



## ARCHIVAL SOURCES ON MOORREESBURG



R1880: View of Moorreesburg. Undated.

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 Moorreesburg and its inhabitants.

### 1. Archives of A. Secretary of the Village Management Board (1903-1909) and B. Town Clerk (1909-1979), Moorreesburg (3/MRG, Inventory 3A/118)

Moorreesburg originated from the farm Hooikraal given to Tobias Lochner in 1839 by Governor Sir George Napier. The town was named after minister J.C. Le Fèvre Moorrees who ministered in the Swartland from 1834 to 1879. It was laid out in 1879 on the farm Hooikraal, was administered by a Village Management Board from 1882 and attained municipal status in 1909. This group of records contains:

- Board or Council minutes
- Correspondence
- Financial statements
- Contracts
- Reports
- Voters Rolls

### 2. Magistrate of Moorreesburg (1934 – 1986) (1/MRG, Inventory 2A/88)

Records include:

- Criminal record books
- Civil cases
- Correspondence files

### 3. Selected other groups containing some records on Moorreesburg:

- Colonial Office (1906-1911) (CO, Inventory 1/16):  
Records of the administration of the Cape.
- Coloured Affairs (KUS)



R900 Tiger Oats Factory. Undated.

- **Standard Encyclopaedia of South Africa (SESA) Collection (1957-1980) (A2319, Inventory 5/62)**

Vol. 333 has the research and edits of the entry on Moorreesburg.

- **Provincial Administration, Secretary (1890-1960), (PAS)**

- **Treasury (1794-1923) (T, Inventory 1/9)**

Loans for the municipality.

- **Limited Companies (1861-1965) (LC, Inventory 1/26)**

Records of registration of companies.

- **Cape Government Railways (1873-1916) (CGR, Inventory 1/81)**

Records around railway line to Malmesbury.

- **Provincial Administration, Education (1893-1959) (PAE)**



E7735 Reaping Competition, Moorreesburg, Undated.

#### 4. Photographs

The Western Cape Archives has over 80 000 photographs. There are photographs of Moorreesburg in the AG, Ravenscroft, Jeffreys and Elliot Collections. They include photos of the area, the work of cultivating wheat and oats and buildings in the town.

#### 5. Maps and plans

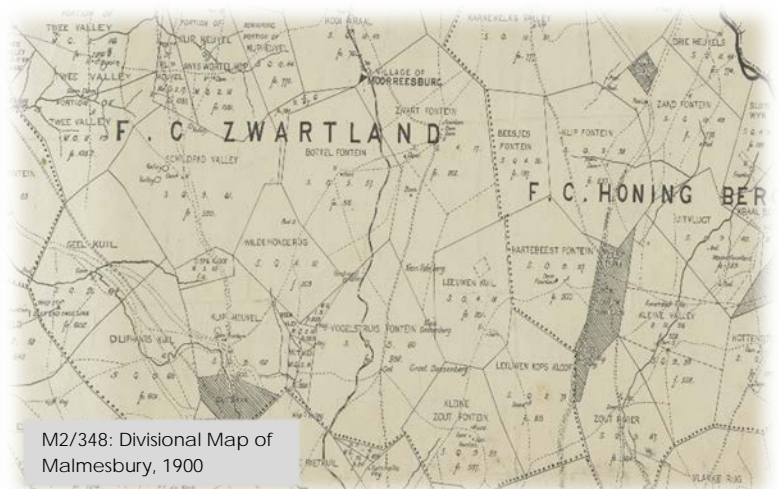
The Western Cape Archives has over 17 000 maps, plans and architectural drawings in the Cartographic Collection. The items on Moorreesburg range from building plans and alterations, to municipal maps to agricultural maps of the Swartland.

#### 6. Oral histories

WC Libraries Services conducted oral histories with residents from Moorreesburg in 2024. These include Zelda Peters, Anna Adonis, Henri Warnich, Margaretha Kellerman, and Martha van Wyk.



M3/3491 Street plan of Moorreesburg, 1948.



M2/348: Divisional Map of Malmesbury, 1900

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 for research.

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Tours and other programmes can be booked on [archives.outreach@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:archives.outreach@westerncape.gov.za)

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

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

