

Is sahistory.org.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

sahistory.org.za

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

sahistory.org.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

South African History Online homepage: an established, independent non-profit archive offering biographies, timelines, articles, classroom resources, and an archive catalog. The site promotes donations and lists publications for sale; its primary function is informational and educational.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	25 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2001 3884 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2001.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

South African History Online is an established, independent non-profit historical archive that presents biographies, timelines, articles, archive records, classroom resources, and search tools to visitors. Its apparent purpose is public education and preservation of historical information, supported through donations, publication sales, and partnerships or funding rather than user investment products.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the site's purpose, content, observed behavior, historical continuity, and external reputation signals. The homepage presents a coherent informational model centred on South African history, with no login form, sensitive data collection, wallet connection, cryptocurrency activity, credential-harvesting indicators, or deceptive financial claims. The site's donation and publication-sale functions are consistent with the stated non-profit model, and no brand-impersonation, phishing, or confirmed blacklist signal was identified. The real-world operator identity remains independently unverified, so the legitimacy assessment is evidence-consistent rather than proof of legal identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies "South African History Online," describes an open historical record, and provides biographies, events, places, documents, archive records, and classroom resources.
- The homepage contains one search form and no sensitive form or login form; observed behavior recorded no hidden forms, password submissions, wallet connections, clipboard manipulation, or cloaking.
- The domain was registered on 2001-04-05 and is 25.37 years old; archival records show 3,884 snapshots spanning 2001-11-30 to 2026-08-05 across 26 years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a non-profit educational and archival service, not as a financial, investment, or regulated trading provider. No financial-services license or registration number is claimed in the supplied site evidence; this is a disclosure point to clarify if donations, publication sales, or partnerships require a particular local registration framework, but it is not evidence of a scam in the context of the stated business model. Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, while independently connecting the website to a specific real-world operator remains unresolved. The external broker-reputation dataset contained no match, and broader reputation checks were clean.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage states “South African History Online” and displays the apparently historical project marker “est. 1998,” alongside a substantial archive and educational navigation structure.
- The site's hosting infrastructure is identified as AS13335, operated by CLOUDFLARENET – Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- The site's TLS certificate uses WE1 as issuer, has DV validation, and is valid to 2026-10-18.
- The homepage records content counters including 30,288 archive records, 17,654 historical events, 10,765 biographies, and 2,810 articles.

What to Verify Next

Before donation or purchase activity, an independent check should confirm the legal entity or responsible organisation associated with the project, the applicable non-profit or charitable registration position, and the payment recipient shown at checkout. Payment-protection terms, publication return conditions, and the official contact channels should also be confirmed through information obtained independently of the website where the transaction is material.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the project and its public-information purpose but does not provide a supplied financial-services license claim or license number.
- The homepage visibly offers donation functionality and lists publications for sale, creating identifiable payment and fulfilment points for ordinary merchant checks.
- The site's primary interaction is search and content navigation rather than account creation or sensitive-data submission.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with strong evidence of an established, coherent, and apparently legitimate public-history website and no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. The classification supports normal informational use, while the operator's real-world identity should remain described as not independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by Cloudflare CDN and WAF infrastructure. Observed addresses belong to Cloudflare edge servers, and the origin server was not exposed through the observed resolution; this reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating infrastructure signal, not independent proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Standard informational use is appropriate; before credentials, donations, or purchases are involved, ordinary independent checks of the responsible organisation, payment protections, and transaction terms should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of sahistory.org.za.

- The request stayed on sahistory.org.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under HOSTAFRICA. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-08-27. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2001-11-30. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	HOSTAFRICA
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:3032::6815:12b8
Name servers	nancy.ns.cloudflare.com, melnicoff.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-18
Domain age	25.37 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-08-27
Archive first seen	2001-11-30
Archive snapshots	3884
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about sahistory.org.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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