Guide to the Johan William Colenbrander Collection

MS 1460

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1460

CREATOR: Colenbrander, Johan William, 1859-1918.

TITLE: Johan William Colenbrander collection

DATES: 1860-1998

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The collection consists primarily of photocopies of documents and photographs, assembled by Johan Cornelis Alphons Lawrence Colenbrander, which relate to the personal life and professional activities of his father, Johan W. Colenbrander.

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Administrative Information

Provenance


Information about Access

The materials are open for research.
Biographical History

Johan Colenbrander was born in Pinetown, Natal, in 1857. He enlisted with the Natal Mounted Rifles in 1870 and participated in the Zulu War in 1879. Colenbrander was active as a soldier, businessman, interpreter, agent, and hunter in Natal, Swaziland, Bulawayo, and Matabeleland until 1900 when he moved to South Africa to command Kitchener's Fighting Scouts. After the Boer War, Colenbrander was engaged in several unsuccessful business ventures in South Africa, Rhodesia, and Mexico. He died in 1918.

Description of the Papers

The Johan William Colenbrander Collection consists of photocopies of documents and photographs, assembled by Johan Cornelis Alphons Lawrence Colenbrander, which relate to the personal life and professional activities of his father, Johan W. Colenbrander. Copied documents include letters written to J. C. A. L. Colenbrander by other family members and acquaintances of J. W. Colenbrander, papers held by archives in Zimbabwe and South Africa, and clippings and other printed material.

J. C. A. L. Colenbrander collected much biographical and genealogical data. Photocopies are bound together according to his arrangement and are extensively annotated with his comments.

J. C. A. L. Colenbrander donated his collection to the Yale Library from 1985 to 1990. He also donated similar materials to Rhodes House at Oxford University, the National Archives of Zimbabwe, and the Kille Campbell Archives in Durban, Natal.
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### Inventory

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