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Preface

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Introduction

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Harold John King

(1912 -)

1946-1955	Sudan Government Railways
1946-1947	District Traffic Manager, Wad Medani
1947	District Traffic Manager, Khartoum
1948	District Traffic Manager, Atbara
1948-1951	Assistant Operations Superintendent, Atbara
1952-1953	Assistant Commercial Superintendent, Atbara
1954-1955	Commercial Superintendent, Atbara

Accession details

Presented by King, 1996

Arrangement

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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*

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1. Cinefilms

The following films were taken by H.J. King during the period 1948 to 1955 when he served with Sudan Government Railways. Most show scenes in and around Atbara, the headquarters of the Railway, and there are numerous views of railway stock and stations. The original 8mm films have now been remastered on to 16mm dupe negatives and fine-grain positives, with video copies on betacam and VHS.

- SAD.881/1 1948 Nov 14 - 28
 Journey from Nairobi to Kosti by rail, road and steamer.
 By rail from Nairobi to Namasagali Pier on the Victoria Nile and Lake Kioga; by steamer to Masindi Port; by road to Butiaba on Lake Albert; by SS *Coryndon* to Pakwach on the Albert Nile; by SS *Lugard* to Nimule (2,068 feet above sea level); by road from Nimule to Juba (1,488 feet above sea level); by SGR steamer *Rejaf* to Kosti. 884 miles, 7 days sailing
 H.J.K standing by Nairobi road sign; street scenes in Nairobi; station; by rail to Namasagali Pier; scenes from train; people waiting by the side of the track; village with thatched *tukls* ; man playing drum; three women, one carrying a load on her head; arrival at Budumba station; on Nile steamer to Masindi Port; Mrs. King wearing sun hat; man and woman in traditional dress walking by garden, British flag flying; young African soldiers on deck of steamer; view of river craft; pulling barge; Mrs. King in deckchair and walking on deck; unloading cargo from steamer; passengers disembarking; cargo on quayside; local men and women, women wearing bunches of leaves front and back; view of quayside as steamer moves away; man in canoe; unloading sacks of grain; Mrs. King examining weapons; men in canoes; Mrs. King asleep in deckchair; view of steamer from bank; SGR steamer *Rejaf* ; men in canoes; carrying wood on to steamer at wood station; loading goat on to steamer scenes
 Video 20
- SAD.881/2 [ca.1948-1955]
 House No. 12, Atbara
 Chiefly views of the house and garden and of the river from the garden, including at sunset; *feluccas* ; boys doing exercises on the riverbank; Mrs. King with flowers; fisherman casting net; men in rowing boat; Mrs. King with child; flooding in garden; raft on river; waves and high winds on the river; fishermen drawing in nets; group of friends in garden; boys swimming; sailing dinghy; donkey in garden; boys with young crocodile; passengers disembarking from ferry boat; car; crowded street; men and boys accompanying military band and soldiers marching; H.J. King with servant; H.J. King riding bicycle scenes
 Video 20
- SAD.881/3 [ca. 1948-1955]
 Scenes in and around Atbara

Atbara station; signal box; rolling stock and engines; interior of signal box; Sudanese man using telephone; changing signals; rolling stock; coupling carriages; turning carriage on turntable; crowd of men at station and climbing on engine; Post Office; man on donkey passing car; men on bicycles; train passing signals; Church of Philip the Deacon; clergyman entering church; playing field; men's hockey game; swimming bath; cricket match; tennis match; crowd of spectators; prize giving; Atbara Horticultural Show, 1950; military band; Damer prison produce; tennis match; garden; farewell to British couple on train; military band; sports; clergyman; Mrs. King; presentation of prizes; train arriving at station with Governor-General Howe; on the banks of the Nile; sailing boats; garden; bridge, possibly the railway bridge over the River Atbara; men washing in river; train crossing bridge; *saqiyah* ; irrigation channel; sluice gate; garden; ferry boat carrying lorry across river; *felucca* scenes
Video 20

SAD.881/4

1948-1955

Sudan railway scenes

Two servants; steam engine and carriages; El Obeid station; two camels at rest; women selling vegetables; Sudanese man carrying water in cans; filling engine with water; H.J. King in front carriage; servant washing clothes; woman carrying firewood; *tukls* ; Mrs. King in front of *tukls* ; women sifting grain; gum arabic; group of young girls; herd of cattle; British men and women walking by river; sluice gate; lizard; El Ein station; young boy with calves; Er Rahad station; family on donkeys; view of terrain from train; Semeih; men in *felucca* ; women sifting grain; train crossing bridge (probably the White Nile bridge at Kosti); Singa station; large tent; men climbing on to open carriages; hand propelled rail trolley; Sennar Dam; family group collecting water in river; washing clothes in river; camels; goats in river; views of countryside from train; Qala `en Nahl station; village; anthill; Matna station; Wad el Huri station; filling water skins; Gedaref station; Mrs. King; sunset; Obo station; travelling along track in Red Sea Hills; Kamob Sanha station; mosque; Summit station; rest house; H.J. King and Mrs. King at Summit or Erkowit?; euphorbia trees; camel carrying fodder; approaching Suakin by boat; harbour; cleaning fish at water's edge; signal box; Khartoum Central Station; Kitchener Memorial School of Medicine; mosque; Khartoum streets; zoo; Khartoum Cathedral; Gordon statue; Legal Department; Mrs. King at Grand Hotel?; Wad Medani; flood damage near Abidiya, Aug 1950; washouts on track; gang of workers repairing line; workmen cooking meal on fire; earth mover; long cargo train; Port Sudan harbour; underwater views - coral and fish; Mrs. King and friend by waterside; *shaduf* ; river scenes;
SRS *Lotus* scenes
Video 20

- SAD.881/5 1950-1955
Journey from Atbara to Shellal by train and SGR steamer; palm trees;
SRS *Thebes* ; *felucca* ; river scenes; Abu Simbel; men in rowing boat;
felucca; village on river bank; Philae; Shellal; Aswan Dam; cataracts;
Mrs. King on hotel balcony; Aswan street scenes
Video 20
- SAD.Video 20 Time-coded VHS video copy of films above

2. Newspaper Cuttings

SAD.880/14/1-2 1952 Nov 8

Extract from *The Illustrated London News* showing the development of the Sudan Railway, chiefly scenes in and around Atbara

3. Printed material

Separated printed material now in Durham University Library

Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into the library's printed collections and catalogued on the Open Public Access Catalogue