

SOURCES FOR AFRICAN HISTORY

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CSt-H Hoover Library
CSt Green Library

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1. Search in Searchworks / Socrates
2. Look in the Hoover G.D. – S.P. Catalog and the **Hoover Card Catalog**
3. Search outside Stanford. For ex. World Catalog, the Center for Research Libraries / CAMP Catalog.

CAMP, Cooperative Africana Microform Project

<http://catalog.crl.edu/>

CAMP is located in Chicago at the Center for Research Libraries. It is a collection of material on Africa in microfilm and microfiche cooperatively purchased by its members. Stanford Univ. is a member of CAMP. Holdings include rare books, newspapers, journals, archival collections, foreign dissertations, government documents.

Stanford students and faculty can borrow any materials in CAMP. Hoover Library and Green Library may have some of the materials in CAMP. Be sure to check first at Stanford before borrowing from CAMP.

CAMP material should be borrowed through **Green Library's Interlibrary Loan Service.**

Information on CAMP is also in “Africa South of the Sahara, Selected Internet Resources”: <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>

Select **Libraries/Archives**
Then **find CAMP**

CAMP has for example –

AUTHOR Bechuanaland Protectorate. African Advisory Council.
TITLE Minutes of the ... session of the African Advisory Council ...[microform]
IMPRINT Mafeking : The Council,
DESCRIPT v. ; 33 cm.
FREQUENCY Annual.
NOTE At head of title, <1948>-1957, 1960: Bechuanaland Protectorate.
Sessions for 1958-<1960> held in Lobatsi.
Master microform held by the Center for Research Libraries.
Description based on: 29th (19th-28th Aug. 1948); title from cover.
None published for 1951.
Microfilm. 29th-32nd,34th,36th-39th(1948-1952,1954,1956-1960)
1 microfilm reel

But Hoover has more than CAMP in this case –

AUTHOR: **Bechuanaland. African Advisory Council.**
TITLE: Minutes.
IMPRINT: [Mafeking]
v. 33 cm.

LOCATION: Hoover J723.A11 (f; Library has 1-3, 1920-21; 1930; 1948-60)

TOPICS: **Bechuanaland--Politics and government.**

NOTES: 1st- sess.; 1920-

ARCHIVES IN AFRICA

Information on archival holdings in Africa can be found in the **annual reports of various national archives**, for ex. the National Archives of Zimbabwe. Report of the Director.

Information can also be found in the journal -

History In Africa, edited by David Henige.

Hoover DT19 .H673 (Library has v.1(1974)-v.23(1996)

The table of contents for 1989-1996 of this journal is on the web at:

http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/ASA/MHIA.html

Before using **History in Africa**, you might look at:

McIlwaine, John

Writings on African archives.

London: New Jersey: Hans Zell, 1996. 279 p.

CSt-Reference Z5140.M45 1996

Under each country are references to articles on the country's archives including articles from **History in Africa**.

Writings on African Archives. First Supplement.

in **African Research and Documentation** (U.K.), No. 73, 1997, pp. 30-38.

One example of a printed guide is –

National Archives (Nigeria)

A guide to the sources of Nigerian history / compiled by the National Archives of Nigeria.

Lagos, Nigeria : National Archives of Nigeria, 1995. 119 p. ; 30 cm.

Green Library Stacks. CD2423 .G85 1995

Africa South of the Sahara.

London, Europa Publications Ltd.

Current frequency: Annual

Volume/date range: 1971-

Contents notes: Vols. for 1971- include a section entitled "Who's who in Africa South of the Sahara."

Subject (LC): Africa, Sub-Saharan--Periodicals.

Africa, Sub-Saharan--Directories.

Has country background articles.

[Africa South of the Sahara. African Studies Libraries and Archives on the Internet](http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/libs.html)

Links to libraries and archives world-wide.

<http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/libs.html>

Africa contemporary record; annual survey and documents.

New York [etc.] Africana Pub. Co. [etc.]

Current frequency: Annual

Volume/date range: 1968/69-2001/2002.

Written by scholars; good for background information.

British intellectual engagement with Africa in the twentieth century / edited by

Douglas Rimmer and Anthony Kirk-Greene.

Basingstoke : Macmillan ; New York : St. Martin's Press, 2000.

267 p.

Green Stacks DT32.5 .B75 2000

Cook, Chris.

The Making of Modern Africa, A Guide to Archives.

New York: Facts on File, 1995. 218 p.

A guide to the papers of individuals (mainly European, South African, Rhodesian) who played a role during the colonial period covering roughly from 1878 (the Congress of Berlin) to the end of colonial rule in the 1980s. Includes the papers of Ghanaian nationalists. The private papers are in repositories in Europe, South Africa and North America. Generally excludes Lusophone Archives. There are indexes by archive and by subject.

Green Library Gen Ref Z3508.H5C66 1995

Hoover Reference Z3508.H5C66 1995

TOPICS: Africa--History--Archival resources--Directories.

NOTES: Includes bibliographical references (p. 203) and indexes.

French, Tom.

SCOLMA Directory of Libraries and Special Collections on Africa in the United Kingdom and in Europe. Fifth revised and expanded ed.

London: Hans Zell, 1993. 355 p.

Green Library Stacks Z3501.F75 1993

Hoover Z3501.F83 1993

TOPICS: Africa--Library resources--Directories.

Gosebrink, Jean E. Meeh.

African Studies Information Resources Directory.

Oxford (Oxfordshire); New York: H. Zell, c1986. 572 p.

CSt-SAL Z3501 .G69 1986

CSt-Law JAC AGM OEa

CSt Gen Ref Z3501.G67 1986

Great Britain. Public Record Office.**Lists and indexes. Supplementary series**

New York : Kraus Reprint Corp., 1964-1977.

Physical Description: 16 no. in 30 v. ; 32 cm.
 GREEN--Location: SSRC
 GREEN CALL NUMBER CD1040 .A26 F SUPPL. NO.1

Contents: no. 1. List of various common-law records -- no. 2. List of ministers' accounts -- no. 3. List of lands of dissolved religious houses (7 v.) -- no. 4. Proceedings in the Court of Star Chamber (5 v.) -- no. 5. Duchy of Lancaster (3 v.) -- no. 6. List of Admiralty records (8 v.) -- no. 7. Proceedings in the Court of Requests (4 v.) -- no. 8. List of War Office records (2 v.) -- no. 9, v. 2. List and index of warrants for issues, 1399-1485 -- no. 10. Supplementary list of state papers, domestic and foreign -- no. 11. List of Board of Trade records (4 v.) -- no. 12. List of Treasury records (2 v.) -- **no. 13. List of Foreign Office records** (v) -- no. 14. Lists of rentals and surveys -- no. 15. Index to ancient correspondence of the Chancery and the Exchequer (2 v.) -- **no. 16. List of Colonial Office records** (v.).

Great Britain. Public Record Office.

New to Kew? : a first time guide for family historians at the Public Record Office, Kew / Jane Cox.

Kew, England : PRO Publications, 1997. 128 p.
 Series: (Public Record Office readers' guide ; no. 16)
 CSt-H Stacks CD1043.3 .G743 1997

Henige, David.

Union List of Africana Archival Materials in Microform.

2nd ed. (Madison, Wisc.: Univ. of Wisconsin?), 1984. 45 p.
 Green Library IC [Information Center] Z3509 .H46 1984
 CSt-H Reference Z3509.H46.1984

Still very useful (though old) list of archival collections available on interlibrary loan. Has a few errors, says items are in Hoover when they are actually in Green.

Howell, John Bruce and Yvette Scheven.

Guides, Collections and Ancillary Materials to African Archival Resources in the United States. Electronic Journal of Africana Bibliography, No. 1. 1996.

<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/proj/ejab>

International Council on Archives

Sources de l'histoire de l'Afrique au sud du Sahara dans les archives et bibliothèques françaises.

Zug, Inter Documentation Co. [1971-76]

2 v. and index (178 p.) 21 cm.

SERIES: Guide des sources de l'histoire de l'Afrique, 3-4. Guide to the sources of the history of the nations. B, Africa ; 3, pt. 1, 4.

TOPICS: Archives--France--Catalogs.

Africa, Sub-Saharan--History--Sources--Bibliography.

NOTES: Contents: 1. Archives.--2. Bibliothèques.

Kagan, Alfred.

Reference guide to Africa : a bibliography of sources.

Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2005. 222 p.

Green Information Center Z3501.K15 2005

New encyclopedia of Africa / John Middleton, editor in chief ; Joseph C. Miller, editor.

Detroit : Gale Cengage Learning, c2008.

5 v. : ill., maps

Green Information Center DT2 .N48 2008

Nunez, Benjamin.

Dictionary of Portuguese-African Civilization. Vol. 1: From Discovery to Independence.

London: Hans Zell, 1996. 532 p.

Green Library Gen Ref DT352.4N86 1995 (Library has c.1: v.1)

Hoover DT352.4.N86 1995 (Library has c.1: v.1-2)

A dictionary of important terms in Lusophone African history and society.

Pearson, J. D. (James Douglas), 1911-

A guide to manuscripts and documents in the British Isles relating to Africa / compiled by J.D. Pearson.

London, England ; New York : Mansell, 1993-1994.

LOCATION: Green Library Gen Ref CD1048.A3P43 1993 (Library has c.1: v.1-2)

OTHER: Matthews, Noel. Guide to manuscripts and documents in the British Isles relating to Africa.

NOTES: "A new edition of Matthews and Wainwright A guide to manuscripts and documents in the British Isles relating to Africa."

Incomplete contents: v. 1. London -- v. 2. British Isles (excluding London).

Rhodes House Library (Oxford)

See their online catalog.

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/rhodes/collections/catalogues>

Below information is pre-internet.

To find descriptions of some archival collections at Rhodes House in SOCRATES, search under rhodes house library as AUTHOR

One example found is -

Rhodes House Library. Oxford.

Manuscript Collections in Rhodes House Library, Oxford. Accessions 1978-1994.

Bodleian Library, 1996. 171 p

CSt-H Z792.O8.A35.1996

For more Hoover holdings of Rhodes House archival lists, look in the **Hoover Card Catalog under -**

Rhodes House Library.

... **Accessions of note received 1953-1975, 1977-1984**

CSt-H Z792.)8A3

South, Aloha.

Guide to Federal Archives relating to Africa.

Waltham, MA: Crossroads Press, 1977. 556 p.

CSt-H CD2302.S36

CSt Reference and Stack Z3509.S67.1977

South, Aloha.

Guide to Non-federal Archives and Manuscripts in the United States Relating to Africa.

London, Munich: Hans Zell, 1989. 2 vols.

CSt-H Reference CD 3002.S68 1989

See Vol. 1, pp. 41-46 for special collections on Africa in Green Library. Also describes collections at Hoover and other American libraries.

South African Library.

Guide to the South African manuscript collections in the South African Library, Cape Town / State Archives Service, Pretoria. 5th ed.

Pretoria : State Archives Service, [1990]. xvi, 488 p.

Hoover Z3609.S68 1990

Thurston, Anne.

Guide to Archives and Manuscripts relating to Kenya and East Africa in the United Kingdom.

London: Bowker-Saur, 1991. 2 Vols.

CSt-H Reference Z3516.T38.1991.

Thurston, Anne.

Sources for colonial studies in the Public Record Office.

London : HMSO, c1995-

Series: (British documents on the end of empire. [Series C] ; v. 1-2)

Note: Vol. 1: "A revised and expanded version of Public Record Office handbook no.3: Records of the Colonial and Dominions Offices by R.B. Pugh."

Incomplete contents: v. 1. Records of the Colonial Office, Dominions

Office, Commonwealth Relations Office and Commonwealth

Office -- v. 2. Records of the Cabinet, Foreign

Office, Treasury and other records.

GREEN--Location: SSRC Library has: v.1-2

CD1043.3 .T54 1995 V.1 1 SSRC

CD1043.3 .T54 1995 V.2 1 SSRC

Westfall, Gloria D.

French Colonial Africa: a Guide to Official Sources.

New York: Hans Zell, 1992. 226 p.

Hoovers Reference Z3671.W47.1992

Green SSRC Reading Room non-circulating DT532.W47.1992

ATLASES and MAPS

African history on file / the Diagram Group.

New York, NY : Facts on File, c1994. 1 v.

Maps illustrating many historical events. Is supposed to have over 500 reproducible maps, charts, timelines. Has histories of over 30 ethnic groups.

Green Library Gen Ref DT20.A6194 1994 f

Kwamena-Poh, Micheal, John Tosh, Richard Waller, Michael Tidy.

African History in Maps

Harlow, Essex: Longman Group Ltd., 1982. 76 p.

CSt-H G2446.S1A4.1982

CSt Stack G2446.S1A4.1982

Freeman-Grenville, G.S.P.

New Atlas of African History.

New York: Simon and Schuster, 1991. 144 p.

CSt Stack G2446.S1 F73 1991 f

CSt-H Reference G2446.S1 F73 1991

Ade Ajayi, J.F. and Michael Crowder.

Historical Atlas of Africa

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985. 159 p.

CSt-H Reference G2446.S1H5.1985f

CSt Reference G2446.S1H5.1985f

McEvedy, Colin.

Atlas of African History.

New York: Facts on File, 1980. 142 p.

CSt-H Reference G2446.S1.M3.1980

CSt Reference G2446.S1.M3.1980

McIlwaine, John.

Maps and mapping of Africa : a resource guide.

London ; New Providence [NJ] : Hans Zell Publishers, 1997. 391 p.

LOCATION: Earth Sciences Maps Ref Z6027 .A2 M38 1997 (Library has c.1)

TOPICS: Cartography--Africa--Bibliography.

Africa--Maps--Bibliography.

[Stanford University. Oscar I. Norwich Collection of Antiquarian Maps of Africa and Its Islands](#) and other African Antiquarian Maps

Note: you must enable pop-ups to view the maps. "The maps from the Norwich Collection of Maps of Africa and Its Islands as well as the maps from the Antiquarian Maps Collection relating to Africa can be viewed online. You can install the free Luna Insight browser software for more functionality in using the maps. <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/hasrg/hdis/image.html>

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES

Brockman, Norbert, 1934-

An African biographical dictionary.

Denver, Colo. : ABC-CLIO, [1994]. 440 p.

Hoover Reference DT18.B76 1994

Green Library Gen Ref DT18.B76 1994

Most date from 1950 onwards.

TOPICS: Africa--Biography--Dictionaries.

NOTES: Includes bibliographical references (p. 419) and index.

Hommes et destins: dictionnaire biographique d'outre-mer.

Paris: Academie des Sciences d'outre-mer, 1975-
Vols. 1-10
CSt-H Stack DC 36.1.H763

Kirk-Greene, A.H.M.

Biographical dictionary of the British colonial service, 1939-1966. London: Hans Zell, 1991. 403 p.
CSt-H Reference Room DA 16.8.K57.1991

Nunez, Benjamin.

Dictionary of Portuguese-African Civilization. Vol. 2: From Ancient Kings to Presidents.

London: Hans Zell, 1996. 478 p.

Biographical dictionary, covering from Hanno c.470 BC to President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

CSt Gen Ref DT352.4N86 1995 (Library has c.1: v.1)

CSt-H DT352.4.N86 1995 (Library has c.1: v.1-2)

Royal Commonwealth Society. Library.

Biography catalogue of the Library of the Royal Commonwealth Society, by Donald H. Simpson, librarian.

London, Royal Commonwealth Society, 1961. 511 p. 30 cm.

Green Library Z5301.R6

Covers books up to autumn 1960 and journal articles up to the end of 1959. Includes explorers, travelers, colonial officials, political figures.

Stewart, John.

African states and rulers: an encyclopedia of native, colonial, and independent states and rulers past and present.

Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 1989. 395 p.

CSt-H DT17.S74.1989

You may need to verify the information in this book; some of it may not be accurate.

Wiseman, John A.

Political leaders in Black Africa: a biographical dictionary of the major politicians since independence.

Aldershot, England; Brookfield, Vt.: Edward Elgar Pub., 1991. 248 p.

CSt-H DT 352.8.W57.1991

CSt Gen Ref DT352.8.W57.1991

The U.C. Berkeley Library has **African Biographical Archive** on microfiche. It covers individuals from the time of Pharaonic Egypt to the 1990s. **Many of the titles on microfiche are at Stanford in the original.** The advantage of the fiche is that the

biographies are arranged alphabetically by name. The 214 sources used were published between 1840 and 1993.

The following British documents at Stanford provide very brief annual reports for each colony and contain lists of officials with their salaries (in the medical department, for example, from the Principal Medical Officer to the First Class Clerk to the Vaccinator). The back of each volume has abbreviated **biographies of colonial officials**.

Great Britain.

Dominions Office and Colonial Office List...

1888, 1889, 1895, 1896, 1900, 1902, 1904 etc....to 1940 (incomplete)

CSt-SAL 325.342.C719

Great Britain.

Colonial Office List. 1946-1966//

CSt-Stack JV33.G7A2

CSt-H Stack JV33.G7.C71

became Commonwealth Relations Office List, then eventually Yearbook of the Commonwealth. 1951-53, 1955-63, 1965--

CSt-H JV33.G7Y39

CSt-H Reference 1989 volume

The “**Biographical Notes**” at the end of each volume ended with the 1965 volume.



HOOVER'S GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS/SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS CATALOG

Hoover has a separate catalog, in the Reference Room, in which are found older documents and publications, arranged by country and organization. The G.D./S.P. Catalog is important for those doing historical research.

Examples of material in the G.D./S.P. Catalog:

French Equatorial Africa. Grand Conseil.

Debats. 1950-56 incomplete

Call no. G.D. French Equatorial Africa

French West Africa.

Journal officiel 1905-1959

Call no. G.D. French West Africa

French West Africa. Gouvernement General.
Bulletin administratif 1903-1908.
Call no. G.D. French West Africa

Gabon. Assemblée Territoriale.
Debats. 1952-1960 not complete
Call no. G.D. Gabon

Nigeria. Commission to make recommendations about the recruitment and training of Nigerians for senior posts in the government service of Nigeria.
Report. Lagos, 1948. 50 p.
Call no. G.D. Nigeria

TITLE: [French colonial documents] : index of microfilm.

IMPRINT: [S.l. : s.n., 196-?].

12 leaves

LOCATION: Hoover Reference J767 .M55

OTHER: French Equatorial Africa. Grand Conseil.

French West Africa. Grand Conseil.

TOPICS: Africa, French-speaking Equatorial--History--Sources--Indexes.

Africa, French-speaking West--History--Sources--Indexes.

France--Colonies--Africa--History--Sources--Indexes.