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Editorial

A year of commemoration and assessment

DURING the past year attention has been focussed on the planting of the English language and English traditions in this country. In Grahamstown the 1820 Settler Monument (a great cultural and conference centre dedicated to the enrichment of the lives of all who share this country) was opened in July to the accompaniment of a superb programme of activities, including a challenging, at times conscience-searing, conference on the role of the English-speaking South African. Here in Natal, exhibitions and a variety of festive and cultural activities were staged in May to commemorate the arrival in 1824 of Captain Farewell's company of traders and hunters, whose coming marked the beginning of a continuous white presence in Natal.

We, in this issue, offer a series of biographical sketches of some of the leading figures among the white pioneers in Natal. As promised in *Natalia* No. 3, we also publish a memoir of Captain Allen F. Gardiner, the first Christian missionary to the Zulu. Written for a grandson by Gardiner's widow, Elizabeth, the memoir is published here for the first time. To preserve the 'flavour' of the original, it is reproduced with minimal editorial interference.

The Albany Connection: Natal and the Eastern Cape 150 years ago

The almost simultaneous commemoration of the 1820 Albany settlement in the Eastern Cape, and the planting, four years later, of a white trading post at Port Natal is a nice coincidence, for the links between the two were close.

When Farewell arrived in Natal in 1824, his financial backing came very largely from the Cape Town merchant, J. R. Thompson, whose interest in the venture derived from a trading expedition he had made up the east coast to Delagoa Bay in 1822 on board the *Orange Grove*, a ship owned by an immigrant, Henry Nourse, who had come to Cape Town in 1820. Thus even in the preliminaries to white pioneering in Natal, the immigration of 1820 made a contribution.

With the years, the contribution was to grow. Of the five companions who remained behind with Farewell at the Bay at the end of 1824, two (Henry Ogle and Thomas Halstead) were youths who had first set foot on southern African soil four years previously as 1820 settlers, and these youngsters, were joined, in time, by other Albany men. Names such as Collis, Cawood, Biggar, King, Stubbs and Hulley, which feature prominently in the records of the early settlement at the Bay, are all to be found in the lists of immigrants who arrived in South Africa under the 1820 scheme.

Some of these men sojourned briefly, then drifted away; others remained to earn fame in Natal. Such (to mention two who do not feature in the biographical articles published in this issue) were Robert Biggar who died bravely, if rashly, in 1838, after the native force under his command had been trapped by the Zulu, and Richard ('Dick') King, who in 1838 covered 140 miles on foot in four days

in an attempt to save the emigrant Boers from the *impis* of Dingane, and then, having tried to save the Trekkers from the Zulu, set out four years later to save the British from the Trekkers by a heroic ten-day ride from Durban to Grahamstown.

Albany (to make a leap forward to space age analogies) was the Cape Canaveral and Houston Control of Natal pioneering combined into one—the launching place for expeditions, and the chief intelligence centre about the fate of those expeditions and their activities. While ships making their way to and from Natal used Port Elizabeth as a place of call, it was in Grahamstown that the overlanders fitted out their expeditions from 1829 onwards. Moreover, it was the *Graham's Town Journal* that carried news of the hunters and traders of Natal, and it was to the authorities in Grahamstown that the early Natalians sent their missions and their appeals for aid, when the need arose.

But while the links between Albany and Natal were close, there were also striking differences between these two pioneer English-language communities.

The immigrants who landed on the shores of Algoa Bay in 1820 were intending settlers come to plant a new society. Farewell and his companions, by contrast, were men bent on hunting and fortune from the ivory trade; and for many years, those who followed them to Natal were cast in the same mould. Thus, although from 1824 onwards there was continuous white occupation at the Bay, it remained, until the coming of the Trekkers in 1837, occupation by a fluctuating band of free and easy adventurers, more intent on excitement and gain than on taming the wilderness and carving out patrimonies to pass on to their sons.

And those were not the only differences. Whereas the Albany community was to be numbered in thousands, and included from the start men, women and children, the white community in Natal numbered no more than two or three dozen souls throughout the pre-Trekker period — at moments far fewer than that; and except for a brief eighteen-month spell when Elizabeth Farewell joined her husband, it remained, until the coming of missionary families in the mid-thirties, an exclusively male society. Ten years after the arrival of the 1820 settlers, the soil of the eastern districts had been broken, and farmhouses, byres, mills, schools, shops and churches were appearing across the face of the countryside; ten years after the arrival of Farewell, the best that Port Natal could boast was scratch agriculture in small clearings in the bush, and a scatter of flimsy shelters, adequate for the needs of birds of passage, but holding no promise of permanence. When Captain Gardiner came to the Bay in March 1835, he found that:

With the exception of Mr. Collis's house, constructed of reeds and mud, there was not a single dwelling of European fashion in the whole settlement . . . ; and to a stranger, unacquainted with the localities, the whole had a most wild and deserted appearance . . . every . . . hut carefully concealed among the woods with so much ingenuity . . . that in threading the narrow and winding avenues leading to some of these jungle fastnesses, I . . . often fancied I was approaching the dismal abode of some desperate buccaneer.

There were other differences, too — differences not of character but of circumstance. For while both communities faced formidable black neighbours, and while both were established on land to which those neighbours laid claim,

there were, behind these broad similarities, important inequalities of advantage. The Zuurveld onto which the 1820 settlers had come to take up their allotments was country from which a number of Xhosa chiefdoms had been expelled by force of white arms only eight years previously. As seen from the Kaffrarian side of the frontier, the 1820 settlers were thus a symbol of Xhosa dispossession — a society of occupation entrenched on disputed soil. By contrast, the land on which the Natal traders and hunters established themselves was land cleared of its inhabitants by force of black arms. Between 1820 and 1823, Zulu assegaais and the armies of Shaka had achieved in Natal, on a far more extended and disruptive scale, what muzzleloaders and British regulars had achieved in the Zuurveld in 1812. Thus, when Farewell and his companions arrived at the Bay in 1824, they came not as the civilian auxiliaries of conquering white armies, but as petitioners to black victors — suppliants who were given leave to settle as traders at a near-deserted bay in the marchlands of a greatly enlarged Zulu kingdom. In this respect, they possessed an *initial* advantage: they were acceptable to, indeed welcomed by, the indigenous society onto whose borderlands they had moved.

In all other respects, however, the Port Natal settlement remained a far more fragile and hazardous enterprise than its Albany counterpart. The settlers of 1820 had arrived in South Africa as officially sponsored immigrants, and became the frontiersmen of a functioning colonial society, with agencies of law, administration and defence to control and support them. Buttressing Albany to the east, however unsteadily at times, was a defined frontier, flanked by a buffer-zone in the form of a theoretically uninhabited Neutral Belt; and interposing itself between the settlers and the Xhosa chiefdoms was the authority and power of the British presence at the Cape. The Port Natal pioneers enjoyed none of these assets. They were transfrontiersmen, and remained so for years. Living beyond the controlling and succouring agencies of administration and defence, they could hope for no interposing power between themselves and the *impis* of the Zulu kingdom. To a degree that was never true of Albany, the survival of their settlement hung upon a single thread — the tolerance of the Zulu king. And that was a thread that could be snapped by a single blundering move on the part of one of their company.

There was thus a precariousness about the white presence at Port Natal that left the future of south east Africa in the balance for more than a decade.

With insignificant and fluctuating numbers, and without government aid to sustain and support it, the Natal settlement depended upon the quality of the direct relations maintained between a band of white adventurers on the one hand, and the governing authorities of the Zulu kingdom on the other. And in that — the quality of the direct relations that were maintained — lies the real interest, as against the simple romance, of white pioneering in Natal.

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Register of Societies and Institutions

THE PURPOSE of this register is to list for general information the numerous organisations that are engaged in preservation, conservation and research, and in the promotion of scientific, artistic and creative endeavour in Natal.

The organisations listed are asked to check the accuracy and adequacy of the information given, and to supply the editor with amendments.

Organisations and institutions that have not been listed are invited to furnish information for inclusion in the next issue.

1. *Ancient Africa Club*. Secretary: Mrs. N. Ogilvie, 21 Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg.
2. *Botanic Gardens*, Swartkop Road, Pietermaritzburg.
3. *Botanical Research Unit*. Botanic Gardens Road, Durban. Botanic Station (Natal Herbarium), and Regional Office for Natal of the Botanical Research Institute, Department of Agricultural Technical Services, Pretoria. The Natal unit is active in research and the naming of indigenous plants.
4. *Campbell Collections of the University of Natal*. 220 Marriott Road, Durban. These are the Killie Campbell Africana Library, the Mashu Museum of Ethnology and the William Campbell Furniture Museum. The Africana Library serves as a repository for family papers and other historical documents, which may be housed there on loan or donated. The collections are accessible on application to the Africana Librarian at the above address.
5. *Colenso Historical Society*. R. E. Stevenson Museum, Colenso.
6. *Durban Local History Museum*. Old Court House, Aliwal Street, Durban.
7. *Durban Museum and Art Gallery*. City Hall, Durban.
8. *Durban Municipal Library*. Houses a valuable collection of Africana and an extensive collection of official records.
9. *Durban Old House Museum*. 31 St. Andrews Street, Durban. A settler homestead, housing a valuable historical collection.
10. *Durban Symphony Orchestra*. City Hall, Durban.
11. *Durban-Westville Historical Society*. Department of History, University of Durban-Westville, Pte. Bag 4001, Durban. The Society organises historical excursions, holds seminars and symposia and contributes to the History Department's efforts to build up its Indiana collection.
12. *Federation of Women's Institutes of Natal, Zululand, East Griqualand and the Transkeian Territories*. Fraser's Building, Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg. The Federation has been responsible for organising the

- compilation of 'Area Annals', recording the history of country districts in Natal, East Griqualand and Zululand. Copies are being housed in: Government Archives, Natal Depot, Pietermaritzburg; Natal Society Library, Pietermaritzburg; University of Natal Library, Pietermaritzburg; Killie Campbell Africana Library, Durban; Local History Museum, Durban.
13. *Greytown Historical Society*. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ernest Dominy, Curator Greytown, Museum, P.O. Greytown.
 14. *Historical Association, Pietermaritzburg Branch*. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. M. Sellers, 9 Vere Road, Pietermaritzburg. The Association is an affiliate of the British Historical Association, and serves as a forum for the reading of papers and the presentation of talks by local and overseas speakers.
 15. *Historical Association of S.A. (Natal Branch)*. Secretary: Mr. J. Coetzer, c/o 4 Nicolai Crescent, Glenmore, Durban, 4001. The Association offers a home to all who are interested in history. Publications: "Historia" and "Historia Junior".
 16. *Ladysmith Historical Society*. Chairman: Mr. G. F. N. Tatham; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Tatham; P.O. Box 380, Ladysmith. Conducts tours of the local battlefields and has as one of its objectives the publication of maps, diaries and other records relating to the history of the area. In co-operation with the Ladysmith Town Council, the Society also maintains a museum in part of the old Market Hall.
 17. *Maritzburg Philatelic Society*. Secretary: Mr. J. S. Dominy, 5 Primula Road, Pietermaritzburg.
 18. *Mountain Club of South Africa*. Natal headquarters: P.O. Box 4535, Durban. Articles on Natal appear in the annual Journal of the Mountain Club. Other recent publications relating to the Club: "The Drakensberg of Natal", by D. P. Liebenberg. Published by T. V. Bulpin, Cape Town. "Barrier of Spears", by R. O. Pearse. Published by Howard Timmins, Cape Town.
 19. *Natal Depot, South African Government Archives*. Private Bag 9012, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritzburg. In addition to official papers from the colonial period, the Archives houses a valuable collection of newspapers, private papers and published works.
 20. *Natal Development Board*. Private Bag 9037, Pietermaritzburg.
 21. *Natal Museum*. Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg. Houses scientific and historical collections.
 22. *Natal Parks, Game and Fish Preservation Board*. P.O. Box 662, Pietermaritzburg 3200. In addition to maintaining a number of game and nature reserves, much scientific research is conducted under the auspices of the Board.
 23. *Natal Performing Arts Council*. 480 Berea Road, Durban, and P.O. Box 86, Mayville, Natal.
 24. *Natal Society Library* P.O. Box 415, Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg. The Reference and Copyright department houses a large and valuable collection of Nataliana, including newspapers, journals, etc.

25. *Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission*. Private Bag 9038, Pietermaritzburg. Has published a number of reports on the economic resources and potential of Natal.
26. *National Monuments Council*. Natal representative: Mr. G. A. Chadwick, 4 Nicolai Crescent, Glenmore, Durban, 4001. The Council's main function is to preserve the heritage of South Africa in respect of: (a) geological features; (b) biological associations; (c) archaeological phenomena; (d) historical sites; (e) important buildings; (f) relics.
27. *Newcastle Historical Society*. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. Russell, 5 Majuba Street, Newcastle.
28. *Numismatic Society*. Secretary: Mr. P. R. Muller, 12 Burrows Street, Pietermaritzburg.
29. *Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Society*. City Hall, Pietermaritzburg.
30. *Pinetown Historical Society*. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Atkinson, P.O. Box 49, Pinetown. Active in collecting and preserving.
31. *Queensburgh Historical Society*. The Hon. Secretary, Miss W. Jones. P.O. Box 31, Queensburgh.
32. *Simon van der Stel Foundation*. Regional Secretary: Mr. A. S. B. Humphreys, 356 Prince Alfred Street (P.O. Box 1194) Pietermaritzburg. The aim of the Foundation is the preservation, by purchase or other means, of buildings, historical objects and sites of historical value, architectural merit or great beauty. The restoration of Macrorie House, Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg, has been undertaken by the Foundation.
33. *South African Archaeological Society*. The Hon. Secretary Natal Branch, Dr. D. E. van Dijk, c/o Zoology Department, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. Arranges talks and expeditions.
34. *South African Association for Marine Biological Research*. Centenary Aquarium, Durban. The Oceanographic Research Institute, which is attached to the aquarium building, is part of the S.A.M.B.R.
35. *South African Institute of Race Relations*, Natal regional offices: 8 Guildhall Arcade, Durban.
36. *S.A. Military History Society*. Private Bag X4310, Durban, 4000. Durban Branch Secretary: Miss Tania Johnston.
37. *South African National Society*. Natal Headquarters: c/o Local History Museum, Old Court House, Aliwal Street, Durban, 4001. The Society was founded in Cape Town in 1905 for the preservation of objects of historical interest and natural beauty.
38. *South African War Graves Board*. 153 Blackwood Street, Arcadia, Pretoria. Amongst other activities, the Board is responsible for the repair and maintenance of graves other than those connected with the First and Second World Wars.
39. *Tatham Art Gallery*. City Hall, Pietermaritzburg.

40. *University of Natal*. Pietermaritzburg and Durban. Many of the academic departments of the University are engaged in research relating to the natural and human resources of Natal, its environmental conditions and its history. In addition to the academic departments, there are the following research institutes; Meyrick Bennett Children's Centre (Durban); Oceanographic Research Institute (Durban); Paint Industries Research Institute (Durban); Institute of Parasitology (Durban); Institute of Social Research (Durban); Sugar Milling Research Institute (Durban); Wattle Research Institute (Pietermaritzburg). The various libraries of the University have large holdings of works relevant to Natal subjects.
41. *Wilderness Leadership School*. P.O. Box 36, Bellair, 4006.
42. *The Wildlife Society of Southern Africa*. Natal Branch, P.O. Box 2985, Durban, 4000.
43. *Zululand Historical Museum*. Nongqai Fort, Eshowe.

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Register of Research on Natal

THE FOLLOWING does not pretend to be complete. It has been compiled from the Human Sciences Research Council *Research Bulletin* and from individual submissions.

It is a supplementary list to the 'Register' published in *Natalia* 3. Persons knowing of research work that has not been listed are asked to furnish information for inclusion in the next issue. For this purpose a slip is provided.

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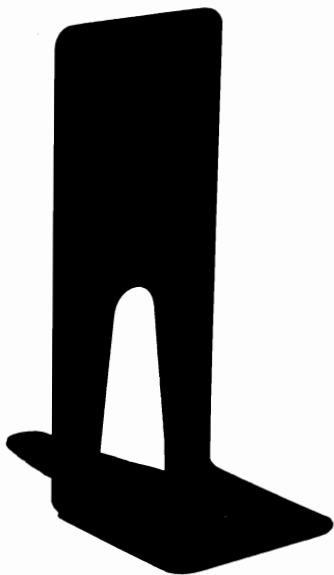
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