

## The South African Native Trust.

### The history of the Trust.

- (a) First introduced by Shepstone in Natal with the object of  
 (a) protecting native lands from alienation by the Crown  
 (b) alienation by the people themselves
- (b) Originally intended to apply to individual locations each with  
 a separate Board of Trustees consisting of (a) the Chief of the Tribe, (b) a  
 Govt. Official & a Private unofficial person.
- (c) Later applied to all Native lands as a whole with a  
 single Board of Trustees consisting of the Executive i.e. the  
 Government Council, thus eliminating the Chiefs i.e. the official  
 representatives of the people from the Board of Trustees & the  
 Private member representing the General Public.  
 & thus under the Trust became a Board of Officials not amenable  
 to democratic control. This happened in 1864.
- (d) The Natal Native Land Trust was not the only Trust in existence  
 prior to 1936. Other Trusts not necessarily connected with land,  
 were in existence e.g. the Imperial Grant in Aid in the  
 Free State, various tribal funds in Bechuanaland  
 the Native Development Fund of 1925 established under Act 41/1925
- (e) But in 1936 under Act 18 of 1936 it was decided  
 to establish a S. A. Native Trust in connection with  
 Native Lands throughout the Union.

### Functions of the Trust.

- (a) To take possession of all Native Lands i.e. scheduled areas  
 (b) " take " " " Crown Lands in Released Areas  
 (c) " buy land from private owners in Released Areas.

### Purposes of Trust.

- (a) To protect native lands against alienation by the Crown  
 (b) To develop native lands for the material, social & economic  
 benefit of the Native population.

### Revenue of the Trust.

- (a) Appropriations by Parliament (b) Fees & charges for services

in Trust areas eg. Licences

- (c) fines for contravention of Trust regulations  
 (d) Exploitation of Minerals - Prospecting Fees.

To what extent has the Trust carried out its three functions

- (a) The Native scheduled areas have been vested in the Trust  
 i.e. 10 1/2 million morgen of land.  
 (b) Crown land in the Released Areas has been vested in Trust.  
 (c) Trust has bought land in Released Areas.

① Land Purchased by Trust upto 31/12/48.

	Morgen	Cost.
Transvaal	1521070	£ 3 680 012
Cape	405,509	1 787 870
Natal	71,186	442 595
O.F.S.	78,536	858 602
Total	2 076,601	£ 6,769,079.

② Crown Land Vested in the Trust.

	Morgen
Transvaal	15 29,966
Cape	202,248
Natal	49,394
O.F.S.	
Total	1,781,608

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