A synopsis of articles published in Natalia 1-45 compiled by John Deane.

In addition to the articles listed below, each issue contains a Notes and Queries section, book reviews, a select list of recent publications and research relevant to Natal, and obituaries of prominent persons in the province.

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H W D Manson, poet and playwright, and his connections with Natal – C van Heyningen
Perception of landscape in Natal: the geographer’s point of view – N C Pollock
A new cathedral centre for Pietermaritzburg – Kenneth B Hallowes
A first list of Natal Artists, 1824–1910 (Occasional list) – J A Verbeek
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# 2 (SEPTEMBER 1972)
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A house for Harry: an architect looks at the former residence of Harry Escombe – B T Kearney
Lieutenant Joseph Nourse, early Natal pioneer and Port Captain – Jean Nourse
Wilderness and environment – Ian Player
The origins of the Natal Society: Chapter 1, Early Pietermaritzburg – U E M Judd
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# 3 (SEPTEMBER 1973)
Captain Allen F Gardiner’s Natal Journal for 1838 (Previously unpublished piece)
Sir Theophilus Shepstone and his local critics (Reprint)
Town and regional planning in Natal – R A Pistorius
A note on the centenary of a famous school (Hilton College) – Charles Ballard
Speech by His Honour the Administrator at the opening of the Hall of Natal History at the Natal Museum on 8th November 1972
History of the wattle industry in Natal – S P Sherry
The origins of the Natal Society: Chapter 2, 1845-46 – U E M Judd
Natal mission stations (Occasional list) – R A Brown
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# 4 (DECEMBER 1974)
Brief biographies to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first settlement at Port Natal: Francis Farewell by R J Gadsden; Henry Francis Fynn by J B Wright; James Saunders King by B J T Levertton; Nathaniel Isaacs by Louis Herrman; John Cane by B J T Levertton; Henry Ogle by R E Gordon; Thomas Halstead by B J T Levertton; John Ross by R E Gordon
Captain Allen F Gardiner: A memoir by his wife, written for his grandson Allen (Unpublished manuscript)
Discovering the Natal flora – A W Bayer
Natal Land and Colonization Company in colonial times – A J Christopher
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# 5 (DECEMBER 1975)
From the Cape to Natal and back, 1846– the journal of an unknown visitor (Previously unpublished piece) – ed. B J T Leverton
The defence of Ekowe (Reprint) – Lieut W N Lloyd
A one-time mecca for ornithologists – P A Clancey
Previous homes of the Natal Society Library – U E M Judd
The duke’s people (the Duke of Buccleuch’s emigrant party to Richmond, Natal) – Jean Nourse
Tar origins of the Natal Society: Chapter 4, 1850-1851; Chapter 5, May 1851 – U E M Judd
An Index to Professor A F Hattersley’s Portrait of a City – H M Baudert
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# 6 (DECEMBER 1976)
Colenso’s greatest sermon – J Clark
‘What doth the Lord require of us?’ (Reprint) – J W Colenso
The origins of the Natal Society: Chapter 6, 1851 – U E M Judd
A curiosity of Natal settler literature: Viator:A poem of a voyager’s leisure hours (London, 1854) by John Coventry – J Clark
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# 7 (DECEMBER 1977)
A rare piece of Africana (Article introducing the Reprint) – S P M Spencer
First impressions of Natal by a Perthshire ploughman (Reprint) – Thomas Duff
All aboard for Howick! – W H Bizley
The embossed postage stamps of Natal, 1857–69 – E C Wright
Portrait of my friend Magqubu Ntombela – Ian Player
The incident of the Brazilia and the Revd Pieter Ham – Gordon W Haddon
The father of Natal botany, John Medley Wood – Rudolf G Strey

# 8 (DECEMBER 1978)
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A Zulu boy's recollections of the Zulu War (Reprint) – Ed. C deB Webb
Pre-Shakan age-group formation among the northern Nguni – John B Wright
Lines of power: the High Commissioner, the telegraph and the war of 1879 – C deB Webb
Isandlwana and the passing of a proconsul – J A Benyon
Saving the Queen’s Colour – J A Verbeek
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# 9 (DECEMBER 1979)
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William Stanger and the early years of cartography in Natal, 1845-1854 – Christopher Merrett
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The opening of the railway between Durban and Pietermaritzburg 100 years ago – B Martin
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Loft house letters from Natal (Previously unpublished piece) – Ed. Shelagh Spencer
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The meaning of Majuba for Natal – W R Guest
Images of the Natal Drakensberg – John Pickles
The Anglican diocese of Natal: a saga of division and healing – Ian D Darby
FitzPatrick, Natal and the unification of South Africa – W R Guest

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Roadside memories: the reminiscences of A E Smith of Thornville – Ed. Shelagh Spencer
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In search of Mr Botha: an investigation into a Natal place name – Robin W Lamplough
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The Colenso cases: a perspective of law in nineteenth-century Natal – P R Spiller

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Durban’s court-house: its opening and early years – Peter Spiller

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125 Years: the arrival of Natal’s Indians in pictures (Photographic essay) – Joy B Brain
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