

MICROFILMING SECTION

Historical background.

Just before Kenya attained independence the British Government, besides sending an archives expert under the special Commonwealth African Assistance plan, presented the following equipments to the national archives to start microfilming program; a camera, processing machine, a reader and splicer.

As a result the following Public Records were microfilmed between 1964 – 1972: -

- Provincial & District Annual & Quarterly Report.
- Provincial & District Records Books.
- Provincial & District Handing Over Report
- Secretariat Miscellaneous Correspondence
- Intelligence Report
- Secretariat Circulars
- Debate of Legislative Council & National Assembly.

Between 1967 and 1970 notable development and tremendous achievements were made, additional equipments were bought and as a result the following records were microfilmed: -

- The East African Standard Newspaper dating back 1902 to 1968.
- Cost Province which had the earliest record dating back 1888
- Kenya Land Commission.
- Nyanza Province made in 1971.

The history of microfilming would be incomplete without the mention of the technical assistance from the Syracuse university of United State of America.

The Syracuse University under the technical assistant, which was founded in 1964 came to Kenya late 1968 to assist in location and microfilming of private records, by the end of 1971 it had deposited into the National Archives about 500 reels of private records some of which include among others: -

- East African Indian National Congress
- Indian Merchants Chamber of Mombasa
- Kenya Weekly News
- Records of Amani Institute of Tanganyika

- Sudan Notes
- Daily Chronicles.

Migrated archives project.

In late 1970's a Migrated Archives Project was initiated to migrate back all records that were airlifted to Britain and other overseas countries just before independence. In August 1977 the first consignment of migrated archives - Kenya original correspondence CO 533 of 1905 to 1951 comprising of 550 reels was received. The exercise has continued since then and by July 2004 a total of 2,136 films of colonial records (under different record groups) and 414 films of private records have been received.

The following groups of records fall under migrated archives: -

- CO 533 – Kenya original correspondence 1905 – 1951
- CO 544 – Kenya sessional papers 1903 – 1951
- CO 519 – East African & Uganda Protectorate original correspondence 1759 - 1958
- CO 537 – Colonies general supplementary original correspondence 1904 – 1905.
- CO 543 – Kenya miscellaneous correspondence 1901 – 19436
- CO 534 – Kenya African Rifles original correspondence 1905 – 1926
- CO 614 – Uganda railway construction 1895 - 1904
- CO 822 – East African original correspondence 1927 – 1951
- CO 852 – Economic original correspondence 1935 – 1952
- CO 380 – Colonies general draft letters patent commissions, royal instructions, warrants etc 1764 – 1925
- CO 879 – Confidential prints – Africa 1848 – 1961
- CO 848 – War of 1914 – 1918 claims, original correspondence 1920 – 1958
- CO 859 – Social service original 1939 – 1952
- CO 820 – Military original correspondence 1927 – 1950.
- CO 896 – Kenya Northern Frontier District Commission 1962
- CO 924 – Research original correspondence 1941 – 1952
- CO 937 – Communication original 1944
- CO 962 – East African Conferences Governor 1926 – 1943
- CO 936 – International relation original correspondence 1944 – 1951.
- CO 1026 – Legal department original correspondence 1867

- FO 2 - General correspondence before 1906, Africa 1825 – 1905
- FO 107 – General correspondence before 1906 Zanzibar 1893 – 1905.
- FO 371 – General correspondence after 1906 political, 1906 – 1951
- FO 372 – General correspondence after 1906 treaty, 1906 – 1951
- FO 383 – General correspondence after 1906 prisoners, 1915 – 1919.
- FO 403 – Confidential prints Africa 1834 – 1957
- WO 33 – Report and miscellaneous papers 1853 – 1957
- WO 106 - Directorate of military operations and intelligence 1837 – 1957
- WO 230 – British military administration of African territories 1939 – 1951
- CAB 17 - Papers of committee of Imperial Defense 1863 – 1939.
- CAB 44 – Historical section official War histories, narratives (military) 1914 – 1965
- AY 4 – Tropical products Institutes registered files, 1895 – 19165
- AY 11 – Anti – locust research center, correspondence and papers, 1928 – 1950.

Digitization.

In 2004, the department started a digitizing program for microfilms to enable information on microfilm be accessed and shared online within the department and other institution or the Internet.

A microfilm reader scanner and a printer were purchased and by using Powerfilm software information is captured and stored in the computer for access. Daily Nation Newspapers (1963 – 2007) are being scanned.

In 2007 the department has a total of 12,000 microfilms containing about 12 million documents. Visit the Kenya National Archives for more information.

MICROFILMING GUIDES

NO.	ARCHIVES COLLECTIONS	REEL NO.
1.	Kenya Weekly News	1-80
2.	The leader	1-12
3.	Kenya Daily Mail	1-69
4.	Colonial Land Records, 1900-1959	1-350
5.	Provincial Commissioner, North Eastern Province Section 16. Deposits One and Two	1-101
6.	Nyanza Province, Section 10A	1-36
7.	The Asian (Indian) records in Kenya	1-13
8.	Indian Association Mombasa: Documents and Correspondence	1-15
9.	Indian Association Kisumu	1-4
10.	Indian Business in Kenya during the 20th Century	1
11.	The official gazette of East Africa and Uganda Protectorate	1-36
12.	Kenya Local Government Workers` Union (1982/83)	1-21
13.	Papers of Albert Thomas Matson	1-34
14.	Leg Co, National Assembly, Section 7(1907-1965)	1-37
15.	Provenance; Nyanza Province (Deposit 2) section 10	1-95
16.	Provincial and District annual and quarterly reports(section 1)	1-63
17.	Provincial and District record books section 2	1-18
18.	Secretariat circulars, section 6	1-5
19.	Provincial and District handing over reports (section 3)	1-14
20.	Coast Province-Section 9 (1880-1962)	1-220
21.	Intelligence reports (1942-47) section 5	1-12
22.	Nyanza Province (section 10) deposits 2 and 3	1-387
23.	Daily Nation Newspapers Oct. 1960 – Dec. 1979	1-214
24.	Daily Nation Newspapers Jan. 1980 – Dec - 2006	215-454
25.	Sunday Nation Newspapers 1960 – 1979	1- 49
26.	Standard Newspapers 1902 - 1969	1- 307
27.	Standard Newspapers 1980 - 2006	308- 647

NO.	<u>LAND TITLE REGISTER</u>	REEL NO.
1.	Eastern Province- Kitui District	1-11
2.	Coast Province-Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu, TaitaTaveta	1-16, 1-48, 1, 1-28.
3.	Eastern Province-Machakos District	1-50
4.	Busia District	1-66
5.	South Nyanza District	1-49
6.	Bungoma District	1-67
7.	Kirinyaga District	1-58
8.	Central Province- Nyandarua District	1-10
9.	Central Province- Kirinyaga District	1-58
10.	Nandi District	1-27
11.	Nyanza Province-Siaya District	1-83
12.	Baringo District	1-10
13.	Nairobi, Narok, Kiambu, Nyandarua Districts	1-142
14.	Eastern Province-Kitui	1-11
15.	Embu District	1-60
16.	Elgeyo-Marakwet District	1-12
17.	Eastern Province-Meru District	1-50
18.	Kericho District	1-37
19.	Coast Province- Mombasa District	1-73
20.	Fort Hall (Muranga) District	1-126
21.	Nyanza Province-Kisumu District	1-58
22.	Kakamega District	1-152
23.	Busia District	1-66
24.	Rift Valley province	1-10

NO.	PRIVATE COLLECTION	REEL NO.
1.	Books and pamphlets on East Africa(B.P)	1-17
2.	Sudan notes & records	1-10
3.	Joy Adamson papers, Elsamere, Naivasha	1-5
4.	Entry corrections-provincial and district annual and quarterly reports.	1-62
5.	(Section 2) Provincial and district record books.	1-18
6.	PC/DC handling over reports	1-11
7.	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1-13
8.	Intelligence reports	1-37
9.	Minutes of the legislature	1
10.	Papers of D.E.B Hughes (1949-1954)	1-36
11.	The official gazette of the East Africa and Uganda protectorate	1-36
12.	Journal of the East African Swahili committee	1-3
13.	The national Museum of Kenya	1-80
14.	Federational of chambers of commerce-f.c.c.	1-3
15.	Papers sir Michael Blundell(9mss.Afri.S.746)	1-40
16.	Welby of allington papers	1
17.	The daily chronicle	1-16
18.	East Africa(Hilton Young)Commission on closer union paper 1927-1932	1-3
19.	Sir Robert Hinde papers, major sir Robert Hinde (K.B.E,C.B,D.S.O)	1-3
20.	Sir Robert Hinde papers	1-3
21.	Handlist of Photographs taken by colonel Exchard Meinertchagen(1901-1918)	-
22.	The "Kapenguria trial" of Jomo Kenyatta, Fred Kubai, Richard Oneko, Bildad Kaggia, Paul Ngei, Kung'u Karumba (1952-53) Pritt papers	1 - 3
23.	Governors office deposits 1-4	1-80
24.	Guides to document retrieved from Britain (Volume 1)	
25.	Resident magistrate court Kitui-land cases(1943-1964)	1-7
26.	Guide to the thesis and dissertations	1-9
27.	K.L.G.W records	1-21
28.	Lord Leslie Hale papers	1-2
29.	The church missionary society Africa(group 3) Mission South and East Africa	83-256

30.	Sir Michael Blundell papers(Misc.Afr.S.746)	1-40
31.	Gladys S. B. Beecher family papers	1-5
32.	The papers of Archdeacons Walter & Dwin Owen	1-9
33.	Transparencies from canon peter Bostock	
34.	Ministry of agriculture H.Q	1-34
35.	Documents of Kenya National Archives	1-7
36.	Natives tribes customs?	1-57
37.	Military Labour Bureau	1-102
38.	Council Minutes	
39.	Reports of the survey of public records in Nyanza and Western province,21 st Nov-30 th Nov 1978	
40.	Rev John Williamson and George Pearson	
41.	Migrated archives project(London)Sir Michael Blundell papers(positive)	3-26
42.	Book and pamphlets on East Africa(BP)	1-17
43.	Ralph Skeene papers	1-5
44.	Transaction of Royal society of South Africa	1-12
45.	B.E.A. Wattle Estate (DB242)	
46.	Entry collections	
47.	The Taveta chronicles	
48.	Amani records	1-7
49.	Zietschrift Fur Kolonial Politik Und	1-6
50.	Kolonial Politik Und colonial Wrts chaft	1-5
51.	Bulletin de la Societe Belge Detudes Colonies	1-5
52.	Kanu hand book-outs	2
53.	History Books	5
54.	Royal empire Society	1-2
55.	Zietschrift Ethnologie	1-19
56.	The Kenya Church review	1-3
57.	Beitrage zur Kolonial Politik	1-2
58.	Miscellaneous records	1-2
59.	Districts Of Central province	1-142
60.	Annual Reports (Deposit 1)	1-58
61.	Governors office deposits 1-4	1-80
62.	Annual reports	1-60
63.	Native Tribes and customs	1-57
64.	Kenya land commission,1932	1-14
65.	Books and papers relating to Eastern Africa	1-7
66.	Financial orders Nos.26\$27	

67.	Kenya Local Governments workers Union Jan 1983	
68.	Transaction of the Royal Society of South Africa	1-2
69.	Migrated Archives project London	1-2
70.	Joy Adamson papers Elsamere Naivasha	1-5
71.	Native tribes and Customs may 1978	21-57
72.	Papers of Hoster Katherine Henn May 1983	
73.	Books and papers relating to Eastern Africa	1-7
74.	The Kenya Land commission,1932	
75.	The Mau Mau papers	1-5
76.	Gladys Beecher collection	1-11
77.	Colonial Annual reports	1-14
78.	Kenyatta day supplement	
79.	Review of activities of Kenya National archives	
80.	The background and development of I.L.O technical co-operation activities in Africa,(1950-66)	1-80
81.	The National Museum of Kenya	
82.	Family Papers (1950-1960)	1-5
83.	Oxford colonial Records Project. sir Michael Blundell	1-40
84.	A guide to the transactions of the Royal society Of South Africa	
85.	CO 822 East Africa Original correspondence	
86.	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1-11
87.	Kajiado District Land adjudication and Title registers	1b-8b
88.	East Africa Original correspondence	83-175
89.	Crockfords Clerical directory	
90.	Kibera Nubian Ex-soldiers settlement-Nairobi	1
91.	Weekly Review	1-18
92.	Transaction of the Royal society of South Africa	
93.	Council Minutes	1-101
94.	Papers of sir Robert Brook-Popham Mss Africa.s1120	
95.	Documents of the Kenya National Archives	1-7
96.	Records of Kekopy Farm Solio Estates papers of Phillip and Vivian Percival and Record of Potha Estate	1-16
97.	East Africa (Hilton Young) Commission on closer Union papers-1927-1932	1-3
98.	B.E.A.Wattle Estates (DB 242)	1-2
99.	Migrated Archives Project	1-10
100.	Royal Botanical Gardens	
101.	Records of Kilifi plantain ltd Frank O' Brien Wilson ltd records of Ontulele farm etc.	1-9

