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The first volume of *Studies in the history of Cape Town* which was published in January 1979 consists of papers presented to the 1978 workshop of the History Department, University of Cape Town, on the history of Greater Cape Town. A second workshop of this kind took place over the weekend of 14–16 September 1979 at the University of Cape Town and some dozen papers were presented.

Five of these (1979) and one by Robert Ross on the occupations of slaves in the eighteenth century Cape Town, presented at the 1978 workshop, were published in *Studies in the history of Cape Town*, Vol. 2. The five papers are by Christopher Saunders on Blacks in Cape Town in the nineteenth century; Janet Hodgson on Xhosa chiefs in Cape Town in the mid-nineteenth century; Vivien Bickford-Smith on Black labour at the Cape Town docks at the beginning of the twentieth century; Robin Hallett on violence and social life in Cape Town in the 1900s; and Tom Lodge on the Paarl insurrection of 1962.

In *Studies in the history of Cape Town*, Vol. 3, a further seven papers presented to the September 1979 workshop were published. A paper by Howard Phillips deals with Cape Town in 1929; Peter Buirski analyses the composition of Adderley Street, Cape Town, between 1867 and 1885; Sydney Petersen describes the development of the Table Bay Harbour between 1860 and 1870, and G.C. Cuthbertson the impact of the emancipation of slaves on St Andrew's Scottish Church in Cape Town between 1838 and 1878. Also included in this publication are Elizabeth van Heyningen's paper on refugees and relief in Cape Town during the Second Anglo-Boer War of 1899 to 1902; Evangelos A. Mantzaris's on the 1918 Cape Town musicians' strike; and Don Pinnock's on the "Lumpen" proletariat challenge of street-corner armies in District Six between 1900 and 1951. A select guide to recent work on the history of Cape Town by Christopher Saunders was also published in this volume.

As papers presented to a workshop on the history of Cape Town they are somewhat divergent as far as the period under consideration and subject matter are concerned. Except that most of the papers in one way or another deal with the role of the Coloured or Black population in the history of the Western Cape, there is no indication that the 1979 workshop meeting had identified by historical definition the object to be worked out jointly.

However, the published papers certainly make a substantial contribution to our knowledge of the history of the Western Cape, especially to that of Cape Town, and must be regarded as valuable stepping stones to a comprehensive history of Greater Cape Town — something which the organisers of this project have probably had in mind all along.

Three important issues emerged from the papers presented: firstly, the real contribution of Coloureds and Blacks to the economy of the Western Cape over an extended period of time; secondly, that the presence of Blacks in the Western Cape has a historical basis and is not to be regarded as a contemporary phenomenon; and finally, that the quality of the living conditions for Black and Coloured will determine stability in the Western Cape.

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