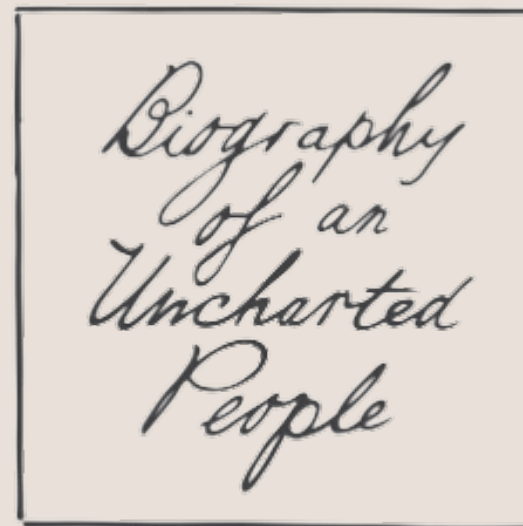


Heroes, Traitors & Social Outcasts



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Literature

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Motivations

- Severe agricultural deprivation
- Failure to defend Cape borders
- In support of friends and family,
- Being ambitious or hopeful of a better life
- Desertion of Bond voters in some border districts
- Free State forces had threatened to send them to Delagoa Bay if they did not join their commandos
- Freed up after concentration camps established



Methodology

Sources

- Transcription of *Rebel Record*
- Transcription of Censuses (1891, 1904, 1911)
- Rainfall
- Cattle Population
- Education/ Literacy levels
- Marital Status/ Conjugal Condition
- Anglo-Boer War Museum data
- QGIS (Geographic Information Systems)
- Historical Maps
- Dutch Reformed Church Argief Stellenbosch
- Prisoner of War Lists

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CENSUS TABLES, 1904.

PART IV.—AGES OF THE PEOPLE.

Comparative Summary.

TABLE I.—Showing the Number of Persons, Males and Females, of different Ages, according to the Censuses of 1904 and 1891.

| AGES. | Census of 1904. | | | | | | Census of 1891. | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---|---------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | The Colony. | | | The Colony as constituted and bounded in 1891 | | | | | |
| | Persons. | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Males. | Females. |
| 0 to 14 years ... | 990,829 | 501,066 | 488,763 | 867,883 | 435,904 | 431,979 | 650,027 | 323,410 | 326,617 |
| 15 " 39 " | 984,399 | 499,946 | 484,453 | 87 | | | | | |
| 40 " 54 " | 268,735 | 139,463 | 129,272 | 23 | | | | | |
| 55 " 69 " | 110,955 | 55,978 | 54,977 | 9 | | | | | |
| 70 years and over | 46,507 | 21,788 | 24,719 | 4 | | | | | |
| Unspecified | 979 | 699 | 280 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ... | 2,409,804 | 1,218,940 | 1,190,864 | 2,12 | | | | | |

Proportions per Cent. at different

TABLE II.—Showing the Proportions per Cent. of Persons, of 1904.

| AGE PERIOD. | Census of 1904. | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-----|
| | The Colony. | | | Per |
| | Persons. | Males. | Females. | |
| 0 to 14 years ... | 41.49 | 41.11 | 41.88 | 41 |
| 15 " 39 " | 40.85 | 41.01 | 40.68 | 41 |
| 40 " 54 " | 11.15 | 11.44 | 10.86 | 11 |
| 55 " 69 " | 4.58 | 4.69 | 4.57 | 4 |
| 70 years and over | 1.89 | 1.79 | 1.99 | 1 |
| Unspecified | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0 |
| TOTAL ... | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100 |

Proportions of the Sexes at different

TABLE III.—Showing the Proportions of Males and Females to the Censuses

POST CARD

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

(INLAND SERVICE)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Reid. A. A. Louw

"Abondrust"

Paarl.

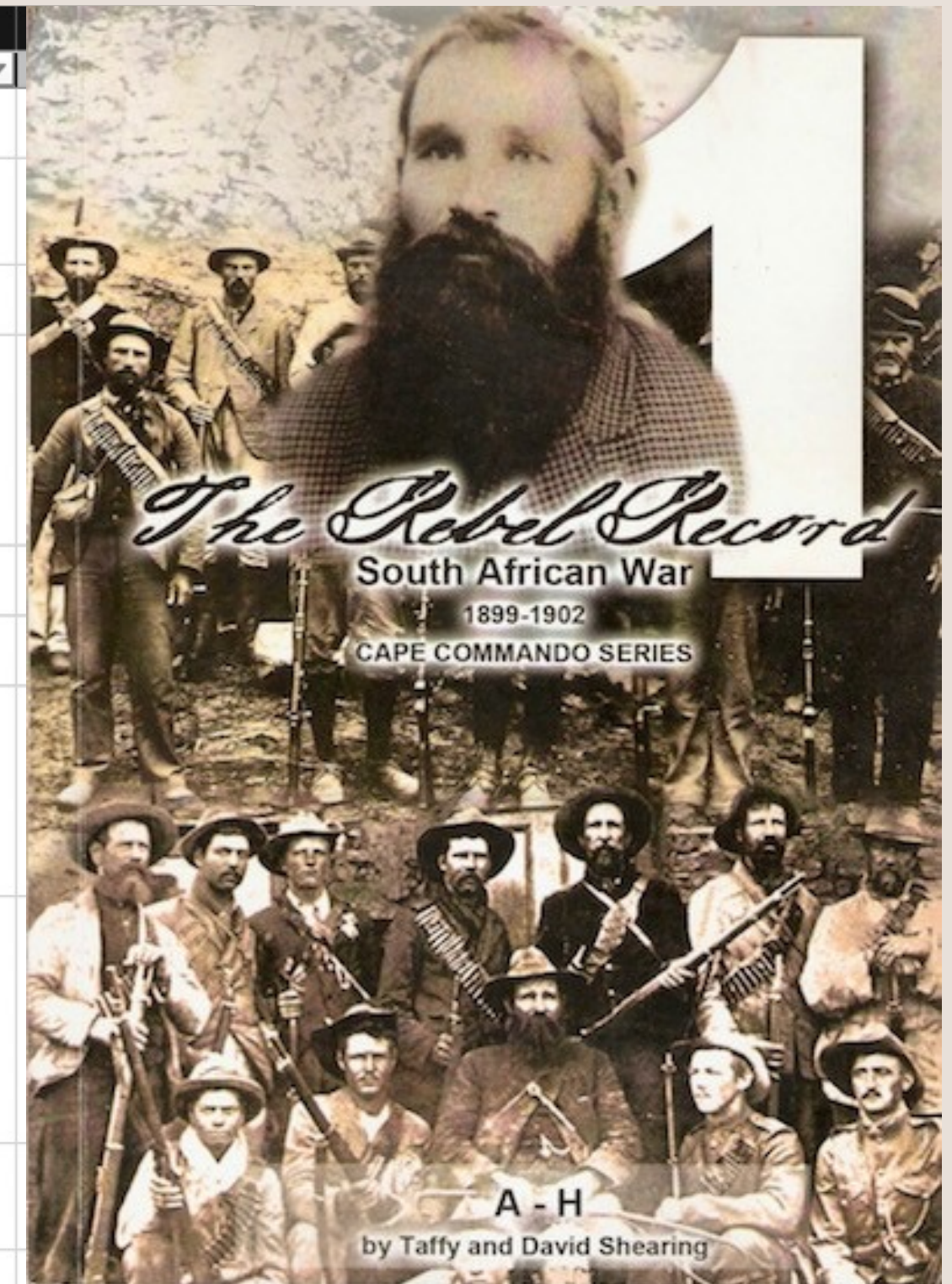


CENSOR.

Monday. 9th June
My dear brother, many thanks for yr. P.C. recd. today. Yes, it will be nice to talk over things. I hope the way may be opened for us soon to meet. Our Trekeraad will (D.V.) apply for our return tomorrow, & as soon as their application is granted we shall (D.V.) return. We too are hoping J. may call here on his way home. Gertie must be greatly rejoiced at the prospect of seeing him (D.V.) soon. I am glad Hannie is going home. re the length of the petticoat—neither I know I know what Mama refers to. The letter in which you wrote about it must have known "Love to the thing better, but the very trying again. A it palp. of the heart might, & then I cannot sleep again. Quite a new verwachting is vanden maent hieft. We shall up taken soon. Geo. vgaamheid thursdag by day, & we are thankful in rain today. With home, yr. boy child on

Rebel Record Dataset

| B | C | E | F | I | J |
|--|--|---------------------------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Name ▼ | Notes ▼ | Electoral Ward District ▼ | District ▼ | Religion ▼ | Class ▼ |
| IS, Frank | Aliwal North. Wagon maker. Voter 5 in Ward 1, Aliwal North. Wagon-maker; salary. | Aliwal North | Aliwal North | | |
| M, Joseph | Vryburg. Sub-ganger; salary. Voter 5 in Ward 1 in 1899 Vryburg Voters Roll. Joined between 20-10-1899 and 30-4-1900. Class 2 rebel. | Vryburg | Vryburg | | Class 2 |
| M, Thomas | Cottage 153, Vryburg. Voter 569 in Ward 3. Sub-ganger; salary. Class 2 rebel. | Vryburg | Vryburg | | Class 2 |
| EUSSER, Frederick | Springfield, Hay. Registered in the Barkly West Electoral Division as voter 1884 in Ward 6. Bookkeeper; salary. Tried under the Indemnity and Special Tribunals Act of 1900 at a sitting of the Commission held at Griquatown in the district of Hay on 12-11-1902, case no 348. Disqualified from voting until 12-11-1907. Class 2 rebel. | Barkly West | Hay | | Class 2 |
| IEL, Makoel | Klipspruit, Aliwal North. Voter 388 in Ward 3, Klipspruit. Mason; salary. | Aliwal North | Aliwal North | | |
| ER, William | Lady Grey, Aliwal North. Voter 731 in Ward 5, Kraai Rivier. Salesman; salary. Class 2 rebel. | Aliwal North | Aliwal North | | Class 2 |
| ARD, Marthinus C (registered as nus Barnard) | Kareeboompoort or Kareeboomputs, Prieska. Registered in the Prieska Electoral Division as Voter No 302 in Ward 3. Farmer, salary. Joined in February 1900. Tried under the Indemnity and Special Tribunals Act of 1900 at a sitting of the Commission held at Prieska in default on 1-12-1902, case no 161. Disqualified from voting until 1-12-1907. Class 2 rebel. | Prieska | Prieska | | Class 2 |
| ON, Johannes Stephanus | Warrenton, Kimberley, now resident in Paarl. Registered in the Kimberley Electoral Division as Voter No 5106 in Ward 2. Schoolmaster, salary. His name appears as an absconded rebel in 1900 inAG2109. Tried under the Indemnity and Special Tribunals Act of 1900 at a sitting of the Commission held at Kimberley in default on 25-3-1903, case no 159. Disqualified from voting until 25-3-1908. Class 2 rebel. | Kimberley | Kimberley | | Class 2 |
| S, Frank | Norvalspont, Colesberg. Voter 222 in Ward 2, Lower Hantam. Sub-ganger; salary. His name appeared an undated General Index of alleged rebels as no 22. | Colesberg | Colesberg | | |
| | Marshall, Dordrecht. Registered in the Wodehouse Electoral | | | | |



Theories

Theory 1

Rinderpest and
ecological
influences

Theory 2

Frontier men and
identity

(Language,
religion,
education class)

Theory 3

Political context,
ideology and
charismatic
leadership

(the influence of
Jan Smuts)



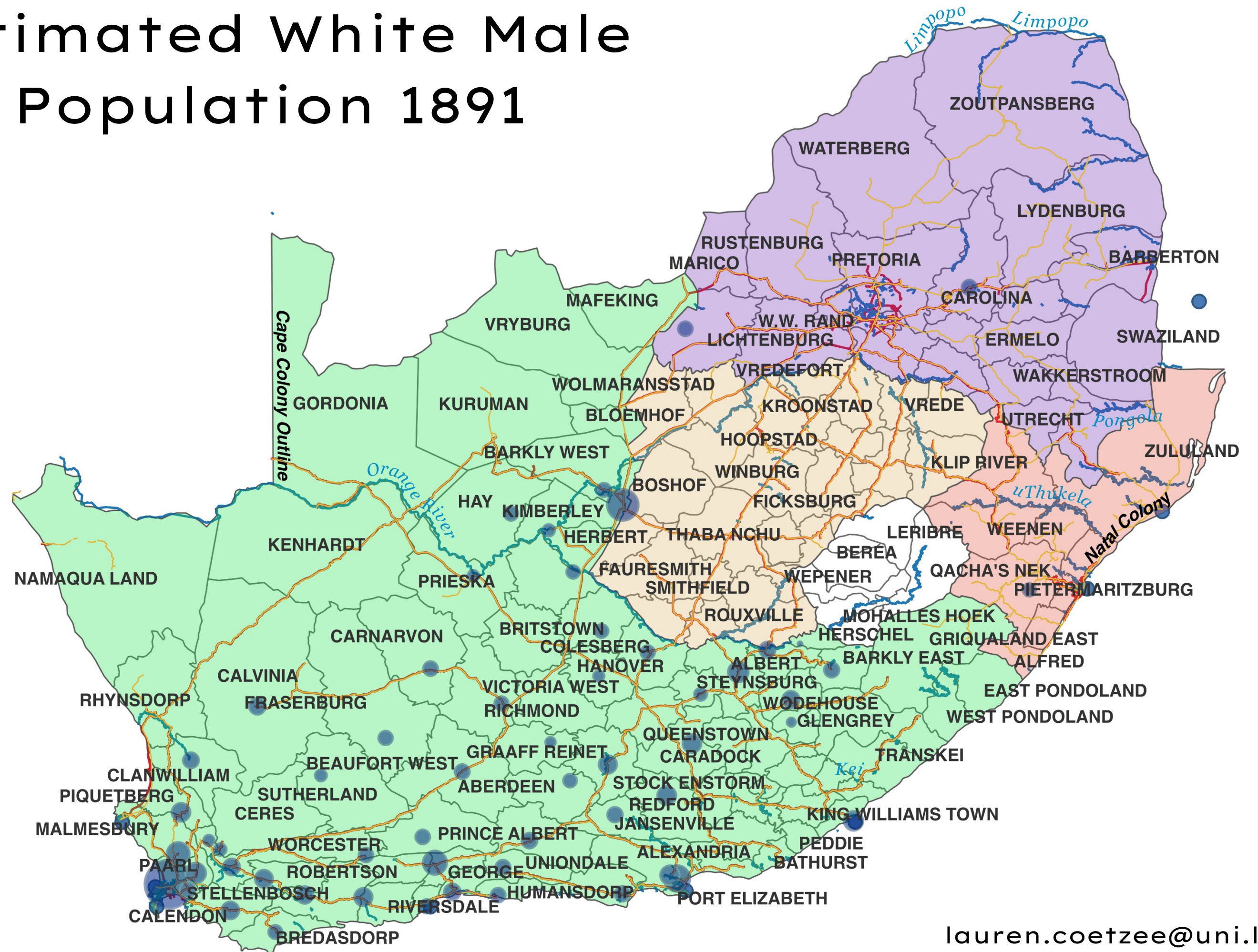
Building historical context

Orange River



Population

Estimated White Male Population 1891



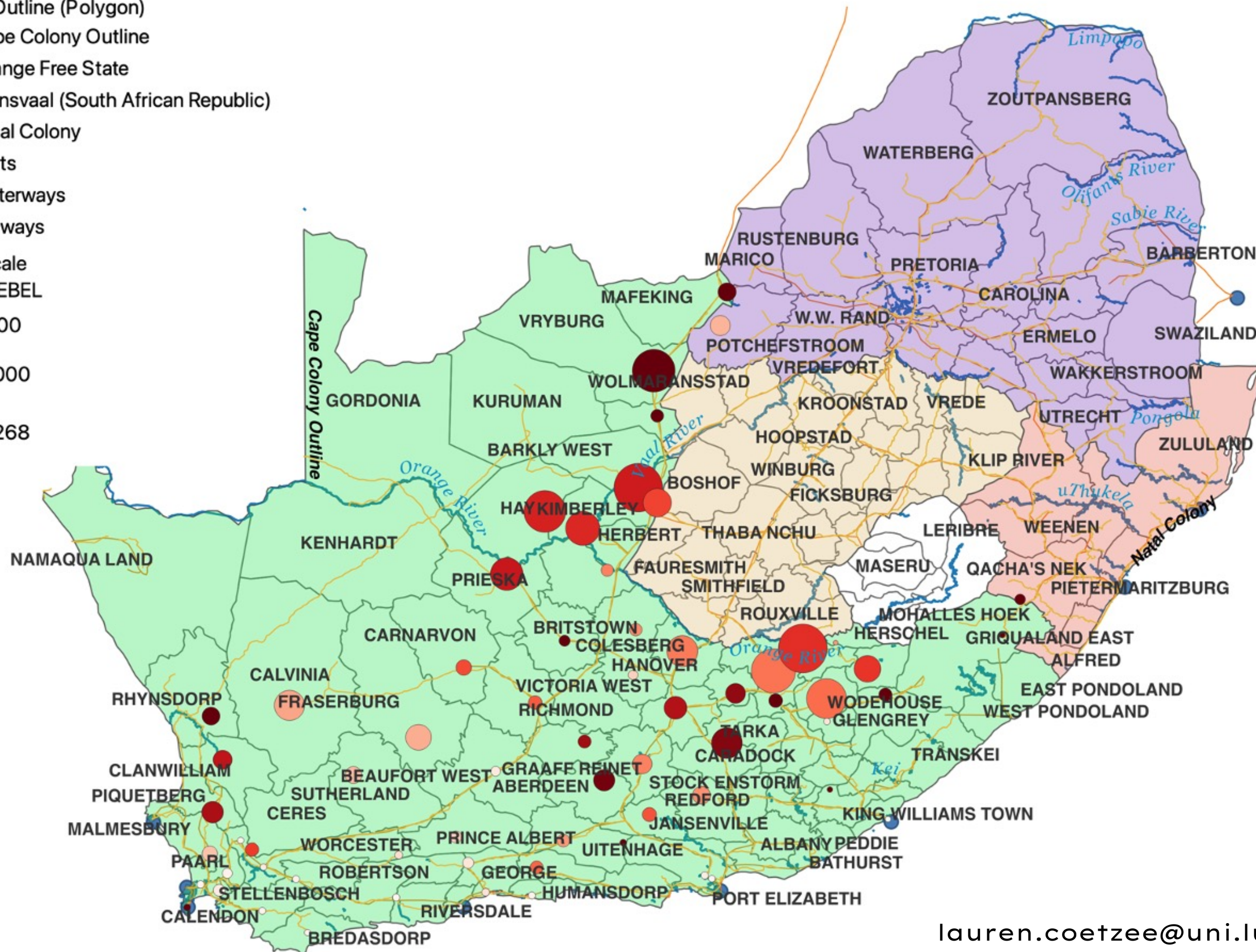
Colony Outline (Polygon)

- Cape Colony Outline
- Orange Free State
- Transvaal (South African Republic)
- Natal Colony

● Ports

— Waterways

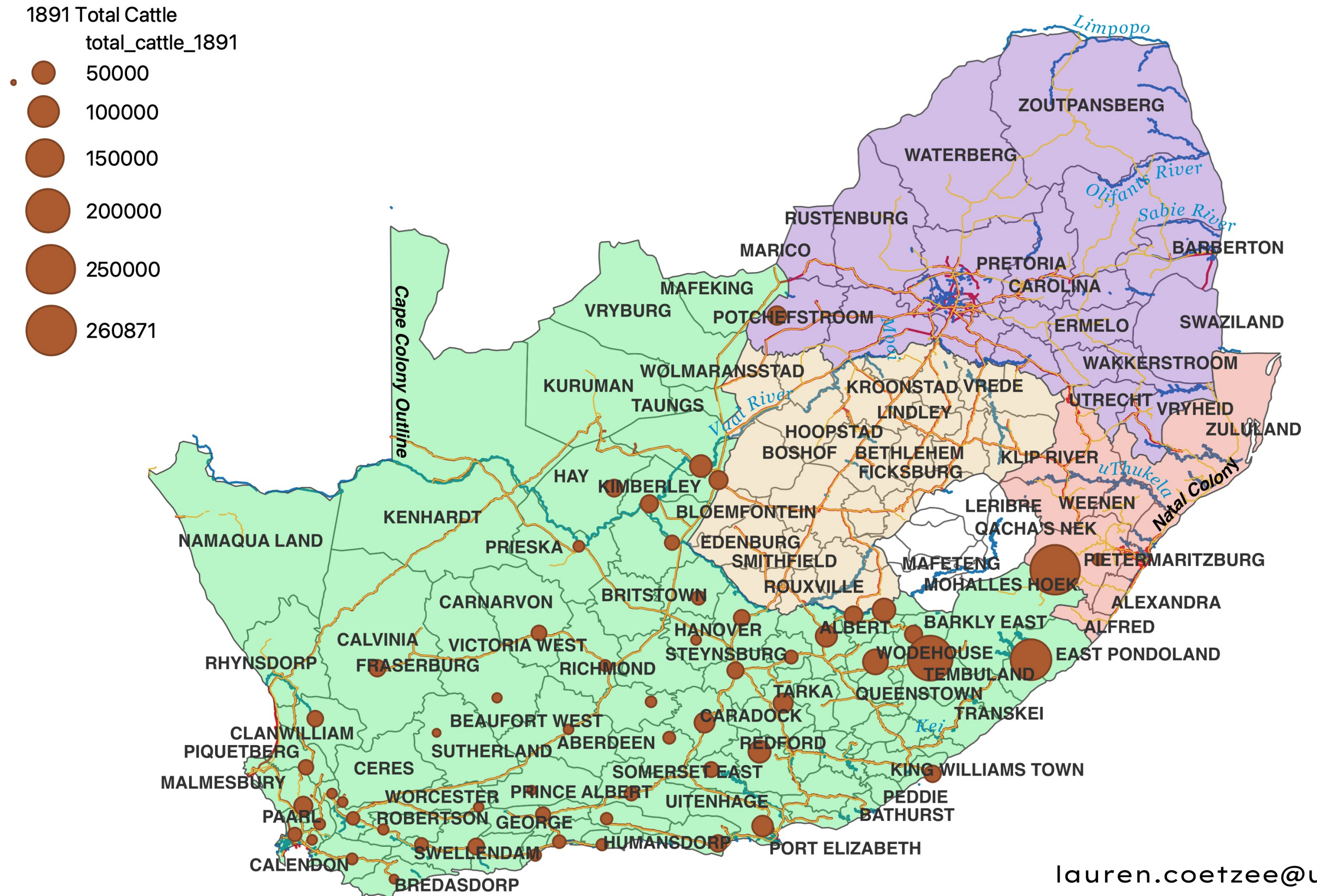
— Railways



Rinderpest



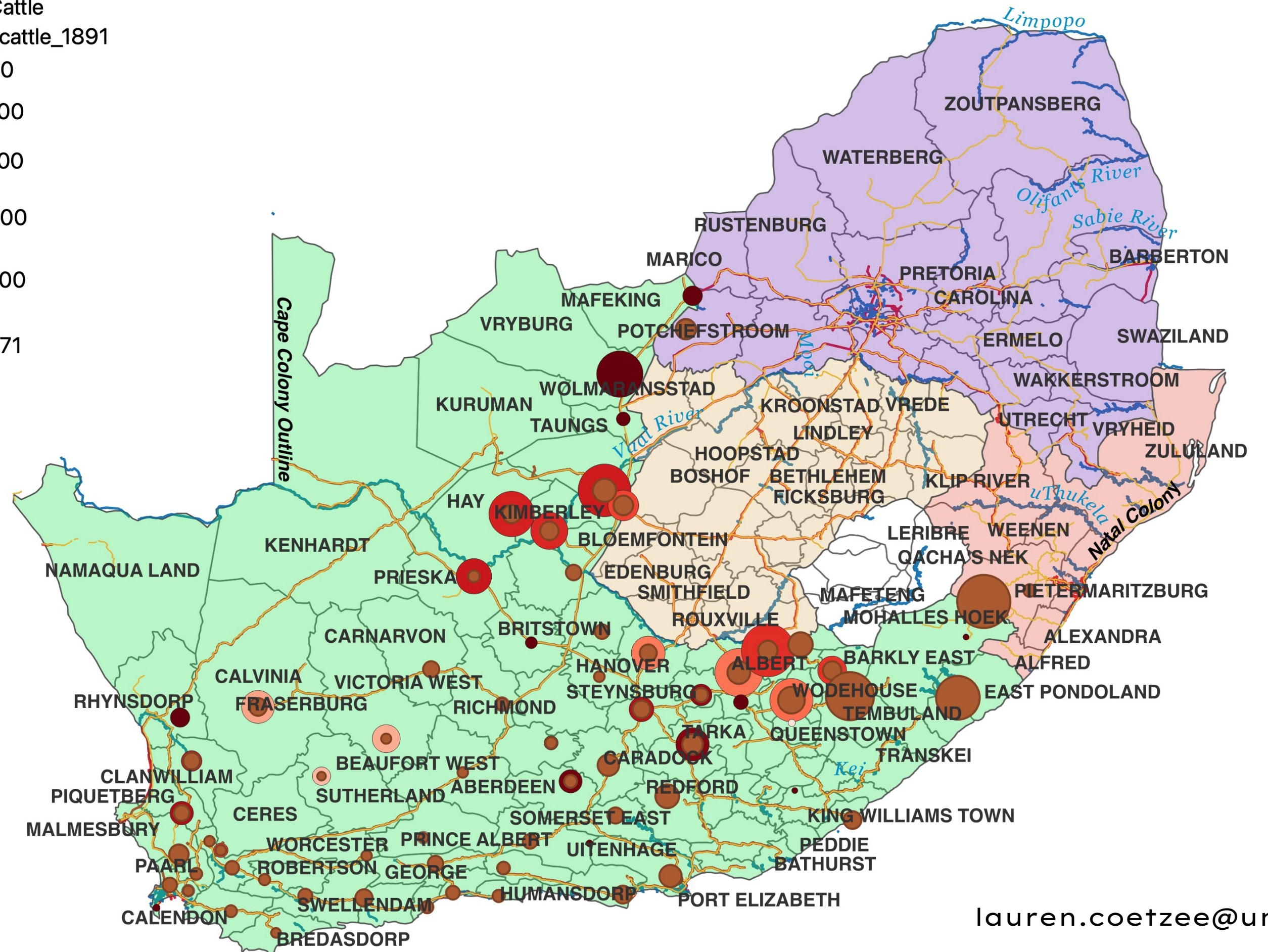
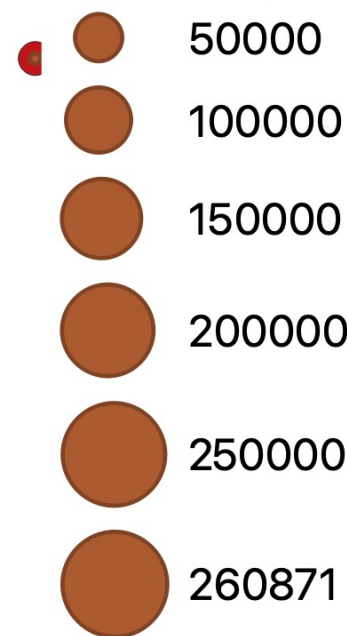
Cattle 1891



Cattle 1891 & rebels

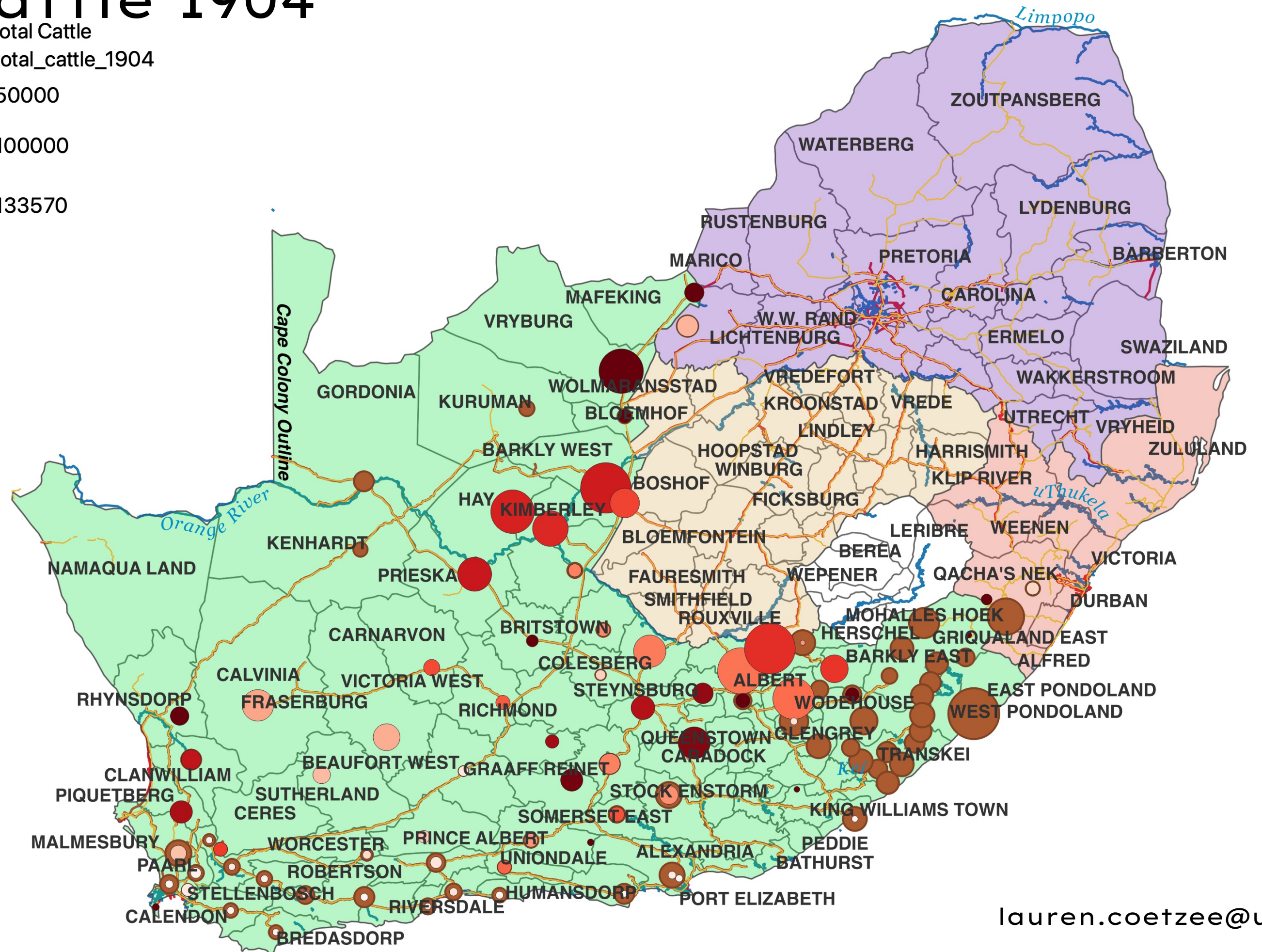
1891 Total Cattle

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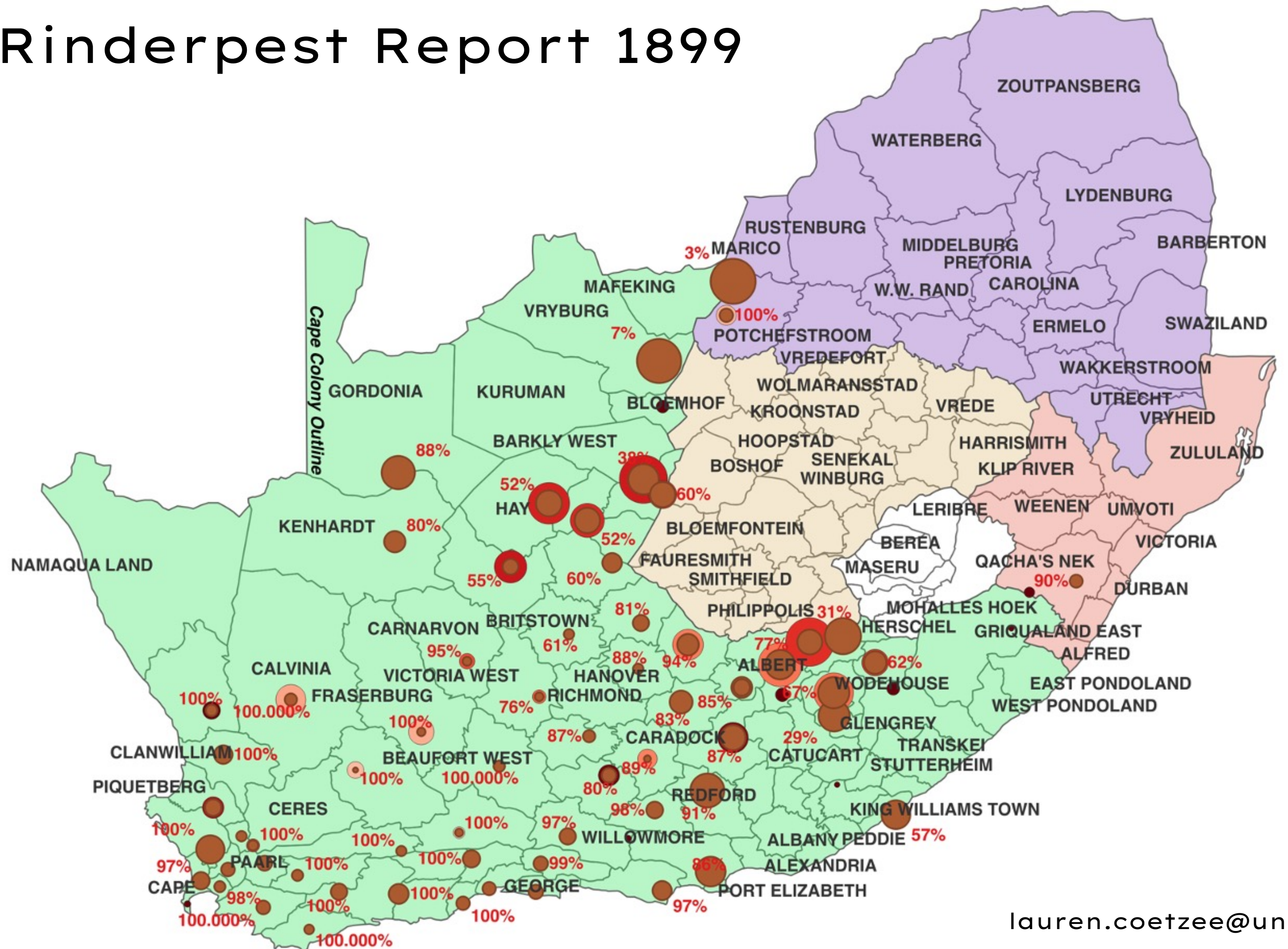
Cattle 1904

1904 Total Cattle
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Rinderpest

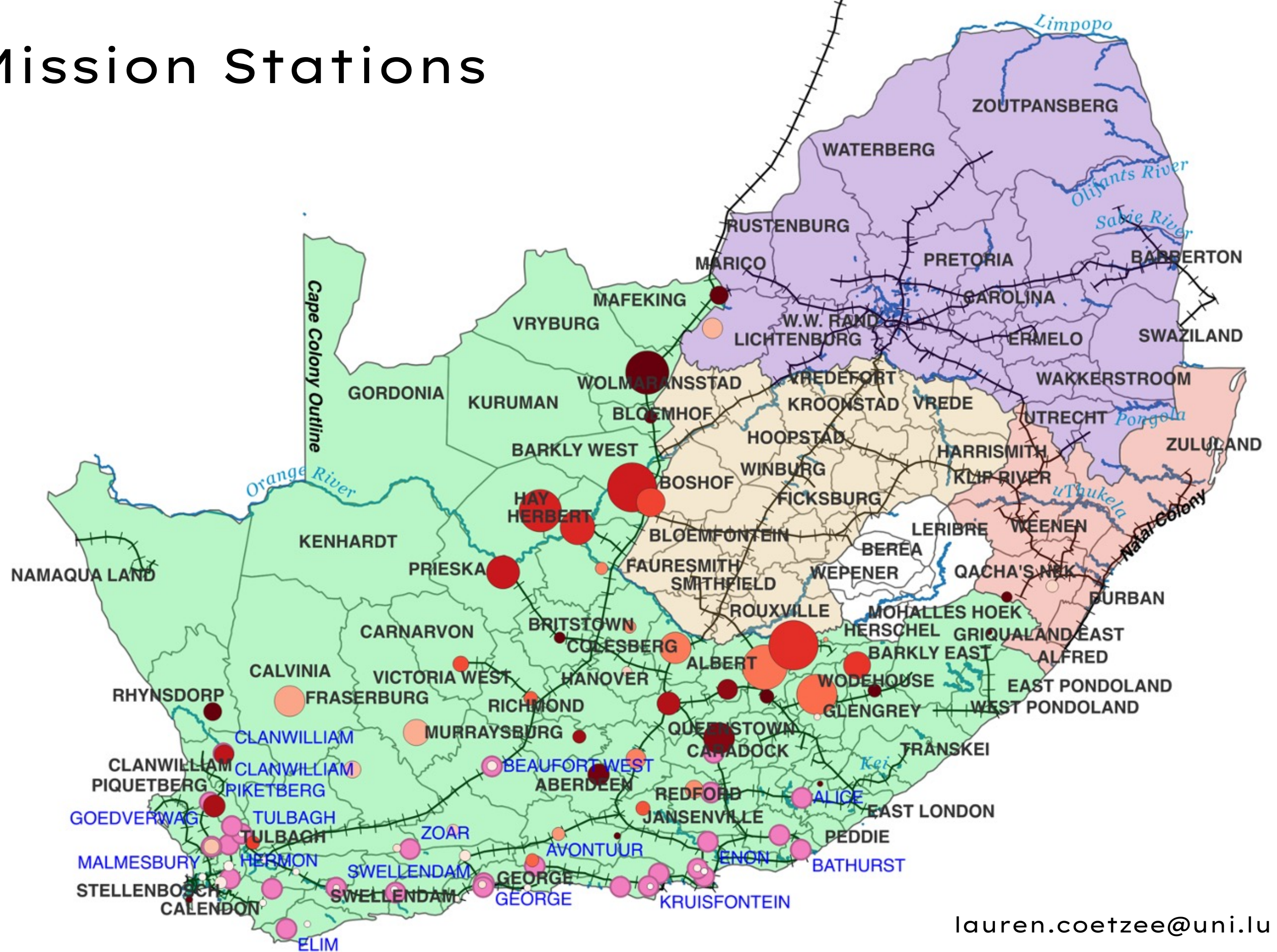
Rinderpest Report 1899



Education



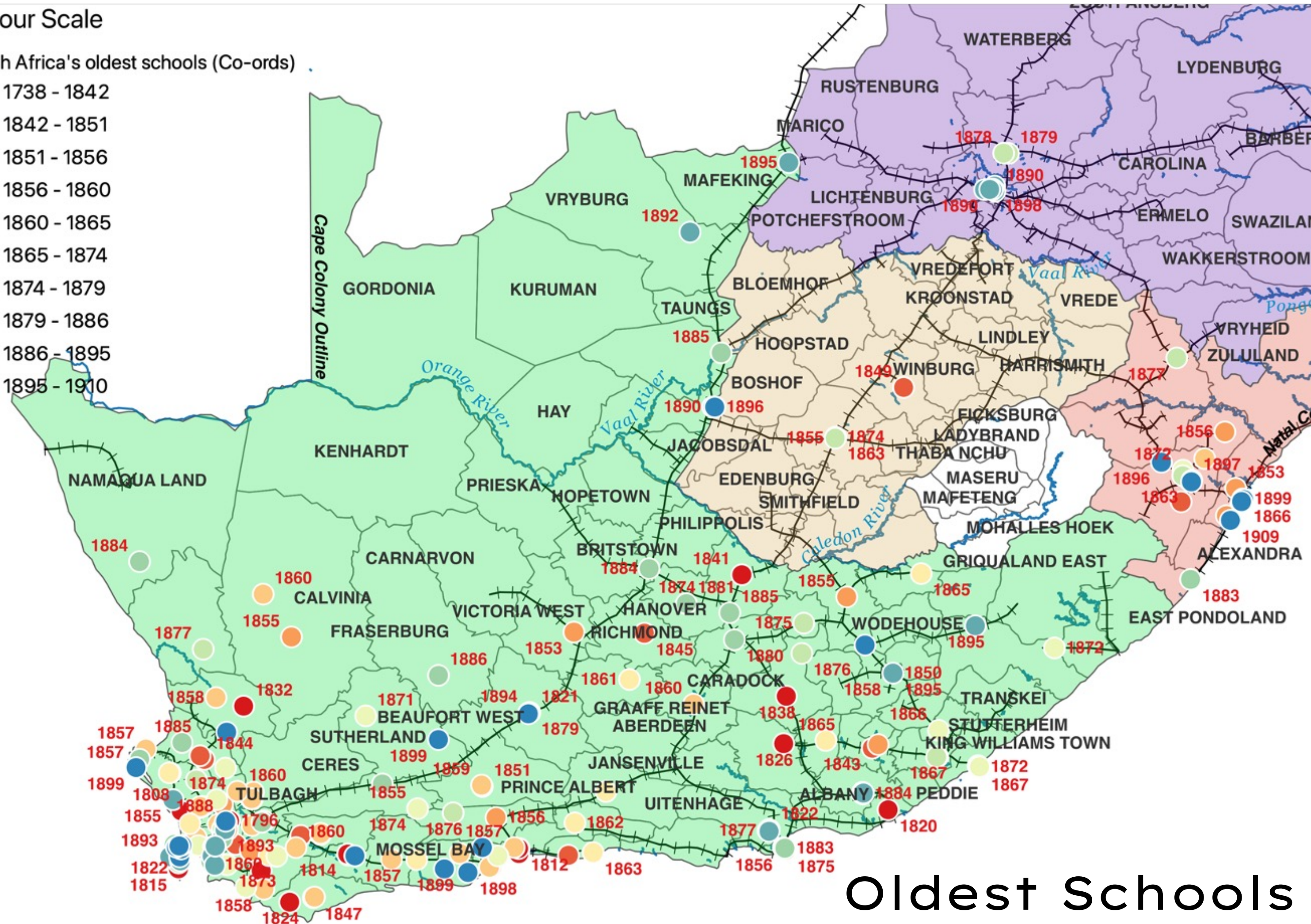
Mission Stations



Colour Scale

South Africa's oldest schools (Co-ords)

- 1738 - 1842
- 1842 - 1851
- 1851 - 1856
- 1856 - 1860
- 1860 - 1865
- 1865 - 1874
- 1874 - 1879
- 1879 - 1886
- 1886 - 1895
- 1895 - 1910



Oldest Schools

Political Context

Jameson Raid

- Betrayal of Rhodes
- Afrikaner Bond
- British Imperialist agenda

Political Mishandling

- Schreiner Ministry
- Desertion of Bond Voters
- Denialism of War



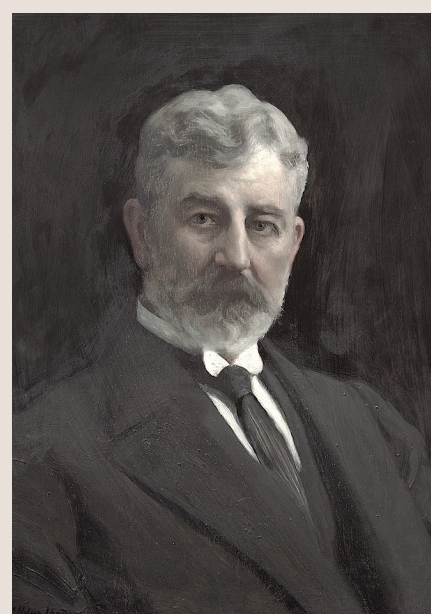
Kruger



Steyn



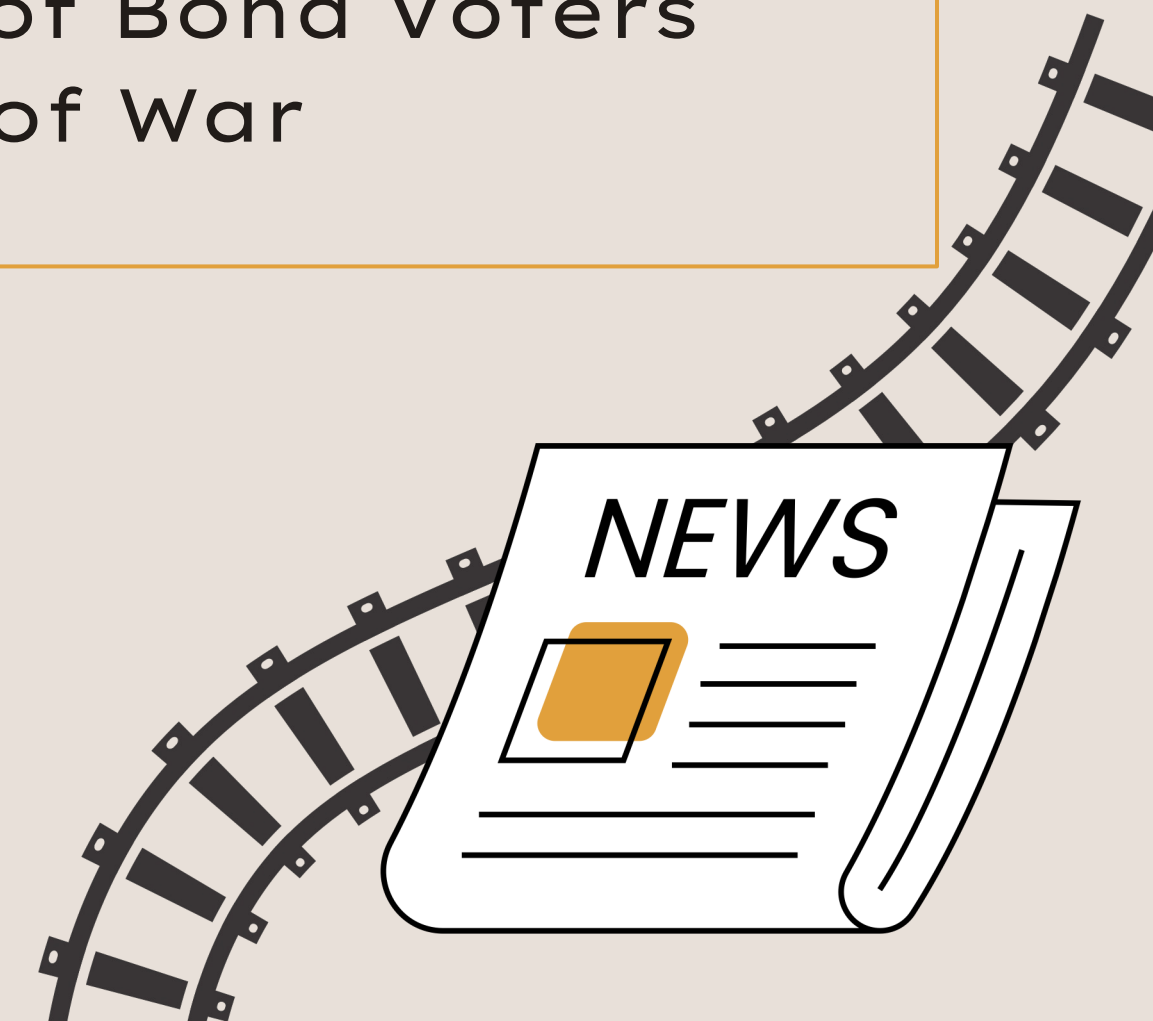
Milner



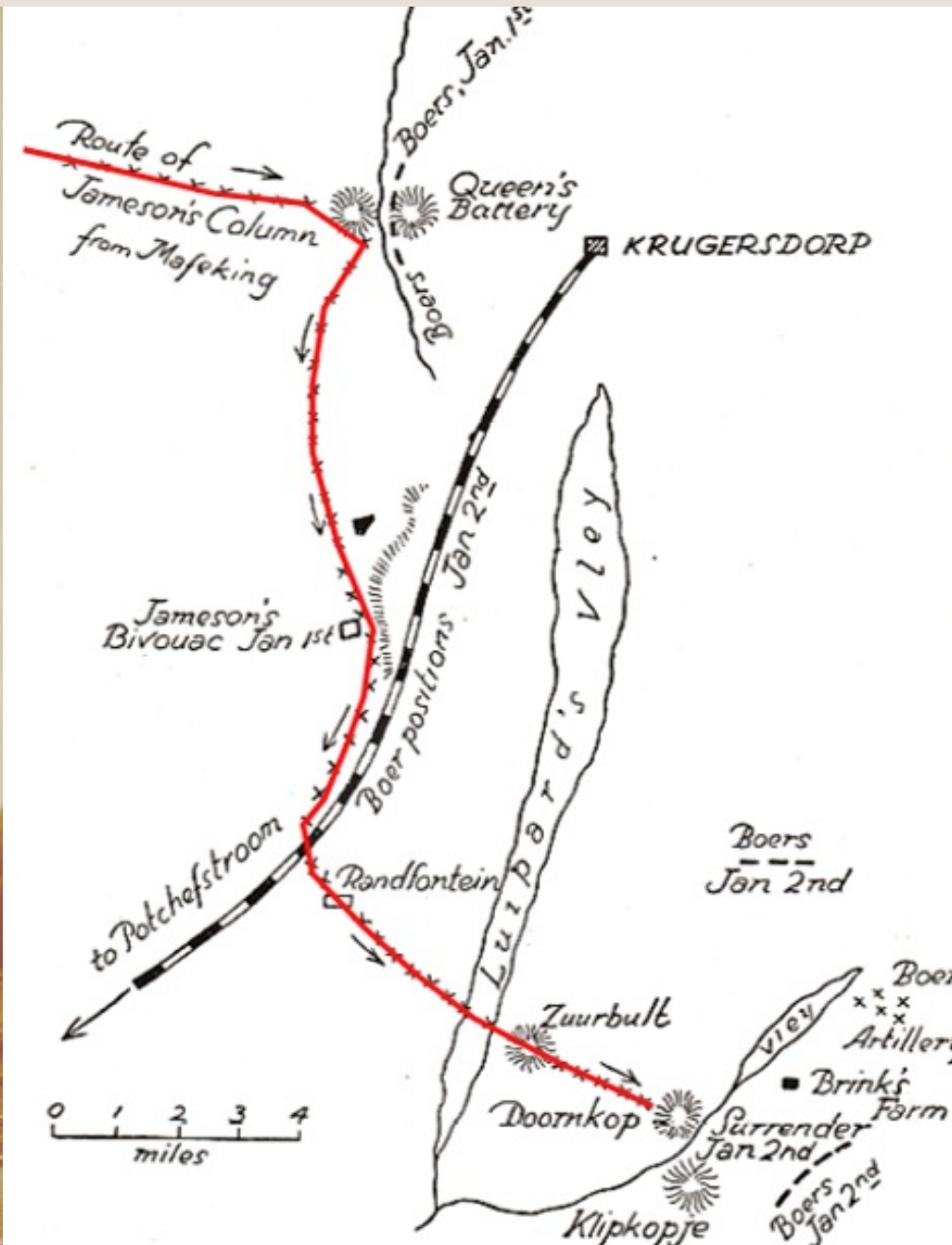
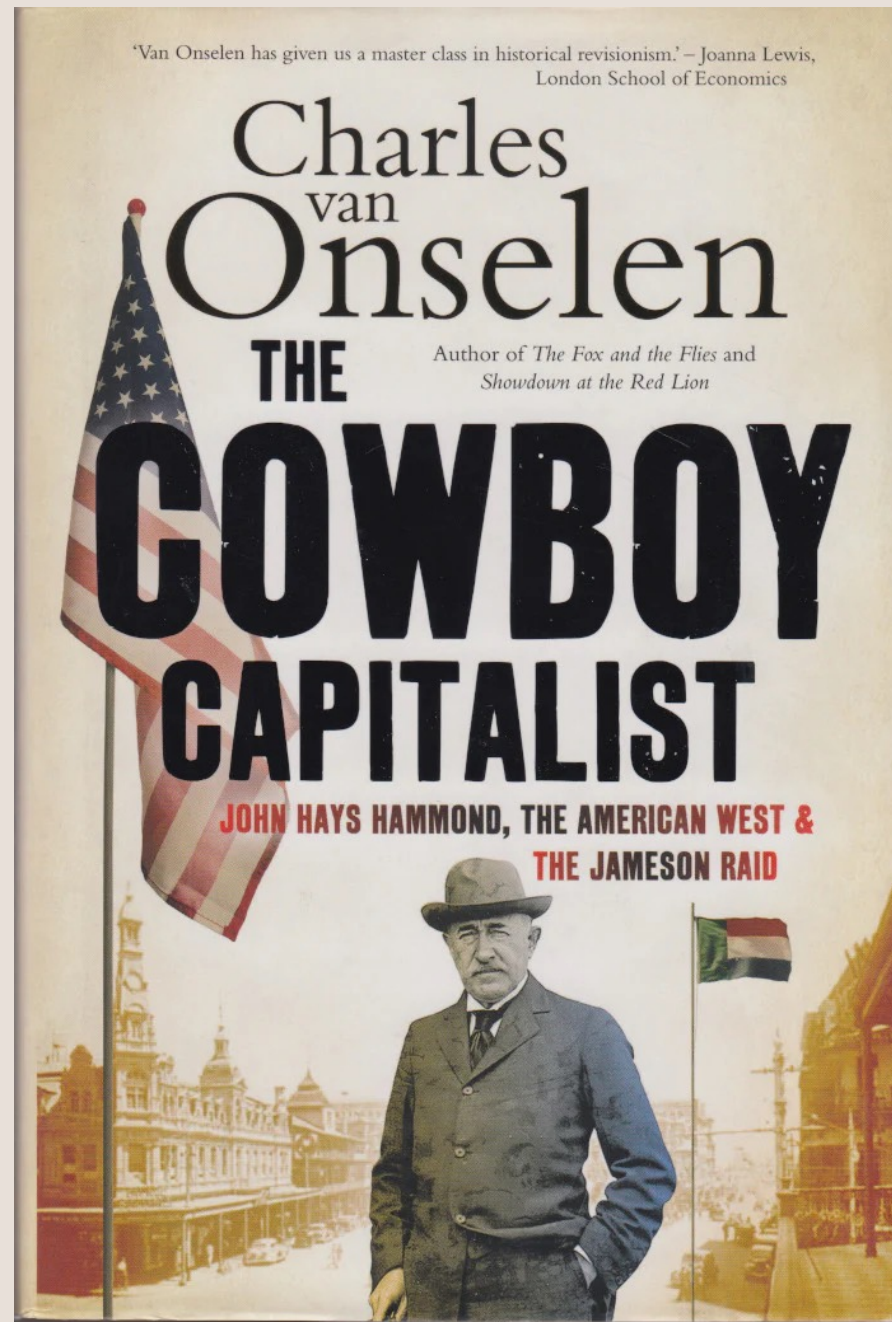
Schreiner



Rhodes



Jameson Raid



The Vlakfontein Monument

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Her Majesty's Agency,
Pretoria.

October 11 1899.

Sir,

I am instructed by the High Commissioner to state to you that Her Majesty's Government have received with great regret the peremptory demands of the Government of the South African Republic conveyed to me in your Note of the 9th instant, and I am to inform you in reply that the conditions demanded by the Government of the South African Republic are such as Her Majesty's Government deem it impossible to discuss.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

Conquering

The Honourable

The State Secretary.

Political Uncertainty

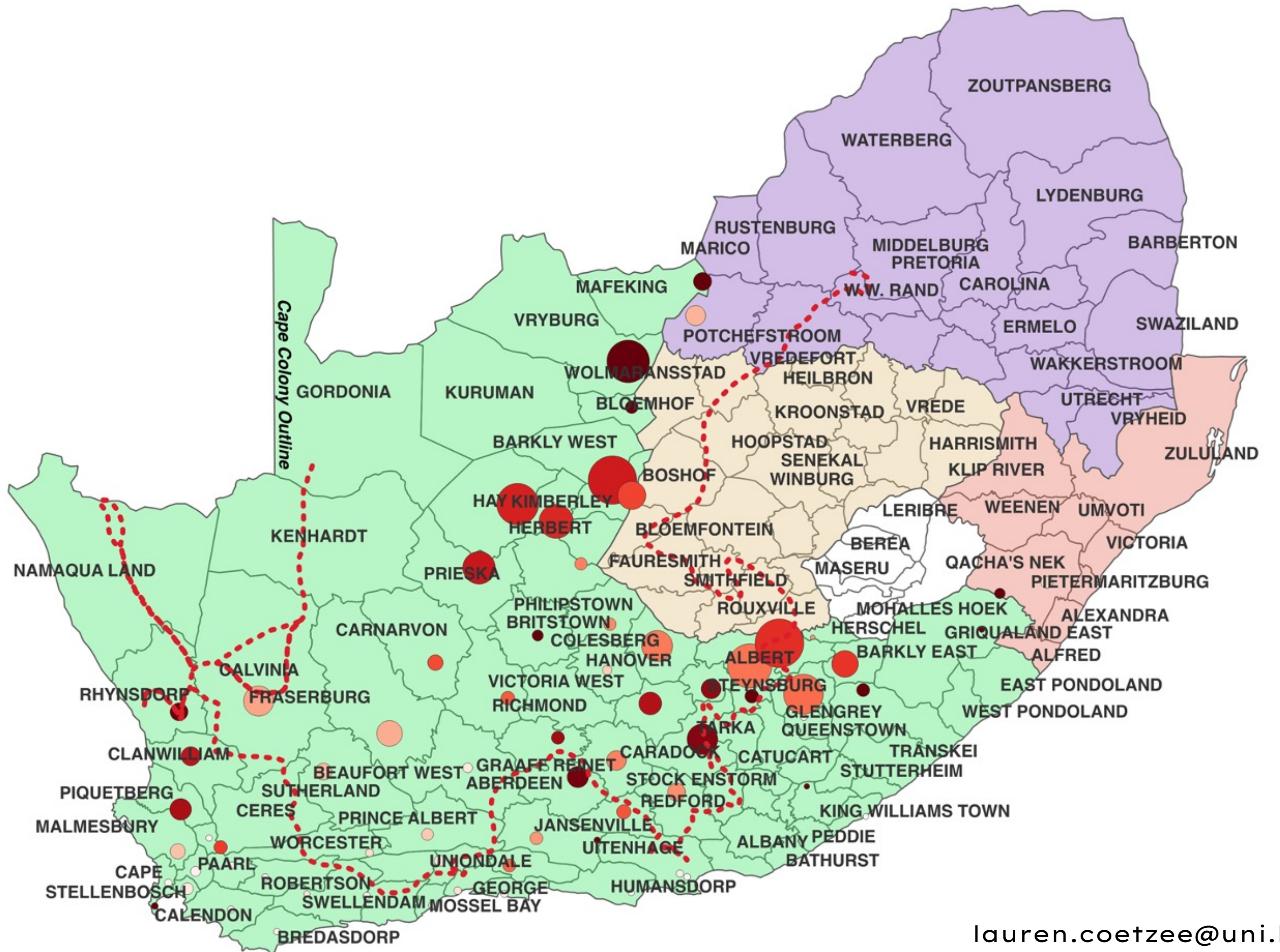
- Mid-late-1890s
Rinderpest
- Dec-Jan 1896
Jameson Raid
- 1890-1896
C.J. Rhodes is PM
- 1896-1898
G.J. Sprigg is PM
- 1898-1900
W. Schreiner is PM
- 1899
Outbreak of War

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Charismatic Leadership



Jan Smith



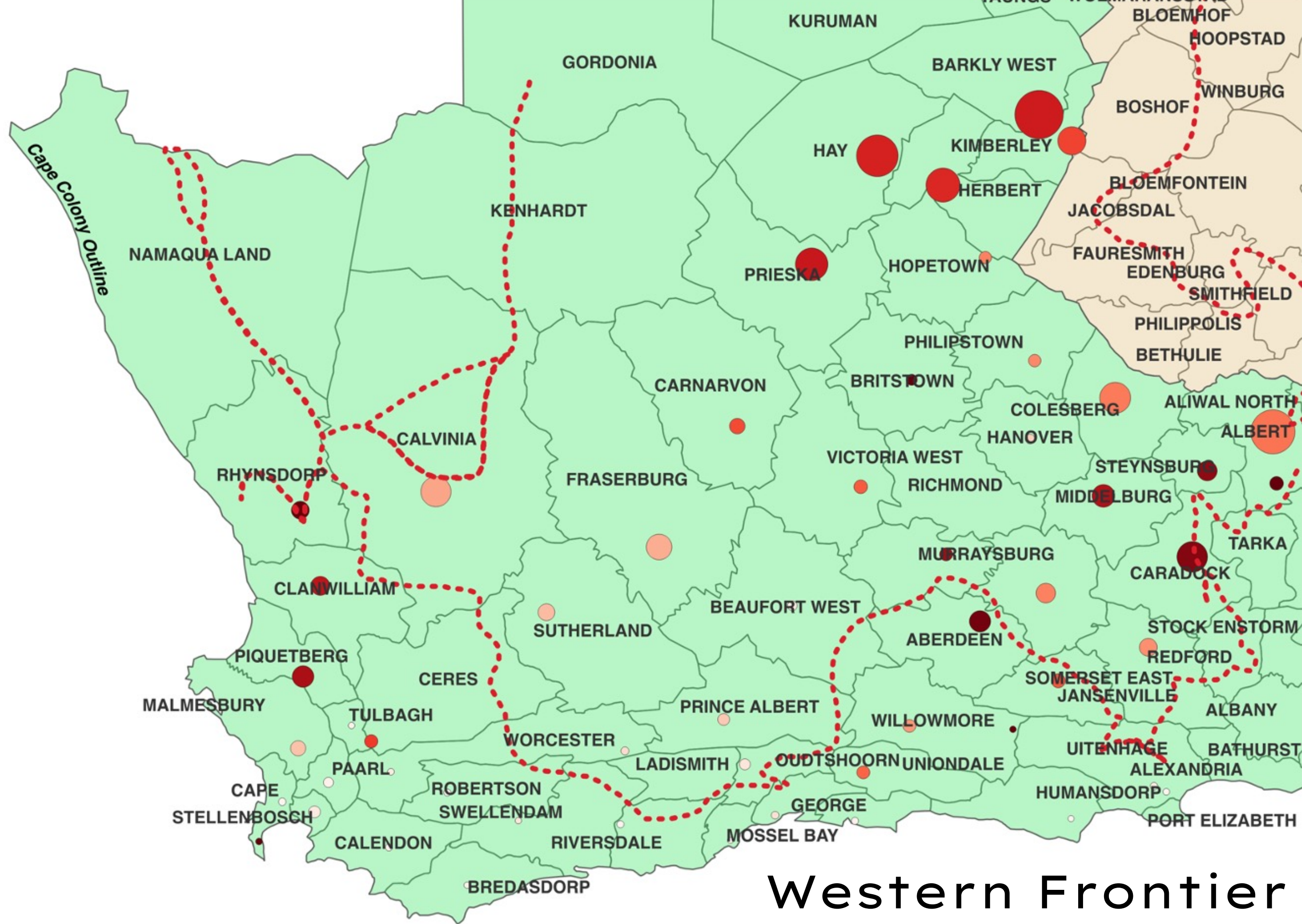
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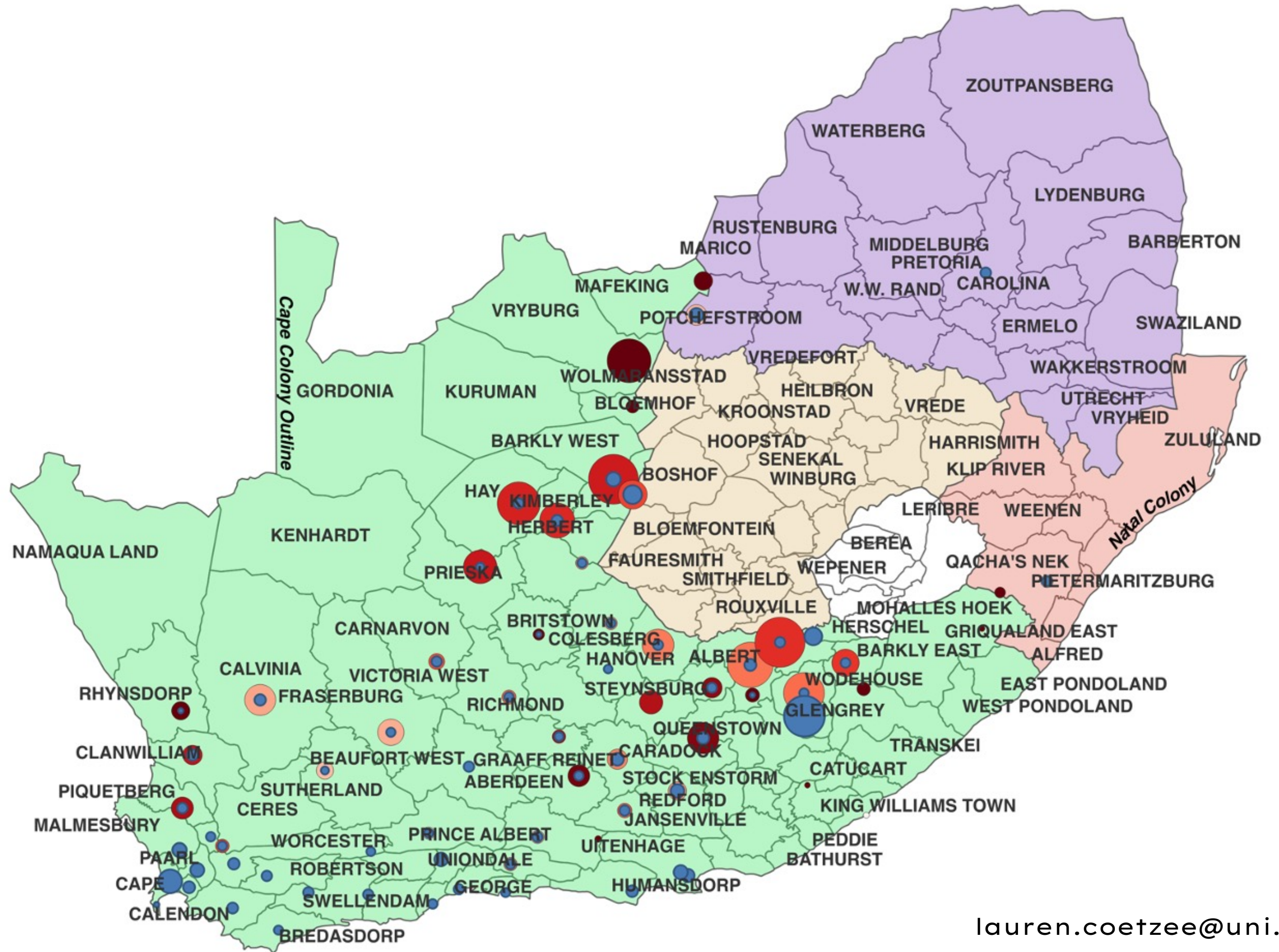


Eastern Frontier

Jan Smuts

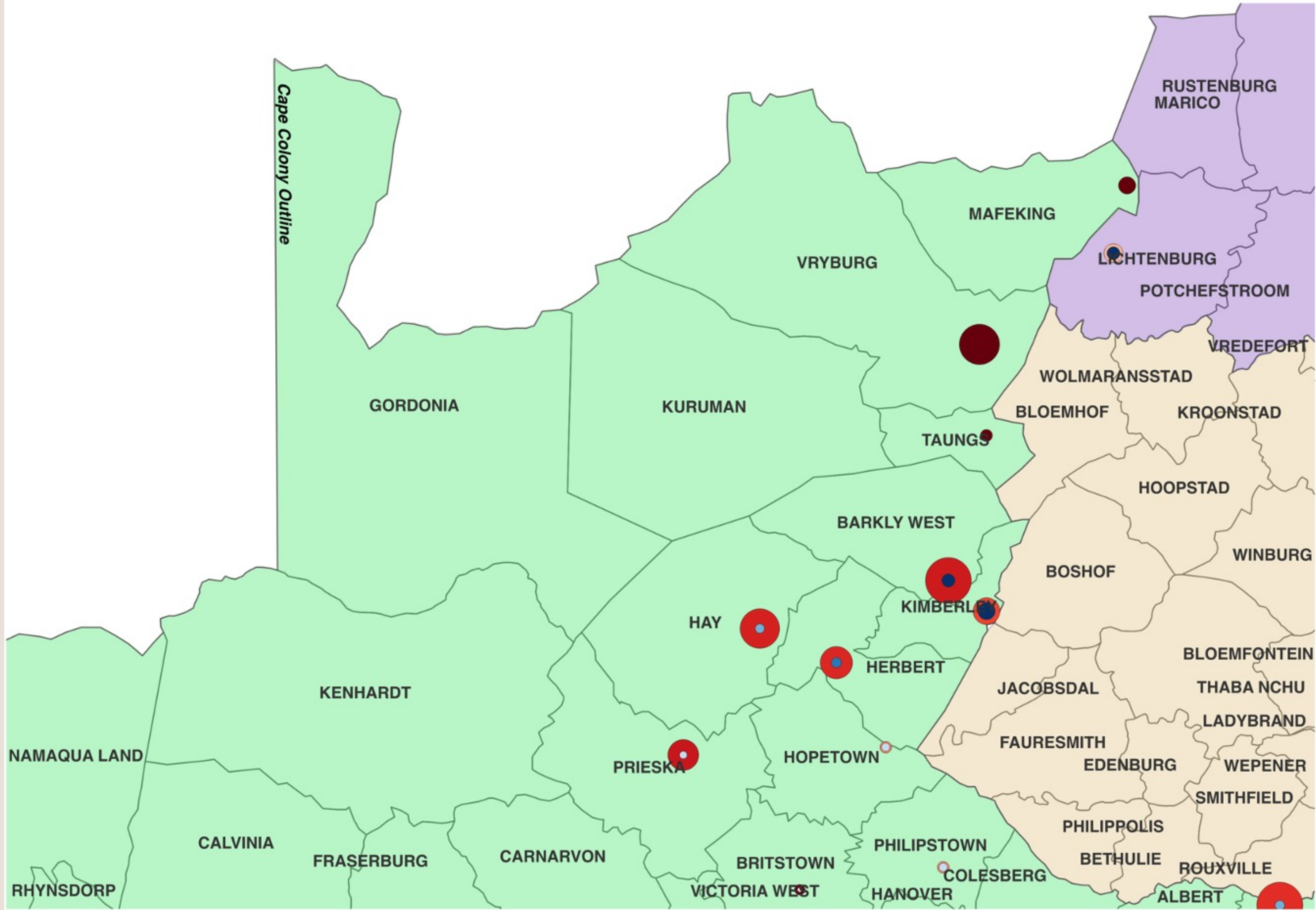


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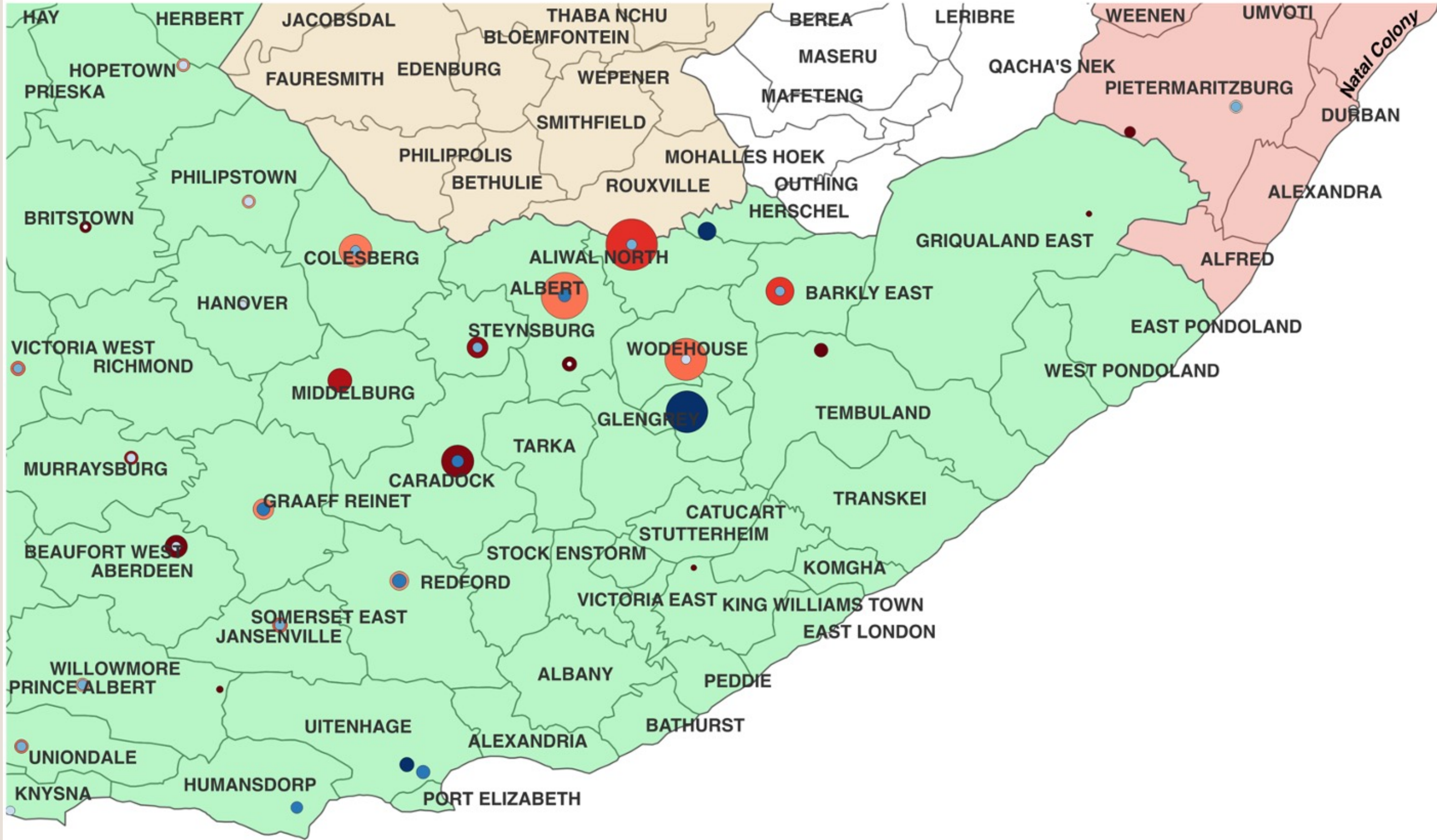


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