Free State an invaluable service. Not only has forgotten and mislaid document- (e.g. he identifies De la Rey and Quigley as the two men executed after those of Charles Frederick Warden, William Douglas Savage and Manha people (e.g. Sophie I.eviseur and Manha Kirk) during those distant days. Documentation (e.g. the J.G. Fraser Basotho diary) been uneanhed, but an 1..m.. recollections should therefore also be treated circumspectly. Although lacking unity, this volume demonstrates the vitality of research being undertaken in a variety of disciplines in Cape Town.


The aim of this bibliography is to assist those researching aspects of Cape Town life and history since the British occupation of the Cape in 1806. It includes material, published up to 1987, in the J.W. Jagger Library of the University of Cape Town, the Library of Parliament and the South African Library. The criteria for inclusion were the following: a book, if substantial reference was made to Cape Town, and a journal article if it related directly to Cape Town. Entries are arranged by broad subject listed in the table of contents. Items are listed once only, even if they could be placed under more than one heading. At the end of sections, cross references to other entries are found and at the back of the book there is an author index.

This bibliography is to a great extent a duplication of existing bibliographies listed in section 1, as well as the South African bibliography by Sidney Mendelsohn, A South African bibliography to the year 1921, Retrospective South African National bibliography and South African national bibliography. Although credit is due to the compiler and the editor for attempting such a project, one must carefully consider the value of publishing a bibliography in 1989. In a small country like South Africa there is always the problem of duplication. A time-consuming and expensive exercise, not only for the compiler but also for the user, it gives in published form what a search in the CABINET (South African Bibliographic Information Network) could provide — a list of monographs on Cape Town in all South African libraries linked to the database and not only in the three principal Cape Town libraries. The bibliography could have been of some value had it included journal articles, since there is at present no central database in South Africa which includes all journal articles published in and on South Africa for the period 1806-1986. But again the bibliography duplicates material already indexed in the Index to South African periodicals. It also does not cover all journals available in the three libraries mentioned.

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