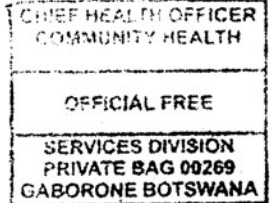
	
BOTSWANA STATE PRISONS LOBATSÍ	140
Gaborone Village 04-08-1983 to 20-10-1984	
Triple Oval 55mm x 34mm	

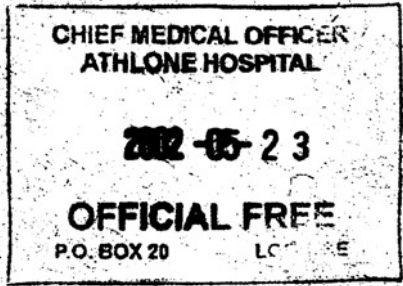
	
CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES GABORONE BOTSWANA	145
Gaborones 22-09-2000	
Single Oval 61mm x 37mm	

	
CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE PRIVATE BAG 0024 GABORONE	150
Gaborone 22-05-2001	
Rectangle 103mm x 18mm	

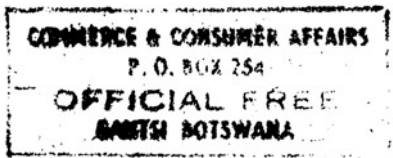
	
CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE PRIVATE BAG 0024 GABORONE [STRUCK IN GREEN]	151
Date not known	
Rectangle - size not known (not to scale)	

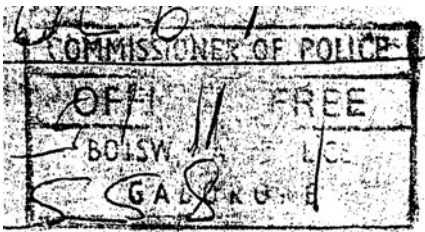
	
CHARGE OFFICE LOCAL POLICE FORCE GHANZI TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION GHANZI CUSTOMARY COURT [STRUCK IN RED]	155
Ghanzi/Gantsi 10-07-2002	
Rectangle 60mm x 41mm	

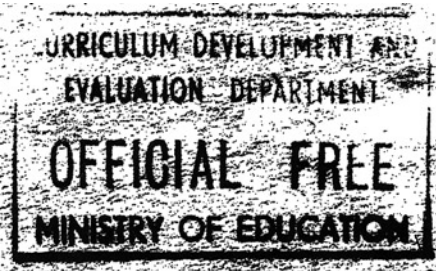
	
CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION PRIVATE BAG 00269 GABORONE BOTSWANA	160
29-10-2004	
Rectangle - size not known (not to scale)	


	
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER ATHLONE HOSPITAL P.O.BOX 20 LOBATSE	165
23-05-2002 to 04-07-2002	
Rectangle 51mm x 36mm	

	
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER PRIVATE BAG 007 BOBONONG	167
Selebi Phikwe 04-03-2002	
Rectangle 56mm x 35mm	

	
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS P.O.BOX 254 GANTSI BOTSWANA <b>[STRUCK IN BROWN]</b>	170
Ghanzi/Gantsi 09-12-1999	
Rectangle 50mm x 19mm	

	
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BOTSWANA POLICE GABORONE <b>[STRUCK IN RED]</b>	175
14-05-2004 to 11-10-2004	
Rectangle 51mm x 27mm	


	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION DEPARTMENT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	180
Gaborone 15-06-2000	
Rectangle 54mm x 31mm	

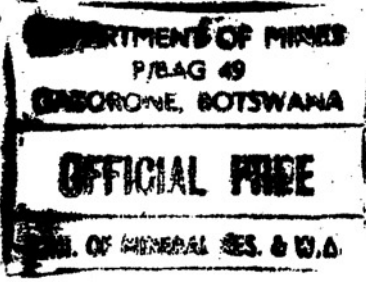
	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT DIVISION MINISTRY OF EDUCATION P.O.BOX 221 GABORONE	182
Gaborone 03-01-2002	
Triple Oval 65mm x 40mm	

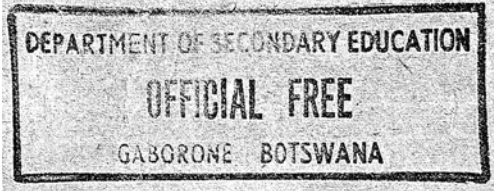
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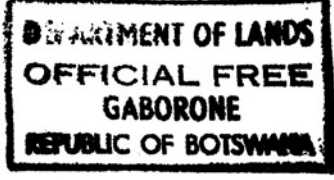
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- 2 Agriculture and Livestock
- 3 Income Tax

D Section 1 - Administration and Public Services

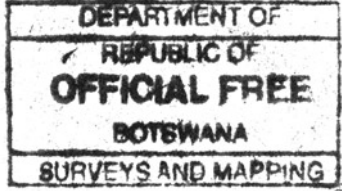
	
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL SERVICES PRIVATE BAG 0066 GABORONE, BOTSWANA	185
21-05-2001 to 23-04-2002	
Rectangle 60mm x 39mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF MINES P/BAG 49 GABORONE, BOTSWANA MIN. OF MINERAL RES. & W.A.	195
Gaborone 27-02-2001	
Rectangle 48mm x 35mm	

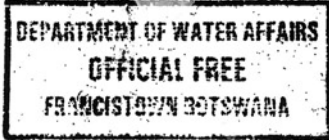
	
DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION GABORONE BOTSWANA	205
Date not known	
Rectangle 62mm x 21mm	

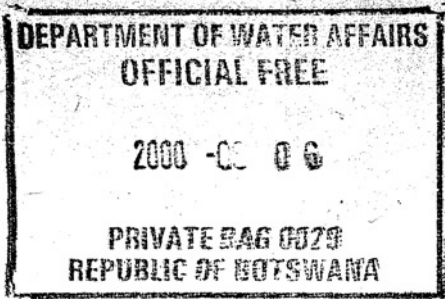
	
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS GABORONE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA <b>[STRUCK IN RED]</b>	190
Gaborone 30-07-2002	
Rectangle 42mm x 22mm	

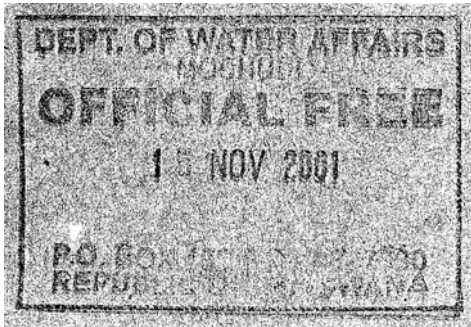
	
DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT P/BAG BO 323 GABORONE BOTSWANA <b>[ONE STRUCK IN DARK BLUE]</b>	200
Gaborone 17-11-2000 (dark blue) 17-06-2002 (black)	
Rectangle 51mm x 30mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	210
Gaborone 28-06-2000	
Rectangle 44mm x 24mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING P/BAG 0042 GABORONE <b>[STRUCK IN RED]</b>	215
Gaborone 12-07-2001 to 29-10-2001	
Double Oval 60mm x 40mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS FRANCISTOWN BOTSWANA	220
Francistown 29-05-2002 to 13-06-2003	
Rectangle 43mm x 18mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS PRIVATE BAG 0029 REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	222
Gaborone 06-09-2000	
Rectangle 57mm x 37mm	

	
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS MOCHUDI P.O.BOX [unreadable] REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	224
16-11-2001	
Rectangle 58mm x 38mm	

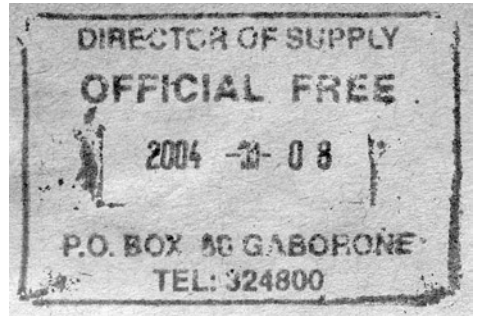
	
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS P.O. BOX 203 TEL: 430441 SEROWE	226
Palapye 07-03-2000 to 16-03-2000	
Double Circle 46mm	


	
DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BOTSWANA	230
05-12-1975	
Triple Oval 49mm x 35mm	


	
Directorate of Personnel PRESIDENTS OFFICE GABORONE BOTSWANA <b>[STRUCK IN RED]</b>	235
Gaborone 08-07-????	
Rectangle 51mm x 24mm	


	
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT GABORONE BOTSWANA	240
Gaborone 07-06-2001	
Rectangle 51mm x 22mm	

	
DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY P.O. BOX 80 GABORONE	245
Gaborone 05-02-1992	
Rectangle 42mm x 32mm	

	
DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY P.O. BOX 80 GABORONE TEL: 324800 <b>[STRUCK IN BLUISH GREEN]</b> <b>[STRUCK IN VIOLET]</b>	247
Gaborone 09-10-2004 to 08-11-2004 (Bluish Green) Gaborone 12-10-2004 to 15-10-2004 (Violet)	
Rectangle 57mm x 38mm	

	
DIRECTOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING P/BAG 0062 GABORONE TEL: 3655000	250
Gaborone 16-05-2001 to 09-08-2002	
Rectangle 51mm x 31mm	

	
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER GHANZI BOTSWANA <b>[STRUCK IN RED]</b>	255
10-05-2001	
Triple Oval 56mm x 38mm	

	
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER PRIVATE BAG 001 (?) MASUNGA, BOTSWANA <b>[STRUCK IN BROWN]</b>	257
Masunga 07-06-2001	
Rectangle 67mm x 42mm	

	
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER SEROWE	259
Serowe 07-04-1992	
Double Oval 54mm x 33mm	

If any member has Botswana items in their collection which are not listed above (letters A to C and part of D) or are used outside any date range shown, or differ in place used or ink colour - please send me full details.

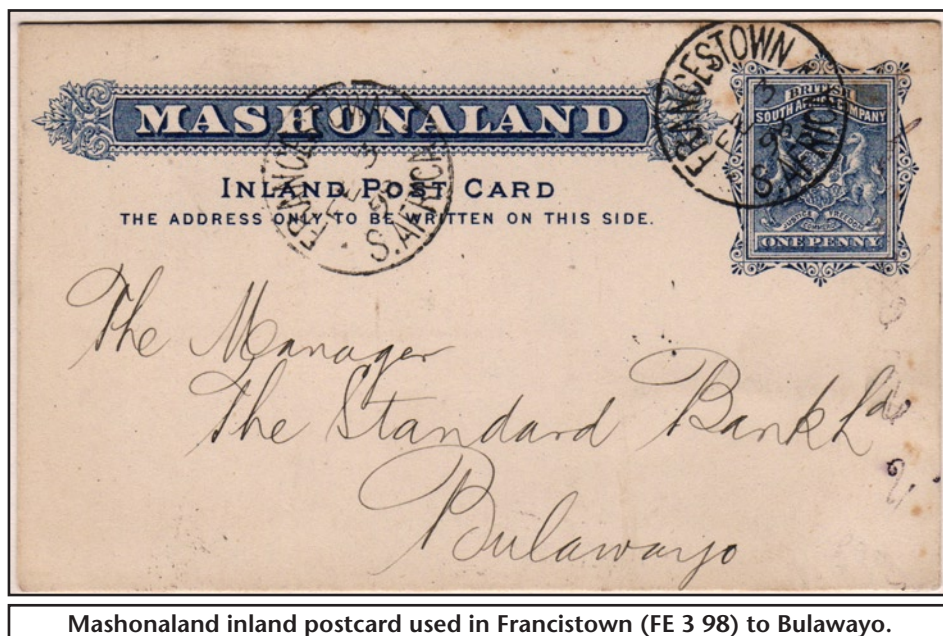
Photocopies of unlisted items would be appreciated which show the date and place of use and the colour of marking if other than black.

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## Mashonaland Stationery Used in Bechuanaland

*by Peter Thy*

The postal services of the Tati District were transferred to the British South Africa Company (BSAC) in early 1894, although the district remained under the Bechuanaland administration. When the railway reached the northeastern border of the Protectorate, the Postal Agency in Tati was in July 1897 transferred to Francistown; closer to the rail line. In July 1898, the Protectorate resumed control over the postal services of the Tati District. BSAC adhesives and stationery were thus in use in the Tati District of the northeastern Protectorate between 1894 and 1898. There were only two postal offices/agencies affected (Tati 1894-1897 and Francistown 1897-1898).



Mashonaland inland postcard used in Francistown (FE 3 98) to Bulawayo.

Both the inland (1d) and the international (1½d) Mashonaland cards are known used in Francistown. This writer is not aware of stationery cards used at Tati, but they might exist. It is also likely that other types of stationery were similarly used. Contact me if you know of or own such stationery.

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