Papers of Mary Margaret Louise Pirouet
1925–2012

Born in Cape Town to missionary parents. After some years in England she returned to Africa, completing her PhD at Makerere University later published as *Black Evangelists: The Spread of Christianity in Uganda* (Rex Collings, 1978) and stayed to do ground-breaking research on Christianity in Uganda and elsewhere in Africa and to mentor and teach.

She returned to the UK in the 1970s, in time to organise relief for Ugandan Asians expelled by Idi Amin, lectured at Bishop Otter College before returning to teach at the University of Nairobi. She was Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at Homerton College Cambridge 1978-89 and on the Management Committee of the Centre of African Studies.

Publications

![Christianity Worldwide AD 1800 onwards](image1)
![Historical Dictionary of Uganda](image2)
![Whatever happened to Asylum in Britain](image3)

13 articles for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, ranging from pioneer missionaries to Idi Amin.

Dr Pirouet donated her personal papers to The Centre of African Studies in the year or two prior to her death in 2012.

This is the list of her collected papers on Uganda – other collections are yet to be listed.

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**UGANDA**

- Ugandan Clergy 1 box
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- Uganda Religion 1 box
- Dinwiddie papers 1 box
- Uganda Politics 2 boxes
- Assorted press cuttings not yet listed

(Ugandan Clergy 1977-88)
MMLP/UG/CL 1 box – 3 folders

FOLDER MMLP/UG/CL/1

1. [No Date] Rev. Canon Musa Mpoza Balimunsi: *Biography of Balimunsi along with a number of other clergymen from the first half of the 1900s*
2. [No Date] Yosua Kiwavu *Interviews and material about the life of Kiwavu and Canon N. Mudeka*
3. [No Date] The Rev. Andereya Dwakaikara’ *Details of Dwakaikara’s life from 1899-1911*
4. 1966, Archbishop Erica Sabiti: Sermon, Coronation of the Mukama of Toro
FOLDER MMLP/UG/CL/2

1. No Date] Priest Dies Aged 100 Newspaper cutting announcing the death of Rev. Yosia Kamuhigi
2. 24-Aug-1985 Proposals for Peace to the Chairman of the Military Council and the Head of State, General Toto Okello Latuwa and to all the leaders of the various belligerent groups in Uganda
4. 17-Feb-1985 Charge of Bishop Misaei Kauma Extracts from the Bishop’s Charge concerning Luwero Triangle
5. Feb-1985 External Partners’ Report - Partners in Mission, p. 4 Assessment of situation in Uganda and call for evangelism and peace
6. Apr-1984 The New Century Newspaper of the Church of Uganda
7. 29-Jan-1984 A sermon preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the enthronement of the Rt. Revd Yona Okoth as Archbishop of Uganda on Sunday 29th January 1984 in the Provincial Cathedral of Namirembe
10. 24-Feb-1982 Embargo: 2:30 pm Monday 1st March 1982 Press Statement of His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal K. Nsubuga -Protesting army search of Rubaga Cathedral
11. 7-Aug-1981 The Church Speaks: Concern -Statement from Catholic Church to Obote concerning situation in Uganda
13. 1989 Prayer and Newsletter from Namirembe Diocese from Bishop Kauma

FOLDER MMPL/UG/CL/3

1. 24-Sep-1981 In Search for Peace and Development for our Nation Uganda: Proposed background thoughts for discussion with Government Leaders’ from religious leaders [Confidential]
2. 18-Apr-1980 Memorandum by the religious leaders of Uganda to His Excellency President G. L. Binaisa on the current situation in Uganda
3. 10-Feb-1977 Memorandum from religious leader of Uganda to President Idi Amin
4. 7-Sep-1979 The Key Role of Churches in Uganda News Release from The British Council of Churches
5. 1979/80 Why did he stay on in Uganda - Account of Father Robert Gay and life under Amin
6. 9-Jul-1979 The Four Religious Leaders’ concern over the current affairs in Uganda [Restricted] Insecurity in Uganda under UNLF
7. 6-Mar-1974 Uganda custom pays tribute to first missionaries (Also, Uganda Catholic Information News Bulletin)
8. Jul-1979 Pastoral letter to Christians of Uganda from the House of Bishops
10. 30-Nov-1978 Uganda to hold a National Eucharistic Congress from Uganda Episcopal Conference
11. 30-Jul-1979 Ecumenical Delegation to Uganda from the British Council of Churches
13. [No Date] The Development of the Anglican Church in West Ankole: 1900-90 - Bamunoba
14. 5-Feb-1977 report of a very serious incident at the Archbishops palace in the early hours of Saturday 5th February 1977

Uganda Teaching Material 1953-1990
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FOLDER MMLP/TM/1

2. Chege Wa Kibirj by George Njunguna
3. Oaths and Declarations 1887 - 1900 approx: Kenyan e.g. Semler and Ugandan clergy eg Duta, Nikodemo Sebwato and CMS missionaries
4. Mission du Nyanza (Fr) Historique Mercui: seems to be a record of White Fathers priests movements and locations from 1878-1901

FOLDER MMLP/TM/2

1. Letter from White Fathers Archives enclosing a copy of a letter of Mgr Guillermain
2. Letters of missionary H. M. Bond, based at Kabarole, Toro 1900s.
3. The Career of Daudi Odora by J. N. Odukurken
4. MSS of Miss Dorothy Smith. CMS Missionary in Kabarole, Toro, Namirembe, Nabumali and Kabwangasi. 1915-1933. 6 pages typed.
5. Life Story of Daudi Mbabi, the Sekibobo of Bunyoro, written by his son and appearing in Uganda Herald July 25, 1953. 2 copies and ms copy
6. Sketches of four evangelists (with a map of expansion by evangelists.): Sira Dongo, Brother Tobie Kizza, Yohana Kitagan, Canon Petero Lukungu.
7. Basil Lumu and the Beginnings of a Catholic African Clergy in Uganda: N Deprez is handwritten on the typescript and typed at the end with Katigondo handwritten in.
8. Dalya Ndikutusa and the Beginnings of the Bannabikira (Daughters of Mary).
9. The Life of Lusira Farwenyo Dongo by Canon A. O. Latigo trans by Peter Odyomo.
10. The Uganda Martyrs: By Prof C Todd. 1971 Description of the windows to the Ugandan Martyrs in the Chapel of the National Seminary Gaba.

FOLDER MMLP/TM/03

2. Islam in East Africa Map
3. Life story of Joshua Tabyetise (b.1875).
5. Minutes of the Medical Sub-Conference. Typed notes of the records in MUL Albert Cook sub-library.
8. The Story of Lakeri: Written by Mrs Roxe Skeens (nee Tanner). (I.M Gateley (Rose) at top of document
9. Ana Kageye, A Faithful Apostle. Written by Miss Pike in “Salema Kugondera”). (I.M Gateley (Rose) at top of document
10. True Christian Marriage: Written by Omukayala Naomi Binaisa). (I.M Gateley (Rose) at top of document
11. The Story of Juliya, who worked in Busoga Written by Miss Welsh in “Salema Kugondera” (1 sheet
14. Letter from Father Tomer, MHM, Namibyango College
15. From “the AGOC in Busoga” A Wandira 1954.
16. Interview with Lucy Manjeri in her home Ayami(Adwari division Omoro County)

Uganda Human rights
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FOLDER MMLP/UG/HR/1

1. Typescript 6 May 1947 – letter from Dr Pirouet to Mr H. S. Hilton (Field Secretary for East Africa)
2. Typescript 5 December 1973 - letter from Dr Pirouet to Mr H. S. Hilton (Field Secretary for East Africa)
3. Manuscript 26th November 1973 letter from Dr Pirouet to Sister Madeleine, St Pauls House
4. Typescript November 1973 carbon copy of letter from CAFOD to the Voluntary Missionary Movement
5. Typescript November 1973 letter to ‘Mission directors and Superiors of Missions having medical work in Uganda’ from Dr Pirouet and other signatories
6. Typescript 23rd November 1973 letter from Oxfam (Mr H S Hilton) to Dr Pirouet
7. Manuscript 7th November 1973 letter from St Joseph’s College, Mill Hill to Dr Pirouet
8. Manuscripts March 25th 1974 letter from Uganda Episcopal Conference letter from pharmacist and attached list of drug requirements
10. Manuscript – 16th Feb 1974 -Notes from BBC Monitoring service _ Amin’s meeting with Cambridge Professor.
11. Typescript – 6th March 1974 – letter from Save The Children to Dr Pirouet

14. Typescripts 4th- 8th March to 5th April 1974 – correspondence regarding the closing of Save the Children in Uganda between Save the Children, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr Pirouet and the Sunday Times.

15. Typescripts May – June 1974- correspondence regarding drugs for mission hospitals

16. Typescript – 6th May 1974 – letter from Dr Pirouet to Overseas Relief and Welfare committee, Save The Children and the reply letter


20. Typescripts – November – December 1974 Set of correspondence with The Observer concerning reporting on Uganda

21. Typescript 7th March 1975 – letter from Oxfam to Dr Pirouet

22. Typescript Undated Typed table with handwritten entries: Uganda Mission Hospitals

FOLDER MMLP/UG/HR/2


3. Typescript - 22nd February 1977 Letter from Dr Pirouet to Jakob Th. Moller (Human Rights, Geneva) regarding Idi Amin and events in Uganda Typescript – Letter

4. Typescript-Events at Makerere University, Uganda, 1976 – Dr M. Louise Pirouet

5. Typescript- 2nd March 1977 Letter to Dr Pirouet from Hiatt Baker Hall


8. Typescript- 12th April 1976 Opening address by the chairman of the Commission of Enquiry into Makerere University affairs....

9. Typescript – 3rd November (1976?) Students and Politics in Uganda by Bryan Langlands - Postgraduate seminar

10. Handwritten addenda and modifications arising from seminar

11. Handwritten letters between Dr Pirouet and Dr Max Warren regarding a piece in the Economist August 28th, 1976 Uganda : Why keep it dark?

12. Typewritten letter from Dr Pirouet to Sir Michael Swann (BBC Chairman) - August 23rd 1976 and his reply 14th September 1976

13. Photocopy of handwritten letter – 27th May 1984 from Dr D Brownlie to Most Reverend R Runcie (Archbishop of Canterbury) – marked Confidential


FOLDER MMLP/UG/HR/3

1. Typescript – Uganda Group for Human Rights – Uganda Memorial Service for in memory of Ugandans killed by government forces in Uganda. To be held 16th June 1984


3. Typescripts-August 1984 letters from Mr George William Kanyeihamba, Chairman of the Uganda Group of Human rights to Mr F Wazarwabi

4. Typescripts – 16th August 1984 – 2 letters between Dominic Mutono (Democratic Party UK Branch) and George William Kanyeihamba, (Chairman of the Uganda Group of Human Rights)


6. Photocopy – undated – The British foreign policy and the violation of human rights in Uganda by Onyango Odongo -25 pages (appears to be incomplete)


8. Typescript January 1985 - Uganda Community Newsletter
2. Typescript January 1985 Vol 1 No 1 Uganda Community Newsletter of Uganda Community Relief Organisation (UCRA)
3. Manuscript and typescript – letters from Dr Cherry Gertzel to Dr Pirouet about Kampala
6. Typescript : The Ugandan Update September to December 1988 Ugandan Welfare Action Group
7. Typescript Uganda Day event 26th September 1984 at the Africa Centre King Street London WC2
8. Typescript : Statement on the Namugongo Massacre of June 1984 in Uganda by a “group of Ugandans living in Europe” – quote from document

Uganda – Dinwiddie papers
MMLP/DINW – 1 box

Correspondence with and papers of Hugh Dinwiddie OBE 1912 -2009 (Pembroke College Cambridge) Hugh Dinwiddie taught literature and held the post of Warden of Northcote Hall, Makerere, Uganda, 1956-1970 and played a significant role in Makerere College’s transition to an independent University.

Folder MMDP/DINW/1 – correspondence between Dr Pirouet and Hugh Dinwiddie (some reports attached) and some others.

1. Manuscript – 22nd September 1976 Airmail letter to Dr Pirouet
2. Manuscript and Typescript – August 12th 1981 Letter to Dr Pirouet – attached report Uganda May/August 1981 As seen by a Ugandan from Nairobi and Tanzania - OAU Summit in Nairobi
3. Manuscript - Letter to Dr Pirouet and attached Extracts from a letter from Kampala written by a young person soon after Easter to a friend in Nairobi (Received Bognor Regis – Hugh Dinwiddie home-21/5/82
5. Typescript October 1982 Secret : proposals for Strategy before, during and after elections :-- attached handwritten note from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
8. Typescript January 1984 International Red Cross team of eleven “kidnapped” in Mpiги district – attached handwritten note from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
10. Typescript August 1985 The Uganda Coup: some insights (article for The Tablet) – attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
11. Typescript September 14th 1985 Address by the interim chairman of the National Resistance Movement at the Peace Talks held on 26th August 1985 attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
12. Typescript November 11th 1985 The present situation in Uganda and the future prospects – summary of a lecture given by Mr Charles Harrison, Times and BBC correspondent in Nairobi, at Chatham House : attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
13. Typescript October 8th 1985 A comment to accompany the Times report of 30/9/1985: attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
14. Typescript 28th December 1985 A survey of the Uganda Peace Agreement and related events :attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
15. Typescript May 12th 1986 Uganda appointments (continued) and policies and plans for recovery: attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
18. Manuscript May 9th 1990 Handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie
21. Manuscript July 2nd 1994 handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie to Dr Pirouet [refers to "piece on return to Northcote" which is missing]
22. Manuscript May 12th 1995 handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie to Dr Pirouet
23. Manuscript June 12th 1994 (copy) of handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie to Catherine(?)
24. Manuscript June 25th 1994 handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie to Dr Pirouet
25. Manuscript September 18th 1994 handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie to Dr Pirouet
26. Typescript July 6th 2000 *Some thoughts on "Ashamed of my Church" - For Clifford Longley*: attached handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie introducing the report
30. Manuscript January 1st 1997 (copy of ) handwritten letter from Hugh Dinwiddie to Charles(?)

Folder MMDP/DINW/2 – reports

1. Typescript – *Northcote Hall*, a growing concern 1956-1970
2. Typescript – *Uganda report 9th April 1981*
4. Typescript - *Uganda December 1981- some glimpse behind the headlines* – includes handwritten note to Dr Pirouet
5. Typescript – *Report on Uganda December 1982: further lights on the Ugandan/Tanzanian involvement in the attempted coup in Kenya*
6. Typescript – (labelled by hand Dinwiddy 30/8/92) – *Uganda in the context of East Africa while engaged in internal strife: the arrest in Nairobi of Mr B. Kirya, Chairman of the Uganda Freedom Movement*
7. Typescript : *A survey of Uganda February 1986 – The task of recovery*
8. Typescript – *14/8/91- Reflections on politics and human rights in Uganda*

Uganda Religion

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FOLDER MMLP/UG/REL/1

1. Typescript – undated *Understanding the changing patterns of politico-religious dominance in late nineteenth century Uganda*
2. Typescript – *1969- A comparison of the response of three societies to Christianity ( Toro, Teso, Kikuyu)* University of East Africa, University Social Sciences Conference, Makerere University College, Kampala, Uganda Monday December 30th 1968 to Friday January 30th
3. Typescript *Evangelists and subimperialists ( a lecture originally given to the Uganda Society on April 30 1969)* by Louise Pirouet
4. Typescript – No date – references suggest early 1970’s *The historical background to religious tension in Uganda*. M Louise Pirouet
5. Typescript Public seminar- *Rivalry, evangelism and politics in Western Uganda* by Dr I. Pirouet, Dept of Religious Studies Friday October 30th 1970 – Makerere University
6. Typescript [undated] – *Catechists in Western Uganda* by Louise Pirouet – Catechist Research
10. Typescript [197?] Contribution of the catechist to the development of the church in North Uganda by (Gruppo Uganda Terzo Mondo) – Catechist Research
12. Typescript November 1973 The indigenisation of Christianity in East Africa by M Louise Pirouet delivered November 1973 at University of Aberdeen Seminar on Christianity and the non-western world

FOLDER MMLP/UG/REL/2

1. Photocopy- undated – Studies on the geography of religion in Uganda by B.W. Langlands and G Namirembe Occasional Paper 4, Department of Geography Makerere University College
2. Typescript 1976 Traditional Religion and Christianity in Buganda and Acoli by M Louise Pirouet at the Historical Association of Kenya Annual Conference 1976
3. Manuscript 4/5/81 The Buganda catechists and the Christianising of Uganda: in what sense was the case of Uganda unique. Dr Pirouet
4. Booklet The secret people An address by the Bishop of Winchester The Rt Rev John V Taylor, DD in celebration of the Centenary of the Church of Uganda given at 157 Waterloo Road London S1 8UU on Tuesday June 21, 1977 at 6pm.

FOLDER MMLP/UG/REL/3

2. Typescript -1989 Complex martyrs: symbols of Catholic Church formation and political differentiation in Uganda by Ron Kassimir. “An earlier form of this paper was presented at the African Studies Workshop at the University of Chicago 30 May, 1989
3. Typescript [1991?] – Christian Missionaries and the state – Paper for discussion on 24th October at 5pm [year?] 

FOLDER MMLP/UG/REL/4

1. Typescript 29th Jan 1985 Letter to Dr Pirouet from Rev A S Kasibante, Bishop Tucker Theological College Mukono UGANDA
4. Bound typescript – Faith in Ethiopia: a report made on a visit to Ethiopia and Egypt by John Binns
5. Photocopy International Bulletin April 1996 Vol 20 no 2 The drum, the church and the camera: Ham Musaka and C W Hattersley in Uganda by Terry Barringer annotated “For Louise from Terry with many thanks”
POLITICS.

Box 1 of 2: MMLP/UG/POL/1

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7. Typescript headed Part II - belongs to the same article as 6, above (13 sheets).


FOLDER: MMLP/UG/POL/3

1. Photocopy book chapter and 1 page of next chapter. Suicide and attempted suicide by asylum seekers detained by the UK authorities author (of chapter) Louise Pirouet pp.143-161 (10 sheets).

2. Offprints of articles. The Vulnerability of East African Asylum Seekers in Britain author M. Louise Pirouet pp.313-319 (4 sheets), crossing over on one sheet with: Ugandan Christian Communities in Britain author Kevin Ward pp.320-328 (4 additional sheets).

3. Photocopies (x2.) Article The Vulnerability of East African Asylum Seekers in Britain author M. Louise Pirouet pp.313-319 (14 sheets).


8. Typescript (3 sheets) and photocopy (1 sheet, A3 folded). Both on the subject of ‘Charter for Refugees’ - proposal and copy of charter.

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**FOLDER: MMLP/UG/POL/5**

10. Typed note to Louise Pirouet from Norman Campbell, 10 April 1990 (1 sheet).
11. Photocopy typescript/print out. Images of Africa: The Royal Commonwealth Society Collections (9 sheets). No author [Terry Barringer]?
13. Typed press release from the Uganda Democratic Alliance (UDA) (6 sheets).

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FOLDER: MMLP/UG/POL/8

1. Publicity relating to International Peace Symposium on Uganda May 5-9th 1990, hosted at Queen’s University in Ontario. 6 sheets.
2. Photocopy typescript. Teso relief Committee press release, 26th February 1990. 5 sheets.
5. Photocopy of typed letter from Winnie Stafford to .... Handwritten note on page to MMLP signed Anne. I sheet.

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