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DOCRAT, Dawood Mohamed: Manufacturer. b. 15th April, 1907, Hattingspruit, Natal. Educated: Higher Grade, Durban and Esplanade High School, Bombay, India. A well-known manufacturer of Clothing in the Durban area. Better known as Dominion Shirt Manufacturing (Pty.) Ltd. and Domitex Clothing Factory. The clothing manufactured under their labels have acquired a National reputation and are distributed throughout the country. The early path to manufacturing was not all

that easy for the Industry had its teething troubles and it was due entirely to his business ability and industry that the firm overcame its initial uncertain entry into big time clothing manufacture. Like most successful men he began at the bottom of the ladder – as a salesman in a Field Street store.

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EBRAHIM, Hajee Suleman: b. 1884, Ranavav, India. Educated: Ranavav, India. Educated: Ranavav, Saurashtra, India. Arrived in South Africa in 1897 and settled in Pretoria. Established his first business in the Capital in 1905, the fore-runner to one of the biggest India business empires in this country. The firm's activities today run into almost every Commercial, Manufacturing and Financial field and extends to overseas and local interests. It is also known for its Bursary activities to deserving South African students. Widely travelled.

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ESSACK, Hajee Ismail Amod: Merchant. b. September, 1899, Durban. Origin: Kathor, District Surat, India. Eldest son of Amod Ebrahim Essack. Married: Daughter of Mohamed Jeewa Dawjee of Newcastle. Educated: Higher Grade, Durban. Joined family business until his death in 1971. Trading as Amod Essack, the firm has several branches in Durban and is better known for its Hardware and allied lines in which the firm specialises. The first of the businesses was established in 1901.

In other activities, he was a Committee Member of the N.I.C. and rep. the Province at various S.A.I.C. conferences. He was Founder of first Secretary of the Y.M.M.A. and a Trustee of the Madressa Anjuman Islam and also Trustee and Secretary of the Pine Street Kajeed and Saleh Mohamed Mosque Trust of Kathor. In Kathor, he held various posts in the Cultural and Religious activities of the town. He was a member of the deputation rep. Kathor at the Silver Jubilee of the Maharaja of Baroda.

THE SOUTHERN AFRICA INDIAN WHO'S WHO



ESSOP, Hajee Mohamed Omar: Businessman. b. 4th November, 1909, Manuber, Baroach, India. Educated: Manuber, India. Son of Mahomed Omar. Origin: Baroach, India. Began as a Fruit Trader at the Parade, Cape Town. Developed to Wholesale trade – one of leading W. P. Fruit & Vegetable firms in the Peninsula. Trading as M.O. Essop. Philanthropist and worker for communal betterment. Took a keen interest in the affairs of his native village – Manuber. Travel: India, Pakistan. Activities: Well-

known Cape personality. F/Member, Treasurer and Trustee: Zinat-ul Islam Mosque (Cape Town); Treasurer: Young Kanamia Muslim Association; Member: Manuber Anjuman Madressa. Married: Bibi Suleman Tapas; S 8; D 1. Bus. Add.: Stalls, Grand Parade, Cape Town. Phone: 37533; Res. Add.: 47 Chapel Street, Cape Town. Phone: 37533.

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FADAL, Ahmed Cassim: Businessman. b. 19th December, 1912, Kacholi, India. Educated: Kacholi, India. Son of Cassim Fadal. Joined family concern at an early age in Pretoria. After some years in commercial employ in Brits, Balfour, Louis Trichardt and Springs he settled in Krugersdorp. He established his first business here in 1963 trading as Public Centre – trading in general goods. Acts: He took a keen interest in all local Social, Cultural and Public activities. Rec.: Literature and Travel.

Married: Karrima, daughter of Mohamed Moosa of Wagershia, India; S 1; D 1. Bus. Add.: P. O. Box 786, Krugersdorp – Phone: 6601651; Res. Add.: 33b Joubert Street, Krugersdorp, Transvaal.

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GANI, A. Aboo Baker: Manufacturer; b. 15th November, 1922, Baurad, Kathiawad, India. Educated: Carlisle Street, Durban. Son of A. Gani Ebrahim. Origin: Baurad. Was in business with firm of Gani Ebrahim & Sons (1937/54). Established own factory, 1954 – Handy Garments. Manufacturer of knitwear and fashion goods. One of leading Indian manufacturers in knitwear in the Transvaal and first to be established by Indians. Activities: Was Vice Chairman: Laudium Islamic Committee; Sports: Tennis, Cricket. Travel: India and Pakistan (1961); East Africa, P.F.A., Rhodesia, United Kingdom, Europe. Married: Zubeida, daughter of Amod Suleman of Balfour. Family Bus. Add.: P. O. Box 13010, Laudium – Phone: 796322. Family Res. Add.: 225 – 5th Avenue, Laudium – Phone: 796322.

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GANDHI, Manil Mohandas: Editor. b. 1891, Porbandar, Saurashtra, India. Edu.: Largely self-taught, English and Vernacular. Second son of Mahatma Gandhi. Arrived in South Africa in 1897 and settled at Phoenix. Followed in the footsteps of R.M. Sodha and Mahatma Gandhi as Editor of the "Indian Opinion" which was established in 1904. He allied himself with the Indian cause from an early age and was a member of the Indian Congress in its most dynamic days. He acted

as a one-man deputation to the United Nations in 1946, pleading the South African Indian case over the Asiatic Land Tenure Act before the General Assembly. He also participated in the Salt March at Dandi, Gujarat, India in 1930. He was again in the fore-front of the Passive Resistance campaign in 1946 and the Defiance Campaign in South Africa in 1952. He went through the rigours of imprisonment for his convictions in this country and in India. He took a prominent part in the Social, Cultural and Religious upliftment of the Indian people in this country, piety, love and forbearance, these were his characteristics and probably one of the reasons for his deep love for nursing. He was a Trustee of the Phoenix Settlement and played a leading part in the development of the settlement in its early days. Died: August, 1956.

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GANI, Abdool Rehman Abdool: Merchant. b. 1885, Vadashda, Saurashtra, India. Educated: Vadashda, India. Arrived in South Africa in 1898 and joined the firm of Hajee Saley Mahomed and later, his father, A.G.H.S. Mahomed. At the retirement of his father in 1914, he took complete control of the business, trading as A.R.A. Gani. He returned to India in 1925 and remained there until 1927. In 1930, he settled in Klerksdorp and established Gani's Bombay House, one of its leading

businesses amongst White and non-White in the town. He established branches in India in Bombay, Vizianagram, Seetakol and at Chhindwara in Nagpur District, India. In other fields, he was a Chairman of the British Indian Association, Potchefstroom, 1918/1930. A member of T.I.C., he represented the province at various S.A.I.C. Conferences. Invited Mr. Sastri, foundation stone laying Potchefstroom and entertained the Fazil Hussain Delegation and various other Indian reps. in South Africa. Member: T.I.C. Deputation to Cape Town, 1934. In Kathiawad affairs, he was Chairman of the Dharmya Kathiawari Ektul Islam and Founder of the Dharmya Sala in Kutiyana. He was one of the outstanding men of the Indian community in the Western Transvaal. Died: Klerksdorp – 21st June, 1938.

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GHOOR, Abdul Moosa (Late): Businessman. b. 1885. Educated: Vernacular – Ranavav, India. Son of Moosa Ghoor. Origin: Ranavav, India. Arrived in South Africa 1898. Operated as Hawker. Established first business in 1916 – General Retailer. Returned to India, 1917. Retired in 1954. Died at the age of seventy nine. Activities: Took a keen interest in all activities related to community. Married: Rabia, daughter of Ahmed Ghoor, Ranavav, India; S 3; D 5. Bus. Add.: 589 Carl Street, Pretoria – Phone: 795056; Res. Add.: 331 – 14th Street, Laudium, Pretoria, Transvaal.

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GANGADEEN, Budree: Businessman. b. 1910, Eston, Richmond area. Educated: Self-taught. Son of Gangadeen of Eston, Natal. Was leading cartage contractor and businessman of Richmond area. Established first business in Richmond in 1944. Trading as Farmers Store Suppliers of Builders Material, Wood and Coal and Transport Operations Association with late Ramgulum Salligram in the establishment of Gita Mundil in Richmond. Activities: Was Treasurer and Trustee: Gita Mundil and S.S.V.D. Sabha; Committee Member: Richmond Indian School Board. Donor five a side Trophy to Richmond Indian Football Association. Toured India, 1966. Married: La te Kanake Gajay of Verulam; S 5; D 1. Bus. Add.: P. O. Box 48, Richmond – Phone: 98; Res. Add.: Shepstone Street, Richmond; Died: 1970.

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GODFREY, James Walter: b. 6th July, 1881, Mauritius. Educated: Boy's Model School, Durban and External. Entered for Civil Service Exams – Passed 1899. Was called to the Bar – Lincoln's Inn, 1907. Admitted to Natal Bar as Advocate and Conveyancer the same year. Was at one time stenographer to Mr. Gandhi in 1906 and acted as Secretary in London. He took a leading part in the Resistance struggle and was one of the outstanding figures in the Congress movement from the early years.

He was a Member of the Deputation to India regarding the Class Areas Bill issue in 1925. He inaugurated the St. John Ambulance movement amongst Indians and was a Vice President of the Indo-European Joint Council. In Church matters he represented the Anglican Church at Synod on numerous occasions. One of his abiding memories was his appearance for Mr. Gandhi at the Dundee Magistrates Court in 1913 when the Resistance leader was brought before Court on charges of incitement.