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**Introduction**

This brief working paper contains a list of archival materials for the study of both colonial and postcolonial Sub-Saharan Africa located at L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. It supplements previous bibliographies I have published on Latter-day Saint materials for the study of Sub-Saharan Africa in this same working paper series.<sup>1</sup> The current bibliography, which I have organized alphabetically by country, includes African oral histories; the papers, diaries, and oral histories of LDS missionaries, American diplomats, and U.S. Peace Corps volunteers; and records relating to the Boy Scouts in Africa. Collections relevant to the history of multiple countries have been cross-listed for the sake of convenience.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Oral History Interview with Ralph Bay and Jean C. Hutchings, 1989 June 22. MSS 6850.

Ralph Bay Hutchings Mission Journal, 1986–1987. MSS 6851.

Ralph Bay Hutchings Papers Regarding Zaire Kinshasa Mission, 1987–1988. MSS 6845.

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<sup>1</sup> D. Dmitri Hurlbut, “Materials for the Study of Postcolonial Africa in the LDS Church History Library: Manuscripts,” *Working Papers in African Studies* 272 (2019), 1–18; D. Dmitri Hurlbut, “Materials for the Study of Postcolonial Africa in the LDS Church History Library: Oral Histories,” *Working Papers in African Studies* 270 (2018), 1–19. For a detailed discussion of Latter-day Saint archival materials and their contents, see D. Dmitri Hurlbut, “LDS Materials for the Study of Postcolonial Sub-Saharan Africa,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 52, 2 (2019), 301–310. For an overview of the academic literature on Mormonism in Africa, see Amy Hoyt, “Mormon Studies in Africa,” *Mormon Studies Review* 6 (2019), 46–54.

## **Ghana<sup>2</sup>**

Conversion Stories: Collected Stories from Ghanaian Converts in the Utah Area [by Rose Ansah-Antwi]. FA 1 4475. Box 448.

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

## **Kenya**

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Neal and Jackie Beecher Collection of Oral Histories. MSS 8022.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

## **Liberia**

Oral History Interview with Marth A. Poston. MSS 7752. OH 880.

## **Madagascar**

David S. King Autobiography. MSS 7930.

David S. King Papers. MSS 1541.

William Henry and David S. King Papers. MSS 6143.

## **Mauritius**

David S. King Autobiography. MSS 7930.

David S. King Papers. MSS 1541.

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Rose M. and Harvard R. Hinton Papers. MSS 14.

William Henry and David S. King Papers. MSS 6143.

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<sup>2</sup> On Mormonism in Ghana, see James B. Allen, “Would-Be Saints: West Africa before the 1978 Priesthood Revelation,” *Journal of Mormon History* 17 (1991), 207–47; Emmanuel Abu Kissi, *Walking in the Sand: A History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ghana* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2004); E. Dale LeBaron, “Emmanuel Abu Kissi: A Gospel Pioneer in Ghana,” in Bruce A. van Orden, D. Brent Smith, and Everett Smith, Jr., eds., *Pioneers in Every Land* (Salt Lake City, UT: Bookcraft, 1997), 210–20; E. Dale LeBaron, “Mormonism in Black Africa,” in David J. Davies, ed., *Mormon Identities in Transition* (London, UK: Cassell, 1996), 80–86; Garrett Nagaishi, “Saints in the Land of the Porcupine: A Study of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Ashanti Region, Ghana,” *Library Research Grants* 6 (2014), 1–51; Russell W. Stevenson, “‘We Have Prophetesses’: Mormonism in Ghana, 1964–79,” *Journal of Mormon History* 41, 3 (2015), 221–53.

### Nigeria<sup>3</sup>

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

### Sierra Leone

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

### South Africa<sup>4</sup>

Clarence D. Taylor Papers, 1820-2005. MSS 3254.

Don McCarroll Dalton Papers. MSS 1059.

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<sup>3</sup> On Mormonism in Nigeria, see Allen, “Would-Be Saints,” 207–47; Newell G. Bringhurst, “Mormonism in Black Africa: Changing Attitudes and Practices, 1830–1981,” *Sunstone* 6 (1981), 15–21; D. Dmitri Hurlbut, “Gobert Edet and the Entry of the RLDS Church into Southeastern Nigeria, 1962–1966,” *Journal of Mormon History* 45, 4 (2019), 81–104; D. Dmitri Hurlbut, “Nigerian Converts, Mormon Missionaries, and the Priesthood Revelation: Mormonism in Nigeria, 1946–1978,” *Working Papers in African Studies* 268 (2015), 1–22; D. Dmitri Hurlbut, “The LDS Church and the Problem of Race: Mormonism in Nigeria, 1946–1978,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 51, 1 (2018), 1–16; David Dmitri Hurlbut, “The ‘Conversion’ of Anthony Obinna to Mormonism: Elective Affinities, Socio-Economic Factors, and Religious Change in Postcolonial Southeastern Nigeria,” *Religions* 11, 7 (2020); LeBaron, “Mormonism in Black Africa,” 80–86; Gregory A. Prince and Wm. Robert Wright, *David O. McKay and the Rise of Modern Mormonism* (Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Press, 2005), 81–94; Russell W. Stevenson, *For the Cause of Righteousness: A Global History of Blacks and Mormonism, 1830–2013* (Draper, UT: Greg Kofford Books, 2013), 73–104; Russell W. Stevenson, “The Celestial City: ‘Mormonism’ and American Identity in Post-Independence Nigeria,” *African Studies Review* 63, 2 (2020), 304–330.

<sup>4</sup> On Mormonism in South Africa, see Booker T. Alston, “Transatlantic Latter-day Saints: Mormon Circulations between America and South Africa” (Ph.D. thesis, University of Cape Town, 2014); Bringhurst, “Mormonism in Black Africa,” 15–21; Jay H. Buckley, “‘Good News’ at the Cape of Good Hope: Early LDS Missionary Activities in South Africa,” in Reid L. Neilson and Fred E. Woods, eds., *Go Ye into All the World: The Growth and Development of Mormon Missionary Work* (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 2012), 471–502; Jeffrey Grant Cannon, “Afrikaner Identity and Responses to Mormon Missions in the Cape Colony, 1842–1865” (MA thesis, University of Pretoria, 2015); J.G. Cannon, “Mormonism’s Jesse Haven and the Early Focus on Proselytising the Afrikaner at the Cape of Good Hope, 1853–1855,” *Dutch Reformed Theological Journal* 46, 3 (2007), 446–66; Andrew Clark, “The Fading Curse of Cain: Mormonism in South Africa,” *Dialogue* 27 (1994), 41–56; Andrew Jenson, *Encyclopedic History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (Salt Lake City, UT: Desert News Publishing Company, 1941), 808–10; E. Dale LeBaron, “The Church in Africa,” in Daniel H. Ludlow, ed., *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* (New York: Macmillan, 1992), 22–26; Farrell Ray Monson, “History of the South African Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1853–1970” (M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1971); Douglas P. Ridge, “Learning to Breathe Easier: My South African Mission, 1964–1966,” *Sunstone* 119 (2001), 69–72; Richard E. Turley and Jeffrey G. Cannon, “A Faithful Band: Moses Mahlangu and the First Soweto Saints,” *BYU Studies Quarterly* 55, 1 (2016), 9–38; David J. Whittaker, “Early Mormon Imprints in South Africa,” *BYU Studies* 20, 4 (1980), 404–16.

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E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Eli Wiggill Autobiography. MSS 9137.

Eli Wiggill Autobiography, 1872. MSS 504.

Henry Aldous Dixon Diaries, 1860–1880. MSS 1823.

J. Wyley Sessions Papers. UA 156.

Nulja Harper Autobiographies. MSS SC 1106.

Personal Histories of Mormon Women in South Africa. MSS SC 1408.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

Rose M. and Harvard R. Hinton Papers, 1928-2011. MSS 14.

#### **Tanzania**

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

#### **Uganda**

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

#### **Zambia**

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

#### **Zimbabwe**

Clark L. Cox Family Histories. MSS 7961.

E. Dale LeBaron Oral History Project on Africa. MSS 1937.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell Collection. MSS 8680.

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