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## **Finding Aid for the Ralph Skene Papers, 1903-1958 bulk 1910-1915**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Ralph Skene Papers,

**Date:** 1903-1958,

**Date (bulk):** bulk 1910-1915

**Collection number:** 1215

**Creator:** Skene, Ralph

**Extent:** 4 boxes (2 linear ft.)

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Dept. of Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Abstract:** Ralph Skene was a District Commissioner of the East Africa Protectorate in Kenya's Lamu, Malindi, and Kipini Districts 1897- ). The East Africa Protectorate was later known (after 1920) as the Kenya Colony and Protectorate until Kenya became independent in 1963. The collection consists of Skene's official correspondence and reports while serving as District Commissioner. There is also a diary (1908), notes on the Arab clans of East Africa, photographs and postcards (1903-58).

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

**Language:** English.

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### Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of California Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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### UCLA Catalog Record ID

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### Biography

Ralph Skene was a District Commissioner of the East Africa Protectorate in Kenya's Lamu, Malindi, and Kipini Districts. He began working for the East Africa Protectorate in 1897. The East Africa Protectorate, proclaimed by the British on November

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19, 1890, was later known (after 1920) as the Kenya Colony and Protectorate until Kenya became independent in 1963.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of official correspondence and reports of Ralph Skene while District Commissioner of the East Africa Protectorate for the Lamu, Malindi, and Kipini Districts in Kenya. Includes a diary (1908) and notes on the Arab clans of East Africa. Also contains photographs and postcards, 1903-58.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Skene, Ralph--Archives.

Colonial administrators--Kenya--Archival resources.

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Box 1, Folders 1-3	<b>Lamu, correspondence, 1910-1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Miscellaneous, 1910.</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Judicial, registratons of documents, 1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Port and marine, 1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Slavery, 1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>History of Poll Tax.</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Probate and administration, 1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Public works, 1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Cash, stamps, estimates, 1911.</b>
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>Lamu, correspondence, 1913.</b>
Box 1, Folder 5	<b>Lamu, various reports, 1911-1913.</b>
Box 1, Folder 6	<b>Kipini, correspondence, 1912-1913.</b>
Box 2, Folders 1-4	<b>Malindi, correspondence and documents, 1912.</b>
Box 2, Folders 5-6	<b>Malindi, correspondence and reports, 1913-1914.</b>
Box 3, Folders 1-6	<b>Malindi, correspondence and reports, 1913-1915.</b>
Box 4, Folder 1	<b>Official diary, 1908.</b>
Box 4, Folder 2	<b>Notes on the Arab clans of East Africa, compiled by Ralph Skene from the writings of H.C. Hollis, H.R. Tate, J.A.G. Elliot, G.B. Thompson.</b>
Box 4, Folder 3	<b>Photographs, including scenes taken in Africa, and postcards addressed to Ralph Skene and others, 1903-1958.</b>
Box 4, Folders 4-5	<b>Photographs, including scenes taken in Africa.</b>