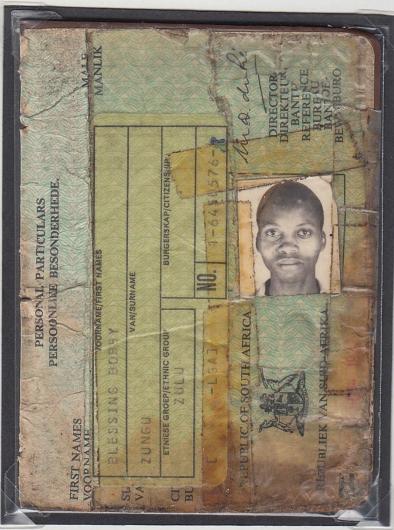
## (3) 1950 RACIAL CLASSIFICATION & 1952 PASS LAWS ACT

1950 - Racial classification was the foundation of all Apartheid laws. South Africans were classified on the basis of their 'race'. People were classified into one of four groups: 'Native', 'Coloured', 'Asian' or 'White'.



Personal particulars pages from a 'dompas'
Pass book (Reference book)
which indicated the race of the individual,
employment compulsory endorsements
and permission to travel or to be in the area
of Johannesburg.



all black South Africans over the age of 16 to carry a pass book, known as a dompas, everywhere and at all times. It was a criminal offense for Africans to be without a pass and made movement and residence dependent upon a pass. Within the pages of a dompas was a photograph, personal details of employment, permission from the government to be in a particular part of the country, and qualifications to work in an area.

(Pass laws were one of the dominant features of the country's Apartheid system until it was effectively ended in 1986).