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## PRESS RELEASE

### Sitting Hope explained

The Cape of Good Hope triangular stamps, introduced in 1853, are among the most famous stamps in the world. Less known and documented is the subsequent, standard shape (rectangular) and size, Sitting Hope design, first issued in 1864.

In a presentation and display given to The Royal Philatelic Society London in early January, Robert Johnson provided, what he called, an 'introduction' to the Sitting Hope issue. Illustrated by a superb array of used examples of the stamps, mostly on cover, he was able to provide a in-depth chronology of their use.

Of particular fascination, and explained and illustrated in detail, are the several surcharges that exist on these stamps. These were often needed to meet shortages particularly at times of tariff changes, but also, with the 3d rose, to prevent confusion with the 1d printed in red.

The vote of thanks was given by the President of the Society, Brian Trotter, a keen collector himself of Southern Africa, who complimented Robert on the research undertaken.



Robert Johnson  
at The Royal Philatelic Society London.

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