

Guide to the William Vernon Brelsford Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1642

CREATOR: Brelsford, William Vernon, 1907-

TITLE: William Vernon Brelsford papers

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, subject files, printed material, maps, and photographs relating to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and Nyasaland (now Malawi). Compiled by William Vernon Brelsford.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers were acquired from Joan W. Banks, 1990 and 1993.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

William Vernon Brelsford was born in 1907 and educated at Oxford. He entered the colonial service in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) in 1930. He was named secretary-curator to establish the Rhodes-Livingstone Institute and Museum, 1937-1938; was acting information officer, 1945; acting director of Information, 1948; president of the Northern Rhodesia Society; editor of the Northern Rhodesia Journal, 1950-1965; director of Information, 1951; and director of the Federal Information Department, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1953-1960; and a member of the legislative assembly, 1962-1965. He is the author of many books on Northern Rhodesia.

Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	African Chiefs Course: notes on lectures	1948
b. 1, f. 2	African dances and songs	1947-1958, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Banyama	1925-1960, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Bell, Angus	1951-1958, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Cannons and guns: correspondence, photograph	1951-1954, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Cemeteries and graves	1938, 1955, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1949-1965
b. 1, f. 8	"Early History of the Post Office in North-Western Rhodesia," <i>Post Office Magazine</i> English	1961
b. 1, f. 9	Feira District	1948-1950, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Gwembe Valley	1958, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Maps, charts	1898-1902, 1949, undated
b. 1, f. 12	"Memoirs of a District Commissioner of Northern Rhodesia"; Parts 3-5 English	1924-1930
b. 1, f. 13	North-Eastern/North-Western Rhodesia: volume of administrators' reports	1892-1902
b. 2, f. 14	Northern Province Development Team/Northern Province Newsletter	1950
b. 2, f. 15 - 19	Northern Rhodesia Society/ <i>Northern Rhodesia Journal</i>	1950-1966, undated
b. 2, f. 20	Northern Rhodesia/Zambia: reports on marshes, swaps	1949-1950, undated
b. 2, f. 21	Notes, jottings	1909, 1960, undated
b. 2, f. 22	Official provincial administration data	1945-1963, undated
	Photographs	
b. 2, f. 23	Northern Rhodesia/Zambia	1905-1932, undated

b. 2, f. 24	Northern Rhodesia/Zambia	1904-1918, 1927, 1949-1961, undated
b. 2, f. 25	Northern Rhodesia/Zambia	1914-1929, 1944, 1956, 1959, undated
b. 3, f. 26	Northern Rhodesia/Zambia	undated
b. 3, f. 27	Nyasaland/Malawi	1948, 1959, n.d
b. 3, f. 28	Unidentified	1952, undated
b. 3, f. 29	Police/constabulary shields and uniforms	1963
b. 3, f. 30	Printed material	1894, 1954, 1964
b. 3, f. 31	Psychoanalysis of the native: correspondence with J. F. Ritchie	1943-1944, 1949, undated
b. 3, f. 32	Radio broadcast transcripts	undated
b. 3, f. 33	Rhodes-Livingstone Institute, 14th conference	1960 February
Writings by William V. Brelsford		
b. 3, f. 34	<i>Some Elephants Die: (A Naturalist and Hunter in Northern Rhodesia)</i>	[1947?]
b. 3, f. 35	Articles, reports	1959-1960, undated
b. 3, f. 36	Articles, reports [most likely written by W. V. B.]	1939, 1959, undated
Writings of others		
b. 3, f. 37	"Bibliography of the Kaonde and the Kasempa District," by D. Jaeger English	1976
b. 3, f. 38	"History of Kasempa District (1875-1975)," by D. Jaeger English	1976
b. 3, f. 39 - 40	Reports, articles	1891-1974, undated

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

Malawi
Rhodesia and Nyasaland
Zambia

Names

Brelsford, William Vernon, 1907-