

ONCE UPON A TIME ...

Entities that at some point issued or overprinted postage stamps,
and that ceased to exist as such

BASUTOLAND



Period: 1933 - 1966

British colony

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS

Overprint	Design

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In the 18th century, tribes speaking the "Sotho" language settled in the area; however, in the early 19th century, the Zulu king Shaka seized control of the region. King Mshweshwe I united the population, expelled the Zulus, and served as the sole leader of the Basotho (Sotho people) until his death in 1870. In 1843, King Mshweshwe I negotiated British protection, and the territory became British in 1868. In 1933, Basutoland issued its first definitive series of ten postage stamps; prior to this, stamps from the Cape of Good Hope and later the Union of South Africa had been used. In 1966, it became an independent kingdom within the British Commonwealth under its official name, Lesotho. The overprinted stamps were originally issued by South Africa in 1945, while the stamps featuring the word "Basutoland" in their design circulated from 1933 to 1966.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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