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Indigenous Tribes and Their Customs. Reports of officers relating to peoples of Kenya. Pre-1936.
Vol. I, Part I (Index and General), including original correspondence, reports. 185 pp.
Vol. II., Part II. (Tribes of the Central Province: Kikuyu), 127 pp,
Vol. III., Part II. (Lumbwa, Some Rift Valley Tribes, Masai), 246 pp. (continued on reel 2).

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Vol. III. Part II (continued from reel 1), 59 pp.
Vol. IV., Part II. (Somali Tribes and Tribes of the Northern Frontier, with Index), 306 pp.

Annual Report... 1916-1917, 100 pp.


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Agricultural Census… 1926, 34 pp.
Agricultural Census… 1928, 55 pp.
Annual Report… 1929, pp. 1-393 (continued on reel 4).

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Annual Report… 1929, pp. 392-651 (continued from reel 3).

Agricultural Census… 1931, 57 pp.

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Agricultural Census… 1932, 56 pp.
Agricultural Census… 1933, 58 pp.
Agricultural Census… 1934, 52 pp.

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Registry of Trade Unions

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Registry of Trade Unions
Reel 8

Registry of Trade Unions


"Department of Agriculture Abridged Annual Report, 1939". Typewritten, 3 pp.

Provincial Commissioner's Meeting, October 26, 1939. 1 p.

Annual Report... 1941, 4 pp. (4 copies).
Annual Report... 1942, 4 pp. (2 copies).
Annual Report... 1943, 6 pp.
Annual Report... 1944, 8 pp. (4 copies).
Annual Report... 1945, 125 pp.
Annual Report... 1946, 218 pp.
Annual Report... 1948, pp. 1-121 (continued on reel 9).

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Annual Report... 1948, pp. 120-228 (continued from reel 8).
Annual Report... 1949 (Vol. II), 89 pp.
Annual Report... 1953 (Vol. II), 205 pp.

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Reel 11


Selected Papers and Correspondence of the East African Yearly-Meeting of Friends, Kaimosi. 1902-1961. Pamphlets and Publications. (After reel II, the Kaimosi papers are continued from reel 44).


Miscellaneous original correspondence, 1902-1905. 51 pp. 80% bleached.

Reel 12

Wilson, Gordon, “Mombasa Social Survey”. Parts I & II. Typewritten. n.d.
Chapter headings:
   Bennet, G., “Mombasa-An Historical Introduction"
   Lambert, H.E., "The Arab Community and the Twelve Tribes of Mombasa"
   Johnston, F., "The Dhow Trade of Coastal Kenya"
   Burke, F., "The Development of Municipal Government In Mombasa"
   Wilson, G.M., “Demographic Factors and Population”
   Mehta, S. & Wilson, G.M., ‘The Asian Communities of Mombasa”
   Rodwell, E., "Labour Unrest and Commission of Enquiry Since 1937”
   Wilson, G.M., "African Labour In Mombasa"

Part II.
   Wilson, G.M., "Labour Conditions in the Port of Mombasa"
   Ayah, W.M., "Trade Unions in Mombasa"
Wilson, G.M., "Income and the Family"
Wilson, G.M., "African Housing in Mombasa"
Wilson, G.M., "Recreation and Leisure Time Activities"
Wilson, G.M., “Welfare Organizations and Services in Mombasa”
Wilson, G.M., "A Study of Prostitution in Mombasa"
Wilson, G.M., “Racial Accommodation"

BLUE BOOKS, KENYA


Reel 13

Blue Book…1907, 398 pp.
Blue Book… 1908, 428 pp.
Blue Book… 1913, pp. 1-172 (continued on reel 14).

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Blue Book… 1913, pp. 171-584 (continued from reel 13).
Blue Book… 1914, 672 pp.

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Blue Book…1927, 408 pp.


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Blue Book… 1928, 467 pp.
Blue Book… 1930, pp. 1-525 (continued on reel 17).

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Blue Book… 1930, pp. 524-610 (continued from reel 16).
Blue Book… 1933, pp. 1-313 (continued on reel 18).

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Blue Book… 1933, pp. 312-548 (continued from reel 17).
Blue Book… 1934, 549 pp.
Blue Book... 1935, 563 pp.
Blue Book... 1936, pp. 1-115 (continued on reel 19).

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Blue Book... 1936, pp. 114-569 (continued from reel 18).
Blue Book... 1937, 552 pp.
Blue Book... 1938, pp. 1-487 (continued on reel 20).

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Blue Book... 1938, pp. 486-610 (continued from reel 19).
Blue Book... 1939 (Schedule I), 141 pp. Typewritten
Blue Book... 1939 (Section 20: "Imports and Exports") 45 pp. Typewritten.
Blue Book... 1940, 249 pp. Typewritten.
Blue Book... 1941, 186 pp. Typewritten.

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Blue Book... 1942, pp. 1-170. Typewritten.
Blue Book... 1943, 170 pp.
Blue Book... 1944, 180 pp.
Blue Book... 1945, 546 pp.
Blue Book... 1946, pp. 1-149 (continued on reel 22).

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Blue Book... 1946, pp. 148-604 (continued from reel 21).

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Committees included:

- African Affairs
- Selections
- Plots Association
- Works
- Municipal
- Water
- Special
- Public Health
- Town Planning
- Housing and Estates
- Finance
- Tender

Reel 24

The Indian Association, Nakuru (A detailed catalogue of Asian records on Microfilm held by Syracuse University is planned for spring, 1973).

Correspondence and Notices, 1935-1936. 102 pp.
Incoming Correspondence, 1936-1938. 230 pp.
Correspondence, 1939. 115 pp. (continued on reel 25).

Reel 25

Correspondence, 1939-1948. 33 pp. (continued from reel 24).
Correspondence, 1940. 163 pp.
Correspondence, 1941. 309 pp.
Correspondence, 1943. 107 pp. (continued on reel 26).

Reel 26

Correspondence, 1943. 109 pp. (continued from reel 25).
Correspondence, January 1944-June 1945. 389 pp.
Correspondence, March 1949-March 1950. 199 pp.

Reel 27

Correspondence, circulars, and minutes, March 1950-September 1952. 223 pp.
Correspondence, July 1951-July 1952. 431 pp.
Correspondence: Indian Hospital and Maternity Home, 1944-1951. 276 pp.
Correspondence, October 1952-February 1954. 91 pp. (continued on reel 28)

Reel 28

Correspondence, October 1952-February 1954. 285 pp. (continued from reel 27).
Correspondence, 1960. 209 pp.

Reel 29


Municipal Council of Nakuru. (continued from reel 24).

Correspondence, 1968-1969 and Minutes of the various committees. (see listing of committees in entry for reels 22-23, p. 72.). 326 pp. 

**Reel 30**


Boedecker, Dr. E., "The Early History of Nairobi Township." Original manuscript. 1936. 10 pp. 

Comment (Nairobi). September 17, 1949-February 20, 1959. This weekly frequently changed its name after April, 1956. On April 6 of that year it became New Comment, in May, 1957, the New Comment for Queen and Common-wealth, in August 1957, Kenya Comment. For a brief period in January, 1959, it was known as The Independent Comment and ended a few issues later as The Independent. Courtesy of McMillan Library, Nairobi. Inclusive dates in entries indicate consecutive issues only and do not correspond to any groupings on the film. 

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The Independent Comment.

The Independent
Vol. XIV, Nos. 4-7 January 30, 1959-February 6, 1959

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Al-Islah. February 29, 1932-October 30, 1933. Billed as “The Only Muslim paper published in Kenya,” Al-Islah originated under the editorship of Al-Amin bin Aly as a weekly and was printed in Mombasa. From December 19, 1932, it was edited by Shariff Mohammed Ahmed until February 11, 1933, when it ceased publication for much of the remainder of the year. Its five final issues appear in October 1933 under the editorship of Sheikh Abdallah bin Muhammed Al-Hasny. Inclusive dates in entries indicate consecutive issues only and do not correspond to any groupings in the film.

Al-Islah
Vol. I No. 46 January 14, 1933
Vol. I, No. 47 February 11, 1933
Vol. I., Nos. 48-52 October 2, 1933-October 30, 1933


Reel 44

Selected Papers and Correspondence of the East African Yearly Meeting of Friends, Kaimosi. 1902-1961. (continued from reel 11)


Friends Missionary Advocate.
   Vol. XXXVIII, Nos. 7-8 pp. 209-284 July-August 1921.


“Church History”. Outline of Bible course syllabus. 74 pp.


“Luragoli Notes on Missions and Friends History: Also Preaching” 1932. 60 pp.

“Bible Course Outlines” and miscellaneous correspondence, land and equipment holdings. 79 pp.


Reel 45

Bible Course Notes, Outlines and Sermons. n.d., 351 p. [inc. East Africa Educational Code, 1911. (Mombasa, 1911, 4 p.])

Luragoli-English Materials : Correspondence Relating To Vernacular Publications and grammar, 1941-1942, 63 p. [ incl. Brief grammar of Lugoli Dialect, North Kavirondo, Kenya Colony, as above.]

Luragoli-English (Notes, grammar and Vocabulary), n.d., 71 p. [50% bleached]


Reel 46

The first two-thirds of this reel contain annual and quarterly reports from the East African Mission, from mission stations (primarily Kitosh, Kaimosi, Malawi, Lirhanda and Maragoli) and from individual missionaries (especially reports from Arthur B. and Edna H. Chilson), for the years 1915-1945. Station reports are usually accompanied by a budget, statistical report, and inventory of supplies.

This section also includes minutes of meetings for 1919-1945, most of these originating in the 1920's.

Materials are in good chronological order. 1002 p.
Packet II - Early Publications, Mission Manuals.


Reports.Made to the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America (Richmond, Indiana), 1935. 45 p.


Packet III - Documents Pertaining to Missions in East Africa.

Proposed Scheme of Federation of Missionary Societies Working in British East Africa (Nairobi), 1913. 8p.

The Training of African Artisans-Provisional Syllabuses 1919. (Nairobi), 1919. 32 p.


The Contemporary Foreign Missions of the Protestant Churches of North America (New York), 1930. 30 p.


Conference on Christian Education (Nairobi), 1935. 30 p.


Packet IX - Government Publications Relating to Education


Patterson, A. R. The Education of Backward People (Nairobi), 1932. 12 p.

**Reel 47**


*International Territorial Language* (Swahili Committee).

- Bulletin No. 6 (October 1933) (Dar es Salaam) 27 p.
- Bulletin No. 7 (February 1934), 30 p.
- Bulletin No. 9 (October 1935), 14 p.

**Packet X - Early Records and Reports**

- Inter-Mission Correspondence, 1902-1946. 221 p. (incl. clippings From East African Standard)
- Reports of the Committee on Native Affairs, 1920-1934, and African Church Correspondence, 1936-1939. 58 p.
- Nominating Committee Reports, 1914-1931. 21 p.
- Mission Correspondence, 1914-1931. 21 p.
- Documents and Reports, 1914-1924. 51 p.

**Packet I - Early Records and Correspondence, 1902-1924**.

*Filmers’ Note:* "Many of the following early records and correspondence are in extremely poor condition in the original and some are even totally illegible or almost so. Nevertheless, for the benefit of research, an attempt has been made to microfilm all of them under the best possible conditions of the Kenya National Archives."

- Church Register, F.A.I.M., November 1903-March.1919. 36 p.
- Personal Record Book, E. J. Rees (largely receipts), 1922-1924. 25 p. [80% bleached]
- A.F.B.F.M., Treasurer's Book, 1921-1935. 60 p. [50% bleached]
- Lirhanda Reports, 1921. 6 p.
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Mission Reports and Correspondence, 1905-1907. 124 p. [50% bleached]

Lirhanda Reports and Correspondence, 1907-1915. 262 p. [30% bleached]

Record Book, Maragoli Mission (E.J. Rees), Correspondence and Reports, 1907-1911. 54 p. [70% bleached]

General Correspondence, F.A.I.M., June. 1905-June 1909. 302 p. [20% bleached]

Mission Correspondence and Accounts and Quarterly Reports, 1902-1911. 304 p.

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Box IV-Educational Records and Reports, 1929-1948.

Jeanes School, Correspondence Regarding School Pupils. 1928-1933. 113 p.

Jeanes School, Correspondence, 1929. 137 p.


Alliance High School, 1931-1935. 79 p.

Alliance High School, 1936-1943. 143 p. [(incl. Alliance High School Old Boys' Magazine, No. I (June 1937), Nairobi, 20 p.)]

Sector School, Visitation, 1933-1940. 27 p.

*Agriculture School, Bukura, 1929-1940. 27 p.

*Sector School, Bulletins, 1938-1941. 26 p.

*Sector Schools, General Reports, 1940-1941. 57 p.


*School Reports, 1929-1944. 185 p.

*Most School Reports are in the vernacular, while correspondence is in English.

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Box IV, Educational Records and Reports, 1929-1948. (Cont.)

*School Reports [Largely Inspections], 1938-1943. 204 p.

Annual Reports, 1934-1945. 50 p.
Lugulu Bible School Register, 1943-1947. 74 p.


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METHODIST MISSION (MASERAS/RIBE), BAPTISM REGISTERS. 1896-1936.

Registers include date of baptism, baptismal name, surname and residence of the baptised. Registers were kindly made available for filming by the Methodist Church of Kenya, Coast District (the Reverend Samuel Ngala, Chairman).

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Lugulu Membership Register, 1929-1931 [incl. correspondence]. 114 p.
Microfilm is used for long term storage of your documents, if you need to keep your files for more than 7 years then microfilm is probably the best media to use. Microfilm can last up to 400 years and is readable by the eye, this means that you do not have to migrate any software so that you can read the files. A roll of microfilm can hold up to 2500 images on them. David Leigh has written: ‘Microfilms related to Eastern Africa’. Asked in Authors, Poets, and Playwrights. What has the author James F Scanlan written? East Africa or Eastern Africa is the eastern region of the African continent, variably defined by geography. In the United Nations Statistics Division scheme of geographic regions, 20 territories make up Eastern Africa: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan are members of the East African Community (EAC). The first five are also included in the African Great Lakes region. Burundi and Rwanda are at times also considered to be part of Central Africa.