

Maps of Natal and Zululand 1824 - 1910


AS FAR as can be ascertained, no list of Natal maps has yet appeared apart from *Mendelssohn, South African Bibliography*, 1910. p. 1099-1101, which only lists those available in books. Previous to the arrival of the first settlers in 1824, Natal was but a five-letter word on maps of South-East Africa. The earliest settlers such as Fynn and Gardiner produced rough sketches which largely consisted of innumerable rivers with quaintly spelled names. Serious map-making only came when P. C. Sutherland succeeded William Stanger as Surveyor-General in 1854. The first really good map of Natal was that compiled by J. Alfred Watts. On the scale of 1" = 6 miles this map shows farms, their size and owners. As one would expect the Zulu war of 1879 and the South African War of 1899-1902 gave a great impetus to map-making.

The University of Natal Library, Pietermaritzburg, now has a card index of all maps so far traced, excluding those listed in Mendelssohn. These cards have full details of each map, and thanks are due to all the people who contributed details of their maps. Mr. John Lambert of the Natal Archives must be singled out for his continual assistance.

The list below is only a selection of the most useful and comprehensive of the maps so far recorded. The following symbols are used in the location column:

DM	Local History Museum, Durban	PM Arch	Natal Archives, Pmb.
DP	Durban City Library	PMM	Natal Museum, Pmb.
DUK	Killie Campbell Library, Durban	PM Roads	Provincial Roads Department, Pmb.
*	Indicates wall map	PMU	University of Natal, Pmb.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Appellation/Source</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Location/Owner</i>
1810	Bryant, A. Olden times in Zululand and Natal (1929) (Clans)	—	12" × 14"	
±1830	Fynn papers	—	24" × 15"	PM Arch
1835	Gardiner, A. F. Narrative of a journey to the Zoolu country	—	—	DP
1840	Theal, G. History of South Africa. v. 6, 1892	1" = 45 miles	6" × 7"	
1840	Sketch of Natal	—	17" × 24"	PM Arch
1844	Delegorgue, A.	—	5" × 11½"	PM Arch
1848	Stanger, W.	1" = 15 miles	16" × 12"	PM Arch (BPP. 15, 17)
1850	Stanger, W.	—	24" × 19"	PM Arch (BPP. 16, 18)
*1850	Wyld, J.	1" = 8 miles	16" × 22"	DP
*1851	Rapkin, J.	—	9½" × 13½"	PMU, PM Arch, DP
1852	Holden, W. C. (Cato, C. J.) History of the colony of Natal, 1855	—	13½" × 7½"	

1853	Diplomatic Agent	—	10" × 12" 	PM Arch
1855	Watts, J. Alfred	1" = 6 miles	34" × 26"	DM
1858	Sutherland, P. C. & Walls, S.	1" = 6 miles	26" × 35"	PM Arch
1862	Masser & Cullingworth	1" = 6 miles	39" × 28"	DUK
*1863	Grantham	1" = 4 miles	38" × 22" each (3 sep. maps)	DP
1863	Postal Commission	1" = 6 miles	26" × 39"	PM Arch
1864	Tribes	1" = 6 miles	30" × 42"	PM Arch
1871	Diocesan Synod	—	10" × 13"	PMU; Cathedral Archives
1873	Sutherland, P.C. (Roads)	1" = 6 miles	26" × 35"	PM Arch
*1875	Mair, A. (Surveyor-General)	1" = 4 miles	2 sheets each 32" × 48" total 64" × 48"	DP, DM, PM Arch
*Prior to 1879	Colonial Engineer	1" = 8 miles	37" × 23"	DP
1879	Intelligence Branch of Q.M.G.	1" = 10 miles	21½" × 27½"	DM, PM Arch
1879	Wyld, J.	1" = 12 miles	18" × 24"	Lt. Col. L. W. Clarke
1880	Colonial Engineer	1" = 1/8 mile	36" × 24"	PM Arch (BPP. 51)
1885	Sutherland, P. C.	—	22" × 32"	PM Arch
*1893	Superintendent Inspector of Schools	1" = 5 miles	63" × 40"	PMU
1900	Cobley, W. H.	1" = 1 mile		PM Arch
1901	Field Intelligence Department, Pietermaritzburg	1" = 2½ miles	64" × 60"	PMU
*1904	Masson	1" = 4 miles	64" × 75"	PM Arch
1905	Cobley, W. H.	1" = 16 miles	26" × 38"	PM Arch
1906	War Office, London	1" = 2 miles	8 sheets 16¼" × 16⅞" & 26 ⅞" × 16 ⅞"	PM Roads
1906	Gilchrist & Powell	3½" = 50 miles	19" × 21"	Greytown
1906	Steere, Jas. H.	1½" = 20 miles	18½" × 22"	DM
1910	Tatlow, ed. Natal Province Handbook	1" = 20 miles	16" × 16"	
1910	Surveyor-General	1" = 1 mile	69 sheets each 22¼" × 30¼"	PM Roads

MODERN MAPS OF NATAL

The Trigonometrical Survey Office, P.O. Box 624, Pretoria, publishes several map series of South Africa. Two series are of general interest to people in Natal. The sizes of the sheets vary, but are approximately 20 inches by 30 inches.

1:500,000 Topo Series

1 inch = 10 miles approx.

Three maps cover Natal

Kroonstad	SE 29/26	N.W. Natal
Vryheid	SE 29/30	Zululand
Durban	SE 31/28	

1:50,000 Topo Series

1 inch = 1 mile approx.

Natal is covered by approximately 60 maps. Durban requires five sheets 2930 DA, DB, DC, DD and 2931 CA. Pietermaritzburg is in the middle of sheet 2930 CB. Full details are obtainable from the Government Printer who produces a Map Catalogue for 10 cents, which includes full details and index maps of all maps published in this country. The latest edition is dated January 1972. Future editions will be revised and published as required. All maps cost 60 cents each post free from Government Printer, Private Bag 85, Pretoria, payment in advance; or through any bookseller.

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