

DONAL ROLFES HUNT PAPERS, 1860-1946

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This collection comprises the memoirs and some of the official and personal papers of Donald Rolfes Hunt, a Sub-Native Commissioner who worked amongst the Bapedi people in the Lydenburg district of the Transvaal in the early Twentieth Century.

Reference is made to Hunt's experiences in the 2nd Anglo-Boer war and the first world war, but the collection focuses on the history, culture and administration of the people with whom he worked: the Bapedi; the Bakgatla, the Barolong, the Batlokwa & the Batlov. Much of the material relates to directives of The Native Affairs Department of The Transvaal; also included are government and other publications, annotated by Hunt, as well as maps and a photograph album compiled by Hunt. He died on 3 May 1949

CLASSIFICATION

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COLLECTION

- A PERSONAL PAPERS
 - Aa Donald Rolfe Hunt' – personal recollections, written in 1935 with a supplement added in 1946. Includes photographs. Photocopy

Ab PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Ab1 Copies of personal correspondence with T.W. Purdy, August 1896 – December 1901
Ab2 Copies of personal correspondence with T.W. Purdy, February 1902 – July 1938
Ab3 Copy of personal correspondence with E.T. Stubbs, April 1936
Ab4 Copy of a letter to J.H. Hofmeyr, 7 April 1936
Ab5 Personal correspondence with Kenneth Kirkune. August 1948. Attached is 'Observations on the report of the Fagan Commission' by K. Kirkune.

- Ab6 Letter from SA Godfrey Lagden, 20 September 1903, regarding post South African War problems; recruiting Boer leaders like Dela Rey; natives being superseded by the Chinese as a labour force.
Ab7 Letter from Duggan-Cronin, Bantu Gallery Kimberley, 1945

Ac OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: MATERIAL RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE SUB NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

- Ac1 Copy of 'Letters patent appointing Trust for Native Lands in Natal', 1864
Ac2 Two letters from I.J. Joubert, Superintendent Natuurellen, 12 December 1893
Ac3 Transcripts and one original letter (3a) of correspondence between Sekukuni and Kitchener, 1900 – 1901
Ac4a Correspondence by Milne, Director of Military Intelligence, and Lagden, Commissioner for Native Affairs, regarding a report by R. Haigh about tensions between Sekukuni and Kgobalale, dated 16 October 1901
Ac4b Extract from Haigh's report to Milne, dated 22 September 1901
Ac4c Extract from a report from The Intelligence Officer, Middelburg, 10 November 1901
Ac4d Correspondence relating to a letter from Chief Sekukuni, 31 October 1901
Ac4e Correspondence between Haigh and The Intelligence Officer Bair, November 1901
Ac4f Motivation for appointment of Native Commissioner, written by Hunt
Ac5 Confidential Memo to Native Commissioners in Conference at Johannesburg, 18 June 1902
Ac6a Minutes of a Conference comprising EH Hogge, Native Commissioner, Lydenburg, W.A. Wright, Sub Native Commissioner Sekukuniland, and Chief Sekukuni, Schoonoord, 9 August 1902
Ac6b Rough notes by Hunt on a meeting with J.A. Winter(?), 11 August 1902
Ac7 Minutes of a conference held at Schoonoord, Sekukuni's Location, on Friday 5th September 1902
Ac8 Conference held at Schoonoord, Sekukuni's Location on the 6th September 1902
Ac9 Hunt's address to Induna's in the Lichtenburg district, 1902
Ac10 List of Chiefs and headmen in the Lydenburg district, 9 October 1902
Ac11 Minutes of a meeting held at Schoonoord, Lydenburg, 17 October 1902
Ac12 Various reports and circulars relating to the disarmament of Africans
Ac13 Various papers and copies of documents relating to the dispute between Sekukuni and Kgolane
Ac14a Letter to Hunt from G.Y. Lagden, 17 April 1903 (see also map 14a) - stored as folio item)
Ac14b Conference of Native Commissioners, 1903
Ac15 List of Chiefs and headmen in the subdistrict of the Sub Native Commissioner, Sekukuni's Location, Lydenburg, 1903
Ac16 Obscured document (burned?), August 1903
Ac17 Document pertaining to the death of Kgolane, 4 May 1904
Ac18a Draft memorandum relating to land tenure, G.Y. Lagden, 18 August 1904
Ac18b The tenure of land held in trust for Natives, its relation to mineral exploitation', by G.Y. Lagden, 18 August 1904
Ac19a Letter from the Sub Native Commissioner, Sekukuniland, recommending 'The following chiefs for recognition by the Government, 14 July 1906
Ac19b Native Chiefs present at Pitso held at Schoonoord, 24 August 1906.
Ac20 Notes of meeting held at Schoonoord, 24 August 1906. Includes text of speech delivered by Lagden (also photocopies)

- Ac21 Correspondence between Hunt and The Chief Inspector, regarding Hunt's desire to study Sesotho, August 1907
- Ac22 Report on tax collection, by Hunt, 22 July 1911
- Ac23 Memorandum to the Native Commissioner Lydenburg from Hunt, concerning developments within the Bapedi community between 1879 and 1911, 24 July 1911
- Ac24 Memo to the Native Commissioner Lydenburg from Hunt, concerning land tenure, occupation and rights in the area under his jurisdiction, 19 March 1913
- Ac25 Circumcision Schools', by Hunt, Sub Native Commissioner, 24 October 1911
- Ac26 General Report of the Sub Native Commissioner, for the District Sekukuniland, 1912
- Ac27 Details on Circumcision Schools supplied by Hunt, 19 April 1926
- Ac28 Hunt's comments and suggestions regarding the 'Native Administration Act', 18 August 1927
- Ac29 Lydenburg District: Inter-tribal fighting', report by Marwick, undated
- Ad OTHER PAPERS
- Ad1 Memorandum on The Administration of Justice in South Africa, with special reference to The Native Population, by Edgar Brookes, George Findlay and D.R. Hunt, 1928
- Ad2a Memorandum written before the publication of the Native Land Act, which anticipates its contents, by Hunt, March 1935
- Ad2b Report 'Proceedings of the Joint Committee on the Representation of Natives and Coloureds in Parliament and Provincial Councils and the Acquisition of Land by Natives' (U.G.), April 1935
- Ad2c Exclusion of Steelpoort river from proposed Released Area No.32
- Ad2d Some comments on the Native Trust and Land Bill, 17 January 1936
- Ad2e Correspondence relating to the Bill, April 1936
- Ad3 Memo by Hunt on Tax Collection, 1937
- B HUNT'S HISTORICAL WRITINGS AND RELATED MATERIAL
- Ba THE BAPEDI
- Ba1 An Account of the Bapedi Tribe', by D.R. Hunt and relevant notes, 31 August 1931
- Ba2 Notes on Bapedi lineages; Section of an early draft of the history of the Bapedi by Hunt; 'Death of Sekwati and succession of Sekukuni'
- Ba3 Related correspondence to the history of the Bapedi
- Ba4 Some notes on native warfare and customs in Sekukuniland', by Hunt
- Ba5 Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd.' request for information on Chief Sekukuni for naming of a ward at the Native branch of the Johannesburg Hospital, and Hunt's response 'Chief Sekukuni'
- Ba6a Old Malikgope's account of Scopela's 'The Bapedis', rough draft by Hunt, undated
- Ba6b 'Genealogical Tree of Bapedi Chiefs as given by Malikgope', by Hunt
- Ba7 Various correspondence
- Bb MATERIAL COLLECTED BY HUNT ON THE BAPEDI
- Bb1 Natives in Lydenburg District', 1899
- Bb2 The Last Rising in Sekukuni's Land', by J.A. Winter, 1900
- Bb3 Letter from Kgolane outlining his grievances, 15 August 1902; and related correspondence by w.A. Knight
- Bb4 Memorandum Concerning Geluks Location', by Harries, 1907
- Bb5 J.A. Winters letters to Hunt, 1920
- Bb6a Mania ta makgeng', by W.G. Barnard, 1930
- Bb6b Mararang the freebooter: 1800 - 1830, by W.G. Barnard
- Bb7a Notes compiled by Harries on Bapedi genealogies
- Bb7b Native Law of Succession
- Bb8 Death of Paramount Chief Bapedi', anonymous, undated

Bc THE BAKGATLA

- Bc1 The Protectorate and Pilansburg Bakgatla', by D.R. Hunt, undated; Related correspondence, with notes on Hunt's work by J. Ellenberger
- Bc2 The Bechuanaland Protectorate Bakgatla', by D.R. Hunt
- Bc3 Notes by Hunt on the Bakhatla (Pilansburg, Transvaal)
- Bc4 Report on the Bakgatla, by F.A.D. Edmeston, 1903

Bd THE BAROLONG

- Bd1 Rough notes on Barolong history compiled by Hunt, includes genealogical tables
- Bd2 Account of colonial penetration into Barolong Territory, 1880 – 90
- Bd3 Official reports pertaining to Barolong Land Tenure, including "memorandum to members of the Executive Council on the question of Kunana Location"

Be THE BATLOKWA

- Be1 History of the Batlokwa', by Hunt
- Be2 Mosima, Chief of Batlokwa : Settlement of the BatlokwaTribe'

Bf THE BATLOU OF ROOIJANTJESFONTEIN

- Bf1 History of the Batlou', Schnell, 1904, with rough notes by Hunt
- Bf2 Official report relating to Land Tenure in the Lichtenburg District

Bg History of the Bamatau Bakwena, Pilansberg, by Hunt

Bh History of the Baphalane Bakwena, Pilansberg, by Hunt

Bi History of the Batlako, Pilansberg, by Hunt

Bj1 The Korannas and Batsatsing of Mamusa, with rough notes by Hunt

- Bk1 "A Short History of the native Tribes of the Transvaal", Transvaal Native Affairs Department, 1905
- Bk2 Includes many notes by Hunt
- Bk3 Relations between the Baratlas and Boers during the late war'

C CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNITIES STUDIED BY HUNT

- Ca1 Koma and the Circumcision Schools
- Ca2 Hunt's correspondence with Rev E.M.E. Modubatse regarding Koma
- Ca3 The Laws of Circumcision (Kaffer-School)', anonymous, undated
- Ca4 Bapedi Circumcision Schools', by Harries
- Ca5 Notes by Hunt on Koma
- Cb1 The Koma Girls' School', anonymous, undated
- Cb2 The Initiation School', by W.G. Barnard
- Cb3 Lobola Custom', anonymous, undated.
- Cc1 'Koma and the use of the Murale Stick'
- Cc2 Letter to Hunt from A.L. Hall, containing information on the use of The Murale Stick
- Cc3 Letter from Hunt discussing the manufacture and use of beads

- Cc4 Miscellaneous related notes by Hunt
- Cd1 'The Theory of Witchcraft amongst South African Natives', H.A. Junod, undated
- D PUBLICATIONS
- Da GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS
- Da1a Laws, Volksraad Resolutions, Proclamations and Government notices Relating to Natives and Coolies in the Transvaal', Translation by S. Hilton Barber et al., 1901, includes comments by Hunt
- Da1b Government Gazette Extraordinary' 11 Dec 1901, concerning the issue of passes
Papers relating to Certain Legislation of the Late South African Republic Affecting Natives, presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of His Majesty, 1901
- Da2a Control and Treatment of Syphilitic Natives', Colonial Secretary's Office, Transvaal, 1910
- Da2c Comparative Taxation by Natives in the Transvaal under the late Government
- Da3a Majority Report of the Eastern Transvaal Natives Land Committee', 1918
Natives Land Commission : Minute Addressed to the Honourable The Minister of Native Affairs by The Honourable Sir W.H. Beaumont, 1916
- Da3b Miscellaneous Govt. Publications:
- Da4a Southern Rhodesia: An ordinance to provide for the Registration of Natives in Southern Rhodesia, the granting of Passes to Natives, and Regulating Their employment, June 1904
Provisional standards of examination in the different subjects taught in Native Schools, Transvaal Education Department, 1904
- Da4b Notification of the appointment of an inter-departmental committee to inquire into the various aspects of Native Education, 1935
- Da4c A Petition respectfully submitted to The Honourable The House of Commons, by The Executive of The Transvaal Native Congress', undated
- Da4d
- Db MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS
- Db1 'Native Circumcision Lodges in The Zoutpansberg District', by C.A. Wheelwright, Journal of the Anthropological Institute, 1905
- Db2 Notes on Sepedi Laws and Customs, by C.L. Harries, Native Affairs Department, Transvaal, 1909
- Db3 The Tradition of Ra'lolo, by J.A. Winter, S A Journal of Science, 1912
- Db4 The History of Sekwah, SAJS, 1913
- Db5 Hymns in Praise of famous Chiefs, SAJS, 1913
- Db6 The Phallus Cult amongst the Bantu: Particularly the Bapedi Eastern Transvaal, SAJS, 1914
- Db7 Some notes on the Political Organization of the Bechwam, by G.P. Lepstrade, SAJS, 1928
- Db8 Some notes on the Bogadi system of the Bahurutshe, SAJS, 1926
A Short History of the Bakgatla – бага kga fe`la of Bachuanaland Protectorate', by I.Schapera, School of African Studies, UCT, 1942
- Db9 'A Story of the 1879 War: The Defeat of Chief Sekukuni', by W.G. Barnard, The Ranger: A Journal for the Colonial Rangers, vol.XI, November 1945, pp 48
- Db10 Record of the Old Haileyburians who fought in the war in South Africa', 1902 (missing)
- Db11
- Dc PRESS CLIPS AND NEWSPAPERS
- Dc1a The Bloemfontein Post, Front page, 1 September 1900 (Folio item, stored separately)
- Dc1b The Johannesburg Gazette, Front pages, 20 and 28 December 1901 (Folio item, stored separately)
- Dc1c Subject Races and South African Nationhood', by Leslie Blackwell, The Transvaal Leader, 12 December 1908
- Dc1d Disguised Ikrero's Appear in The Vicinity of Rustenburg', The Transvaal Leader, 28 November 1928

- Dc1e Bringing £20 000 to Pretoria', The Star, 10 April 1926
- Dc1f Fresh Light on The Little Stone Houses of the Loghoya', The Star, 15 September 1928
- Dc1g Saga-book of the Zulus: Father Bryant's Masterpiece of Native History', Star, 14 January 1930
- Dc1h Pretoria – 75', Star, 17 November 1930
- Dc1i The Plight of the South African Republic', Natal Witness, 16 February 1933
- Dc1j A Heresy Charge of Last Century' [on T.F. Burghers], Natal Advertiser, 8 July 1933
- Dc1k Inquiry into Native Tax Collection Methods', Mercury, 15 September 1935
- Dc1l Native Taxes not Too High', 9 November 1936
- Dc1m Native Poll Tax – No reduction to be Made ', 26. February 1937
- Dc1n Making Criminals at the rate of 3000 a year', Mercury, 15 August 1936
- Dc1o Making Criminals', Mercury, 17 September 1937
- Dc1p Native Taxation Committee – visit to Natal in November', 18 September 1936
- Dc1q Loafing and tax-dodging natives', Mercury, 23 September 1937
- Dc1r Native Poll Tax an Unfair Burden', Mercury, 20 October 1937
- Dc1s Old Transvaal Days' – Prominent figures of nearly 50 Years Ago, undated
- Dc1t Sekukuni – A veteran's note on '76 and '79', undated
- Dc1u Sekukuniland Centenarians – Death of Two Tribesmen', undated
- Dc1v Son of a Native Samson – Aged warrior Dead', undated
- Dc1w The Artistic Bapedi of Sekukuniland', undated

- Dc2 Collection of clippings relating to specific topics, 1935 - 1948
- Dc2.1 Population and statistics
 - The Protectorates, which includes 'Union's Right to Ask for Protectorates' published in Natal Witness 1935, written by Hunt
- Dc2.2 Indians
- Dc2.3 Defence and War
- Dc2.4 Apartheid and Administration
- Dc2.5 Politics: South African Party and Nationalist Party
- Dc2.6 Nature
- Dc2.7 Miscellaneous personal and historical
 - Early Days of Shepstone', Newspaper feature series, The Natal Witness, December 1929 - July 1930, including matters of:
 - Annexation of Transvaal, 1877
 - Hintza's death
 - President Krüger and the British Government
 - Shepstone on Native policy
 - Dutch Reformed Church
 - Shepstone and the Dutch
 - Boer and Zulu in Natal
 - Natal Colony

- E MAPS

- E1 Sekukuni and Kgolani Location (Geluks Location) "pre 1899"
- E2 Transvaal Colony. December 1902, revised August 1904. Two versions a) and b)
- E3 Sketch map of the Transvaal Territory, with population statistics. 1878, Additions March 1880
- E4 Key map of the Transvaal "showing lands occupied by Natives". No date
- E5 Map of the Transvaal Colony. December 1902, revised October 1907
- E6 Geological Survey maps (Mining)
- E6a Portions of Zoutpansberg, Watersberg and Lydenburg districts. 1908
- E6b Portions of Lydenburg and Zoutpansberg districts, including the Haenertsburg Gold Fields. 1907
- E6c Portion of Lydenburg district. 1905, 1906 and 1909
- E6d Portions of Middleburg and Lydenburg districts. 1909

- E7 Diagram showing the distribution of cattle concentration camps, Sekukuniland, District Lydenburg. 1913
- E8 Sekukuni's Location, District of Lydenburg. No date - see also Ac 14a
- E9 Magisterial District of Lydenburg (Sekukuniland). Reprinted October 1910
- E10 Sekukuniland Census. 1921
- E11 Unnamed printed page with the map of the Transvaal. No date
- F PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS
The photographs have been digitised and are available on 'historicalpapers-atoM'.
- F1 Album of photographs and postcards
Photos number 1-256. Most photos have been removed from the album and stored in the same sequence as they were in the album. The photographs include: Cape Mounted Rifles in 1896; anglo Boer War 1899-1902; Pondo people; Pilansburg and Schoonoord Camps and the tribal people in these areas. The postcards are of a voyage up the East coast of Africa in 1905. The album has been retained, with the postcards and captions for the photos.
- F2 Loose photographs
- F2.1 Photos number 1-12.
These are original photographs with notes at the back. They include: Chief Sekukuni; Bodikane initiates; Schoonoord.
- F2.2 Photos number 13-62.

These are modern duplicates of those original photographs which are missing (?). Most of these duplicates have captions on them. They include: Le Fleur and some of the Griqua rebels in Kokstad gaol, 1898; Locusts going over Umtata, 1896; Anglo Boer War various; Chief Ramono of the Bakgatla tribe, 1904; Jenner, Hunt, Cooke, Lagden, Pritchard, 1902; Bapedi women; n.d.; Combating East Coast fever, 1909; 2nd Battalion, Transvaal Scottish, and the 1914 rebellion; Malikgopa, who passed on his knowledge of Bapedi tradition & history to Hunt, 1923; A bodikane circumcision school; 1928
- F3 Pitso of Chiefs and their Councillors, including Hunt, Rustenburg, 10 December 1924, mounted photograph (stored as folio item with newspaper folios)

NEGATIVES INCLUDED.