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Preface

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Introduction

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Ysabel Hunter

(1890 - 1973)

Ysabel Hunter, née Birkbeck was born on 16 Jun 1890. In 1923 she married Neil Barclay Hunter (1891 - 1957) who served with the Sudan Political Service and Sudan Education Department as follows:

1919-1920	Inspector, El Fasher, Darfur
1921-1923	Commandant, Sub-Ma'murs' Training School
1924-1926	A.D.C. Talodi, Nuba Mountains Province
1927-1931	Resident Inspector Southern Education, Wau and Lalyo

This collection also includes the diary of Ysabel Hunter's sister, Gillian Mary Barclay (1883 - 1909) who served with her husband Joseph Gurney Barclay as a missionary in Japan from 1908 until her death, and diaries of Ysabel Birkbeck's trip to Japan in 1909 to visit Gillian Barclay.

A transcript of Ysabel Hunter's letter and diary, and notes on the Hunter and Barclay families, have been provided by Ysabel Hunter's son, Mr. N.C. Hunter.

Accession details

Presented by N.C. Hunter, 1985-1986 and 1997

Arrangement

A. Papers relating to the Sudan

1. Correspondence
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4. Photographic Material
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B. Papers relating to Japan and the Far East

1. Diaries

Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

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.

A. Sudan

1. Correspondence

- SAD.745/4/1-8 1924 Nov 24 - 26
Letter from Ysabel Hunter to 'Chimp' (identity unknown) concerning the events of the mutiny of Egyptian officers and men of the Xth Sudanese at Talodi, with transcription by Mr. N.C. Hunter

2. Diary

- SAD.745/5/1-84 1926 Sep 29 - 1927 Jan 20
Diary kept by Ysabel Hunter during travels in the Sudan, Belgian Congo and Uganda, describing a 200 mile trek with Neil Hunter from Rahad to Talodi stopping at Rashad, Delami where they met A. Vicars Miles and the mission station at Abri where they met Mr. and Mrs. Miles (745/5/1-17); leaving Talodi for the last time to take up an appointment in the south (745/5/19-22); the journey south (745/5/22-32), joining the Nile steamer at Tonga (745/5/24-25), meeting Archdeacon Shaw at the mission station at Malek (745/5/28-29) and stopping at Mongalla (745/5/30), Rejaf (745/5/31) and Yei (745/5/33); journey into the Belgian Congo stopping at Aba, Faradje and Arua (745/5/34-38); journey into Uganda stopping at Arua (745/5/40); journey by car from Rejaf to Torit (745/5/44); detailed description of a 100 mile trek undertaken by Ysabel Hunter from Torit to Loronyo and back (745/5/46-75) including reference to a native funeral (745/5/56-57) and rain dance (745/5/69-70). Also includes:

SAD.745/5/81-82 Draft letters from Ysabel Hunter describing her walking tour. (For further description of this tour, see under 3. Articles)

SAD.745/5/83-84 Two water colours, possibly R. Nile with mountain range in background (1 vol., pencil)

- SAD.745/6/1-71 1985
Transcript of diary above with explanatory notes, by Mr. N.C. Hunter

3. Articles

- SAD.745/4/9-68 1926-1927
An account of Ysabel Hunter's trek from Torit to Loronyo and back, adapted from her diary (SAD.745/5/1-84) and possibly prepared by her for publication (typescript)

SAD.745/4/9-24 Draft A entitled "A (lady's) walking tour in the Upper Soudan".
First 15 pages only, amended by Dr. C.G. Campbell, an American friend of Ysabel and Neil Hunter.

SAD.745/4/25-46 Draft B. Lacks p.2

SAD.745/4/17-68 Draft C. Complete

4. Photographic Material

(i) Albums

c.1924-1926]

Album of photographs and watercolours by Ysabel Hunter covering the journey out to the Sudan and service in Nuba Mountains Province:

- SAD.724/12/1 Pencil sketch by V. Nalder of Ysabel Hunter waiting with luggage at Birkenhead Station
- SAD.724/12/2-3 On board SS *Genoa*
- SAD.724/12/5 Port Sudan - Khartoum train
- SAD.724/12/6 Donkey inspection, Gordon hotel
- SAD.724/12/7-17 The journey from El Obeid to Talodi
- SAD.724/12/7 Mr. Walsh, Ysabel Hunter and Capt. Collings
- SAD.724/12/8-9 Arab children
- SAD.724/12/11 Y.H. seated at table on the Talodi road
- SAD.724/12/10,12 Cars used on the journey
- SAD.724/12/13 Wrecked car at Dilling
- SAD.724/12/14 Y.H.
- SAD.724/12/16 Dilling
- SAD.724/12/17 Tebeldi tree at Kadugli
- SAD.724/12/18 List of events during the Talodi Mutiny
- SAD.724/12/19 Extract from telegram from Khartoum announcing the despatch of troops to Talodi
- SAD.724/12/20 British officers at Talodi
- SAD.724/12/21 Argyll and Sutherland soldiers at Talodi
- SAD.724/12/22 Capt. Craig in car
- SAD.724/12/24 Mounted Infantry mules
- SAD.724/12/25 Camel Corps
- SAD.724/12/26 Y.H. in horse-drawn trap
- SAD.724/12/27-32 Polo ponies
- SAD.724/12/37 Stables at Talodi
- SAD.724/12/42 Mr. March, N.H. and Capt. Vicars Miles
- SAD.724/12/43 Nuba women
- SAD.724/12/44 Y.H. on horseback
- SAD.724/12/45 Water colour of Nuba huts on side of *jabal*
- SAD.724/12/46-54 At Korongo
- SAD.724/12/46 Y.H. with little "Koko"
- SAD.724/12/47-48 Nuba men and women
- SAD.724/12/49 Arabs spinning
- SAD.724/12/50,54 Nuba huts
- SAD.724/12/52 Nuba wrestling
- SAD.724/12/55 Water colour of Lake Abiad
- SAD.724/12/56,57 Water colours of roan antelope head and guinea fowl
- SAD.724/12/58-63 First visit to Await and Koweilat Dinka 10 Feb - 10 Mar 1925 (includes list of camps)
- SAD.724/12/58-59 Y.H.
- SAD.724/12/61 N.H. with spurwing goose
- SAD.724/12/62 Dinka
- SAD.724/12/63 N.H. with tracker and policeman

- SAD.724/12/64-67,5834 Watercolours illustrating Nuba Mountains terrain
 SAD.724/12/70 British officials and wives
 SAD.724/12/71-73 Nuba wrestling
 SAD.724/12/76 Wollaton Rectory, Nottingham
 SAD.724/12/82 Pencil sketches of Kode, Koko and Angalo
 SAD.724/12/85 Watercolour of Eliri
 SAD.724/12/86 Watercolour of Talodi, Sep 1926
 SAD.724/12/88-95 Dinka
 SAD.724/12/96-8,100-1 Watercolours of plants
 SAD.724/12/99 Watercolour of Dilling
 SAD.724/12/103 Y.H.'s son N.C.H.
 SAD.724/13/1-53 [c.1927-1931]
 Album of photographs, all unlabelled, but apparently covering Neil and Ysabel Hunter's time in the southern Sudan. Includes many photographs of Neil and Ysabel Hunter, their friends and colleagues and their home at Lalyo

(ii) Loose photographs

[1920's]

Assorted unlabelled photographs, mainly from the southern Sudan and including:

- SAD.747/1/1-6 Ysabel and Neil Hunter
 SAD.747/1/7-9 British colleagues
 SAD.747/1/10-11 Italian missionaries, possibly Verona Fathers and pupils of mission school
 SAD.747/1/12-30 Local people, some from Nuba Mountains, but mainly southern Sudan
 SAD.747/1/31 Soldiers with horses, probably Nuba Mountains
 SAD.747/1/32-36 Local terrain, southern Sudan
 SAD.747/1/37-38 Cars
 SAD.747/1/39 View from Lalyo house

5. Printed Material

In Archive

- Hunter, N., *Man and his future*, (London, Private publication)
 SAD.745/7/2-9 Hunter, Y., *100 English words pictured for the Sudanese* (xerox copy) (O.U.P., 1931)
 Related material (internal) Durham University Library
 Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into library and catalogued on OPAC
 Campbell, C.G., *Race and religion*, (Deventer, Holland 1953)

B. Japan and the Far East

1. Diaries

SAD.745/8/1-201 1908 Feb 12 - 1909 Jan 21

Diary of Gillian Mary Barclay, covering her service as a missionary in Japan with her husband Joseph Gurney Barclay (referred to as G. in the diary). She died at Kobe, Japan on 15 May 1909, shortly after the birth of her son. The main events described in the diary are itemised below:

- SAD.745/8/1-5 The journey out to Japan
- SAD.745/8/6-10 First impressions of Kobe
- SAD.745/8/10-12 Description of their home
- SAD.745/8/17-18 First Japanese party for Christian workers
- SAD.745/8/18-19 Graduation ceremony at S.P.G. girls' school
- SAD.745/8/24-27 Osaka girls' school graduation ceremony
- SAD.745/8/31-32 Visit to Kobe by the Crown Prince
- SAD.745/8/32 Visit to Osaka - description of the town
- SAD.745/8/33-46 Visit to Kyoto; thoughts on Buddhism
- SAD.745/8/47-50 At Arima for C.M.S. conference
- SAD.745/8/51-55 Criticisms of the activities of missionaries
- SAD.745/8/57-59 Description of the Inari procession at Kyoto
- SAD.745/8/62-63 Conversion of cook and his wife to christianity
- SAD.745/8/64-72 Visit to Maiko to convalesce
- SAD.745/8/75-83 Early missionary work with young Japanese girls
- SAD.745/8/84-88 Attending the convention at Arima
- SAD.745/8/89-97 Journey to Matsui
- SAD.745/8/92-95 Criticism of Gillian Barclay wearing jewellery
- SAD.745/8/99-102 Description of house at Matsui
- SAD.745/8/104-111 Special Japanese dinner to welcome Gillian and Joseph Barclay.
- SAD.745/8/112-116 Visit to Hirose
- SAD.745/8/117-119 Visit to Sakai and Yonago
- SAD.745/8/124-169 Summer break at Daisen
- SAD.745/8/143-149 Description of insects and flowers
- SAD.745/8/153-158 Discussion of various dilemmas facing Gillian Barclay - whether to devote time to creating a beautiful home, to own anything but the plainest clothes, to indulge in pursuits such as tennis or to mix with non-Christian Japanese
- SAD.745/8/174-180 At Matsui
- SAD.745/8/175-177 Celebrations for Emperor's birthday
- SAD.745/8/178-180 Training new servants
- SAD.745/8/182-184 Naval review at Kobe
- SAD.745/8/186-190 Visit to Miyajinia
- SAD.745/8/190-192 Christmas at Kobe

- SAD.745/7/10-19 1984
Explanatory notes on the diary above by N.C. Hunter, nephew of Gillian Barclay, with extracts from three publications on the Birkbeck and Barclay families
- SAD.865/7/1-74 1909 Jan 1 - Mar 5
Diary of Ysabel Birkbeck's trip to Japan in the company of her mother and sister Judith, to visit her sister Gillian Barclay. This first of two diaries covers the journey out, stopping at Ceylon, Singapore, Hong Kong and finally China, and contains descriptions of fellow passengers, places visited and friends and relatives encountered en route. The main stops were at Port Said (865/7/8), Aden (865/7/10), Colombo (865/7/12-16), Kandy (865/7/16-17), Dambulla (865/7/18), Anuradhapura and Mihintale (865/7/19-24), Trincomalee (865/7/24-26), Kandy (865/7/28-31), Holyrood (865/7/32-33), Nuwara Eliya (865/7/34-35), Colombo (865/7/35-37), Singapore (865/7/40-41), Hong Kong (865/7/43-44), Canton (865/7/45-53), Shanghai (865/7/56-68) and Nanking (865/7/68-72). Interfiled with the text are the following illustrations:
- SAD.865/7/6 Photograph of Dover from the ship, 7 Jan 1909
- SAD.865/7/7 Sketch of the scene on deck during a storm, 8 Jan 1909
- SAD.865/7/10 Photograph of fishermen at Port Said
- SAD.865/7/12 Programme for gymkhana on the SS *China*
- SAD.865/7/14 Menu for the Mount Lavinia Hotel, Colombo, 24 Jan 1909
- SAD.865/7/15 Musical programme for after dinner on 24 Jan 1909 by G.O.H. Orchestra
- SAD.865/7/24 Photograph from magazine of ruins of the Abhayagiriya Dagoba
- SAD.865/7/26 Pencil sketch of a lake near Trincomalee
- SAD.865/7/29 Pen and ink sketch of three ladies in a rickshaw
- SAD.865/7/31 Sketch of Buddhist priest
- SAD.865/7/32 Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting and their dogs
- SAD.865/7/33 Sketch of ladies in a trap pulled by a bullock; photograph of tea-pickers (?) at Holyrood
- SAD.865/7/38 Sketch of boy climbing a palm tree
- SAD.865/7/40 List of passengers on the SS *Delta*
- SAD.865/7/43 Photograph of junks in Hong Kong harbour
- SAD.865/7/45 Photograph of passengers
- SAD.865/7/52 Photograph of the "silent city", Canton
- SAD.865/7/53 Photograph of sampans, Canton
- SAD.865/7/57 Roderick Barclay, aged 18 hours
- SAD.865/7/60 Sketch of Judith and Ysabel travelling by cart in Shanghai
- SAD.865/7/61 Visiting cards
- SAD.865/7/66 Photograph of Ysabel on donkey at Sonehow (?)
- SAD.865/7/70 Sketch of the stone elephants, Ming tombs, Nanking
- SAD.865/7/71 Watercolour of flower, Nanking, 4 Mar 1909
- SAD.865/7/73 Itinerary
- SAD.865/7/74 List of passengers on the SS *China*

SAD.865/8/1-71 1909 Mar - Jul 26
 Second diary of Ysabel Birkbeck's trip to Japan continuing the narrative in 865/7/1-74 above. They arrived at Kobe, home of Gillian Barclay, shortly after the birth of her son Roderick and some six weeks before Gillian's death. Contents similar to volume one, the main places visited being Kukiang (865/8/2), Hankow (865/8/3-5), Uchang (865/8/6-10), Wushan gorges (865/8/12-24), Kii ty pan (865/8/24-26), Tongkupo (865/8/26-27), Miao-yu-Tsao (865/8/27-29), Taichi (865/8/30-31), Kwai-fu (865/8/32-33), Ichang (865/8/37-38), Hankow (865/8/40), Shanghai (865/8/41) and Japan (865/8/43-54). The return journey across Canada is described in 865/8/57-68. Interfiled with the text are the following illustrations:

- SAD.865/8/3 Sketches of giraffes' heads
- SAD.865/8/5 Sketch of beggars
- SAD.865/8/7 Chinese writing
- SAD.865/8/8 Three watercolours - Chinese man, sampan and tent
- SAD.865/8/11 Photograph of Mr. Sly on the SS *Kwei Lee*
- SAD.865/8/13 Watercolour of Ysabel's cabin
- SAD.865/8/14 Photograph of the Ichang gorge
- SAD.865/8/16 Photograph of waterwheel
- SAD.865/8/18 Watercolour of gorge
- SAD.865/8/19 Watercolour of Chinese woman
- SAD.865/8/22 Self-portrait (watercolour) with sketch of boots
- SAD.865/8/29 Photograph of Miao-yu-Tsao
- SAD.865/8/30 Watercolour of flowering tree, Miao-yu-Tsao
- SAD.865/8/31 Pen and ink sketch of procession to Taichi, Ysabel in front and other members of the party carried by bearers
- SAD.865/8/32 Photograph of mules on the road to Taichi
- SAD.865/8/33 Photograph of salt well at Kweifu
- SAD.865/8/34 Photograph of salt ready to be shipped
- SAD.865/8/35 Watercolour of Chinese "monthly rose" from the road to Taichi
- SAD.865/8/36 Watercolour of postboat going through the Wushan gorge
- SAD.865/8/38 Watercolour of flower picked at Ping-shan Pa
- SAD.865/8/39 Chinese label from packet of shortbread
- SAD.865/8/42 Watercolour of Chinese man
- SAD.865/8/43 Menu from the ship *Bülow*
- SAD.865/8/44 Card depicting Chinese family
- SAD.865/8/55 Menu card from HMS *Empress of Japan*
- SAD.865/8/56 Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s saloon passenger list
- SAD.865/8/57 Entertainment programme for HMS *Empress of Japan*
- SAD.865/8/60 Watercolour of Canadian mountains and lake
- SAD.865/8/61 Watercolour of iris from Field, Canada
- SAD.865/8/62 Pen and ink sketch of Ysabel and party leading horses down mountainside

