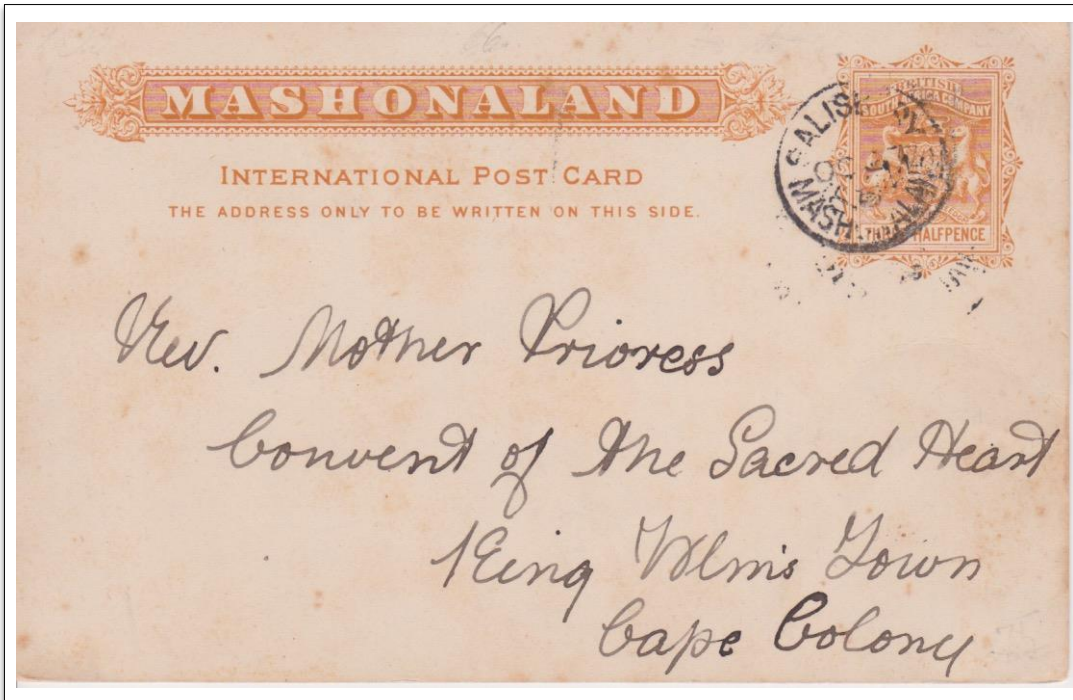


MOTHER PATRICK

DOMINICAN SISTERS



Mother Patrick – Mother Superior of Dominican Sisters in Rhodesia. Provided nursing in support of “Pioneer Column”/ Colonial expansion, & during the Shona Uprising. Died 1900.

Mother Patrick to Dominican Sisters’ “Mother House” in Cape Colony (Oct 27 1896).

Written during the Ndebele/Shona uprising.

Mashonaland external postal stationery card, in use beginning 1893.

Card pays 1½d South Africa postcard rate in effect 1892-1900.

One of 4 known surviving cards from this historically important person.

Dearest M. P. - Just got
B. Margaret's paper yesterday
about the fire. Sympathizing
with you very much. Am
trying thro' Mr. Hyland to
get up a subscription here
for B. M. to help rebuild
the Hall. Hope to send money
on our part. All the Sisters
also the wounded doing well.
Srs. Amica & Agatha have
been in Retreat, came out
this morning are very happy.
Expect a number of wounded
in a few days from the
big fight now taking place
at Hartley. Love from us all
to all at home S. M. P. 12.10.96

Transcription (partial):

“All the [sisters] well, also the wounded doing well. ...
Expect a number of wounded in a few days from the big
fight now taking place at Hartley.”

“big fight” referred to the engagement by Col Anderson on
Oct 10, 1896 against Chief Mashingombi, who had
withdrawn to caves near Hartley – near the heart of the
Shona Uprising.

Signed “S. M. P.”

(Sister Mary Patrick)

Scan of reverse



Stamp issued in Mother Patrick's
honor by Rhodesia 16 Nov 1970,
No. 4 in the Famous Figures Series.
Stamp designed by Rose Martin.