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## Preface

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Holt, Peter Malcolm

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*Creator:* Holt, Peter Malcolm

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### Peter Malcolm Holt

(1918 - 2006)

1941-1945	Tutor at Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum
1945-1949	Inspector with Institute of Education, Ed Dueim
1949-1952	Master at Hantoub Secondary School
1952-1954	Tutor at Ministry of Education headquarters, Khartoum with special duties
1954-1955	Government Archivist, Ministry of the Interior

### Accession details

Presented by Professor Holt, 1962 and 1983

### Arrangement

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2. Personal Papers
3. Articles and Thesis
4. Photographic Material
5. Museum Objects
6. Printed Material

### 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.

## 1. Official Papers

- SAD.905/3/1-13 1944  
Exercise book of writing by boys in 3rd year Beethoven class of Gordon Memorial College, 1944. Essays entitled 'The happiest day of my life', 'The camp at Gerief', 'Diary of our camp at Guteina [Geteina]', with some explanations by P.M. Holt of people referred to and the terms used.
- SAD.1/4/1-40 1941 – 1953  
Official papers relating to P.M. Holt's service with the Sudan Education Department including contracts of employment (SAD.905/4/2-3,25-26); correspondence relating to renewal of employment contracts and terms of pay as tutor and inspector; notes of congratulations for various Arabic exams, and break down of results; memorandum on the development of an experimental syllabus for history teaching, compiled by P.M. Holt (SAD.905/4/13-16); and correspondence relating to salary and pension
- SAD.905/4/41-79 1954 – 1955  
Official papers relating to P.M. Holt's employment as Government Archivist including correspondence concerning his transfer to the Ministry of the Interior, salary, pension and termination of service on independence; memorandum on the future staffing of the Archives Office (SAD.905/4/43-44)
- SAD.905/5/1-13 1954 – 1955  
Circular letters from the Expatriate Civil Servants Association of the Sudan regarding income tax liabilities for those returning to the UK at independence
- SAD.905/4/80-103 1955 - 1956  
Correspondence regarding the training of a Sudanese archivist in London, between the Public Record Office, P.M. Holt, the Office for Sudanese in the UK (later the Sudan Diplomatic Mission) in London and the Sudan Ministry of the Interior, and re arrangements for work experience at the PRO, the Essex Record Office and the House of Lords
- SAD.448/2/1-16 [ca. 1954]  
List by P.M. Holt of names of British and non-British officials whose dossiers are in the archives of the Ministry of the Interior, Khartoum

## 2. Personal Papers

- SAD.905/5/14-15 1966 Jan 31  
Letter to P.M. Holt from Ahmed Muhammad Sa'ad, Cultural Attaché in London, concerning political developments in the Sudan and the adoption of the 1956 Provisional Constitution
- SAD.1074/4/10-128 1959-1996  
Correspondence with and other papers concerning R.L. Hill (1901-1996), his publications and research, including: purchase of Mahdist papers, 1961 (SAD.1074/4/113-123); Hill's employment after Durham, including references and curriculum vitae, 1966-1969, 1979 (SAD.1074/4/54-49, 79-93); memoir of Carl Christian Giegler Pasha (1844-1921), 1975-1977, 1981 (SAD.1074/4/39-48, 60-70); eulogy by Margaret McManus (née Hill), *Guardian* obituary by P.M. Holt [16] April 1996, *Independent* obituary by N. Barker 2 April 1996 (SAD.1074/4/12-16)
- SAD.1074/4/1-8 2008  
Obituary for P.M. Holt by G. Hawting, with portrait photograph, from the *Proceedings of the British Academy* 153, pp.233-239

### 3. Articles and Thesis

SAD.905/6/1-269 1954

Copy of unpublished Ph.D. thesis by P.M. Holt, entitled "The personal rule of the Khalifa Abdallahi al-Ta'aishi", with letter from A. Hourani about the examiners' opinion of the work, and a list of comments by Bernard Lewis as external examiner

SAD.905/7-905/8 [n.d.]

Undated draft articles and conference papers by P.M. Holt:

SAD.905/7/1-22 Typescript of article entitled "Some considerations on the development of the Mahdi doctrine in Islam", with corrections

SAD.905/7/23-49 Typescript of article entitled "Modernization and reaction in the nineteenth-century Sudan", with annotations by P.M. Holt

SAD.905/7/50-60 Typescript of paper for the Seminar on "Islamic influences on the literary cultures of Africa" at the School of Oriental and African Studies entitled "Traditional historical writing of the Nilotic Sudan", with annotations by P.M. Holt

SAD.905/8/1-3 Typescript of short article entitled "The north-eastern Sudan: the Funj dynasty", with appendices listing the Funj Sultans and a genealogical table of the Funj Sultans

SAD.905/8/4-130 Typescript copies of entries for *Encyclopaedia Islamica*, A-K

SAD.906/1/1-53 1957 – 1971

Articles by P.M. Holt:

SAD.906/1/1-2 [1957 Apr]

Typescript of article for a postgraduate seminar on "British Tropical Dependencies during the past 100 years" at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies entitled "The Sudanese Mahdia: 1881-1898", with annotations

SAD.906/1/3-29 1959 - 1962

Typescript paper for the 10th International Congress for the History of Religions (1960s) entitled "The attitude towards eschatology of the Sudanese Mahdi, Muhammad Ahmad b. 'Abdallah", with annotations and summary of article by P.M. Holt dated 10 Dec 1959 and part corrected proofs, 6 Feb 1962

SAD.906/1/30-49 [ca.1969]

Photocopy of article similar to SAD.905/7/50-60 above with amendments and new title: "Two traditional Sudanese historical works", *Research Bulletin* (Centre of Arabic Documentation, University of Ibadan), 5 no 1&2, (Dec 1969) 1-20

SAD.906/1/50-53 1971

Typescript of paper presented at the Symposium on Islamic Northern Africa, London, 14 Sep 1971 on "The Islamization of the Nilotic Sudan", with corrections 13 Dec 1971

SAD.906/2/1-17 1970

Typescript copy of article entitled "Mahdism, Messianism and Marxism in the African setting" by Thomas Hodgkin, presented at the Seminar on Muslim and non-Muslim Africa at the School of Oriental and African

Studies, 26 Feb 1970, with correspondence between P.M. Holt and Hodgkin regarding observations made on the paper by P.M. Holt



## 4. Photographic Material

- SAD.901/1/1-4 [ca. 1942 – 1955]  
B&w photographs of P.M. Holt, friends and colleagues:
- SAD.901/1/1 `Ali `Abdallah, P.M. Holt's Dongolawi servant (1942-55), with bicycle
  - SAD.901/1/2 P.M. Holt and Eric Stiles seated in deckchairs in the garden at Omdurman with `Ali `Abdallah serving tea, c.1942
  - SAD.901/1/3 P.M. Holt and the boys of 3rd year Beethoven at Gordon Memorial College, 1944
  - SAD.901/1/4 John and Grace Haywood in a garden at Khartoum, 1955
- SAD.901/1/5-12 1952  
B&w aerial photographs of Hantoub School taken by Public Relations Office, Khartoum with annotations by P.M. Holt, showing school buildings, playing fields and gardens. The photographs were sent by P.M. Holt to Miss N.B. Mawk, later Mrs Holt.
- SAD.901/1/13-25 [ca. 1914 – 1953]  
B&w photographs and postcards, chiefly of Khartoum, with annotations by P.M. Holt written 1953:
- SAD.901/1/13 University College (Karakashian Bros)
  - SAD.901/1/14 P.M. Holt sailing on the Blue Nile
  - SAD.901/1/15 Aerial view of Khartoum, with the Governor-General's Palace in the centre (Karakashian Bros)
  - SAD.901/1/16-17 General view of Khartoum (Karakashian Bros. 704-705)
  - SAD.901/1/18 Gordon's statue (Karakashian Bros. 707)
  - SAD.901/1/19 *Feluccas* on the Nile at Khartoum (Karakashian Bros. 757)
  - SAD.901/1/20 Fishermen casting nets on the Nile (Karakashian Bros.)
  - SAD.901/1/21 Khartoum railway station (Karakashian Bros. 727)
  - SAD.901/1/22 All Saints Cathedral (Karakashian Bros.)
  - SAD.901/1/23 Secretariat building (Karakashian Bros. 699)
  - SAD.901/1/24 Making an *anqarib* or rope bed
  - SAD.901/1/25 Steamer *Sudan* arriving at Wadi Halfa (Karakashian Bros.)
- SAD.901/1/26-30 1953 - 1955  
B&w photographs of P.M. Holt's house and garden, Chalet 39, Block III at Hai el Matar (Airport Estate), Khartoum:
- SAD.901/1/26-27 Views of the house
  - SAD.901/1/28-29 Views of the garden
  - SAD.901/1/30 Mrs Holt in the garden
- SAD.901/1/31-34 1955  
B&w photographs of Tuti Island:
- SAD.901/1/31 Tuti village
  - SAD.901/1/32-33 Men loading bricks on to donkey
  - SAD.901/1/34 Boys with donkey and bull
- SAD.901/1/35-41 1955  
B&w photographs of P.M. Holt and Mrs Holt at Khartoum zoo

## 5. Museum Objects

SAD.906/3/1-3      1948  
Three identical Hantoub School badges showing the head of a hoopoe bird on a purple background in which is drawn the outline of a clock tower; designed by L. W. Brown, first headmaster at the school (1946-1955)

## 6. Printed material

SAD.906/4/1-10    1944  
“Bakht er Ruda 1934-1944”, 10th anniversary brochure (in Arabic),  
annotated by P.M. Holt; includes drawings of school life identified by  
P.M. Holt and chart showing the organisation of the Institute of  
Education