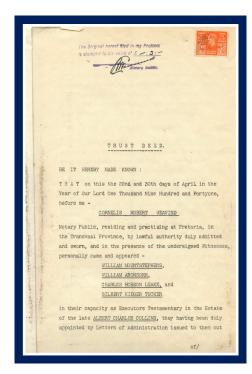


## THE TRUST DEED



The Trust Deed is the founding document of St Stithians College. The Trust came about after the death of Albert Charles Collins in 1937. Collins was a thrifty and generous Cornish immigrant, businessman and devout Methodist who bequeathed the significant residue of his estate to the establishment of a Methodist school on the Witwatersrand.

Collins' large estate took three years to wind up, and so it was not until February 1941 that the first meeting of the Trustees took place. Collins's business partner and lifelong friend, William Mountstephens, joined with fellow Methodists, Charles Leake, Gilbert Tucker and Daniel Corlett, as well as Collins's solicitor, William Aronsohn, to set up the Trust to honour the wishes of Collins. Mountstephens proposed the naming of the trust as the St Stithians Trust and the Trust Deed was signed on 30th April 1941, eighty years ago. When Mountstephens passed away in 1943 the residue of his estate also passed to the Trust.

The intention of the Trust was to establish a school that would offer more than what a state school could offer and so, St Stithians College came about. The Trust has been served by

Methodist ministers and layman alike who have guided the development of the College over the decades. Long-serving Trustees include Charles H Leake, Rev. J B Webb, Rev. Stanley Pitts, William Aronsohn, Gilbert Tucker and Ray Bradley.

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