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Abbreviations, Acronyms and Terms

AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

ANC. - African National Congress.

APO - African Political Organisation was founded in Cape Town in 1902 and was later renamed the African People’s Organisation in 1919.

amahaiza - Snobs.

amalaita – Bands of men who proliferated in urban areas during the 19th century to escape the control of rural elders.

Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902 – Also referred to as the South African War, 1899-1902.

Bantu – Reference to black African people.

Black Peril – In this context, the fear that black men would sexually ravage white women.

CAC – Coloured Advisory Council.

CDC – Coloured Development Corporation

CSVR - Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.

Cape Flats – Low-lying flat area southeast of the central business district of Cape Town where most non-whites were relocated.

Cautionary rule - The court exercises additional care when assessing the credibility of the rape survivor based on the patriarchal view that women suffer from hysteria.

criminal injuria - Unlawfully, intentionally and seriously impairing the dignity of another.

CSC – Cape Supreme Court records.

dagga – Marijuana.

Dopgeld - “booze money” (farm-workers paid a portion of their weekly wages in poor quality alcohol). Also referred to as the “tot” system.

FEDSAW - Federation of South African Women.

FEDTRAW. - Federation of Transvaal Women.

GPB - Official Yearbook of the Union of South Africa.

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus.
swart gevaar – The perceived threat of black African uprising.

tsotsi - A street-wise criminal who operated in South African townships from the 1930s.

U.G. - Government Gazette.

ukutwala – The abduction and forced marriage of young girls.

Umtali – Now Mutare, situated in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe.

Union – Former colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony (later renamed Orange Free State).

UWO – The United Women’s Organisation.

WF – The Women’s Front.