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Collection Summary
Title: Nigerian Pamphlets and Other Publications Collected by Simon Ottenberg
Dates: 1904-1967 (bulk 1940-1965)
Call Number: DT515.8 .E13 N68
Collector: Ottenberg, Simon (collector)
Collection Size: 18 microfilm reels (2.7 linear feet)
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Abstract: Pamphlet and serial publications from Nigeria, particularly the Eastern Region, relating to Nigerian culture, history, literature, and politics. Includes works written by people of Ibo background and Onitsha Market Literature.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Library
Languages: In English
Publication Rights
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Acquisition Information
Materials were acquired by the Hoover Institution Library after 1970.
Related Materials
Simon Ottenberg Papers, Northwestern University Library
Biographical/Historical Note
Anthropologist Simon Ottenberg was a faculty member at the University of Washington, Seattle, from 1955 to 1991. He specialized in West Africa, particularly southeastern Nigeria, and is noted for his knowledge of African art. He received his PhD from Northwestern University in 1957.
Scope and Content of Collection
Many of the pamphlets assembled by Ottenberg are known collectively as Onitsha Market Literature. Often written in pidgin English or Creole, these booklets were popular literature and have become an important reflection of the social lives and customs of Nigeria at midcentury. Although collections of Onitsha Market Literature are available elsewhere (for example, University of Indiana has 170 titles, the University of Kansas lists 101 titles [21 digitized], and the Digital Library of the Caribbean had digitized 21), this microfilm collection presents a wide number of otherwise unavailable or difficult-to-obtain titles.
The 343 publications in this collection are chiefly of Nigerian origin, although a few items of interest published elsewhere are included. They include a large number of works published in the old Eastern Region of Nigeria and written by people of Ibo background. Ottenberg collected them while conducting field research in Nigeria in 1952-53, 1959-60, and during a visit there in the summer of 1966.
Arrangement
The collection is arranged in five series: (1) Serials; (2) How-to-do-it booklets; (3) Literature; (4) History, culture, language; and (5) Politics and social change.
Processing Information Note
The Hoover Institution Library acquired two microfilm sets of the Simon Ottenberg Collection. Both sets appear to have been originally filmed by Cascade Microfilm Systems of Seattle, Washington. One set (also held by four other institutions), however, was made up of fourteen reels and was accompanied by a list of contents referred to as an index. The second set was initially thought to be a duplicate of the first although made up of seventeen reels. Only one library (University of Washington) in WorldCat lists a seventeen-reel set of the Ottenberg Collection.
On closer examination, it was discovered that the seventeen-reel set included titles not found in the fourteen-reel set. Conversely, some titles in the fourteen-reel set were not included in the seventeen-reel set. In addition, it was discovered that some pamphlets and other materials from both sets were not listed in the accompanying list of contents. As a result, in 2015 the Hoover Institution created yet a third microfilm set (composed of eighteen reels) by combining all the titles on both microfilm sets. The list of contents was reworked and updated, with two addenda to reflect the additional titles not listed in the original index. The updated list of contents (35 pages) is also available at the head of reel 1.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Igbo (African people)
Nigeria, Eastern--History
Nigeria--History


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These materials were collected by the anthropologist, Simon Ottenberg, in the course of carrying out field research in Nigeria in 1952-53, 1959-60, and during a visit to Nigeria in the summer of 1966. The publications are mainly of Nigerian origin, although a few items of interest published elsewhere have been included. The pamphlets and other materials appeared mainly between 1940 and 1965, although a few later items have been added. The collection concentrates on works published in the old Eastern Region of Nigeria, and written by people of Ibo background. 64 items. Arranged alphabetically by title, African Historian to Western Equatorial Africa Church Magazine.

Key: Title. Publisher. Author. Issue No.[when known]. Publication date.

Reel 1

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Reel 1
The Beacon. Official Organ of the Students' Union, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. May 1966

Reel 1
The Bronze. Official Organ of the Students' Union, University of Ife, Ibadan. Vol. 1, No. 4. May 1966

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Reel 3
The Torch. Magazine of the Thinkers Group of the University College, Ibadan. Vol. 1, No. 3. May 1960

Reel 3

Reel 4

Reel 4
| Reel 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| | Mainly published in Onitsha. 14 items. Arranged alphabetically by author, Ndaeyo to Ude. |
| Reel 4 | Key: Title. Publisher. Author. Issue No.[when known]. Publication date. |
| Reel 4 | Njoku. Life Turns Man Up and Down. Money and Girls Turn Man Up and Down. All Star Printers, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 4 | Okonkwo, R. No Money, Much Expenses, Enemies and Bad Friends Kill a Man (The Way to Avoid Poverty). New Era Printers, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 4 | Olisa, Okenwa. How to Live Bachelor's Life and Girl's Life Without Much Mistakes, by the Strong man of the Pen. New Era Printers, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 4 | Olisa, Okenwa. Money Hard to Get But Easy to Spend. New Era Press. undated |
| Reel 4 | Olisa, Okenwa. How to Live Better Life and Help Yourself. All Star Printers, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 4 | Olisah, S.O.Drunkards Believe Bar as Heaven. Chinyelu Printing Press, Onitsha. [Note: Okenwa Olisa, Okenwa Olisah and S. O. Olisah appear to be the same writer.] undated |
| Reel 4 | Onuoha, C.N. Moneyhard. Advice and Comfort Book to You All. Fenu Press, Port Harcourt, undated |
| Reel 4-7 | Literature, 1948-1966, undated. |
| Reel 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| Reel 4 | Key: Title. Publisher. Author. Issue No.[when known]. Publication date. |
| Reel 4 | Ajokuh, Ugochukwu Emam. The Chains of Love. Atlantic Printers, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 4 | Albert, Miller O. Rosemary and the Taxi Driver. Chinyelu Printing Press, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 4 | Albert, Miller O. Saturday Night Disappointment. Chinyelu Printing Press, Onitsha. undated |
Reel 4
Anyá, Emman U. Wretched Orphan. Tabensi Printing Press, Onitsha. undated
Anyá, Emman U. She Died in the Bloom of Youth. International Press, Aba. undated

Reel 5
Anyá, Udegbehunem. One Love Forever. Progress Printing Works, Onitsha 1959
Egemonye, J.N.C. Disaster in the Realms of Love. Central Printing Press, Onitsha. undated

Reel 5
Epelle, E.M.T. The Trial of King Jaja. Literary Book Company, Enugu. 1959
Speedy Eric [psued]. Mabel The Sweet Honey That Poured Away. A. Onwudiwe and Sons, Onitsha. undated
Giwa, S.B. The Trial of Mr. Mosquito and Mr. Fly. Salako Press, Ibadan. 1957
Iguh, Thomas. The Sorrows of Love. A. Onwudiwe and Sons. Onitsha. undated
Iguh, Thomas. Alice in the Romance of Love (A Drama from West Africa). Providence Printing Press, Onitsha. undated

Reel 6
Madumere, Adele. Love is Infallible. Amacs Printing Press, Port Harcourt 1955
Maimo, Sankie. I am Vindicated. Ibadan University Press 1959
Mesigo, Clem E. Mesigo’s Travels. Part III. Progress Printing Works Onitsha undated
Ngbanti, Jackson B. So Great is My Tradition. Varsity Printing Press, Onitsha [at least partly autobiographical] undated
Nkwocha, Sylvester Kingsley. The “Young Rascal.” Ofomatasi’s Press, Aba undated
Nnani, Francis Christopher. The Amazing Lovers. Varsity Bookshop, Onitsha undated
Nnani, Francis Christopher. Should We Love the Painted Sepulchre? Varsity Publishing Company, Onitsha undated
Nwankwo, Gilbert. Tragic Love and the Woman From Nowhere. Ofomatasi’s Press, Aba undated

Reel 6
Nwosu, Cletus Givson. Miss Cordelia in the Romance of Destiny. Continental Press, Port Harcourt undated
Obikwelu, G.N. Pendant Smiles. Freeman’s Press, Enugu undated
Obioha, Raphael I.M. Beauty is Trouble. Chinyelu Printing Press, Onitsha undated
Ofoma, B.N. Loving Spree. Ufondu Press, Aba undated
Ogali, Ogali A. Mr. Rabbit is Dead (A Drama). Okeudo and Sons Printing Press, Aba undated
Ogali, Ogali A. Okeke the Magician (A Novel). Okeudo and Sons Printing Press, Aba undated

Reel 6
Ogali, Ogali A. Eddy the Coal-City Boy (A Novel). Zik Enterprises Ltd. Enugu undated
Ogali, Ogali A. Veronica My Daughter (A Drama). Appolos Brothers Press, Onitsha undated
Ogali, Ogali A. Adelabu (A Drama). God’s Will Printing Press, Aba undated
Ogali, Ogali A. Patrice Lumumba (A Drama). Tabensi Printing Press, Onitsha undated
Ogali, Ogali A. Long Long Ago (A Novel). Omaliko and Sons, Enugu undated
Ogu, H.O. Why Women Have No Trust in Men. Confidence Printing Press, Aba undated
Ogu, H.O. Rose Only Loved My Money. Treasure Press, Aba undated

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Okeke, Alex Obiorah. I'll Rather Break My Sword and Die (A Drama). All Star Printers, Onitsha undated
Okwesa, Anthony A. The Strange Death of Israel Njemanze. Tabensi Printing Press, Onitsha 1955
Oleyede, S.P. The Trial of Hitler (A Play). International Press, Aba undated
Olisah, Okenwa. The Half-Educated Court Messenger. General Printing Press, Onitsha undated
Onwudiegwu, J. Kenddys. The Miracles of Loves Gebo and Brothers. Onitsha 1965
Stephen, Felix N. How Tshomber and Mobutu Regretted After the Death of Lumumba. Njoku and Sons, Onitsha undated
Stephen, Felix N. How to Get a Lady in Love and Romance with Her, How Ugochukwu Got Caroline in Love. Njoku and Sons, Onitsha undated
Uba, E. The Broken Heart (A Novel). Saco Press, Enugu undated

Key: Title. Publisher. Author. Issue No.[when known]. Publication date.

Achara, D.N. Ala Bingo Longmans, Green and Co., London. 3rd edition. 1950
Amanata, G.I. Short History of Ijaw. Ikiess Press, Port Harcourt. undated
Anon. Akwukwo Ukwe N'Asusu Ibo [Hymns in the Ibo Language]. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London. 1904
Anon. Igbo Syllabus for Infant and Primary Classes. C.M.S. Press, Port Harcourt. undated
Anon. Eastern Nigeria History Research Scheme University of Ibadan Press. undated


Blount, Roswell C. Report on the Nsukka Young Farmers’ Scheme. Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. June 1965


Brady, Michael [pseud.]. Our Pioneers. Crownbird Series, Public Relations Department, Lagos, Crownbird Publication. Two parts. No. 4, 6. undated

Chidia, Godwin Paul. Her Evening Tales. Goodwill Press, Port Harcourt. undated


Dennis, T.J. Ibo-English Vocabulary to the Akwukwo-Ogugu Ibo or Union Ibo Reader. James Townsend and Sons, Exeter, England. undated


Ekpo, Mbekke E. Efik and English Phrase Book. Goodwill Press, Port Harcourt. undated

Ekwensı, C.O.O. Ikolo the Wrestler and other Ibo Tales. Thomas Nelson and Sons, London. undated


Eze, Kingsley. Our Interesting Ibo Natives Laws and Customs. New Era Printers, Onitsha. undated

Emejeulu, L.M.E. A Brief History of Railway Workers Union. Ribway Printing Press, Lagos. undated


Ijere, M.O. Nsu Past and Present. University of Nigeria, Nsukka. 1965

Ijere, M.O. Survey of Agricultural Conditions in Nsukka. Umeh Press, Onitsha. 1965


Livingstone, W.P. Dr. Hitchcock of Uburu. Foreign Mission Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh. 1920


Maduekwe, Joseph C. Omekam. Ofomatas’ Press, Aba. undated
| Reel 10 | Nigeria, Eastern Region. *Igbo Syllabus for Infant and Junior Primary Classes*. Government Printer, Enugu. undated |
| Reel 10 | Nwana, Pita. *Omenuko si na ake*. Atlantic Press, London. undated |
| Reel 10 | Ogbalu, F. Chidozie. *The Book of Igbo Proverbs*. Varsity Bookshop, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 10 | Ogbalu, F. Chidozie. *An Investigation into the New Ibo Orthography*. Goodwill Press, Port Harcourt. undated |
| Reel 10 | Ogbalu, F. Chidozie. *Ilu-Igbo Banyere Madu. Society for Promoting Ibo Language and Culture, Nkwerre, Orlu*. undated |
| Reel 10 | Ogbalu, F Chidozie. *Igba-Oru na Otu Esi Kwusi Ya (Slave Trade and its Abolition)*. Society for Promoting Ibo Language, Mbidokey Press, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 11 | Ogbalu, F. Chidozie. *Nza Na Obu (Ibo Story Book)*. African Literature Bureau. undated |
| Reel 11 | Ogbalu, F. Chidozie. *Teach Yourself the All Accepted Igbo Orthography (The Vowel Harmony System)*. Varsity Publishing Company, Onitsha. undated |


Reel 11  Okoroh, Patrick D. A Short History of Uratta. Benson Press, Ijebu-Ode. undated

Reel 11  Omo-Ananigie, Peter Inahoure. A Brief History of Etsakor. Ope Ife Press, Lagos. 1946


Reel 11  Orakwue, Jerry I. Onitsha Custom of Title-Taking. Renascent Africa Press, Onitsha. 1953

Reel 11  Orisadipe, Ajidasile. Prospectus of Nigeria Art Centre. Olugbadewa Press, Lagos. undated

Reel 11  Owonaro, S.K. The History of Ijo (Ijaw) and Her Neighboring Tribes in Nigeria. Nigeria Printing Works, Lagos. 1949


Reel 16  Plummer, G. The Ibo Cookery Book. undated


Reel 11  Roseveare, Margaret P. High Spring. The Story of Iyi Enu Hospital. Church Missionary Society, London. 1946


Reel 12  Rowling, C.W. Land Tenure in Ijebu Province. Government Printer, Western Region, Ibadan. 1956

Reel 16  Shaw, Thurstan. Archaeology and Nigeria, An expanded version of An Inaugural Lecture delivered at the University of Ibadan on 29 November 1963. Ibadan University Press. undated


Reel 12  Society of African Missions [Societas Missionum ad Afros, Irish Province]. One Hundred Years of Missionary Achievement, 1856-1956. African Missions, Cork Ireland. undated

Reel 12  Sowande, Fela. Ifa. Forward Press, Yaba. undated


Reel 12  Thomas, Isaac B. Life History of Herbert Macaulay, C.E., n.p. 3rd edition. undated

Reel 16  Uka, Dr. N. The Development of Time Concepts in African Children of Primary School Age. Institute of Education University College Ibadan. Ibadan University Press. Occasional Publication No. 3. October 1962

Reel 12  Umo, R. Kanu. Local Land Tenure and Disputes. Language Academy Editorial Bureau, Umuahia, Silent Prayer Home Press, Aba. 1949

Reel 12  Umo, R. Kanu. History of Aro Settlements. Mbonu Ojike, Yaba. undated

Reel 12  Utchaey, T.K. Improved Igbo Orthography. Education Mission Press, Aba. undated

Reel 12  Utchaey, T.K. The Problems of Igbo Orthography. Bookman Bookshop, Aba. undated

Reel 16  Utchaey, T.K. Umuahia Today. Information Series. The Language Academy, Umuahia. No. 1. 1953
Reel 12  Utchaey, T.K. Umuahia Today. Information Series. [note: same number as above but different publication]. The Language Academy, Umuahia. No. 2. 1955


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127 items. Arranged alphabetically by author in two groups, Aba Community League to Nigeria (reels 12-15) and Nigeria to Wali (reels 17-18).

Key: Title. Publisher. Author. Issue No.[when known]. Publication date.
Reel 12  Aba Community League. Local Government Reform. Criticisms and Recommendations. The Secretariat, Aba Community League, Aba. undated
Reel 12  Achogbduo, Onogbo. Iva Valley Tragedy. Continental Press, Enugu. undated
Reel 12  Afikpo Town Welfare Association Constitution. Macgregor College Printing Press. 1952
Reel 12  Afikpo Town Welfare Association. Minutes of the 1st Annual Convention... Aman Press, Aba. 1951
Reel 13  Anon. The Independent Nigeria. Pacific Printers, Yaba. October1960
Reel 13  Anon. The Organisation of Procedure of Local Government Councils. C.M.S. (Nigeria) Press, Port Harcourt. undated
Reel 14  Anunobi, Nlewedim. How Shall We Help? Zik’s Press Ltd., Lagos. 1950
Reel 14  Anyiam, Frederick Uzoma. Among Nigerian Celebrities. Sankey Printing Works, Yaba. 1960
Reel 14  Azikiwe, Nnamdi. Renascent Africa. The Author, Lagos. undated
Reel 14  Balogun, Kola. As Youth Sees It. Zik’s Press, Ltd., Lagos. 1947
Reel 14  Berrie, G.K., Fielstra, C., et al. University of Lagos. The Truth About the Change in Vice-Chancellorship. The Authors, Yaba. 1965
Reel 14  Chukwuemeka, Okonkwo. The Unity of Nigeria. Sankey Press, Yaba [Author signs himself Chukwuemeka Okonkwo Ojoto in his Introduction]. 1952
Reel 14  Coker, E.O. The Eternal Sacred Order of Cherubim and Seraphim. ""The Order."" Dek’s Press, Enugu. undated
Reel 14  Coker, Increase. Seventy Years of the Nigerian Press. A ’Daily Times’ Publication. undated
Reel 14  Dikko, Alhaji Muhammadu. Sarkin Katsina, 1865-1944. Gaskiya Corporation, Zaria. 1951
Reel 14  Elias, T.O. Federation vs. Confederation and the Nigerian Federation. Government of Trinidad and Tobago, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. 1960
Reel 15  Enahoro, Peter. How to be a Nigerian. Daily Times of Nigeria, Lagos. 1966
| Reel 15 | Hennessy, Maurice. Our Marketing Boards. Crownbird Series. Marketing Publicity Section, Public Relations Department, Lagos. No.2. undated |
| Reel 15 | Ibo State Union. Constitution Amac’s Press, Port Harcourt. undated |
| Reel 15 | Ibo State Union. The Ibo State Union Memorandum to the Willink’s Minorities Commission. Nigerian Popular Printing Press and Bookshops, Port Harcourt. undated |
| Reel 15 | Juwe, S.M. Why is The National Church of Nigeria and the Camerons and the God of Africa. Goodwill Press, Port Harcourt. undated |
| Reel 15 | Juwe, S.M. Zik in London. Goodwill Press, Port Harcourt. 1953 |
| Reel 15 | Mba, Peter U. What is a Constitution? Henshaw Press, Calabar. 1949 |
| Reel 15 | Mbah, A.N. The Life Story of Zik. Providence Printing Press, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 17 | Obanu, Daniel Ikechi. The Nigerian Citizen and Personality Drama. Ofomatias Press, Aba. undated |
| Reel 17 | Obi, Chike. I Speak for the People. Department of Propaganda and Spiritual Education Ibadan. 1960 |
| Reel 17 | Ogbalu, F. Chidzie. Dr. Zik of Africa; Biography and Speeches. Varsity Bookshop, Onitsha. undated |
| Reel 17 | Oduntan, O. Just Before the 1950 Reforms, by a Political Umpire. Ibadan. 1949 |
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Ohiaeri, N. Ekpe Ibe. University Education in Nigeria. Etukokwu and Sons Press. 1957
Reel 17
Ohiaeri, N. Ekpe Ibe. Our Greater ""Lux Fiat."" Tabansi Printing Press, Onitsha. 1957
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Okorafor, Charles N. The United Nations Student Association in Nigeria. Assumpta Press, Owerri. 1959
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Udokwu, Chuba. The Nigerian and American Education. Olugbadewa Printing Press, Lagos. 1952
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Utchay, T.K. Missionary Photographs. No. 1. Education Missionary Society, Port Harcourt. undated
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Utchay, T.K. Constitution and Rules. Education Missionary Society, Port Harcourt. undated
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Utchay, T.K. Co-Operation in Practice. An Appeal to the Education Department Through the Governor in Council. Education Mission, Aba. 1951
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Utchay, T.K. A Message to the Honourable Members, with Copy to the Common Man Education Missionary Society, Port Harcourt. circa 1950
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Utchay, T.K. I said to Myself. Education Mission Press, Aba. 1942
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Utchay, T.K. A Good Beginning. Education Missionary Society, Port Harcourt. 1948
Reel 18  Utchay, T.K. National Hymns and Prayers for Use in the National Church of Nigeria and the Cameroons. National Church of Nigeria and the Cameroons, Aba. undated
Reel 18  Wali, O. Chiefs of the Eastern Region of Nigeria African Authors' Association of Nigeria Gaskiya Corporation, Zaria. undated