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The first editor of *Natalia* in 1971 was historian, and later deputy vice-chancellor at the University of Natal, Professor Colin Webb. The journal emerged from the efforts of University Librarian Ron Brown from 1969 to 1970.

Submission of articles for *Natalia*: The journal is published in December of each year and the deadline for submission of copy is the end of September. Submissions of original manuscripts in MSWord are invited and should be e-mailed to Christopher Merrett at kitteddyhall@gmail.com.

Natalia publishes articles of up to 8 000 words; contributions to the notes and queries section of up to 4 000 words; and discussion papers. It is expected that all these submissions would be footnoted and referenced in the style of recent numbers of the journal. Book reviews of up to 1 000 words are also welcomed.

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Founded in Pietermaritzburg in 1851, the Natal Society has served the scientific and literary interests of what is now known as KwaZulu-Natal since its inception. Its first secretary was Henry Cloete. It founded the Natal Museum (now a state-supported national institution) and the Natal Society Library which became the largest privately owned public library system in South Africa (until transferred to Msunduzi Municipality in 2004).

Today the NSFT, a registered non-profit organisation, continues the original aims of the Natal Society: 'the general encouragement of habits of study, investigation and research' by publishing *Natalia* and monographs in its occasional publication series. Further information on the NSFT may be found on its website at www.natalia.org.za.