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## Preface

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## Introduction

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### John Longe

(1903 - 1987)

1925-1929	Assistant District Commissioner Ed Damer, Berber Province
1929-1931	Assistant District Commissioner Rufa'a, Blue Nile Province
1931-1934	Assistant District Commissioner Hassa Heissa, Blue Nile Province
1934-1935	Assistant District Commissioner Umm Ruaba, Kordofan Province
1936-1939	District Commissioner Umm Ruaba, Kordofan Province
1939-1944	District Commissioner Malakal, Upper Nile Province
1944-1946	District Commissioner Omdurman, Khartoum Province
1946-1950	Deputy Governor, Khartoum
1950-1953	Governor, Upper Nile Province

### Accession details

Presented by Longe, 1980-1987

### Arrangement

#### 1. Official Papers

- (a) Berber Province
- (b) Blue Nile Province
- (c) Kordofan Province
- (d) Upper Nile Province
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#### 8. Printed Material

- (a) In Archive

- (b) In Library

## Form of citation

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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.

## 1. Official Papers

(a) Berber Province, 1925-1929

SAD.641/1-SAD.641/3 1925 - 1929

Notes on *`umdiyyahs* of Ed Damer District. Each file contains details of *`umdah*, *`umdiyyah*, area, general description, history and various shaikhships:

- SAD.641/1/1-32 Damer *markaz*: Juberab *`umdiyyah*, Aliab *`umdiyyah*, Mahmia *`umdiyyah*
- SAD.641/2/1-34 Umm El Teyur *`umdiyyah*, Zeidab North and Zeidab South *`umdiyyahs*, Kitiab *`umdiyyah*
- SAD.641/3/1-34 Timerab *`umdiyyah*, `Abd al-Karimab *`umdiyyah*, Mogren *`umdiyyah*

## (b) Blue Nile Province, 1930-1934

- SAD.641/4/1-14 1932 Sep  
Rufa'a District handing-over notes by J. Longe. File contains notes on policy, native administration (judicial and administrative), land holding, forests, *'ushr* and land tax, herd checking, retainers, the court safe, tribes, individual *shaykhs*, taxation and boundaries
- SAD.641/5/1-41 1934 Nov - Dec  
Northern Gezira handing-over notes by John Longe File contains general note on the Northern Gezira and notes on the *'umdiyyah* of Hassa Heissa; native administration; court safes; payments of *'umdahs* and *shaykhs* and their duties; *shaykhs'* courts, *majlis* courts and town benches; syndicate *ghaffirs*; police and prisons; land; local taxation; *khalwas*; roads and wells
- SAD.641/7/1-19 1930  
Tribal notes by John Longe on the Shukriyyah, including origins, traditions and history, and genealogies
- SAD.641/8/1-59 [ca. 1930]  
Genealogies of other Gezira families including al-Hajj Musa al-Tayyar [Arabic]; notes on the history of the Sudan in general, Nubia, the Kingdom of Meroë etc. from H.A. MacMichael's *History of the Arabs in the Sudan*; note on Hamadnalla wad Jamil
- SAD.641/6/1-37 1932 Nov 25  
Northern Gezira tribal notes. "Chronicles of the Abdullab. Traditional stories of the Abdullab Tribe" and "A note on the Abdullab" by John Longe
- 641/6/38-43 [n.d.]  
Tribal notes on the Bedrab of Northern Gezira: "Notes on the Awlad al-Shaikh Muhammad Badr", by G.D.N.C. [G.D.N. Clark, A.D.C., Northern Kordofan]
- SAD.641/6/44-46 [n.d.]  
Tribal notes on the Kawahla by K.D.D. Henderson

## (c) Kordofan Province, 1929-1942

- SAD.643/3/1-2 1929 Oct 11  
Memorandum by 'Abd al-Hadi Sabr on Adam Hamad of the Dueih tribe and his successors who lived in Sharg el Agaba
- SAD.641/9/1-2 1934 May 5  
"A note on the trial of witchcraft cases" by Howell Owen, Chief Justice, giving advice to magistrates in all provinces
- SAD.642/10/1-11 1935 Apr 28  
Notes by John Longe on Mahdism and Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi: summary of affairs during the years 1926-1934 (with transcription)
- SAD.641/10/1-42 1935 - 1939  
Notes on Eastern Kordofan District, v.II. Includes a list of District Commissioners and *ma'murs*; notes on district headquarters; tribes

of Eastern Kordofan; tribal sketch map; tribal notes; names of *nazirs* and *`umdahs*; robes of honour; native magistrates; political history; water supply; communications; population; crops and produce; taxes; animals; markets and trade; education; and towns of `Umm Ruaba and Rahad

SAD.642/16/1-48 1935 - 1942

Semi-official letters from Douglas Newbold to John Longe

- SAD.642/16/1 1935 Jan 10  
From D. Newbold as Governor, welcoming John Longe to Kordofan and offering advice on the administration of his district
- SAD.642/16/2-5 1935 Jun 12  
Re John Longe's plans to dam the Khor al-Nil, the need for settled district boundaries, plans for a town council at `Umm Ruaba, land rights and tribal taxes
- SAD.642/16/6-7 1935 Jun 15  
Re arrangements for D. Newbold's visit and the difficulties faced in running a large province on a small staff
- SAD.642/16/8 1935 Aug 22  
Congratulations on John Longe's forthcoming marriage
- SAD.642/16/9-10 1935 Sep 9  
Personal news of leave in England
- SAD.642/16/11-13 1936 Dec 12  
Detailed assessment of John Longe's work and temperament
- SAD.642/16/14-16 1937 Jan 2  
Re *nazir* Husayn Zaki al-Din and re D. Newbold's criticisms of John Longe's work and temperament
- SAD.642/16/17-18 1937 Jan 18  
Re his recent inspection tour and staff changes
- SAD.642/16/19 1937 Jan 23  
General province news and re plans for flour mills
- SAD.642/16/20-23 1937 Mar 15-18  
Re plans for Marjery Perham's visit
- SAD.642/16/24 1937 May 15  
Re an anonymous letter containing complaints against John Longe and re Coronation Day celebrations
- SAD.642/16/25-26 1937 May 30  
Re proposed alteration of the eastern Kordofan boundary and salaries of Native Administration clerks
- SAD.642/16/27-29 1937 Jun 17  
Re the proposed reamalgamation of land in White Nile Province with eastern Kordofan
- SAD.642/16/30 1937 Jun 14  
Re John Longe's research into Hicks Pasha and route reports described in W.G. Browne's *Travels in Africa ... 1799*
- SAD.642/16/31 1937 Jun 23  
Re his personal distaste for hangings
- SAD.642/16/32 1937 Jun 24  
Advice to John Longe on how to improve his temperament



SAD.642/16/33	1937 Nov 13 Congratulations on the birth of John Longe's son
SAD.642/16/34	1937 Nov 23 Re plans for Newbold's visit to Umm Ruaba and the proposed Shenabla tribal gathering
SAD.642/16/35	1935 Jan 9 Re D. Newbold's C.B.E.
SAD.642/16/36	1938 Mar 6 Re the death of D. Newbold's brother
SAD.642/16/37	1938 Sep 24 Re D. Newbold's farewell tours of Kordofan
SAD.642/16/38	1938 Oct 21 Re locust control and pressure of work
SAD.642/16/39-41	1939 Mar 15 Re D. Newbold's new position as Civil Secretary and John Longe's appointment to Upper Nile Province
SAD.642/16/42	1941 Dec 16 Re pressure of work
SAD.642/16/43	1942 Aug Re D. Newbold's return visit to Kordofan

- SAD.641/11/1-4 1937 Feb  
Note on marriage customs of the Habbaniyyah tribe
- SAD.641/12/1-44 1939 Nov  
Handing-over notes, Eastern Kordofan, including notes on native administration; *markaz* staff; police; prisons; education; lands; agriculture and economics; markets and trade; relations with departments; neighbouring districts; taxation; buildings; water supply and communications; towns; and public security. Also includes a note from D. Newbold on how to write handing-over notes.
- SAD.641/11/5-8 1940 Feb  
Eastern Jebels monthly report (revised version). Monthly diary in verse by T.R.H. Owen
- SAD.641/11/9-11 [n.d.]  
Note on hunting in Eastern Kordofan
- SAD.641/11/12-17 [n.d.]  
Note on gum gardens in Eastern Kordofan, with drawing
- SAD.641/11/18-46 [n.d.]  
Notes on the Ghodiyat tribe of Eastern Kordofan
- (d) Upper Nile Province, 1932-1953
- SAD.643/2/1-21 1898 - 1932  
Chronological notes detailing events in Upper Nile Province, compiled from intelligence reports
- SAD.642/1/1-71 1940 Jun 6 - Oct  
Official correspondence re the general war situation, attacks by Italians, enemy's position, movements of troops, provisions, etc.; Doro and Chali areas, proposed camp at Melut; the closure of Rom Mission; general report of reconnaissance Jebel Gule-Ulu-Awaj al-Baggar area
- SAD.642/3/1-66 1940 Nov 14 - 1941 Sep 22  
Official letters and telegrams re the general war situation; movement of police and troops; rebuilding of Melut and Renk camps; movement of prisoners; tribal disturbances; the reopening of mission stations at Doro and Chali
- SAD.642/2/1-60 1940 Oct 4 - 1941 May 2  
File containing note on training police for patrol work; notes on tactics for forest force; installation of police post at Gule; John Longe's report on the Gule area with some general correspondence
- SAD.642/3/67-71 1940 - 1941  
Report on operation of the Upper Nile Scouts (Upper Nile Province Combatant Police)
- SAD.642/5/1 [1944]  
List of Northern District native officials
- SAD.642/5/2-14 1944 May 7 - 11  
Handing-over notes for the Northern District, by John Longe covering administration; the Dinka and Shilluk; the Nilotic; the Maaban and Uduk; roads; wood-cutting; files; merchants; education; grain; bricks;

- rest houses; transport; public security; Dinka tribal functionaries
- SAD.642/5/15-18 1944 May  
Notes on Malakal Town, appendix to handing-over notes: John Longe's addendum to A.R.C. Bolton's note of Jan 1942, covering administration; agriculture; clubs; liquors; sanitation; and town improvement
- SAD.642/5/19-25 1950 Jul 17  
Handing-over notes by F.D. Corfield, Governor, Upper Nile Province, 1948-1950, to John Longe, returning as Governor, covering political development of the south; administration; agriculture; aviation; education; lands; taxation; holidays; office organisation; trade; veterinary; roads; wireless telephones; and frontiers (one page missing)
- SAD.642/6/1-22 1953 Apr  
Handing-over notes by John Longe covering the Southern problem; administration; agriculture; forests; aviation; frontiers and boundaries; buildings; decorations; education; lands; taxation; holidays; office organisation; trade; veterinary; communications; the U.N.P. development committee
- SAD.642/7/1-21 1953 Sep 5  
Upper Nile Province annual report by J.C.N. Donald, Assistant Governor, covering changes in personnel; frontiers; local government; local politics; local news; public security; labour; migration; agriculture and forests; public health; education; veterinary; wild-life; communications; aviation; posts and telegraphs; water supply; buildings, lands and town planning; trade and finance
- (e) Secondment to Agedabia District, Cyrenaica, 1943
- SAD.642/4/1-6 1943 Dec 16  
Note by John Longe on administration of Agedabia District
- SAD.642/4/7-15 1944 Jan 5  
Notes on the Sanusi Movement produced by the Civil Secretary's Office
- (f) Jonglei Investigation Team
- SAD.642/8/1-10 [ca. 1950]  
Government report on the Equatorial Nile project and its effects on the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
- (g) Post Independence
- SAD.642/9/1-6 [ca. 1953]  
Note on some implications of the Sudan Agreement
- SAD.642/9/7-11 1966  
Report on the situation in the Southern Sudan

## 2. Personal Correspondence

### (a) General

- SAD.642/10/12 1944 Mar 29  
Letter from Paul [Howell] to John Longe re Luak Deng, originally enclosed in the former's article on "The Shilluk Settlement" (*Sudan Notes and Records*, v.24, 1941)
- SAD.642/10/13-22 1955  
Papers re Sitt Mindamat Gelly, a Christian convert from Islam who was forced into a Muslim marriage. Includes letters to John Longe and a copy affidavit by John Longe who was D.C. Omdurman at the time of the incident
- SAD.642/10/23 1980 Jul 24  
Letter from Michael [Creagh-Osborne] to John Longe re his father's Omdurman campaign diary (see SAD.643/1/1-4)

### (b) Southern Sudan

- SAD.642/10/24-28 1964 Nov 26 - Dec 8  
Confidential newsletters from Norman Nunn re outrages in the south and riots in Khartoum
- SAD.642/9/19-21 1972  
Confidential report by Bishop E.J. Ngalam and Bishop Y.K. Dotiro on their visit to the Sudan after the Addis Ababa agreement
- SAD.642/10/29 1979 Oct 5  
Letter from Norman [Nunn] to John Longe re the work of the Sudan Interior Mission in Upper Nile Province

### 3. Articles, speeches (drafts and copies)

#### (a) Articles by John Longe

SAD.643/4/6-29 1938 Nov

Note by John Longe on "Hicks Pasha's journey through Eastern Kordofan"

#### (b) Articles by others

SAD.642/11/1-12 1930 Apr 26

Note by Sir Philip Mitchell on "Female circumcision and the status of women in Tanganyika territory"

SAD.642/11/13-20 1936 Mar 9

"Female circumcision in the Sudan", a paper delivered to the Sudan branch of the B.M.A. by D.R. Macdonald M.B.

SAD.643/4/1-5 1937 - 1938

Letter from D. Newbold enclosing an account by a slave boy of Hicks Pasha's march and defeat, taken from *An Englishman's recollections of Egypt 1863 - 1887* by Baron de Kusel Bey, 1915

SAD.642/9/22-68 1976

Draft chapters from a projected book by S. McCall on "From the Juba Conference to the mutiny" and "Mutiny and independence", submitted to John Longe for comments

#### (c) Speeches

SAD.642/11/21-22 1953 Apr 3

Farewell speech to John Longe on his departure from Upper Nile Province

#### 4. Historical Material

- SAD.643/1/141,44-83 1898 Jan 1 - Sep 15  
Ts. extracts from the diary of 2nd Lieutenant H.P. Creagh-Osborne,  
1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, including his experiences  
at the Battle of the Atbara and the Battle of Omdurman (2 copies)
- SAD.643/1/42-43 [n.d.]  
Extract from [ *The Contemporary Review*] on "... The Atbara and  
Omdurman", possibly written by H.P. Creagh-Osborne

## 5. Miscellanea

- SAD.642/11/23-26 1969 Jul 23  
Programme and invitation for the annual service of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral
- SAD.642/11/28-29 [n.d.]  
Short poem on “lucky and unlucky homes”. Author unknown
- 642/11/30 [n.d. ca. 1970s]  
Any-Nya poster

## 6. Maps

- SAD.642/11/27    1914 Jul  
Map of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Geographical section, General Staff. Inscribed "With the Manager's compliments Khartoum 24/4/21"
- SAD.642/11/31    1928 Apr  
Map of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. Sudan Survey Department, Khartoum, 1933 edition



## 7. News Bulletins and Newspaper Cuttings

(a) News Bulletins

- SAD.642/9/12-14 1965 Jul 26  
Press release by the Sudan Government on the situation in the Southern Sudan
- SAD.642/9/15-18 1966 Feb 4  
Press release issued on behalf of the Sudan Government, refuting the claims made by Anthony Carthew in the Daily Mail on the situation in the Southern Sudan
- SAD.642/12/1-3 1970 Jul - Sep  
Press releases from the Editor of the *Grass Curtain* on the massacre of refugees, dissolution of the Nile Provisional Government and Russian activity in Southern Sudan

(b) Newspaper Cuttings

- SAD.642/12/4 1927 Dec 20  
"In the Nuer Country. Work in the wilds. The murder of a D.C." extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/12/5 1931 Feb 16  
"Old Blues oust the slavers - the work of British officials in the Sudan" extr. *News Chronicle*
- SAD.642/12/25-26 1933 Aug 12  
*Hadarat al-Sudan* (Sudanese newspaper - complete copy)
- SAD.642/12/6-9 1939 Jun 6, 7  
"The Sudan - North and South contrasts" by Marjery Perham extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/12/10 1941 Jul 11  
"When the K.A.R. campaigned in the Sudan. Italians routed with the aid of Belgian Congo troops" extr. *The East African Standard*
- SAD.642/12/11-14 1941 Oct 4  
*The Sudan Daily Herald* - complete copy
- SAD.642/12/15 1942 May 2  
"Sudan Cultural Centre. An account of the discussion on female circumcision on 20.4.42" extr. *The Sudan Daily Herald*
- SAD.509/7/1-2 1950 Apr 13  
"The Hicks Pasha Expedition (A broadcast given by A.B. Theobald from Omdurman on 7 April 1950)" extr. *The Sudan Herald*
- SAD.642/12/16 [c. 1954]  
"Sudan's tenant farmers. A successful collective scheme in the Gezira"
- SAD.642/12/17-20 1964 May 22  
*The Times* supplement on "The Republic of the Sudan"
- SAD.642/12/21-24 1966  
Reports by Anthony Carthew on the war in Southern Sudan extr. the *Daily Mail*
- SAD.642/13/1-5 1968  
Colour supplement report on "The army that fights on a diet of

- crocodiles"
- SAD.642/13/6 1969 Apr 21  
"Crisis of contrasts which threatens Sudan" extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/13/7 1970 Sep 4  
"Arab massacre of Christians in Southern Sudan" extr. *Church Times*
- SAD.642/13/8 [c. 1970]  
Newspaper letters re the situation in southern Sudan
- SAD.642/13/9 1971 Apr 12  
"Sudan regime hopeful of ending civil war" extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/13/10 1971 Jul 21  
"Bridging the gulf between the Dinka and Khartum" extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/13/11 1971 Jul 23  
"New conflicts in North Africa. Clash of personalities in Sudan and Libya" extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/13/12 1971 Jul 25  
"The men who trapped Speedbird Victor Mike" - a report on Nimeiry's counter-coup extr. *The Sunday Times*
- SAD.642/13/13 1971 Jul 26  
"Khartum rejects Britain's plea to spare lives of two rebel leaders"
- SAD.642/13/14-17 1971 Nov  
*Anya Nya*, no. 6
- SAD.642/13/18 1971  
"Promise of regional autonomy for Sudan separatists brings mass return to southern towns"
- SAD.642/13/19 1972 Feb 29  
"Black Africans v. brown"
- SAD.642/13/20 1972 Feb 29  
"Hope for the Sudan" - the Addis Ababa agreement
- SAD.642/13/21 1972 May 26  
"Sudanese hopes" extr. *Church Times*
- SAD.642/13/22 1972 Jun 8  
"Sudan - frontier of black and brown", extr. *The Daily Telegraph*
- SAD.642/13/23-24 1972  
The contribution of British agencies towards achieving the Addis Ababa agreement
- SAD.642/13/25 1972  
"Aid for the Sudan"
- SAD.642/13/26 1973 Mar 2  
"Palestine guerrillas seize U.S. ambassador and other diplomats in Sudan"
- SAD.642/14/1 1973 Mar 3  
"Guerrillas murder three Khartum hostages including U.S. ambassador"
- SAD.642/14/2 1973 Mar 9  
"Al Fatah is denounced by Sudan over murders"

- SAD.642/14/3-4 1973 Mar 11  
Reports on the seige of Khartoum, extr. *The Sunday Times*
- SAD.642/14/5-8 1973 Mar 27  
“Sudan: a special report to mark the state visit of President Nimeiry to Britain” extr. *The Times*
- SAD.642/14/9 [1973]  
“Sudanese celebrate a year of peace”
- SAD.642/14/10-11 [1973]  
“Sudan: the long trek back begins”

## 8. Printed Material

(a) In Archive

SAD.642/15/1-16 1975 Sep

“The Sudan Information Pack” issued by Tear Fund (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund) on behalf of ACROSS (The Africa Committee for the Rehabilitation of Southern Sudan) and including details of Sudanese history, the Southern war, communications, economy and the growth of Christianity

(b) Separated printed material now in Durham University Library

Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into the library's printed collections and catalogued on the Open Public Access Catalogue