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S. C. Welchman Journal [of the West African Expedition of Captain Lugard, 1898]

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Guide to the S. C. Welchman Journal MSE/MD 3712-1

Collection Summary

Title: S. C. Welchman Journal

Dates: 1898

Collection No.: MSE/MD 3712

Creator: S. C. Welchman

Extent: 4 items, 1 container

Language: English

Repository: University of Notre Dame, Hesburgh Libraries, Department of Special Collections, 102 Hesburgh Library, Notre Dame, IN 46556

Abstract: Manuscript journal of Lieutenant S. C. Welchman, 1st South Stafford Regiment, that describes the annexation of Nigeria and the establishment of Captain Frederick Lugard's administration.

Selected Search Terms

Administrative Information

Restrictions: There are no access restrictions on this collection.

Preferred Citation: S. C. Welchman Journal, Department of Special Collections, Hesburgh Libraries, University of Notre Dame.

Acquisition and Processing Note: The S. C. Welchman Journal was purchased by the Hesburgh Libraries in 2013 from Voyager Press of Blaine, WA. Arranged and described 2013, by Julie Tanaka. Finding aid 2013, by Julie Tanaka.

Bibliographical Note

S. C. Welchman was a lieutenant, 1st South Stafford Regiment, who worked directly with Captain Lugard in Nigeria in 1898. He also served under Lieutenant Colonel A. F. Gatliff and B. P. Taylor during the Anglo-Boer War. He retired at the rank of Major, South Stafford Regiment, on 11 October 1922 and, having reached the maximum age allowable, ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on 9 August 1923. Captain Frederick John Dealtry Lugard (1858-1945) commanded British troops in South Central Africa before the British government summoned him to serve in West Africa to protect British interests against French aggression. He organized and commanded the West African Frontier Force (1897-1899) before becoming the High Commissioner of the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria, Governor of Hong Kong (1907-1912), and Governor General of Nigeria (1914-1919).

Scope and Content Note

The journal runs approximately 120 pages detailing the annexation of Nigeria and how Captain Lugard established his administration in Nigeria. Included in the journal are three in-text sketch drawings and a tipped-in letter signed by Lugard. There is also a copy of *The Geographical Journal*, vol. 6, no. 3, September 1895 inserted directly before a printed fold-out colored map measuring 16 x 19 inches of the route Lugard followed during the Borgu Expedition. This was published in 1895 by the Royal Geographical Society. Accompanying the journal is a British Government Parliamentary Paper, titled “Niger – West African Frontier Force,” addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, published in June 1899.

Arrangement Note

The arrangement preserves the original order of documents accompanying the journal. The journal contains the letter from Lugard inside the front cover and *The Geographical Journal* inserted directly before the colored map and is followed by “Niger – West African Frontier Force.”

Container List

- **(MSE/MD 3712-1)** S. C. Welchman Journal with letter from Captain Frederick Lugard, *The Geographical Journal*, full-color, fold-out map, and British Government Parliamentary Paper, “Niger – West African Frontier Force.”