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## Preface

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## Introduction

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*Creator:* H. C. Hill (1916-2005)

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### Contents

The collection comprises correspondence, ephemera, newspapers and cuttings mainly from Hill's time in Nigeria and Uganda. It also includes five handwritten diaries covering Hill's time spent in Uganda 1979-1981.

### Harry Creswick Hill

Harry Creswick Hill (1916-2005) was born in the Heaton area of Newcastle upon Tyne. He was educated at Heaton Grammar School and joined British Paints Ltd in 1932. He married Bessie Louisa Carpenter on 10 January 1943 and had two sons, Robert and David. He worked for British Paints his entire working life, becoming a works manager in the late 1950s and later a general manager. He went on to undertake overseas assignments in Nigeria (1967-1971) and Uganda (1978-1981).

### Accession details

Presented by David Anthony Hill, 2010

### Previous custodial history

Originally donated to Newcastle University Library and transferred from there by Dr Diana Paton in 2010.

### Arrangement

The papers and the catalogue are divided into the following broad categories, arranged chronologically within each section:

1. Papers from Hill's service in Nigeria, 1967-1971
2. Papers from Hill's service in Uganda, 1978-1981
3. Theatre Material
4. Tourist Brochures

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## 1. Papers from Hill's service in Nigeria, 1967-1971

HCH/1/1-13 August 1967-1971

Correspondence from Hill's service in Nigeria:

HCH/1/1 10 July 1967

Letter to Hill from a work associate following his departure to Nigeria

HCH/1/2-3 11 March 1969

Letter of thanks to Hill and Mrs Hill

HCH/1/4-6 7 November 1970 &amp; November 1983

Newsletters entitled *Nigeria 29* and *Nigeria 47*

HCH/1/7 23 February 1971

Letter regarding premises inspection

HCH/1/8-13 March-June 1971

Letters of thanks regarding Hill's departure from Nigeria

HCH/1/14-83 1966-1971

Letters of application for jobs with British Paints (WA) Ltd including requests for product catalogues, contract work and free gifts

HCH/2/1-28 February 1966-June 1968

Ephemera from Hill's time in Nigeria:

HCH/2/1-3 [1967-1971]

Membership cards for the Ikoyi club and Nigerian Red Cross

HCH/2/4 February 1966

Ikoyi club rule book

HCH/2/5 27 August 1967

Western Nigeria driving licence belonging to Hill with passport-sized photograph and two casino admission cards

HCH/2/6-10 March-June 1968

Five invitations addressed to Hill and Mrs Hill

HCH/2/11-13 April-June 1968

Various programmes for musicals

HCH/2/14 5 April 1968

Programme for a meeting of the St George's Lodge of freemasons

HCH/2/15-19 May-June 1968

Material related to the celebrations of the first anniversary of the Lagos state which include an address made by Mobolaji Johnson, official programmes and a commemorative brochure

HCH/2/20 7 June 1968

Letter enclosing a copy of an automobile exhibition brochure

HCH/2/21-22 15 June 1968

Rotary Club of Ikeja ticket and programme

HCH/2/23-24 26 June 1968

A short essay on Nigerian traditional dance

## 1. Papers from Hill's service in Nigeria, 1967-1971

HCH/2/25 [1967-1971]

Various receipts, mainly from the Hotel de la Plage

HCH/2/26 [1967-1971]

Ishan Acrobatic Dance note

HCH/2/27 [1967-1971]

Christmas card from Major General Yakubu Gowon and his wife

HCH/2/28 [1967-1971]

British Paints (WA) business card belonging to Hill

HCH/3/1-35 June 1969-February 1971

Ephemera from Hill's time in Nigeria:

HCH/3/1-7 June 1968-April 1970

Invitations to functions

HCH/3/8 27 June 1969

International driving permit

HCH/3/9-10 6 July 1968

Premier Hotel, Nigeria brochure and welcome information

HCH/3/11-12 1 January 1970

List of members of the Rotary club of Ikeja

HCH/3/13 6 March 1970

Programme for a meeting of the St George's Lodge of freemasons

HCH/3/14 3 January 1970

Letter regarding salvaged postal items from crashed Nigerian Airways flight 825

HCH/3/15-16 Feb-August 1970

Two clearance forms permitting air travel

HCH/3/17 9 September 1970

Lagos state land assessment declaration

HCH/3/18-27 26 February 1971

Ikeja and Apapa Manufacturers' Association report and list of members

HCH/3/28-31 [1967-1971]

Wesley Guild Hall service sheet

HCH/3/32 [1967-1971]

Wedding anniversary card

HCH/33-34 [1967-1971]

Cholera control sheet and offer of bactericide

HCH/3/35 [1967-1971]

Mounted items including membership cards and security identity card belonging to Hill and best wishes card

HCH/4/1 [1967-1971]

Tourist map of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with outline maps of the cities of Ibadan, Enugu, Port Harcourt, Kaduna, Kano and Lagos

*Scale:* No scale included

*Size:* 43 x 34 cm



HCH/4/2 [1967-1971]

Map of Ikeja Industrial estate including advertisements for various Nigerian businesses

*Scale:* No scale included

*Size:* 66 x 50 cm

HCH/5/1-120 1970-1971

Publications, newspapers and press cuttings, Nigeria. Publications include three issues of *Nigeria Confidential* and *Biafra Spotlight*. Newspapers include the *Daily Times*, *Sunday Observer* and the *Sunday Sketch*. Mounted and loose cuttings mostly from Nigerian newspapers including the *Sunday Observer*, *Sunday Post* and *Daily Times*. Others include the *Sunday Times*. Subjects include local customs and beliefs, problems with infrastructure and logistics, crime reports, court cases and fraud at various levels.

## 2. Papers from Hill's service in Uganda

HCH/8-HCH/12 January 1979 - June 1981

Five handwritten exercise books in the form of a daily diary written by Hill describing his life in Uganda. The diaries cover the Uganda -Tanzania war, although Hill and Mrs Hill fled Kampala shortly before the city was taken by Tanzanian and UNLA forces. The diaries begin shortly after his arrival in Uganda and focus mainly on social activities and to a lesser degree Hill's work for British Paints. Common throughout are detailed descriptions of weather conditions and descriptions of plants, flowers and birds in the garden at home. Other common themes are social engagements with work colleagues, friends and neighbours, leisure activities and trips to places of interest. Shortages of water, electricity, food and other materials are regularly documented as are problems caused by intense rainfall. There are records of regular contact with government ministries in Uganda and Hill's travels throughout the country which brought him into frequent contact with government agencies such as customs, immigration and government checkpoints. There are very few comments from Hill regarding the political and military situation in Uganda presumably for fear of his views falling into the hands of the authorities, although this changes upon his departure from Kampala to Nairobi in April 1979.

HCH/8/1-95 1 January - 10 April 1979

Diary 1 covers the period leading up to the overthrow of the Amin government. Meeting with the deputy governor of the Bank of Uganda and the chairman of the Advisory Board of Trade (HCH/8/12-13); introduction of anti-robbery measures by the government (HCH/8/13-14,20); attended eighth anniversary celebrations of the military administration (HCH/8/16-17); description of the town of Entebbe (HCH/8/23); informed of violence and a coup attempt in Kampala (HCH/8/26-27); trip to Nairobi via Eldoret (HCH/8/32-39); talk of preparations for trouble throughout Uganda (HCH/8/55-56); attended the third annual conference of the Islamic Development Bank (HCH/8/66-67); trip to Kisumu (HCH/8/79-81); reports of a number of civilian vehicles forcibly taken by the military, thought to be leaving town ahead of trouble, most shops closed in Kampala and few people around town (HCH/8/82-83); food shortages, quiet around Kampala despite BBC reports of heavy bombardment of the city (HCH/8/84-85); mention of firing throughout the night (HCH/8/87); leave Kampala for fear of personal safety (HCH/8/87); drive from Kampala to Nairobi (HCH/8/88-91); comments on the military situation in Uganda (HCH/8/93-94)

HCH/9/1-99 11 April 1979 - 15 March 1980

Diary 2 begins with Hill's and Mrs Hill's arrival in Nairobi following their decision to leave Kampala due to fighting in and around the city, leading up to the overthrow of the Amin government. Throughout April Hill makes frequent mention of the unstable situation in Uganda and more specifically Kampala. Hill makes a number of return visits to Kampala whilst continuing to work from Robiallac Paints Nairobi office. Hill & Mrs Hill return to their home in Kampala in early January 1980. There are numerous reports of crimes and violence following their return. There are also a number of entries describing the many problems encountered after looting and rioting that occurred the previous April. This includes replacing stolen furniture and fittings at both home and at work, loss of water, electricity and food shortages. There is a gap in diary entries from August to January. Visit to the British High Commission in Nairobi to check on the situation in Kampala (HCH/9/9); first visit to Kampala to assess the situation following the upheaval in the city, with detailed descriptions of places visited throughout the city (HCH/9/15-19); return visit to Kampala to organise repair of work premises following looting and destruction (HCH/9/24-25); return to Newcastle on leave (HCH/9/34); return to Kampala to sort out factory finances and help with organising the repair of premises, the situation there is still relatively unstable with gunfire still sounding throughout the night, Hill's reflections upon the present state of Kampala (HCH/9/43-46); probable trip to the Seychelles to investigate a possible takeover (HCH/9/52); report of the shooting of Barclays Bank and Standard Bank staff (HCH/9/53,55); arrival in the Seychelles with a description of the airport and terrain en route to the Coral Strand Hotel (HCH/9/56); move from Nairobi back to Kampala with descriptions of the terrain and geographical features along the way (HCH/9/57-61); comments on the government's approach to violence in Kampala (HCH/9/73-74 2); attended a meeting in the Parliament Building chaired by the Minister of Finance (HCH/9/77-78); mention of two outbreaks of violence in and around Kampala, famine in Karamoja and general breakdown of law and order throughout the country (HCH/9/84-85); conversation with the Minister of Commerce regarding capacity of the paint factory (HCH/9/88); trip to Nairobi (HCH/9/94-97)

HCH/10/1-81 17 March - 21 July 1980

Diary 3 covers Hill's daily routines in Kampala punctuated by ongoing violence in and around the city with gunfire heard most nights. Gunfire in Kibuli (HCH/10/1); trip to Nairobi (HCH/10/4-8); death of a carjacker at the hands of vigilantes (HCH/10/9); raid on Makindye police station (HCH/10/30-31); shootings in Kansanga and Kololo (HCH/10/35-36); large parts of Kampala city sealed off due to violence and shootings (HCH/10/37-38); news of the removal of Oyite Ojoke from his position of Military Chief of Staff and realisation that the military are now governing the country, fears of a military clash (HCH/10/43-45); reduction in recent levels of violence (HCH/10/46-47); house move (HCH/10/50); further stories of violence (HCH/10/52-53); shortage of raw materials leading to a cessation of gloss paint production and shortage of emulsion paint HCH/10/58-59); theft of Hill's document case from inside his car, Interest in tendering for a Ministry of Works contract for over half a million litres of paint (HCH/10/64-65); meeting with chairman of the Central Tender Board regarding paint tender (HCH/10/71); visit to government Treasury to obtain a tax certificate (HCH/10/74-75); factory of a friend is broken into (HCH/10/80); morning spent at Nakawa Magistrates Court, travel to UK (HCH/10/80-81)

HCH/11/1- 6 September 1980 - 4 March 1981

Diary 4 begins with Hill's return to Kampala from the UK on 6 September. Request for finance submitted to the Minister of Industries to allow further production of paint (HCH/11/6-7); record of geographical area covered by the Kenya paints depot (HCH/11/9); new gardener appointed (HCH/11/11); return from trip to Nairobi with description of activities undertaken and a particular emphasis on mealtimes, shooting at the Bank of Uganda in which the wife of an acquaintance was injured (HCH/11/13-14); rumour of the death of Milton Obote (HCH/11/15); reports of a number of shootings (HCH/11/16-17); meeting with the chairman of the Advisory Board of Trade in an attempt to bring in raw materials, armed soldiers break into Dairy Corporation leading to a milk shortage (HCH/11/21-22); colleague involved in a car accident with a military vehicle (HCH/11/23-24); comments on the current political situation in Uganda (HCH/11/ 25-27); pay negotiations with employees union (HCH/11/27-28); break-in at the paint factory by armed raiders (HCH/11/34-35); Democratic Party rally at Owino Market in which marchers were killed by the military (HCH/11/39); polling day, fierce fighting in Kampala, announcement of victory for the Uganda People's Congress (HCH/11/40-43); Christmas spent in Nairobi (HCH/11/44-50); mention of the bombing of the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi (HCH/11/52-55); oil companies applying pressure on the Ugandan government ((HCH/11/56-57); two car-jackings involving acquaintances (HCH/11/57-58); appointments with various government ministries, attempted car-jacking and armed robberies (HCH/11/58-59); lifting of curfew and ban on the movement of trucks after dark (HCH/11/60-61); appointment with the Minister of State for Industries and acting Minister for Commerce (HCH/11/62-63); shortage of food (HCH/11/67); meeting with various government ministries (HCH/11/70-72); report of the destruction of Yoweri Museveni's house, gunfire and nervousness around Kampala (HCH/11/74-77); speculation on the reasons for a recent increase in violence, Bidandi Ssali's arrest and possible burning of Kasubi Tombs (HCH/11/77-78); meeting with governor of the Bank of Uganda in which the future of the paint industry was discussed, further food shortages, reports of further robbery and violence, meeting with government ministries, concerns on political situation in Uganda, received telex Instruction outlining potential need to close the paint factory, tickets booked to return to England in June (HCH/11/79-87); reports of assassination threats directed at UNDP staff (HCH/11/92-93)

HCH/12/1-77 7 March - 29 June 1981

Diary 5 covers the last four months of Hill's time spent in Uganda and later Nairobi. Further violence and threats against UNDP staff, guerilla threats of violence against aid agencies (HCH/12/1-4); appointment at Income Tax Department to arrange Hill's repatriation exchange and passage fees home to England, news of an attack in which 70 government soldiers were killed by guerillas in an ambush, weekend spent in Nairobi (HCH/12/4-8); indiscriminate firing in the centre of Kampala and attacks on electrical installations, growing tensions leading to early closure of the paint factory, rounding up of all foreign registered cars, visible increase in military presence and numbers of check-points (HCH/12/9-14); departure from Kampala to Nairobi prior to Hill's retirement, news of a raid on Hill's previous home in Kampala and other homes around Buziga Hill, heavy rain in Nairobi (HCH/12-31); remarks on flowering trees in Nairobi, shortage of fuel in Uganda, meeting in Kisumu with staff from Kampala factory, work colleague's assessment of the situation in Kampala, travel to Mombasa (HCH/12/33-39); time spent in Kampala, timetable for return to England (HCH/12/54-60); a number of armed robberies in Kampala (HCH/12/63); farewell dinner for Hill and Mrs Hill, on safari at Tsavo West Game Reserve, trip to Mombasa (HCH/12/64- 72); diary entries end on 29 June prior to departure for England on 1 July. At the end of the diary there is a short history of missionaries in Uganda and a biography of Janani Luwum written within the context of the political situation in Uganda at the time of Idi Amin (HCH/12/73-77)

HCH/6/1-68 1978-1981

Ephemera from Hill's time in Uganda:

HCH/6/1 1978

Petroleum Exchange Control Amendment Decree number 15

HCH/6/2 1978

Civil Aviation Government Aerodromes Amendment Decree number 16

HCH/6/3-4 11 October & 4 December 1978

Entry permits to Uganda issued to Hill & Mrs Hill

HCH/6/5-6 1 December 1978

Robbialac Paints (Uganda) Ltd employee's identity cards issued to Hill and Mrs Hill

HCH/6/7-9 1979

Three Caspair airline tickets from Nairobi to Entebbe

HCH/6/10-11 24 January - 13 March 1979

Two Invitations to Hill and Mrs Hill to attend formal functions

HCH/6/12 14 March 1979

Telegram from the Ministry of Industry and Power, Uganda to the Governor of the Bank of Uganda

HCH/6/13 19 April 1979

Invitation, with agenda, to attend the Lodge of the Highlands regular meeting, Nairobi

HCH/6/14-18 2 August 1979

Assorted receipts

HCH/6/19 13 August 1979

List of internal telephone numbers, presumably for Robbialac Paints, Uganda

## 2. Papers from Hill's service in Uganda

HCH/6/20-21 1979

Two declaration forms signed by Hill for motor vehicles registered outside Uganda to be used inside Uganda

HCH/6/22-24 1979-1981

Three Kampala City Council graduated tax tickets issued to Hill

HCH/6/25-28 1980-1981

Four movement permits for travel outside Uganda, issued to Hill

HCH/6/29-30 1980 & 1981

Kenyan foreign currency declaration forms for Hill

HCH/6/31-32 1 January 1980

Total service credit card issued to Hill inside wallet

HCH/6/33 14 April 1980

Details of an appointment for Hill at the Bank of Uganda

HCH/6/34 21 July 1980

Witness summons to Hill to attend court in Uganda

HCH/6/35 March 1981

Gold and foreign currency declaration signed by Hill returning to Uganda

HCH/6/36 19 April 1981

Service sheet for Lavington Church, Nairobi

HCH/6/37 18 & 19 December [1981]

Nairobi Music Society programme for "The Messiah" by Handel

HCH/6/38 [1978-1981]

Authorisation letter to purchase commodities, signed by Hill

HCH/6/39-40 [1978-1981]

Police notice appealing for help in catching Bakkondo (armed brigands) and an envelope addressed to police in Kampala

HCH/6/41-48 [1978-1981]

Sundry items including four Ugandan bank notes, Kampala Club membership card, food and beverages membership card and a sketch map

HCH/6/49-51 [1978-1981]

Three postcards: Masai dancing, Masai warrior and Samburu warrior

HCH/6/52-68 [1979-1982]

Information on the bridge card game and on Mugalula Mukiibi, an artist from Uganda which includes his curriculum vitae and a business card

HCH/7/1-14 1 August 1979 - 5 October 1982

Personal correspondence from Hill's time in Uganda

HCH/7/1 1 August 1979

Typed message to Hill announcing the birth of his grandson

HCH/7/2-8 14 February 1980 - 2 October 1982

Invitations addressed to Hill and Mrs Hill to attend various social gatherings

## 2. Papers from Hill's service in Uganda

HCH/7/9 4 June 1980

Internal correspondence on Robbialac Paints headed paper from F. Matovu to Hill in appreciation of a gift given by the latter to Hill

HCH/7/10 28 March 1981

Handwritten speech written by "Medard" to Hill and Mrs Hill upon their departure to England

HCH/7/11-12 June 1981 & 5 October 1982

Retirement card and letter of thanks addressed to Hill and Mrs Hill

HCH/7/13 29 July 1981

Letter from Sister Rosemary to Mrs Hill following the Hill's return home to Newcastle. Comments on the royal wedding between Charles and Diana and the instability in Uganda.

HCH/7/14 26 July 1981

Letter from Michaela, Roland, Albut and Eberhard to Hill and Mrs Hill from Darwin, Australia. There is mention of the ransacking of their (former) house by the military and their holiday in Australia.

HCH/13/1-117 1978-1982

Newspapers and press cuttings, Uganda:

HCH/13/1-19 1982

*Munnansi* [place of publication?], (27 November and 4 December 1982)

HCH/13/20-22 3 June 1981

*Africa Confidential*, vol 22, no.12

HCH/13/23-30 1980

*Uganda Times*, v. I, no.162 (28 January 1980) and v. I, no. 253 (14 May 1980)

HCH/13/31-36 6 June 1980

*Weekly Topic*, Friday 6 June 1980, v. II, no. 5

HCH/13/37-40 1980

*The Economy* newspaper, vol I, no. 33, 1980

HCH/13/41-117 August 1979-February 1981

Mounted newspaper cuttings from various African newspapers which include, mainly the *Uganda Times*, but also the *Daily Nation*, *The Sunday Nation*, and *The Nairobi Standard*. Subjects include the struggle for power, violence, corruption, health and hardship in Uganda. A few highlighted articles include: "a new chapter of horror for Uganda" (HCH/13/41), "the capitalist lifeline that skirts Uganda's graveside" (HCH/13/42), "British bobbies to beat Uganda terror troops" (HCH/13/43), "Uganda's constitutional debate" (HCH/13/44), "the Karamoja tragedy" (HCH/13 49-50), "the return of Milton Obote from exile" (HCH/13/62), "a timetable for elections in Uganda" (HCH/13/65), "findings of the World Bank policy paper on health" (HCH/13/68), "declaration by the military commission of its powers in May 1980" (HCH/13/70), various articles in a series entitled "picking the pieces following Idi Amin" (HCH/13/84,86,91,93), "the slaughter of wild animals in Ugandan National Parks" (HCH/13/95) and "the ordering of the Masai to take part in census" (HCH/13/96). Also, a small number of mounted business cards and sales receipts are attached.

### 3. Theatre Material

HCH/14/1 28-29 October 1979

Programme for a symphony concert by The Nairobi Orchestra

HCH/14/2-7 September 1979 - June 1981

Four Kenya National Theatre programmes and envelope

HCH/14/8 20 November 1979

Programme for a concert at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi

HCH/14/9-14 8-25 April 1981

Promotional material for a performance of the musical "Not Now Darling" at the Donovan Maule Theatre, Nairobi

HCH/14/15 [1979-1981]

Words for Cantata no 199, by J..S Bach



#### 4. Tourist and promotional Brochures

HCH/15/1-10 [1979-1981]

Brochures for various hotels and places of interest including the Coral Strand Hotel, Seychelles and the Unique Heron Court Apartment Hotel, Nairobi