ABRAHAM, KATHLEEN
_Memoirs of a Medical Officer in Northern Nigeria 1957-1964_
ISBN: 978-1-90809-803-0 (pbk.)
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 2011 101 58-59 (J.G.Harford)
NIGERIA
MEDICAL

ADEBAYO, AUGUSTUS
_I Am Directed: The Lighter Side of the Civil Service_
Ibadan: Spectrum Books 1991 iii + 135 pp
NIGERIA

_One Leg One Wing_
The author was an administrator in the fifties' colonial government; a member of the Nigerian High Commission in London before independence; Permanent Secretary in various ministries in the sixties and seventies; and an academic and government advisor.
NIGERIA

_White Man in Black Skin_
Ibadan: Spectrum Books 1981 xiii + 125 pp
Memoirs of a Nigerian DO, with last 25 pages of reflections on public administration in colonial Nigeria.
NIGERIA

ADEBO, SIMEON OLA
_Our Unforgettable Years_
(paperback) 9 781 32734 0
Adebo (1913-1994) entered Government service as an Administrative Officer cadet in 1942, rising to Assistant Financial Secretary in 1954 and Head of the Civil Service and Chief Secretary in 1961. This is the story of his first 49 years.
NIGERIA

_Our International Years_
The second half of Adebo’s autobiography describing his time as Nigeria’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations 1962-1967 and as Executive Director of UNITAR 1968-1972.
NIGERIA

ADU, A L
_The Civil Service in Commonwealth Africa: Development and Transition_
(paperback) 04- 351026-4
Adu, a one-time Head of the Ghana Civil Service, became a Deputy Commonwealth Secretary-General. His first chapter gives “Historical Perspectives”.

_The Civil Service in New African States_
London: Allen & Unwin 1965 242 pp
An earlier version of the previous

AHIRE, PHILIP TERDOO
Imperial Policing: the Emergence and Role of the Police in Colonial Nigeria 1860-1960
The author, a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Ahmadu Bello University, takes a critical and somewhat theoretical rather than a chronological approach. He argues that the police force emerged as a coercive imposition which functioned in advance of the basic colonial objectives of conquest, consolidation and exploitation of indigenous people.
NIGERIA
POLICE

AINLEY, JOHN
Pink Stripes and Obedient Servants: An Agriculturalist in Tanganyika
John Ainley was an Agricultural Officer in Tanganyika from 1945-65, serving in many up-country districts and pioneering the use of broadcasting to promote improved agricultural practices. Well illustrated with the author’s photographs.
Reviewed in African Affairs 103 (412) 2004 471-491 (Ashley Jackson)
Overseas Pensioner 83 2002 53-54 (R W Neath)
Tanzanian Affairs 71 2002 45-46 (C A Waldron)
TANGANYIKA
AGRICULTURE

AINSWORTH, JOHN DAWSON
edited with the kind permission of J M Silvester
London: Macmillan 1955 111 pp
KENYA

AKERS-JONES, DAVID
Feeling the Stones: Reminiscences
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press 2004 xiii + 278 pp ISBN 962-209-655-7
Sir David Akers-Jones was a Chief Secretary of Hong Kong who “stayed on”.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 89 2005 55-56 (Gillian Bickley)
HONG KONG

ALEXANDER, GILCHRIST
From the Middle Temple to the South Seas
London: John Murray 1927 xiii + 287 pp
Glaswegian by birth and education, Alexander (1871-1958) was appointed Chief Police Magistrate, Fiji in 1907, knowing “nothing of Fiji except that it was somewhere in the Pacific Ocean”. He practised in the West Pacific region until appointment to Tanganyika in 1920. He describes this as “a volume setting out the experiences of one of the rank and file in out-of-the way parts of the world [which] may prove of interest to the stay-at-home professional men and women of the British Isles…The viewpoint has been that of the practising barrister rather than that of the official. No attempt has been made to deal with the problems of anthropology, folklore or administration”.
FIJI
NEW HEBRIDES
LEGAL

Tanganyika Memories: A Judge in the Red Kanzu
London and Glasgow: Blackie & Sons 1936 244 pp
Sequel to the *From the Middle Temple to the South Seas*, Alexander was Senior Puisne Judge, Tanganyika 1920-1925 with periods as Acting Chief Justice. A cheery anecdotal account. “Red tape, statistics and the musty records of the law have been studiously avoided”.

TANGANYIKA

LEGAL

ALEXANDER, JOAN

*Voices and Echoes: Tales from Colonial Women*

Based on interviews and conversation with 100 “colonial women”: “in education, nursing, missionaries, doctors or District Officers’ and Governors’ wives”. Grouped geographically with chapters on East and Central Africa, West Africa, West Indies, South Atlantic Islands, Malaysia and Hong Kong, the Mediterranean, the Pacific and Aden.

WIVES

ALLAN, COLIN

*Solomon's Safari, 1953-58*

Vol I describes Allan’s work and travels as Special Lands Commissioner in the Solomons. He was then posted to the Western Pacific High Commission Secretariat. Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 63 1992 52-53 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

SOLOMON ISLANDS

ALLEN, CHARLES (ed) in association with Helen Fry

*Tales from the Dark Continent*

Based on the recorded experience of some fifty men and women, mainly from the Colonial Administrative Service in African colonies. Introduction by Anthony Kirk-Greene, whose reminiscences are extensively quoted.

AFRICA

ALLEN, CHARLES (ed) in association with Michael Nason

*Tales from the South China Seas*

Like *Plain Tales from the Raj* and *Tales from the Dark Continent* this compilation originated in a BBC Radio 4 oral documentary. It was assembled from taped recollections of 50 men and women who spent the greater part of their adult life in the British colonies, protectorates and concessions of South East Asia, concentrating on the inter-war period. Chapter 7 *Pax Britannica* deals with the Colonial Service.

NORTH BORNEO

MALAYA

SARAWAK

SINGAPORE

ALLEN, J DE VERE

*Malayan Civil Service 1874-1941: Colonial Bureaucracy/Malayan elite*

Comparative studies in society and history 12(2) 1970 149-178

Stresses the importance of the MCS in Malayan history. *The main themes will be the growth in numbers, the emergence of a distinctive esprit de corps and the efforts, largely successful, to maintain a certain degree of independence or at any rate internal self-government which sometimes led into disputes or open clashes with Whitehall, with the High Commissioner in Singapore or the rest of the European
community in Malaya itself. A commentary on this article by Gayl D Ness follows on pp 179-187.

MALAYA

Two Imperialists: A Study of Sir Frank Swettenham and Sir Hugh Clifford
Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society 37(1) 1964 41-73

MALAYA

ALLEN, Sir PETER
Interesting Times: Uganda Diaries 1955-1986
Unannotated diary entries with no framing material. Sir Peter served in the Uganda Police 1955-1962. He was called to the bar and later served as lecturer and Principal of the Uganda Law School. He was Chief Justice of Uganda 1973-1985 and a High Court Judge, Lesotho 1987-89.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 80 2000 56-57 (Jake Jacobs)
UGANDA
LEGAL
POLICE

ALTRINCHAM, Lord (Sir Edward Grigg)
Kenya's Opportunity: Memories, Hopes and Ideas
London: Faber and Faber 1955 308 pp
Altrincham was Governor of Kenya 1925-1931. This book was written years later against the background of the Mau Mau emergency. He argued that British policy should be to establish confederations of autonomous tribal communities under British protection, economic support and (in the ultra-provincial sphere) political suzerainty. A short chapter is devoted to Sir Donald Cameron (see items 132, 231).
KENYA
GOVERNORS

ANDERSON, DAVID
Histories of the Hanged: The Dirty War in Kenya and the End of Empire
Using the testimonies of those who fought on both sides and court records of trials, Anderson tells the story of Mau Mau and its suppression.
Reviewed in African Studies Review 48(3) 2005 147-154 (Pascal James Imperato)
(“Differing perspectives on Mau Mau”: review covering Elkins, Anderson and Lovatt Smith, summarised in the Overseas Pensioner 91 2006 46-47)
Contemporary European History 15(4) 2006 573-583 (A J Stockwell in review article entitled “British Decolonisation: the record and the records’”)
English Historical Review 120(488) 2005 1063-1065 (Richard Reid)
International Bulletin of Missionary Research 29(3) 2005 160 (Aylward Shorter)
Journal of African History 46(3) 2005 493-516 (Bethwell Ogot)
London Review of Books March 3 2005 3-6 (Bernard Porter)
Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 48-50 (T H R Cashmore)
ANDERSON, DAVID M and KILLINGRAY, DAVID (eds)  
**Policing and Decolonization: Politics, Nationalism and the Police, 1917-65**  
The editors provide an overview. Other notable chapters on Ghana (Richard Rathbone), Malaya (A J Stockwell), Kenya (David Throup), Malawi (John McCracken) and Cyprus (David Anderson).  
Reviewed in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 21(2) 1993 475-476 (Norman Miners)  

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ANDERSON, MALCOLM (ed)  
**The Geographic Labourers of Arewa: The Story of the Northern Nigerian Survey**  
Based on diaries, research, details of surveying operations and contributions describing everyday life from professional surveyors who served in Northern Nigeria from the 1940s to the 1970s.  
Reviewed in *African Research & Documentation* 95 2004 67-68 (John Smith)  
*Britain-Nigeria Association Newsletter* February 2005 3-4  
*Overseas Pensioner* 88 2004 51-53 (Trevor Clark)  

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ANDERSON, RONNIE G (ed)  
**Palm Wine and Leopard’s Whiskers – Reminiscences of Eastern Nigeria**  
A themed anthology in 30 chapters with titles such as *Arrivals, Bush Touring and Riots and Disturbances*.  
Reviewed in *Cambridge*, 47 2001 68-69 (Richard Barlow-Poole)  
*Overseas Pensioner* 79 2000 45 (Robert Varvill)  

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ARCHER, Sir GEOFFREY  
**Personal and Historical Memoirs of an East African Administrator**  
Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd for the author 1963  xiii + 260 pp  
Archer was Sir Frederick Jackson’s nephew and “in July, 1901, at the age of nineteen, I landed on the East Coast of Africa in search of a career”. After serving as a District Commissioner, he was the youngest man yet appointed governor when he became Governor of British Somaliland (where he had to deal with the Mad Mullah) in 1914. He went on to become Governor of Uganda 1923-1924 and Governor-General of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan 1925-1926. This book, written after a long retirement, ends with ruminations on his past career and the present situations, dated 1960.  
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 63(252) 1964 245-247 (H B Thomas)  

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SOMALILAND  
SUDAN  
UGANDA  
GOVERNORS
ARROWSMITH, K[eith] V.

**Bush Paths**
Anecdotal account of an Administrative Officer in Eastern Nigeria 1949-1957.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 63 1992 58 (JWH O’Regan)
*Overseas Pensioner* 64 1992 55-56 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA

ARROWSMITH, KEITH

**The Changing Scenes of Life: from the Colonial Service to the European Civil Service**
After war service in India and South East Asia, Arrowsmith joined the Colonial Service and worked in eastern Nigeria, Uganda and, his birthplace, Hong Kong. His final post was with the Directorate General for Agriculture of the European Commission.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 108 2014 51-52 (A.H.M. Kirk-Greene)
HONG KONG
NIGERIA
UGANDA

**Letters Home**
Collection of 50 letters Keith Arrowsmith wrote home to his parents 1949-50 while on his first tour in Eastern Nigeria.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner*, 114, 2017, 99-101 9 (Terry Barringer)
NIGERIA

ASKWITH, TOM

**From Mau Mau to Harambee: Memoirs and Memoranda of Colonial Kenya**
edited by Joanna Lewis
Preface by John Lonsdale and sympathetic introduction by Joanna Lewis.
Incorporates original documents. Part I *Memoirs of Colonial Kenya* gives a brief introduction to Kenya and the main features of British rule. Part II covers the Mau Mau emergency and Part III is a detailed account of Community Development in Colonial Kenya.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 72 1996 70-71 (Mary Tiffin)
KENYA

**Getting my Knees Brown: Day to Day Episodes in Colonial Kenya**
Cheerful, self-deprecating account of career in Kenya. Askwith went to Kenya in 1936. Ten years later he was appointed Municipal Native Affairs Officer, Nairobi and then Commissioner for Community Development. He was given responsibility for designing and running a Rehabilitation Programme for Mau Mau detainees.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 47-48 (Veronica Bellers)
KENYA

ATKINSON, M C

**An African Life: Tales of a Colonial Officer**
Atkinson was an Administrative Officer in Western Nigeria 1939-1959. He served in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ibadan and was involved in planning the Queen’s visit in 1956.
*Overseas Pensioner* 64 1992 55-56 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA
Nigerian Tales of the Colonial Era
Privately printed undated 32 pp
NIGERIA

More Nigerian Tales of the Colonial Era
Privately printed undated 38 pp
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 61 1991 33-34 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA

Yet more Nigerian Tales of the Colonial Era
Privately printed 1993 31 pp
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 66 1993 58-59 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA

AUSTIN, JEAN
A Falklands Diary: Winds of Change in a Distant Colony
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 99 2010 50-51 (David Tatham)
FALKLANDS

AX, CHRISTINA FOLKE, BRIMNES, NILES, JENSEN, NIKLAS THODE and KAREN OSLUND (eds)
Cultivating the Colonies: colonial states and their environmental legacies
Two chapters of particular interest: Peder Anke on ‘Ecological communication at the Oxford Imperial Forestry Institute’ (pp. 275–99) amd Joseph H. Hodge ‘Colonial experts, development and environmental doctrines and the legacies of late British colonialism’ (pp. 300–26)

BAENA, ROSALIE
Of Misses and Tuan Kechils: Colonial Memoirs as a Cultural Mediation in British Malaya
Ariel 39 (1/2) 2008 89-113
MALAYA

BAIN, KENNETH
The New Friendly Islanders
Bain first went to Tonga at the age of 29 in 1953, on loan from the government of Fiji to act as Secretary to the government of Tonga. Some account of this episode is woven into his general account of Tonga and the Tongans published to mark the King’s 75th birthday.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 67 1994 52-53 (Jill Weston)
TONGA

BAKER, COLIN A
The Administration of Posts and Telecommunications, 1871-1974
Society of Malawi Journal 39(2) 1976 6-33
Focuses on function, staffing and finance.
NYASALAND
POST OFFICE

Civil Response to War: The Nyasaland Civil Service, 1939-1945
Society of Malawi Journal 38(1) 1985 44-61
Examines the response of the Nyasaland Government to World War II and the immediate and long term effects on the Civil Service.

NYASALAND

*Development Governor: A Biography of Sir Geoffrey Colby*
Sir Geoffrey Colby 1901-1958 served in Nigeria 1925-1947 and was Governor of Nyasaland 1948-1956.
Reviewed in *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 36(2) 2003 464-466
(David Henige)

*Nigeria
NYASALAND
GOVERNORS

*Exit from Empire: A Biography of Sir Richard Turnbull*

*Aden
Tanganyika
Governors*

*Expatriate Experience of Life and Work in Nyasaland*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 106 2014 59 (Jonathan Lawley)
*Southeast Malawi Journal* 67(2), 2014, 51-52 (Christopher Bean)

*Expatriate Experience of Life and Work in Nyasaland (Volume 2)*
Cardiff: The Author, 2014, 400 pp
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 107 2014 59 (Jonathan Lawley)

*Expatriate Experience of Life and Work in Nyasaland (Volume 3)*
Cardiff: Mpenda Books, 2014, 382 pp
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 109, 2015, 53-54 (Jonathan Lawley)

*Expatriate Experience of Life and Work in Nyasaland (Volume 4)*
Cardiff: Mpenda Books, 2015, 398 pp
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 111 2016 61-62 (Pamela Shurmer-Smith)

*Expatriate Experience of Life and Work in Nyasaland (Volume 5)*
Cardiff: Mpenda Books, 2016

*Expatriate Experience of Life and Work in Nyasaland (Volume 6)*
Cardiff: Mpenda Books, 2017

Volumes 1-6 reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner*, 114, 2017, 97-99 (Anthony Young)

*A Fine Chest of Medals: the Life of Jack Archer*
Cardiff: Mpemba Books and Blantyre: Kachere Books 2003 xiv + 296 pp
ISBN 0-95420201-5 and 9908-16-562
Archer joined the Nyasaland Civil Service after an adventurous military career which included service at Omdurman and in the Boer War. From 1919 to 1939 he was Superintendent of the Central Prison, Lunatic Asylum and Leprosarium. He rejoined the KAR in 1939 and served in Nyasaland through World War II.
Reviewed in *Australasian Review of African Studies* 25(2) 2003 88-89
*Society of Malawi Journal* 57(1) 2004 43-44 (George Shepperson)

NYASALAND
PRISONS

Mangoes on the Moon: An Anthology of Nyasaland-Malawi Anecdotes
An anthology of anecdotes, mostly from the decade or so before and after Independence in 1964, and limericks. In a short but telling preface, Colin Baker muses on the nature of truth, fiction and anecdote. Colin Baker was a District Commissioner in Nyasaland and later Under-Secretary in the Office of the President and Cabinet. He went on to teach Public Administration in Malawi, Nigeria and Glamorgan.
Reviewed in African Research & Documentation 101 2006 70-71 (Terry Barringer)
Society of Malawi Journal 59(2) 2006 53 (George Shepperson)
NYASALAND

Nyasaland's Governors: A Baker's Dozen
Society of Malawi Journal 54(2) 2001 28-32
The 13 governors of Nyasaland 1891-1964. A talk given to the Friends of Malawi Association.
NYASALAND
GOVERNORS

Retreat from Empire: Sir Robert Armitage in Africa and Cyprus
Sir Robert Armitage (1906-1990) began his career in Kenya 1929-1947, became Financial Secretary, Gold Coast and successively Governor of Cyprus and of Nyasaland.
Reviewed in International Journal of African Historical Studies 36(2) 2003 464-466 (David Henige)
CYPRUS
GOLD COAST
KENYA
NYASALAND
GOVERNORS

Same Moon, Different Mangoes: A Second Anthology of Nyasaland-Malawi Anecdotes
Follow up to Item 43.
NYASALAND

Staff Continuity in Nyasaland
African Affairs 75(301) 1976 475-487
The purpose of this article is to consider some general points involved in district staff continuity and to examine the history of district administration postings.
NYASALAND

Sir Glyn Jones – A Proconsul in Africa
After long service in Northern Rhodesia, Jones became Nyasaland’s last Governor.
Reviewed in International Journal of African Historical Studies 36(2) 2003 464-466 (David Henige)
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 30(1) 2002 173-174 (Philip Murphy)
Journal of Southern African Studies 29(3) 2003 791-793 (John McCracken)
Overseas Pensioner 81 2001 36-37 (Henry Phillips)
NYASALAND
NORTHERN RHODESIA
GOVERNORS

The Wild Goose: The Life and Death of Hugh van Oppen
Van Oppen’s adventurous life included a period in the Northern Rhodesia police. He joined the Royal Rhodesia Regiment and was involved with the Nkhata Bay incident and later was probably involved in espionage in Katanga.
Reviewed in Society of Malawi Journal 55(2) 2002 101-103 (John Lwanda)
NORTHERN RHODESIA
POLICE

Ball, David R
Into Africa (and out): Northern Nigeria 1956-62
Work and leisure activities of a Town Planning Officer.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 84 2002 58 (Richard Barlow-Poole)
NIGERIA
SURVEY

Bamforth, Enid

www.life.sierra leone
Enid Bamforth sailed to join her Colonial Service husband in Sierra Leone in 1952 and stayed until shortly after independence. Her account is mostly domestic and social – son, servants and snakes feature prominently.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 62 (Terry Barringer)
SIERRA LEONE
WIVES

Banton, Mandy
An invaluable, user-friendly guide to the Colonial Office records.
Reviewed in African Research & Documentation 109 2009 55-56 (Edward Paice)
Family & Community History vol 12/2 November 2009 (Dick Hunter)
Reference Reviews vol. 23 no 5 2009 0950-4125 (David Clover)
Magazine of the Friends of The National Archives vol. 20 No 3 2009 (Tony Stockwell)
Overseas Pensioner 97 2009 51-52 (John Smith)
Reference Reviews vol 23 no 5 2009 0950-4125 (David Clover)
The Round Table 404 2009 620-21 (David Killingray)

Barker, G H
A Circle of Trees
After wartime naval service and running his own grocery business, Barker went to Uganda in 1956 as Trade Development Officer, to promote the interests of indigenous business. He remained until the Amin era as Head of the Department of Business Studies, Uganda College of Commerce. Later he worked in tourism and trade development in Kenya, Malawi, Fiji and Tonga.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 58 1989 64-65 (I A D) and 59 1990 36-37(Tommy Gee)
UGANDA

Barlow, Henry Sackville
Swettenham
(paperback) 983-999-1523
Major biography of Sir Frank Swettenham.
Reviewed in Asian Affairs 27(1) 1996 110-111 (Simon C Smith)
BARNES, KEN

**Polio and Me**


Barnes was struck by polio a few months after arriving as a Cadet in Calabar Province. Despite his disabilities he returned to Nigeria in 1956 and held office jobs in Enugu and served as a District Officer in Abak Division. He was transferred to the Financial Division, Nyasaland in 1960 and attended the Nyasaland Constitutional Conference. He left Malawi in 1970 having handed over to his Malawian successor.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 78 1999 69 (Michael Mann)

NIGERIA
NYASALAND

**A Rough Passage: Memories of Empire**


Vol 1 covers Barnes’ childhood in Malaya, wartime evacuation to Australia and colonial service in Nigeria. Vol 2 covers his career in Malawi and in Brussels.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 93 2007 57-58 (Colin Baker)

MALAYA
NIGERIA
NYASALAND

. BARRINGER, TERRY (ed)

**How Green was our Empire? Environment, Development and the Colonial Service**


Papers from the OSPA Research Project Conference at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 26-27 April 2004. Contents:

“This year’s forest is next year’s fire” – the Colonial Office and the Environment (John M. MacKenzie)

So few in the field: the staffing of the Colonial Agricultural, Forest and Veterinary Services (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

Forest conservation in Uganda – a roller-coaster ride (Henry Osmaston)

Fighting for survival: colonial conservation in Tsavo National Park, 1930-1963 (Caroline Cowan)

A History of Wildlife conservation and management in the mid-Luangwa Valley, Zambia (W L Astle)

The Environment and Development in Kano Nigeria and the Bechuanaland Protectorate 1930-1970 (Simon Gillett)

Reinventing the wheel: the status and achievements of the Nyasaland Colonial Veterinary Service as handed on to the Independent post-colonial Malawi (Robert Mares)

Fashions in extension objectives: crops, conservation and community (Ted Wilmot)

Staying green in the Overseas Territories? The work of the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum (Mike Pienkowski)

Review article: Green pasts and presents: the paradox of environmental histories and current anxieties of damage and destruction (John MacKenzie)

Reviewed in *The Round Table* 95 (384) 2006 315-318 (Bill Kirkman)

AGRICULTURAL
FORESTRY
VETERINARY

BARRON, T J
Before the Deluge: Leonard Woolf in Ceylon
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 6(1) 1977 47-63
CEYLON

BARTON, BILL
In and Out of Africa
The main purpose of this effort is to satisfy the request of my children...to relate the 'story' of my early life and leave an anecdotal record for them. Barton returned to Kenya, the land of his birth, with the Colonial Medical Service in 1946. He later held responsibility for medical services in all Mau Mau detention camps. From 1956-1964 he served in Zanzibar.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 81 2001 40-41 (Neil Squires)
KENYA
ZANZIBAR
MEDICAL

BARTON, DONALD
An Affair with Africa: Tanganyika Remembered
Reviewed in African Research & Documentation 96 2004 85-86 (Terry Barringer)
Overseas Pensioner 88 2004 49-50 (N O Durdant-Hollamby)
Tanzanian Affairs 79 2004 41-42 (John Cooper-Poole)
TANGANYIKA

BATES, DARRELL
A Fly-Switch from the Sultan
London: Rupert Hart-Davies 1961 191 pp
An anecdotal account of service in Tanganyika in the late 1930s and war service in Abyssinia.
TANGANYIKA

A Gust of Plumes: A Biography of Lord Twining of Godalming and Tanganyika
A sympathetic biography drawing on Twining’s diaries, letters and fragments of autobiography and reminiscences of those who knew him. Twining served in the KAR before joining the Colonial Service. After ten years in Uganda, he was appointed Deputy Head of Labour, Mauritius in 1938, Administrator of St Lucia, 1944, then Governor of North Borneo before becoming Governor of Tanganyika, 1949 to 1958.
Reviewed in Journal of Administration Overseas 11(4) 293-296 (W J M Mackenzie)
MAURITIUS
NORTH BORNEO
ST LUCIA
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

The Mango and the Palm
London: Rupert Hart Davies 1962 197 pp
TANGANYIKA

The Shell at my Ear
London: Rupert Hart Davies 1961 179 pp
Episodes from Bates’ childhood and youth. The final chapter is an amusing account of his Colonial Service interview.
TANGANYIKA

BAZLEY, WALTER
_Bunyoro, Tropical Paradox_
This is the story of Canadian Walter Bazley’s first year in the Colonial Service. He was sent to Bunyoro in the late 1940s. Bunyoro was regarded as a difficult, unlovable District but I threw myself into it heart and soul and developed an affection for the place which was not matched in all my subsequent service in Uganda. He continued in Uganda until independence.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 68 1994 62-63 (Tommy Gee)
UGANDA

BEADEN, TONY
_A Policeman’s Lot_
UGANDA
POLICE

BECK, H R
_Wings and Wheels_
Beck served in Northern Rhodesia 1951-1964, mostly in rural districts.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 91 2006 54-55 (David Glendening)
NORTHERN RHODESIA

BECKENHAM, ARTHUR F
_Wagon of Smoke: An Informal History of the East African Railways and Harbours Administration_
Beckenham insists that his is not an “official history” but he joined the Transportation as a keen young man of 23 at the beginning of 1950 and served – and had fun – until the period covered by the book ended.
Reviewed in _Journal of African History_ 32(3) 1991 540 (Frederick Cooper)
_Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History_ 18(3) 1990 389-390
_Overseas Pensioner_ 58 1989 61 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
EAST AFRICA
RAILWAYS

BELL, Sir GAWAIN
_Shadows on the Sand_
Bell served in the Sudan 1931-1938, then in Palestine and in the Arab Legion under Glubb Pasha before returning to the Sudan in 1945. He was one of the last members of the Sudan Political Service to leave the country. He was Political Agent in Kuwait 1955-1957.
MIDDLE EAST
SUDAN

An Imperial Twilight
Continues the story begun in _Shadows on the Sand_. Bell was appointed Governor of Northern Nigeria in 1957 and was asked to stay on after independence. Later
followed a mission impossible to draft a new constitution for Aden and South Arabia in 1965; advisory missions in Oman, the Secretary-Generalship of the South Pacific Commission and mediation in oil rights disputes in the Gulf.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 89 (354) 1990 126-127 (Alhaji M Yakubu)

*African Affairs* 103 (412) 2004 471-491 (Ashley Jackson)

*Overseas Pensioner* 58 1989 64 (R S F)

ADEN

NIGERIA

PACIFIC

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**BELL, Sir (HENRY) HESKETH (JOUDOU)**

**Glimpses of a Governor’s Life**

London: Sampson Low Marston & Co 1946 xi + 212 pp

*The book that I am now presenting to my readers...is merely a scrappy collection of extracts from some of my diaries, notes and memoranda relating to my experiences during the first ten years of my service as an Administrator of Colonial Governments. That period was one of the happiest of my life. If in some parts of the compilation, a tone of somewhat marked complacency may be observed, I hope it will be borne in mind that the writer, finding himself, at a comparatively early age in a position of considerable responsibility and interest, thoroughly enjoyed his work and the success it sometimes achieved.*

Hesketh Bell (1864-1952) was born in the West Indies in obscure circumstances. In 1882 he was appointed a clerk in the office of the Governor of Barbados and the West Indies. He moved through various posts in the West Indies and the Gold Coast, becoming Administrator of Dominica in 1899. In 1906 he became Commissioner for Uganda (Governor, 1907). His later career, not covered by this book, embraced governorships of Northern Nigeria (1909- ), Leeward Islands (1912- ) and Mauritius (1916-). See his DNB entry by Charles Jeffries which emphasises his interest in welfare and development and describes *Glimpses of a Governor’s Life* and other published works as “readable, instructive and informed by a strong sense of humour”.

DOMINICA

GOLD COAST

UGANDA

GOVERNORS

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**BELL, VIVIENNE**

**Blown by the Wind of Change**


*Vivienne Bell’s African experience began in 1949 working as a Secretary for the Groundnuts Scheme in Tanganyika. Numerous jobs as secretary and personal assistant followed in government circles in Northern Rhodesia, Uganda and Swaziland, also Cyprus, Bermuda and Nauru.*

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 55 1988 39 (M L H)

BERMUDA

CYPRUS

NAURU

NORTHERN RHODESIA

SWAZILAND

TANGANYIKA

UGANDA

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**BELLERS, VERONICA**

**A Speck in the Ocean of Time**

*An anecdotal account of Colonial Administration in Africa, generously illustrated with old photographs.*

No place or publisher given; available from Amazon, 2014, 298 pp. ISBN9781502924179
BENNETT, FRANK

_Under an African Sun: Memoirs of a Colonial Officer in Northern Rhodesia_
Describes Bennett’s recruitment, travel out and first tour of duty 1958-1961. He served as Clerical Officer in the Ministry of Finance.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 91 2006 53-54 (David Glendening)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

BENTWICH, NORMAN and BENTWICH, HELEN

_Mandate Memories, 1918-1948_
London: Hogarth Press 1965 231 pp
Norman Bentwich was a Legal Officer in Palestine 1918-1931, under first the military administration and then the Mandate government. He was then a part-time Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This volume draws on his experience and Helen Bentwich’s letters home.

PALESTINE

BENTWICH, NORMAN

_Wanderer Between Two Worlds_
London: Kegan Paul Trench Trubner & Co 1941 vii + 357 pp
Bentwich’s first essay in autobiography.

PALESTINE

My 77 years: _An Account of my Life and Times, 1883-1960_
London: Routledge and Kegan Paul 1962 344 pp

PALESTINE

BERE, RENNIE

_A Cuckoo’s Parting Cry: A Personal Account of Life and Work in Uganda between 1930 and 1960_
After serving as a District Officer and Provincial Commissioner, Northern Province, Bere was for five years Director and Chief Warden of the Uganda National Parks. This memoir reflects his interests in wildlife and mountaineering.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 64 1992 61-62 (W F H Ansell)

UGANDA

BERMAN, BRUCE

_Control & Crisis in Colonial Kenya_
Chapter 3 on “The Bureaucratic dialectic: structure, process and ideology in the colonial state” is of particular interest. It considers the deployment, recruitment, training and attitudes of administrative officers.

KENYA

BERRY, ERICK

_Mad Dogs and Englishmen…_
London: Michael Joseph 1931 286 pp
Erick Berry, an American writer and journalist, married a District Officer in Northern Nigeria, Herbert Best.

NIGERIA

WIVES
BERRY, W T C

*Before the Wind of Change*


Berry went to Nyasaland in 1936. In 1938 he was appointed to a team carrying out a nutrition survey and he began to specialise in such work as well as continuing with general medicine. After the war, he worked on a nutrition survey in Gambia.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 48 1984 54-55 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

GAMBIA
NYASALAND
MEDICAL

BERTHAM, Sir ANTON

*The Colonial Service*

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1930  xii + 291 pp

Bertram was a former Attorney-General and Chief Justice with experience of Bahamas, Cyprus and Ceylon. This volume, based on his lectures at LSE, is particularly strong in its treatment of the organisation of law and justice, courts and judicial systems throughout the Colonial Empire.

LEGAL
COLONIAL SERVICE

BEVAN, SHEILA

*The Parting Years: A British Family and the End of Empire*


Sheila Bevan grew up in South Africa. She married a policeman who had served in the British South Africa Police. Their life together spanned Singapore, Nyasaland, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 92 2003 70-74 (Terry Barringer)

NYASALAND
SINGAPORE
YEMEN
POLICE
WIVES

BEVINGTON, E

*The Things we do for England…if England Only Knew*


Bevington began his career as a cadet in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in direct line of succession from Arthur Grimble. He became Financial Secretary Fiji. Although his career was spent almost entirely in the Pacific he was briefly in Nigeria in 1945 as Secretary of the Commission of Enquiry into the strike of African civil servants and in Brunei to supervise post-war reconstruction.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 60 1990 53 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

PACIFIC

BEX, FRANK

*Lucky Me: Memoirs of a Former District Officer in Nigeria*

(Privately published) 2003  iv + 236 pp

Bex served in Nigeria for the thirteen years, 1943-1956, most of that time in the south-eastern provinces of Onitsha, Owerri and Rivers.

Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 94 2004 57-59 (Ken Barnes)
*Nigerian Field* 69(1) 2004 62 (Ronald L Dittlich)
*Overseas Pensioner* 87 2004 49-50 (Richard Barlow-Poole)

NIGERIA
BICKLEY, VERNER C
*Footfalls Echo in the Memory: A Life with the Colonial Education Service and the British Council in Asia*
Bickley served as an Education Officer in Singapore and worked for the British Council in Burma and Indonesia before settling in Hong Kong.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 100 2010 63-64 (Mark Howard)

SINGAPORE
EDUCATION

BISHOP, ALAN
*Gentleman Rider: A Life of Joyce Cary*
Good coverage of Cary’s years in Nigeria.

NIGERIA

BLACKBURNE, Sir KENNETH
*Lasting Legacy: A Story of British Colonialism*
Blackburne’s distinguished career had an unusually wide geographical spread. This memoir, based on his letters and diaries, covers Nigeria 1930-1933, Palestine 1935-38, Beachcombing 1939-41, Gambia (as Colonial Secretary) 1941-43. From 1943 to 1947 he was in the West Indies with a brief to advise West Indian governments on the improvements of conditions in their territories and to recommend to London the approval of grants under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act. Back in London from 1947 to 1950, he was the first Director of Information for the Colonial Office. Governorships of the Leeward Islands 1950-56 and Jamaica 1957-62, crowned his career. He has a final reflective chapter on the Imperial/Colonial legacy entitled *The British Contribution*.
GAMBIA
JAMAICA
LEEWARD ISLANDS
NIGERIA
PALESTINE
GOVERNORS

BLAIR, JOHN
*Justice and Juju*
Reminiscences of work as a DO in Western Nigeria, 1926-1949, written entirely from memory.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 65 1993 45-46 (Brian Eccles)
NIGERIA

BLAKE, CHRISTOPHER
*A View from Within: The Last Years of British Rule in South East Asia*
In this memoir, written originally for his children, Blake records his life as a District Officer and in the Secretariat. Unpretentious, anecdotal account of the day’s work with a note of self-deprecating humour. The final chapter is a paternalist apologia for the British Empire. Particularly interesting for the author’s views on such personalities as MacDonald, Gent, Templer and Tunku Abdul Rahman.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 62 1991 45 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
MALAYA
BLAKELY, BRIAN L
*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 4(2)1975 138-153

BLOWER, JOHN
*Banagi Hill – A Game Warden’s Africa*
John Blower began his career in the Tanganyika Forestry Department but soon transferred to the Game Department. In 1954 he was seconded to Kenya and led a small striking group against a Mau Mau gang in the Aberdares. He then moved to Uganda and oversaw the creation of the Kidepo National Park. He was Chief Game Warden 1960-64.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 90 2005 53-54 (Henry Osmaston)

KENYA
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
GAME DEPARTMENT

BOASE, ALICE M
*When the Sun Never Set*
Crowborough: East Sussex Press 1982 125 pp

*When the Sun Never Set: A Family’s Life in the British Empire*
by Alice M Boase with Mary Hannah (née Griffin), edited by Margaret Knowlden (née Boase)
A family chronicle with many Colonial Service connections. Alice’s father Charles Griffin went to Nyasaland as a legal official in 1901, later served in Gibraltar and the Leeward Islands and ended his career as Chief Justice, Uganda. Her brother, John, also became Chief Justice of Uganda, also serving in the Bahamas, Palestine and Hong Kong. Alice, a doctor’s wife, spent many years in Uganda. A sister married into the ICS.

In the second edition Alice Boase’s account of her brother, John Bowes Griffin, is replaced by a more comprehensive account by his daughter using notes compiled by Griffin himself. It also contains Peter Griffin’s account of his Uganda childhood.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 49 1985 21-22 (I A) [1st edition]
*Overseas Pensioner* 90 2005 54-55 (Patricia and Andrew Stuart) [2nd edition]

UGANDA

BOEDER, ROBERT B
*Alfred Sharpe of Nyasaland: Builder of an Empire*
Blantyre: Society of Malawi 1981 viii + 152 pp

Biography of the first Governor of Nyasaland.

Reviewed in *Society of Nyasaland Journal* 32(2) 1985 66-68 (Kings M Phiri)

NYASALAND
GOVERNORS

BOND, MICK
*From Northern Rhodesia to Zambia: Recollections a DO/DC 1962–73.*

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2015 110 52-55 (Veronica Bellars)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

BOORMAN, MICHAEL
After National Service with the KAR, Boorman served with the Sierra Leone Police 1954 to 1965. His subsequent career was also Africa based, working on security issues in the diamond industry in Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Botswana.

SIERRA LEONE POLICE

BOUTILIER, J
The Government is the District Officer: An Historical Analysis of District Officers as Middlemen in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, 1893-1943
Easily overlooked, this is a useful overview.
SOLOMON ISLANDS

BOUSTEAD, Sir HUGH
The Wind of Morning
London: Chatto & Windus 1972
After military service on the Western Front and in Russia and with the Egyptian Army, Boustead was with the Sudan Political Service. From 1949-1965 he held posts in Aden and the Gulf.
ADEN SUDAN

BOWCOCK, PHILIP
Last Guardians: Crown Service in Sudan, Northern Rhodesia and Britain
Bowcock began his career in the Sudan then served in the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia. After independence, he returned to Britain for a career in the Home Civil Service and then private law practice. He returned to Africa as a Zimbabwe election observer in 1980.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 111 2016 54-57 (Douglas H. Johnson)
NORTHERN RHODESIA SUDAN

BOYD, ROBERT NATHANIEL
A Colonial Odyssey
Boyd was Northern Rhodesia-born and after banking experience and war service joined the Accountant General’s Department in 1947. He transferred to the Central African service in 1954 but when the Federation collapsed he reverted to HMOCS and retired as Auditor General of Zambia in 1968.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 74 68-69 (R J Short)
NORTHERN RHODESIA AUDIT SERVICE

BOYLE, DAVID
With Ardours Manifold
London: Hutchinson 1959 340 pp
Boyle was an Assistant District Commissioner in the Gold Coast 1914-1917.
GOLD COAST

BOYLE, LAURA
Diary of a Colonial Officer’s Wife
Oxford: Alden Press 1968 175 pp
Diary of David Boyle’s wife, covering her first year in the Gold Coast 1916-17.
Reviewed in African Affairs 68 (273) 1969 364-365 (Alec Dickson)
GOLD COAST
WIVES

BRADLEY, EMILY
Dearest Priscilla: Letters to the Wife of a Colonial Civil Servant
London: Alex Parrish 1950 239 pp
Cast in the form of a long letter to a young goddaughter, newly married to a Colonial officer telling you all I know, and all you ought to know... about marrying an Empire builder and going abroad to live among "subject" peoples. Chapters on, inter alia, housing, servants, gardens, leisure, children and race relationships. Written with a light touch and, sometimes, arch humour but with an underlying seriousness of purpose as in her remarks on the Christian basis of our civilisation and defence of missionaries.

WIVES

A Household Book for Africa
Oxford: Oxford University Press 1938 170 pp
(Republished as A Household Book for the Tropical Colonies)
Written with the active encouragement of Furse. This book has been put together at the request of a number of people who have at heart the welfare and efficiency of the odd folk who live in queer places in the Empire, and whose first job should be to keep themselves well and comfortable. It represents what I wish I had known when Africa’s alarums and excursions were raised for me out of the smoke of the kitchen or the camp fire. Mostly recipes plus advice on household management, the garden and the medicine cupboard.

BRADLEY, KENNETH GRANVILLE
Africa Notwithstanding
London: Lovat Dickson 1932 256 pp
AFRICA

The Colonial Service as a Career
London: His Majesty’s Stationery Office 1950 68 pp
I have written this little book for a very special public and for a very special purpose. My public is those young people who are thinking of making their careers in the Colonial Service. I am writing for boys and girls (Bradley’s use of what we would now call inclusive language is noteworthy) who are about to leave school and for parents, headteachers and headmistresses; and I am talking to undergraduates and to professional and technical students of all kinds...to tell as much as I can about the Colonial Service, about the opportunities and responsibilities which such a career brings with it and the kind of life and experiences which are likely to fall to the lot of everyone who feels that Empire building is the life for him or her. This booklet is well illustrated with photographs of officers at work and is divided into five chapters: A Career in the Colonial Service, The Qualities Required, Life in the Colonial Service, Work in the Colonial Service, Empire Building and Towards the Commonwealth.

A Career in the Overseas Civil Service
London: Her Majesty’s Stationery Office 1955
Revised version of item 102, with final chapter completely rewritten.

The Diary of a District Officer
A classic of the genre. Genuine diary written up in camp each night on a series of
tours in my District, when Bradley was District Commissioner at Fort Jameson. First
published in Blackwoods Magazine.

**Northern Rhodesia**

*Once a District Officer*

Bradley’s autobiography which he regarded as the at least one good book which they
say every man has in him”. It takes in a little family history, youth, entry to the
Colonial Service, his career in Northern Rhodesia, the Falklands (Colonial and
Financial Secretary, 1942-45) and as Under-Secretary in the Gold Coast after which I
never wanted to work again in any hierarchy of any sort. He returned to the UK to
found and run *Corona* and then became Director of the Commonwealth Institute – a
dream come true.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 65(261) 1968 361-362 (J P Murray)

Falkland Islands
Gold Coast
Northern Rhodesia

**Brasnett, N V**

*A History of the Uganda Forest Department 1898-1929*

Uganda Forest Department Bulletin No 3 1951
Entebbe, 1951, 26 pp.

Uganda
Forestry

*A History of the Uganda Forest Department 1930-1950*

Uganda Forest Department Bulletin No 4 1955
Entebbe: Government Printer 1955 43 pp
Brasnett joined the Department as the first forestry-trained Conservator at the end of
1929. For continuation see Item 669

Uganda
Forestry

**Bray, Dennis**

*Hong Kong Metamorphosis: An Autobiography*

Bray worked in Hong Kong from 1950 and served as Assistant Colonial Secretary
(special duties) 1964.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 83 2002 59-60 (Patrick H. Hase)

Hong Kong

**Brelsford, W V**

*Generation of Men: The European Pioneers of Northern Rhodesia*

Salisbury: Stuart Manning (Pty) Ltd for the Northern Rhodesia Society 1965 x + 154 pp
A “frankly anecdotal” account of the first Europeans in Northern Rhodesia (pre
1930s) including early officials.

Northern Rhodesia

**Brendon, Jack**

*Mr Burlington Presides*

Cape Town: Howard Timmins Publishers 1983
This is meant to be a fun book about an era and a British Colony which no longer exists. The characters who trip through the pages are fictitious but some of the events recorded are almost true. The book has been written in an attempt to make us laugh at ourselves and it is to be hoped that no one of whatever race, colour or creed will find it offensive. If anyone does, the author will bow his head in sorrow – and disbelief. Tale of a young bachelor ADO who arrives to take up his post in one of the remoter districts of Central Africa.

AFRICA

BRESNIHAN, BRIAN J and WOODWARD, KEITH (ed)
*Tufala Gavman: Reminiscences from the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides*
Brings together contributions from a wide circle, expatriate and indigenous.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 85 2003 56-57 (Brian Macdonald-Milne)

NEW HEBRIDES

BRIDGER, GORDON
*How I failed to Save the World or Forty Years of Foreign Aid*
Turned down by the Colonial Office on account of his reputed “strong left wing views”, Bridger was appointed in 1957 as an economic adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Central African Federation. He went on to work for the United Nations and then for the Ministry of Overseas Development, work which took him to many colonies and former colonies in Africa and the Pacific as well as to South America. He often comments on District Officers and colonial administration. Although he is gently mocking of pomposity and bureaucracy, he is an admirer of their many good qualities.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 97 2009 39 (John Smith)
*The Round Table* 98 (402) 2009 387-89 (Terry Barringer)

BRIDGES, A FRANK B
*In the service of Nigeria*
Ile Ife: Nigerian Field Society 1980 64 pp (Supplement to No 45 of *The Nigerian Field*; Nigerian Field Monograph, No 2)
NIGERIA

*So We Used to Do*
Edinburgh: Pentland Press 1990 xi + 195 pp
Drawing on diaries, covers the years 1921-1949.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 60 1990 56-57 (M E)
NIGERIA

BRIND, HARRY
*Lying Abroad: Diplomatic Memoirs*
Chapter 2 deals with ‘Colonial Days in the Gold/Coast/Ghana August 1951 to February 1960’. After the Colonial Service, Brind’s diplomatic career took him to Canada, Uganda, Mauritius, Somalia and Malawi.
GOLD COAST

BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH MUSEUM

**BROOK, IAN**  
*The One-eyed Man is King*  
London: Cassell 1966 327 pp  
Brook served in Nigeria from 1946 to the eve of independence. His account ends on a bitter note. *The Roman Empire declined and fell over centuries. It died in dignity and struggle and stamped itself upon generations yet to come. The British Empire collapsed like a wet fart and we who had tried to serve it could only muffle our noses against the stench it left in its passing. We were part of the betrayal and must bear a measure of the shame.*  
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 66 (263) 1967 164-165 (Hilary Blood)  
NIGERIA.

**BROOKS, RONALD J**  
*Under Five Flags: The Story of Sabah, East Malaysia*  
Brooks went out as a cadet with the British North Borneo Company, was prisoner of the Japanese and returned to his district after the war. He stayed on for two years after Malaysia independence as Curator of Sabah’s State Museum and in charge of the library service.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 72 1996 67-68 (Christine Holland)  
NORTH BORNEO.

**BROWN, DOUGLAS and BROWN, MARCELLE V (eds)**  
*Looking Back at the Uganda Protectorate: Recollections of District Officers*  
The Browns endeavoured to track down all former DOs still living and invited them to contribute an account of some event or episode in which they were involved. More than 60 people, including some wives, contributed to this volume. Part I covers The Protectorate Years and is divided into the following sections: Up-Country Stations, The Kingdom of Buganda, Central Government and Secretariat, On Safari, Border Incidents, Projects and Assignments, Off-duty and Recreational Pursuits, Visits and Visitors, Internal Self-Government and Independence. Part II is shorter and covers Independent Uganda with just three sections: Staying on after Independence, Revisiting Uganda, Reflections.  
Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 38(3) 1997 532-533 (Richard Reid)  
*Overseas Pensioner* 76 1996 65-66 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)  
UGANDA.

**BROWN, JAMES LANG**  
*The Life of a Forester in the years before Amin*  
UGANDA  
FORESTRY.

**BROWN, JUDITH and LOUIS, Wm ROGER (eds)**  
*Oxford History of the British Empire, Vol. 4: The Twentieth Century*  
See especially chapters by John W Cell on “Colonial Rule” and Ronald Hyam on “Bureaucracy and Trusteeship in the British Empire.”
BROWN, RON

*Ex Africa*


This book is divided into three parts: African Bees (Brown became an enthusiastic and distinguished apiarist after a swarm took over his garage in Lusaka in 1953), African Topics and Family Life in Africa. There is disappointingly little on his work as a science teacher and educationalist.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 51 (Keith Arrowsmith)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

EDUCATION

BROWNE, ROBERT

*Beyond the Cape of Good Hope*

London: John Murray 1965 152 pp

South African-born Browne served in Tanganyika and Somaliland. A lyrical account but sparse on dates and details.

SOMALILAND

TANGANYIKA

BRUN, HARRY

*A Copper in Calabar: Experiences of a student, soldier & policeman in South & West Africa 1920s–1950s.*


South African born Henry Brun joined the Colonial Police Service after the army and worked with the Railway Police, in Enugu, Calabar and Port Harcourt.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2013 105 63 (K.V. Arrowsmith)

NIGERIA

POLICE

BRYAN, GERALD

*Be of Good Cheer: Service in War and Peace*


Memoir of a long and varied career in public service.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 97 2009 43-45 (John Doble)

BARBADOS

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

MAURITIUS

ST.LUCIA

SWAZILAND

BURKINSHAW, P L

*Alarms and Excursions*

Leominister: Davis Brothers 1991 240 pp

A “largely anecdotal” account of Burkinshaw’s three careers. Part I “Carrying the Flag” covers his war-service. Part II “Carrying the Burden” is about his time in the Colonial Service. Posted to Sierra Leone in 1949, he transferred to Gambia in 1955 and then to Nyasaland, leaving there at independence to serve as Assistant Administrator of the Turks & Caicos Islands. Part III “Carrying the Bag” covers his final career as a Queen’s Messenger.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 62 1991 48-49 (D F)

GAMBIA

NYASALAND

SIERRA LEONE

TURKS & CAICOS
**BURNS, Sir ALAN**  
*Colonial Civil Servant*  
London: George Allen & Unwin 1949 339 pp  
Burns (died 1980) was “practically born into the Colonial Service” in the West Indies where his father was Treasurer of St Kitts. After his first post in the West Indies he was sent to Nigeria, where he served for a time as ADC and Private Secretary to Lugard. He was Deputy Chief Secretary, Nigeria, Governor of British Honduras, Assistant Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and from 1941-1947 Governor of the Gold Coast. His is a careful, dated narrative with particular detail on his handling of a notorious ritual murder case in the Gold Coast. He adds two thematic chapters on Wars and Riots and on Colonial Legislatures before a concluding chapter on the Colonial Civil Service.

**BAHAMAS**  
**GOLD COAST**  
**NIGERIA**  
**ST KITTS**  
**GOVERNORS**

**BURRIDGE, GORDON AND MARION**  
*African Honeymoon: when Malawi was Nyasaland*  
Gordon Burridge spent 1957-1960 as an Agricultural Supervisor in the remote Northern Province of Nyasaland  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 102 2011 62-63 (Gordon Landreth)  
NYASALAND  
AGRICULTURE

**BURT, F**  
*Nakumbuka: (I Remember)*  
Short account of a surveyor in Tanganyika 1922-1924 and as a DC 1925-1946.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 61 1991 31 (Patrick Robertson)  
TANGANYIKA

**BURTON, A**  
*‘Brothers by Day’: Colonial Policing in Dar es Salaam under British Rule, 1919-1961*  
*Urban History* 30(1) 2003 63-91  
TANGANYIKA  
POLICE

**BUTCHER, MIKE**  
*‘….when the long trick’s over’: Donald Kennedy in the Pacific*  

**BUTLER, I.E.**  
*Ghost Stories and other island tales: a Colonial Officer in the Gilbert Islands*  
Available for Amazon, 2014 174 pp. ISBN 9781500505929  
Ian Butler left an unpublished manuscript of stories of his service in the Gilbert Islands in the 1950s, where he served two terms before transferring to Swaziland. It was prepared for publication by his family after his death.  
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS
BUTTER, JOHN

*Uncivil Servant: In India, Pakistan, Kenya, Abu Dhabi*


Butter transferred to the Colonial Service from the ICS. His excuse for *daring to add to the flood of reminiscences written by former servants of the British Empire* is his experience of *both sides of the independence divide* and his interest in the *successes and failures of the Westminster-type democracy as an export commodity (and their) relevance to the solution of some existing problems.* He was a Deputy Commissioner in Pakistan, a Permanent Secretary in Kenya before and after independence and head of the Abu Dhabi Finance Department.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 59 1990 37-38 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

KENYA

MIDDLE EAST

CAIRNS, J C

*Bush and Boma*

London: John Murray 1959 xi + 178 pp

Cairns was a Canadian District Officer in the 1950s serving in Kilwa, Mikindani and Dar es Salaam.


TANGANYIKA

CALLAWAY, HELEN

*Gender, Culture and Empire: European women in Colonial Nigeria*


Helen Callaway lived in Nigeria 1959-1970 before embarking on the “ethnography of European women in the historical setting of colonial Nigeria”. Chapters on women in Health Care, Women Education Officers and Women as Colonial Administrators as well as “Wives in Supporting Roles.”

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 87 (348) 467 (Susan Martin)

*Journal of African History* 29 (2) 1988 350-52 (Deborah Birkett)

*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 17(1) 1988 126-127 (Antoinette M. Burton)

*Overseas Pensioner* 54 1987 66 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

NIGERIA

EDUCATION

NURSING

WIVES

CALLAN, HILARY and ARDENER, SHIRLEY (eds)

*The Incorporated Wife*


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 50 1985 49 (A H M Kirk-Greene)

MALAYA

UGANDA

WIVES

CALLANDER, R.N.

*One Beat of a Butterfly’s Hear: a Tanganyika police notebook*

Johannesburg: 30 ° South 2014 320 pp ISBN 9781 920143 954
Australian Ron Callander served in the Tanganyika police in the 1950s.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 110 2015 60-61 (Tim Tawney)

**TANGANYIKA**

**POLICE**

**CAMERON, Sir DONALD**

*My Tanganyika Service and Some Nigeria*

London: George Allen and Unwin 1939 293 pp

Cameron was Governor of Tanganyika 1925-1931 and Nigeria 1931-1935.

**NIGERIA**

**TANGANYIKA**

**CAMPBELL, A**

*“Not Knots in a Piece of String”: Counting the Population in 1964*

*Botswana Notes and Records* 36  2004  143-145

**BECHUANALAND**

**CARDINALL, A W**

*In Ashanti and Beyond*

London: Seeley, Service & Co 1927 288 pp

Fully described by its subtitle: *the record of a resident magistrate, many years in tropical Africa, his arduous and dangerous treks both in the course of his duty and in pursuit of big game, with descriptions of the people, their manner of living and the wonderful ways of beasts and insects.*

**GOLD COAST**

**CARMAN, J A**

*A Medical History of Kenya: A Personal Memoir of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya*


Carman arrived in Kenya in 1926 and retired from the Medical Service in 1951. His book is a nice combination of medical history and anecdotes and pen-portraits of District Officers and others with whom he worked including Sir Robert Brooke-Popham. He also describes his role in the foundation and development of the prestigious *East African Medical Journal* and in the development of anaesthesia.

**KENYA**

**MEDICAL**

**CARNEGIE, DAVID WYNFORD**

*Letters from Nigeria*

Brechin: Black & Johnston 1902  xli + 142 + 8 pp

Privately printed edition of 100 copies.


Carnegie, the son of an earl, made a name for himself as explorer and writer in Australia before being appointed Assistant Resident in Northern Nigeria in 1899. He sailed out with Lugard but was killed not long afterwards on an expedition to capture the “brigand” Mama Gana.

Reviewed *Journal of African History* 36(2) 1995 330-331 (I O Danmobo)

**NIGERIA**

**CARR, BARBARA**

*Not for Me the Wilds*

London: Bailey and Swinfen 1963 253 pp
Account by Game Ranger’s wife in Northern Rhodesia, Barbara Carr came from a family imbued with ideals of Colonial Service but she became a critic.

NORTHERN RHODESIA
GAME DEPARTMENT
WIVES

CARSON, J B
*Sun, Sand and Safari: Some Leaves from a Kenya Notebook*
London: Robert Hale 1957 192 pp
Carson was for twenty years a District Officer in Kenya working in a great variety of locations. He stops short his account before the outbreak of Mau Mau.

KENYA

CARTER, TERENCE D
*The Northern Rhodesian Record*
This privately published work is available in a few major libraries. Carter sent out a circular letter to former members of HMOCs in Northern Rhodesia. There are 23 thematic chapters on e.g. the Kariba Resettlement Scheme, Justice and the Maintenance of Law and Order, Education. Agriculture and Forestry. A separate *History of the Northern Rhodesia Police* by T B Wright takes up pp 193-222.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

CARTLAND, RACHEL
*Paper Tigress: a life in the Hong Kong Government*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 107 2014 58-59 (Michael Waters)

HONG KONG

CAWTE, JENNIFER
*From Kaduna to Kirakira: Letters Home from Overseas*
Jennifer Cawte was sent by the Crown Agents to Nigeria in 1957 to work as a secretary. She married a colonial officer, Ian Cawte, who enjoyed a number of postings in Plateau and Benue Provinces. This book, consisting of letters home, is largely a chronicle of the perennial servant problem and the pleasures and hazards of bringing up babies in the tropics with some nice vignettes of people and places, for example a description of the 1959 elections. From 1963 to 1965 they were posted to the Solomon Islands before Ian Cawte embarked on a second career with the Agriculture Faculty at the University of Reading.
Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 85 2001 77-78 (Terry Barringer) *Overseas Pensioner* 82 2001 51 (Pat Yaxley)

NIGERIA
SOLOMON ISLANDS
WIVES

CELL, JOHN W (ed and introduction)
*By Kenya Possessed: The Correspondence of Norman Leys and J H Oldham 1918-1926*
Chicago: Chicago University Press 1976 x + 382 pp
John W Cell provides an informative introduction to this collection of Leys’ correspondence with the missionary statesman J H Oldham.

KENYA
Who Ran the British Empire?
In More Adventures with Britannia: Personalities, Politics and Culture in Britain
edited by Wm Roger Louis
A selection of lectures given to the British Studies seminar at the University of Texas, Austin:
Some trenchant remarks on the myths and reality of indirect rule.

CHAMPION, OLIVE
Journey of a Lifetime
Olive met fellow-classicist John Champion at Oxford. After gaining a first she worked at Bletchley Park before their marriage in 1944. John followed his father into the Colonial Service and served in Uganda from 1946 to independence. He then joined the CRO and thence Foreign Office. After experience in Jordan and Iran, he was Resident Commissioner for the New Hebrides 1975-78.
NEW HEBRIDES
UGANDA
WIVES

CHARTERS, A D
Reminiscences of East Africa and Western Australia in the Milestones of a Doctor’s Life
MEDICAL

CHENEVIX TRENCH, CHARLES
The Desert’s Dusty Face
Edinburgh: Blackwood 1964 243 pp
KENYA

Men who Ruled Kenya: The Kenya Administration, 1892-1963
Draws on memoirs, letters, diaries and photographs of a large number of former officers of the Kenyan administration and their families. A readable narrative from “The Conquistadors” of the 1890s to the “Wind of Change” in the 1960s.
Reviewed in Journal of African History 35(2) 1994 525-526 (Christopher P Youé)
Overseas Pensioner 67 1994 47-48 (Anthony Clayton)
KENYA

CHRISTIE, CALLUM
Goodbye Colonialism, Farewell Feudalism letters from a District Officer
Based on letters written home from Christie’s first tour in Northern Rhodesia 1959-62.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 111 2016 58-60 (Pamela Shurmer-Smith)
NORTHERN RHODESIA

CLARK, TREVOR
Good Second Class (but not even C.3): Memoirs of a Generalist Overseas Administrator
After war-service with West African soldiers in India and Burma, Clark began his Colonial Service career in Northern Nigeria then spent twelve years in Hong Kong. From there he was seconded to the Solomon Islands, as Deputy Chief Secretary to


*African Studies Review* 88 2004 47-49 (Keith Arrowsmith)

HONG KONG

NIGERIA

SOLOMON ISLANDS

CLARK, TREVOR (ed)

*Was it Only Yesterday? The Last Generation of Nigeria’s Turawa*

Bristol: British Empire & Commonwealth Museum Press 2002 xi + 336 pp

ISBN (hardback) 0-9530174-7-8 (paperback) 0-9530174-8-6

Densely printed, well illustrated with photographs and maps, this volume draws on accounts from over 100 of the “Turawa “(Europeans) in Northern Nigeria from the 1940s to the 1960s.

Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 91 2003 77-79 (Terry Barringer)

*African Studies Review* 46(3) 2003 147-149 (Michael Vickers)

*Britain-Nigeria Association Newsletter* February 2005 5-6 (Richard Barlow-Poole)

*Canadian Journal of African Studies* 38(2) 2004 443-446 (Toyin Falola)

*Overseas Pensioner* 86 2003 52-53 (Martin Lynn)

NIGERIA

CLARKE, JOHN D

*Teacher and Friend: Memoirs of an Education Officer in Colonial Africa*


Detailed account of work as an education officer in Nigeria, 1924-1952. Clarke subsequently spent a year with UNESCO in Liberia. He later became a lecturer at the University of London Institute of Education and the biographer of General Yakubu Gowon.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 68 1994 60-61 (W A Dodd)

NIGERIA

EDUCATION

CLAYTON, ANTHONY and KILLINGRAY, DAVID

*Khaki and Blue: Military and Police in British Colonial Africa*


Part I by Anthony Clayton is concerned with the work of law enforcement mainly by colonial police services in Gold Coast, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Uganda and Kenya.

Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 31(1) 1990 330-331 (John MacKenzie)

POLICE

CLEMENS, MARTIN

*Alone on Guadalcanal: A Coastwatcher’s Story*


Memoir of a remarkably courageous DO who, as a “coastwatcher” behind enemy lines, with his loyal team of local people, played a crucial role in the American Marines campaign against the Japanese in the Pacific in 1942.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 80 2000 61 (R N Barlow-Poole)

SOLOMON ISLANDS

CLIFFORD, Sir BEDE

*Proconsul: Being Incidents in the Life and Career of the Honourable Sir Bede Clifford*

London: Evans Bros 1964 327 pp
Clifford was Governor of Bahamas 1932-37, Mauritius 1937-42, and Trinidad and Tobago 1942-46.

**BAHAMAS**

**MAURITIUS**

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**GOVERNORS**

**CLIFFORD, Lady ELIZABETH**

*Our Days on the Gold Coast, in Ashanti, in the Northern Territories and the British Sphere of Occupation in Togoland*

Limited edition printed and produced by Mr Charles Fairweather and his staff in the Government Printing Office at Accra in aid of the Red Cross 1918 366 pp

Republished: London: John Murray 1919 314 pp

An anthology with many good photographs. *Of the essays and extracts which appear in the following pages, nearly half were written by West Africans, one or two by West Indians and the rest by Europeans.* Includes, for example, “A Law Officer’s Day in Accra”, “From a District Commissioner: a typical day” and “All in the day’s work, by a Political Officer”. Many extracts were the fruit of an essay competition organised by Lady Clifford in aid of the Red Cross on the theme “A Day of the writer’s life on the Coast.”

**GOLD COAST**

**COATES, AUSTIN**

*Myself a Mandarin: Memoirs of a Special Magistrate*


This book has the arresting opening, *A few hours after being directed by the British Government to proceed to Hong Kong (in 1949), I received from them a printed notification that I would need a sword.* He asked his father, the composer Eric Coates and Ivor Novello, for advice on the management of the weapon. An amusing and anecdotal account of the cases he heard as Special Magistrate. Coates left Government Service in 1962.

**HONG KONG**

**COE, DAVID G and GREENALL, E Cyril**

*Kaunda’s Gaoler: Memoirs of a District Officer in Northern Rhodesia and Zambia*


Greenall arrived in Northern Rhodesia in 1944. His duties included a spell as Kaunda’s “gaoler” when KK was confined to Kabompo District, reporting to the DO everyday except Sunday for eight weeks. He “stayed on” for five years after independence. A concise, readable account with insights into the daily routine, the role of chiefs, the Central African Federation and Kaunda himself.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 103 (412) 2004 471-491 (Ashley Jackson)

*African Business* 285 March 2003 64 (not attributed)

*African Research and Documentation* 92 2003 70-74 (Terry Barringer)

*Overseas Pensioner* 86 2003 58-59 (Robin Short)

**NORTHERN RHODESIA**

**COHEN, ANDREW**

*British Policy in Changing Africa*

London: Routledge and Kegan Paul 1959 x + 118 pp

Cohen joined the Colonial Office in 1933 under Charles Jeffries and became Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the African Division. From 1952 to 1957 he served as Governor of Uganda. This was followed by three years as Permanent Representative on the UN Trusteeship Council. Back in Whitehall, he was instrumental in setting up the Ministry of Overseas Development. His ONDB entry describes him as “the intellectual dreamer of the Colonial Office. (He) was one of the
most anti-colonial and unofficial of the imperial officials who finally dismantled the African empire. In one way or another his measures helped to awaken the slumbering genius of African nationalism, and wittingly or unwittingly, he did more to bring about the fall of empire and the rise of the nationalists than most African politicians were able to achieve between them.”

This book is based on his Harris Lectures at Northwestern University. The third chapter entitled “The Tasks of Government” covers “The British Officer in the Field” (including a description of the work of District Officers in Uganda), “The Governor and the Central Government” and “The Governor and the Colonial Office”.

AFRICA GOVERNORS

COLE, RODNEY
*A Pacific Journey*
Tweed Heads, Australia: R & J Cole Consulting Pty Ltd 2001 v + 198 pp
PACIFIC

COLLINS, MERLE
*The Governor’s Story: the authorized biography of Dame Hilda Bynoe*
Hilda Bynoe was appointed Governor of Grenada in 1968 and served until independence in 1974.
GRENADA GOVERNORS

COLLINS, W B
*They Went to Bush*
London: MacGibbon & Kee 1961 230 pp
Interweaves autobiography with the history of the Forestry Service in the Gold Coast.
GOLD COAST FORESTRY

COLLINS, D
*A Tear for Somalia*
London: Jarrolds 1960 192 pp
As a young Irish subaltern, Collins served in the Somalia Gendarmerie in occupied Italian Somaliland and then transferred to the Administrative Service.
SOMALILAND

CONSIDINE, JOAN and RAWLINS, JOHN (eds)
*Childhood Memories from Colonial East Africa*
Memories collected in 2003 from those colonials born, or at school, in East Africa during the years 1920 to 1963. The foreword by Elizabeth Watkins (See Items 661-74) picks out three recurring themes: the freedom of playing outdoors, the wild life and the ever patient African who surrounded us.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 89 2005 63-64 (Veronica Bellers)
KENYA
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA

CONSTANTINE, S.
Woman’s work in the service of Empire: Lady Margaret Field (1905-94) from school teacher to governor’s wife.
Cooke, John

One White Man in Black Africa: From Kilimanjaro to the Kalahari 1951-1991
Cooke was a District Officer then a teacher in Tanganyika/Tanzania 1951-1968. From 1971 to 1991 he was at the University of Botswana, where he became Professor of Environmental Science.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 62 1991 44-45 (C G R)

Cooke, S J S

Sir Hugh Clifford as Governor of Nigeria: an Evaluation
African Affairs 79(317) 1980 531-547

Corden, Roddy

Seven Years Island Hopping
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 74 1997 65 (Kelvin Nicolson)

Seven Years Island Hopping Vol 2
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 77 1999 26-27 (Kelvin Nicolson)
Overlong memoir of one of the four female Education Officers posted to the Gilbert & Ellice Islands in 1965.

Coulter, George

Africa in Transition: the journey from traditional to modern in Africa
Coulter was first posted to Africa as a Fisheries Officer in Ghana in 1954, transferring to Northern Rhodesia five years later. He later worked in other parts of the continent as a UNDP/FAO consultant
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 2012 103 59-60 (RO Lowe-McConnell)

Cowen, William

A Central African Odyssey
South African born, London trained doctor, William Cowen served in both Northern and Southern Rhodesia. At the request of his son, a development economist, he places special emphasis on race relations and he has some interesting observations on the break-up of the Central African Federation and the move towards UDI.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 71 1996 43-43 (J A Girdlestone), and see Letter to Editor in Overseas Pensioner 72 1996 74 (C W Collins)

CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION
NORTHERN RHODESIA
SOUTHERN RHODESIA
MEDICAL

CRABTREE, WILLIAM
_Came the Fourth Flag (or Dambashawa)_
Memoirs of a BSAP trooper in Southern Rhodesia who later transferred to the CID.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA
POLICE

CRADDOCK, SALLY
_Retired Except on Demand: The Life of Dr Cicely Williams_
Oxford: Oxford University Press for Green College 1983
Dr Williams, known for pioneering work on Kwashiorkor, served as a medical officer in the Gold Coast 1929-1936 and then in Singapore to 1948. She was interned in Changi.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 47 1984 28 (A H M Kirk-Greene)

GOLD COAST
MALAYA
MEDICAL

CRADDOCK, SALLY
_The Colonial Service (In The Civil Service in Britain and France)_
edited by William A Robson
London: The Hogarth Press 1956 81-97
An excellent overview of the structure and prospects of the Colonial Service as seen by the former Secretary of State in the mid 1950s.

CROCKER, Sir WALTER RUSSELL
_Nigeria: A Critique of British Colonial Administration_
London: Allen & Unwin 1934 277 pp
Part I: Journal of an Administrative Officer consists of extracts from Crocker’s journal June 1933 to June 1934. _These touch on the sights and sounds of Africa and on the ways of the African but their selection has been made primarily with the end of_
showing the Administrative Service in action day by day and how the English official spends his life. In Part II: A Tract on Colonial Administration, Crocker aims to point the moral of the journal. The first part of the tract attempts to define the defects of our Administration in one colony and to outline a reconstruction which, in the author’s opinion, would eliminate or mitigate them; in the second part he traverses the administration of the Colonial Empire as a whole and in the third parts he ends with a general discussion of the vital question of public administration. Anthony Kirk-Greene writes of this book in *Public Administration and African Studies* (Item 388) : “It was so depressing and so demoralising when I rashly read it sailing to the Coast…I almost resigned my appointment on the spot.”

**NIGERIA**

**On Governing Colonies: Being an Outline of Real Issues and a Comparison of the British, French and Belgian Approach to them**

London: George Allen and Unwin 1947 152 pp

Based on eight years experience in Africa, partly in the Colonial Service (Nigeria) and partly in the armed forces, this is an opinionated survey with chapters on Africa and Africans; Where to begin, Policy and Practice; British, French, Belgian; Self-Government and the White Official (with an interesting comparison of the French, Belgian and British services). There is a sub-section describing the “quality and morale of the British official”. The level of administrative skill required of the colonial official is not high…The qualities demanded of the colonial administrator are…moral rather than administrative: understanding, sympathy, insight and patience. Running Africa is a job requiring character and kindness more than intellect….England of all countries can find the men who would pass the test. However he is quite damning of the current intake. Self-confidence is lacking and the willingness to take risks and live dangerous is conspicuously absent: a spirit dominated by fear. However he concludes that All the Colonial powers in Africa have done well by their African wards.

**Travelling Back: The Memoirs of Sir Walter Crocker**

South Melbourne: Macmillan Co of Australia 1986 222pp

Selections from a much longer unpublished memoir deposited in the University of Adelaide. Australian born and bred Crocker (1902-2002) was in the Colonial Service 1930-1934. He transferred to the League of Nations and the ILO. After the Second World War, he had a distinguished diplomatic career, culminating in his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of South Australia 1973-1982.

**NIGERIA**

CROSSKEY, PEGGY

**Knotted Round my Heart: Recollections of Life in Nigeria 1952-59**


Peggy Crosskey, herself a trained entomologist, shared her husband’s work on tsetse fly and blackfly.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 95 2008 50-51 (Patricia Farrant)

**NIGERIA**

ENTOMOLOGY

WIVES

CROUCH, MICHAEL

**An Element of Luck: To South Arabia and Beyond**

London: Radcliffe Press 1993 xiv + 270 pp


Crouch was a Political Officer in South Arabia from the late 1950s to British withdrawal. The final chapter records a return visit to Yemen in 1993.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 68 1994 57-58 (R H J Thorne) and 81 2001 47 (Anon)

**ADEN**

**YEMEN**
CROZIER, ANNA  
*Practising Colonial Medicine: The Colonial Medical Service in British East Africa*  
Reviewed in *the Overseas Pensioner* 97 2009 36-38 (Dr Wenzel Geissler)  
MEDICAL

What was Tropical about Tropical Neurasthenia? The Utility of the Diagnosis in the Management of British East Africa  
*Journal of History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 64 (4) 2009 518-48  
‘Neurasthenia’ was a popular diagnosis for a nervous condition experienced by Europeans in the tropics. This article concentrates on Colonial Service employees in East Africa.

CULWICK, ARTHUR THEODORE  
*Britannia Waives the Rules*  
Cape Town: Nasionale Boekhandel 1963  
Occasional anecdote or illustration from Culwick’s administrative career in Tanganyika but for the most part a spirited, opinionated and, now, decidedly non-p c outline of his views on decolonisation and African capacities.  
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 63(251) 1964 148-149 (A G)  
TANGANYIKA

CUNNINGHAM, ERIC (ed)  
*Gold Coast and Ghana Memories*  
Chichester: Eric Cunningham for Ghana School Aid 2006 162pp  
An anthology with a wide range of contributors grouped into politics, education, work, events and memories.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 92 2006 85 (John Smith)  
GOLD COAST

CUNNINGHAM-BROWN, SJOVALD  
*Crowded Hour*  
London: John Murray 1975 xi + 156 pp  
After an adventurous youth, Cunningham-Brown joined the Malayan Civil Service and became Controller of Labour, Johore. He was interned during the War and the book ends with his liberation and return to Johore.  
MALAYA

CURLE, CHRISTIAN (ed)  
*Letters from the Horn of Africa 1923–42: Sandy Curle, Soldier & Diplomat Extraordinary*  
Sandy Curle’s adventurous career took him to Jubaland with the KAR, the Somaliland Protectorate and to Tanganyika.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 98 2009 61-63 (Walter W Bowring)  
KENYA  
SOMALIA  
TANGANYIKA

DAILY TELEGRAPH  
*The British Empire 1497-1997: 500 Years that Shaped the World*  
London: Daily Telegraph, 1997 221 pp
Richly illustrated magazine published to mark the handover of Hong Kong. Includes feature on The Colonial Service by Dr Nile Gardiner (p 167) and a selection of Colonial Service memoirs from the resources of the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, Bristol (pp 212-217).

DAVEY, J B
*Nyasaland Days 1902-1919*
edited by John and Pamela Beard
NYASALAND
MEDICAL
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 102 2011 59-60 (Colin Baker)

DAVIDSON, ANN
*The Real Paradise: Memories of Africa, 1950-1963*
Ann Davidson accompanied her husband to Nyasaland at the beginning of his Colonial Service career. This (over-long) volume consists of her weekly letters home to her mother.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 67 1994 50-51 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NYASALAND
WIVES

DAVIES, DAVID TWISTON (ed)
*The Daily Telegraph Book of Imperial and Commonwealth Obituaries*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 98 2009 65-66 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*  38 (1) 2010 157-8 (Philip Murphy)

DENNIS, PHILIP
*Goodbye to Pith Helmets: A District Commissioner's Account of the Last Years before Ghana's Independence*
Dennis served in the Gold Coast 1940-1956. His subsequent career with BAT gave him considerable experience of independent Africa. His final chapter is entitled “Reflections in retrospect”.
Reviewed in *African Research & Documentation* 86 2001 59-61 (Sheila Alcock)
*Overseas Pensioner* 82 2001 55-56 (Richard Jeffries)
GOLD COAST

DES VOEUX, SIR GEORGE WILLIAM
*My Colonial Service in British Guiana, St.Lucia, Trinidad, Fiji, Australia, Newfoundland and Hong Kong with interludes*
London: John Murray, 1903, 2 vols
Des Voeux (1834-1909) began his distinguished career in British Guiana where he was a champion of the indentured labourers and reviled by the white settlers.
BRITISH GUIANA
FIJI
HONG KONG
ST. LUCIA
TRINIDAD
GOVERNORS

DICKENSON, REGINALD
African Ambit
The final page of this book gives a list of 35 countries in which the author worked and a further 17 visited but most of the book was written in 1957-1959 and is based on notes and diaries kept in Nyasaland. Dickenson was a British Post Office Engineering Department trainee before the war and, immediately after the war, Controller of Postal and Telecommunications Services in North Rhine/Westphalia. From 1950-1957 he worked for the Nyasaland Post Office, with responsibility for communications development, and a period as acting Post-Master-General. He left to take up a management position with the Jamaica Telephone Company.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 70 1995 56-57 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NYASALAND
POST OFFICE

DICKSON, H P
The Badge of Britannia: History and Reminiscences of Queen Elizabeth’s Overseas Nursing Service, 1886-1966
Part I is a chronological history. Part II deals with motivation, impressions of voyages out, all aspects of work and play, the effect of local conflicts and the world wars, training of local nurses. Incorporates personal accounts and reminiscences. The author was herself a member of the service and the wife of a District Officer.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 61 1991 33 (J G)
NURSING

DIGBY, K H
Lawyer in the Wilderness
Cornell University, Department of Asian Studies 1980 xi + 109 pp
SARAWAK
LEGAL

DIMBLEBY, JONATHAN
The Last Governor: Chris Patten & the Handover of Hong Kong
HONG KONG
GOVERNORS

DIXON, ALEC
Singapore Patrol
London: George G Harrap 1935 270 pp
Lively account of police service in Singapore.
SINGAPORE
POLICE

DOMINY, G.
‘Not a position for a gentleman!’ Sir Matthew Nathan as Colonial Administrator: From Cape Coast to Dublin Castle via Natal.
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 46 (1) 93-120
GHANA
GOVERNORS

DORMAN, T E
African Experience: An Education Officer in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia)
A New Zealander, Dorman had seven years teaching in Cyprus, before coming to Northern Rhodesia. He left at independence to become Assistant Director of Education, Western Samoa.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 68 1994 60 (W A Dodd)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

EDUCATION

DOUGLAS-HOME, CHARLES

*Evelyn Baring: The Last Proconsul*

London: Collins 1978 344pp

Son of Lord Cromer, Baring began his career in the Indian Civil Service from which he resigned on health grounds in 1933. He was Governor of Southern Rhodesia 1942-1944 and then High Commissioner in South Africa where he was involved in the debates over the future of the High Commission Territories and the marriage of Seretse Khama. From 1952 to 1959 he was Governor of Kenya and so had a major role in responding to Mau Mau. His final post was with the Colonial Development Corporation.

Reviewed in *Journal of Administration Overseas* 18(2) 1979 149-151 (T C Colchester)

HIGH COMMISSION TERRITORIES

KENYA

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

GOVERNORS

DUFF, Sir HECTOR

*African Small Chop*

London: Hodder and Stoughton 1932 223 pp

Duff went to Nyasaland in 1897. From 1916 to 1917 he administered the Provisional Government of occupied German East Africa. A breakdown in health forced his retirement from Africa.

NYASALAND

DUNDAS, Sir CHARLES

*African Crossroads*

London: Macmillan and New York: St Martin’s Press 1955 x + 243 pp

Autobiography of Governor of Bahamas and Uganda, with earlier service in Kenya, Tanganyika and Northern Rhodesia.

BAHAMAS

KENYA

NORTHERN RHODESIA

UGANDA

GOVERNORS

DYUS, GORDON

*Twilight of the Bwanas*


Gordon Dyus grew up in East Africa, the son of a Port official and returned to work for Tanganyika’s Lands and Surveys Department.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 104 64-65 (Hubert Allen)

TANGANYIKA

ECKERT, ANDREAS

*Herrschen und Verwalten: Afrikanische Bürokraten, Staatliche Ordnung und Politik in Tanzania, 1920-1970*

A Political history of Tanzania between 1920 and 1970 with a focus on the administrators.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 107 429 2008 659-660 (Jan-Georg Deutsch)
TANGANYIKA

EBERLIE, DICK
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2015 110 52-55 (Veronica Bellars)
TANGANYIKA

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2016 112 61-63 (Michael Shaw)
TANGANYIKA

*Aden: the curtain falls; the memoirs of Dick Eberlie: Part 4, 1965 to 1967*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2017 113 80-83 (John Ducker)
ADEN

EGGELING, W J
*When I was Younger: A Forest Officer’s Memoirs of Uganda in the Thirties*
Dunkeld: The Author 1987 ii + 77 pp
An Edinburgh Forestry graduate, Eggeling went to Uganda as Assistant Conservator of Forests. This book covers only the years to 1939, although his African career continued until 1950.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 55 1988 32 (R S F)
UGANDA
FORESTRY

ELKINS, CAROLINE
*Britain’s Gulag: the Brutal End of Empire in Kenya* (American title: *Imperial Reckoning*)
A Harvard professor’s account of Mau Mau detention camps in Kenya 1952-1960. Fiercely and controversially critical of colonial officials especially Gavaghan (see Items 237, 238). Elkins writes, *In the official written record as well as in later interviews the testimonies of British colonial agents are littered with omissions, half-truths and lies.*

*Contemporary European History* 15(4) 2006 573-583 (A J Stockwell in review article entitled “British Decolonisation: the record and the records”)
*International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 29(3) 2005 160 (Aylward Shorter)
*Journal of African History* 46(3) 2005 493-516 (Bethwell Ogot)
*London Review of Books* March 3 2005 3-6 (Bernard Porter)
*Overseas Pensioner* 90 2005 48-50 (T H R Cashmore) and 90 2005 50 (Oliver Knowles)
*The Round Table* 96(389) 2007 201-223 (Joanna Lewis in review article entitled “Nasty brutish and in shorts? British colonial rule, violence and the historians of Mau Mau.”)
*Times Higher Education Supplement* September 30 2005 (John Darwin)
*Times Literary Supplement* 5320 March 18 2005 37 (Justin Willis)
See also letters from J B T Cowan and James Robertson in *Overseas Pensioner* 89 2005 66-67
KENYA
ELIOT, E C

*Broken Atoms*
London: G Bles 1938 258 pp

Eliot was a contemporary of Grimble in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Later served in the Gold Coast, Tobago, Uganda and finally as administrator of Dominica.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

EMMETT, CHRIS

*Hong Kong Policeman*


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 109 2015 55-56 (Michael Waters)

HONG KONG

POLICE

EVANS, DOROTHY

*Schooling in the South Atlantic Islands, 1861-1962*


A comprehensive history by the former Vice Principal of the College of St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham, who visited all the South Atlantic Islands and trained many of their teachers.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 70 1995 63 (John Massingham)

ASCENSION ISLAND

FALKLAND ISLANDS

ST HELENA

SOUTH ATLANTIC

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

EDUCATION

EVANS, JEAN

*Not Bad for a Foreigner*


Jean went to Nigeria in 1950 to teach English and history in Ibadan Grammar School. Three years later she was Education Officer in charge of the Government Provincial Girls’ School, Yola. In 1957 she married and the latter part of the book describes her life as a Colonial Service wife, writing for publication and for radio as well as bringing up her children.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 44-45 (W A Dodd)

NIGERIA

EDUCATION

WIVES

EVERARD, COLIN

*The Guardian Angel: A Voice from the Wilderness*


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 54-55 (Malcolm Page)

EAST AFRICA

AGRICULTURE

FAIRLIE, MICHAEL

*No Time Like the Past*

After war service with the Black Watch in Crete and time as a POW, Fairlie went to Bechuanaland as a cadet. In 1953 he transferred to Swaziland where he was Secretary to the Swaziland Constitutional Committee and a pillar of Mbabane Choral Society.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 64 1992 59 (David Scott)

**BECHUANALAND**

**SWAZILAND**

**FAIRWEATHER, W G**

*A Colonial Surveyor at Work: The Field Diary of W G Fairweather, Assistant Surveyor, Northern Rhodesia Government, 1913-14*

Introduction by Jeffrey Stone

Occasional Publication of the Aberdeen University African Studies Group 1993 44 pp

ISBN 0-950-99895-8

Appointed Assistant Surveyor, North West Rhodesia in 1910, Fairweather (died 1952) rose to Chief Surveyor 1920-1939. This diary (original deposited in the Livingstone Museum) covers September 1913 to April 1914, when he was continuously on tour. It is a record of daily work with its logistical and practical problems and also interesting as a record of impressions, beliefs and attitudes.

**NORTHERN RHODESIA**

**SURVEY**

**FALCONER, J D**

*On Horseback Through Nigeria*

London: Fisher Unwin 1911 306 pp

Falconer was engaged in surveying for minerals. His book is cast in the form of a continuous travel narrative to exhibit the present condition of the country under British rule and the remarkable prestige which the white man has secured within a few short years among pagans and Mohammedans alike.

**NIGERIA**

**FALCONER, JEAN**

*Woodsmoke and Temple Flowers*


Jean Falconer met her husband in Sydney in 1941 and followed him to Malaya. She was safely evacuated but John Falconer spent over three years in internment. They returned together to Malaya in April 1946, leaving in 1952. She was active in voluntary and welfare work.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 67 1994 48 (Veronica Masefield)

**MALAYA**

**WIVES**

**FARSON, NEGLE Y**

*Behind God’s Back*

London: Victor Gollancz 1940 448 pp


Farson drove across Africa with his wife (“She was better than any man”) in 1939, travelling through South West Africa, South Africa, Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda, Ruanda-Urundi, Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa, French Cameroons and Gold Coast. His conclusion, firmly stated at the beginning of the book: *I believe that it is under the Englishman that the native will have the best chance to progress in Africa.*

**AFRICA**

**FAUGHT, C. BRAD**

*Into Africa: the imperial life of Margery Perham*
FAWCUS, PETER (with the collaboration of Alan Tilbury)

*Botswana: The Road to Independence*

Sir Peter Fawcus served in Bechuanaland from 1954 to self-government as successively Government Secretary, Resident Commissioner and Queen’s Commissioner. Alan Tilbury arrived in 1955 and was soon promoted to Attorney-General, a position he retained for the first three years of Botswana’s independence. He was the prime architect of Botswana’s independence constitution. This is a useful, if austere, account of the prelude to independence told in the third person by two key figures. In a concluding summary chapter, Sir Peter reviews the reasons for the painless transfer of power and Botswana’s peaceful and prosperous history thereafter.

Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 85 2001 83-86. (Terry Barringer)
*Overseas Pensioner* 81 2001 41-42 (Michael Twaddle)

BECHUANALAND

FAZAN, S.H.; edited and with a foreword by John Lonsdale

*Colonial Kenya Observed: British Rule, Mau Mau and the Wind of Change*

Sidney Herbert Fazan [1888-1979] served in Kenya from 1911. During the Second World War he served as a political liaison officer for East African troops. He settled in Kenya on retirement in 1949. He served on important committees responding to Mau Mau and wrote the official history of the Kenyan loyalists. John Lonsdale’s sympathetic foreword contextualises the work and writings of one whom David Anderson describes as ‘Britain’s most important colonial officer servicing in Britain’s most important African colony’.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 116 2015 55-57 (Peter Fullerton)

KENYA

FERGUSON, MICHAEL

*Good Hope to Guardafui*

War service with Rhodesian and South African forces, Colonial Administrative Service in Somaliland, later life in UK, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

SOMALIA

FIDDES, GEORGE V

*The Dominions and Colonial Office*
London: Putnam 1926 288 pp

COLONIAL OFFICE

FOOT, HUGH

*A Start in Freedom*
London: Hodder & Stoughton 1964 256 pp

Covers Foot’s early career in Palestine and Trans-Jordan, Cyprus (as Colonial Secretary in the 1940s and as Governor from 1957), Nigeria (Colonial Secretary) and Jamaica (Colonial Secretary and later Governor).

CYPRUS
JAMAICA
NIGERIA
PALESTINE
GOVERNORS

FOOT, SYLVIA
Emergency Exit
London: Chatto & Windus 1960 192 pp
Lady Foot’s account of the last difficult days of British rule in Cyprus.
CYPRUS
WIVES

FORAN, W ROBERT
A Cuckoo in Kenya: The Reminiscences of a Pioneer Police Officer in British East Africa
London: Hutchinson, 1936 360 pp
KENYA
POLICE

The Kenya Police, 1887-1960
London: Robert Hale 1962 xiii + 237 pp
A well-illustrated history, but lacks bibliography or footnotes.
Reviewed in Police Journal 36(3) 1963 154 (R T Cooper)
KENYA
POLICE

FORBES, LEWIS
Odyssey of a Veterinarian Vagabond
After serving as an Army Veterinary Officer in India and Burma, Forbes joined the Colonial Veterinary Service after the war and was posted to Uganda.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 76 1998 48-49 (Bruce E Kinloch)
UGANDA
VETERINARY

FORWARD, ALAN
“You have been Allocated Uganda” : Letters from a District Officer
Forward held a variety of District and Secretariat posts 1955-1963 and was Private Secretary to the Governor, Sir Walter Coutts, immediately before and after independence. This beautifully illustrated book is cast in the form of letters.
Reviewed in African Research & Documentation 89 2002 84-90 (Terry Barringer)
Overseas Pensioner 79 2000 40-41 (Andrew Stuart)
Public Administration and Development 21 2001 363-368 (Ashley Jackson)
Times Literary Supplement (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
UGANDA

FOSTER, DONALD
Landscape with Arabs
Brighton and London: Clifton Books 1969 216 pp
Foster held a variety of posts in South Arabia between 1952 and 1967. It is as a painter of landscapes rather than as an official that I have attempted in this book to draw a picture of the South Arabian scene during the fifties and sixties…Anyone who
claims to understand the political situation in South Arabia has probably been misinformed.

ADEN

FOWLER, W
This Island’s Mine
London: Constable 1959 239 pp
An anecdotal and rather lyrical account of the pre-war Solomons.
SOLOMON ISLANDS

FRANCE, PETER
Journey: A Spiritual Odyssey
Peter France’s spiritual journey took him from Yorkshire Methodism to Greek Orthodoxy on the island of Patmos. Chapter 3 deals with his period of service in Fiji in the fifties and sixties.
FIJI

FRANKL, P J L
H E Lambert (1893-1967): Swahili Scholar of Eminence
(being a short biography together with a bibliography of his previous work)
Journal of African Cultural Studies 12(1) 1999 47-53
Lambert, described as “The greatest British scholar of Swahili in the twentieth century” went to East Africa in 1919 and worked for the colonial administration until retirement in 1950. His final rank was as Senior District Commissioner, seconded to the African Settlement and Land Utilization Board.
KENYA

FRANKLIN, DEREK
A Pied Cloak: Memoirs of a Colonial Police Officer (Special Branch)
Franklin served in the Kenya Police 1953-66, seeing action against Somali bandits and Mau Mau and on the Ethiopian frontier. Most of the book is devoted to Kenya but it also touches on service in Bahrain (1967-71), Lesotho (1971-75) and Botswana (1976-81).
KENYA
POLICE

FRANKLIN, H
The Flag Wagger
With an introduction by Elspeth Huxley, this is a delightfully humorous account of service in Northern Rhodesia 1928-51. Franklin was recruited as Inspector of Native Education but it was soon clear that I was not going to be over-worked ...in a Protectorate where there was hardly any education to inspect and he soon transferred to the Administrative Service. He was a pioneer of African broadcasting and “saucepan radio”.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 74 1997 61 (J L Burns)
NORTHERN RHODESIA

FRANKSON, A S
A Caribbean Identity: Memoirs of the Colonial Service
Black Jamaican, Frankson trained as a teacher and joined HMOCS as an Education Officer assigned to British Honduras. He later transferred to the Administrative Service where he worked as a District Commissioner and later at the Secretariat.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 96 2008 57-59 (Richard Posnett)

BRITISH HONDURAS
EDUCATION

FREEDLAND, JONATHAN
*Jacob’s Gift*
London: Hamish Hamilton 2005 xvii + 394 pp

Jonathan Freedland’s exploration of his family history and Jewish heritage includes the story of his great uncle Nat Mindel, a naturalised Briton and convinced Zionist who spent over 25 years working for the Palestine administration, entering the Department of Immigration in 1921.

PALESTINE

FREEMAN, TED
*Doctor in Vanuatu*

For seven years in the 1960s, Freeman was doctor in charge of the main hospital in the New Hebrides.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 94 2007 54-55 (Dr J D Macgregor)

NEW HEBRIDES
MEDICAL

FREMANTLE, JOHN MORTON
*Two African Journals and Other Papers of the Late John Morton Fremantle CMG, MBE*
edited by A F Fremantle
Printed for private circulation 1938 95 pp

Fremantle (1876-1936) went to Nigeria in 1904 and became Secretary of the Northern Provinces in 1928. His diaries and other writings were edited and annotated by his cousin. The first journal covers his (undramatic) South African War experience. The second belongs to his first decade in Nigeria.

NIGERIA

FROST, R
*Enigmatic Proconsul: Sir Philip Mitchell and the Twilight of Empire*

After earlier experience in Nyasaland and Tanganyika, Mitchell (died 1964) was successively Governor of Uganda 1935-1940, Fiji 1942-1944, Kenya 1944-1952.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 65 1993 44-45 (G W T Hodge)

FIJI
KENYA
PACIFIC
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

Sir Philip Mitchell, Governor of Kenya
*African Affairs* 78(313) 1979 535-553

KENYA
GOVERNORS

FURSE, Sir RALPH
*Aucuparius: Recollections of a Recruiting Officer*
London: Oxford University Press 1962 330 pp
Dedicated to the anonymous devotion of the officers of Her Majesty’s Colonial Service and its peerless sister in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, to their wives and mine, this bears the disclaimer, This book is not a normal autobiography…rather an account of the development – especially as regards its recruitment and training – of the British Colonial Service. But this account is written from a highly personal standpoint since from 1919 to 1948 I had a great deal to do with such reforms as took place. I have therefore included enough biographical background to show why I was the sort of man who would see things as I saw them and act as I did.

Reviewed in African Affairs 61(245) 1962 327 (Hilary Blood)
Journal of Modern African Studies 1(4) 1965 558-560 (Alec Dickson)

GAILEY, HARRY A
Clifford: Imperial Consul
Clifford’s career began in Malaya. He was Colonial Secretary in Trinidad and Ceylon before a series of governorships: Gold Coast, Nigeria (succeeding Lugard), Ceylon and Straits Settlement. He retired, in failing mental and physical health, in 1929.
Reviewed in African Affairs 83(3303) 1984 263-264 (A J Stockwell)
Journal of African History 25(1) 1982 131-133 (Kenneth Ingham)
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 13(1) 1984 99-100 (J J White)

CEYLON
MALAYA
NIGERIA
TRINIDAD
GOVERNORS

Sir Donald Cameron: Colonial Governor
Cameron rose to gubernatorial rank from a modest Caribbean and Irish background and then an early career in Mauritius.
Reviewed in African Affairs 77(307) 1978 259-260 (H F Morris)
Journal of Administration Overseas 12(3) 1973 (R S Hudson)

NIGERIA
TANGANYIKA
GOVERNORS

GANN, L H and DUIGNAN, PETER
African Proconsuls: European Governors in Africa
Sections on French, Belgian, Portuguese and German governors as well as British.
Reviewed in Canadian Journal of African Studies 14(2) 1980 340-351 (Christopher Youé)
Journal of African History 22(1) 1981 131-132 (J Suret-Canale)

AFRICA
GOVERNORS

The Rulers of British Africa 1870-1914
Chapters include: The Colonial Office, The Army, The Colonial Governor, The District Officer and The Specialist.
Reviewed in African Affairs 80 (318) 1981 116-122
Canadian Journal of African Studies 14(2) 1980 340-351 (Christopher Youé)
AFRICA

GARDINER, NILE
Sentinels of Empire: The British Colonial Administrative Service 1919-54
University of Yale PhD 1998

GARDNER, TREVOR
My First Eighty Years: An Autobiography
Gardner served in Central Africa, ending as Minister of Finance in Northern Rhodesia on the eve of independence. Strongly critical of the Central African Federation. Subsequently Deputy Treasurer and then Treasurer of the University of Cambridge.
Reviewed in Cambridge 41 1997-8 88-89 (Bill Kirkman)
Overseas Pensioner 76 1998 44-45 (R J Short)

GARVEY, Sir RONALD
Gentleman Pauper
An anecdotal, amusing and self-deprecating account of a varied and distinguished career. Garvey went as a Cadet to the Solomons in 1926. He gained experience in the New Hebrides, Fiji, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Nyasaland (briefly) and St Vincent, before becoming Governor of British Honduras in 1949 and of Fiji in 1958. He retired in 1958 but later served as Administrator of the Isle of Man.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 50 1985 50 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
BRITISH HONDURAS
NYASALAND
PACIFIC
ST. VINCENT
GOVERNORS

GAVAGHAN, TERENCE
Corridors of Wire: A Saga of Colonial Power and Preventive Detention in Kenya
Privately published 1994 viii + 177 pp
“Faction” account of detention and rehabilitation programmes in Kenya.
KENYA

Of Lions and Dung Beetles
Gavaghan served in HMOC 1944-1963. In 1957 he was appointed Officer in Charge of Rehabilitation with responsibility for the release of the last 20,000 Mau Mau detainees. In 1960 he became Officer in Charge of Localisation and Training to plan the Africanisation of the Kenya Public Services. He chaired a Steering Committee to bring together the separate European, Asian and African Civil Servants’ Associations and was elected President of the non-racial Senior Civil Servants’ Association. He retired from the Cabinet Office in 1963 and went on to work for the UN and Humanitarian agencies in twenty different developing countries. This book is written in short, readable chapters with good illustrations and maps. It has a thoughtful foreword by John Lonsdale and, unusually, also an index listing some 1,000 names.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 78 1999 64-65 (Veronica Bellers)
KENYA

GIBBS, PETER
The History of the British South African Police
Vol 1: The First Line of Defence, 1899-1903
Salisbury: British South Africa Police 1972 ix + 266 pp

Vol. 2: The Right of the Line, 1903-1939
Salisbury: British South Africa Police 1974 xv + 244 pp

SOUTHERN RHODESIA
POLICE

GIBBS, PETER and PHILLIPS, HUGH
The History of the British South Africa Police, 1889-1980
Comprises volumes 1 and 2 as above plus vol 3: The End of the Line by Hugh Phillips.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA
POLICE

GILL, ANTON
Ruling Passions: Sex, Race and Empire
The book of a somewhat controversial television programme. Includes some frank reminiscences from former members of the Colonial Service.

GILL, JOHN M
Cameroon Trilogy
Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne: The Author 2006 378 pp
A trilogy comprising a reprint of item 243 and additional material.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 92 2006 77 (R J Elkerton)
CAMEROONS
ENGINEERING

Old Bill in the Bush
Stories of British Cameroon in the 1950s, illustrated from original water-colours.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 73 1997 53 (R J Elkerton)
CAMEROONS
ENGINEERING

GILLIES, MICK
Mayfly on the Stream of Time
Gillies was a medical entomologist serving with the Colonial Research Service, East African Mosquito Unit at Amani, Tanganyika.
Reviewed in Cambridge 47 2001 70-71 (Louise Pirouet)
Overseas Pensioner 81 2001 39 (Rosemary Lowe-McConnell)
TANGANYIKA
RESEARCH
MEDICAL

GILMOUR, ANDREW
An Eastern Cadet’s Anecdotage
Singapore: Singapore University Educational Press 1974 174 pp
Gilmour was with the Malay Civil Service from 1921 to 1953. He was in Hong Kong for a Conference in 1941 and interned there for four years, returning to Malaya after the war. This is a light-hearted collection of reminiscences, many of them originally published in the BEAM, the journal of the British European Association of Malaya, of which Gilmour was the editor.
MALAYA
**My Role in the Rehabilitation of Singapore 1946-53**
Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies 1973

Reminiscences transcribed from tape give detailed account of Gilmour’s work as Secretary for Economic Affairs, Financial Secretary and Acting Colonial Secretary.

MALAYA

**GITTINS, ANNE**

*Tales of the Fiji Islands, by the Wife of a District Officer*

Anne Gittins was in Fiji between 1930 and 1952 but most of the book is set in the 1930s. It has an introduction by Philip Snow who calls it “almost Grimblesque”.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 62 1991 47-48 (I A)

FIJI

WIVES

**GLENDINNING, VICTORIA**

*Leonard Woolf*

Reviewed in *The Tablet*, 262 (8658) 23 September 2006 (Robert Nye)
*Times Higher* 1758, 1 September 2006 22-23 (Christopher Ondaatjie)
*Times Literary Supplement* 5403 20 October 2006 24 (Mark Bostridge)

CEYLON

**GODDARD, TONY**

*My African Stories*

Tony Goddard followed his father into Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia, was a District Officer in the three years running up to independence and briefly a post-independence Resident Magistrate in Barotseland.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 90 2005 63 (W R Lindsay-Stewart)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

**GOLDING, J A**

*Colonialism: the Golden Years*

Golding left school at 17 and worked briefly for a shipping company in New Zealand and for Dalgetys in Nairobi but a wartime commission in the KAR took him to Somalia, where as Political Officer for the military administration, he became an enthusiast for country and people. He joined the Colonial Service after the war and served in Tanganyika where he experienced the Groundnuts Scheme and other development projects. He remained after independence and formed the National Tourist Board. From 1965-67, he was Administrator of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 55 1988 38 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

SOMALILAND

TANGANYIKA

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

**GOLDSMITH, ANNE (ed)**

*Gentle Warrior: A Life of Hugh Grant, Soldier, Farmer and Kenya Administrator*
Grant was seconded to the KAR in the First World War and fell in love with Kenya. He joined the Administration in 1930. His death from a Masai spear at an enforced cattle sale shocked the Masai elders as well as his colleagues.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 83 2002 63 (Sir John Johnson)

KENYA

GOODALL, H

*Beloved Imperialist: Sir Gordon Guggisberg, Governor of the Gold Coast*


Reviewed in *African Affairs* 97(389) 1998 577 (David Killingray)

*Nigerian Field* 67(2) 2002 170-171 (R G Lowe)

*Overseas Pensioner* 77 1999 22-23 (Sir George Sinclair)

GOLD COAST

GOVERNORS

GOODALL, JOHN

*Goodbye to Empire: A Doctor Remembers*


Goodall joined the Indian Medical Service. He was posted to Malaya in command of a military hospital and interned in Changi. In 1946 he returned to India but left after Partition. After a research post back in England, he joined the Colonial Medical Service and was posted to Nyasaland in 1951. From 1963-1967, before settling in South Africa, he worked in the Bahamas.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 55 1988 38 (H M S)

BAHAMAS

MALAYA

NYASALAND

MEDICAL

GODDEN, CHARLES H

*Trespassers Forgiven: Memoirs of Imperial Service in an Age of Independence*


Godden, later Governor of Anguilla, served in British Honduras/Belize from 1961 to 1964 and 1975-76.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 98 2009 58-59 (Gordon Baker)

BRITISH HONDURAS

GORNALL, JOHN

*No Better Life: The Experiences of a Police Officer in Central Africa*


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 97 2009 45-46 (Col Tim Wright)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

POLICE

GOULDSBURY, COLIN

*An African Year*

London: Edward Arnold, 1912.

I have endeavoured to depict the more purely domestic side of life on the Outer Fringe, disregarding the heavier political questions, avoiding the weightier matters of ethnology and native social problems and laying stress, if stress be needed, upon the theme that women as well as men may find a congenial sphere in the frontier life provided they are of the right calibre... If more women went abroad to supervise the
hams and jams of their husbands in the tropics I have no doubt that we should hear less of the Suffragettes.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

GRANT, WILLIAM

*Zambia Then and Now: Colonial Rulers and their African Successors*


Grant was a Cadet/District Officer in a remote district of Northern Rhodesia between 1958 and 1961.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 97 2009 48-49 (Jonathan Lawley)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

GRANTHAM, Sir ALEXANDER

*Via Ports: from Hong Kong to Hong Kong*

Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press 1965 205 pp

Grantham’s career began in Hong Kong, as a cadet, and ended there, as Governor 1947-57. In between he served as Colonial Secretary of Bermuda 1935-38 and of Jamaica 1938-41, Chief Secretary, Nigeria1942-44 and Governor of Fiji 1945-47.

BERMUDA
FIJI
HONG KONG
JAMAICA
NIGERIA
PACIFIC
GOVERNORS

GREENWOOD, ANNA (ed)

*Beyond the State: the Colonial Medical Service in British Africa*


Case studies include Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zanzibar.

MEDICAL

GRIFFITH, Sir WILLIAM BRANDFORD

*The Far Horizon: Portrait of a Colonial Judge*

Ilfracombe: Arthur H Stockwell 1951 317pp

Griffith (1858-1939) was Chief Justice of the Gold Coast 1895-1911.

GOLD COAST
JAMAICA
LEGAL

GRIFFITHS, J C

*A Welshman Overseas: Requiem for Colonialism*

Privately published 1993 262 pp

Half the book is concerned with Griffiths’ career in the ICS (1937-1948). He then served in Malaya and the Central African Federation and later as a magistrate in Hong Kong 1970-1982. Interesting comments on moving from the Indian Civil Service to the Colonial Administrative Service.

CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION
HONG KONG
MALAYA

GRIFFITHS, JOHN TUDOR

*Reminiscences and Observations of a Hong Kong Choi Lo*

Fictionalised memoir. Griffiths joined the Hong Kong Police in 1960 and served in a range of positions including Internal Security, Narcotics, Training, Explosives and Special Branch, retiring with the rank of Chief Superintendent.

HONG KONG POLICE

GRIMBLE, ARTHUR

A Pattern of Islands
London: John Murray 1952 250 pp

“Dedicated to the District Officers of the Colonial Administrative Service and their long suffering wives”, this book is well-known far beyond the confines of the Colonial Service. It became the basis for a film, featured on many school syllabuses and ran into many editions including junior and school editions. Grimble went to the Gilbert Islands as a cadet in 1914 and remained there until 1933. He was subsequently Administrator of St Vincent, Governor of the Seychelles and Governor of St Vincent. His popular books were written after his retirement in 1948.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

Return to the Islands
London: John Murray 1957 214 pp

GRIMBLE, ARTHUR and CLARKE, S F

Instructions and Hints to District Officers, Deputy Commissioners and Sub-accountants
Suva: High Commission for the Western Pacific 1929 58 pp

PACIFIC

GRIMBLE, ARTHUR

edited by H E Maude

Tunguru Traditions: Writings on the Atoll Culture of the Gilbert Islands

Maude’s section “A F Grimble as an anthropologist”, pp xix-xxvi, contains biographical details and comments on Grimble as an administrator.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

GROOM, NIGEL

Sheba Revealed – A Posting to Bayhan in the Yemen

Political Officer in remote post 200 miles north east of Aden.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 84 2002 53-54 (Peter Hinchcliffe)

ADEN

YEMEN

GUILBRIDE, PATRICK

Far Away Cows: Veterinary Vignettes from the Third World

An over-long, but well-illustrated account of a career in the Colonial Veterinary Service (and in Peru, Brazil and Mozambique).

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 77 1999 21-22 (John A Hammond)

JAMAICA

NORTHERN RHODESIA

UGANDA

VETERINARY

GULLICK, JOHN M
The Overseas Civil Service 1837-1997: II The End of Colonial Rule in Malaya
Asian Affairs 30(3) 1999 312-315
MALAYA

Rulers and Residents: Influence and Power in the Malay States, 1870-1920
ISBN 0-19588567-8
Scholarly account of the relationship between Malay rulers and British residents.
Reviewed in Asian Affairs 34(3) 1993 343-344 (Simon Smith)
MALAYA

GUNN, IAIN
With a Rod in Four Continents
Golspie, Sutherland: Method Publishing Company 1981 100 pp
For fishing enthusiasts only. Gunn was an Administrative Officer in Nigeria 1930 –1960 but only a few pages cover West Africa.
NIGERIA

GUTCH, Sir JOHN
Colonial Servant
A straightforward account of a distinguished and varied career. Gutch began his career in the Gold Coast, transferred to Palestine in 1936 and remained there until 1947. He then served as Chief Secretary, Cyrenaica and Colonial Secretary, British Guiana before becoming High Commissioner for the Western Pacific in 1955.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 54 1987 63 (R A S)
BRITISH GUIANA
CYRENAICA
GOLD COAST
PACIFIC
PALESTINE
GOVERNORS

GUTTERIDGE, CECIL
Tales from the Godown
Libanus Press 2005 206 pp
Seventeen years as a Customs Officer in Malaya. Gutteridge saw active service as a locally commissioned RNVR officer in 1942 and was a prisoner of the Japanese Navy. He ended his (first) career at independence as head of all preventative work in North Western Malaya.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 56-57 (Simon Hutchinson)
MALAYA
CUSTOMS

HADFIELD, JAMES
We Went to Africa
Hadfield taught history at Murati Secondary School for Africans in Northern Rhodesia and then became an economist at the Ministry of Agriculture.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 55 1988 34 (R J B)
NORTHERN RHODESIA

HADLEY, CHRIS
A Forester in the Solomon Islands: Diary and Letters 1953 to 1958
Hadley trained at the Oxford School of Forestry and took his first post in the Solomons, having assured himself that unlike Grimble’s islands, these had mountains. This book reproduces diary entries and letters home, with minimal editing and annotation. Hadley went on to a career in Tanganyika and then in nature conservancy in the UK.

SOLOMON ISLANDS
FORESTRY

HAIG, EDWIN FELIX GREY
*Nigerian Sketches*
London: Allen & Unwin 1931 251 pp
41 “sketches” or “tales”, many originally published in *The Manchester Guardian* or other magazines. *Though entirely non-political and non-sectarian, they are written from the point of view of a junior administrative officer in Southern Nigeria.*

NIGERIA

HAMILTON-BAYLY, P H
*Memoirs of a Colonial Product*
Coombe Martin: Rotapress 1994 252 pp
Prison Service in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Nyasaland, Central African Federation and Zanzibar.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 71 1996 45 (J B Cowan)
CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION
KENYA
NYASALAND
SIERRA LEONE
PRISONS

HARDING, JOHN
*Roads to Nowhere: A South Arabian Odyssey*
Harding was a Political Officer in Aden between 1960 and 1965.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 99 2010 46-48 (Hugh Walker)
ADEN

HARDINGE, Sir ARTHUR
*A Diplomatist in Europe*
London: Jonathan Cape 1927 272 pp

*A Diplomatist in the East*
London: Jonathan Cape 1938 398 pp
Hardinge’s varied career included a post as Political Agent and Consul-General for Zanzibar in 1894 and as Commissioner for the East African Protectorate, 1895-1900.
KENYA
UGANDA
ZANZIBAR

HARE, JOHN
*Last Man In: the end of empire in Northern Nigeria.*
Benenden, Kent, Neville & Harding, 2013, pp. xi +240 pp. ISBN 980094028038
John Hare was the last recruit into the Colonial Administrative Service in Northern Nigeria, serving from 1957 to 1964 and involved with the Cameroons plebiscite.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner*2013 106 58-59 (John Smith)
The Spectator 11 May 2012 (Matthew Paris)
HARRIS, GEOFFREY T

*Dry Between your Toes: Autobiography of a Chief Education Officer in the Department of African Education, Southern Rhodesia*

Upton-upon-Severn: G T Harris 2009 180 pp
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 99 2010 54 (Barry Lennox)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

HARRIS, RICHARD

*Making Leeway in the Leewards, 1929-51: The Negotiation of Colonial Development*

*Journal of Imperial & Commonwealth History* 33(3) 2005 393-418

The impact and working of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act in the Leewards.

LEEWARD ISLANDS

HARRIS, TIM

*Donkey’s Gratitude: Twenty Two Years in the Growth of a New African Nation*


Perhaps over-long but rarely uninteresting account written as a pleasurable and therapeutic hobby, following a stroke in an outbreak of nostalgic flatulence, neither as scholarly nor so large a brick for the wall of history as [Heussler’s work] but at least a glimpse of life as it was lived and loved (nearly always) for the twenty years before independence by an expatriate who seldom felt himself to be a foreigner in one of the most delightful and interesting parts of Africa. Harris came to Tanganyika as a cadet in September 1940 and retired as a Provincial Commissioner in 1962.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 65 1993 50-51 (F G Finch)

TANGANYIKA

HARRISON, MARGARET and HARRISON, WILL; edited by Jane Harrison

*I Wish you were here: letters from a long distance marriage 1940-1957*


Letters, exchanged between 1940 and 1957, when Will Harrison was (mostly) in Nigeria and the Gold Coast, and his wife (mostly) in England with small children.

GHANA

NIGERIA

WIVES

HARWICH, CHRISTOPHER

*Red Dust: Memoirs of the Uganda Police 1935-1955*

London: Vincent Stuart 1961 ix + 156 pp

Harwich spent five years in the Palestine Police before his transfer to Uganda. A readable account, with an introduction by the Kabaka and a foreword by Lord Twining. A postscript gives Some reflections on the Colonial Police.

UGANDA

POLICE

HASTINGS, A C

*Nigerian Days*

London: John Lane The Bodley Head 1925 xxii + 2555 pp

Introduction by R B Cunningham Graham (with thirty-two illustrations). Hastings went to Nigeria in 1906 as a junior Political Officer. This account of his eighteen years there is dedicated to Sir Hugh Clifford.

NIGERIA
HATTON, TIM

_A Spider in the Web of International Terrorism_
After service in the 9th Gurkha Rifles, Hatton served in the Malayan Police 1948-1967, rising to Acting Director of Special Branch.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 88 2004 46-47 (“Review by a former Malaysian Policeman”)
MALAYA
POLICE

HAYDON, ANTHONY P

_Sir Matthew Nathan: British Colonial Governor and Civil Servant_
Nathan (1862-1939) was an Anglo-Jewish Royal Engineer who went to Sierra Leone as Acting Governor in 1899. He served as Governor of the Gold Coast 1900-1904, Hong Kong 1904-1907 and Natal, then in the Post Office. He became Under-Secretary for Ireland in 1914 and his final post was as Governor of Queensland.
Reviewed in Canadian Journal of African Studies 14(2) 1980 340-351 (Christopher Youé)
GOLD COAST
HONG KONG
SIERRA LEONE
GOVERNORS

HAYWARD, ALAN

_Africa Called: Science and Development in Nigeria_
Agriculturalist and food chemist Alan Hayward worked in Nigeria for fourteen years from 1948 and then as a consultant in crop protection and conservation in many other tropical countries.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 97 2009 42-43 (Terry Barringer)
NIGERIA
AGRICULTURE

HAZELL, ROBIN

_Life on the Rocks_
Hazell joined the Colonial Geological Service in 1948 and spent most of his career in Nigeria.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 2013 105 56-57 (K.V. Arrowsmith)
NIGERIA
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

HEAPE, R.C.

_The Career of W.L. Heape CMG: Colonial Administrator 1919–1958_
A short account of a long Colonial Service career in Africa and the West Indies.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 107 2014 66 (Tim Tawney)
BAHAMAS
BARBADOS
BRITISH GUIANA
SOMALILAND
TANGANYIKA
HELEAN, W
**Bed in the Bush**
Set in “Magonda”, Tanganyika in the early 1950s, in the form of a first-person narrative by Acting District Commissioner Ashton. Bears the customary but unconvincing disclaimer that *This book is a work of fiction. The characters and situations in this story are imaginary. No resemblance is intended between these characters and any real persons, either living or dead.*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 62 1991 52 (E E S)
TANGANYIKA

HEMANS, HERBERT NASSAU
**Log of a Native Commissioner: A Record of Work and Sport in Southern Rhodesia**
London: H F & G Witherby 1935 224 pp
Reprinted by Books of Rhodesia Bulawayo 1971
More on sport (shooting game) than on work in the Sebungwe District.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA

HEMANS, TREVOR
**Those were the Days**
ds.dial.pipex.com/hemans/book/index.htm (not available in printed form)
The son of H N Hemans, Trevor followed his father into Southern Rhodesian Department of Native Affairs at the age of 16 in 1946 and served for 36 years. He describes his work as in no way a technical book and I have attempted to record all facets of a District Commissioner’s life in as entertaining a way as possible without digressing in an erudite manner into the realms of ethnology, law and custom. His son Michael Hemans rescued this account from old 5¼” discs and made it available on the World Wide Web.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA

HENDERSON, IAN with PHILIP GOODHART
**The Hunt for Kimathi**
London: Hamish Hamilton 1958 267 pp
Foreword by Richard Catling, Commissioner of Police, Kenya, who describes this book as *an account of the most important pseudo-gang operation of the whole campaign against Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya.*
KENYA
POLICE

HENNINGS, R O
**African Morning**
London: Chatto & Windus 1951 240 pp
The Baringo district in the 1930s.
KENYA

HENRY, P W T
**Memories of a Forester in Nigeria, 1950-62**
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 100 2010 61-62 (Peter Wood)
NIGERIA
FORESTRY

NIGERIA

Reviewed in African Affairs 112, 449, pp. 696-98 (Pauline von Hellermann)
Overseas Pensioner 2011 102 62-63 (Peter Wood)

BECHUANALAND

HERBERT, EUGENIA W

Twilight on the Zambezi: Late Colonialism in Central Africa
Barotseiland in 1959. The last moment I believe when British colonialism still seemed, both to the man on the spot and to the policy makers at home, to have a future on the Upper Zambezi. Draws extensively on memoirs and interviews with DCs and their files and reports, with the first chapter, Kalabo: the view from the Boma, focusing on the DCs' experience. The remaining chapters look at the view from the Native Authority, the Federation and from Whitehall.
Reviewed in African Affairs 103(413) 2004 692-694 (Michael Vickers)
African Studies Quarterly 8 (1) 2004 (online only)
http://web.africa.ufl.edu/asq/v8/v8i1a16.htm
Africa Today 50(2) 2003 103-105 (Jeremy Rich)
International Journal of African Historical Studies 35(2-3) 2002 490-492 (David Gordon)
Journal of African History 45(1) 2004 178-179 (A D Roberts)
Overseas Pensioner 85 2003 55-56 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
Round Table 373 2004 99-102 (Derek Ingram)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

HEUSSLER, ROBERT

An American looks at the Colonial Service
New Commonwealth July 1960 pp 418-420
Sympathetic, short survey which eschews generalisations and stereotypes. Heussler concludes, One can only hope that when the history of colonialism is written it will be noted that the Colonial Service was an overworked, underpaid body of men who went on discharging their duties of trust long after it was either pleasant or remunerative to do so. That should be their enduring monument.

The British Colonial Legacy: The Colonial Service
South Atlantic Quarterly 60 (3) July 1961 pp 301-310
A sympathetic overview which includes a brief comparison with other colonial services and a focus on recruitment.

The British in Northern Nigeria
London: Oxford University Press 1968 xxii + 210 pp
Reviewed in Journal of Modern African Studies 7(4) 1969 756-758

NIGERIA

British Malaya: A Bibliographical and Biographical Companion
Designed to provide sources for an overview of the main themes and historical developments of the British phase in Malaya's history, together with biographical sketches of the men who bore the burden of responsibility for supervising trade and government.
Reviewed in Journal of Commonwealth and Imperial History 11(3) 1983 361-363 (A J Stockwell)

MALAYA
British Rule in Malaya: The Malayan Civil Service and its Predecessors, 1867-1942
Focuses on the background and education of members of the MCS, the work they did in Malaya and the ethos they developed.
Reviewed in Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 11(1) 1982 106-107
(J M Gullick)
Overseas Pensioner 42 1981 49-50 (W G)
MALAYA

British Tanganyika: An Essay and Documents on District Administration
Chapters on Starting Out, The Many Worlds of the District Officer, Headquarters and Native Administration and on Holding the Ring plus excerpts from the collections of the Colonial Records Project, Rhodes House.
Reviewed in African Affairs 72(286) 1973 93 (Gavin Kitchin)
Journal of African History 12(4) 1971 661-662 (P M Redmond)
TANGANYIKA

Completing a Stewardship: The Malayan Civil Service, 1942-1957
Both narrative and analytical, this volume follows the MCS through World War II, occupation and internment, post-war recovery, the Emergency, Malayanisation and on to independence.
MALAYA

Why study the Colonial Service?
Corona May 1961 165-168
Underscores the importance of Britain’s colonial legacy, especially the Colonial Service itself as a proper subject of study.

Yesterday’s Rulers: The Making of the British Colonial Service
Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press 1963 260 pp
With an introduction by Margery Perham, this is a study of the recruitment and training of colonial administrators especially during Furse’s heyday. Chapter on the Public Schools and on Oxford (but not Cambridge).
Reviewed in African Affairs 63(251) 1964 146-147 (Hilary Blood)
Journal of Modern African Studies 1(4) 1965 558-560 (Alec Dickson)

HEWITT, PETER
Kenya Cowboy: A Police Officer’s Account of the Mau Mau Emergency in Kenya
2nd edn Weltevredon: Covos Day 2001 xi +359 pp
Hewitt served in Kenya 1952-1956 and the first draft of this book was written in 1963. It is to be stressed that this book is not a memoir...it is my account, a contemporaneous one of fact and fictionalised fact. It is dedicated to those spunky, indomitable pioneer settlers who were to find their precious paradise in the White Highlands of Kenya to be but a tantalising fantasy.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 97 2009 46-47 (James Franks)
KENYA
POLICE

HICKMAN, A S
Men Who Made Rhodesia: A Register of those who Served in the British South Africa Company’s Police
Salisbury: British South Africa Company 1960 462 pp
Hickman served as a Commissioner of the BSACP. He gives a historical summary and a detailed biographical record of those attested into the Company’s police

SOUTHERN RHODESIA POLICE

HINCHCLIFFE, PETER

*The Overseas Civil Service 1837-1997: I South Arabian Federation*

*Asian Affairs* 30(3) 1999 305-312

ADEN

HINCHCLIFFE, PETER, DUCKER, JOHN T and HOLT, MARIA

*Without Glory in Arabia: The British Retreat from Aden*


The story of the last few years of British rule in Aden and the Protectorates. Uses previously unpublished material including diaries and interviews with both British and Yemeni individuals. Hinchcliffe and Ducker both served with HMOCS in Aden.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 92 2006 80-81 (John G R Harding) and see correspondence in *Overseas Pensioner* 93 2007 65-66 (response from Peter Hinchcliffe) 95 2008 60 (Dick Eberlie)

Reviewed in *Round Table* 97 (395) 2008 325-327 (Valerie Johnson)

ADEN

HIVES, FRANK

*Ju-ju and Justice in Nigeria*

London: John Lane The Bodley Head 1930 254 pp

Told by Frank Hives and written down by Gascoigne Lumley.

Hives came to Nigeria early in the 20th century after 17 years “roughing it” in North Queensland and other colonies. His narrative focuses on the “primitive” and bizarre and tends to the sensational. Includes a colourful account of Hives trying to replicate the wisdom of Solomon in a case of a disputed child.

NIGERIA

*Justice in the Jungle*

London: John Lane The Bodley Head 1932  x + 254 pp

More in the same vein, as indicated by the chapter headings: “Durance vile”, “Capture of the slave-traders”, “Ju-Ju and the faith in it”. But the opening chapter “As we were” is a good brief description of an Administrative Officer’s life and duties at the turn of the century.

NIGERIA

*Momo and I*

London: John Lane The Bodley Head 1934 286 pp

Momo was a native policeman Hives first met in 1911. Some of these tales of their shared adventures were originally published in *Blackwoods.*

NIGERIA

HODGE, JOSEPH MORGAN

*Triumph of the Expert: Agrarian Doctrines of Development and the Legacies of British Colonialism*


This follows the origins, course and legacies of the strategic engagement between scientific and technical expertise, development and the state at the climax of the British colonial empire.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 96 2008 59-60 (Terry Barringer)

AGRICULTURE
HODGKIN, THOMAS L
*Letters from Palestine, 1932-1936*
edited by E C Hodgkin
Hodgkin resigned from the Colonial Service after only two years and declared himself a Communist. His letters, mostly to his parents, are edited and given a sympathetic introduction by his brother. He spent time in the Secretariat and as Private Secretary to the Governor, General Wauchope.

PALESTINE

HODSON, ARNOLD
*Retrekking the Great Thirst: Travel and Sport in the Kalahari Desert*
edited by A E Nellen
London: T Fisher Unwin 1912 359 pp
After sheep farming in Queensland, Hodson came to South Africa hoping to see action in the Boer War, but arrived too late. He became a Police Officer in Bechuanaland and a noted hunter (Selous provides a foreword).

BECHUANALAND
POLICE

HOLDSWORTH, MARY, with additional text by Caroline Courtauld
*Foreign Devils: Expatriates in Hong Kong*
Oral history of expatriates in Hong Kong during the last years of British sovereignty and the first few years of Chinese rule.

HONG KONG

HOLLEY, STEPHEN
*A White Headhunter in Borneo*
Holley entered Borneo with the postwar British Military Administration. Later he served as the Governor’s Private Secretary, Resident Interior and State Secretary to the Chief Minister in the post-colonial government.

NORTH BORNEO

HOME, ROBERT
*Scientific Survey and Land Settlement in British Colonialism with particular reference to Land Tenure Reform in the Middle East 1920-1950*
Planning Perspectives 21(1) 2006 1-22
Investigates the dissemination of scientific survey methods across the British Empire in the 19th and 20th centuries, the role of the Empire Surveyors Conference and the Empire Survey Review in promoting cadastral survey for land settlement.

SURVEY

HOPPE, KIRK ARDEN
*Lords of the Fly: Sleeping Sickness Control in British East Africa 1900-1960*
*African Studies Review* 48(1) 2005 166-169 (Pascal James Imperato)
*International Journal of African Historical Studies* 38(3) 2005 536-537 (Gregory H Maddox)
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
HOLLIS, ROSEMARY
*A Scorpion for Tea*
Rosemary Hollis joined her husband in Northern Nigeria in 1951 and left with him at Independence. Most of the intervening years were spent in the Bush. An unpretentious record with the author’s sketches and *true to the last bug*.

NIGERIA
WIVES

HOPWOOD, DEREK
*Earth’s Proud Empires Pass Away: Britain’s Moment in the Middle East*
*British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 29(2) 2002 109-120
Concludes, *The men and women I knew of or had read about who worked in the Middle East were convinced that they had been working in a good cause and that they had achieved something worthy and honourable in acting as servants of empire. They had done their best in the ethos of the time. They had considered serving others in that way to have been an enjoyable duty. They could have done no other.*

MIDDLE EAST

*Tales of Empire: The British in the Middle East*
The Director of the Middle East Centre at St Antony’s College, Oxford gives his choice of anecdotes and personal stories from the College’s collection of unpublished papers. Features Britons who worked in official and unofficial capacities in Egypt, Palestine and “here and there in the Middle East”.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 60 1990 54-55 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
MIDDLE EAST

HORNE, E
*A Job Well Done: Being a History of the Palestine Police Force, 1920-1948*
Horne, who served in Palestine 1941-1946 before a long career in the Metropolitan Police, provides a solid account with full supporting photographs, footnotes, appendices, bibliography and index. A chronological survey is supplemented by chapters on training, sport and specialist units.
PALESTINE
POLICE

HORTON, D C
*Fire Over the Islands: The Coast Watchers of the Solomons*
A personal account of the war in the Pacific.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 23 1972 15 (W)
SOLOMON ISLANDS

*The Happy Isles: A Diary of the Solomons*
London: Heinemann 1965 197 pp
Horton went to the Solomons as a Cadet in 1937 and served there throughout the War and the campaign against the Japanese. This account concentrates on the five years before the invasion, reflecting on his day to day work and expressing his deep affection for the islanders.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 12 1966 20 (A H Stafford)
SOLOMON ISLANDS
HUDSON, HARRY
*Time Remembered: Reminiscences of Education in Uganda and Nyasaland*
Hudson went to Uganda as an Education Officer in 1946. In 1959 he was appointed Deputy Director of Education, Nyasaland. He left at independence.
Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 74 1997 91-93 (Louise Pirouet)
*Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 44-45 (W A Dodd)
*Society of Malawi Journal* 50(2) 1997 58-59 (Colin Baker)
NYASALAND
UGANDA
EDUCATION

HUDSON, JOHN
*A Time to Mourn: A Personal Account of the Lumpa Church Revolt in Zambia*
Part I is an account of the rise and fall of Alice Lenshina’s Lumpa Church. Part II is a personal, first hand account of Hudson’s part as District Commissioner at Isoka.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 78 1999 67-68 (Colin Baker)
NORTHERN RHODESIA

HUGGINS, MOLLY
*Too Much to Tell*
London: Heinemann 1967  vii + 328 pp
Singapore born, Molly returned to Malaya after education at Roedean and married John Huggins of the MCS in 1929. He went to Trinidad as Colonial Secretary in 1948 and was Governor of Jamaica from 1943-1950. Molly particularly enjoyed the Caribbean years and was involved with voluntary and welfare work. The latter part of the book is taken up with an account of her family (the Huggins divorced in 1958), travels and political ambitions (she stood as a Conservative candidate in 1955 and 1957 and hoped to be selected to contest Finchley but lost to a young Margaret Thatcher). An unselective account, with a tendency to gush and name-drop but interesting on the Jamaica years.
JAMAICA
MALAYA
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
GOVERNORS
WIVES

HUMMEL, FRED
*Memories of Forestry and Travel: Uganda, Mexico, Britain, Brussels and Beyond*
Hummel followed his father (German born, naturalised in 1914) into the Colonial Forestry Service. Posted to Uganda in 1938 he worked with W J Eggeling. War service with the KAR gave him garrison duties in Somalia and Ethiopia. After the tragic death of an infant son in 1945 he decided against a return to Africa. He went on to work for the Forestry Commission in the UK, in Mexico, for the European Commission and then on a variety of international consultancies. Although only a small part of this book relates to the Colonial Service it is particularly interesting on early attempts at sustainable management and as a source for environmental history.
Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 92 2003 70-74 (Terry Barringer)
UGANDA
FORESTRY

HUNT, Sir REX
*My Falkland Days*

Based upon a scrappy diary which I have been in the habit of keeping off and on since childhood...In the Falkland Islands, I usually scribbled it in the early morning, before tackling my in-tray. It was not intended to be source material for a book, but merely to remind me of the things that I had done the day before and the things that I had left undone. Hunt, who describes himself as a Colonial Officer at heart, was appointed to the Falklands in 1979, after a career spent mainly in Africa and South East Asia. He gives a full account of the years before the Argentinian invasion, the invasion and its immediate aftermath. A brief postscript describes return visits in 1989 and 1990.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 85 2003 58-59 (L G Blake)

FALKLAND ISLANDS

GOVERNORS

HUSSEY, ERIC R J

Tropical Africa: Memoirs of a Period, 1908-1944

Hussey, an Olympic hurdler in 1908, served with the Sudan Education Department from 1908 to 1924 and was seconded for a period as a District Officer. From 1924 to 1929 he was Director of Education, Uganda and from 1929 to 1936, Director of Education, Nigeria. He later undertook advisory work in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

NIGERIA

SUDAN

UGANDA

EDUCATION

HUTCHINGS, DORA

Every Road Leads Back Home

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 52 1986 50 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

GOLD COAST

MALAYA

WIVES

HUTCHINGS, S E

Life in the Colonial Prison Service

Covers the Gold Coast 1947-1951 and the Emergency in Malaya.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 55 1988 32 (D C)

GOLD COAST

MALAYA

PRISONS

HYAM, RONALD

Empire and Sexuality: The British Experience

Includes chapter on Chastity and the Colonial Service with particular reference to Lord Crewe’s Circular on concubinage, 1901.

Reviewed in Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 19(2) 1991 289-291 (Kenneth Ballhatchet)

IMRAY, COLIN

Cricket in the Backblocks

Lewes: The Book Guild 1998  xviii + 137 pp
A cricket-centred autobiography, described as a *light-hearted story*. Imray joined a business company in Singapore at the age of 19, in 1928. He returned to England jobless in 1932 and, after six months, joined the Palestine Police. Later he served in the Gold Coast and Kenya, playing and watching cricket whenever he could.

*Policeman in Africa*
Imray went to the Gold Coast in 1935 and was the police superintendent who gave the order to fire in the Gold Coast riots of 1948. He gives a frank account of this incident. He was transferred to Kenya where he served until 1956 in Nairobi, Nyeri, Coast Province and Lamu. He includes a chapter on the much discussed Errol murder case. Although he arrived in Kenya after the event, he knew most of those involved and has his theories.

*Quest for Identity*
Imray’s spiritual autobiography, written in extreme old age (he was born in 1909) recording his wrestlings with orthodox Christianity and fascination with spiritualism, the paranormal and astral travel. Contains little about his Colonial career. Imray writes, ‘I’m bound to say that I’ve sometimes been surprised that some of the material could have been written through me…I have written three previous books, each of which is very much of the earth, earthy and in a totally different vein to the present effort. Readers will share his surprise.

*Ingrams, Doreen*
A *Time in Arabia*
Wife of W H Ingrams (see items 337, 338). Based on diaries.

*Ingrams, William Harold*
Arabia and the Isles
London: John Murray 1942  xvi + 367 pp
2nd edn. London: John Murray 1952  399 pp
3rd edn. Enlarged with an introduction covering recent developments in South West Arabia
London: John Murray 1966  x + 400 pp
Ingrams joined the Colonial Service in 1919 and his early experience was in Mauritius and Zanzibar, before being posted to Aden, as Political Officer in 1934. He
spent 10 years in Arabia, which he loved. A vivid description of place and people. Ingrams’ personal philosophy also shows through.

ADEN

_Seven Across the Sahara_
London: John Murray 1950  xii +228 pp
In 1946 Ingrams was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Northern Territories, Gold Coast. Unusually he decided to drive from Algiers across the Sahara to Accra. Primarily a travelogue but contains a final chapter entitled _I look at the map again and reflect on the problems it evokes_. His reflections are mostly of a religious nature but he also considers the future of Africa, having become convinced of the need to _speed up the tempo_ in leading Africa to independence.

GOLD COAST

IREMONGER, LUCILLE
_It’s a Bigger Life_
London, New York: Hutchinson 1948 191 pp
Lucille Iremonger went reluctantly to the Ellice Islands as a new bride. Her account covers the year 1939-40, a last view of the islands before the Japanese invasion.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

WIVES

JACKSON, ASHLEY
_Governing Empire: Colonial Memoirs and the History of HM Overseas Civil Service_
_African Affairs_ 103 (412) 2004 471-491
A review article covering six memoirs and the _Overseas Pensioner_. Jackson emphasises the value of this material and describes “The generic colonial memoir”.

JACKSON, Sir FREDERICK
_Early Days in East Africa_
London: E Arnold 1930 399 pp
Reprint with new introduction by H B Thomas. (Colonial History Series)
KENYA
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

JACKSON, Sir WILLIAM
_The Governor’s Cat_
Sir William Jackson was Governor of Gibraltar 1978-1982. This delightful (to cat-lovers) book, entwines an account of his duties and experience with the story of his Siamese cat _Solo_.

GIBRALTAR
GOVERNORS
JAMESON, J D (ed)

_Agriculture in Uganda_


Standard textbook on agriculture on Uganda but includes a useful few pages on the organisation and early history of the Agricultural Department. The first edition was edited by John Douglas Tothill in 1940.

UGANDA
AGRICULTURE

JEATER, DIANA

_Imagining Africans: Scholarship, Fantasy and Science in Colonial Administration 1920s, Southern Rhodesia_

*International Journal of African Historical Studies* 38(1) 2005 1-26

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

JEFFRIES, CHARLES

_The Colonial Empire and its Civil Service_

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1938 259 pp

Part I traces “The Development of the Colonial Service”. Part II describes “The Colonial Service Today” with chapters on the Legal, Medical, Agricultural, Forest and Veterinary services as well as the Administrative Service. Jeffries’ career spanned four decades in the Colonial Office.

_The Colonial Office_
London: George Allen & Unwin and New York: Oxford University Press 1956 222 pp

An affectionate and comprehensive overview of the history, organisation and work of the Colonial Office. Part of the New Whitehall series.

COLONIAL OFFICE

_The Colonial Police_
London: Max Parrish 1952 232 pp


POLICE

_Transfer of Power_
London: Pall Mall Press 1960 148 pp

_Is there a pattern in all this, or have we just muddled along? That is what I want to look into; and I suspect, in advance, that the answer is not one or the other but both._

The perspective of a Colonial Office elder statesman at a particular point in the history of decolonisation.

_Whitehall and the Colonial Service_
London: Athlone Press 1972 105 pp

Reviewed in *Journal of Administration Overseas* 12(3) 1973 (R S Hudson)
*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 1(3) 1972 402-403 (Marjorie Perham)

JENKINS, Arthur Hughes

_A Long Beat: Service to the Crown, Home and Abroad_


A straightforward account of a varied police career.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 70 1995 58 (Michael Macoun)
JEPPESON, CHRIS
‘Sanders of the river, still the best job for a British boy’: recruitment to the Colonial Administration Service at the end of empire.
*Historical Journal* 59 (2) 2016 1107-32.

JEWELL, NORMAN PARSONS
*On Call in Africa in War and Peace, 1910–1932.*
Irishman Norman Parsons Jewell qualified in medicine at Trinity College Dublin and joined the colonial Medical Service in 1910. He was posted to the Seychelles. He volunteered for the World War I campaigns in East Africa and won the military cross. After the war he rejoined the Colonial Medical Service in Kenya where he served until 1932. He died in 1973 leaving the handwritten memoir which forms the first part of this book. Part II consists of official transcripts from the East African Campaign and Part II tells the story from the perspective of his wife Sydney. The volume has been meticulously compiled by family members and is illustrated with high quality maps and photographs.
Reviewed in *Oversea Pensioner* 112 53-64 (John Burton)
KENYA
SEYCHELLES
MEDICAL

JOHNSTON, CAROLYN
*Harmattan: A Wind of Change: Life and Letters from Northern Nigeria at the End of Empire*
Carolyn Johnston’s compilation of letters and diaries of her parents. Tim Johnston served as a District Officer in Northern Nigeria and rose to be Deputy Governor.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 100 2010 58-59 (Sir Frank Kennedy)
NIGERIA
WIVES

JOHNSTON, CHARLES
*The View from Steamer Point: Being an Account of Three Years in Aden*
London: Collins 1964 217 pp
Johnston was serving as ambassador to Jordan when he was seconded from the Foreign Office to serve as Governor of Aden.

JOHNSON, Sir JOHN (ed)
*Colony to Nation: British Administrators in Kenya 1940-1963*
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 103 (412) 2004 471-491 (Ashley Jackson)
African Research and Documentation 91 2003 77-79 (Terry Barringer)
African Studies Review 46(3) 2003 139-141 (Pascal James Imperato)
Overseas Pensioner 85 2003 53-54 (Christine Nicholls)

KENYA

Kenya: The Land and the People: District Administration 1950–1963
Amersham: J Johnson 2009 216 pp
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 99 2010 48-49 (David Lovatt Smith)

JONES-BATEMAN, R
A Refuge from Civilisation and Other Trifles
London: Edward Arnold 1931 191 pp
Episodic pieces by a Political Officer in the Wanni jungle region of North East Ceylon.

CEYLON

JOURNAL OF AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION, v 1 no 1 January 1949 – v 13 no 4 1961
Published for the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Majesty’s Stationery Office, London

The Journal is produced by the African Studies Branch as an authoritative quarterly of a high technical level for the recording and discussion of African administration...It is primarily designed for the practical administrator in Africa but we confidently expect that it will be of interest and value to a wider public among the serious students of African affairs both in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

This journal aimed to provide a link between research and administration. The opening article was by Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies on The Place of African Local Administration in Colonial policy.
Continued in 1962 as Journal of Local Administration Overseas.

JOYCE, R B
Sir William MacGregor
Melbourne: Oxford University Press 1971 xvi + 484 pp
From Medical Officer in the Seychelles and Senior Administrator in Fiji, MacGregor became between 1888 and 1914 Governor of, in turn, New Guinea, Lagos, Newfoundland and Queensland.

GOVERNORS

KEITH-ROACH, EDWARD
Pasha of Jerusalem: Memoirs of a District Commissioner under the British Mandate
edited by Paul Eedle
After banking in India, military service in Egypt and three years in the Sudan administration (where on occasion he took his judgements directly from the Book of Exodus) Keith-Roach transferred to Palestine, initially as Custodian of Enemy Property. He succeeded Sir Ronald Storrs as Governor of Jerusalem.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 70 1995 54 (C W Squire)
PALESTINE
SUDAN

KENNEDY, Sir FRANCIS
Dust Suspended: a Memoir of Colonial and Diplomatic Service Life 1953 to 1986
Foreword by President Obasanjo
Kennedy was a District Officer in the Delta area of Nigeria on the eve of independence. He returned to Nigeria in the course of a distinguished diplomatic
Later still he had a successful business career with British Airways and became the first Chancellor of the University of Central Lancashire. Reviewed in *African Research and Documentation* 102 2006 66 (Ian Cooke) *Overseas Pensioner* 92 2006 71-72 (Anthony Kirk-Greene) *Times Literary Supplement* 5428 April 13 2007 35 (John Ure)

**NIGERIA**

KENWORTHY, JOAN M.


**MAURITIUS**

TANGANYIKA METEOROLOGY

KERSLAKE, R T

*Time and the Hour: Nigeria, East Africa and the Second World War*


Kerslake started out in Northern Nigeria 1937-39, saw military service in East Africa with the Nigeria Regiment and was posted back to Nigeria. Promoted to the Secretariat in Lagos, he resigned in 1946. Glimpses of puzzlement and self-questioning and the sad conclusion *that I had achieved very little, least of all in the fight against corruption and exploitation* but he found it all *enormously worthwhile* for me as a personal experience.

**NIGERIA**

KILLINGRAY, DAVID and TAYLOR, DAVID (eds)

*The United Kingdom Overseas Territories: Past, Present & Future*


Contents:

- Introduction; David Killingray and David Taylor
- *British decolonisation and the smaller territories: the origins of the United Kingdom Overseas Territories* (David Killingray)
- *The United Kingdom Overseas Territories relationship: an overview* (Roy P Osbourne)
- *Constitutional reform in some British Overseas Territories in the Caribbean: modernisation or colonial entrenchment?* (Howard Fergus)
- *A Question of identity: how the people of Gibraltar became Gibraltarians* (Martin Blinkhorn)
- *The French Overseas Territories in change* (Natalie Mrgudovic)
- *Partnerships and pragmatism: UK policies towards the Caribbean Overseas Territories in the new millennium* (Helena Hintjens and Dorothea Hodge)
- *The Role of tourism development in the economic development of Anguilla* (Aidan Harrigan)
- *Economic necessity versus international legitimacy: the political economy of offshore financial regulation in the UK Overseas Territories of the Caribbean* (Peter Clegg)

Reviewed in *The Round Table* 95 (384) 2006 315-318 (Bill Kirkman)
KING, JACK
'So Life Be ': a collection of memories of West Africa
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 2012 103 63-64 (Ronald Bird)

NIGERIA

KINLOCH, BRUCE
The Shamba Raiders: Memoirs of a Game Warden
After war service with the Gurkhas in Burma, Kinloch began his career as a District Officer in Kenya but soon transferred to the Uganda Game Department. Fully involved in game and conservation developments throughout East Africa. Retired as Chief Game Warden, Tanganyika.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 55 1988 37 (M E)
KENYA
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
GAME DEPARTMENT

KIRK-GREENE, ANTHONY H M
Aspects of Empire: a new Corona Anthology
Focuses on colonial policy, the Colonial Office and decolonisation.
Reviewed in Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 41(3) 2013 524-26 (D.K. Fieldhouse)
Overseas Pensioner 2012 104 52-54 (Wm. Roger Louis)

Badge of Office: Sport and His Excellency in the British Empire

A Biographical Dictionary of the British Colonial Governor: I Africa
"Biodata" of 200 or so governors in British Africa between c 1875 and 1968. A 58 page Introduction gives Rationale and Sources, traces patterns and draws conclusions. A useful appendix gives a chronological list for each territory.
Reviewed in African Affairs 91(363) 1992 304-305 (John D Hargreaves)
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 10(2) 1982 248-249
GOVERNORS

A Biographical Dictionary of the British Colonial Service 1939-1966
A cumulative and composite reproduction of all the biographical entries that appeared in the Colonial Office List between 1939 and 1966 with a useful introduction.
Reviewed in Journal of African History 33(3) 1992 523-524 (David Killingray)
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 21(1) 198-199 1993 (A J Stockwell)
Overseas Pensioner 62 1991 50-51 (C D S)

Britain's Imperial Administrators, 1858-1966
The first book to consider together the Indian Civil Service, the Sudan Political Service and the Colonial Service. Focuses on the District Officer: who he was, how he was selected and trained and what became of him when he was over-taken in mid career by the transfer of power to the newly-independent countries.
Overseas Pensioner 80 2000 50-51 (David Killingray)
The “second careers” of members of the Indian Civil Service, the Sudan Political Service and the Colonial Service/Her Majesty’s Overseas Civil Service. Concludes, At the end of the day, Britain’s overseas administrators clearly demonstrated two qualities in their second careers. First, they showed that innate versatility which has stood them in such good stead throughout their colonial career: professionally trained in nothing, they consistently revealed a huge capacity for turning their hand to anything, often ending up as first-class public administrators. The result was that, come enforced retirement, it was often by shrewdly accepting a modest initial salary and a status post lower than that from which they had just come, that their very versatility enabled them to rise high – sometimes to the top – in their second career.

The District Officer in the African Colonial Novel
Part I Overseas Pensioner 100 2010 45-49
Part II Overseas Pensioner 101 2011 41-45

Entente Cordiale ou Enquête Coloniale?
Margery Perham hands down her suspended judgement.
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth history 37 1 2009 pp 119-26

For better or for Verse?
Overseas Pensioner 72 1996 47-50 and 75 1998 33-38
Colonial Service poetry.

Forging a relationship with the Colonial Administrative Service 1921-1939
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 19(3) 1991 62-82
Part of a special issue on Margery Perham who must be cast in the role of godmother to the service in the last thirty years of colonial rule. This article looks at her visit to British Somaliland in 1921, her thinking about colonial administration and her lecturing of cadets and Colonial Service Summer Schools.

Glimpses of Empire: a Corona Anthology
Corona was the Journal of His Majesty’s Colonial Service (later HM Overseas Civil Service) published monthly from 1948 to 1962 (see Item 165). This anthology contains sections on ‘The Colonial Service at large”, “The Administrative Officer”, The Professional Branches, “Special Duties” and “From the woman’s viewpoint”.
Reviewed in African Affairs 101 403 271-274 (Ashley Jackson)
African Research & Documentation 87 2001 106-107 (Terry Barringer)
Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, 65 (1) 2002 255-256 (M.E.Yapp)
International Journal of African Historical Studies 34(3) 2001 (Walter H Sangree)
Overseas Pensioner 82 2001 51 (John Smith)
Imperial Administration and the Athletic Imperative: The Case of the District Officer in Africa

The Location of Colonial Staff and Civil Lists in British Libraries: A Preliminary Checklist
African Research and Documentation 73 1997 8-29
Includes useful introduction to contents and research value of these Lists.

Margery Who? A Biography Waiting to Happen
African Research and Documentation 107 2008 47-51
A plea for a scholarly biography of Margery Perham and an outline of the sources available to the biographer.

More Memoirs as a Source for a Service History
Journal of Administration Overseas 15(4) 1976 235-240
Review article covering seven titles.

Royal Commonwealth Society Library Notes 298 1990 pp 1-6

‘Not quite a Gentleman’: The Desk Diaries of the Assistant Private Secretary (Appointments) to the Secretary (Appointments) to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1899-1915
English Historical Review 117 (472), 2002 622-633

On Crown Service
An institutional history of the Colonial Service, its antecedents and successors covering the years 1837 to 1997. Includes the “first ever attempt at some sort of Colonial Service bibliography” with more than 1,000 titles and a selection of Colonial Service documents.
Reviewed in African Affairs 98 (393) 1999 586-587 (Nile Gardiner)
African Research and Documentation 80 1999 60-62 (Terry Barringer)
Cambridge 44 1999 82-8 (Bill Kirkman)
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 27(3) 1999 193-195 (Richard Symonds)
Overseas Pensioner 77 1999,29-31 (A J Stockwell)
The Round Table 356 2000 501-502 (Sarah Stockwell)

Ours to Reason Why
Cambridge 30 1992 75-80

OSPA’s Golden Jubilee: A Retrospect
Overseas Pensioner  99 2010 22-24

The Progress of Proconsuls
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 7 (2) 1979 181-212
Reviewed in Canadian Journal of African Studies 14(2) 1980 340-351 (Christopher Youé)

Public Administration and African Studies
(In Christopher Fyfe (ed) African Studies since 1945: a tribute to Basil Davidson)
Argues that Africanisation inspired the legitimisation of public administration as an academic discipline. Considers the training (or lack of it) accorded to members of the Colonial Administrative Service compared to courses for administrators of newly independent nations.

Public Administration and the Colonial Administrator
Public Administration and Development, 19 1999 507-514
Looks at how colonial administrators were selected and trained. Examines the impact of the Journal of African Administration, the role and staffing of Africa’s new Institutes of Administration and second careers in UK public administration.

**Reflections on a Putative History of the Colonial Administrative Service**
*Journal of Administration Overseas* 14(3) 1975 39-44

**Sanders of the River**
*New Society* 42 (788) 1977 308-309

**Scholastic Attainment and Scholarly Achievement in Britain’s Imperial Civil Services**
*Oxford review of education* 7(1) 1981 11-22

**A Short History of the Corona Club, 1900-1990**
London: Corona Club 1990 39 pp
The Corona Club was for all past and present members of the Colonial Service and Colonial Office. Its most important activity was an annual dinner addressed by the Secretary of State, which continued until 1974. This outline history also contains information on the Women’s Corona Society, the journal *Corona* and the Corona Library series of books.

**Symbol of Authority: The British District Officer in Africa**
A socio-historical study of members of the Colonial Administrative Service whose careers were as District Officers in Africa between 1932 and 1966. Draws heavily on published and unpublished memoirs. Considers influences drawing men to a Colonial Service career, selection and training. Gives a clear picture of the nature of work in station, on tour and in the Secretariat, leisure activities and social life. There is a chapter on the experience of officers’ wives and finally material on how the District Officer reacted and adapted to decolonisation and a consideration of the image and memory of the DO.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 107 429 651-52 (Uma Kothari)
*Cambridge* 58 2006 35 (Richard Barlow-Poole)
*Overseas Pensioner* 91 2006 39-41 (T H R Cashmore)

**The Thin White Line: The Size of the British Colonial Service in Africa**
*African Affairs* 79 (314) 1980 25-44

**Towards a History of the Colonial Service**
*African Affairs* 73 1974 105-108
Review article covering five titles.

**Towards a Retrospective Record: Part I – What Became of Us?**
*Overseas Pensioner* 84 2002 30-34
Second career patterns.

**Towards a Retrospective Record: Part II: on Reflection and in Retrospect: The Colonial Service Mind**
*Overseas Pensioner* 85 2003 15-21
Analysis of response to seven questions to OSPA members: Why did you join the Colonial Service/HMOCS? What did you think you were meant to be doing? What do you think we failed to do? What do you think ‘they’ thought of ‘us’ and our work? How do you see and remember your CS/HMOCS career experience? If you had a second career, how did the two compare?

**“Was (s)he really? I never realised that!”**
*Overseas Pensioner* 94 2007 30-32
Prominent personalities with an “unexpected Colonial Service link, by marriage or relationship or maybe through a bit of a ‘first career’”.

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KIRK-GREENE, ANTHONY (ed)  
*The Transfer of Power: The Colonial Administrator in the Age of Decolonization*  
Oxford: Inter-Faculty Committee on African Studies 1979 194 pp  
Proceedings of a Conference held at St Antony’s College, Oxford, 15-16 March. 1978. This conference brought together about eighty participants, many of them former colonial officers but with a sprinkling of academics. The papers are grouped under the following headings: The Governor as the Man in the Middle, The Chief Secretary as the Man in the Middle, The Resident and Permanent Secretary as the Man in the Middle and Africanisation of the Administrative Service. Discussion is fully recorded.  
Reviewed in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 10(2) 1982 242-243  
(W P Kirkman)  
*Overseas Pensioner* 39 1980 6-7 (H M S)

KISCH, MARTIN S  
*Letters and Sketches from Northern Nigeria*  
London: Chatto & Windus 1910  xii + 232 pp  
Aldershot: Gregg Revivals 1993  xii + 174 pp  
Kisch, with a military and legal background, was appointed Assistant Resident in Northern Nigeria in 1908. This volume, based on his letters, gives a continuous record from the day he left England until a few days before his death from diphtheria in Sokoto in February 1909. It includes sketches and photographs.  
NIGERIA

KITCHING, TOM  
*Life and Death in Changi: The Diary of Tom Kitching*  
Life and death in Changi: the war and internment diary of Thomas Kitching (1942-1944) edited by Goh Eck Kheng  
Singapore: Landmark 2002 336pp  
Tom Kitching, who died in Changi in 1944, was Chief Surveyor of Singapore.  
Reviewed in *Asian Affairs* 87(1) 2000 97-98 (J E Hoare)  
SINGAPORE

KNIGHT, NORMAN  
*Memories of a District Officer in Northern Rhodesia and of the War Years*  
Durban: Privately printed 2007 81pp  
NORTHERN RHODESIA

KNOWLES, OLIVER  
*Back Seat Driver*  
Foreword by John Lonsdale.  
Oliver Knowles, with his wife, Elizabeth Watkins (see Items 661-664) went to Kenya in 1949. He made his mark as an economist and researcher and was posted to the Treasury in 1955. He stayed on in independent Kenya until 1969, becoming Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and for a while acting as Permanent Secretary.  
Reviewed *Overseas Pensioner* 96 2008 55-56 (J C Edwards)  
KENYA

KNOX, COLLIE  
*It might Have Been You*  
London: Chapman and Hall 1938 427 pp
At the age of 21, Knox served as ADC to Sir George Lloyd, then Governor of Bombay. On a voyage home, he met Geoffrey Archer (see above), then Governor of Somaliland. When Archer was appointed Governor of Uganda, he invited Knox to join his staff and Knox was with Archer for the whole of his terms of office in Uganda and Sudan. He subsequently made a career as an author and journalist.

UGANDA
SUDAN
GOVERNORS

KNOX-MAWER, JUNE

*The Sultans Came to Tea*
June Knox-Mawer was 21 and a bride of six months when she accompanied her husband to his posting as Chief Magistrate, Aden.

ADEN
WIVES

*Tales from Paradise: Memories of the British in the South Pacific*
Based on a six part Radio 4 series on the Charles Allen model.

PACIFIC

KNOX-MAWER, RONALD

*Are you Coming or Going: My Sixty Years on the Run*
Humorous and fictionalised autobiographical episodes.

PACIFIC
LEGAL

*A Case of Bananas and other South Sea Trials*
Bears the note, *As a British judge in the South Pacific Ronnie Knox-Mawer’s circuit stretched North of Capricorn for three thousand miles...Naturally in this wide and colourful judicial parish, the author’s more bizarre adventures have required a little prudent disguise for both characters and place names.*

PACIFIC
LEGAL

*Tales from a Palm Court*
First published under the name of Robert Overton
The first volume of Knox Mawer’s judicial tales. Bears the author’s note, *Courts of law have one thing in common. For 99% of people, 99% of the time, they are melancholy places. From the remaining fraction I have collected a few impressions, entertaining ones, I hope. I have thrown them into a hat, altered every name and written this book.*

ADEN
PACIFIC
LEGAL

KOTHARI, UMA

*From Colonialism to Development: Reflections of Former Colonial Officers*
Commonwealth & Comparative Politics 44(1) 2006 118-136
Uma Kothari is a historical geographer with a particular interest in the history of development. In this article she draws on personal narratives of individuals involved
first in colonial administration and subsequently in the field of development as expatriate consultants.

*Spatial Practices and Imaginaries: Experiences of Colonial Officers and Development Professionals*

*Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 27(3) 2006 235-253

KUKLICK, HENRIKA

*The Imperial Bureaucrat: The Colonial Administrative Service in the Gold Coast, 1920-1939*

Stanford: Hoover Institution Press 1979 xvii + 405 pp

An ethnography of the Colonial Service with emphasis on the junior officer and his experiences on the frontline of the colonial encounter. Surveys recruitment and career patterns, the ideology and practice of colonial rule and the colonial legacy.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 40 1980 39-40 (P L K)

GOLD COAST

LAM, JERMAN T M

*From a Colonial to an Accountable Administration: Hong Kong’s Experience*

*Asian Affairs* 26(3) 1995 305-313.

HONG KONG

LANGA LANGA [i.e. Henry Baldwin Herman-Hodge]

*Up Against it in Nigeria*


Deals with Northern Nigeria 1908-18.

NIGERIA

LAPPING, BRIAN

*End of Empire*


Based on television series. Chapters on India, Palestine, Malaya, Iran, Egypt, Aden, Cyprus, Gold Coast, Kenya, Rhodesia.

Reviewed in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 15(1) 1986 93-96

LARYMORE, CONSTANCE

*A Resident’s Wife in Nigeria*

London: Routledge and New York: E P Dutton 1908 xiii + 306 pp


Constance Larymore accompanied her husband to Nigeria in 1902. She describes her book, which is generously illustrated with photographs, as *merely a record gathered up from journals and notes of our everyday life and journeys*. It also contains advice for those coming out on Home, Garden, Stable, Camp Life, What to wear. *At least six pairs of corsets are necessary, the coolest kind obtainable certainly, but I can assure you that to leave off wearing them at any time for the sake of coolness is a huge mistake; there is nothing so fatiguing as to lose one’s ordinary support even with a view to being ‘comfy’. Always wear corsets, even for a tête à tête home dinner on the warmest evenings; there is something about their absence almost as demoralizing as hair in curling pins.*

NIGERIA

WIVES

LATHAM, GWYNETH and LATHAM, MICHAEL

*Kilimanjaro Tales: The Saga of a Medical Family in Africa*
Based on Gwyneth Latham’s writings and reminiscences about her life in Tanganyika in the 1920s and 1930s. Her husband was a member of the Tanganyika Medical Service. Their son, Michael, adds chapters on his own experience as a Medical Officer, also in Tanganyika in the 1950s.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 70 1995 64 (P C Duff)

LATTIMER, PAMELA

* A Family of Ginger Griffins*


Pamela Lattimer married in 1938 and accompanied her husband to Fiji. He had previously served in Nigeria. Later postings were to Malaya and Kenya. Mostly taken up with accounts of travel and family life.

FIJI
KENYA
MALAYA
WIVES

LAURENCE, MARGARET

* The Prophet’s Camel Bell*

London: Macmillan 1963 237 pp

Canadian, Margaret Laurence, went on to become a prize-winning novelist. This book is based on her time in the Somaliland Protectorate with her husband Jack, a civil engineer, building dams for the Department of Public Works. A chapter on “The Imperialists” has vivid pen portraits of a District Officer, Agricultural, Veterinary and Geological officers.

SOMALILAND
WIVES

LAWLEY, JONATHAN

* Achievements of the British Colonial Service: a retrospective view*

The Round Table 104(3) 2015 pp.267-280

ZAMBIA

* Beyond the Malachite Hills*


South African born, Lawley served as a District Officer in Northern Rhodesia and then as a consultant in many countries of Africa.

Reviewed in African Research & Documentation 112 2010 63-65 (John Pinfold)
Overseas Pensioner 98 2009 56-57 (Richard Luce)
Reviewed in The Spectator 11 May 2012 (Matthew Paris)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

LAURENCE, BENJAMIN N, OSBORN, EMILY LYNN and ROBERTS, RICHARD L

* Intermediaries, interpreters and Clerks: African Employees in the Making of Colonial Africa*

Reviewed in Africa 78 3 2008 462-3 (Paul Swanepeol)
Africa Today 54 4 2008 106-108 (Jeremy Rich)
Overseas Pensioner 94 2007 58-59 (T H R Cashmore)

AFRICA
LE BRETON, DAVID (ed)
_I remember it Well: Fifty Years of Colonial Service Personal Reminiscences_
Foreword by Anthony Kirk-Greene
A compilation of 74 short pieces of reminiscence which previously appeared in the Overseas Pensioner.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 99 2010 42-44 (Peter J Marshall)

LEE, J M
This book attempts to provide an alternative to those accounts of the transfer of power which fail to relate British colonial policy either to events in Britain or to changes in the international order.

LEE, ROBERT P
_Destination Five: Memories of an Irish Veterinarian_
An account of Lee’s first post in Tanganyika in the 1940s. In 1947 he was appointed lecturer in veterinary parasitology at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and went on to a varied and distinguished career in Tanganyika, Nigeria and Northern Rhodesia and as Dean of Veterinary Medicine at Trinity College, Dublin.
Reviewed in _African Research & Documentation_ 95 2004 71-74 (Robert Mares)
_Overseas Pensioner_ 88 2004 53-54 (Robert Mares)
TANGANYIKA
VETERINARY

LEEDS, ALLEN
_Long Ago and Far Away: Gold Coast Days 1939-1958_
Leeds joined the Gold Coast Agriculture Department in 1939 and, after war service with the Gold Coast Regiment in East Africa, returned. He became Assistant Director of Agriculture with particular responsibilities for cocoa agronomy and disease control.
Reviewed in _Nigerian Field_ 66(1) 2001 81-82
_Overseas Pensioner_ 76 1998 49-50 (Rodney Bennett)
GOLD COAST
AGRICULTURAL

LEGGAT, GEORGE
edited by Arnold Beaton, James Lang Brown and Henry Osmaston
_Your Obedient Servant: Tales of a Uganda Forester_
Leggat served in the Uganda Forest Department 1946-1962. His second working life and retirement were spent in New Zealand. He died in 2000 and his unpublished memoir was lovingly edited by three younger colleagues from the Department. Illustrated with map and colour photographs.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 89 2005 56-57 (Tommy Gee)
UGANDA
FORESTRY

LEITH-ROSS, SYLVIA
(edited by Michael Crowder)
Stepping Stones: Memoirs of Colonial Nigeria, 1907-1960
Sylvia Leith-Ross arrived in 1907 to join her husband who had recently been appointed Transport Officer in the Northern Nigeria Protectorate, only the third British wife allowed there. Her husband died a year later but she continued an intermittent association with Nigeria, last visiting in 1969. Stepping Stones was edited after her death in 1980 by Michael Crowder and records her involvement in various capacities: first Lady Superintendent of Education in the 1920s, Intelligence Officer during World War II and collector of pottery for the Nigerian Museum in Jos.

Reviewed in African Affairs 82(329) 1983 580-582 (Robert Pearce)
Overseas Pensioner 47 1984 29 (D L)
NIGERIA
WIVES

LEWIS, MARTIN
In the Shadow of Empire: My Life in the Colonies 2017

Army Officer joined HMOCS and served from 1958 to 1994.

ADEN
CYPRUS
HONG KONG
MALAYA
SARAWAK
SINGAPORE
SOLOMON ISLANDS

LEWIS, R H
An Attempt
Lewis, a musical Maths teacher came to Nigeria as a Government Education Officer in 1956. He taught at Keffi Government College and at Government Secondary School, Kuru near Jos, where he lived until his death in 2006.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 88 2004 55-56 (Richard Barlow-Poole)
NIGERIA
EDUCATION

LEWIS, ROY and FOY, YVONNE
The British in Africa
A popular overview. A chapter on Men of the Establishment covers, inter alia, the Colonial Service.

AFRICA

LEWIS, T P M
Changi: The Lost Years: A Malayan Diary 1941-45
Kuala Lumpur: The Malaysia Historical Society 1984 xi + 315 pp
Lewis began his teaching career in Malaya in 1926. He was interned in Changi and Sime Road 1942-45. After the war, he held a series of education administrative posts and retired in 1955 as Chief Inspector of Schools, Singapore. The diary runs from 13/3/42 daily to 15/9/45. It is extensively footnoted and framed by a historical introduction on Anglo-Japanese relations 1600-1941, a list of persons mentioned, maps, appendices and an index.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 50 1985 47 (Lord Gridley)
MALAYA
LEWIS-BARNED, JOHN

* A Fanfare of Trumpets
   A nicely produced book, well-illustrated with family photographs, sketches and
   newspaper cuttings. Lewis-Barned went to Tanganyika in 1951 and left at
   independence in 1963.
   Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 66 1993 54-55 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
TANGANYIKA

LEYS, NORMAN

* The Colour Bar in Kenya
London: Hogarth Press 1941 160 pp
KENYA

* Kenya
London: Hogarth Press 1924 409 pp
London: Hogarth Press 2nd edn 1925 409 pp
London: Hogarth Press 3rd edn 1926 409 pp
London: Frank Cass 4th edn 1973  x + 425 pp
   With new introduction by George Shepperson
   A doctor, Leys went first to Portuguese East Africa. From 1904-1918 he worked for
   the Colonial Medical Service in Kenya and Nyasaland and fell foul of the
   Administration because of his stance over Masai land disputes. His health did not
   permit him to remain in Africa and he retired to a small country practice in
   Derbyshire, writing and campaigning on Kenyan issues. George Shepperson
   describes him as a hard-headed medical man whom sixteen years of colonial service
   in Kenya, Nyasaland and Portuguese East Africa had convinced of the harsh realities
   of the indigenous African situation.
KENYA
NYASALAND

* Land Law and Policy in Tropical Africa
London: League of Nations 1922 15 pp

* A Last Chance in Kenya
London: Hogarth Press 1931 170 pp

LLOYD, F E

* Rhodesian Patrol
Foreword by Roy Welensky
Ilfracombe: Arthur Stockwell 1965 267 pp
   Lloyd joined the Mounted Section of the British South Africa Police in 1931 and
   served to the mid 50s.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA
POLICE

LIKHOVSKI, ASSAF

* Law and Identity in Mandate Palestine: A New Paradigm of Law, Colonialism and
  Nationalism
PALESTINE

LOCH, J

* My First Alphabet
Marlborough: The Author 1994 180 pp
Loch served in the Malayan Civil Service 1948-1957. He describes his book as happy recollections and literary recreation...in an alphabetical and inconsequential form because I have no skill for chronological narrative. Chapters with headings such as Convictions, Cousins and Colonial Service, Hell, holidays, hotels and hospitals, Kamponds and Kuala Lumpur.

MALAYA

LONGFORD, MICHAEL
The Flags Changed at Midnight
Leominster: Gracewing 2001 xii + 459 pp ISBN 0 85244 551 2

The Path that Led to Africa
Longford’s early life, schooldays, Cambridge and National Service. He reveals the influence of Graham Greene’s Heart of the Matter on his choice of career. The book was not calculated to attract sane-minded recruits into the Colonial Service, but that is exactly the effect it had on me. As I turned each page, I became more and more convinced that Africa was where I wanted to work. The final chapter is entitled “Preparing for Africa” and includes an account of Colonial Service interview and training at Cambridge. It ends with Longford’s departure for Tanganyika.

TANGANYIKA

LOVATT SMITH, DAVID
Kenya, the Kikuyu and Mau Mau
Lovatt Smith went to Kenya in 1950 to work as a farm manager but soon joined the Royal National Parks as a warden. He served in the Kenya Regiment during the Mau Mau Emergency. This book, well illustrated with plenty of maps and photographs, is a history of Kenya from the earliest records up to the end of colonial rule. It draws heavily on eye witness accounts, personal experience and nearly 200 letters and communications from all over the world while writing this book, mostly from those who took part in or lived in the areas affected by the Emergency. Reviewed in African Studies Review 48(3) 2005 147-154 (Pascal James Imperato) (“Differing perspectives on Mau Mau”: review covering Elkins, Anderson and Lovatt Smith, summarised in Overseas Pensioner 91 2006 46-47) Journal of African History 47 (1) 2006 165-166 (Derek R Peterson) Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 48-50 (T H R Cashmore) KENYA

LOWE-MCCONELL, R O
The Tilapia Trail: The Life Story of a Fish Biologist
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 93 2007 49-50 (P B N Jackson) FISHERIES

LUCE, MARGARET
From Aden to the Gulf: Personal Diaries, 1956-1966
Sir William Luce (formerly of the Sudan Political Service) was Governor of Aden 1956-1960, Political Resident in the Gulf 1961-1966 and the Foreign Secretary’s Special Representative for Gulf Affairs 1970-1971.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 54 1987 65 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

ADEN
GOVERNORS
WIVES

LUCE, RICHARD
Ringing the Changes: A Memoir
The son of Sir William and Margaret Luce (see Item 443), Richard was one of the last District Officers appointed to Kenya. A successful business and political career followed as Margaret Thatcher’s Minister for Africa, Governor of Gibraltar 1997-2000, Lord Chamberlain 2000-2006.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 95 2008 40-44 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

GIBRALTAR
KENYA
GOVERNORS

LUGARD, Lord
The Diaries
edited by Margery Perham and Mary Bull
Faber and Faber 1959/1963 4 vols
Vol 1 1889-90 (East Africa) 1959
Vol 2 1890-91 (East Africa) 1959
Vol 3 1892 (East Africa) 1959
Vol 4 1894-95 and 1898 (Nigeria) 1963

LUKE, Sir HARRY
Cities and Men: An Autobiography
1. The First Thirty Years, 1884-1914
2. Aegean, Cyprus, Turkey, Transcaucasia & Palestine, 1914-1924
London: Godfrey Bles 1953-56 3 vols
Sir Harry Luke (1884-1969) had a distinguished career and was a prolific author. He served as Colonial Secretary in Sierra Leone, Assistant Governor-General of Jerusalem, Chief Secretary to the Government of Palestine, Governor of Malta and Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the British Western Pacific Territories.

FIJI
MALTA
PACIFIC
PALESTINE
SIERRA LEONE
GOVERNORS

LUMHOLTZ, LUDVIG L
A Slice of Life
Norwegian born Lumholtz served 22 years in the British South Africa Police, mostly in the CID. On retirement he accepted a post with a Rhodesian marketing organisation but left, unable to come to terms with the UDI regime.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 65 1993 48 (J G Storry)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA
POLICE
LUMLEY, E K
*Forgotten Mandate: A British District Officer in Tanganyika*
Based on contemporary diaries with the intention of describing *the methods of administration formerly employed by the British in dealing with African tribes as seen at close range by a junior member of the Colonial Administrative Service between 1923 and 1946.*
Reviewed in *Journal of Administration Overseas* 16(1) 1977 66-67 (P H J)
TANGANYIKA

LYNN, MARTIN (ed)
*The British Empire in the 1950s: Retreat or Revival?*
Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2006  xvii +242 pp
ISBN 13-978-1-4039-3226-6 and 10-1-4039-3226-3
Reviewed in *The Round Table* 388 2007  77-797 (John Mackenzie)

LYNN, CHARLES, MARJORIE and SYLVIA
*The Long Garden Master in the Gold Coast*
Charles Lynn served as an Agricultural Officer in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast 1930-47. He was a close friend of the anthropologist Meyers Fortes. Later he was a lecturer at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, Director of Agriculture, Northern Rhodesia and Director of Agriculture Food and Fisheries Bahamas. This book compiled by his daughter Sylvia draws on his letters, Fortes’ diaries and other related material.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 107 2014 56-57 (Hugh Brammer)
GOLD COAST
AGRICULTURE

LYNN-MEADEN, SYLVIA
*The Long Garden Master: Charles Lynn, Agricultural Officer in the Gold Coast*
*African Research and Documentation* 113 2010 11-18
GOLD COAST
AGRICULTURE

LYTTON, Earl of
*The Desert and the Green*
London: MacDonald 1957 xiv + 350 pp
Although not a Colonial Service memoir, this volume contains much of relevance. Lytton was a professional soldier and a large part of the book is taken up with his service in the King’s African Rifles in Kenya 1922-1926.
KENYA

MACLEAN, JOY
*The Guardians*
Bulawayo: Books of Rhodesia 1974 283 pp
A history of the Southern Rhodesian Native Department, its serving members and their wives.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

MCCracken, John
Coercion and Control in Nyasaland: Aspects of the History of a Colonial Police Force
Journal of African History 27(1) 1986 127-147
NYASALAND
POLICE

MacDonald, Andrew S
Love is a Grapefruit: The Life and Times of Olive Alexandrina MacDonald née McAndrew: An Exercise in Social Commentary by Her Other Half
Andrew MacDonald was an Agricultural Officer in Sierra Leone and Uganda, an academic in Uganda and Mauritius and finally a freelance Tropical Agriculture consultant. This memoir of his wife includes extensive coverage of their life together in Africa including the experience of raising a daughter with cystic fibrosis.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 75 1998 47 (Patricia Stuart)
SIERRA LEONE
UGANDA
AGRICULTURE
WIVES

More a way of life than a livelihood an autobiography
Macdonald’s career as an Agricultural Officer began in Sierra Leone. After independence he had a long career as a consultant in Africa and, to a lesser extent, Asia.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 2012 103 61-62 (Andrew Seager)
MAURITIUS
SIERRA LEONE
UGANDA
AGRICULTURE

MacGregor, J D
Colonial Window: A View from the Past
James Macgregor began his Colonial Medical Service career in Sierra Leone. Still under 30, he was promoted to Senior Medical Officer in the Solomon Islands where he had a distinguished career and served on the Legislative Council.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 93 2007 53-54 (Tom Russell)

Maciel, M
Bwana Karani
Maciel was a Nairobi-born Goan who entered government service as a clerk in 1947. Much of his career was spent in the Northern Frontier District and he only left this area because of the ill-health of his son. He was transferred to the Agricultural Ministry and served under it at Machakos and Njoro. He left Kenya when his post was Africanised in 1966.
Reviewed in African Affairs 87 (346) 1988 145 (Book Note)
KENYA

From Mtoto to Mzee
Sutton: The Author 2014 161 pp
Memoirs of a Frontier Man: the Goan Contribution to the Kenya Administration
Kenya Past and Present 36 2006 24-27

MACINTOSH, DONALD
Travels in the White Man’s Grave
MacIntosh was a Scottish forester posted to Nigeria in 1954. A beautifully written description of West Africa. The second edition has a foreword by Richard Ingram who published some of MacIntosh’s writings about Africa in The Oldie.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 77 1999 27-28 (Keith Arrowsmith)
NIGERIA FORESTRY

MCCLINTOCK, N C
Kingdoms in the Sand and Sun: An African Path to Independence
Served in Northern Nigeria from 1946 to independence.
NIGERIA

MACKAY, DEREK
Eastern Customs: The Customs Service in British Malaya and the Opium Trade
Mackay, a former member of the Customs Service, gives a well-documented history of the Service from its inception in 1910 and a vivid picture of the lives and work of its officials.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 56-57 (Simon Hutchinson)
MALAYA CUSTOMS

MACKINSON, IAN
Footprints in the Dust
Ian Mackinson joined the Colonial Service in 1951 and spent thirteen years in “bush” posts in Northern Rhodesia. He stayed on to become Principal of National Institute of Public Administration and regarded his years there 1966-1971 as the most rewarding years personally of my time in Africa. From there he went to independent Swaziland as Director of Government Management Services. He went on to work in the Seychelles, for the British Council and as an independent consultant in many and varied countries. This book, written for his family, is illustrated with the author’s photographs and line drawings.
Reviewed in African Research and Documentation 94 2004 56-57 (Terry Barringer)
NORTHERN RHODESIA SEYCHELLES SWAZILAND

MCLAREN, JACK
Gentlemen of the Empire: The Colourful and Remarkable Experiences of District Commissioners, Patrol Officers and Other Officials in Some of the British Empire’s Tropical Outposts
London and Melbourne: Hutchinson & Co 1940 256 pp
Sensational chapter headings (Among the Headhunters, White Man’s Grave, City of Blood) and extracts from the first few pages capture the flavour of this book: Recognized the world over are the tremendous achievements of the British Colonial Service, that fine flower of the genius of colonization which has made the British Empire the greatest ever known. In all quarters of the globe, facing and overcoming every imaginable difficulty and danger, it has carried the light of western civilization, shouldered the white man’s burden, solved racial and other problems of government and organization to a degree unheard of under the flag of any other nation...The individual achievements and remarkable experiences of...the District Commissioners, Patrol Officers and other officials on remote pinpoints of the great Empire, the men who in steamy jungle and sun-blistered plain maintain and carry forward the civilization of which they are splendid heirs and representatives. Their surroundings are often the surroundings of murder, savagery, attack. Strange and terrible death has been the lot of many. Extreme isolation they know; the nearest other white may be a hundred miles away.

Chapters are set in the Solomons, Papua, Nigeria, Gold Coast, Burma, Andaman Islands, Sudan and Pondoland. There are no footnotes or bibliography and it is not clear how much is fictionalised and how much is based on real incidents.

MACLURE, H R
Land-Travel and Sea-Faring: A Frivolous Record of Twenty Years’ Wanderings
London: Hutchinson 19245 xv + 286 pp
Maclure saw service in the Far East as a Midshipmen but left the Navy and was appointed to the Administrative Branch in 1905, the very last appointment of the Foreign Office...It appears that a dear old lady friend of my family literally dogged Lord Lansdowne’s footsteps until in desperation he promised to do something for her protégée. In 1921 he was offered the post of Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Such was my lamentable ignorance that I did not know where these islands were situated. His foreword records his thanks to Arthur Grimble.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

MACMILLAN, WILLIAM MILLER
Africa Emergent: A Survey of Social, Political and Economic Trends in British Africa
London: Faber and Faber 1938 414 pp
Harmondsworth: Penguin, revised and expanded edition with new appendix 1949 352 pp
Chapter IX deals with “The Rulers of British Africa – Colonial Office and Colonial Service”.

MACOUN, M J
Wrong Place, Right Time: Policing the End of Empire
Short account of Macoun’s career in Tanganyika 1939-1959 as Commissioner of Police, Uganda and worldwide short assignments and consultancies after “retirement”. Framed by a useful introduction on “The Evolution of the Police Services” in Commonwealth Africa and seven appendices covering such topics as “Prewar Nazi penetration of East Africa and its potential threat 1939-1940” and “Anguilla: decolonization fiasco”.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 73 1997 50 (Alastair Macpherson)
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
POLICE

MACQUARRIE, H
Vouza and the Solomon Islands
London: Victor Gollancz 1945 142 pp
After serving as ADC to the Governor of Fiji, Macquarie was a District Officer in the Solomon Islands. Particularly concerned with court cases.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

MADDOCKS, Sir KENNETH
Of No Fixed Abode: An Account of Colonial Service in Nigeria and Fiji and of Subsequent Work in London and East Africa
Maddocks began his career as a Cadet in Kano in 1929, rising through the ranks to Acting Governor and then served as Governor of Fiji 1958-1963.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 57 1989 44-45 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

FIJI
NIGERIA
GOVERNORS

MADDOCKS, PATRICIA
So Many Worlds
A well-written memoir. After surviving an unsettled childhood, London in the Blitz and an unhappy first marriage, the author travelled to Nigeria in 1947 to work as a librarian. There she met and married George “Satan” Mooring then working in the Establishments Department in the Lagos Secretariat. Most of her years in Nigeria were spent in the Western Region where “Satan” became Deputy Governor. From 1960-1964 “Satan” was British Resident, Zanzibar, retiring shortly before the Zanzibar Revolution. After his death in 1969, Patricia had her own “second career” working for the Red Cross in Mauritius and the South Pacific, before her marriage in 1980 to Sir Kenneth Maddocks.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 51-52 (Richard Barlow-Poole)

NIGERIA
SOUTH PACIFIC
ZANZIBAR
WIVES

MAHMUD BIN MAT, Dato Sir
Tinggal Kenangan: The Memoirs of Dato Sir Mahmud bin Mat
Covers youth in Pahang, experiences as an official under British administration and Japanese occupation. This memoir ends in 1945 and does not cover the later distinguished career of Dato Sir Mahmud bin Mat, 1894-1971, the first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Malaya.

Reviewed in Asian Affairs 30(2) 1999 227 (Donald Hawley)

MAMAKI, MARGARET
The Jacaranda Children
Despite family opposition to a mixed marriage Margaret married Nigerian medical student Eli Mama and accompanied him back to Kaduna. He soon left government service and spent most of his career in private practice. The couple set up a pottery inspired by Michael Cardew and a medical charity “Hope for the Village Child”. They were forced to flee from Kaduna after the riots of February 2002.

Reviewed in Nigerian Field 69(2) 2004 163-164
Overseas Pensioner 88 2004 58-59 (Richard Barlow-Poole)

NIGERIA
MEDICAL
WIVES
MARES, ROBERT G
Animal Health and Production in Malawi: Past, Present and Future
*Tropical Animal Health and Production* 5 1973 272-277
Traces the development of Veterinary Services in Nyasaland from their inception in 1911.
NYASALAND
VETERINARY

*The History of Veterinary Medicine in Gold Coast/Ghana from 1909 to 1961*
*Veterinary History* n s 10(3) 2000 81-95
A complementary study to the previous item, with rather more veterinary detail.
GOLD COAST
VETERINARY

*Personality and Policy in the Gold Coast: Some Incidents in the History of the Colonial Veterinary Services 1945-1948*
*Historia Medicinae Veterinariae* 22(3) 1997 64-69
A short but fascinating article which leaves one wishing there were more like it on the professional services. Focuses on the two Directors of the Department of Animal Health: Captain Beal (1909-1929) and John Livingstone Stewart (1929-1948). Reveals the rivalry between the Departments of Agriculture and of Animal Health and Stewart’s difficult relationships with the Governor, Alan Burns.
GOLD COAST
VETERINARY

*Some Difficulties with Rinderpest Vaccination in East Africa in the 1940s*
*Veterinary History* n s 12(1) 2003 57-64
Based on the unpublished account of Kenneth Aspinall, Veterinary Officer in Tanganyika.
TANGANYIKA
VETERINARY

MARSHALL, H H
Like Father Like Son
Marshall spent his childhood in Malaya where his father worked in the Prison Service. He gives a short, unpretentious account of his service in Nigeria, 1928 to 1946.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 40 1980 38
NIGERIA

MARTIN, ROBIN H
*Palestine Betrayed: A British Palestine Policeman’s Memoirs (1936-1948)*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 95 2008 44-46 (C W Squire)
PALESTINE
POLICE

MASEFIELD, G B
A History of the Colonial Agricultural Service
Part 1 deals with development and organisation of the Service, Part 2 with Special Aspects such as Research, Extension Work and Agricultural Education. Part 3 gives 16 short biographies to illustrate the kind of career that could be made in the Colonial Agricultural Service.
MASLEN, JAMES

*Beating About the Nigerian Bush*


Maslen joined BAT in 1929. Although this is not a Colonial Service memoir it contains much of interest.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 69 1995 57 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

KENIA

MASON, TONY

*Anthony’s Odyssey*


This memoir of a long and varied life includes three chapters on Mason’s work as an Income Tax Officer with the East Africa High Commission.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 97 2009 50 (John Edwards)

KENIA

MATHIESON, WILLIAM P

*A Chequered Career*


Mathieson served in the Malayan Police during the Emergency from 1948 to 1955 and then in Tanganyika until 1962.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 69 1995 56-57 (Roy Henry)

MALAYA

TANGANYIKA

POLICE

MAXON, R M

*John Ainsworth and the Making of Kenya*


ISBN (hardback) 0-8191-1155-4 (paperback) 0-8191-1156-2

Ainsworth went to Kenya with the Imperial British East Africa Company in 1889 before transferring to Government service. He was a Provincial Commissioner, Military Commissioner for Labour, Adviser on Native Affairs and Chief Native Commissioner before retiring in 1920.

KENIA

MAYBURY, MAURICE

*Pearl of Africa*


Maybury served in Burma (the subject of earlier books) until 1948, before becoming Director of Supplies, Uganda in 1950. He became Permanent Secretary to the Ministries of Rural Development and Social Development and a member of the Legislative Council.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 63 1992 54-55 (T W G)

UGANDA

MEEK, CHARLES, edited by Innes Meek

*Brief Authority: a memoir of colonial administration in Tanganyika*


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 103 48-50 (Donald Barton)
TANGANYIKA

MEEHAN, MYRA
My Nigerian Journey: A Narrative of my Eighteen Years Spent in Nigeria
Myra Meehan was urged to write up her own experiences after the publication of Goodbye Maigida. Her book admirably complements her husband’s with minimal duplication.

NIGERIA WIVES

MEEHAN, TONY
Goodbye Maigida
Not a Colonial Service memoir but much related material. Australian Meehan joined the Amalgamated Tin Mines of Nigeria in 1949.

NIGERIA

MEHAHEY, ALAN
Humphrey Gibbs: Beleagured Governor: Southern Rhodesia, 1929-69
Gibbs emigrated to Rhodesia as a young man, farmed in Matabeleland, served in the Legislative Assembly 1948-1953 and was appointed Governor in 1953. He opposed UDI but stuck to his post, a virtual prisoner in Government House, until Ian Smith’s declaration of a Republic in 1969. This biography has an introduction by Robert Mugabe who writes, We honour him because he was a man of principle and commitment.

METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE JOURNAL, vols 1-5 1935-1939
Contains news of the Colonial Police Forces and the occasional significant article, eg Spicer, R G B, The Training of the British Policeman in Palestine 2(1) 1936 94-98 Grantham, S H, The Nigeria Police 2(2) 1936 223-227

POLICE

MILLARD, JOHN
Never a Dull Moment: The Autobiography of John Millard – Administrator, Soldier and Farmer
Millard served in Tanganyika and also worked with Furse at the Colonial Office. Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 74 1999 63 (N O Durdant-Hollamby)

TANGANYIKA

MILLER, J P
Last Boat for Africa: A District Officer’s Experiences During Swaziland’s run up to Independence in the 1960s
John Miller arrived in Swaziland in 1962, one of the last four administrative officers to be sent to Africa. Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 92 2006 78-79 (John Wilson)

SWAZILAND

MILNE, MALCOLM
No Telephone to Heaven: From Apex to Nadir – Colonial Service in Nigeria, Aden, the Cameroons and the Gold Coast, 1938-61


A detailed memoir of a solid Colonial Service career.

Reviewed in African Research & Documentation 86 2001 59-61 (Sheila Allcock)
LUCAS African Studies Bulletin 64 2001 106-107 (Martin Banham)
Overseas Pensioner 80 2000 52-53 (Peter Bursey)
Times Literary Supplement May 12 2000 30 (Bernard Porter)

ADEN
CAMEROONS
GOLD COAST
NIGERIA

MISRA, MARIA
Colonial Officers and Gentlemen: The British Empire and the Globalization of Tradition
Journal of Global History 3 (2) 2008 135-61

MITCHELL, HARRY
Confessions of a Briefless Barrister

Remote Corners: A Sierra Leone Memoir

Harry Mitchell was an Assistant District Commissioner and Magistrate in Sierra Leone 1954-59. He went on to work in industry in India and the UK, becoming Company Secretary for Wellcome. Later he became a part-time immigration adjudicator, hearing appeals against refusals of asylum, sometimes from Sierra Leone. Remote Corners is a lightly revised version of a memoir written on a portable typewriter, a little over 40 years ago in India, mainly on Sunday mornings sitting on the veranda of a bungalow.

Reviewed in African Affairs 103 (412) 2004 471-491 (Ashley Jackson)
African Research and Documentation 92 2003 70-74 (Terry Barringer)
Overseas Pensioner 85 2003 57-58 (Dougal Reid)
SIERRA LEONE

MITCHELL, Sir PHILIP
African Afterthoughts
London: Hutchinson 1954 276 pp

Dedicated to the Colonial Service with admiration and gratitude and with a foreword by Lord Hailey, this book combines a history of British rule in East Africa with an account of Mitchell’s career, beginning in Nyasaland, then Tanganyika, then governorships in Uganda and Kenya with a brief interlude in Fiji. He retired in 1952. The final chapters give his reactions to Mau Mau and reflections on his underlying Christian idealism and sense of civilising mission.

KENYA
NYASALAND
TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

MONTGOMERY, BRIAN
Shenton of Singapore: Governor and Prisoner of War
London: Leo Cooper in association with Secker and Warburg 1984 xviii + 218 pp
ISBN 9-436-284405
Sir Shenton Thomas held a number of posts in Africa (though never in a district), serving as Governor of Nyasaland and the Gold Coast before his appointment as Governor of the Straits Settlement in 1934.

Reviewed in *Asian Affairs* 17(1) 1986 92-94 (Anthony Short)

MALAYA

GOVERNORS

MORLEY, JOHN, with portraits by Patricia Morley

*Colonial Postscript: Diary of a District Officer, 1935-56*


Morley was on the verge of a Colonial Service career when he was recruited by Antonin Besse to work in Aden 1935-36. After this he returned to his original career plan and was sent to Northern Nigeria. He saw war service in the RWAFF and in Eritrea, worked in Singapore and Malaya 1945-51 and in the Gold Coast 1952-56.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 65 1993 40 (H Y W S Dickson)

GOLD COAST

MALAYA

NIGERIA

MORLEY, PATRICIA

*My Other Family: An Artist-Wife in Singapore*


John Morley’s wife was an artist and portraitist, trained at the Slade. Living in Singapore she befriended and painted their Malay servants and their families.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 69 1995 52-53 (Angela Horsley)

MALAYA

WIVES

MORRIS, KATE

*A Zambian Odyssey, 1958-1988*


NORTHERN RHODESIA

GAME DEPARTMENT

WIVES

MORRIS-JONES, W H and FISCHER, GEORGES (eds)

*Decolonisation and After: The British and French Experience*


Product of a bilingual colloquium held in Paris, 6-8 May 1976

MORRISH, JUDY

*A Decade in Africa*


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 103 68(Cynthia Coase)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

WIVES

MORTON, G J

*Just the Job: Some Experiences of a Colonial Policeman*

London: Hodder & Stoughton 1957 316 pp


NYASALAND

PALESTINE
MOWAT, GEOFFREY SCOTT

*The Rainbow Through the Rain*


Mowat arrived in Malaya as a new cadet with a new bride in 1940. His wife was evacuated but Mowat became a POW. He and a friend escaped and were at large for several months before being recaptured by the Japanese. This book is an account of his wartime experiences in Changi, Sime Road and on the Railway and of his call to ordination. After the war, Mowat resumed his career in the MCS and served in various posts, retiring as Senior Lands Officer, Negri Sembilan in 1958. He was then ordained in the Church of England.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 71 1996 41-42 (Bill Fox)

MALAYA

MULLINS, PATRICK

*Retreat from Africa*


Mullins first saw Africa with the Navy in wartime. After taking his degree, he joined the Colonial Service and was posted to Ghana. He then transferred to Nyasaland which takes up most of the book. He left at Independence and joined the BBC.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 64 1992 57 (Marian Muir)

GOLD COAST

NYASALAND

MURPHY, GERALD

*Copper Mandarin: A Memoir*


An Irishmen who had served in the Garda, Murphy joined the Palestine Police in 1947 and transferred to Malaya in 1948. He anticipated a longer career in Malaya but the sudden death of his wife left him with two very small children. He applied for a transfer to a colony with a climate and educational facilities suitable for European children. Hoping for Kenya, he was sent instead to Uganda in 1955. He became Head of CID. Retiring in 1965, he joined the Home Service but went back to Uganda in 1971 to work with the Commission of Enquiry into the Obote régime.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 49 1985 19-20 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

MALAYA

PALESTINE

UGANDA

POLICE

NASH, T A M

*A Zoo Without Bars: Life in the East African Bush 1927-1932*


Born in India, Nash spent his working life studying tsetse flies and trypanosomes, first in Tanganyika and then for 26 years in Nigeria where he became Director of the West African Institute for Trypanosomiasis. This book is mainly concerned with the early years in Tanganyika.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 49 1985 21 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

KENYA

TANGANYIKA

MEDICAL

NEMO A C (Douglas)


**Niger Memories**
Exeter: J Townsend Printers 1927 174 pp
Breezy account of Victorian and Edwardian Eastern Nigeria. Douglas went out in the 1890s, by way of family patronage, as Vice-Consul, Opobo.

NIGERIA

NEWTON, JOHN
**The Kenya Police: a living history**
*The Kenya Police: a living history written by those who served during the concluding years of Colonial Rule, Volume 2*
*The Kenya Police: a living history written by those who served during the concluding years of Colonial Rule, Volume 3*
Leighton Buzzard: Kenya Police Association 2016-2017
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2016 112 59-60 (Peter Fullerton)
*Overseas Pensioner*, 114, 2017, 101-102 (Peter Fullerton)
Memories of the 1950s from former police officers and a few wives.

KENYA POLICE

NICHOLLS, C S
**A Kenya Childhood**
Reviewed in *African Research & Documentation* 2011 117 103-104 (John Pinfold)
*Overseas Pensioner* 2012 104 66-67 (Susan Duke and Veronica Bellers)

KENYA

**Red Strangers: The White Tribe of Kenya**
History of all the white people who lived and worked in Kenya including the administrators and governors.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 105 (418) 148-151 (Lotte Hughes)

KENYA

NICOL, BRUCE M
**Wind of Chance**
Nicol went to Nigeria as a District Medical Officer in 1946. There he became interested in nutrition, a field in which he became distinguished. After Nigerian independence, he worked for the FAO.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 63 1992 55-56 (S S R)

NIGERIA MEDICAL

NICOLSON, I F
**The Administration of Nigeria, 1900-1960: Men, Methods and Myths**
Scholarly account intended in part as a kind of acknowledgement to past generations of public servants in Nigeria and also as something which may be of some use to their hard-pressed Nigerian successors. The author was a colonial administrator turned academic. Something of a debunker of Lugard.
Reviewed in *Journal of Administration Overseas* 9(3) 1970 220-221 (R E Wraith)

NIGERIA
7. NICHOLSON, I F and HUGHES, COLIN
   *A Provenance of Proconsuls: British Colonial Governors, 1900-60*
   *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 4(1) 1975 77-106

   **GOVERNORS**

   NIGHTINGALE, BRUCE
   *Seven Rivers to Cross: A Mostly British Council Life*
   Most of this book is concerned with Nightingale’s British Council career in Malawi, Japan, Malaysia, Romania, Finland and Ethiopia but he was with the Colonial Service in Nigeria from 1957 to independence.
   Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 52 (Richard Barlow-Poole)

   NIGERIA

   NIVEN, Sir REX
   *Nigerian Kaleidoscope: Memoirs of a Colonial Servant*
   Niven was in Nigeria 1921-1961. He also covers the political and economic development of Nigeria especially the North.
   Reviewed in *African Affairs* 82(329) 1983 580-582 (Robert Pearce)

   NIGERIA

   NORTHERN RHODESIA JOURNAL, vols 1-6 Livingstone 1950-1965 (vol. 6 also known as Zambia Journal)
   Numerous articles of interest including a series “Memories of abandoned bomas” and articles by Kenneth Bradley.
   Vol 2 no 3 1954 34-42 W V Brelsford: The Boma Messenger and his uniform is a rare discussion of the role of the Messenger.

   OAKLEY, R R
   *Treks and Palavers*
   London: Seeley Service & Co 1938 300 pp
   Oakley was a Political Officer in Northern Nigeria, following war service and an earlier career as a rubber planter in Ceylon.

   NIGERIA

   OKONJO, I M
   *British Administration in Nigeria 1900-1950: A Nigerian View*
   New York: Nok Publishers 1974 390 pp
   Okonjo, a Nigerian civil servant before and after independence, took time out from his post as head of the Civil Service in Mid-West State to complete the London PhD on which this book is based.
   Reviewed in *Journal of Administration Overseas* 18(1) 1979 74-75 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

   NIGERIA

   OLDEN, ANTONY
   *Somali Opposition to Government Education: R E Ellison and the Berbera School Affair, 1938-40*
   *History of Education* 37(1) 2008 71-90

   SOMALILAND

   EDUCATION
OMMANNEY, FRANCIS DOWNES  
**Eastern Windows**  
London: Longmans 1960 245 pp  
Ommanney was based in Singapore to research a fisheries scheme. The book is more descriptive of landscape and people than of his work.  
MALAYA  
FISHERIES  

**Isle of Cloves: A View of Zanzibar**  
Ommanney went in 1951 to Zanzibar, the base for his research on fisheries along the East coast of Africa.  
ZANZIBAR  
FISHERIES  

ONDAATJE, CHRISTOPHER  
*Ceylon Revisited: A Journey in the Footsteps of Leonard Woolf*  
Geographical 76(7) 2004 46-53  
CEYLON  

**Wooll in Ceylon: An Imperial Journey in the Shadow of Leonard Woolf 1904-1911**  
(paperback edn 2005) 0-006-39525-2  
Reviewed in *Times Higher Education Supplement* 1716 2005 24-25 (Richard Boyle)  
*Times Literary Supplement* 5374 2006 27 (Kim A Wagner)  
CEYLON  

O’REGAN, JOHN  
*From Empire to Commonwealth: Reflections on a Career in Britain’s Overseas Service*  
O’Regan went to Ceylon in 1935, the first Ceylon Civil Service cadet to be appointed by a process of selection rather than competitive examination. He was Private Secretary to the Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott, whose daughter he married. In 1950 he went to Jamaica as Deputy Colonial Secretary and worked closely with Sir Hugh Foot, Bustamante and Manley. In 1956 he transferred to Nigeria as Permanent Secretary, Western Region and then (1958) Permanent Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Works and Survey. Joining the Foreign Office in 1962, he served in Uganda with the British High Commission and then 1968-73 in Iran. He includes a chapter on the debates over the future of the Colonial Service in the 1940s and 1950s – a subject on which the author had strong views.  
Reviewed in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 23(1) 1995 184-185  
(Richard Symonds)  
*Overseas Pensioner* 69 1995 49 (John Lonsdale)  
*Public Administration and Development* 15(2) 1995 187-1888 (Raja Gomen)  
CEYLON  
JAMAICA  
NIGERIA  

ORRETT, W A  
**History of the British Guiana Police**  
George Town: Daily Chronicle Ltd 1951 74 pp  
This rare item is held in the Royal Commonwealth Society Collections at Cambridge University Library. Orrett commanded the British Guiana Police from 1943 to 1952. He traces the history of the Police from their origins in an ordinance of 1839 to 1950.  
BRITISH GUIANA  
POLICE
OSMASTON, ANNA
_Uganda Before Amin: Our Family Life, 1949-1963_
Mainly travelogue and domestic.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 63 1992 57-58 (G H Y)

UGANDA
WIVES

OSMASTON, HENRY
_Foresters & Imperial Servants: The Osmaston Family_
Commonwealth Forestry Review March 1989 1-11
Story of a family which over three generations produced eight professional foresters,
most of whom served in India.

FORESTRY

OVERSEAS PENSIONER
ISSN 2041-2363
The official journal of the Overseas Service Pensioners’ Association, published
biannually since 1961, is a rich source of reminiscent and reflective articles, book
reviews, obituaries and news items.

OXFORD DEVELOPMENT RECORDS PROJECT REPORTS

No 1: Clayton, A; _The Thin Blue Line: Studies in Law Enforcement in Late Colonial Africa_,
247 pp
No 2: Clayton, A; _The British Military Presence in East and Central Africa: Research Memorandum_, 184 pp
No 3: Killingray, D; _The British Military Presence in East and Central Africa: Research Memorandum_, 221 pp
No 4: Burr, E; _Localization and Public Service Training_, 166 pp
No 5: Holden, P; _Women Administrative Officers in Colonial Africa 1944-1960_, 255 pp
No 6: Thurston, A; _The Intensification of Smallholder Agriculture in Kenya: The Genesis and Implementation of the Swynnerton Plan_, 133 pp
No 8: Silk, B; _Post-War Food and Cash Crop Production in Former Colonial Territories_,
65 pp
No 9: Allen, A R; _Confering Benefits on the Land – the Colonial Education Service in Northern Nigeria 1945-60_, iv + 159 pp
No 10: Earle, E W D H; _The Development of Education in Pre-Independent Ghana, based on the Personal Accounts of Twenty-Five Participants in that Development_, 96 pp
No 11: Bell, C.R; _Education in Uganda before Independence_, 106 pp
No 12: Robertson, K; _Educational Development in Pre Independent Tanganyika_, 103 pp
No 13. Greig, J C E; _Education in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland: The Pre-Independence Period_, 109 pp
No 14: Tolmie, P; _Higher Education in Anglophone Tropical Africa: Material Collected by the Oxford Development Records Project_, 47 pp
No 15: Dalton, H; _The Gold Coast: The Wives Experience based on the Personal Accounts of 25 Contributors_, 67 pp
No 16, Tolmie, P; _Medicine and Public Health in British Tropical Africa: Materials Collected by the ODRP_, 49 pp
No 17: Holden, P; _Doctors and Other Medical Personnel in the Public Health Services in Africa 1930-1965_: Nigeria, Uganda, Tanganyika, xiv + 233 pp
No 18: Holden, P; _Nursing Sisters in Nigeria, Uganda, Tanganyika 1929-1978_, 194 pp
No 19: Bull, M; _The Medical Services of Nigeria in 1954-55_, 108 pp
No 20: Bull, M; *The Medical Services of Uganda 1954-55*, iii + 55 pp

There is a description and assessment of these reports by D H Simpson in *Royal Commonwealth Society Library Notes*, 280, 1987.

**OXFORD DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

edited by H C G Matthew and Brian Harrison
Online at http://www.oxforddnb.com/
Includes numerous colonial governors, administrators and officials. The online version includes supplements, updates and superb search facilities.

**PACKHAM, ERIC S**

*Africa in War and Peace*
After war service in East Africa, Packham spent 22 years in the Administrative Service in the Gold Coast.

**PAGE, GWENDOLINE**

*Coconuts and Coral*
Gwendoline Page accompanied her husband to the New Hebrides where he was involved in teacher training at Kawena College.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 68 1994 61-62 (K Nicholson)

**PAKENHAM, VALERIE**

*The Noonday Sun: Edwardians in the Tropics*
Chapter 2 on *Rulers* deals with the Colonial Service and gives vivid pen-portraits of Leonard Woolf in Ceylon and Joyce Cary in Nigeria.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 85(338) 1986 145-147 (Jean Jacques van Helten)
*Overseas Pensioner* 50 1985 51-52 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

**PARKER, IAN and BLEAZARD, STAN (eds)**

*An Impossible Dream: Some of Kenya’s Last Colonial Game Wardens Recall the Game Department in the British Empire’s Closing Years*
The history of the Kenya Game Department told through the eyes and memories of Game Wardens during the last half of the twentieth century.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 86 2003 54-55 (Richard Leakey)

**PARKINSON, COSMO**

*The Colonial Office From Within 1909-1945*
London: Faber and Faber 1947 157 pp
Sir Cosmo Parkinson (1884-1967) joined the Colonial Office in 1909 after a year at the Admiralty, and spent his entire career there. He writes of this book, *This is not an autobiography... No, my idea is that having spent thirty-six years working in, or for, the Colonial Office, some account of that department and changes made in it in the*
course of a generation may be of interest. Inevitably, the personal story will keep on
intruding in the telling of the story.

COLONIAL OFFICE

PATTERSON, G
_A Spoonful of Rice with Salt_
Patterson’s followed his father (Nigeria) into the Colonial Service, arriving in Malaya
in 1941. He served briefly in Trengganu before his years as a Prisoner of War in
Formosa and Mukden. He returned to Malaya as Private Secretary to Malcolm
MacDonald. The book ends there although as Patterson served through the
Emergency and only retired from Malaya in 1960, a sequel is to be desired.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 67 1994 48 (Veronica Masefield)
MALAYA

PATTERSON, K D
_The Veterinary Department and Animal Industry in the Gold Coast 1909-1955_
International Journal of African Historical Studies 13 (3) 1979 457-491
Veterinary work was one of the most successful developmental activities during the
colonial period in many African territories...A handful of competent, hardworking
veterinarians made a substantial and lasting contribution to the Gold Coast.
GOLD COAST
VETERINARY

PEARCE, ROBERT D
_Follow Up: Robert Hepburn Wright_
Wright went to Nigeria in 1936. He was Private Secretary to Sir Bernard Bourdillon,
a “Beachcomber” at the Colonial Office, served briefly in Cyprus and in the RAFVR
before rejoining the Colonial Service and returning to Nigeria in 1946. He transferred
to the Education Department and retired in 1956 as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Education. Pearce provides a brief biography, a handlist of Wright’s papers (over
2,000) items and extracts from them, including some of Wright’s verse.
NIGERIA
EDUCATION

_Morale in the Colonial Service in Nigeria During the Second World War_
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 11(2) 1983 175-196
NIGERIA

_Sir Bernard Bourdillon: A Twentieth-Century Colonialist_
Scholarly biography of Governor of Uganda and Nigeria.
Reviewed in _Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History_ 18(3) 1990 389-390
_Overseas Pensioner_ 58 1989 61-62 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
CEYLON
NIGERIA
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

_Then the Wind Changed in Africa: Nigerian Letters of Robert Hepburn Wright_
See Item 532
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 66 1993 47-48 (Richard Barlow-Poole)
NIGERIA
EDUCATION
The Turning Point in Africa: British Colonial Policy 1938-1948
This book deals with the remarkable transformation that took place in British policy towards the empire in tropical Africa between 1938 and 1948 during which time a revolution occurred in the methods and purpose of British rule...Attention is given to the parts played by the Colonial Office, the Colonial Service and by African nationalists, while the effects of the Second World War for the African Empire are also evaluated.

AFRICA

Violet Bourdillon: Colonial Governor’s Wife
African Affairs 82 (327) 1983 267-277
An admiring portrait of a governor’s wife. Lady Bourdillon lived on to 1979, dying at the age of 93.

NIGERIA
UGANDA
GOVERNORS
WIVES

PEDLER, Sir FREDERICK
Business and Decolonization in West Africa, c 1940-1960
Oxford: Privately printed with the assistance of generous grants from UAC, Barclays Bank and Mr John Zochonis 1989 47 pp
Pedler entered the Colonial Office in 1930 and was seconded to Tanganyika, 1934 to 1937. He worked with Lord Hailey and in the Finance and Development and Recruitment Departments of the Colonial Office. In 1947 he joined the United Africa Company of which he became Deputy Chairman in 1965. This short but valuable memoir touches on his relations with Colonial officials and nationalist politicians in Gold Coast and Nigeria.

GOLD COAST
NIGERIA

PEEL, RICHARD
Old Sinister: A Memoir of Sir Arthur Richards
Sir Arthur Richards (Lord Milverton aka Old Sinister) served 22 years in the Malayan Civil Service then held the governorships of Gambia, Fiji, Jamaica and Nigeria. Peel was his Private Secretary in Malaya.
Reviewed in African Affairs 86(343) 287-288 (Book notes) Cambridge (Richard Barlow-Poole)
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 16(1) 1987 143-144 (Robert Pearce)
Overseas Pensioner 52 1986 49-50 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
FIJI
GAMBIA
JAMAICA
MALAYA
NIGERIA

PEREIRA, CHARLES
Simama: A Lifetime Study of Tropical Issues
Teston: Teston Books 2000 167 pp
KENYA
AGRICULTURE
PERHAM, MARGERY

*The Colonial Reckoning*
London: Collins 1961 160 pp

The 1961 Reith lectures. On pp 124-128 Margery Perham reflects on her encounters with the Administrative Service as lecturer and visitor in Africa. *I believe that for its special task in its period, the Colonial Service achieved as much as could have been expected of any large body of men. More, the office of District Commissioner should stand out in history as one of the supreme types developed by Britain to meet a special demand like the Justices of the Peace in Tudor times.*

*Lugard: The Years of Adventure, 1858-1898*
London: Collins 1956  xv + 750 pp

*Lugard: The Years of Authority, 1898-1945*
London: Collins 1960  xx + 748 pp
See also Lugard’s diaries (Item 445)

NIGERIA
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

*Ten Africans*
London: Faber and Faber 1936
Ten African life stories. Of particular interest is the story of Martim Kayamba Mdumi, MBE (born 1891). UMCA educated Mdumi was Head Clerk at Tanga from 1923 and served on the Advisory Committee for African Education. In 1931 he travelled to Britain as a witness to the Joint Parliamentary Committee in East Africa. Although much of his account is of his journey to England, this is a rare picture of an African employee.

TANGANYIKA

PHILLIPS, HENRY

*From Obscurity to Bright Dawn: How Nyasaland became Malawi: An Insider’s Account*

Phillips began his career in 1946 posted to the most remote district in the Protectorate. He was soon transferred to the Finance Division and worked for the Central African Federation treasury before becoming Financial Secretary of Nyasaland in 1957. He was a great admirer of Governor Colby and also enjoyed good relations with Hastings Banda. He maintained close relations with Malawi after independence, working for Standard Bank and an international company promoting equity investment in Africa. He was for six years on the board of the National Bank of Malawi.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 76 1998 (Colin Baker)

NYASALAND

PINK, PATTIE

*The Last of the White Ants*


Disguised as a novel featuring “Sinclair Brown” who joined the Colonial Service after World War II. Describes his doubts about colonialism and the work, relationships and social life of Civil Servants in Zomba. The author was Publications Officer for the Nyasaland Ministry of Information in the 1950s.

Reviewed in African Research and Documentation 101 2006 71-72 (Robert Mares)
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 92 2006 81-82 (Robert Mares)

NYASALAND

PIRKIS, D (ed)
Variations on a Theme – Memories from Members of Queen Elizabeth’s Overseas Nursing Service Association
Part 1 (pp 1-38) gives a history of the Association, mostly told in extracts from its Newsletter. The rest of the book consists of ‘memories’ arranged in 24 territories from Aden to Zanzibar. Uganda is the most recently represented.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 83 2002 65-66 (Margaret A Brayton)

NURSING

PITCHFORD, JOHN
The Last District Officer
Librario Publishing, 2013, 196 pp. ISBN 978190923806 0
A lively account of service in Northern Rhodesia and independent Zambia and then in the Gilbert & Ellice Islands.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 107 2014 62-63 (Michael Waters)
GILBERT AND ELLIS ISLANDS
NORTHERN RHODESIA

POLICE JOURNAL v 1 1928 –
Subtitle originally a quarterly review for the police forces of the empire. Frequency varies and “Empire” gives way to “Commonwealth” in 1958.
Introduction in first issue: For some time it had been felt by certain police officers whose duties had brought them into contact with the works of other units both at home and abroad that a link between all the police forces of the Empire was wanting. These forces are scattered all over the world working under varied conditions and climates and embracing many different nationalities in their ranks. But with all the different codes and regulations and conditions of service, the police forces of the Empire have a common bond, whether performing their duties in the heat of the metropolis, in the snows of Canada or in the plains of India, they are representatives of law and order, pledged to protect the welfare of their fellow citizens whose servants they are. Especially in the early volumes, the colonial forces are well represented and depicted in some high quality photographs.
Significant articles include:
Heath, A J Kingsley
The Palestine Police Force under the Mandate, 1(1) 1928 78-88
Dowbiggin, H L
The Ceylon Police and its Development, 1(2) 1928 303-217
Gallagher, A E
The Development of the Police in Ceylon, 1(3) 470-474
Adam, Lieut J H Stanley
The British South Africa Police in Southern Rhodesia: History, Present Organization and Work, 1(4) 1928 553-567
Sempill, C I
The Making of an East African Policeman, 1(4) 1928 669-681
Adams, Capt W C
The Constabulary of North Borneo, 2(2) 1929 310-315
Pennefather-Evans, J P
Policing the Federated Malay States, 2(3) 1929 406-415
Rountree, F R G
The Mauritius Police Force, 3(1) 1930 50-62.
Hole, H Marshall
The Police Forces of Southern Rhodesia, 3(3) 1930 435-446
‘Quatamba’ the Gold Coast Police, 5(1) 1932 136-138
Sheringham, A I, Lieut Col (Commissioner of Police, Uganda)
Colonial police and the use of Rifle Fire, 23(2) 1950 136-138
Conway, H (Asst Supt, Aden Police)
The Colonial Police and Riots, 25(1) 1952 64-68
Turner, H R (Asst Supt, Singapore Police)
Staff Officers of the Colonial Police Force, 37(1) 1959 28-40
POLICE

POSTLETHWAITE, J R P

I look back

London: T V Broadman 1947 204 pp
Postlethwaite went out to Uganda as a Treasury Assistant. He soon transferred to the Native District Administration and went on to hold a variety of posts culminating in Provincial Commissioner, Buganda. He retired in 1932.

UGANDA

POSNETT, RICHARD

The Scent of Eucalyptus: A Journal of Colonial and Foreign Service
Born in India, the son of a Methodist missionary, Posnett began his career as ADO, West Nile, Uganda. He then served in Teso before transferring to the Legal Department. He gives a good account of routine District work. He was Judicial Adviser, Buganda and gives an account of the Kabaka crisis. After a “Beachcomber” term at the Colonial Office, he returned to Uganda to work on the Independence celebrations, staying on for a time as head of the Office of Foreign Affairs. He then transferred to the FCO, gaining Caribbean and Pacific experience before appointment in 1971 as Governor of Belize. He led the Ocean Island Enquiry before returning to Uganda on a special mission as Amin fell in 1979. He then served, unhappily, as Governor of Bermuda.

Reviewed in African Affairs 101 no 402 121-123 (Mark Leopold)
African Research & Documentation 89 2002 84-90 (Terry Barringer)
Overseas Pensioner 83 2002 49-50 (Rex Hunt)

BERMUDA
BRITISH HONDURAS
UGANDA

GOVERNORS

POWELL, ERICA

Private Secretary (Female)/Gold Coast
Erica Powell left her post as personal secretary to Sir Charles Arden-Clarke to work for Nkrumah, a post she held until he was toppled by the 1966 coup.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 47 1984 33-35 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

GOLD COAST

POWELL, J M

Dominion Over Palm and Pine: The British Empire Forestry Conferences, 1920-1947
Journal of Historical Geography 33 (3) 2007 596-618

FORESTRY

PRICE, GEOFFREY R

Building a Life
An architect’s account of his work in government service and private practice over thirty years in Africa and the Pacific.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 92 2006 82-83 (Chris Cochran)

AFRICA

PACIFIC

PRIOR, CHRISTOPHER

 Exporting Empire: Africa, colonial officials and the construction of the imperial state, c.
This book examines what British colonial officials thought and why. It is concerned with those officials who served in Africa between the end of the Scramble for Africa and the start of the Second World War. It draws from a wide range of unpublished and published letters, diaries and memoirs and much secondary literature.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 107 2014  60-61 (Terry Barringer)

**PURCELL, VICTOR**

*The Memoirs of a Malayan Official*

London: Cassell 1965 365 pp

A lively account which begins with Purcell’s war experiences on the Western Front and as a POW and his Cambridge years. As a cadet in Malaya he was attached to the Chinese Protectorate and sent to Canton to learn Chinese, which he did with aid of a “sleeping dictionary”. Back in Malaya his duties were mainly concerned with Chinese education although he also worked in immigration and had seven months as District Officer, Christmas Island. He challenges Somerset Maugham’s view of Malaya although he adds a few scandalous stories of his own. He devotes a chapter to “The British Record”. Fortuitously out of Malaya at the time of the Japanese invasion, he returned briefly after the war but resigned in 1946.

MALAYA

**RAWLINSON, JUDY**

*Finding a Flame Lily: a teenager in Africa*


Judy Rawlinson spent five years in Northern Rhodesia where her father was with the Public Works Department.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 111 2016 48-50 (Hugh Macmillan)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

**RAYNE, H**

*Sun, Sand and Somalis: Leaves from the Note-Book of a District Commissioner in British Somaliland*

London: H F & G Witterby 1921 223 pp

Descriptive and anecdotal book from Marjorie Perham’s brother-in-law. Includes an account of operations against the Mad Mullah.

SOMALILAND

**REECE, ALYS**

*To My Wife, 50 Camels*

London: Harvill Press 1963 254 pp

A Colonial Service wife (married 1936) in the Northern Frontier District of Kenya. Her husband later became Governor of British Somaliland.

KENYA

WIVES

**REARDON, MARGARET; edited by Catherine Armstrong**

*An Unexpected Journey: Life in the Colonies at Empire’s End: a woman’s role*


Margaret worked at Bletchley Park before her marriage. She then spent several years in Eritrea before accompanying her husband to Tanganyika, Bechuanaland, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 111 2016 62-64 (Joanna Lewis)

BECHUANALAND

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS
TANGANYIKA
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

REDCLIFFE-MAUD, JEAN
High Commission to Embassy: South Africa 1959-1963 from the Letters and Diaries of Jean Redcliffe-Maud
Cirencester: Englant Publishing 1990 311pp
John Redcliffe-Maud was appointed High Commissioner to South Africa in 1959. His wife kept a diary, most often writing as they flew to and from the High Commission Territories, for circulation to friends at home.
HIGH COMMISSION TERRITORIES
WIVES

REEVE, W H
Hammer, Compass and Traverse Wheel: A Geologist in Africa
Reeve worked as a geologist for Anglo-American in 1930 to 1933. He transferred to the Colonial Survey Service and worked in Tanganyika, later in Nyasaland, Kenya and Northern Rhodesia.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 64 1992 62-63 (R J Barkley)
KENYA
NORTHERN RHODESIA
NYASALAND
TANGANYIKA
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

REY, Sir CHARLES
Monarch of All I Survey: Bechuanaland Diaries, 1929-1937
edited by Neil Parsons and Michael Crowder
Rey died in 1968, aged 90 after a long and varied life. He rose rapidly through the Home Civil Service, becoming Director General of National Labour Supply, before becoming Resident Commissioner, Bechuanaland. He retired from this post in 1937, having recorded his experiences in fourteen hand-written diaries. Published in a shortened but unbowdlerised version with extensive and useful editorial notes.
BECHUANALAND

RICHARDSON, SAM
No Weariness – Memoir of a Generalist in Public Service in Four Continents
The life story of Sam Richardson, who worked as a District Commissioner in the Sudan Political Service and assisted in the reform of the Northern Nigerian legal and judicial systems. After Nigerian independence he directed the Institute of Administration in Northern Nigeria for seven years, and was Deputy Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University. He moved to Canberra College of Advanced Education in 1969 to become the Foundation Principal, and served for seventeen years in South Pacific university management.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 83 2002 51-52 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA
SUDAN
PACIFIC

RICKMAN, ROY
Spindoctor
Anecdotes and reflections from a medical parasitologist and public health expert.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 97 2009 36-38 (Wenzel Geissler)
MEDICAL

ROBERTS, DENYS
Another Disaster: Hong Kong Sketches
Entertaining account of Roberts' time in Hong Kong, 1962-1988, as successively Solicitor General, Attorney General, Colonial Secretary and Chief Justice.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 92 2006 74-75 (Peter Moss)
HONG KONG
LEGAL

I'll Do Better Next Time
A light-hearted, self-mocking account. Roberts was in Nyasaland 1953-1959. His final four chapters are concerned with the 1959 State of Emergency and the Devlin Commission of Inquiry, at which he represented the Nyasaland Government. He was later Chief Justice in Hong Kong and Brunei and President of the Court of Appeal, Bermuda.
Reviewed in Society of Nyasaland Journal 50 (2) 1997 60-61 (Colin Baker)
NYASALAND
LEGAL

ROBERTSON, BRIDGET
Angels in Africa: A Memoir of Nursing with the Colonial Service
After Guys and Princess Mary’s Royal Air Force Nursing Service, Bridget Robertson joined Queen Elizabeth’s Overseas Nursing Service in 1947.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 66 1993 53-54 (Pat Dickson)
KENYA
SEYCHELLES
TANGANYIKA
ZANZIBAR
NURSING

ROBERTSON, Sir JAMES
The Last of the Proconsuls: Letters from Sir James W Robertson KT, GCMG, GCVO, KBE Order of the Nile (4th Class) K St J, Civil Secretary of the Sudan 1945-1953, Governor-General of Nigeria 1955-1960
edited by Graham F Thomas
Robertson (died 1983) went to the Sudan in 1922 and left in 1953 after eight years as Civil Secretary. He was Governor-General of Nigeria 1955-60. This volume consists of his letters to his friend Graham Thomas and a brief memoir by Thomas.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 69 1995 50 (Gawain Bell)
NIGERIA
SUDAN
GOVERNORS

Transition in Africa: from Direct Rule to Independence: A Memoir
London: Hurst 1974 xiv + 272 pp
This book was started in order to give my family some account of my service in Africa, first in the Sudan and then in Nigeria. It has a foreword by Margery Perham
and a final chapter of reflections. In addition to Africa, it also has a brief account of Robertson’s membership of the British Guiana Constitutional Commission.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 74 (297) 1975 486-487 (Kenneth Robinson)

**BRITISH GUIANA**

**NIGERIA**

**SUDAN**

**GOVERNORS**

ROBINSON, RONALD

*Andrew Cohen and the Transfer of Power in Tropical Africa*

In W H Morris-Jones and Georges Fischer (eds), *Decolonisation and After* 50-72 (see item 497)

**GOVERNORS**

ROONEY, DAVID

*Sir Charles Arden-Clarke*


Over half this book deals with Arden-Clarke as Governor of the Gold Coast 1949 to independence, but it also deals with his earlier career in Nigeria 1920-1936 as Resident Commissioner in first Bechuanaland then Basutoland and as Governor of Sarawak.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 82 (328) 1983 441-442 (Kenneth Robinson)

**BASUTOLAND**

**BECHUANALAND**

**GOLD COAST**

**SARAWAK**

**GOVERNORS**

The Role and Experiences of Expatriate Women in the Last Phase of Empire and After: a transcript of the proceedings of the seminar held on 7 October 2015 (Occasional Paper of the OSPA Research Project at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London; 10).


**WIVES**

**WOMEN IN THE COLONIAL SERVICE**

ROSEVEARE, Sir MARTIN

*Joys, Jobs and Jaunts*

Malawi: [1984?] vi + 159 pp

Sir Martin retired from a distinguished career in the British Civil Service as Chief Inspector of Schools in 1957. He then went to Nyasaland, becoming headmaster of a new mixed secondary school at Mzuzu.

**NYASALAND**

**EDUCATION**

ROSS, M A

*The Old Third World: The Golden Years; Recollections of South-East Africa 1924-1945*


Very sparing of biographical details, this is a mixture of travelogue, observations and opinion (with a marked tendency to see “reds under the bed”) by the wife of a medical officer.

**KENYA**

**WIVES**
ROSS, W MCGREGOR
Kenya From Within: A Short Political History
London: Allen & Unwin 1927 486 pp
London: Frank Cass 1968 486 pp
The writer during his twenty three years in the service of the British Government kept a diary, written day by day – except for a few gaps denoting illness or misadventure. Also he systematically retained newspaper files or cuttings, and personal letters. It is only to be expected that the book suffers in places from faults inherent in accounts of heated political happenings written by one who played parts varying from inconspicuous to prominent, in some of them and took a lively interest in them all.

KENYA

ROWE, E G
Reflections on the Oxford Overseas Courses
Journal of Administration Overseas 9(3) 1970 205-215
After service in Tanganyika, Rowe was the last supervisor of the courses at Oxford.

ROWLING, NOEL
Nigerian Memoirs
Noel Rowling married in 1933 and accompanied her District Officer husband back to Northern Nigeria where they remained until retirement in 1954.

NIGERIA
WIVES

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY
The Day's Work in Word and Picture
An occasional series drawing attention to autobiographical material by the administrators, professionals, technicians and their wives who served in the colonies and newly independent countries in the 20th century, published in the Society’s Library Notes. The first three were compiled by Donald Simpson, the remainder by Terry Barringer.

RUSSELL, A COLIN
Gold Coast to Ghana: A Happy Life in West Africa
Russell served in the Gold Coast from 1929 to 1957. This account is based on a fairly complete set of daily diaries with the main fault that they record chiefly social and recreational matters, and only occasionally any official activities. Russell read for the bar, taking exams every time he came home on leave, and taking ten years to qualify. After retirement from Ghana, he was ordained in the Church of Scotland.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 74 1997 65 (Michael Ensor)
GOLD COAST

RUSSELL, ELNOR
Bush Life in Nigeria: An Account of the Experiences of the Wife of an Administrative Officer in Northern Nigeria from 1934-1944
Yeovil: Sir Kenneth Maddocks 1978 136 pp
Elnor Russell married a member of the Nigerian Administrative Service in 1935 and lived in various stations in Northern Nigeria. Her account was written in 1944 and published here with a few additional letters, a brief memoir and an introduction by Sir Kenneth Maddocks (see item 468) her second husband.
NIGERIA
WIVES

RUSSELL, JOHN

Kenya: Beyond the Marich Pass: A District Officer’s Story

Russell served with the Kenya Regiment during the Mau Mau Emergency. In 1954 he was seconded to District Administration to train Home Guard Units and establish guard posts. He was soon appointed to the permanent staff but being the son of a Kenya settler, I was regarded as suspect material for Her Majesty’s Colonial Service so they sent me off to Oxford University to be suitably brainwashed. Most of the book is devoted to the two years he spent in West Pokot. It ends with his posting to the Coast Province and only hints at his subsequent career in Kenya and the Solomons.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 69 1995 53 (Oliver Knowles)

KENYA

RUSSELL, TOM

I Have the Honour to Be

First assigned to the post-war Solomon Islands as a District Administrator, Tom Russell rose to Chief Secretary of the Western Pacific High Commission and then Governor of the Cayman Islands.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 87 2004 51-52 (John Smith)

CAYMAN ISLANDS
PACIFIC
SOLOMON ISLANDS

SABBEN-CLARE, E E, BRADLEY, D J and KIRKWOOD, K (eds)

Health in Tropical Africa During the Colonial Period: Based on the Proceedings of a Symposium held at New College Oxford 21-23 March 1977

Includes personal accounts of what it was like to be a district medical officer.

MEDICAL

SADLEIR, RANDAL

Tanzania: Journey to Republic

Sadleir arrived in Africa in 1943, serving in the King’s African Rifles. District Officer who stayed on after independence. Valuable record of the rise of nationalism and rapport with Nyerere and of the Zanzibar Revolution, the army mutiny, the Arusha Declaration and Ujamaa.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 79 2000 40-42 (Andrew Stuart)
The Round Table 355 2000 411-412 (Derek Ingram)

TANGANYIKA

ST JOHNSTON, T R A

A West Indian Pepper-Pot: Or Thirteen ‘Quarshie’ Stories
Foreword by L S Amery
London: Philip Allan 1928 xiii + 209 pp

St Johnston was the Administrator of St Kitts-Nevis and states, In these stories, written up from notes made at intervals during some eight years of residence in the West Indies...I have endeavoured to depict the life of the West Indian peasant.

ST KITTS
SALMON, DAVID  
*Letters from Africa*  
Letters written home to his parents from David Salmon’s first posting as a cadet in Barotseland in 1959/60.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 103 62-63 (Ian Mackinson)  
NORTHERN RHODESIA

SANDERS, PETER  
*The Last of the Queen’s Men: A Lesotho Experience*  
Sanders arrived in Basutoland in 1961, leaving in 1966. He worked as a District Officer, in the Secretariat, as Secretary to the Constitutional Commission and as Chief Electoral Officer in the elections leading up to independence. He describes this book as an attempt to recapture what it was like for me as a young and impressionable Englishman, to work as an administrator in the last days of British rule in Basutoland.  
Reviewed in *Australasian Review of African Studies* 13 (2) 2001 71-72 (David Goldsworthy)  
*Overseas Pensioner* 82 2001 53-54 (M J L Glaze)  
BASUTOLAND

SANGER, CLYDE  
*Malcolm MacDonald: Bringing an End to Empire*  
Readable biography of the man who played a central role in decolonisation.  
MacDonald (1901-1981) Colonial Secretary in the 1930s, Governor-General of Malaya and Singapore 1946, last Governor and first Governor-General of Kenya.  
KENYA  
MALAYA  
GOVERNORS

SANDFORD, EILEEN  
*Come on, Eileen! Encounters and experiences*  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2011 101 57-58 (Patricia Farrant)  
Administrative Officer’s wife in Northern Nigeria  
NIGERIA  
WIVES

SCHOFIELD, ALICE SHIRLEY  
*The Donas Remember*  
Reminiscences from wives of Northern Rhodesia policemen.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 67 1994 53-54 (R K Barkley)  
NORTHERN RHODESIA  
POLICE  
WIVES

SCHRAM, RALPH  
*A History of the Nigerian Health Services*  
Ibadan: Ibadan University Press 1972 xxvi + 480 pp  
A shortened version of a Cambridge Doctor of Medicine thesis. Schram was Reader in Community Medicine at Ahmadu Bello University. This wide-ranging book begins with Portuguese traders on the West Coast of Africa and takes in the whole history of disease, health and medical practice in Nigeria.
NIGERIA
MEDICAL

SCHUR, TONY (ed.)
*From the Cam to the Zambezi: Colonial Service and the path to the new Zambia*
22 men (two of them African) took the Overseas Services Course in Cambridge in 1961 before going on to work in Northern Rhodesia. That cohort kept in touch over the years and Tony Schur (Cadet in the Kabompo District from 1962 to 1964) has edited this collection of reminiscences by members and their wives.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 110 2015 52-55 (Veronica Bellers)

ZAMBIA

SCOTT, DAVID
*Ambassador in Black and White*
Scott went out to South Africa in 1950 as First Secretary (Political) in the High Commission. He has much of interest on the High Commission Territories particularly Swaziland and Bechuanaland (including the ‘Seretse Affair’). Later, he was in charge of the Central African and Territories Department at the Commonwealth Relations Office, High Commissioner to Uganda and to New Zealand. At the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the early seventies he was responsible for the administration of the remaining Dependent Territories and managed to visit 13 out of 17 of them. He returned to Africa as Ambassador to South Africa 1975-1979.

HIGH COMMISSION TERRITORIES

SCOTT, JOAN HALL
*The Governor's Lady*
Draguigan, France: The author 2007 202 pp
American born Joan Scott accompanied her husband Alan, Governor of the Cayman Islands 1987-1992. This memoir includes mouth-watering recipes.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 95 2008 59 (Peter Moss)

CAYMAN ISLANDS
GOVERNORS

SCOTT, MICHAEL
*Special Forces Commander: the life and wars of Peter Wand-Tetley OBE MC, Commando, SAS, SOE & Paratrooper*
Most of this book is devoted to Wand-Tetley’s distinguished military career but there are a few significant pages on his Colonial Administrative Service in Nigeria 1947-1964.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 103 64-65 (Ronald Bird)
NIGERIA

SCOTT, R
*Gowers of Uganda: The Public and Private Life of a Forgotten Colonial Governor*
Australasian Review of African Studies 30(2) 2009 12-31
Study of Sir Williams Gowers, Governor of Uganda 1925-32.
UGANDA
GOVERNORS

SCRUTON, ROGER
England: An Elegy
Scruton describes this book as a memorial address and a personal tribute to the civilisation that made me and which is now passing from the world. Pages 27-35 are given to an appreciative portrait of “Mr Chapman”, Scruton’s physics master at High Wycombe Royal Grammar School. He joined the Colonial Service, was called upon to defend various outposts of empire against imaginary Germans and then, after the war found himself Assistant District Commissioner in Nigeria, responsible for the administration of Ibo territories.

NIGERIA

SEATON, HENRY
Lion in the Morning
London: John Murray 1963 ix +229 pp
Episodes from Seaton’s early career working with the Akamba and Kamasia peoples. Some previously published as short stories in the Wide World Magazine and similar publications. Illustrated with fine drawings by Victor Ambrun. The book ends in the 1920s with Seaton’s marriage and transfer to Eldoret. He spent the rest of his career in the White Highlands.

KENYA

SELWYN-CLARKE, Sir SELWYN
Footprints; Memoirs: The Memoirs of Sir Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke 1975
Sir Selwyn served with the Colonial Medical Service in the Gold Coast, Malaya, Nigeria and Hong Kong. He was Governor of the Seychelles 1947-1951.
GOLD COAST
HONG KONG
MALAYA
NIGERIA
SEYCHELLES
GOVERNORS
MEDICAL

SHARWOOD SMITH, Sir BRYAN
But Always as Friends: Northern Nigeria and the Cameroons 1921-1957
London: Allen & Unwin 1969 xvii + 460 pp
Sharwood-Smith spent his entire career in Nigeria, becoming Governor of Northern Nigeria. His book is divided into three parts: First as Masters (to 1927), Then as Leaders (1927-1951), Finally as Partners. Some solid history is interwoven with his personal story and supported by maps, scholarly appendices and index.
NIGERIA

SHARWOOD-SMITH, JOAN
Diary of a Colonial Wife: An African Experience
Joan married Bryan Sharwood-Smith in 1939 and joined him in Nigeria at the beginning of the war, during which she entertained De Gaulle and the Free French and taught ciphers and survival hints to young officers raiding Vichy territory.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 64 1992 55-56 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA
WIVES

SHENNAN, MARGARET
Out in the Midday Sun: The British in Malaya 1880-1960
Well-researched and highly readable. Chapters 7 “Pyramids of Power” and
8 “Official and Unofficials” are particularly relevant.
Reviewed in Asian Affairs 31(3) 2000 360 (Adrian Steger)
Journal of Contemporary History 40(3) 2005 585-589 (Review article: When – if ever – did
Empire end? Recent Studies of Imperialism and Decolonization; Stephen Howe)
Overseas Pensioner 80 2000 53-54 (Dr A V M Horton)
Round Table 358 2001 129-131 (John M Mackenzie)

MALAYA

SHEPPARD, MUBIN C
Taman Budiman: Memoirs of an Unorthodox Civil Servant
Kuala Lumpur: Heinemann Educational Books (Asia) 1979 xii + 278 pp
Sheppard went to Malaya as a cadet in 1928 during the governorship of
Sir Hugh Clifford and held diverse posts, serving through the war, during which
he was interned, and the Emergency. He remained in Malaya after Independence,
became a Muslim and was actively involved in the creation of the National Archives
and the National Museum.

MALAYA

SHERMAN, A J
Mandate Days: British Lives in Palestine, 1918-1948
The British men and women of the Mandate have with rare exceptions been omitted
from the histories of Palestine... This book aims to remedy that omission, largely by
permitting the participants in the Mandate to tell their own stories. Draws on the
archive of private papers at St Antony’s, Oxford and includes many good
photographs.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 75 1998 43-44 (Patrick Moberly)

PALESTINE

SHERWOOD, SANDYS
It’s Been a Pleasure
Memoir of an Englishman who served in the Colonial Police Force in Nigeria and
Jamaica before retiring to Alicante, Spain. Contains diary extracts and cartoons.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 70 1995 59 (Michael Macoun)

JAMAICA
NIGERIA
POLICE

SHORT, ROBIN
African Sunset
District Officer 1950-1966. Anthropological interest especially in the account of his
cadetship at Kasempa, Kaonde-Luangwa Province and also notable for his account of
the impact of Federation and the path to independence.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

SHURMER-SMITH, PAMELA
Remnants of Empire: memory and Northern Rhodesia’s white diaspora
ZAMBIA
Based on survey of white people who had lived in Northern Rhodesia and who left at
Independence of shortly afterwards. Half the book deals with life in colonial
Northern Rhodesia in thematic chapters. The second half deals with reasons for leaving and life afterwards.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 111 2016 48-50 (Hugh Macmillan)

SIMNETT, W E

**The British Colonial Empire**

London: George Allen & Unwin 1942 (and reprints) 249 pp

In 1940 the British Government sent Simnett on a mission to the United States to express thanks for American co-operation in the Colonial sphere and to explain Colonial policy and Colonial Development and Welfare legislation to the Americans. I felt constrained, after my return to England, and in default of any better attempt to fill the gap, to make the necessary time to write this little book which is offered in all diffidence not only to our own people who are directly responsible for the future welfare of the British colonies but also to the American public. Chapter X deals with Colonial Government and the Colonial Service.

SINCLAIR, GEORGINA

**At the End of the Line: Colonial Policing and the Imperial Endgame 1945-50**


The Colonial Police Service in the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Middle East, Africa and South East Asia. Based on a range of archival sources and some 400 interviews with surviving police officers.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 93 2007 49-50 (Robin Mitchell and Bob Bradney)

POLICE

‘Get into a Crack Force and Earn £20 a Month and all Found…’ The Influence of the Palestine Police upon Colonial Policing 1922-1948

*European Review of History* 13(1) 2006 49-65

PALESTINE

POLICE

SKINNER, NEIL

**Burden Assumed: The Making of a Colonial Candide**

Madison: The Author 1985 126 pp

This account begins with Skinner’s Colonial Service interview and takes the story up to his first leave.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 51 1986 45-46 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

NIGERIA

**Burden at Sunset: Last Days of Empire**


Written with a light touch, this is an account of Skinner’s colonial service 1942-60. After an interlude in New Zealand, Skinner went to the Department of African Languages and Literature at the University of Wisconsin.

NIGERIA

SLAUGHTER, CAROLYN

**Before the Knife**


This book by the daughter of a District Commissioner attracted considerable attention but is deeply offensive to some. This is a story of surviving sexual abuse by her father and Carolyn Slaughter draws connections between her own abuse and the abuse of Africa and Africans by white colonialists, frequently portrayed as bigoted and sadistic.
SMITH, ALEC

*Insect Man: A Fight Against Malaria in Africa*


In 1950, Smith took up a post as Entomologist with the newly established Filariasis Research Unit. He continued in Tanzania for eleven years after independence, retiring in 1972. He then worked for WHO in Geneva and Africa.

Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 36(2) 1995 345-346 (James L Giblin)
*Overseas Pensioner* 67 1994 51-52 (C C Draper)

TANGANYIKA

MEDICAL

SMITH, COLIN

*Green Mountain Doctor: Memoirs of a Government Medical Officer in Basutoland in the Nineteen Sixties*


Smith went to Basutoland in the early 60s, having wanted to be a doctor from the age of four and having become an enthusiast for Africa after reading Rider Haggard, John Buchan and the like. He describes himself as romantic, a bit arrogant, with a sense of Christian destiny, physically and mentally tough, cheerful to the point of silliness at times and very green. He encountered many surgical challenges and odd obstetrical problems which are described in graphic layman’s language. Good photographs and pleasant sketches.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 81 2001 40-41 (Neil Squires)

BASUTOLAND

MEDICAL

SMITH, FRANCIS G.

*Sixty-nine Years Together*


Memoir published as a tribute to the author’s late wife and containing much domestic detail but of interest because in 1949 Francis Smith was appointed to the unusual post of Beeswax Officer, Tanganyika.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 103 66-67 (David Connolly)

TANGANYIKA

WIVES

SMITH, JOHN H

*Colonial Cadet in Nigeria*
Smith was appointed to Northern Nigeria in 1951, the last year of large-scale British recruitment to the Nigerian Administrative Service. This book, written at the suggestion of Robert Heussler, draws on diaries, correspondence and official reports written at the time. A particularly valuable feature is the inclusion of some 70 pages of Touring Reports. Smith describes his object as to show the kind of men we were and the type of work the majority of us, at the broad base of the administrative pyramid, did and how we did it.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 68 (273) 1969 364-365 (Alec Dickson)
*Journal of Modern African Studies* 7(4) 1969 756-758 (John A Ballard)

**NIGERIA**

**SMITH, JOHN**

*Administering Empire: The British Colonial Service in Retrospect: Proceedings of a Conference jointly sponsored by the University of London and the Corona Club held at Senate House on 27th and 28th May 1999 under the auspices and Direction of the Institute of Historical Research and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies*


A modest attempt to understand better the men and women who administered empire on the ground, their motivation and background and the constraints under which they worked. The book opens with Peter Marshall’s lecture on ‘The British experience of Imperial rule’ and Tony Kirk-Greene’s taxonomic survey of ‘The Colonial Service in the novel’. The bulk of the volume is divided into sections on East Africa, West Africa, The West Indies and The Far East and Pacific, mingling anecdotes and reminiscences from colonial officers with scholarly assessments.

Reviewed in *African Research & Documentation* 82 2000 77-78 (Terry Barringer)
*Journal of Modern African studies* 40(1) 2002 168-170 (John Mackenzie)

**SMITH, JOHN**

*An Island in the Autumn*


After his service in Nigeria (see Item 609), John Smith was posted to the South Pacific where he served as Financial Secretary of the Solomon Islands and Governor of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2012 103 56-58 (W. David McIntyre)
*The Round Table* 2012 101(3) 278-80

**GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS**

**SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**GOVERNORS**

**SMITH, JOHN**

*Vet in Africa: Life on the Zambezi, 1913-1933: Selected Letters and Memoirs of John Smith*

edited and with a commentary by Tony Bagnall Smith


Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 74 1997 68-69 (R J Short)

**NORTHERN RHODESIA**

**VETERINARY**

**SMITH, VIC**

*Birds, Beasts and Bature*


Vic Smith took a job as Veterinary Research Officer in Nigeria, having no tropical experience but attracted by the bird-watching, in 1957. He left in 1966 to work in Australia.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 73 1997 51 (K V Arrowsmith)

**NIGERIA**

**VETERINARY**
SNELSON, PETER
*To Independence and Beyond: Memoirs of a Colonial and Commonwealth Civil Servant*

  Snelson spent fourteen years in Northern Rhodesia/Zambia, ten years before and four after independence, beginning as a teacher of history and English at Munali Secondary School and rising to Provincial Education Officer with a major role in integrating European and African education. He then spent 19 years at the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 66 1993 52-53 (D A Bell)

NORTHERN RHODESIA
EDUCATION

SNOW, PHILIP
*The Years of Hope: Cambridge, Colonial Administration in the South Seas and Cricket*

  Snow arrived in Fiji in 1938. His work there was extremely varied: Magistrate, Deputy Sheriff, Officer-in-Charge of Police, Superintendent of Gaols, Receiver of Wrecks and Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 75 1998 44-45 (Kenneth Bain); and see Letter to Editor in *OP* 76 1998 56 (Sir Ian Thomson)

FIJI

A *Time of Renewal: Clusters of Characters, C P Snow and Coups*

  Sequel to *The Years of Hope*. Despite his change of career in 1952 – Snow became Bursar of Rugby – Snow retained his connections with and interest in Fiji.

FIJI

SNOXALL, R A
*Peripatetic Pedagogue: Some Reminiscences of R A Snoxall*
edited by P R Snoxall
Worthing: The Author 1985 76 pp

  Snoxall was an Education Officer in Tanganyika 1926-1928 and Uganda 1928-1952. He compiled a *Luganda/English Dictionary* and a *Concise English/Swahili Dictionary*.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 50 1985 53-54 (I A)

TANGANYIKA
UGANDA
EDUCATION

SPURR, R
*Excellency: the Governors of Hong Kong*

  Copiously illustrated biographical sketches of Hong Kong governors from 1841 to 1997 (31 in all, including two Japanese).

HONG KONG
GOVERNORS

STANLEY, Sir ROBERT
*King George’s Keys*

  Beginning as a cadet in Nigeria in 1925, Stanley went on to Cyprus in 1935, to Barbados as Colonial Secretary 1941, to Gibraltar as Colonial Secretary 1944, to Northern Rhodesia as Chief Secretary, 1947 and as High Commissioner to the
Western Pacific in 1952. After retirement from the Colonial Service, he spent three years as Speaker of the Mauritius Legislative Council.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 74 (297) 1975 486-487 (Kenneth Robinson)

**BARBADOS**

**CYPRUS**

**GIBRALTAR**

**NIGERIA**

**MAURITIUS**

**PACIFIC**

**GOVERNORS**

**STEPHENSON, RALPH**

*Colonial Sunset – A Worm’s Eye View*


A career in the Colonial Audit Service with tours in Hong Kong, Seychelles, Gold Coast and Sierra Leone.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 88 2004 59-60 (Gillian Bickley)

**GOLD COAST**

**HONG KONG**

**SEYCHELLES**

**SIERRA LEONE**

**AUDIT SERVICE**

**STEWART, BRIAN (ed)**

*Smashing Terrorism in the Malayan Emergency*


Memories of junior police officers of all races.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 88 2004 58 (Simon Hutchinson)

**MALAYA**

**POLICE**

**STIGAND, Capt C H**

*Administration in Tropical Africa*

London: Constable 1914 viii + 302 pp

Captain (later Major) Chauncey Hugh (d 1919) served with the army in Burma, Aden, Somaliland and in the King’s African Rifles. In 1907 he was attached to the East African Survey and he became Governor, Upper Nile in 1916. He published several other books on game and hunting and a Swahili grammar.

*This book does not pretend to aim at the higher administrative problems of this continent. It is written from the junior officer’s point of view and only touches on such wider problems as affect or should affect him either directly or indirectly in the performance of his duties. Junior officials for African administration are generally selected from those who have been educated in the usual way and are healthy in mind and body. In few cases are any special qualifications made a sine qua non. On appointment, there appears no royal road to the acquisition of a knowledge of his duties, he must learn them by practice and experience. The present book is the outcome of my efforts to elucidate what these duties really were and what was expected of me.*

Chapter headings include “Law and Equity”, “Taxes”, “Customs and Revenue”, “Labour”, “Correspondence and Filing”, “Forestry”, “Sleeping Sickness” and “Punitive Expeditions” but no mention of education.

**AFRICA**

*The Land of Zinj: Being an Account of British East Africa, its Ancient History and Present Inhabitants*

London: Constable 1913 351 pp

A careful compilation of African traditions with a final chapter on ‘The African’s
STOCKWELL, A J
*Sir Hugh Clifford's Early Career 1866-1903 as told from his Private Papers*
*Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 49(1) 1976 89-112

STOW, Sir JOHN
*Times Remembered: In Africa and the Caribbean*
This modest volume, dedicated to the hundreds of Africans and West Indians who have made life rewarding in the many territories in which my wife and I have served, is well written and well illustrated. Stow’s father was a distinguished member of the ICS who advised his son, You will probably not pass into the Indian Civil Service and in any case there will probably be no India to govern in a few years time. You had better try the Colonial Service. He joined in 1934 and served in Nigeria, Gambia, the Windward Islands and Kenya before becoming Colonial Secretary of Jamaica in 1955 and Governor of Barbados in 1959.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 63 1992 51-52 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
BARBADOS
GAMBIA
JAMAICA
KENYA
NIGERIA
GOVERNORS

STROBEL, MARGARET
*European Women and the Second British Empire*
Wide ranging but does include comments on Colonial Service wives.
Reviewed in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 21(2) 1993 452-453 (Judith Brown)
WIVES

STUART, ANDREW
*Of Cargoes, Colonies and Kings: Diplomatic and Administrative Service from Africa to the Pacific*
Stuart, the son of the Bishop of Uganda, joined the Colonial Service in 1952 and was posted to Toro, then Mbale. He gives a lively account of a District Officer’s work and has some interesting impressions of the governors, King Freddie, Obote, Amin and Museveni. He was seconded to Special Branch HQ and helped to design the flag of independent Uganda. He stayed on, working in the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and Tourism but left before Amin’s takeover. Transferring to the FCO, he served in Hong Kong and the Seychelles before becoming Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides. His final diplomatic post was as Ambassador to Finland. This book is written with a light touch and much good humour (at the expense of the colonisers rather than the colonised). A good read but impressionistic and sparing on dates, names and hard facts.
Reviewed in *African Research & Documentation* 89 2002 84-90 (Terry Barringer)
Overseas Pensioner 83 2002 49-50 (Rex Hunt)
HONG KONG
NEW HEBRIDES
SEYCHELLES
UGANDA
SULLIVAN, PAUL (ed.)  
*Kikuyu District: Francis Hall’s Letters from East Africa to his Father, Lt. Colonel Edward Hall 1892–1901*  
KENYA

SUNDERLAND, DAVID  
*Managing the British Empire – The Crown Agents, 1833-1914*  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 94 2007 55-57 (Alan Frood)  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 95 2008 46-48 (Larry Butler)

SUNMAN, HILARY  
*A Very Different Land: memories of Empire from the farmlands of Kenya*  
Owen Sunman served with the Colonial Agricultural Service from 1928 to 1950. His daughter, Hilary, provides a careful and contextualised account of his career, informed by her own perspective as a Development Economist. Peter Hennessy provides a foreword.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 109 2015 51-52 (Parmeet Singh)  
KENYA

SWAISLAND, CECILLIE  
*Forty Years of Service: The Women’s Corona Society 1950-1990*  
The Women’s Corona Society functioned as a network and advisory agency for women members of the Colonial Service and Colonial Service wives with particular concerns for briefing services, children’s education and travel.  
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 66 1993 55-56 (I Andrew)  
WIVES

SWIFT, CHARLES R  
*Dar Days: The Early Years in Tanzania*  
Swift worked as a Psychiatric Consultant with the Ministry of Health.  
TANGANYIKA  
MEDICAL

SYMES, Sir STEWART  
*Tour of Duty*  
London: Collins 1946 271 pp  
Beginning his career in the Army and the Egyptian Army, Symes saw service in Sudan, Egypt and Palestine. He was Chief Secretary, Jerusalem 1925-28, Resident and Commander in Chief, Aden 1929-1930, Governor, Tanganyika 1931-1933 and Governor of the Sudan 1934-1940.  
ADEN  
PALESTINE  
SUDAN  
TANGANYIKA  
GOVERNORS

SYMonds, RICHARD
The British and their Successors
London: Faber & Faber 1966 287 pp
The subject of this book is the succession to the British in the government services which they established in Asia and in Africa. Part I deals with India and Ceylon, Part II with West Africa and Part III with East Africa. A final section gives comparisons (with the French and other Empires) and reflections.
Reviewed in African Affairs 66(263) 1967 156-157 (Ronald Wraith)
Journal of Administration Overseas 6(2) 1967 140-142 (S S Kehra)
Times Literary Supplement 3437 11 January 1968 30 (John Chadwick)

Oxford and Empire: The Last Lost Cause?
London: Macmillan 1986
ISBN 0-19-820300-4
A comprehensive and highly readable account of the University’s connections with the British Empire including alumni careers in the Colonial Service, teaching about the Empire and colonies and Colonial Service training courses in Oxford.

TALIB, NAIMAH S
Administrators and their Service: The Sarawak Administrative Service under the Brooke Rajahs and British Colonial Rule
Based on a Hull University PhD, this is a very thorough study. More than half the book is devoted to the period 1946-1963.
Reviewed in Asian Affairs 31(2) 200 227-228 (A V M Horton)

TAMUNO, TEKENA N
The Police in Modern Nigeria, 1861-1965
Ibadan: Ibadan University Press 1970 xvi + 304 pp
A thoroughly researched history by a Nigerian scholar.
Reviewed in Journal of African history 14(1) 1973 173-4 (David Craig Dorwood)

TAWNEY, JOHN J
Personal Thoughts on a Rescue Operation: The Oxford Colonial Records Project
African Affairs 67 (269) 1968 345-350

TAYLOR, DAVID
The Rehabilitation and Development of the Falkland Islands 1983-87: A Personal Experience of Colonial Administration in the South Atlantic
The Round Table 369 2003 269-277
David Taylor was the first Chief Executive of the Falklands.

TAYLOR, HUMPHREY
40 years On – An Old Africa Hand Reflects on the Colonial Era
Humphrey Taylor, now living in America and Chairman of the Harris Poll, was a District Officer in Tanganyika 1959-1962. See also the response to his article by John Bridgen in Cambridge 49 2002 56-57.
TAYLOR, THOMAS K
Sunset of the Empire in Malaya: A New Zealander’s Life in the Colonial Education Service
New Zealander Tom Taylor was appointed Senior Master in English at King Edward VII High School, Taiping in 1946. He rose through the ranks becoming a Headmaster in Klang, before taking over as Chief Education Officer, Selangor.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 92 2006 73-74 (John Gullick)
MALAYA
EDUCATION

TEASDALE, JEAN
Facing the Bow: European Women in Colonial Malaya 1919-1945
Combines oral interviews and documentary material to tell the stories of 18 women who were in colonial Malaya between 1919 and 1945.
MALAYA
WIVES

TEDDER, JAMES L O
Solomon Island Years: A District Administrator in the Islands 1952-1974
Tedder was an Australian who spent almost all his career in district administration.
SOLOMON ISLANDS
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 96 2008 54 (John Smith)

TERRELL, R
West African Interlude: A Retrieval of Personal Experience
Terrell was the first Principal sent overseas under the 1951 scheme for seconding Colonial Office civil servants to the administrative services of colonial governments. His book is a blend of journal entries made at the time with later reminiscences and reflections. It displays a keen awareness of the sensory experiences of Africa and an unusual candour about emotional strain and sexual frustration. He describes his work supervising elections and censuses, resolving boundary disputes, inspecting prisons and working on community development (a method of getting a job done without the use of money).
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 56 1988 68-69 (S S R)
NIGERIA

THOMAS, GRAHAM
Far from the Valleys
After a working-class upbringing in Wales and London and exploring a religious vocation, Thomas, a Conscientious Objector in World War II, took a degree at the University of Wales. He had brief excursions into teaching and industry and was a Labour candidate in the 1950 election before he and his wife joined the Sudan Education Service in 1950. In 1954 he transferred to Kenya where he was appointed to the staff of Siriba Government Teacher Training College. He then went to the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education, Labour and Land and planned training courses for supervisors. He was on good terms with the young Tom Mboya but never met Kenyatta. Concerns for children and elderly parents brought the Thomases back to the UK, where they were active in Labour and later SDP politics.
KENYA
SUDAN
EDUCATION
THOMAS, PARAMPIL T

_Little Sparks of Celestial Fire_

An autobiography and inner safari: three books in one volume: I The gains, pains and joyous tears of following the still small voice within; II India, Christianity and empires upside down; III Nazarenes and Kizarones: Indo-Syrian Christians of old and new, good and bad.


A huge baggy book which contains histories, church annals, family lore, safari stories and profiles of people great and small. It is the story of life under dependent and free societies and tinpot tyrants, of nature and the supernatural, fairy tales and a sup with the spirits, mostly facts and a few factions, odd poems and odes with tribal and folk songs.

Thomas, a South Indian Christian, went to Kenya in 1950, aged 19, and joined the Public Works Department in Nairobi as an Asian clerk grade 2. He soon transferred to the Provincial Administration where his career prospered. “Life with the knights and knaves in a young crown colony of a doomed empire” is a rare and valuable account of African colonial administration from an Asian viewpoint.

KENYA

THOMPSON, HARRY

_Peter Cook: A Biography_


This biography of the comedian and satirist gives attention, in its early chapters, to his Colonial Service background. Peter Cook’s grandfather, Edward Cook, was Traffic Manager for the FMS State Railway in Kuala Lumpur. His father, Alec Cook, was a District Officer in Nigeria, Financial Secretary in Gibraltar, Permanent Secretary, Eastern Region, Nigeria. He retired with a CMG in 1955.

NIGERIA

THORPE, HELEN

_Ladder of Bones_

London: Jonathan Cape 1956 320 pp

Thorpe’s “ladder of bones” refers to the means by which, in her view, Nigerians had advanced so quickly and so high as to have a credible claim to self-government. The book is concerned to set down something of the work of the (white) men and women who, in Southern Nigeria, helped to build that ladder of bones and in doing so shaped the modern state.

NIGERIA

TIDRICK, KATHERINE

_Empire and the English Character_


Tidrick is concerned with the play of character within the context of empire, the ideals of the British as a ruling race, how these ideals were worked out in practice, the ideology of Indirect Rule, moral dilemmas and particularly ambivalence over violence and compulsion. Includes substantial sections on the career of Hugh Clifford and on the British experience in Kenya with particular reference to the Mau Mau Emergency and to the administration of the Masai.

Reviewed in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 20(1) 1992 150-152

(John M Mackenzie)

*Overseas Pensioner* 64 1992 63-64 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

TILL, W B

_A Surveyor and his Friends: A West African Odyssey_

TOMPKINS, ALASTAIR
_A Beat Around the Bush – Memoirs of a Kenya Policeman 1953-63_
As a young officer, Tompkins joined the Kenya police to counter Mau Mau.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 89 2005 61 (“A former Kenya policeman”)
KENYA
POLICE

TSANG, STEVE
_Governing Hong Kong: Administrative Officers from the Nineteenth Century to the Handover to China, 1862-1997_
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 95 2008 40-42 (Brian Hook)
HONG KONG

TURBOTT, Sir IAN
_Lands of Sun and Spice_
A New Zealander, Turbott served in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, 1948-56, Antigua 1958-64, and as Governor of Grenada 1964-68.
ANTIGUA
GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS
GRENADA
GOVERNORS
TUGENDHAT, JULIA
_My Colonial Childhood in Tanganyika_
Julia Tugendhat grew up in Tanganyika as the child of a District Officer.
Reviewed in _Overseas Pensioner_ 2012 103 65-66 (Christine Nicholls)
TANGANYIKA

TWADDLE, MICHAEL (ed)
_Empire & After_
Occasional Paper of the OSPA Research Project at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London No 1
Contents:
Questions of concern; Michael Twaddle
Asylum in a crowded colony – the Vietnamese Boat People in Hong Kong 1975-1997 (Clinton Leeks)
Education: the Colonial Service Legacy: the case of Northern Rhodesia (Peter Snelson)
Notes on a visit to Zambia in November 2003 (Jonathan Lawley)
Law and the administration of justice: a police perspective from Nigeria (Robin Mitchell0
Uganda (Andrew Stuart)
Language and sport in nation building (Sir Richard Posnett)
Imperialism (Michael Twaddle)
Review Article: Was there a “British Empire?” The Oxford History of the British Empire from a Canadian perspective.
Book reviews.
TWEEDESMUIR, LORD

*Always a Countryman*

London: Robert Hale 1953 320 pp

This son of the more famous Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) served briefly in the Colonial Service 1934-1935, but the relevant part of his autobiography is more concerned with wildlife, shooting and pets than the Day’s Work.

UGANDA

UDOJI, JEROME

*Under Three Masters: Memoirs of an African Administrator*


(paperback) 978-246-264-0

One of the first African District Officers, Udoji had the unique experience of serving under colonial, civilian and military regimes. He read law at Cambridge 1944-1948 and was accepted for the Colonial Administrative Service. He had postings in Western Nigeria, Abeokuta, the Lagos Secretariat and Enugu, becoming Chief Secretary, Eastern Nigeria. Later he worked for the Ford Foundation and the private sector. This book, written with the active encouragement of Tony Kirk-Greene is not a straightforward biography. It includes personal assessments of the three administrative periods, colonial, civil and military as well as assessments of the performance of corporate institutions of the private sector. The Epilogue bears the sad title, *I weep for Nigeria*.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 96(382) 1997 142-143 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

NIGERIA

ULRICH, RETO (COMP.)

*Charles W. Welman (1878–1961) Collection: the life of a Colonial Official: documents from South Africa, the Gold Coast and Switzerland* (Registratur PA.42); introduction by Sonia Abun-Nasr


Welman worked in the Transvaal and then from 1910 in the Gold Coast, becoming Secretary for Native Affairs in 1923. He kept a regular diary. He retired to Switzerland and lived there for 30 years.

GOLD COAST

WADDINGTON, DAVID

*David Waddington: Memoirs: Dispatches for Margaret Thatcher’s Last Home Secretary*


Lord Waddington retired as President of OSPA in 2012, after fourteen years. He had a distinguished Parliamentary career, serving as Home Secretary and Leader of the House of Lords. He was Governor of Bermuda for five years in the 1990s.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 2013 105 56-57 (Richard Luce)

WALKER, PATRICK

*Towards Independence in Africa: A District Officer in Uganda at the End of Empire*


Patrick Walker enjoyed a colonial childhood in Kenya and joined the Overseas Civil Service after Oxford, serving in Uganda from 1956 to 1963. He then joined MI5 where he was Director-General from 1988 to 1992.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 99 2010 44-46 (Anthony Low)

KENYA

UGANDA

WARD, A B

*Rajah’s Servant*
SARAWAK

WARD PRICE, H L
Dark Subjects
London: Jarrolds 1939 287 pp
A discursive, well-illustrated account. Ward went to Nigeria in 1912, retiring in 1936 as Resident of Oyo Province.

NIGERIA

WARD, W E F
My Africa
Ward was at Achimota, 1924-1940. He then transferred to Mauritius as Director of Education.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 64 1992 58 (Michael de N Ensor)
GOLD COAST MAURITIUS EDUCATION

WASS, PETER
Initiatives to Promote Civil Society in Botswana in the 1960s: A Personal Memoir
Botswana Notes and Records 36 2004 74-81
BECHUANALAND

WATERFORD, ENID
Not out of Malawi
NYASALAND AGRICULTURE WIVES

WATKINS, BRIAN
Feathers on the Brain
Brian Watkins' first service was in Sierra Leone. He became Administrator of Tristan da Cuna in 1966 and later Deputy Governor of Bermuda.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 108 2014 59-60
BERMUDA SIERRA LEONE TRISTAN DA CUNHA

WATKINS, ELIZABETH
Cypher Officer
As a young woman Elizabeth Watkins served as a wartime RAF Cypher Officer in the Middle East, Seychelles and Madagascar.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 96 2008 66 (Joan Cox)

Jomo’s Jailor: The Life of Leslie Whitehouse
Calais: Mulberry Books 1993
Whitehouse began to write his memoirs at the age of 87. Elspeth Huxley says in her foreword, that this was too late, that he wrote with too many gaps and too much
reticence. But the unfinished memoir provided a base for this admiring biography. Whitehouse had a difficult start in life and was working in a chemist’s shop in Nairobi when offered a temporary job at a school for Masai boys. Then in 1927 he was offered a permanent job in the Education Department. From there, he found his way into the Administration. Near retirement, he was serving as District Commissioner, Turkana where Kenyatta was in internal exile. A rapport built up between the two.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 65 1993 49-50 (C Chenevix Trench)
KENYA

Olga from Kenya: Repressing the Irrepressible
Elizabeth Watkins’ biography of her mother who went to Kenya in 1914 and died there in 1947. Olga’s first husband was killed in the East Africa Campaign and she later married Oscar Watkins (see next item). She was an elected member of the Legislative Council.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 91 2006 48 (Sir John Johnston)
KENYA

Oscar from Africa: The Biography of O F Watkins
A biography of Oscar Watkins by his daughter. Watkins (died 1943) joined the Administrative Service of the East African Protectorate in 1908. During the war, he was put in charge of the recruitment and deployment of the Carrier Corps. Later he found himself on a collision course with Delamere and the white settlers, opposing the recruitment of labour for white farms and making more land available for European farmers.

Reviewed in African Affairs 95 (378) 1996 149 (David Killingray)
Overseas Pensioner 70 1995 62 (John Johnson)
KENYA

WATT, PEGGY
There is Only One Nigeria
Ilfracombe: Arthur Stockwell 1985 203 pp
Based on letters written to her father and the diaries of her husband, a New Zealander and District Officer, describing their family life, touring the District, her voluntary work for the blind and the run-up to independence.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 50 1985 49-50 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA
WIVES

WATTS, RONALD
Eyes on Africa: A Fifty Year Commentary
Experiences of the author and his doctor wife in 12 countries over 50 years.

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 91 2006 55-56 (Laurie Robertson)
MEDICAL

WEBB, GEOFFREY
Five Years in the White Man’s Grave: An Education Officer in Nigeria, 1928-33
Geoffrey Webb worked in Nigeria from 1928 to 1933 and was the co-author of the standard textbook for learning Hausa. This book is a skilfully edited (by Webb’s son) and illustrated version of an account published serially in the Leicester Evening Mail in 1936.

Reviewed in African Research and Documentation 108 2008 115-116 (Terry Barringer)
Overseas Pensioner 96 2008 67 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
NIGERIA
EDUCATION
WEBSTER, GEORGE and OSMASTON, HENRY

*History of Uganda Forest Department 1951-1965*

UGANDA
FORESTRY

WELLS, CARVETH

*Six Years in the Malay Jungle*
London: Heinemann 1925 xviii + 261 pp
Garden City, New York: Garden City Publishing Company 1927 xviii + 261 pp
Wells applied to the Crown Agents in 1913. At his interview he was told, *We send dozens of young fellows like you abroad...you see they don’t last very long.* Posted to the Unfederated States, he remained there until 1918, surveying routes for railways and roads in Kelantan and Kedah. This account *condensed from my notebooks but I submit it as an absolutely true narrative of my personal experiences* is more descriptive of country and natural history than of his surveying work.

MALARAYA
SURVEY

WEIGHTMAN, BARRY

*Nowhere near Greenland*
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 100 2010 64-65 (F.E. Baker)

KENYA
NEW HEBRIDES
MALARAYA
TANZANYA
AGRICULTURE

WEST, GEOFFREY PHILIP (ed)

*A History of the Overseas Veterinary Services*

VETERINARY

WEST, MARGARET

*Catching the Bag: Who’d be a Woman Diplomat?*
After experience in India, New Zealand and the Commonwealth Relations Office, Margaret West was posted to Salisbury as First Secretary in 1960, as the Congo crisis was unfolding and just before the publication of the Monckton Report. This volume made up of (lightly edited) letters home gives an insider’s view of the break up of the Central African Federation, some nice pen-portraits and anecdotes about key players and some wry observations on the advantages and disadvantages of being female in a male world.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 101(405) 2002 668-669 (Jonathan Lawley)
*African Research & Documentation* 85 2001 74 –76 (Terry Barringer)

CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION

WHITE, STANHOPE

*‘Dan Bana’: The Memoirs of a Nigerian Official*
London: Cassell 1966 vii + 268 pp
The more interesting and amusing incidents in my career as Assistant District Officer and District Officer in Bornu, Benue, Kano and Sokoto provinces.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 66 (263) 1967 164-165 (Hilary Blood)

NIGERIA

WHITEHEAD, CLIVE

*British Colonial Educational Policy: A Synonym for Cultural Imperialism?*


*Colonial Educators: The British Indian and Colonial Education Services 1858-1953*


Foreword by Tony Kirk-Greene points out that after this book, *No longer can ‘Sanders of the River’ leave ‘Carruthers of the Classroom’ in undeserved obscurity.* Part One deals with India, Part Two with the Colonial Education Service. After a general chapter on *The Origins and Nature of the Colonial Education Service*, chapters are devoted to the following key individuals: Sir Hanns Vischer, Arthur Mayhew, Eric Hussey, Sir Christopher Cox, Frank Ward, Margaret Read, Freda Gwilliam, William Dodd.

Reviewed in *Empire & After* (see item 652) 97-100

*Overseas Pensioner* 87 2004 48-49 (Lalage Bown)

EDUCATION

*The Concept of British Education Policy in the Colonies 1850-1960*

*Journal of Educational Administration and History* 39 (2) 2007 161-73

WHITWORTH, PHOEBE

*View from the Peak: An Autobiography*


ISBN 0-95091-734-6

Phoebe Whitworth was the daughter of Francis Henry May who spent most of his career in Hong Kong. He was Governor of Fiji, 1910-1912, before returning to Hong Kong as Governor. This memoir deals with her childhood and youth, impressions of Hong Kong and Fiji and of English schools and French finishing School.

FIJI

HONG KONG

GOVERNORS

WIGGINS, C A

*Early Days in British East Africa and Uganda*

Privately printed 1960 revised with additions 1963

Wiggins joined the Colonial Medical Service in British East Africa in 1901, transferred to Uganda in 1909 and retired in 1923 as Director of Medical Services. He returned to Uganda as a medical missionary in 1927-31 and 1938. He was ordained in 1943 and died in 1965 aged 88. He was also distinguished as a lepidopterist.

Copies are rare but can be found in Rhodes House Library and Cambridge University Library.

KENYA

UGANDA

MEDICAL

WILD, PERCY

*Bwana Polisi (Under Three Flags)*


Wild joined the Kenya Police in 1955 and served until 1970. He then worked in Botswana for seven years.
WILDE, J K H

Science and Safari: Memoirs of Jack Wilde
Published when the author was 92, these memoirs tell of his veterinary training, work for the Colonial Veterinary Service in Tanganyika and Nigeria, for the Wellcome Foundation in Kenya and the Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine at the University of Edinburgh.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 60-61 (Robert Mares)
TANGANYIKA
NIGERIA
VETERINARY

Wilde tales from Africa
The James Herriot of post-war Tanganyika. Delightful, amusing line drawings. Wilde went on to a distinguished career in tropical veterinary medicine.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 61 1991 32 (M L H)
TANGANYIKA
VETERINARY

WILLES, OLIVIA

A Saharan Sketchbook: A Memoir of a Journey in an Africa of Yesterday
Olivia Willes worked for the Cameroons Development Corporation at Bota 1954-1955. This book is beautifully written and illustrated of her adventurous journey home, from Douala to Algiers across the Sahara in a temperamental motor car, sustained by the mechanical genius of her Dutch travelling companion. A few pen portraits of English and French colonial officials.
CAMEROONS
FRENCH COLONIES

WILLIAMS, J K

Black, Amber, White: An Autobiography
Williams was appointed Stipendary Magistrate in Tanganyika in 1953 and went on to occupy a number of judicial posts, culminating in Judge of the High Court. This book does not attempt to discuss the development of the nation but is intended to be the story of one who was privileged to work in the judiciary of a country which will always remain close to his heart.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 60 1990 56 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
TANGANYIKA
LEGAL

WILLIAMS, Sir RALPH

How I Became a Governor
London: John Murray 1913 466 pp
After an adventurous youth, Williams settled in Southern Africa where he had many dealings with Rhodes and became British Agent in the Transvaal then Resident Commissioner, Bechuanaland. From 1907 to 1909 he was Governor of the Windward Islands and then Governor of Newfoundland.
BECHUANALAND

Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 70 1995 58 (Michael Macoun)
BECHUANALAND
KENYA
POLICE
WINDWARD ISLANDS
GOVERNORS

WILLIAMS, STEPHANIE
Running the Show: Governors of the British Empire 1857-1912.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 2011 102 51-52 (A.H.M. Kirk-Greene)
The Round Table 101 (2) 189-90(Terry Barringer)

GOVERNORS

WILLIAMSON, THORA
Gold Coast Diaries: Chronicles of Political Officers in West Africa, 1900-1919
edited by Anthony Kirk-Greene
Extracts from some 50 diaries, ably edited and footnoted.
Reviewed in African Affairs 101(403) 271-274 (Ashley Jackson)
African Research & Documentation 86 2001 65-67 (Terry Barringer)
Journal of African History 45(2) 2004 183-202
Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History 30(1) 2002 171-172
Overseas Pensioner 82 2001 52-53 (Michael Ensor)

GOLD COAST

WILLSON, LESLIE
A Son of the Raj
Born in India, trained in medicine at Edinburgh, Willson was called up in 1942 and
served in Burma and South East Asia. He then joined the Colonial Medical Service
and one chapter describes his work in Malaya.

MALAYA
MEDICAL

WILSON, BRIAN
Hong Kong Then
Wilson held many administrative posts in Hong Kong culminating in that of Director

HONG KONG

WILSON, PETER M
Bwana Shamba: (‘Mr Agriculture’): The Autobiography of a Field Officer (Agriculture) in
Tanganyika Territory (now Tanzania) During the Closing Years of the British Colonial Era
in Africa
The service of an Agricultural Field Officer in Tanganyika 1958-1971 and
subsequently at the Botswana Agricultural College. Wilson also wrote Swahili
textbooks.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 83 2002 57-8 (Michael Longford)
Tanzanian Affairs 71 2002 (Jim Watson)
BECHUANALAND
TANGANYIKA

WILSON, R A M
A Cargo of Spice or Exploring Borneo
Mostly a history of North Borneo, but some personal reminiscences.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 69 1995 54 (Henry Kirk)

NORTH BORNEO
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WINSTANLEY, GEORGE
_Under Two Flags in Africa: Recollections of a British Administrator in Bechuanaland and Botswana 1954 to 1972_
In the 1950s Winstanley served at Francistown and various ‘bush’ postings. In 1962 he was promoted to the Secretariat at Mafeking. He served as clerk to the Legislative and Executive Councils and was the secretary to the committee planning the move to Gaborone. With internal self-government, he became Clerk to the Cabinet. After independence, he became Permanent Secretary of Agriculture, leaving Botswana in 1972. Most of the book is concerned with the early years. In a disarming foreword the author writes, _This book is not a history. It is not meant to be a complete record. I never kept a diary and I have not consulted any archives so what is recorded is based on my memory which is fortunately very good when concerned with matters which have moved or amused me. On two or three occasions I verified dates._ Imagine Sir Arthur “Pattern of Islands” Grimble translated from the Pacific to Van der Post country and you will have some idea of the verve and anecdotage of Winstanley’s style. This should be read in conjunction with Peter Fawcus’ _Botswana: The Road to Independence_ (item 208).
Reviewed in African Research and Documentation 85 2001 83-86 (Terry Barringer)
Botswana Notes and Records 32 2000 218-219 (Ashley Jackson)
Overseas Pensioner 81 2001 43-44 (Colin Baker)

BECHUANALAND

WINSTEDT, Sir RICHARD
_Start from Alif, Count from One: An Autobiographical Mémoire_
Kuala Lumpur: Oxford University Press 1969 xiii + 186 pp
Introduction by Mubin Sheppard.
Winstedt arrived in Perak in 1902 and eight months later was an Assistant Inspector of Schools. He held a variety of administrative appointments before becoming Assistant Director of Education in 1916. The memoir ends at this point but Winstedt went on to become Director of Education. He left Malaya in 1935 but had a distinguished scholarly career ahead of him. He became Director of the Royal Asiatic Society and died in 1966.

MALAYA
EDUCATION

WOLLOCOMBE, RICHARD HENRY
_A Passage from India: Reminiscences_
Bath: The Author 1988
Some account of service in Nigeria as well as army service in Wollocombe’s birthplace, India. Mostly concerned with family and childhood and of limited interest outside the family circle.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 60 1991 52-53 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

NIGERIA

WOODBURN, SUSAN (ed)
‘Post-War Development Proposals for the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony’, in _Brij V. Lal The Defining Years: Pacific Islands, 1945-65_
Canberra: Division of Pacific and Asian History, Australian National University 2005 111-22
Discusses the competing proposals for the post-WWII development of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony by Sir Philip Mitchell (the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific) and H E Maude (the First Assistant Secretary with the High Commission).

Reviewed in *Journal of Pacific History* 42 2007 131-32 (Richard Herr)

**GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS**

*Where Our Hearts Still Lie: A Life of Harry and Honor Maude in the Pacific Islands*
Harry Maude entered the Western Pacific service in 1929 as a cadet at Ocean Island, eventually becoming Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony 1946-48. During that time he became the most widely-travelled and versatile of the Western Pacific personnel. Following an increasingly unhappy period at the South Pacific Commission 1948-1955, Maude joined the staff of the Australian National University in 1957 when he wrote the histories of the people he once administered. Honor Maude became the world authority on Pacific Islands string figures - see Mark A Sherman, ‘Honor C Maude: a tribute to the world’s foremost authority on Pacific Islands string figures’, *Bulletin of the International String Figure Association* 5 1998 1-38.

Reviewed in *Journal of Pacific History* 40 2005 124-25 (Doug Munro)

**GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS PACIFIC**

**WOODWARD, KEITH**

*A Political Memoir of the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides*
Australian National University Press ISBN 9781925021981 (paperback)
Keith Woodward was Secretary for Political Affairs in the New Hebrides 1953-78.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 110 2015 58-59 (Gregory Rawlings)

**NEW HEBRIDES**

**WOOLF, LEONARD**

*Sowing: An Autobiography of the Years 1880-1904*
London: Hogarth Press 1960 206 pp
Covers childhood and student years in Cambridge leading up to the moment when, after a disappointing performance in the Civil Service examination, Woolf found himself to my astonishment and it must be admitted dismay, in the Ceylon Civil Service.

*Growing: An Autobiography of the Years 1904-1911*
London: Hogarth Press 1961 256 pp
Covers Woolf’s years in Ceylon.

*Beginning Again: An Autobiography of the Years 1911-1918*
London: Hogarth Press 1966

*Downhill All the Way: An Autobiography of the Years 1919-1939*
London: Hogarth Press 1967

*The Journey Not the Arrival Matters: An Autobiography of the Years 1939-1969*
London: Hogarth Press 1969
Includes account of revisiting Ceylon for three weeks in 1960.

**CEYLON**

*Diaries in Ceylon 1908-11: Records of a Colonial Administrator: Being the Official Diaries Maintained by Leonard Woolf while Assistant Government Agent of the Hambantota District, Ceylon during the period August 1908 to May 1911*
edited with preface by Leonard Woolf and Stories from the East: three short stories on Ceylon by Leonard Woolf
London: Hogarth Press 1963 lxxx +286 pp
A substantial introduction gives background and context.

CEYLON

The Village in the Jungle
London: Arnold 1913 307 pp
London: New Phoenix Library 1951 307 pp
With an introduction by E F C Ludowyk

The Village in the Jungle (revised and annotated in accordance with the original manuscript)
edited by Yasmine Gooneratne
Woolf’s novel of Ceylon life.
Reviewed in Times Higher Education Supplement 1716 November 4 2005 24-25
(Richard Boyle)
Times Literary Supplement 5360/5361 December 23 and 30 2005 (Anthony Cummings)
CEYLON

Workman, Alan
A Colonial Postmaster-General’s Reminiscences
London: Grayson & Grayson 1937 311 pp
Workman’s colonial career began in 1905 and spanned East and West Africa and Trinidad and Tobago.
Kenya
Nigeria
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda

Wraith, Ronald E
Frederick Gordon Guggisberg: Myth and Mystery
Reviewed in African Affairs 80 (318) 1981 116-122
GOLD COAST
GOVERNORS

Guggisberg
London: Oxford University Press 1967 ix + 342 pp
This book concentrates on Guggisberg’s eight years as Governor of the Gold Coast
but also deals with his earlier life and his final post as Governor of British Guiana
1928 to 1929.
Reviewed in Journal of Administration Overseas 6(2) 1967 140-142
British Guiana
GOLD COAST
GOVERNORS

Wright, Robert H McKendree
‘Strewth So Help Me God’: A Tale Told in Twilight
After serving as a regular Indian Army officer, Wright spent ten years as a DO in
Nigeria

Wright, Tim B
The History of the Northern Rhodesia Police
Bristol: British Empire and Commonwealth Museum Press 2001 420 pp
Detailed descriptive history, based on archival sources. (See also Item 139)
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 84 2002 60-61 (Andrew Willis)

**NORTHERN RHODESIA POLICE**

- WYKES, ALAN
  
  *Snake Man: The Story of C J P Ionides*
  
  London: Hamish Hamilton 1960 221 pp
  
  Gloucester: Sutton 1984 221 pp
  
  After army and hunting adventures in India, Burma and Africa, Ionides joined the Tanganyika Game Department as a ranger in 1933. He achieved fame as a collector of wild animals and an expert on snakes, discovering six new varieties of African reptile.

  **TANGANYIKA GAME DEPARTMENT**

- YOUÉ, CHRISTOPHER
  
  *Robert Thorne Coryndon: Proconsular Imperialism in Southern and Eastern Africa*
  
  Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfred Laurier University Press 1986 x + 241 pp
  
  South African born and a close associate of Rhodes, Administrator of North-Western Rhodesia 1900-1907 and Resident Commissioner in Swaziland and Basutoland, Coryndon became Governor of Uganda in 1918 and Kenya 1922-25.

  Reviewed in *African Affairs* 87 (347) 1988 303-304 (Robert Pearce)
  
  *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 16(1) 1987 139-140 (R M Maxon)

  **KENYA SWAZILAND UGANDA GOVERNORS**

- YOUNG, ANTHONY
  
  *Thin on the Ground: Land Resource Survey in British Overseas Territories*
  

  Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 95 2008 49-50 (John K Coulter)

  **SURVEY**

**SOME COMPARATIVE MATERIAL: SUDAN**

- ARBER, PATRICIA
  
  *Nice Clean Missie*
  

  A rather slight volume. Patricia Arber married into the Sudan Political Service in 1938 and was there until 1954.
ARENSON, JON
*The Red Pelican: Life on Africa’s Last Frontier*

The story of Richard Lyth, who first went to Sudan as a CMS missionary but who, on the outbreak of war, trained a force to defend Sudan against any attack from the Italians in Ethiopia. After the war he served as a District Commissioner. After leaving Sudan in 1954 he eventually rejoined CMS and became a Bishop in Uganda.

BAYOUMI, AHMED
*The History of Sudan Health Services*
Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau 1979 xxii + 351 pp

MEDICAL

Medical administration in the Sudan, 1899-1970
*Clio Medica* 11(2) 1976 105-116

MEDICAL

BEASLEY, INA
*Before the Wind Changed: People, Places and Education in the Sudan*
edited by Janet Starkey
Oxford: Oxford University Press for the British Academy 1992 xxiv + 483 pp
ISBN 0-19-726110-8

In 1939 Ina Beasley, already with a wealth of experience from Burma, went to the Sudan as a Superintendent of Girls’ Education. In 1942 she became Controller of Girls’ Education and Archive at Durham, is dedicated to the women of Sudan and especially the schoolmistresses.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 92(369) 1993 630-631 (K M E Wood)

EDUCATION

BELL, Sir GAWAIN and KIRK-GREENE, ANTHONY H M
*The Sudan Political Service, 1902-1952: A Preliminary Register of Second Careers*
Oxford: [s n] 1989 iii + 39 pp

Lists over 250 names of officers who joined the Service between 1899 and 1952 with available information on their second careers.

BOUSFIELD, LEONARD
*Sudan Doctor*
London: Christopher Johnson 1954 201 pp

Bousfield, from the RAMC, spent a few years in the Sudan before his marriage and returned in 1912 as Medical Officer of Health, Khartoum. From 1920-1925 he was Chief Sanitary Officer, Sudan Government.

MEDICAL

COLLINS, ROBERT OAKLEY
*The Sudan Political Service: A Portrait of the ‘Imperialists’*
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 71(284) 1972 293-303

COLLINS, ROBERT OAKLEY and DENG, FRANCIS M (eds)
*The British in the Sudan, 1898-1965: The Sweetness and the Sorrow*
London: Macmillan in association with St Antony’s College, Oxford 1984 xii + 258 pp
ISBN 0-333-36150-4

Includes several chapters on the administrators and the professional services. Also a chapter by Francis M Deng entitled *In the Eyes of the Ruled*.

Reviewed in *Journal of Commonwealth and Imperial History* 14(2) 1986 127-129
Shadows in the Grass: Britain in the Southern Sudan 1918-1956
4th volume in a series covering the history of Southern Sudan from 1883. What does emerge from every scrap of research – written, oral, real and imagined – is that in these years of British rule in the Sudan, history was made by men who made decisions that did have a direct effect on the lives of the people they ruled. Thus the history of the Southern Sudan in this period revolved around these men.
Comprehensive bibliography.
Reviewed in African Affairs 84 (334) 1985 141-142 (Peter Woodward)
Journal of African History 26(4) 1985 431-433 (Douglas H Johnson)

CRUICKSHANK, ALEXANDER
The Kindling Fire: Medical Adventures in the Southern Sudan
London: Heinemann 1962  xvii + 201 pp
Dedicated “to the Sudanese” and with a foreword by Sir James Robertson.
Cruickshank joined the Sudan Medical Service in 1924 and served for a total of twenty years, mostly in the South, then as Senior Physician, Khartoum.

DAVIES, REGINALD
The Camel's Back: Service in the Rural Sudan
London: John Murray 1957  xii + 209 pp
Davies went to Sudan in 1911 and this book records his early career in Kordofan and Darfur. He acknowledges his debt to his family who preserved my weekly letters from the Sudan and handed me nearly a thousand of them when I retired. Many of the episodes in the book are not to be found in the letters from which I excluded anything which might lend support to my mother’s belief that the Sudan was an extremely unhealthy country inhabited by wild and dangerous people. But the letters contain much detail which I might well have forgotten and, reading between the lines, I can place with precision incidents which I censored at the time of their occurrence.

723. DALY, M W and HOGAN, JANE
Images of Empire: Photographic Sources for the British in the Sudan
Over 300 photographs from the Sudan Archive at the University of Durham, with a scholarly introduction, informative captions, extensive footnotes and a wealth of biographical and bibliographical information.
Reviewed in African Research and Documentation 101 2006 6-63 (Terry Barringer)

724. DENG, FRANCIS M and DALY, M W
Bonds of Silk: The Human Factor in the British Administration of the Sudan
East Lansing: Michigan State University Press 1989  xiv + 245 pp
An analysis of questionnaires completed by 31 Britons, ten Northern and seven Sudanese. A rare attempt to record the view through the eyes of the ruled.
Biographical notes about all the respondents are included.
Reviewed in African Affairs 91(362) 1992 157 (Douglas H Johnson)

FOLEY HELEN
Letters to her Mother: War-time in the Sudan 1938-45
Helen Foley’s husband, Guy, joined the Sudan Defence Force in 1920, and in 1932 became a Sudan government official, retiring in 1946. Helen Foley was appointed Deputy Commissioner for the Red Cross for the Sudan and was heavily involved in hospital work during the war.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 64 1992 59 (Margaret Pawson)

**GRIFFITHS, V L**

*An Experiment in Education: An Account of the Attempts to Improve the Lower Stages of Boys’ Education in the Moslem Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, 1930-1950*

London: Longman, Green and Co 1953  xv + 160 pp

Griffiths began his career in the Sudan as a school inspector in 1931-1932.

**EDUCATION**

**HAWLEY, DONALD**

*Desert Wind and Tropic Storm: An Autobiography*


Describes service in the Sudan 1940-1954. Hawley went on to a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service in the Trucial States, Egypt, Nigeria, Iraq, Oman and, finally, as High Commissioner in Malaysia.

Reviewed in *Asian Affairs* 31(3) 2000 332-333 (John Birch)

*Sandtracks in the Sudan*


An account of his years in the Sudan in the Defence Force, as a District Officer and in the Legal Department.

Reviewed in *Asian Affairs* 27(1) 1996 79-80 (Peter Woodward)

**HAWLEY, DONALD** (ed)

*Sudan Canterbury Tales*


19 stories by British men and women who served in the Sudan including *inter alia* the tales of the Administrator, the Agriculturist, the District Commissioner, the Educationalist, the Geologist and the Veterinary Inspector.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 78 1999 59-60 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

**The Zoologist’s Tale** (told by Lesley Lewis)


**HENDERSON, K D D**

*The Making of the Modern Sudan: The Life and Letters of Sir Douglas Newbold, KBE of the Sudan Political Service, Governor of Kordofan, 1932-1938, Civil Secretary, 1939-1945*

London: Faber & Faber 1953

Substantial introduction by Margery Perham.

*Set Under Authority*


The object of this book is to put on record what it was like to work as a British District Officer in the Sudan, under the Anglo-Egyptian Condominium between 1898 and 1956. Compiled from the reminiscences of a number of former District Officers supplemented by those of Henderson himself. Henderson served in various parts of northern Sudan 1926-1946. He dedicated the book to the Sudanese members of the Sudan Political Service.

Reviewed *African Affairs* 87(348) 302-303 (Robert O Collins)

*Overseas Pensioner* 54 1987 65 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
JACKSON, H C

*Behind the Modern Sudan*
Foreword by Sir Harold Macmichael

*Sudan Days and Ways*
London: Macmillan 1954 xvi + 261 pp
Jackson arrived in the Sudan in 1907 and spent 24 years there, ending as Governor of the provinces of Berber and Halfa.

KENRICK, ROSEMARY

*Sudan Tales*
Recollections, thematically arranged, from wives of members of the Sudan Political Service.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 53 1987 38 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)
WIVES

KIRK-GREENE, ANTHONY K

*Nationalism and Arcadianism in the Sudan: The Janus Factor in the Political Service Memoirs*
Oxford: Oxford University Press 1993 29 pp
A recast version of a paper on “Nationalism in the non-nationalist literature: the case of the Sudan Political Service” originally presented at a Conference on the History of the Nationalist Movement in the Sudan held at Khartoum in 1968.

*The Sudan Political Service*
Oxford: Oxford University Press 1982 38 pp
pp 1-28 reproduced from *International Journal of African historical studies* 15(1) 1982 with addition of an appendix listing members of the service 1899-1952 with date of entry, university, class of degree and whether held a blue.

*The Sudan Political Service: A Profile in the Sociology of Imperialism*

LEA, C A E

*On Trek in Kordofan: Diaries of a District Officer in the Sudan 1931-33*
edited by M W Daly
Oxford: Oxford University Press 1994
Lea arrived in Sudan in 1927 and retired in 1952 as Director of Establishments. His trek notes were written in diary form and sometimes enclosed in letters home. The originals are deposited in the Sudan Archive, Durham.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 94 (375) 1995 296-298 (Charles Armour)
*Journal of African History* 36(1) 1995 155-156 (Anders Björkelo)
*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 1994 181-184 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

LUSH, A J M (ed)

*A Life of Service: The Memoirs of Maurice Lush 1896-1990*
Lush joined the Sudan Political Service in 1919 and became Governor of the Northern Province. During the Second War he served as an administrator in Ethiopia, Madagascar and liberated Italy.
MACKIE, IAN
*Trek into Nuba*
Account of first tour of duty in Sudan by an Inspector of Agriculture.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 72 1996 64 (K R M Anthony)
AGRICULTURE

MANGAN, J A
*The Education of an Elite imperial Administration: The Sudan Political Service and the British Public School System*
An analysis of the educational and social background of the SPS. Draws substantially on hitherto unpublished correspondence and interviews with some 60 former members. Takes issue with some of Collins’ conclusions (Items 717, 718).

MAVROGORDATO, JACK
*Behind the Scenes: An Autobiography*
Mavrogordato’s long-lasting love-affair with the Sudan began in the 1930s when, convalescing from TB, he went to stay with an Oxford friend who was a District Judge in Kordofan. In 1943, he was offered an appointment in the Legal Department of the Sudan Government, which he took up eagerly, against the advice of all the medical authorities. His duties included lecturing to the new intake of law students at the Gordon Memorial School. He was soon promoted to Attorney-General. He left Sudan in 1956 but returned after independence on a two year contract as Legal Counsel in the Ministry of Justice. He was a keen ornithologist and falconer.

LEGAL

OWEN, RICHARD
*Sudan Days*
Owen joined the Sudan Political Service in the mid 1920s. He wrote his memoirs during the 1950s and 1960s and these are now published with the addition of extracts from letters now held in the Sudan Archive at Durham.
Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 111 2016 54-57 (Douglas H. Johnson)

SARSFIELD-HALL, E GEOFFREY
*From Cork to Khartoum: Memoirs of Southern Ireland and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan*
Privately published by author 1975 123 + vii pp
Sarsfield-Hall’s career in the Sudan Political Service spanned the years 1908-1935 and his account of activities in war (the Darfur Expedition of 1916) and peace is enlivened by some good photographs and sketches and pithy accounts of the five Governors-General under whom he served.

GOVERNORS

SCHUSTER, Sir GEORGE
*Public Work and Public Causes: A Personal Record 1881-1978*
Schuster (1881-1978) was Financial Secretary, Sudan 1922-27. He subsequently served on the Hilton-Young Commission on Closer Union of Dependencies in Eastern and Central Africa and, in India, as Finance Member of the Viceroy’s Council 1928-34. He went on to a distinguished and active career in business and
public life. He was a Financial and Economic Adviser to Malta in 1950 and played an active role in the founding of VSO and the Atlantic Colleges.

SHARKEY, HEATHER J
Living with Colonialism: Nationalism and Culture in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
ISBN (hardback) 0-520-23558-4 (paperback) 0520235592
This book originated in a desire to understand how colonialism worked on the ground...with a specific concern: to understand how a small number of Britons...developed a reputation for such efficiency in running a vast and diverse territory.

SQUIRES, H C
The Sudan Medical Service: An Experiment in Social Medicine
London: William Heinemann Medical Books 1958 vii + 138 pp
A history of the Service by an insider. The author joined in 1908, retired in 1930 but maintained close links with the service for another twenty years.

STOBO, THOMAS WHYTE
The Vet's Tale – The Passing Years
edited by Valerie Carter
Southampton: Hamble Valley Press 1993 109 pp
Stobo’s long and distinguished veterinary career included two years in the Sudan 1930-1932.

Sudan Political Service 1899-1929 (compiled from official records)
Khartoum: Civil Secretary’s Office 1930 66 pp
Details of date of birth, education, service record, honours and publications of members of SPS arranged by year of entry to the Service.

Sudan Political Service 1899-1956
Oxford: Oxonian Press 1958 89 pp
An updated version of the previous item, with an introduction, giving a brief history of the Service by Harold Macmichael, the former Civil Secretary.

Sudan Verse
London: Chancery Books 1963 67 pp
These verses are selected from a collection made...by A C Beaton, K D D Henderson and T R H Owen.

THESIGER, Sir WILFRED PATRICK
The Life of My Choice
Includes account of a decade in the Sudan Political Service.

TIBBS, MICHAEL and ANNE,
A Sudan Sunset
Lynchmere, West Sussex: The Authors 1999 x + 308 pp ISBN 0-95167-271-1
Michael Tibbs joined the Sudan Political Service in 1949 and married Anne in 1951. They left in 1954. This account, written for their children and grandchildren, is
compiled largely from their letters home to their families. It is illustrated throughout with Anne’s sketches and photographs.

Reviewed in *Overseas Pensioner* 80 2000 57-60 (B P Pothecary)

WARBURG, GABRIEL
*The Wingate Literature Revisited: The Sudan as Seen by Members of the Sudan Political Service During the Condominium 1899-1956*
*Middle Eastern Studies* 41(3) 2005 303-320

WILLIAMS, C R
*Wheels and Paddles in the Sudan*

> When laid up sick recently, I was given “A Pattern of Islands” by Arthur Grimble to read. My evident pleasure prompted a suggestion that I should write about my own experience in the Sudan. I hesitated as 38 years have passed since my departure, diaries and notes are scarce and memory is not what it was. However the matter was not allowed to drop and I have been persuaded to try. Williams spent 23 years with Sudan Railways, 16 years in the Mechanical Department, largely concerned with the running and repair of locomotives and rolling stock, and seven years at Headquarters. For the last five years, he was a member of the Governor-General’s Council.

Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 29(3) 1988 564 (D H Johnson)
*Overseas Pensioner* 53 1987 37-38 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

RAILWAYS

**SOME COMPARATIVE MATERIAL: BELGIAN COLONIES**

DEMOUBR, MARIE-BÉNEDICT
*Recalling the Belgian Congo: Conversations and Introspection*

Based on interviews conducted in Belgium in the 1980s with men who had worked as colonial officers in the Belgian Congo between the late 1920s and 1960s.

GANN, L H and DUIGNAN, PETER
*The Rulers of Belgian Africa*

Concentrates on the role of civil servants and soldiers, with a chapter on *The Beginnings of Civil Administration*.

Reviewed in *African Affairs* 80 (318) 1981 135-137 (Kenneth Robinson)
*Journal of African History* 23(1) 1982 131-133 (Lucy Mair)

VELLUT, JEAN-LUC
*La Mémoire du Congo: Le Temps Colonial*

Published to accompany an exhibition at the Musée Royal de l’ Afrique Centrale.

WHITAKER, PHILIP
*The Problem of Public Accountability in Colonial Administration and the Belgian Approach*
*Makerere Journal* 4 1960 pp 46-58
SOME COMPARATIVE MATERIAL: FRENCH COLONIES

ABWA, DANIEL
Commissaires et Hauts-Commissaires de la France au Cameroun (1916-1960): Ces Hommes qui ont Façonné Politiquement le Cameroun

BOILLY, PIERRE
Le Regard Institutional à Propos de la France d’outre-mer 1930-1960: Témoignages d’administrateurs et Magistrats
Notre Librarie 153 2004 28-33
Reflections prompted by publication of Jean Clauzel’s book (see Item 764)

La Loi du Février 2005: Colonisation, Indigenes, Victimisations. Évocations Binaries, Représentations Primaries
Politique Africaine 98 2005 131-140
The controversial law of 23 February 2005, revoked in 2006, imposed on university and school curricula the obligation to recognise the “positive role of the French presence in France d’outre-mer”.

CHRÉTIEN, JEAN-PIERRE
Le Passé Colonial: le Devoir d’histoire
Politique Africaine 98 2005 141-148
Historical scholarship and contemporary French debates over colonialism and immigration.

CLAUZEL, JEAN (ed)
La France d’outre-mer, 1930-1960: Témoignages d’administrateurs et de magistrats
Reviewed in Empire & After (Item 652) pp 100-101 (Michael Twaddle)
Overseas Pensioner 89 2005 64 (Véronique Dimier)

COHEN, W B
The Lure of Empire: Why Frenchmen entered the Colonial Service
Journal of Contemporary History 4(1) 1968 103-116
Interesting to compare with Anthony Kirk-Greene’s work on British counterparts. Reveals that the influence of Kipling was as strong in France as in Britain.

Rulers of Empire: The French Colonial Service in Africa
Stanford: Hoover Institution Press 1971 xv + 279 pp
The best work in English on the French Colonial Service. Scholarly (based on PhD) and readable. The sources for the study include published material, archival and oral sources as well as respondents’ answers to (a) questionnaire sent out to most of the former administrators living in France. Unfortunately, only a few biographies and autobiographies of French overseas administrators exist. Compared with members of the British Colonial Service who left a rich published record of their thought and action, the French have been taciturn.
Reviewed in African Affairs 71(284) 343-344 (Robert Heussler)
Journal of Administration Overseas 11(4) 1972 302 (M J Campbell)
Journal of African History 14(3) 1973 527 (Rita Cruise O’ Brien)

DELAVIGNETTE, ROBERT
Freedom and Authority in French West Africa
London: Oxford University Press for International African Institute 1950 vii + 152 pp
New impression: Frank Cass 1968
Translation of Service Africain. Paris: Gallimard 1946. Delavignette spent over twenty years in the French Colonial Service, was High Commissioner for the French Cameroons and taught at the École Nationale de la France d’outre-mer. His first chapter describes the role of the “Commandant du Cercle”, the nearest equivalent to a British DC. He goes on to discuss functions and status of native chiefs, the relation of the French legal code to native law and custom, the activities of missions, development and the changing situation in Africa.

DIMIER, VERONIQUE
Direct or Indirect Rule: Propaganda around a Scientific Controversy.
In Tony Chafer and Amanda Sackur, eds, Promoting the Colonial idea: propaganda and Vision of Empire in France
Compares British and French conceptions of the role of colonial administrators.

Le Discours Idéologique de la Method Coloniale chez les Français et les Britanniques de l’ entre-deux guerres à la décolonisation, 1920-1960

For a New Start: Resettling French Colonial Administrators in the Prefectorial Corps
Itinerario, 28(1) 2004 pp 49-68
Based on interviews with ten colonial administrators who worked in Africa.

Le Gouvernement des Colonies: Regards Croisés Franco-Britanniques
Anglo-French debates on colonial policy and administration especially during the inter-war years.
Reviewed in International Journal of African Historical Studies 38(1) 2005 182-188 (Edouard Bustin)
Overseas Pensioner 89 2005 65 (Anthony Kirk-Greene)

GERMAIN, JACQUES
De la Guinée au Cameroun par la Côte d’ Ivoire 1945-1963: Un Administrateur Témoigne

SIMONIS, FRANCIS
Le Commandant en Tournée: Une Administration au Contact des Populations en Afrique Noire Coloniale
A study of the role of the Commandant de Cercle in French African territories from the 1900s to the 1950s.
Reviewed in Overseas Pensioner 90 2005 52-53 (C W Squire)

SINGER, BARNETT and LANGDON, JOHN
Cultured Force: Makers and Defenders of the French Colonial Empire
Reviewed in Itinerario, 29(3), 2005 167-170 (Daniel Ringrose)

SOME COMPARATIVE MATERIAL: GERMAN COLONIES
GANN, L H and DUIGNAN, PETER
*The Rulers of German Africa 1884-1914*
Shows how the Germans ran their Empire and portrays the colonial elite and their work in Africa.
Reviewed in *African Affairs* 78 (310) 1979 121-122 (L E Larson)
*Canadian Journal of African Studies* 13(3) 1980 512-513 (Christopher Youé)
*Journal of African History* 20(2) 1979 302-303 (Ralph A Austin)
*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 8(3) 1980 267-268 (J M Lonsdale)

SCHNEE, DR HEINRICH
*German Colonization Past and Future*
London: George Allan & Unwin 1926 176 pp
The Truth about the German colonies by the former Governor of German East Africa
Dawson says In this book one of the ablest and best informed of German colonial administrators places before the English-speaking public the case for German colonization. In doing this Dr Schnee throws upon the subject a very different light from that in which it was inevitably judged during the war. The work is one that cannot be ignored, and if the writer’s moral is heeded, it may assist greatly in the establishment of amicable relations between Germany and her late antagonists.

**SOME COMPARATIVE MATERIAL: ITALIAN COLONIES**

DENTI DI PIRAJNO, ALBERTO
*A Cure for Serpents: A Doctor in Africa*
translated by Kathleen Naylor
London: The Reprint Society 1956 by arrangement with Andre Dentsch, first published 1955 272pp
Duke Denti di Pirajno was a doctor who joined the Italian Colonial Administration in 1924, serving in Libya (Tripolitania), Eritrea and Abyssinia, ending as Chef de Cabinet to the Duke of Aosta.

HESS, ROBERT L
*Italian Colonialism in Somalia*

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