

AB2728 ROBERTS, Rev Noel 1906 - 1959

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Rev. Noel Roberts (1880-1960) was the son of Archdeacon Alfred Roberts and his wife Edda, and brother of Austin Roberts, the ornithologist.

- A My Dossier' Autobiography of Noel Roberts
An account of Roberts' life including reminiscences of his childhood in Lydenburg and Potchefstroom, his teaching and other experiences during the Boer war, theological training in Canterbury, ministry in Pietersburg and Orchards in Johannesburg, service during the First World War, ministry in Lichtenburg, Heidelberg and Nigel.
The account is illustrated with photographs and contains information on natural history and ethnology-subjects in which Roberts took an informed interest 1 vol Ts.
- B Personal Papers 1f 1906-1960
Includes, baptism, marriage and death certificates (of Roberts and some family members), last will and testament of Noel Roberts, certificate of licence to officiate, obituary and biographical notes
- C Military Papers 1917-1919
Papers relating to Roberts' army service during the war and the award of the Military cross
- D Documents mainly relating to property and taxes 1f 1949-1959
- E Papers, notes, publications
- E1 Publications: Includes 'Rock Paintings of the N. Transvaal', Bantu Methods of Divination', 'The Kgoma, or Initiation Rites of the Bapedi' 'Mount Currie Express', etc.
- E2 The Bird Lover's Handbook' and 'SA Birds and how to study them Ts. (and Ms notes)
- E3 History of the Sons of England Ts
- E4 Ophiolatry - the worship of the snake Ts
- E5 Hypnotist's Jubilee Ts
- E6 The story of Marico 1934 'Lest we forget'
- F Correspondence
- F1 Letters personal 1f 1955-1956
- F2 Letters - general 1f 1899-1959
- F3 Letters - Wits University 1f 1947-1952
- G Photographs
- G1 Photographs of Noel Roberts and his wife
- G1.1 Two large portraits of Rev Roberts and his wife (stored as folio photo items)
- G1.2 Portrait of Noel Roberts in Army uniform
- G1.3 Wedding photo of Noel Roberts
- G1.4 Noel Roberts in Uniform with Sharman, Tobias and Middleton
- G1.5 Noel Roberts in clergy gown
- G2 Photo albums

2 albums of photographs and drawings, and some loose pages. Subjects include Bantu divination tools and Bushman paintings, as well as scenery and people

- G3 Other photographs
- G3.1 Photographs of two sketches of churches by Noel Roberts
- G3.2 The Governor General (centre), General Brink (?) and M. Cresswell (Minister of Defence) at the manoeuvres at Potchefstroom, 24 April 1929, a telephotograph
- G3.3 House in Booyens, 1941
- G3.4 All Saints Booyens, 1941
- G3.5-7 Blessing of the new St Peters College hostel buildings, The Priory Rosettenville, 15 October 1941
- G3.8 St Mary's church Potchefstroom, the first English Church erected in the Transvaal. The photo belonged to Alfred Roberts who used to be the Archdeacon at St Mary's until 1906
- G3.9 Pretoria street, 1878
- G3.10 Mounted photo of an "original english Church", Pretoria 1877, which was sent to Archdeacon A. Roberts

- G3.11 Pretoria Cathedral, 1870
- G3.12 Pretoria Market Street, 1880, at the back of G3.11
- G3.13 Serving out Rations, Pretoria, year and event unclear
- G3.14 Depicting soldiers and Burgers (?), year and event unclear
- G3.15 Photograph of the naturalist Tom Ayres at his home, see enlarged version in the photo folio folder
- G3.16 Return of the ? Barlow from the Transvaal Museum expedition to South West Africa, May to September 1937, with trays of birds and mammals produced
- G3.17 Mounted photo of T.G. Garniss (?), Potchefstroom, no date, stored with photographic folio items
- G3.18 Consecration of John Hunter as Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman, Johannesburg, October 1943, stored with folio items

- G4 Unidentified photographs, stored with collection

- H Two sets of travelling community vessels, with chalice, pattern flagons etc which belonged first to Rev. Alfred Roberts and then to Rev. Noel Roberts (for itinerant priests). Stored separately from collection.

- I Illuminated addresses of thanks to The Venerable Archdeacon Roberts and Mrs Roberts on the occasion of their leaving St Mary's Potchefstroom, April 1906. Stored as folio item