

50th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF ZIMBABWE

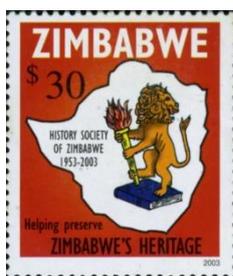
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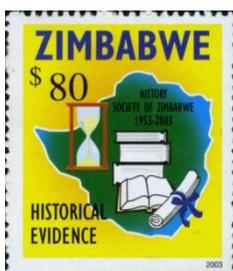
History Society of Zimbabwe
Founded 1953

The History Society of Zimbabwe was founded on 12 June 1953. It aims to unite all who wish to foster a wider appreciation and knowledge of the history of Zimbabwe and neighbouring countries. It does this by arranging visits to place of historical interest, as well laying on talks by people knowledgeable in differing aspects of Zimbabwean history. It also publishes a respected annual historical journal entitled *Heritage of Zimbabwe*, and it runs a book exchange that facilitates the collecting and reading of publications which are largely of a historical nature relating both to Zimbabwe and Southern Africa. Through an association with the National Monuments and Museums it also attempts to promote the preservation and appreciation of historical buildings. The themes depicted in the commemorative stamps attempt to illustrate some of the principal objectives of the Society. The concept used in the stamps was the creation of Josie Jones and compilation was by Dianne Deudney. Each stamp has as its background colour one of the symbolic colours of the Zimbabwean National Flag



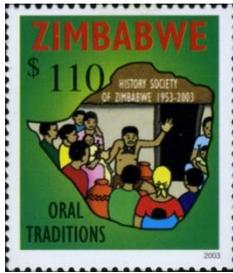
\$30: Zimbabwe's Heritage

The History Society of Zimbabwe logo depicts an African Lion upholding the torch of learning, mounted upon a book representing knowledge. It is used in all Society publications and on letterheads



\$80: Historical Evidence

A collection of historical books and documents representing the History Society's concern not only to preserve historical data, but to facilitate its exchange and dissemination. Such data would include printed publications and manuscripts, as well as audio, visual and electronic media.



\$110: Oral Traditions

Oral history and the importance of spoken reminiscences are vital in the passing on and preservation of Zimbabwean history. Tours of historical sites, conducted by knowledgeable local people, are also an essential element of the History Society's activities.



\$140: Old Buildings

Zimbabwe's architectural heritage is a vital part of its overall history and it is important that its listed old buildings be preserved for the benefit of present and future generations, as well as being a valuable tourist attraction.

Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC¹	Value	Description
1100	525	\$30	Zimbabwe's Heritage
1101	526	\$80	Historical Evidence
1102	527	\$110	Oral Traditions
1103	528	\$140	Old Buildings

Technical details

Stamp size:	All values	33 x 35 mm
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (5 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet	
Artist:	Concept Josie Jones, artist Dianne Deudney	
Paper:	ZSC paper type J: paper described by Zimpost as "Chancellor Litho PVA Gummed Postage Stamp Paper". This paper is produced by Tullis Russell Coaters of Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland. Under UV there is no fluorescence either front or back, the stamp appears to be every dark.	
Print colours:	Cyan, magenta, yellow & black	
Perforations:	SG 14 x 14½, ZSC 14 x 14¼ Right margin: Perforated through. Other margins: Imperforate	
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe	

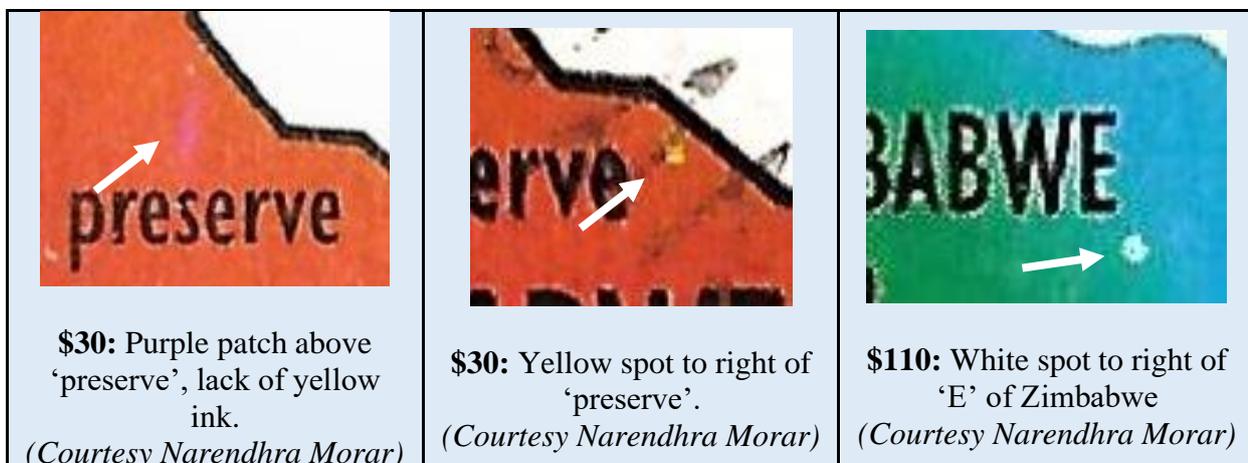
Printer's Imprint:	Bottom Margin, below Row 5 Columns 5 & 6. Imprint printed in black			
Cylinder numbers:	Bottom margin below R5/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
Colour register:	Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R5/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
Sheet Value:	Bottom margin, below R5/10, printed in black.			
Sheet Number:	Type SN 7 with printed 'ZIMPOST' prefix, right margin opposite R5/10, reading down			
Print numbers:	\$30	2,230,000	\$80	350,000
	\$110	210,000	\$140	190,000
Issue date:	28 th January, 2003			

Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted.

Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds.

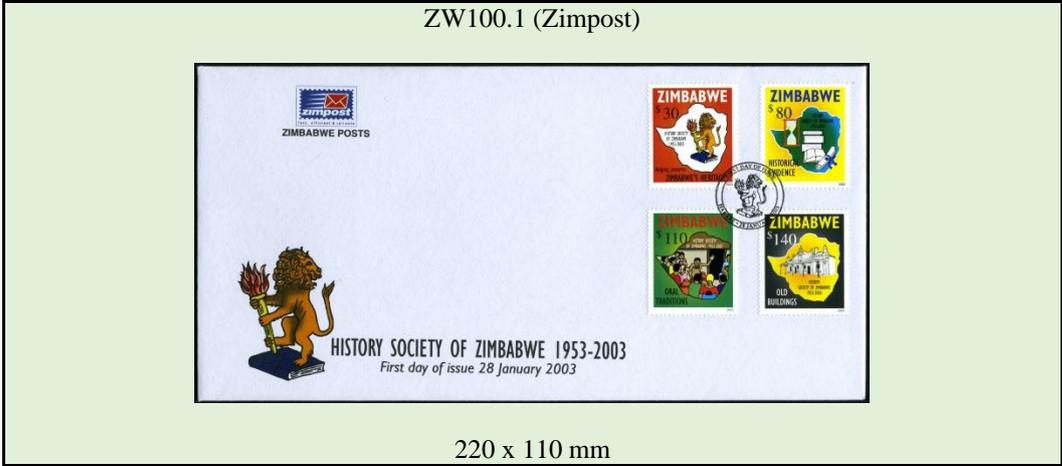




First Day Cover

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.

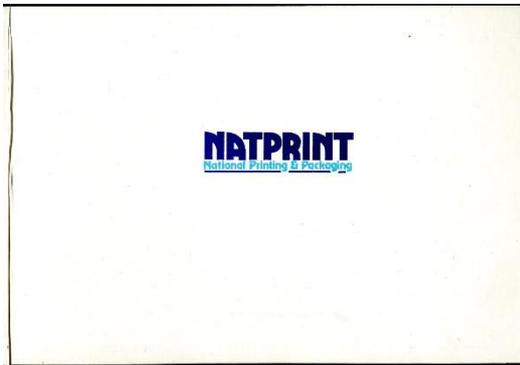


Related Material

Natprint Proof Presentation Cards

Presentation cards produced by Natprint with imperforate proofs of the stamps to be issued. The presentation cards were forwarded to the PTC for approval of the final product.

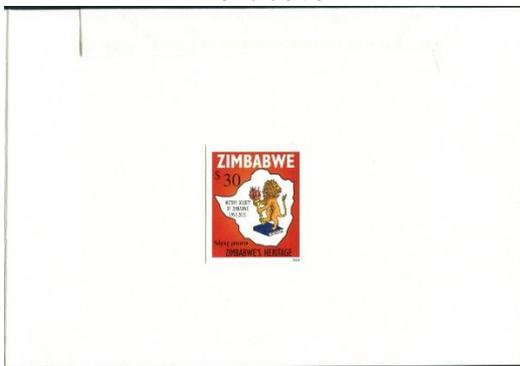
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Front cover



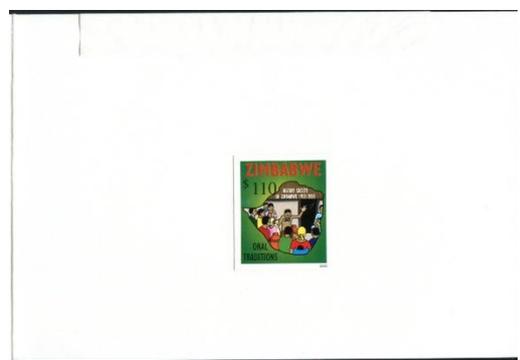
Inside front cover



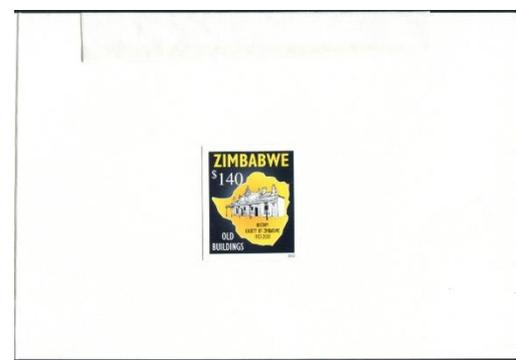
\$30 stamp



\$80 stamp



\$110 stamp



\$140 stamp

Bibliography:

1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear
2. Zimbabwe Post, Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 1 of 2003