

## ARCHIVAL SOURCES ON VANRHYNSDORP



The Western Cape Archives holds the memory of our province with more than 45kms of records. This flyer will help you identify *some* of the main sources of historical information available to researchers in the Western Cape Archives, specifically on Vanrhynsdorp.

### 1. Secretary, Divisional Council of Vanrhynsdorp (4/VRD, Inventory 3/65)

The Divisional Council was subdivided into six districts on 31 December 1891. The first meeting was held on 18 March 1892. This group of records covers the period 1891-1979 and contains:

- Council Minutes for the period
- Correspondence
- Valuation rolls
- Financial statements and ledgers
- Voters rolls
- Rates registers

### 2. Secretary, Village Management Board of Vanrhynsdorp (1904-1914) and Town Clerk of Vanrhynsdorp (1914-1967) (3/VRD, Inventory 3A/142)

The Village Management Board was established on 5 February 1904 and functioned until Vanrhynsdorp became a municipality on 23 April 1914.

These records include:

- Board minutes
- Financial papers, cash books and ledgers
- Real estate papers and valuation rolls

### 3. Magistrate of Vanrhynsdorp (1890-1976) (1/VRD, Inventory 2A/92)

Records include:

- Criminal notebooks and record books
- Inquests
- Civil cases

- Letters received (including from the Prime Minister, the Treasurer, the Under Secretary for "Native" Affairs, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Commissioner of Public Works and others)
- Land registers
- Apprenticeship papers
- Military papers including from WWI

#### 4. Chief Executive Officers, West Coast Municipality (1996-2000) (4/WED, Inventory 3/121)

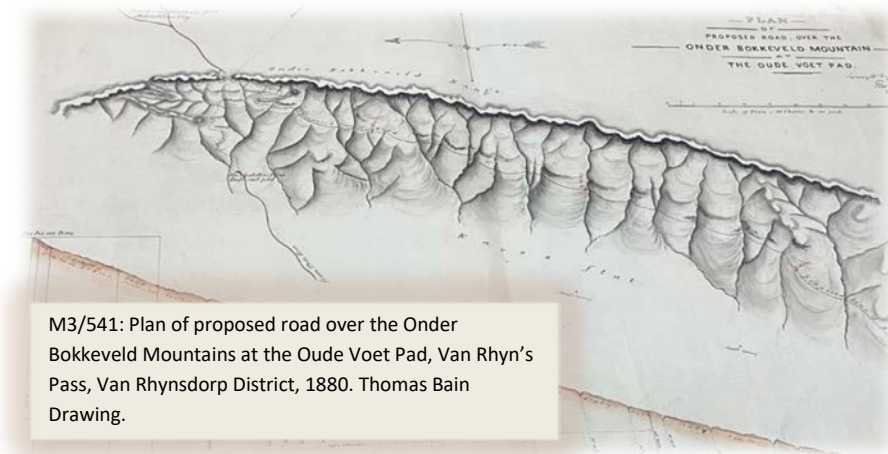
- Transitional Representative Council minutes of Vanrhynsdorp

#### 5. Photographs

The Western Cape Archives has over 80 000 photographs. There are photographs of Vanrhynsdorp in the AG, Fitchett, and Hopkins Collections.



HOP1466: Crowd at the laying of the cornerstone of the Mission Church, Vanrhynsdorp, with Reverend FJ Wiesner



M3/541: Plan of proposed road over the Onder Bokkeveld Mountains at the Oude Voet Pad, Van Rhy'n's Pass, Van Rhynsdorp District, 1880. Thomas Bain Drawing.

#### 6. Maps and plans

The Western Cape Archives has over 17 000 maps, plans and architectural drawings in the Cartographic Collection, including some maps related to Vanrhynsdorp.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service at 72 Roeland Street, Cape Town is free and open to the public Monday-Friday 8:00-16:00 and the first and third Saturday of the month, 8:00-14:00. Limited telephonic and email assistance can be provided. Tours and programmes can be booked on 021 483 0456

Some records on Vanrhynsdorp are listed in the National Archives database:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.za/node/737> or scan the QR code to take you to the link:



Dr J833 Horse and cart. Journey from Vanrhynsdorp to Klawer, 29.5.1916