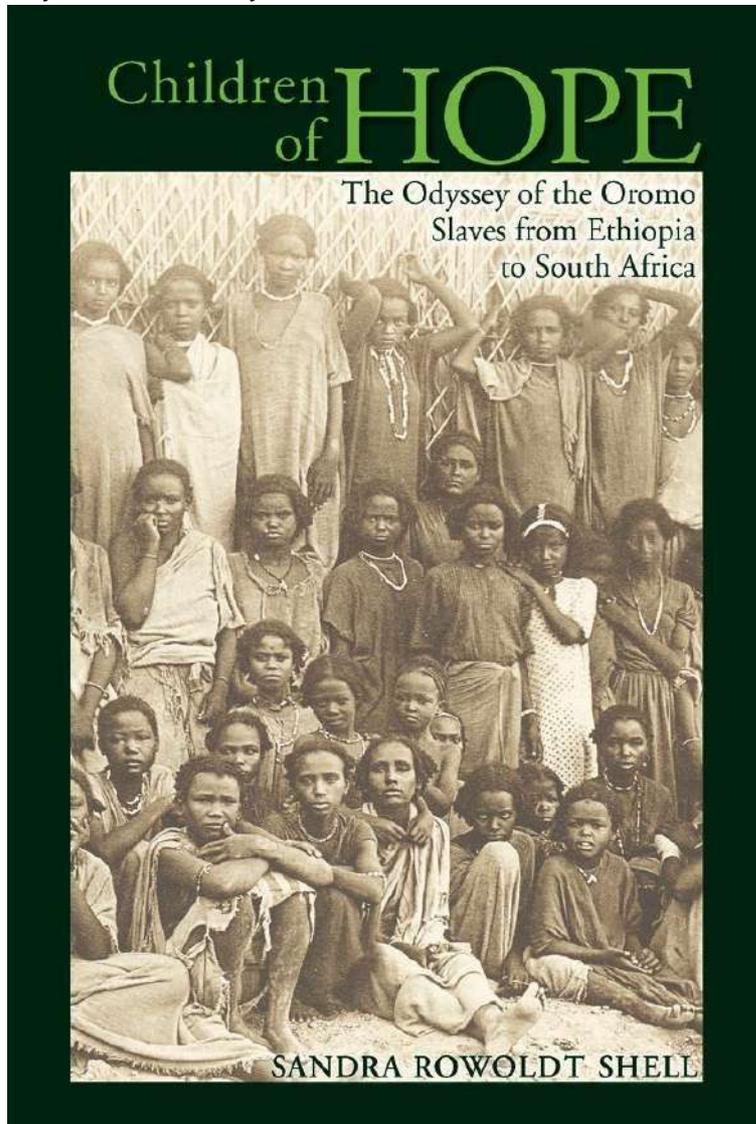


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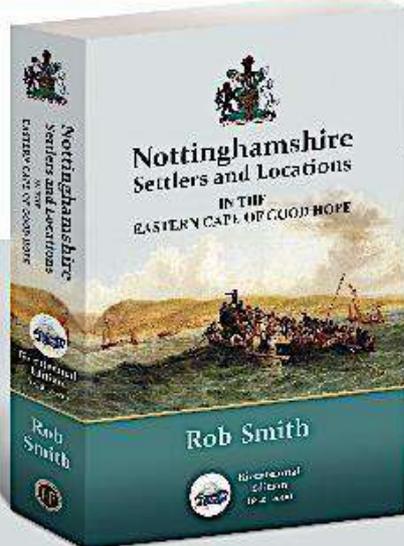
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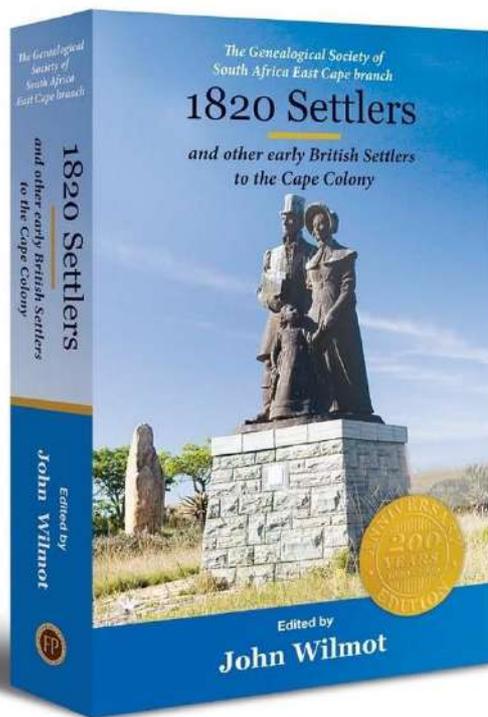
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Sue began collecting artefacts, stories and documents about the house and William Cock, and in 2007, established the Richmond House Museum in the grounds of Richmond House.

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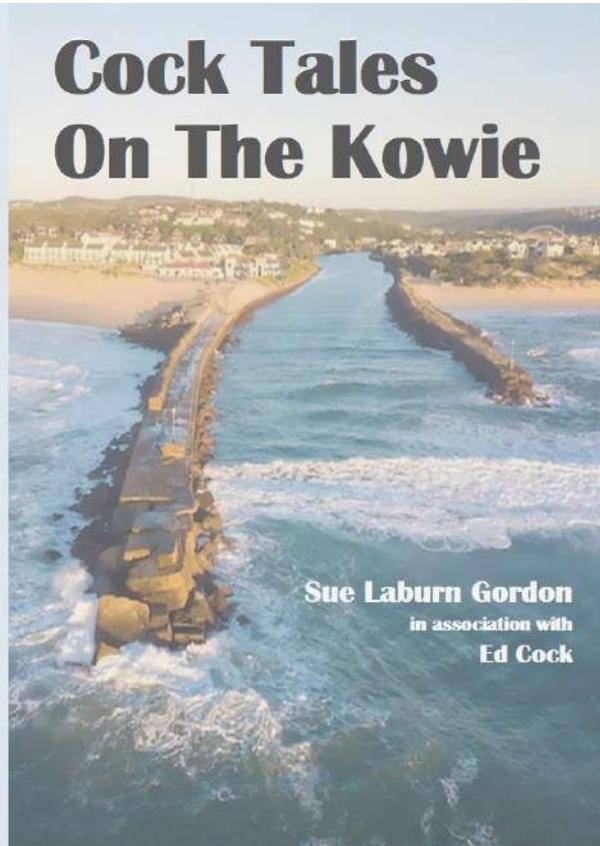


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