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## Preface

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## Introduction

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### James Edwin Marsden

(1892 - 1966)

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| 1919-1940 | Sudan Agriculture Department  |
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| 1929-1935 | Mechanical Engineer, Mechanical Section, Torit                                    |
| 1936-1940 | Mechanical Engineer, Mechanical Section, Port Sudan                               |

### Accession details

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### Arrangement

1. Personal Papers
2. Photographic Material

### Form of citation

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## 1. Personal Papers

SAD.294/18/53-54 1966 Jan 12

Personal letter from Marsden to R.L. Hill recalling reminiscences of General H.W. Jackson (1861-1937), Governor of Berber Province 1902-1922, learned from him first hand during Marsden's service with the Agriculture Department in Dongola Province and covering Jackson's service on the Wolseley relief expedition to rescue General Gordon and under Kitchener at the Battle of the Atbara and the expedition to meet Captain Marchand at Fashoda, his appointment as Deputy Governor General in 1902, as well as his relationship with General Wingate

## 2. Photographic Material

- SAD.508/22/5 1910  
Large mounted photograph of staff of the Sudan Customs Department at Suakin, including Marsden's father, John Buxton George Marsden (1864-1924), seated front right
- SAD.632/6/1-27 [1920-1928]  
Personal and family photographs, mainly taken in Khartoum and Dongola Provinces:
- SAD.632/6/1 1920 Mar  
Marsden's wife in Khartoum North
- SAD.632/6/2,4 [1920]  
Marsden's daughter, Dorothy, sitting on an Islamic prayer mat placed over a garden bench, Khartoum North
- SAD.632/6/3 [1920]  
Marsden's wife and daughter, Dorothy, sitting on board a steamer, probably Khartoum Province
- SAD.632/6/5 1920 Mar  
Marsden's wife and daughter, Dorothy, sitting in a garden in Khartoum North
- SAD.632/6/6 [1920]  
Steamer, the *Kordofan* in a floating dock at Khartoum North dockyard
- SAD.632/6/7 1920  
View of the Governor-General's palace at Khartoum, from the river
- SAD.632/6/8 [1920]  
Marsden, Agriculture Department, with his Airedale dog, Nel
- SAD.632/6/9 1920  
Marsden, Agriculture Department, sitting on board a steamer, the S.S. *Gordon Pasha*, probably Khartoum Province (Duplicate print at SAD.632/8/22)
- SAD.632/6/10 1920 May  
Marsden's daughter, Dorothy, sitting on a whicker chair in a garden, probably Khartoum North
- SAD.632/6/11 [1920]  
Marsden with his wife and daughter, Dorothy, sitting having tea in a garden, probably Khartoum North
- SAD.632/6/12 [1920]  
Marsden's wife and mother or mother-in-law standing in a garden, probably Khartoum North
- SAD.632/6/13-14 [1922-1928]  
Motor boat at Nuri
- SAD.632/6/15 [1922-1928]  
Marsden's garden at Nuri
- SAD.632/6/16 [1922-1928]  
Motor boat moored on the Nile at Nuri

- SAD.632/6/17 [1922-1928]  
Group of palm trees by water course, probably near Nuri (poor quality)
- SAD.632/6/18 [1922-1928]  
Passengers waiting by a ferry boat
- SAD.632/6/19 [1922-1928]  
Work gang laying a large pipe
- SAD.632/6/20 [1922-1928]  
Marsden's house at Nuri
- SAD.632/6/21 [1922-1928]  
Marsden's garden at Nuri
- SAD.632/6/22 [1922-1928]  
View of Marsden's garden at Nuri, with the Nile in the background
- SAD.632/6/23 [1922-1928]  
Marsden's wife and daughter, Dorothy, standing outside their house at Nuri
- SAD.632/6/24 1922 Apr 1  
Marsden's wife sitting with her daughter, Dorothy, at Nuri after her recovery from fever
- SAD.632/6/25 1922 Apr 1  
Marsden holding his daughter, Dorothy, at Nuri after her recovery from fever
- SAD.632/6/26 [1922-1928]  
Marsden sitting in a garden, probably at Nuri, with an unidentified woman and two Airedale dogs
- SAD.632/6/27 [1922-1928]  
Farmers and traders at a cotton receiving station at Nuri
- SAD.632/7/1-33 [1922-1928]  
Photographs taken by Marsden, mostly in Dongola Province and including steamer and river scenes, views of Merowe and pumping station machinery:
- SAD.632/7/1 [1922-1928]  
River front at Ed Dueim, Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/2 [1922-1928]  
*Nuqur* at Kosti, White Nile Province (Duplicate print at SAD.632/8/7 with caption naming location as Kaka)
- SAD.632/7/3 [1922-1928]  
Nile steamer
- SAD.632/7/4-5 [1922-1928]  
Wind blowing spray onto the deck of a steamer on the White Nile near Jabal Auliya (Duplicate print at SAD.632/8/3)
- SAD.632/7/6 [1922-1928]  
Marsden standing with a group of children, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/7 [1922-1928]  
Two people on camelback possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/8 [1922-1928]  
Street scene, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/9 [1922-1928]  
*Quyasah* or *nuqur* moored on the Nile, possibly Merowe

- SAD.632/7/10 [1922-1928]  
Two men wearing white robes, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/11 [1922-1928]  
Street scene, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/12 [1922-1928]  
River scene, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/13 [1922-1928]  
Elderly man, probably a cotton farmer, and a young boy, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/14 [1922-1928]  
Marsden (right) with another man and woman, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/15 [1922-1928]  
Two people standing outside the house of Sir H. W. Jackson, Governor, Dongola Province, 1902-1922
- SAD.632/7/16 [1922-1928]  
Cotton farmer, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/17 [1922-1928]  
Crowd of people, possibly awaiting the arrival of a steamer or ferry at Merowe
- SAD.632/7/18 [1922-1928]  
Steamer on the Nile, possibly Merowe
- SAD.632/7/19 [1922-1928]  
Temple of Abu Simbel in Egypt
- SAD.632/7/20 [1922-1928]  
Barges run aground on a sandbank after breaking loose from a steamer, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/21-23 [1922-1928]  
River scenes, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/24 [1922-1928]  
*Saqiyah*, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/25 [1922-1928]  
River scene, probably Dongola Province, with conical hill in background
- SAD.632/7/26 [1922-1928]  
Nile steamer, possibly Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/27 [1922-1928]  
Pumping station, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/28 [1922-1928]  
Irrigation channel at a pumping station, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/29 [1922-1928]  
Irrigation canal or drainage channel under construction at a pumping station, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/30 [1922-1928]  
Pumping station machinery, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/31-32 [1922-1928]  
Pumping station, probably Dongola Province
- SAD.632/7/33 [1922-1928]  
Irrigation channel at a pumping station, probably Northern Province



- SAD.632/8/1-70 [1919-1935]  
 Photographs taken in southern Sudan, in Upper Nile and Bahr al-Ghazal provinces, including some of Comboni mission stations at Okaru and Torit:
- SAD.632/8/1 1920  
*Sudd* on the Bahr al-Ghazal river
- SAD.632/8/2 1919-1920  
 S.G.S. *Fateh* loading wood for fuel during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/3 1919-1920  
 Wind blowing spray onto the upper deck of a steamer on the White Nile, near Jabal Auliya during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal (Duplicate prints at SAD.632/7/4-5)
- SAD.632/8/4 1919-1920  
 Zarzur wood station and village in Upper Nile Province, during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/5 1919-1920  
 2nd Engineer and Chief Steward of the S.G.S. *Fateh* with wood cutters, during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/6 1919-1920  
 Men loading barges at Ed Dueim during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/7 1919-1920  
*Dhow* at Kaka during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal (Duplicate print at SAD.632/7/2 with caption naming Kosti as location)
- SAD.632/8/8 1919-1920  
 Shilluk men at Malakal with *tukls* in the background during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/9 1919-1920  
 Dinka hunters at Khor Aradeib in the Bahr al-Ghazal during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/10 1919-1920  
 Forest at Gabat el Arab (?) in the Bahr al-Ghazal during a trip to Meshra' er Req
- SAD.632/8/11,18 1919-1920  
 View from a steamer of sunrise in the Bahr al-Ghazal during a trip to Meshra' er Req
- SAD.632/8/12 1919-1920  
 River partly blocked by *sudd* in the Bahr al-Ghazal during a trip to Meshra' er Req
- SAD.632/8/13 1919-1920  
 Steamer towing 8 barges through the *sudd* en route to Meshra' er Req
- SAD.632/8/14 1919-1920  
 View of the river through the *sudd* from the back of a sternwheeler during a trip to Meshra' er Req in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/15 1919-1920  
 Group of Dinka women with an Arab woman in front of a *tukl* in the Bahr al-Ghazal

- SAD.632/8/16 1919-1920  
Two Shilluk men standing outside a large grass hut at Malakal
- SAD.632/8/17 1919-1920  
*Suq* at Malakal
- SAD.632/8/19 1919-1920  
Wood station on the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/20 1919-1920  
Village scene at Kaka
- SAD.632/8/21 1919-1920  
Wood station, probably in Upper Nile Province
- SAD.632/8/22 1919-1920  
Marsden, Agriculture Department, sitting on board a steamer, the S.S. *Gordon Pasha*, probably Khartoum Province (Duplicate print at SAD.632/6/9)
- SAD.632/8/23 1919-1920  
Steamer, *Fatih*, taking on fuel at a wood station, probably Upper Nile Province
- SAD.632/8/24 1919-1935  
Nile steamer
- SAD.632/8/25 1919-1935  
View of Jebelein from the river
- SAD.632/8/26 1919-1935  
View of the *sudd*
- SAD.632/8/27 1919-1935  
Men on the Jur river in a dugout canoe
- SAD.632/8/28,30 1919-1935  
Floating mahogany on bamboo rafts on the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/29 1919-1935  
River blocked by *sudd* in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/31 1919-1935  
Forest, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/32 1919-1935  
Tributary of the Jur river
- SAD.632/8/33 1919-1935  
*Tukls* on the bank of a river, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/34 1919-1935  
View of the Sue river
- SAD.632/8/35 1919-1935  
Woman drying baboon meat in a village, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/36 1919-1935  
Woman pounding millet in a village, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/37 1919-1935  
Unidentified house, probably government accommodation at Wau
- SAD.632/8/38 1919-1935  
View of the River Sue
- SAD.632/8/39 1919-1935  
View of the River Jur

- SAD.632/8/40 1919-1935  
Unidentified government building, southern Sudan
- SAD.632/8/41 1919-1935  
People gathered on the river bank at Wau
- SAD.632/8/42 1919-1935  
*Mudiriyah* on the site of a fort built by Captain J. B. Marchand in 1896
- SAD.632/8/43 1919-1935  
Marsden posing beside dead hippopotamus, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/44 1919-1935  
Porters collecting hippopotamus meat from bank of river, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/45 1919-1935  
Dinka and Niam Niam men, probably in the Bahr al-Ghazal
- SAD.632/8/46 1919-1935  
Man, possibly Marsden, posing beside dead crocodile, 13'9" in length
- SAD.632/8/47 1919-1935  
Man, possibly Marsden, in front of tree containing a baboon
- SAD.632/8/48-49 1919-1935  
*Sudd* in the Jur river
- SAD.632/8/50-51 1919-1935  
Group of Dinka men
- SAD.632/8/52 1919-1935  
Marsden displaying elephant tusks and other hunting trophies
- SAD.632/8/53 1919-1935  
Men working at *sayiyah*
- SAD.632/8/54-55 1919-1935  
River views, Bahr al-Arab
- SAD.632/8/56 1919  
Troops disembarking from a steamer at Rejaf, probably during a punitive patrol against Aliab Dinkas
- SAD.632/8/57 1929-1935  
Motor lorries on the road at Lokila, between Aba and Rejaf
- SAD.632/8/58 1929-1935  
Villagers standing next to wood piles at Yei
- SAD.632/8/59 1929-1935  
Marsden walking along a road at Ksgelu
- SAD.632/8/60 1929-1935  
View of the Nile at Shukoli
- SAD.632/8/61 1930  
Distant view of Maridi
- SAD.632/8/62 1932  
Bridge over the River Aswa, on the road between Nimule and Juba
- SAD.632/8/63 1929-1935  
Signpost nailed to a tree on the border between the Sudan and the Belgian Congo

- SAD.632/8/64 1929-1935  
View of the River Kineti, in the Imatong mountains
- SAD.632/8/65 1928 Oct  
Monsignor Guiseppe Zambonardi a Comboni missionary, with a group of children at a Catholic mission school, probably Bahr al-Jabal
- SAD.632/8/66 1928  
Brother Fanti supervising two young men in a carpentry class at a Catholic mission school at Okaru
- SAD.632/8/67 1928  
Brother Fanti supervising two young men operating a sawmill at a Catholic mission school at Okaru
- SAD.632/8/68 1934 Jun  
Crowd of priests and missionary school pupils gathered in front of the Roman Catholic church at Torit during celebrations to mark Monsignor G. Zambonardi's twenty-fifth year of missionary work in the Sudan
- SAD.632/8/69 1934 Dec  
Father Jordan presenting Christmas gifts to missionary school pupils at Okaru, with Monsignor G. Zambonardi, J. Marsden and Brother Fanti sitting on the right
- SAD.632/8/70 1929-1935  
Marsden in a motor car near Maji en route to Kapoeta
- SAD.632/9/1-2 1938-1939  
Photographs taken in Port Sudan:
- SAD.632/9/1 1938  
Cast of a Port Sudan New Year theatrical production in costume. Standing, from left to right: E.P. Platt (a provincial judge), Mrs Platt, Telford, J. Marsden, David (manager of the Port Sudan ginning factory), Mrs David. Seated, from left to right: Mrs Telford, Captain MacIntosh of the Black Watch, Mary ? , and Mrs Telford's sister
- SAD.632/9/2 1939 Mar  
Marsden's yacht *Connie* sailing on the Nile at Port Sudan
- SAD.632/9/3-11 [1919-1935]  
Unidentified views, mostly Equatoria:
- SAD.632/9/3 1929-1935  
Motor car parked outside an unidentified house with a thatched roof, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.632/9/4 1929-1935  
Landscape with a hill in the distance, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.632/9/5 1929-1935  
River scene, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.632/9/6 1929-1935  
Group of people walking along a road, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.632/9/7 1929-1935  
Young man walking along a road, possibly Equatoria

- SAD.632/9/8 1929-1935  
Two British men standing by a river scene, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.632/9/9 1929-1935  
Herd of sheep, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.632/9/10 1919-1928  
Man ploughing a field with a bull-drawn plough, possibly Northern Province
- SAD.632/9/11 1929-1935  
Marsden with group of Sudanese children, possibly Merowe  
(Duplicate print at SAD.632/7/6)