

# James Augustine Haran papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 59

**CREATOR:** Haran, James Augustine, 1869-1940

**TITLE:** James Augustine Haran papers

**DATES:** 1890-1937

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 box

**LANGUAGE:** Materials are in English except for the Latin diplomas.

**SUMMARY:** The papers include degrees from Trinity College, Dublin; certificates of hospital training; Haran's appointment as Medical Officer in the East Africa Protectorate; various reports on the plague in Nairobi, Kisumu, Mombasa, and the Gold Coast; his work during the war as Deputy Principal Medical Officer of the East African Protectorate; and other reports and correspondence. Of note are a map of Kisumu showing plague areas, and a broadside on the plague in the Gold Coast. The collection also contains a manuscript on St. Patrick written in 1937.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0059>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased 2017.

## Conditions Governing Access

Collection is available for research.

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## Related Materials

James Augustine Haran, "Notes on some cases of plague which occurred in Nairobi [British East Africa] during the months of March & April 1902," 1902, Manuscript 20th cent+

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## Biographical / Historical

James Augustine Haran was born December 16, 1869 in Limerick, Ireland. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Trinity College, Dublin in 1891, and his medical degree from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1895. In 1898 he was appointed by the British Foreign Office as a medical officer in the East Africa Protectorate. Administration of the Protectorate was transferred to the Colonial Office in 1902. In World War I, Haran was appointed a Major. Haran worked mostly in what is now Kenya where he handled several outbreaks of plague including in Kisumu, Nairobi, and Mombasa. He was also assigned to organize public health services against the plague in the Gold Coast. In 1913, he was appointed Deputy Principal Medical Officer of the East Africa Protectorate, and in 1914 he given the rank of Major in World War I. Little is readily available on his life after the War. He died in Bath, Somerset, England, in 1940.

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### Series I: Medical education

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b. 1, f. 1	<p>Certificates of clinical training</p> <p>The two large certificates state that James Augustine Haran "attended the practice" and the clinical lectures in three hospitals, the Hardwicke Fever Hospital, the Richmond Surgical Hospital, and the Whitworth Medical Hospital. All three hospitals are illustrated on the certificates.</p>	1890-1891
b. 1, f. 2	<p>Clinical training and training in vaccination certificates</p> <p>Certificate from the Richmond, Whitworth &amp; Hardwicke Hospitals signed in April 1892. Certificate for training in giving vaccinations signed in March 1891. The vaccination certificate, a small page, was found folded in with the hospital certificate.</p>	1891-1892
b. 1, f. 3	<p>Degrees, Trinity College, Dublin Latin</p> <p>Three parchment degrees with attached insignias from Trinity College, Dublin, for Haran's baccalaureate degree in arts, master's in arts, and a preliminary degree in medicine.</p>	1891
b. 1, f. 4	<p>Letters of recommendation from medical mentors</p> <p>Six numbered handwritten letters from former teachers and hospital preceptors, formerly attached by a pin.</p>	1893 September
b. 1, f. 5	<p>Medical degree, Trinity College, Dublin</p>	1895
b. 1, f. 6	<p>Degree, Trinity College, Dublin Latin</p> <p>Degree for passing an examination. This may be for the Doctor of public health (D.P.H.) that Haran later appends to his name.</p>	1913 October

## Series II: Career as a British medical officer in colonial Africa

b. 1, f. 7	Appointment as a medical officer, East Africa Protectorate Appointment is from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. At the time, Haran was associated with Barrington Hospital, Limerick, Ireland.	1898 January 13 and February 1
b. 1, f. 8	Report on Kismayu (copy) Kismayo or Kismayu is on the east African coast, now part of Somalia. Haran's draft report, typewritten with changes in ink, notes that he first arrived in Kismayu in August 1900. The report concerns mosquitos in Kismayu and public health work to reduce their numbers. Haran also discusses the care needed for health officers who become ill. He says he will be doing a report on the town of Yonte. With the report are contemporary copies of two letters to the Principal Medical Officer, East Africa Protectorate dated, 1901 November 3 and 11.	1901 October 27
b. 1, f. 9	"Some remarks on the recent outbreak of plague at Nairobi, March-May 1902" Draft of a "confidential" report in ink, written in Nairobi (now the capital of Kenya), to be sent to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and others	1902 June 25
b. 1, f. 10	Letter from the Principal Medical Officer, East Africa Protectorate, congratulating the medical officers in Nairobi Handwritten letter to the Medical Officers in Nairobi during the plague, Dr. J. A. Haran and Dr. William Radford, conveying congratulations from the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs "on the successful manner in which you combated the outbreak."	1902 July 5
b. 1, f. 11	Map of the Kisumu Plague, by F. C. Kyle Kisumu (now Kisumu Town) is an inland port city on Lake Victoria, now part of Kenya. The 34x32 cm. map shows houses that were burnt and houses where the plague occurred.	1905 January 25
b. 1, f. 12	Letter from Commissioner's Office, Nairobi, to J. A. Haran, Nairobi Typed letter conveys the satisfaction of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies for the work that Haran had done in combating the recent outbreak of plague.	1905 May 23
b. 1, f. 13	"Tick Fever," typed manuscript Carbon copy of a typed article intended for publication. Corrections in ink. 1905 is the latest date of the references.	ca. 1905
b. 1, f. 14	"Narrative Account of the Outbreak of Plague at Kisumu" Typed report by J. A. Haran.	1908 October 30
b. 1, f. 15	"Public Notice" broadside on the plague in the Gold Coast Large broadside explaining what the plague is and the precautions to take. Printed by the Government Printer, Accra, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa. The Gold Coast was a British colony on the Gulf of Guinea in West Africa. It is now Ghana.	1908

b. 1, f. 16	<p>Official correspondence on Haran's service for the Gold Coast, West Africa</p> <p>Typed copies of three letters. The first is from Professor W. J. Simpson, Accra, Gold Coast Colony, attesting that he and Haran had arrived in February, and stating his appreciation of the work done by Haran in combatting the plague at Accra. The second letter is from John Rodger, Governor, of the Gold Coast Colony, to the Earl of Crewe, transmitting Simpson's recommendation of Haran. The third letter, from the Principal Medical Officer's Office in Nairobi, notes Haran's application to become a medical officer for Mombasa.</p>	1908 May 4-July 6
b. 1, f. 17	<p>"Memorandum on the reforms necessary in the sanitary administration of Mombasa"</p> <p>Carbon of a typescript emended in ink. Also a handwritten letter on the stationery of the East Africa Protectorate on the politics of management of Mombasa and mosquitoes. The writer is unidentified and appears to have written the typed manuscript. Both items were sent in an envelope (present in the folder) to Haran in Mombasa.</p>	1912
b. 1, f. 18	<p>J. A. Haran, Mombasa, to the Principal Medical Officer, Nairobi</p> <p>On what should be done "in view of the unwelcome appearance of Plague in Mombasa." Mombasa is on the coast of Kenya.</p>	1912 September 23
b. 1, f. 19	<p>Letter of J. A. Haran to "the Hon. C. S." on fumigation of goods for export</p> <p>Typescript emended in ink on "fumigation of goods desired to be exported from infected areas." He discusses Clayton gas and cyanide fumigation.</p>	1913 February 13
b. 1, f. 20	<p>"Summary of Action taken by, or under the instructions of the Deputy P.M.O. in connection with the present War from the outbreak of hostilities to the return of the Principal Medical Officer from tour</p> <p>Haran was appointed Deputy Principal Medical Officer for the East Africa Protectorate in 1913. Dr. A. D. Milne, the Principal Medical Officer, returned on August 13.</p>	1914 August 5-13
b. 1, f. 21	<p>Appointment to the rank of Major in the Land Forces of the United Kingdom</p> <p>Certificate with seal from His Majesty's Command.</p>	1915 August 18
b. 1, f. 22	<p>Professor W. J. Simpson, M.D., <i>Report on Sanitary Matters in the East Africa Protectorate, Uganda, and Zanzibar</i></p> <p>Printed report (80 pages) "for the use of the Colonial Office." Has references to J. A. Haran. There are two inserts, one a typed letter from J. A. Haran, Mombasa, to the Principal Medical Officer, Nairobi, 1912 September 23. This has been given its own folder, Folder 18. The other is a draft list in ink of ships of the Admiralty and Germany, which has been retained in this folder.</p>	1914 August
b. 1, f. 23	<p>"Annexure to Command Order No. 48" - Military officers in East Africa Command</p> <p>This document lists the British military command in Africa beginning with Commander-in-Chief, Sir H. Conway Belfield, Governor of East Africa. Lt.-Col. A. D. Milne is listed as Principal Medical Officer, but J.A. Haran is not listed.</p>	1914 December 18
b. 1, f. 24	<p><i>List of Medical Officers in the Service of the East African Protectorates, January, 1915</i></p> <p>Printed by Waterlow &amp; Sons Limited, London Wall, London. Under the East Africa Protectorate, J. A. Haran is listed as Deputy Principal Medical Officer under Principal Medical Officer, A.D. Milne.</p>	1915

b. 1, f. 25	Reprint of George Albert Turner, "Some of the tribal marks of the South African native races" Published in <i>Transvaal Medical Journal</i> . G. A. Turner, M.D., D.P.H., was the medical officer of Witwatersland Native Labour Association, Johannesburg.	1911 February
b. 1, f. 26	Norman Roberts, U.S. Public Health Service, "Cyanide Fumigation of Ships" Reprint from <i>Public Health Reports</i> published by the Government Printing office, 1914.	1914 December 11
b. 1, f. 27	G. A. Turner, "Some Anthropological Notes on the South African Coloured Mine Labourers" Mimeograph manuscript, 89 pages. Detailed physical anthropology. Another copy with photographs exists at the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland. The manuscript was probably not published. Turner died in 1917	ca. 1915



**Series III: Other materials**

b. 1, f. 28	Miscellaneous correspondence The 1903 partially-printed letter informed Haran that he was elected a foreign member of the Royal Societies Club, London. A letter from James Nash & Son, Estate Offices, Limerick, to Haran, Bath, 1926 March 30, involved legal matters. Haran's draft reply is on the back. The third item is from Debrett's Office, London, regarding Haran's entry for one of Debrett's directories. Two drafts of letters by Haran are on the back. There is also an advertisement from Debrett for bookplates.	1903, 1926-1927
b. 1, f. 29	"Regarding Saint Patrick" Two copies, typed and mimeographed, each 5 pages. Unsigned manuscript endeavors "to identify the place names mentioned in the earlier part of St. Patrick's life."	1937 April 7

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Africa, East -- Social conditions  
Great Britain -- Colonies -- Africa, East --  
Administration

### **Subjects**

Broadsides  
Fumigation  
Medical education -- Ireland -- Dublin  
Medicine, Military  
Mosquitoes -- Africa, East  
Physical anthropology -- Africa, Southern  
Plague -- Ghana  
Plague -- Kenya -- Kisumu  
Plague -- Kenya -- Mombasa  
Plague -- Kenya -- Nairobi  
Public health -- Ghana  
Public health -- Kenya  
Public health -- Somalia -- Kismayo  
Tropical medicine  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Africa

### **Genres / Formats**

Correspondence  
Diplomas  
Maps  
Reports

### **Occupations**

Physicians -- Africa, East

### **Names**

Patrick, Saint, 373?-463?  
Simpson, W. J., Sir (William John), 1855-1931  
Turner, George Albert, -1917

### **Corporate Body**

Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland)