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Abbreviations: Archives and Private Papers

MA	Archives des Missionnaires d’Afrique Rome
NAP	Ascherson, Neal, Papers Copies in Personal Possession
BNA CO	British National Archives, Colonial Office Records Series Kew Gardens, London
BLA	Buganda Lukiiko Archives, Minutes, 1894–1918 Copies in Personal Possession
EBP	Bwete, Erieza, Papers Copies in Personal Possession
CCAS	Centre of African Studies, Cambridge, Archives University of Cambridge
CMS	Church Missionary Society Papers, Cadbury Research Library University of Birmingham
JLEP	Earle, Jonathon L., Papers Copies in Personal Possession
EEPA	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives Smithsonian National Museum of African Art Washington, DC
LFP	Fallers, Lloyd A., Papers, Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago

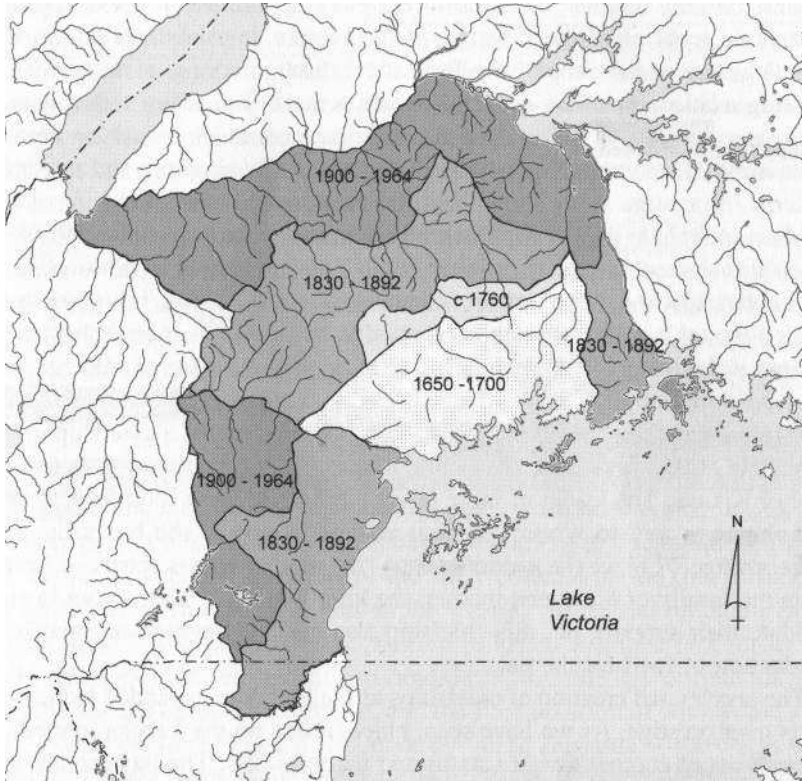
HMG	Grace, Canon Harold Myers and Mollie, Papers Copies in Personal Possession
ICS	Institute of Commonwealth Studies University of London
KCBA	King's College, Budo, Archives Budo, Uganda
KCCA	King's College, Cambridge, Archives Cambridge
BKMKP	Kiwanuka, Benedicto K.M., Papers Copies in Personal Possession
MUA	Makerere University Africana Archives Kampala
HML	Mukasa, Hamu, Library Kwata Mpola House Mukono, Uganda
MUA HMP	Mukasa, Hamu, Papers Makerere University Africana Archives Kampala
CCAS MP	Mulira, Eridadi M.K., Papers, Centre of African Studies University of Cambridge
IKML	Musazi, Ignatius K., Library Copies in Personal Possession
CMAA	Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology University of Cambridge
NARA AI	National Archives and Records Administration Washington, DC
SINP	Nganda, Ssemujju Ibrahim, Papers Copies in Personal Possession

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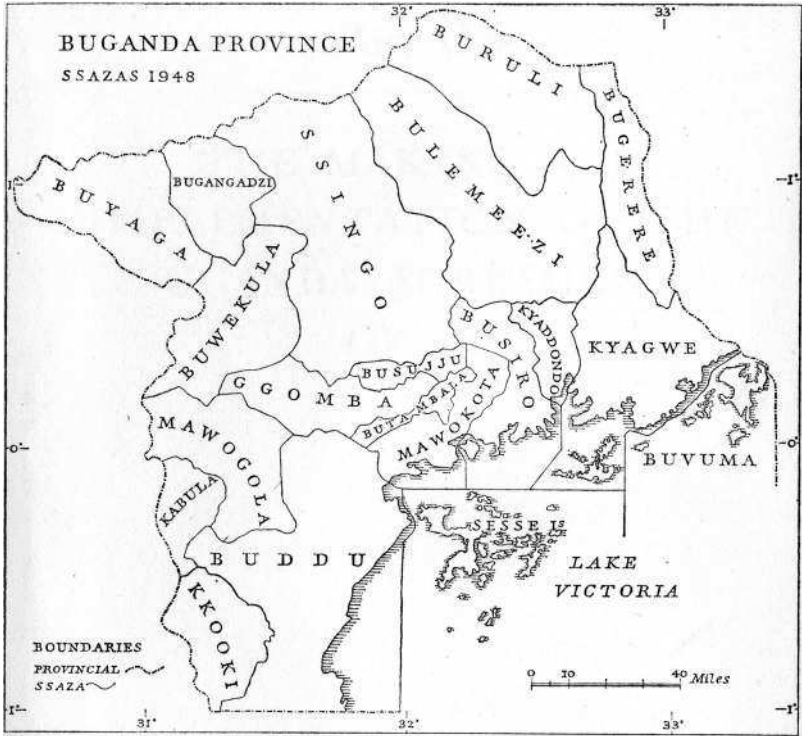
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ARP	Richards, Professor Audrey, Papers London School of Economics
RCMS	Royal Commonwealth Society Collections University Library, University of Cambridge
RMCA SA	Royal Museum for Central Africa, Henry M. Stanley Archives Tervuren, Brussels
RDA	Rubaga Diocesan Archives Kampala
SOAS	School of Oriental and African Studies Archives and Special Collections London
UCU BA	Uganda Christian University Archives Archives of the Bishop of Uganda Mukono, Uganda
UML	Uganda Museum, Library Kampala
UNAL	Uganda National Archives, Library Entebbe
UNA SMP	Uganda National Archives, Secretariat Minute Papers Entebbe

Maps



Map 0.1 Buganda Kingdom, seventeenth century onward
Adapted: Henri Médard, *Le Royaume Du Buganda Au XIXe Siècle* (2007)



Map 0.2 Buganda Counties, c. 1950

Adapted: *Buganda and British Overrule*, ed. By D.A. Low and R.C. Pratt (1960)