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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Medical Historical Library, Harvey Cushing / John Hay Whitney Medical Library
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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 59

CREATOR: Haran, James Augustine, 1869-1940.

TITLE: James Augustine Haran papers

DATES: 1890–1937

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 box

LANGUAGE: Materials are in English except for the Latin diplomas.

SUMMARY: The papers include degrees from Trinity College, Dublin; certificates of hospital training; Haran's appointment as Medical Officer in the East Africa Protectorate; various reports on the plague in Nairobi, Kisumu, Mombasa, and the Gold Coast; his work during the war as Deputy Principal Medical Officer of the East African Protectorate; and other reports and correspondence. Of note are a map of Kisumu showing plague areas, and a broadside on the plague in the Gold Coast. The collection also contains a manuscript on St. Patrick written in 1937.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0059.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Purchased 2017.

Conditions Governing Access
Collection is available for research.
Related Materials

James Augustine Haran, “Notes on some cases of plague which occurred in Nairobi [British East Africa] during the months of March & April 1902,” 1902, Manuscript 20th cent+

Biographical / Historical

James Augustine Haran was born December 16, 1869 in Limerick, Ireland. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Trinity College, Dublin in 1891, and his medical degree from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1895. In 1898 he was appointed by the British Foreign Office as a medical officer in the East Africa Protectorate. Administration of the Protectorate was transferred to the Colonial Office in 1902. In World War I, Haran was appointed a Major. Haran worked mostly in what is now Kenya where he handled several outbreaks of plague including in Kisumu, Nairobi, and Mombasa. He was also assigned to organize public health services against the plague in the Gold Coast. In 1913, he was appointed Deputy Principal Medical Officer of the East Africa Protectorate, and in 1914 he given the rank of Major in World War I. Little is readily available on his life after the War. He died in Bath, Somerset, England, in 1940.

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b. 1, f. 16  Official correspondence on Haran’s service for the Gold Coast, West Africa
Typed copies of three letters. The first is from Professor W. J. Simpson, Accra, Gold
Coast Colony, attesting that he and Haran had arrived in February, and stating
his appreciation of the work done by Haran in combating the plague at Accra.
The second letter is from John Rodger, Governor, of the Gold Coast Colony, to the
Earl of Crewe, transmitting Simpson’s recommendation of Haran. The third letter,
from the Principal Medical Officer’s Office in Nairobi, notes Haran’s application to
become a medical officer for Mombasa.
1908 May 4–July 6

b. 1, f. 17  “Memorandum on the reforms necessary in the sanitary administration of
Mombasa”
Carbon of a typescript emended in ink. Also a handwritten letter on the stationary
of the East Africa Protectorate on the politics of management of Mombasa and
mosquitoes. The writer is unidentified and appears to have written the typed
manuscript. Both items were sent in an envelope (present in the folder) to Haran in
Mombasa.
1912

b. 1, f. 18  J. A. Haran, Mombasa, to the Principal Medical Officer, Nairobi
On what should be done “in view of the unwelcome appearance of Plague in
Mombasa.” Mombasa is on the coast of Kenya.
1912 September 23

b. 1, f. 19  Letter of J. A. Haran to “the Hon. C. S.” on fumigation of goods for export
Typescript emended in ink on “fumigation of goods desired to be exported from
infected areas.” He discusses Clayton gas and cyanide fumigation.
1913 February 13

b. 1, f. 20  “Summary of Action taken by, or under the instructions of the Deputy P.M.O. in
connection with the present War from the outbreak of hostilities to the return of
the Principal Medical Officer from tour
Haran was appointed Deputy Principal Medical Officer for the East Africa
Protectorate in 1913. Dr. A. D. Milne, the Principal Medical Officer, returned on
August 13.
1914 August 5–13

b. 1, f. 21  Appointment to the rank of Major in the Land Forces of the United Kingdom
Certificate with seal from His Majesty’s Command.
1915 August 18

b. 1, f. 22  Professor W. J. Simpson, M.D., Report on Sanitary Matters in the East Africa
Protectorate, Uganda, and Zanzibar
Printed report (80 pages) “for the use of the Colonial Office.” Has references to J.
A. Haran. There are two inserts, one a typed letter from J. A. Haran, Mombasa, to
the Principal Medical Officer, Nairobi, 1912 September 23. This has been given its
own folder, Folder 18. The other is a draft list in ink of ships of the Admiralty and
Germany, which has been retained in this folder.
1914 August

b. 1, f. 23  “Annexure to Command Order No. 48” - Military officers in East Africa Command
This document lists the British military command in Africa beginning with
Commander-in-Chief, Sir H. Conway Belfield, Governor of East Africa. Lt.-Col. A. D.
Milne is listed as Principal Medical Officer, but J.A. Haran is not listed.
1914 December 18

b. 1, f. 24  List of Medical Officers in the Service of the East African Protectorates, January,
1915
Printed by Waterlow & Sons Limited, London Wall, London. Under the East Africa
Protectorate, J. A. Haran is listed as Deputy Principal Medical Officer under
Principal Medical Officer, A.D. Milne.
1915
| b. 1, f. 25 | Reprint of George Albert Turner, “Some of the tribal marks of the South African native races”  
Published in *Transvaal Medical Journal*. G. A. Turner, M.D., D.P.H., was the medical officer of Witwatersland Native Labour Association, Johannesburg. | 1911 February |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Norman Roberts, U.S. Public Health Service, “Cyanide Fumigation of Ships”  
Reprint from *Public Health Reports* published by the Government Printing office, 1914. | 1914 December 11 |
Mimeograph manuscript, 89 pages. Detailed physical anthropology. Another copy with photographs exists at the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland. The manuscript was probably not published. Turner died in 1917 | ca. 1915 |
### Series III. Other materials

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<td>The 1903 partially-printed letter informed Haran that he was elected a foreign member of the Royal Societies Club, London. A letter from James Nash &amp; Son, Estate Offices, Limerick, to Haran, Bath, 1926 March 30, involved legal matters. Haran’s draft reply is on the back. The third item is from Debrett’s Office, London, regarding Haran’s entry for one of Debrett’s directories. Two drafts of letters by Haran are on the back. There is also an advertisement from Debrett for bookplates.</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 29</td>
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<td>Two copies, typed and mimeographed, each 5 pages. Unsigned manuscript endeavors “to identify the place names mentioned in the earlier part of St. Patrick’s life.”</td>
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names
Africa, East -- Social conditions.
Great Britain -- Colonies -- Africa, East -- Administration.

Subjects
Broadsides.
Fumigation
Medical education -- Ireland -- Dublin.
Medicine, Military
Mosquitoes -- Africa, East.
Physical anthropology -- Africa, Southern.
Plague -- Ghana.
Plague -- Kenya -- Kisumu.
Plague -- Kenya -- Mombasa.
Plague -- Kenya -- Nairobi.
Public health -- Ghana.
Public health -- Kenya.
Public health -- Somalia -- Kismayo.
Tropical medicine
World War, 1914-1918 -- Africa.

Genres / Formats
Correspondence.
Diplomas.
Maps
Reports.

Occupations
Physicians -- Africa, East.

Names
Patrick, Saint, 373?-463?
Simpson, W. J., Sir (William John), 1855-1931
Turner, George Albert, -1917.

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