

Official Free Markings
Part 2 - Botswana
(Installment 3)

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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.

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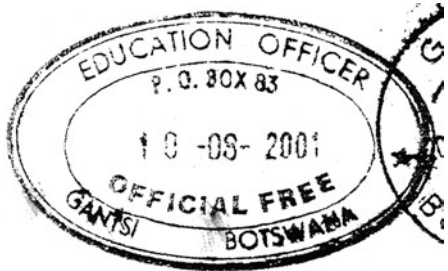
This installment covers departments beginning with letters E through to M.


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.
 Struck in black - unless indicated

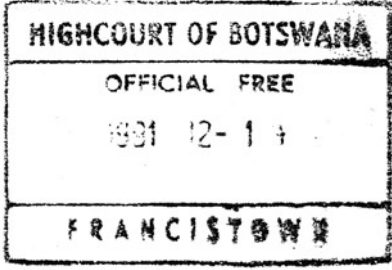
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| EDUCATION OFFICER P.O. BOX 83 GANTSI BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 345 |
| Gantsi 10-08-2001 | |
| Triple Oval 56mm x 31mm | |

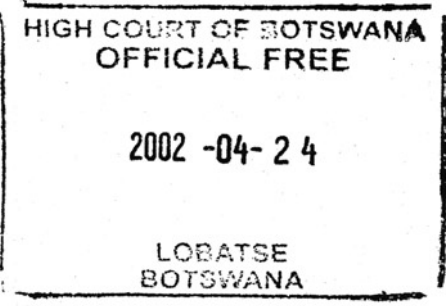
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| FRANCISTOWN TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE | 350 |
| 22-05-2001 to 12-11-2001 | |
| Single Circle 43mm | |


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| GAME WARDEN MAUN BOTSWANA [examples STRUCK IN RED] | 355 |
| Maun 28-05-1991 to 17-02-1992 28-05-1991 and 03-06-1991 (black) others (red) | |
| Double(?) Oval 56mm x 35mm | |


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| GOVERNMENT PRINTER BOTSWANA | 360 |
| Gaborone 27-11-2001 | |
| Triple Oval 55mm x 33mm | |

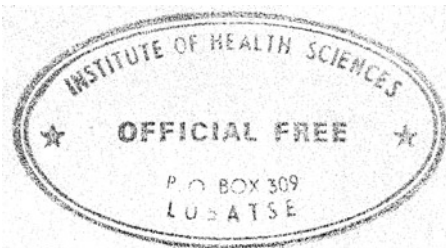
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| HEAD MAN N'WATO TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION LECHENG | 365 |
| Lecheng 20-05-1983 | |
| Rectangle 52mm x 33mm | |

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| HIGHCOURT OF BOTSWANA FRANCISTOWN [STRUCK IN RED] | 370 |
| Francistown 13-12-1991 to 14-12-1991 | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 34mm | |

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| HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA LOBATSE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 375 |
| Sorting Centre Gaborone 13-06-2001 to 24-04-2002 | |
| Rectangle 58mm x 38mm | |

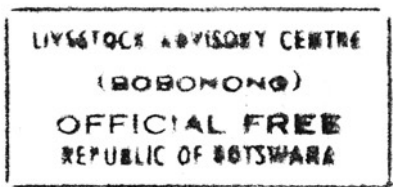
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| IMMIGRATION DEPT. REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 380 |
| Sorting Centre Gaborone 23-11-2002 | |
| Double Oval 53mm x 33mm | |

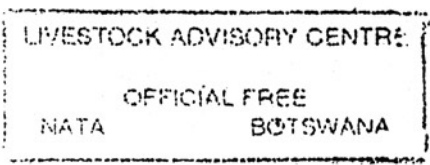
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| INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION PRIVATE BAG 00284 GABORONE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 385 |
| Gaborone 19-12-2001 to 28-06-2002 | |
| Triple Circle 37/38mm | |

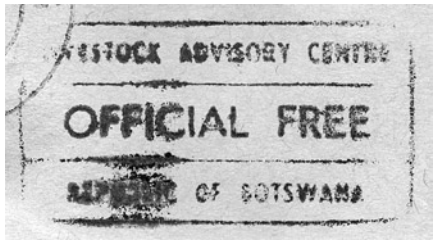
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| INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES P.O.BOX 309 LOBATSE | 390 |
| Gaborone 12-09-2005 | |
| Double Oval 56mm x 30mm | |


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| LABOUR OFFICE FRANCISTOWN | 395 |
| Francistown 05-08-1982 | |
| Double Oval 55mm x 33mm | |


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| LEDUMANG SENIOR SEC? SCHOOL P/BAG BR 164 GABORONE | 400 |
| Gaborone - <i>date not known</i> | |
| Rectangle 50mm x 19mm | |


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| LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE (BOBONONG) OFFICIAL FREE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 405 |
| Sorting Centre Pota 19-10-2004 to 02-11-2004 | |
| Rectangle 50mm x 19mm | |

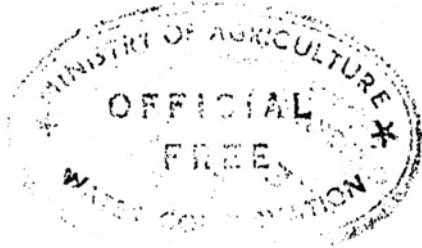
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| LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE NATA BOTSWANA | 407 |
| Nata 12-10-2004 to 27-10-2004 | |
| Rectangle 55mm x 19mm | |

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| LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [examples STRUCK IN RED] | 409 |
| Gantsi 21-10-2004 Jwaneng 12-10-2004 to 02-11-2004 (Red) Tsabong 12-10-2004 to 14-11-2004 | |
| Rectangle 50mm x 33mm | |


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| MATSHEKGE HILL SCHOOL BOBONONG BOTSWANA | 415 |
| <i>Place not known - 25-05-1993</i> | |
| Double Oval 50mm x 34mm | |

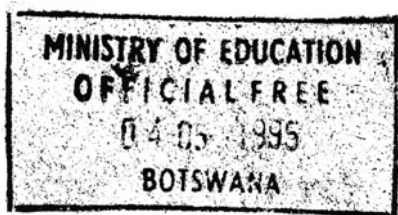
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| MEDICAL OFFICER INCHARGE P.O. BOX 120 SEROWE BOTSWANA | 420 |
| Masunga 07-04-1992 | |
| Triple Circle 44mm | |


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| MEDICAL STORES GABORONE BOTSWANA | 425 |
| Gaborone 27-11-1986 | |
| Double Oval 44mm x 30mm | |


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| MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WATER CONSERVATION | 430 |
| Palapye 08-10-2004 to 05-11-2004 04-11-2004 | |
| Double Oval 54mm x 33mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM P/BAG 0047 GABORONE BOTSWANA TEL 353024 | 435 |
| Gaborone 25-08-2000 to 12-12-2000 | |
| Rectangle 58mm x 38mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BOTSWANA | 440 |
| Gaborone 15-10-1980 | |
| Triple Oval 55mm x 33mm | |


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| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BOTSWANA [example STRUCK IN RED] | 442 |
| Gaborone 10-02-1995 (Red) Gaborone 04-05-1995 | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 25mm | |


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| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPT. OF STUDENT PLACEMENT & WELFARE P/BAG 005 GABORONE BOTSWANA | 444 |
| Place not known - 27-08-2001 | |
| Double Oval 56mm x 34mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LABOUR BOTSWANA | 446 |
| Gaborone 05-03-1970 | |
| Double Oval 57mm x 34mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF FINANCE & DEVT. PLANNING REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 448 |
| Place and date not known | |
| Triple Oval 58mm x 35mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF FINANCE BOTSWANA | 450 |
| Place not known - 22-10-1966 | |
| Rectangle 50mm x 26mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF HEALTH REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 455 |
| Gaborone 14-11-1980 | |
| Triple Oval 50mm x 25mm | |


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| MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 460 |
| Gaborone 24-09-1980 | |
| Triple Oval 54mm x 34mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 462 |
| Gaborone 13-11-1985 | |
| Rectangle 50mm x 20mm | |

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| Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 465 |
| Sorting Centre, Gaborone 24-03-2000 | |
| Rectangle 50mm x 19mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LANDS & HOUSING PRIVATE BAG 6 GABORONE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 470 |
| Sorting Centre, Gaborone 17-05-2001 | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 31mm | |

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| MINISTRY OF WORKS TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT | 475 |
| Gaborone 1993 | |
| Rectangle 82mm x 24mm | |

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| Ministry of Works Transport & Communications Botswana Government | 477 |
| Gaborone 16-10-2001 | |
| Rectangle 69mm x 21mm | |

If any member has Botswana items in their collection which are not listed above (letters E to M) 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.

Images, scans and e-mails can be sent via the Editor.

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