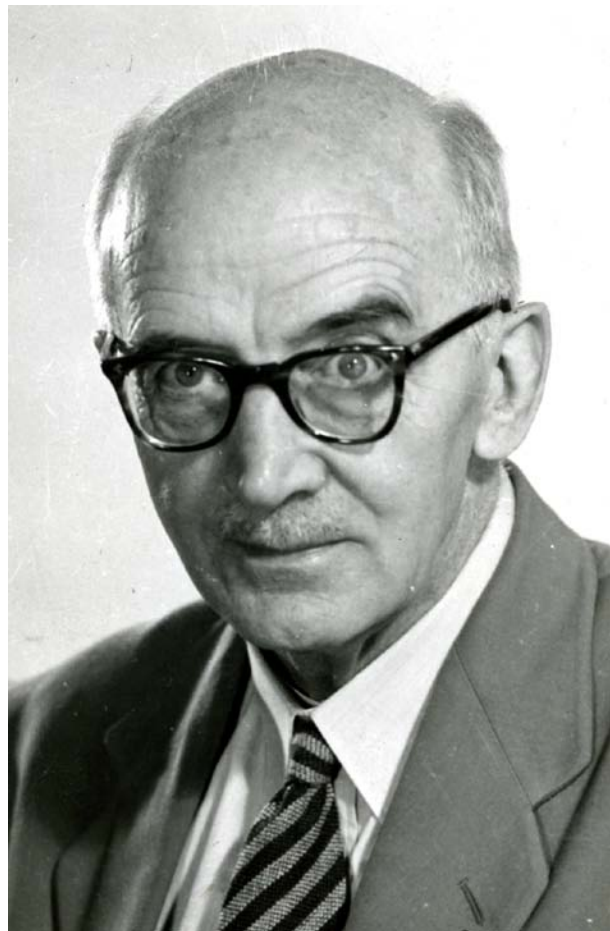


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**Papers of JL van Schaik Publishers**



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# PAPERS OF JL VAN SCHAIK PUBLISHERS

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Johannes Lambertus van Schaik (1888-1965) immigrated to South Africa in 1911, and opened his bookselling business in 1914 in Pretoria. Mr JL van Schaik had had his professional training as a bookseller and publisher in the well-known firm of JM Meulenhoff in Amsterdam. Initially Mr Van Schaik confined his publishing activities to Dutch and Afrikaans books. The first school books were published in 1918 and in 1921 he published the first dictionary. Over the years the company expanded in various areas of publishing, and in 1942 the first African language title *Tsiri* by MJ Madiba, was published.

In 1938 the functions of bookshop and publisher were split and two separate businesses were established: Van Schaik Bookshop (Pty) Ltd, and JL van Schaik (Pty) Ltd (Publishers). The seventies heralded a phenomenal expansion in activities. Apart from English and Afrikaans, JL van Schaik Publishers also published titles in all the languages of the country and in a variety of genres. In addition the Van Schaik Publishers became well known for the production of superior quality academic books covering a wide range of disciplines. On 1 April 1986 JL van Schaik Publishers and Van Schaik Bookstores were incorporated into Nasionale Pers (NASPERS), one of the largest Publishing houses in South Africa.

Johannes Lambertus van Schaik was also an important collector of Africana in South Africa. Shortly before his death, he bequeathed his valuable Africana collection of 5 000 items to the University of South Africa Library. The Van Schaik Africana Collection is available on the Unisa Library Catalogue.

## PUBLISHERS' PAPERS AND ARCHIVES

In 2000 Mr Jan Jacob van Schaik (1917-2009) donated 1,9 linear metres of records to the Unisa Library Archives. The documents include company records, historical photographs, private correspondence and family photographs. The Papers are of special value to researchers interested in the South African book trade and publishing business. The historical files on education, including concentration camp schools, on President Kruger, Gen JC Smuts, Dr DF Malan, the Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria buildings and the Delagoa Bay railways, are also of importance to scholars.

The funeral programme of Mr Jan Jacob van Schaik was added to the Papers in 2009.

Mr Helgaard Raubenheimer, CEO of *Nasboek*, transferred the Van Schaik Publishers Archives to the Unisa Library in June 2000. The Publishers Archives consist of a copy of each impression of every title published since the inception of the Van Schaik Company in 1914. At the time this constituted a collection of almost 6 500 books. The Publishers Archives is catalogued and available on the Unisa Library Catalogue. The Archives is regularly updated and it currently contains copies of all the titles and editions produced by Van Schaik Publishers.

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## The Company

1	Letter books	
1.1	vol 1	March 1919 - July 1919
1.2	vol 2	Sept 1920 - June 1922
1.3	vol 3	March 1921 - Nov 1922
1.4	vol 4	June 1922 - Sept 1922
1.4	vol 5	July 1922 - Sept 1922
2	Diaries	
2.1	vol 1	July 1919 - April 1922
2.2	vol 2	Nov 1922 - Jan 1926
2.3	vol 3	Feb 1926 - May 1932
2.4	vol 4	Nov 1932 - April 1935
3	Finances	
3.1	Journal	1914-1916
3.2	Cash book (includes royalties paid)	1936-1942
3.3	Balance sheets	1916-1951
4	Books published	
4.1	Information on books published vol 1	1914-1924
4.2	Information on books published vol 2 (includes letter, dated Oct 1924, from AA Pienaar, <i>Sangiro</i> )	1924-1925
4.3	Reviews in the press	
5	Stock book	1924-1927
6	Catalogues / Price lists JL Van Schaik publications	1966; 1974-1975; 1978; 1981-1985; 1988-1991
7	Company celebrations	
7.1	1914-1964 Jubilee celebrations Photograph album, correspondence and pamphlets	15 Aug 1964
7.2	90 <sup>th</sup> Celebration pamphlets	2005
8	<i>Ons Tydskrif vir Letterkunde, Opvoedkunde, Kuns</i>	1933-1936
9	<i>Van Schaik baanbreker met boeke</i> article in magazine <i>Voorslag</i>	Aug 1948

## Johannes Lambertus van Schaik (1888- 1965)

10	<i>Ex libris</i> of JL van Schaik, designed by JH Pierneef	
11	Photographs of tours / holidays	
11.1	South America: photograph album	1958
11.2	Europe, Britain and America: photograph album	1958
11.3	Southern Africa <sup>1</sup> (includes slides of the family, their properties)	

<sup>1</sup> This file contains 3 boxes of slides

	and buildings in Pretoria)	1956
12	In memoriam JL van Schaik	
12.1	Photograph album (includes correspondence and press cuttings)	1965
12.2	Letters of condolence (2 vols)	1965
12.3	Telegrams of condolence	1965

## Jan Jacob van Schaik (1917- 2009)

13	Memorial service programme and speech by Prof SAS Strauss	9 Oct 2009
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## Subject files

14	Anglo-Boer War and Pres Kruger (3 vols) photographs, post cards, maps and press cuttings	1899 -1904
15	CNA prize-giving ceremonies for creative writing	
15.1	Menu signed by Siegfried Stander and Chris Barnard	1961
15.2	Menu: Prof GH le May and André Brink prize giving	1966
16	Unisa Friends of the Library	1962; 1965
17	World War II Dr B Gemser: <i>Rede ter gedachtenis aan den inval in Nederland 10-14 Mei 1940</i>	14 Mei 1941

## Photographs / photograph albums

18	Adam Kok's tomb, Kokstad	
19	Delagoa Bay Railway (3 items)	c 1940
20	Education - administrators, teachers, concentration camp schools, buildings etc (102 items)	c 1850 - 1940
21	Funerals of statesmen	
21.1	Gen Smuts (10 items)	1950
21.2	Dr DF Malan (6 items)	1959
22	Orange River Colony government (1 item)	1907
23	Pretoria buildings (includes Van Schaik family home and shop) (album plus 22 items)	c 1870 - 1950
24	Reitz, FW signed photograph	1922
25	South Africa	
25.1	Members of the Union cabinet (4 items)	1910 - 1961
25.2	Parliament of SA: Combined sitting of the Houses of Parliament (1 item)	1961
26	Van Riebeeck Festival (4 items)	1952
27	Voortrekkers	
27.1	centenary (album)	1938
27.2	inauguration of Voortrekker monument (album)	1949
28	Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek: members of the Eerste Volksraad (1 item)	1890