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## **Catalogue of the papers of A.H.A. Alban**

**Date range of material: [1880s, 1921 x 1942]**

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## Preface

Creation of catalogue  
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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Alban, Arthur Hugh Alban

*Reference code:* GB-0033-SAD

*Dates of creation:* [1880s, 1921 x 1942]

*Extent:* 5 albums, 2 objects

*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

*Creator:* Alban, Arthur Hugh Alban

*Language of material:* Arabic

### Arthur Hugh Alban Alban

(1891 - 1982)

1921-1926	Assistant District Commissioner, Nagichot, Mongalla Province
1927-1928	Assistant District Commissioner, Opari, Opari - Kajo Keji District, Mongalla Province
1928-1929	Assistant District Commissioner, Abwong, Southern (Nuer and Dinka) District, Upper Nile Province
1930-1931	Assistant District Commissioner, Abwong, Lau Nuer District, Upper Nile Province
1932-1935	District Commissioner, Abwong, Lau Nuer District, Upper Nile Province
1936	District Commissioner, Akobo, Lau Nuer District, Upper Nile Province
1936	District Commissioner, Akobo, Annuak - Beir / Lau Nuer District, Upper Nile Province
1937-1942	District Commissioner, Akobo, Pibor District, Upper Nile Province
1942-1952	Consul, Gore, Western Abyssinia

### Accession details

Presented by David Alban, 2016, 2019

### Arrangement

1. Photographic material
2. Museum objects

### Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number* .

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

## 2. Museum objects

SAD.G//S 1543/1 [1880s]

Mahdist banner, with Arabic inscription:

“O God, O Merciful One, O Compassionate One O Living One,  
O Subsisting One, O Lord of Majesty and Honour

There is no god but God. Muhammad is his messenger

Muhammad al-Mahdi is the Successor to the messenger of God”.

White text on black background, within white borders.

SAD.G//S 1543/2 [late 19th century]

Ethiopian shield. Domed metal base, leather handle and covering;  
decorated on the face with 20 metal plaques radiating round the center,  
and with 6 square and 4 round plaques at the centre, all attached to  
the base with pins