

Household budgets in South Africa

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Probate inventories

- Probate inventories (MOOC 8)
 - Lists of assets at death
 - MOOC 8
 - Fourie (2013)
 - Remarkable wealth
 - High levels of inequality
 - Swanepoel (forthcoming)
 - Credit network
- Auction rolls (MOOC10)
 - Mitchell, McCants, Fourie

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Hendrik Möller
7 December 1713

Invantaris gemaakt door Margrita Marqua weduwe van Hendrik Möller in presentie van Gillis Sollier, H:k Möller en Johanis Möller als volgt

	<i>f</i>
Het hujs hier aan de Caap	6000
3 dosijn stoelen met eenige kussens	100
3 ledekanten met behangsel	150
4 kadels	20
7 bedden met sijn toebehoren	300
1 kast en een kleen kas	100
4 gemeene kisten	50
5 tafels kleijn en groot	60
en partiej porseleijn en d:o potjies	90
eenigh silver werk	120
2 dosijn tinne schootels klijn en groot	60
4 dosijn tinne borden	25
en partiej racken en schilderijen	70
4 spiegels kleijn en groot	25
en partiej glaase en tinne kanne	10
en partiej kandelaars en koper werk	30
3 kopere keetels	30
8 eijsere pottens	40
en partiej rommelingh	100
Somma	<i>f</i> 7391

Invantaris van de plaas

	<i>f</i>
de plaats	4000
11 slaaven kleijn en groot (unnamed)	2400
120 beesten kleijn en groot	1440
400 schaapen	500
10 paarden	50
1 paarde wagen met 4 tuijgen	100
2 ouwe osse wagens	120
2 ouwe ploegen	45
1 ouwe egh	10
30 sacken	50
en partiej graaven en picken	12
emmers en balies	10
en partiej rommelingh	20
Somma	<i>f</i> 16148
De schulden waar deese boedel mee belast is bedraaght	6000
Resteert	<i>f</i> 10148

Aldus overgegeven ter Weescamer aan Cabo de Goede Hoop, den 7 xber 1713, met presentatie van eede niets ter werelt agtergehouden ofte verswegen te hebben.

Tax censuses

- Tax censuses (opgaaafrolle)
 - Incredibly rich records of inputs and outputs
 - INPUTS: Household size, European labourers, slaves, Khoisan, wagons, carts, wheat, rye, barley sown, vines
 - OUTPUTS: wheat, barley, rye reaped, wine, brandy, cattle, horses, sheep, pigs
 - Census every year – roughly same format 1663-1828
 - Cape of Good Hope Panel project
 - Funded by South African National Research Foundation, Swedish Handelsbanken, Swedish Wallenberg Foundation
 - 2015-2019

Tax censuses

slaves	horsesw	horsesbr	horses	cattleox	cattlebre	cattle	sheephai	sheepbre	sheepspr	sheep	donkeys	goats	pigs	sownwhe	sownbarl	sownrye	sownoats	reapwhe	reapbarl	reaprye	reapoats	vines	wine
1	1	0	1	14	38	52	0	470	0	470			60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2	0	2	10	20	30	0	300	0	300			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	8	50	58	0	200	0	200			40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	2	0	2	0	90	90	0	850	0	850			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	9	9	0	71	0	71			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	2	3	0	6	6	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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6	10	23	33	50	151	201	0	2610	0	2610			200	0	3	4	0	0	90	81	0	0	4000
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0	2	0	2	10	23	33	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	4	5	0	23	23	0	130	0	130			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	1	10	8	18	0	500	0	500			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	7	5	12	0	200	0	200			20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	2	2	0	6	6	20	0	0	20			215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	8	8	12	375	0	387			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	10	10	20	0	30	0	30			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	10	34	44	30	312	342	0	2630	0	2630			175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	9	8	17	18	82	100	0	1320	0	1320			92	0	2	1	0	0	36	24	0	0	0
1	7	0	7	14	16	30	0	500	0	500			73	0	1	0.5	0	0	20	5	0	0	0
0	2	3	5	12	26	38	0	1400	0	1400			0	0	1.5	1	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
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0	2	1	3	10	6	16	0	825	0	825			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	8	11	19	0	300	0	300			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	100	0	100			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	505	0	505			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	12	0	12	0	325	0	325			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	98			32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	6	4	10	0	21	0	21			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	8	0	8	0	400	0	400			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1	1	0	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2	0	2	9	25	34	0	326	0	326			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	6	13	19	24	100	124	0	1500	0	1500			50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Tax censuses

- Opportunities
 - Labour, mobility and inequality
 - Intergenerational mobility (matched to genealogies)
 - Intergenerational wealth and credit networks (matched to probates)
 - Migration, disease, exogenous shocks
- Challenges
 - Mostly European descendants
 - Ends before industrial take-off (mineral revolution)

Missionary records

- 1849 Mission census

- Fourie, Ross, Viljoen (2013) investigate literacy and numeracy
- Fourie and Swanepoel (2015) investigate persistence of human capital accumulation

Name of each male resident, head of family	Age	Trade	How long has he been resident at the Ins.	Can he or she read or write	Is he married or not?	Number of children	Number above 12 years	Number above 12 who go out to work	Number under 12	Do his wife and grown-up daughters go out to service & where are they?	Has he a garden?	Has he ploughing land at Inst.	What crop did he get this year and what was the value thereof?	₤	s.	d.	Horses	Cattle	Goats	Pigs	Where are they kept?	₤	s.	d.
1 Mozambiquer	50	Carrier	10	Read	Yes	4	2	2	2	No	Yes	Yes	Wheat & barley	9	0	0	0	48	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
2 William Parker	40	Labourer	10	Read	Yes	5	1	2	3	1 Son, Gr. Town	Yes	Yes	Wheat	3	0	0	..	2	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
3 Parkes	50	Carrier	10	No	Yes	2	1	1	1	1 Dr, Farmerfield	Yes	Yes	Wheat	2	0	0	..	14	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
4 Zaccheus Africa	45	Ditto	10	No	Yes	9	2	2	7	1 Dr, Gr. Town	No	Yes	Wheat	4	0	0	..	22	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
5 Charles Jas	40	Labourer	10	Read	Yes	8	2	2	6	1 Dr, Gr. Town	Yes	Yes	No	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
6 John Lumve	45	Carrier	6 mon.	Read	Yes	5	1	1	4	No	No	Yes	Wheat	4	0	0	..	16	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
7 Jacob Matlabuhu	40	Labourer	3	No	Yes	3	1	1	2	1 Dr, Farmerfield	Yes	Yes	Wheat	1	10	0	..	10	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
8 Abram Malakane	45	Ditto	10	No	Yes	4	2	2	2	1 Dr, Gr. Town	No	Yes	Wheat	1	0	0	..	13	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0
9 Matheus Selelo	60	Carrier	10	No	Yes	4	-	-	4	No	Yes	Yes	Wheat	3	0	0	..	19	..	..	Farmerfield	1	0	0



Cape archives

- Estate accounts
- Liquidation records: 1700-1910
 - 50 obs per page, 200 pages per book, 13 books

The missing

- Early colonial censuses
 - Information on occupations: mobility, inequality
- Voters rolls
 - Baptism, marriage and death
- Church records
 - Baptism, marriage and death
- Estate accounts
 - Posel (2006)
 - More than 40000 records for Joburg and 8000 for Pretoria

REPUBLIEK VAN SWAZILAND - 1973-74 - 2000-20 (M.S.)

DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT
 DEPARTMENT VAN BANTOE-ADMINISTRASIE EN-ONTWIKKELING
DOORBERIC VAN BANTOEWERKENEMER—DEATH NOTICE OF BANTU EMPLOYEE

N.B.—Verrekenende dood moet word aangekondig deur die owerste van die afdeling.
 N.B.—Deaths requiring notice should be reported to the superior officer.

Die Bantoe-owerste, Die Huis van Kommissarisse, **LEMONI**

Ondergetekende Bantoe, wie se dienstkontrak of hewerboek linnies aangeleë is, is dood van die onder-gehoor Bantoe, whose service contract or reference book is attached hereto in the employ of **SWAZI B.A.B. 1014, BENONI**

is overlede op die 18^{de} dag van 1977
 died on the 18th day of 1977

Oorsaak van dood
 Cause of death

Indien ongeluk medeverantwoordelike oorsaak van dood was, moet omstandighede kortliks vermeld word
 If accident was contributory cause of death, circumstances should be briefly stated

Getal dae wat by in hospitaal was
 Number of days in hospital

Handtekening van geneeskundige beampte
 Signature of medical officer

Bannenaam **ALFRED** Naam waasonder bekend **ALFRED**
 Name known by

Familienaam **TSHABALALA** Personeels-Paspoort No. **25166** Voortreker van gebied **TW**
 Family name, Identity No., Passport No., Terrestrial Initial

Naam van distrik **DELMAS** Land van herkoms **R.S.A** Betsigtigingsnommer
 Name of district, Country of origin, Tax identity No.

Linnies heersingsnommer, Dienstkontrak No. **W/No 391**
 Line of service contract No.

Klas werk, Omslagnommer/boeknommer, Class of work, Undergroup/number

Naam van vader **SARAH** Naam van moeder
 Father's name, Mother's name

Naam van vrou (indien enige), Name of wife (if any)

plaatse wooning, plaas, woonplek, locality

Stam **SWAZI** Kaptein
 Tribe, Chief

Naam van kral, lokasie of dorp, Name of kral, location or village

Hoofman of opvoerter oor kral, lokasie of dorp
 Headman or overseer at kral, location or village

Naam van manne (wie se naam vermeld word)
 Name of man (whose name is mentioned)

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STOCK SCHEDULE:

1.	14 cycle tyres	5.	7.	4
2.	28 rims	25.	15.	8
3.	3 wheels	26.	10.	—
4.	15 Mudguards	14.	2.	—
5.	10 Holders	1.	4.	10
6.	1 cycle stand	1.	8.	8
7.	2 front mirrors	5.	15.	8
8.	6 Wheel forks	1.	10.	0
9.	4 Small rims	1.	10.	0
10.	15 Mirrors	1.	0.	0
11.	Adhesive tape 5	1.	8.	4
12.	8 Cigarette lighters	1.	12.	0
13.	6 Bottle wires	1.	12.	0
14.	18 yds wiring	1.	12.	0
15.	8 Sails	2.	12.	0
16.	8 doz. small whistles	1.	0.	0
17.	5 1 1/2 plugs	1.	1.	—
18.	3 Colfax oil cans	1.	8.	—
19.	8 Power tapes	2.	18.	—
20.	50 pieces shoe protectors	13.	4.	—
21.	5 Double adaptors	1.	2.	—
22.	8 Bester plugs	5.	2.	—
23.	5 Swatches	4.	2.	—
24.	4 small adaptors	1.	2.	—
25.	1 6x250 plug	1.	2.	—
26.	3 Telephone heads	1.	2.	—
27.	1 cycle lamp	1.	2.	—
28.	74 Rucks batteries	1.	16.	—
29.	16 nipple keys	1.	8.	—
30.	4 elements (4)	17.	1.	—
31.	3 Taps	1.	1.	—
32.	26 Generator wires	1.	16.	—
33.	11 reflectors	11.	10.	—
34.	16 front wheel hubs	3.	13.	—
35.	3 cycle locks	1.	1.	—
36.	4 bicycle hubs	1.	1.	—
37.	1 " " " 3 Speed	1.	18.	—
38.	1 pair rubber bands	1.	18.	—
39.	6 Shift spacers	1.	18.	—
40.	1 steel lock	2.	4.	—
41.	1 Sewing gilliflr	1.	1.	—
42.	4 gum winders	5.	1.	—
43.	5 multi-hole spacers	29.	16.	—
44.	20 Clips	7.	10.	—
45.	161 pair earrings	5.	15.	—
46.	45 neckties	2.	2.	—
47.	124 bangles	2.	2.	—
48.	2 Lucky charm chains	2.	2.	—
49.	8 plastic flutes	2.	2.	—
50.	45 umbrella holders	1.	1.	—
51.	1 mending pen	1.	1.	—
52.	1 rosary	3.	2.	—
53.	1 welder chain	2.	4.	—
54.	11 doz. sewing machine needles	2.	4.	—
55.	5 pump connections	17.	2.	—
56.	100 yds wiring	2.	4.	—
57.	Soldo lead	2.	12.	—
58.	4 chains	2.	12.	—
59.	130 rings	25.	1.	—
60.	1 electric kettle	2.	2.	—
61.	1 valve	2.	2.	—
62.	3 Prime stove plates	2.	2.	—
63.	2 gum mata springs	2.	2.	—

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The missing

■ Challenges

- Microdata often missing
 - Never recorded
 - Often destroyed
- Where information is available: sample selection
- Household formation unique
 - Migrant labour, remittances, polygamy
- Payment often in-kind
- Post-1994 better surveys, but:
 - Because state provides free-of-charge, asset indices often most reliable
 - For example, poverty falls rapidly if access to services (and not income) is used