

# **Inventory No. 1/84**

## **Inventory of the Cape Title Deeds, 1652 - 1825**

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**FONDS SPECIFICATIONS****Title:**

Cape Title Deeds

**Period:**

1652 - 1825

**Fonds Code:**

1/84

**Extent:**

1.50 lin m

**Repository:**

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**Record Creator (origination):**

Council of Policy

**Abstract:**

From the inception of a system of land registry at the Cape in April 1657, title deeds and deeds of transfer were drawn up by the secretariat of the Council of Policy. The first nine volumes include notarial deeds, such as wills, inventories, slave transfers and leases, and sworn statements.



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**CONTEXT*****BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY***

Since the implementation of a system of land registry at the Cape in Apr. 1657, title deeds and deeds of transfer were drawn up by the Secretary of the Council of Policy. Since 1806 this function was performed by the Colonial Secretary and two members of the Court of Justice until a Registrar of Deeds was appointed in Jan 1828.





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**CONTENT AND STRUCTURE*****ARRANGEMENT***

With the exception of vol CTD20, the documents in the rest of the volumes are not in chronological order.



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DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBORDINATE COMPONENTS

**1 - 9****Title Deeds, Deeds of Transfer and Notarial Deeds**

1652 - 1736.

Contain notarial deeds such as slave transfers, wills, inventories sworn statements, deeds of sale, leases and powers of attorney. Also contain alphabetical indexes on title deeds and deeds of transfer.

- 1** 1652 May 16 - 1662 Dec. 20  
Contains title deeds Nos G1 - 27 and deeds of transfer Nos T1 - 22.
- 2** 1662 Jan. 22 - 1666 Jan. 12  
Contains title deeds Nos G28 - 32 and deeds of transfer Nos T23 - 40. Also contains an extract from the resolutions of the Court of Justice, d 25 Sept. 1660, and a deed of sale, d 28 Oct. 1667.
- 3** 1666 Jan. 9 - 1669 Dec. 23  
Contains title deeds Nos G33 - 57 and deeds of transfer Nos T41 - 71.
- 4** 1670 Jan. 1 - 1671 May 26  
Contains title deeds Nos G58 - 62 and deeds of transfer Nos T72 - 102.
- 5** 1670 Dec. 22 - 1672 Dec. 20  
Contains title deeds Nos G63 - 64 and deeds of transfer Nos T103 - 135. Also contains one unnumbered deed of transfer, d 19 feb 1670.
- 6** 1673 Jan. - 1674 Dec. 22  
Contains title deeds Nos G65 - 67 and deeds of transfer Nos T136 - 141.
- 7** 1684 Dec. 9 - 1685 Dec. 12  
Contains deeds of transfer Nos. T215 - 234
- 8** 1703 Jan. 11 - 1704 Dec. 30  
Contains deeds of transfer Nos. T583 - 641.
- 9** 1736 Jan. 2 - Dec. 22.  
Contains deeds of transfer Nos. T2290 - 2356.  
Apart from the index on deeds of transfer, this volume also contains an index on all documents in the volume.

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- 10 - 15** Title Deeds, Cape District.  
1657 - 1818
- Records after 1806 are not listed.
- 10** 1657 Sept. 10 - 1703 May 15  
Contains copies of title deeds for the period 10 Sept. 1657 - 25 Aug. 1685, and originals for the period 22 Jun 1685 - 15 May 1703.  
Also contains an extract from the resolutions of the Council of Policy in connection with copies of title deeds, d 1 Jul. 1686.
- 11** 1703 Sept. 7 - 1746 Aug. 10  
Title deeds for the period 30 Oct. 1703 - 10 Jun. 1704 are found at the back of the volume.
- 12** 1746 Oct. 6 - 1782 Nov. 12
- 13** 1783 Jan. 21 - 1791 Nov. 21
- 14** 1791 Dec. 22 - 1807 Nov. 28  
Since 12 Aug. 1806 the original title deeds were drawn up in English with Dutch copies attached to it.

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Title Deeds, Stellenbosch and Drakenstein.

1689 Nov. 10 - 1722 Nov. 17

The title deeds for Drakenstein cover the period 20 Dec. 1689 - 1 Jan. 1707.

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Title Deeds, Drakenstein and Swellendam.

1704 Aug. 25 - 1785 Oct. 11

Contains no title deeds for the period 3 Aug. 1723 - 7 Sept. 1734.

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**18 - 19** Title Deeds, Stellenbosch and Drakenstein.  
1743 - 1806

**18** 1743 Dec. 31 - 1787 Oct. 10

**19** 1787 Sept. 25 - 1806 Jan. 8

Contains two title deeds for the Cape district, d 1 and 4 Aug. 1793  
and one for the district of Swellendam, d 9 Oct. 1803.



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Quitrent Leases, Simonstown.

1814 Sept. 20 - 1825 Dec. 1

Contains original quitrent leases in English with Dutch copies, but since 1 May 1824 only the English originals.