

Thomas Dean Lanagan Finding Aid

Africa: the Hausa of Nigeria

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1. Biography

Thomas "Tom" Dean Lanagan was born on July 23, 1930 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland, California in June 1948 and continued his academic career at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts from September 1948 to June 1949 where he studied biology. In February 1950, Lanagan transferred to the University of California, Berkeley but left in November 1950 for unknown reasons. Throughout the next several years, Lanagan worked a number of jobs outside of academia including service in the US Army (December 1954–November 1957). He spent a semester at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California (June 1957–January 1958) before returning to the University of California, Berkeley to complete a bachelor of arts in anthropology (February 1959–June 1961). In September 1961, Lanagan continued on to graduate school in the Department of Anthropology at UC Berkeley where he primarily studied Hausa culture and language. In August 1963, Lanagan advanced to candidacy for a PhD in anthropology from UC Berkeley and began writing his dissertation on Hausa symbolism, myth, and social stratification. He took on field work in Northern Nigeria (October 1964–October 1965) and kept frequent correspondence with other researchers from both Nigeria and North America throughout his candidacy. Moreover, in the spring of 1966, Lanagan accepted an associate professorship at McGill University in Montreal, Canada which funded a portion of his research. However, between March and July of 1967, Lanagan decided to halt all work on his dissertation and withhold publication for fear of potentially offending the Hausa people. Following these events, little is publicly known about Lanagan.

2. Summary of Accession Files Acc. 2332, Acc. 2339, and Acc.2879

Acc.2332

February 7, 1968

Ibibio doll and Yoruba thorn sample used for thorn carvings (5-5951 and 5-5952).

Acc.2339

November 1967

Five (5) Nigeria drums (5-6261 to 5-6265).

Acc.2879

July 27, 1972

Under former museum director William Bascom's direction, Lanagan's landlord, W. H. Lawson donated Hausa receptacles, musical instruments, cooking wares, decoration, clothing, and other miscellaneous household items (5-11415 to 11614, 5-12963, and 5-12981). A Mexican chocolate stirrer and Indian tray were also part of donated materials (9-11967 and 3-26042). Lanagan's notes did not include any information pertinent to the objects, but rather discussed Hausa language, myth, stratification, and customs. Additionally, the donated archive also includes several maps, travel pamphlets, Nigerian books, Hausa to English translations, and some personal documents belonging to Lanagan. The accession includes 403 35mm and 17mm color slide transparencies (25-29617 through 25-30019).

See museum collection portal:

https://portal.hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/?per_page=100&q=Thomas+D.+Lanagan&search_file=text&view=gallery

3. Box List of Lanagan Archive DOC1965.1

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File: Ibrahim Yahaya Correspondence

- Correspondence to Lanagan from Ibrahim Yaro Yahaya - Kano, The Republic of Nigeria
 - Lyrics to Wasa no. 1-4 (Children's games) and their translations and explanations
 - Descriptions of different Nigerian phrases provided by Yahaya with corrections made by a red pen in another handwriting
 - Letter from Yahaya to Lanagan
 - Claims to have written 3 previous letters to Lanagan without replies
 - Asks about Lanagan's research on the Hausa.
 - May 14, 1966, *New Nigerian* newspaper article about the Nigerian musician Shata
 - Potentially relevant to Wasa no.1-4
 - Eight (8) drawings of people
 - Small envelope containing four (4) photographs and sleeping tablets ("Kwayoy")
 - Sleeping tablets are related to the phrase "Kwayoyi ne" as described by Yahaya
- Standard envelope to Lanagan from Ibrahim Yaro Yahaya
 - Letter from Yahaya to Lanagan
 - Eighteen (18) sheets of loose paper with different labels
 - Description of different children's games

File: "Misc Photos & References"

- Black-and-white photograph of horse bridle
- Black-and-white photograph of a sword and rope
- Color photograph of large stone head on display in a city

- Two (2) black-and-white photographs of paddle-shaped objects
- Black-and-white photograph of flat woven disk
- Two (2) small purple notebooks used as photo references for Lanagan

File: "Transparencies Found in Assorted Chocolate Box/ Kodak - September and October 1965; Minox - Undated"

- Depicts various buildings, individual subjects and groups, food items, ceramics

File: "Notes"

- Blue Challenge notebook full of reading notes on Anthropology theory
- Loose leaf notes on Samaru School of Agriculture
- April 18, 1955, Small black notebook containing few notes related to military personnel
- Collection of Hausa language flashcards formatted by greetings and replies

File: "UC Blue Books/ T.D. Lanagan"

- October 27, 1959, Anthropology 153
- December 10, 1959, Anthropology 153
- March 24, 1960, Anthropology 119
- March 16, 1960, Anthropology 111
- March 25, 1960, Sociology 160
- March 30, 1960, Anthropology 122
- April 29, 1960, Anthropology 111
- June 4, 1960, Anthropology 111
- March 23, 1961, Poli Sci 146B

File: "October 30, 1964 - December 31, 1964, Field Journal of Trip to Lagos and Jos"

File: "Hausa Paperback Books"

- Four (4) lyric books entitled *Wakar Imfiraji*
- Two (2) books entitled *Littafin Mafarki*
- Book entitled *Hausa a Saukake*
- Several picture books entitled:
 - *Ranar Kasuwa*
 - *Aliyu da Fadimatu*
 - *Matafiya*
 - *Bala Da Babiya*
 - *Ruwan Bagaja*
- Book entitled *Key to Hausa*
- 1963, *Local Government Year Book* from Zaria, Northern Nigeria
- Paper cover book entitled *Key to Hausa*
 - Contains basic Hausa phrases and their English translations

File: "Book: Magana Jari Ce"

- Three (3) copies

File: "Personal Documents"

- Envelope containing Lanagan's Canadian insurance policy
- Envelope containing wedding announcement
- Envelope containing Lanagan's Allstate insurance policy

File: "Lanagan's Published Work"

- July and October, 1967, two (2) copies of Volume II - No. 3-4 of Journal of Asian and African Studies
 - Contains Lanagan's review article of *A Collection of Hausa Stories*
- File: "Unlabeled Anthropology Class Notebooks"
- File: "Anthropology 107, 111 Class Notebooks"
 - Spring 1960, Anthropology 111: Prehistory
- File: "Anthropology 119, 122 Class Notebooks"
 - Spring 1960, Anthropology 119: Personality-Culture
- File: "Anthropology 139, 152 Class Notebooks"
 - Spring 1960, Anthropology 152: Fossil Man
- File: "Correspondence"
 - June 30, 1970, letter to Lanagan from Robert Lowie Museum of Anthropology containing 1970 Annual Report of the museum
 - Envelope containing M. G. Smith's articles:
 - "The Hausa System of Social Status"
 - "The Social Functions and Meaning of Hausa Praise-singing"
 - "Secondary Marriage in Northern Nigeria"
- File: "Nigerian Travel Brochures & Pamphlets"
 - Pamphlets entitled "Facts about Nigeria" (set of 4)
 - Pamphlet entitled "Decorated Houses in a Northern City"
 - Lagos travel pamphlet
 - Pamphlet entitled "Law Reports of Northern Nigeria"
 - *International Economic Survey* pamphlet about Nigeria
 - Six (6) *This is Nigeria* travel brochures
 - Dawson Reprint pamphlet on publishings related to Africa
- File: "Notes on Hausa Communication, Conflict, Performance, & Relationships"
- File: "Excerpts of Nigerian Newspapers and Copies"
 - May 14, 1965, excerpt of *Lagos Daily Times*
 - May 19, 1965, excerpt of *Nigerian Citizen*
 - May 26, 1965, excerpt of *Nigerian Citizen*
 - June 21, 1965, excerpt of *Lagos Daily Times*
 - April 6, 1965, copies of correspondence involving the Peace Corps of Nigeria and a send-off party for an employee of the Federal Office of Statistics
- File: "Reading Notes of *Islam in West Africa* by J. Spencer Trimingham"
- File: "Scratch Paper & Misc. Notes"
- File: *Dare Dubu Da Daya*
 - Contains four (4) copies
- File: *Al-Hajj: The Pilgrimage and the Lesser Pilgrimage*
- File (5) audio tapes for Hausa language learning
- File: "African Maps (1/2)"
 - World Aeronautical Chart map of Zanzibar Island
 - World Aeronautical Chart map of Ruvuma River
 - World Aeronautical Chart map of Uele River
 - World Aeronautical Chart map of Sangha River

- World Aeronautical Chart map of Upper White Nile
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Lake Margherita
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Shibeli River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Principe Island
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Sherbro Islands
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Cape Palmas
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Bijagós Archipelago
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Black Volta River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Gambia River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Bakoy River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Lake Faguibine
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Senegal River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Niger River Lowlands
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Busango Swamp

File: "African Maps (2/2)"

- World Aeronautical Chart map of Limpopo River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Fernão Veloso Bay
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Zambezi River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Delagoa Bay
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Algoa Bay
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Zambezi Delta
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Mazoe River
- World Aeronautical Chart map of Shashi River
- USAF Operational Navigation Charts map of "Arctic Region"

Recordings:

- Cat #24-3316: February 2nd and 9th, 1965, Hausa music recording
- Audio tape with note regarding contents
- Two (2) unmarked audio tapes

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- File: "*Hanyar Tadi Da Turanci*"
 - A dictionary of English conversation for Hausa students
 - Color slide transparencies depicting likely Hausa ceremony/gathering, grains/natural resources, and some sort of rough, cylindrical object (KC-5(1), KC-5(2))
 - Several envelopes filled with mounted negatives depicting likely Hausa cloth items, tools, kitchen wares, and other objects.
 - Several adapter rings and filters
 - Minox film viewing magnifier
 - Magnetic tape
 - Two (2) striped boxes each containing 4 smaller Minox boxes of slides; originally sent to Dr. Ralph Holloway.
 - Striped Box no. 132249:
 - Minox box C-7, C-2, 36, and 37.

- Transparencies depict one particular African subject in a variety of poses, ceremony/gatherings, food, landscapes, buildings/urban areas
- Striped Box no. 143978:
 - Minox box C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6
 - Transparencies depict urban/suburban environments, natural landscapes, a variety of subjects in candid shots, gatherings, the same subject from striped box no. 132249 in many additional poses
- Two (2) Minox boxes
 - Minox C-1
 - Transparencies depict various subjects in a large gathering along with some landscapes
 - Minox C-10
 - Transparencies depict various food items, cloths, and candid
- Two (2) Kodak boxes of transparencies
 - Kodak Colour Transparencies–“Tom”
 - Depicts gatherings, cloths, buildings
 - Small Kodak box–C23A1
 - Depicts rural environments and structures, gatherings/ceremony, individual and group photos
- Field notes regarding Hausa, “Ethnobotany: Medicines & Magic”
- Field notes regarding Hausa, “Life Crises, Games (Wasanni)”
- Field notes regarding Hausa, “Language: Lexical Studies”
- Field notes regarding Hausa, “Deference and Demeanor”
- Field notes regarding Hausa, “Conflict, Communication, and Identity”
 - Some notes seem to be written by Ibrahim Yahaya
- Field journal regarding Hausa, “Plastic Arts and Crafts, Architecture”
 - Contains drawings of Hausa architecture
- Field journal regarding Hausa, “Household Composition”
- File: “Notebook: ‘Social Types’”
 - Contains list of Hausa terms regarding social status/personality and their English translation
 - Within notebook: Several loose leaf pages of random notes seemingly regarding Hausa relationships and types of deference
- File: “Notebook: Speech Patterns”
 - Contains notes on Hausa speech patterns
 - Specifically in regards to Hausa subcultures
 - Within notebook: Another collection of loose leaf notes
- File: “Notebook: Colloquialisms”
 - Contains notes of Hausa colloquialisms
- File: “Notebook: Rites”
 - January 6, 1965, seemingly written by Ibrahim Yahaya with margin notes from Lanagan

- File: "Notebook: Untitled"
 - Blue notebook with no title
 - Contains more notes on different Hausa interactions
 - Within notebook: Several loose pieces of ripped scratch paper
 - May 13, 1964, a list of shows

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Files with no further notes contain what the label suggests.

- File: "Co-op Cook Book 1965"
 - Contains "The Co-op Low Cost Cook Book"
- File: "Notes and 2 photographs"
- File: "I.F. Stone's Weekly 1963-66"
- File: "Assorted Forms (Master Copies)"
 - Several forms related to the Branch United States Disciplinary Barracks in Lompoc, California
- File: "Notes, misc."
- File: "Herman Melville"
 - Contains handwritten quotes of Melville
- File: "Arts, Human Behavior & Africa"
 - Contains handwritten and typed narratives and short essays on abstract topics
- File: "Classification of Physical Race by the Blood Groups by Linda Lutgen, Jan. 1962"
- File: "Anthro 1 Quiz"
- May 1966, File: "UC - University Bulletin"
- File: "Essay"
 - Contains an incomplete essay along with misc. notes
- File: "Notebooks"
 - Notebook: "Reading Notes: 'A History of Technology' Singer et al. Volume I"
- File: "Social Anthropology and Clippings on Thomas Wolfe"
 - Clippings, September 1956
 - January 1964, essay entitled "Notes on Weber and Social Anthropology"
- File: "Legal Implications of Suicide"
 - Contains copy of "Legal Implications of Suicide: Prolegomena to a Chapter in the Ethnography of Law" by Klaus Friedrich Koch
- File: "Anthropology 1 Quizzes, Glossary, and Notes"
- File: "Notes, Writings, and Clippings"
 - April 27, 1962, copy of *Science*
 - Writings appear to be anthropological and narrative
- File: "Brochures"
 - Most concern psychology and sociology
 - "San Jose Street and Vicinity Maps" pamphlet
 - "San Francisco East Bay Cities City Map" pamphlet
- File: "A Comparison of Procedures for Making Fact Determinations in Criminal Cases: France and United States"
 - By Richard Bryan

- File: "Legal Forms"
 - Once again most forms are from the Branch United States Disciplinary Barracks
- File: "Personal Banking Information"
- File: "Anthropology 124"
 - Contains notes and syllabus from Anthropology 124 of Spring 1961
- File: "Anthropology 204A and 107"
 - Contains 2 University of California Blue Books
 - September 22, 1961, Anthropology 204A
 - Several charts, maps, and diagrams
- File: "Psychology XB 1B By Correspondence"
 - Contains "Correspondence Instruction: Scientific Method in Psychology" by Charles W. Brown
- File: "Lanagan Field Notes"
- File: "Lecture Material - Anthropology 166"
 - Contains mostly Hausa words and their English translations
- File: "African Notes and Correspondence"
- File: "Anthropology 166 Hand-Outs (Advanced Survey of Social and Cultural Anthropology)"
 - Also contains handwritten anthropological notes
- File: "Writing Projects"
- File: "Theoretical"
 - Contains copy of *The Key Reporter*, Autumn 1965
 - Handwritten and typed notes on the Hausa and anthropology
- File: "Body Image"
 - Contains notes regarding Hausa perceptions of the body and body modification
- File: "Lanagan's Abstract Doctoral Dissertation"
- File: "Personal Notes"
 - 1968, Yellow envelope containing several payment receipts to Jas. A. Ogilvy's Limited from Lanagan
 - Envelope containing UC Berkeley tuition and financial information
 - Loose sheet of paper containing typed Mark Twain quote
 - Mail survey from representative George Brown
 - Loose metal screw
 - Empty envelope from the Library of Sciences
 - December 30, 1962, clipping of *San Francisco Examiner*
 - Spring 1962, four (4) copies of Anthropology 1 Quiz 6f
 - One copy has random notes on its back containing the names Frank Gordon and Norman Ward
 - December 30, 1962, clipping of *San Francisco Sunday Chronicle*
 - December 29, 1962, clipping of *San Francisco Examiner*
 - Personnel list of Eastern Health Center Building
 - Several loose sheets of paper with different addresses written on them
 - The names Gordon and Ward show up often
 - Torn piece of Lucky Strike box with the name Robert Timmons and an address

- December 5, 1962, letter to Pat and Tom detailing a list of addresses to send "Thank You's" to
 - From "Mom and Dad"
- Collection of loose notes on lined paper
- December 26, 1962, letter from Louise Hallaway
- Crude drawn map containing the name and location of "Gordon"
- January 22, 1963, clipping from *San Francisco Examiner*
 - Describes Frank Gordon's involvement in JCPenny Robbery
- December 29, 1962, clipping from *Oakland Tribune*
 - Describes the same JCPenney Robbery
- Collection of papers held together by paper clip
 - Details medical payments
- Collection of papers entitled "Addresses"
- Personal letter to T. D. Lanagan in a blue envelope from Pat
- Collection of papers held together by paper clip entitled "Wednesday"
 - Details personal issues
- Collection of larger papers detailing personal issues
- File: "Letters Regarding Research Withdrawal"
 - June 21, 1967, letter to Prof. David Solomon of McGill University
 - Lanagan tends to his resignation as Assistant Professor at McGill University
 - June 21, 1967, letter to Garth Oswald of The American University
 - Lanagan requests his application to The American University be withdrawn
 - July 1, 1967, Letter to Satish Saberwal of McGill University
 - Lanagan informs recipient that he cannot contribute a chapter to their prospective volume due to certain "complications" with his Hausa field work
 - A similar letter was sent on June 21, 1967 to Frances Henry of McGill University
 - Letter to Gerald Berreman of UC Berkeley
 - Lanagan outlines the issues involving his field work
 - Describes his work as: "The symbolic bases for the content of Hausa myth which charters Hausa kingship"
 - Believes he has an insecure relationship with Hausa authorities and has since developed a negative rapport with the people
 - Intends on halting his Ph.D. research and withholding publication
- File: "McGill Correspondence"
 - March 28, 1966, letter from R.F. Salisbury detailing Lanagan's research grant and teaching opportunities for Lanagan at McGill University
 - June 29, 1967 and July 21, 1967 typed requests from Katherine R. Turcke of McGill University to summarize the work Lanagan has done with the research grant for the Centre for Developing Area Studies' annual report.
 - July 30, 1967, lanagan's response to this request is also available

- April 19, 1967, summary of information for annual report provided by Lanagan
- Correspondence between Salisbury and Lanagan April 5th-June 23rd, 1966
- File: "Notes Regarding Hausa Folklore, Sexuality, & Gender"
- File: "Personal Correspondence and Documents"
 - Greyhound Bus envelope containing:
 - Two (2) tickets
 - May 25, 1967, Toronto to Detroit
 - May 26, 1967, Detroit to Pittsburgh
 - Passenger's claim check
 - Sheet of legal information
 - Written schedule of some type of event
 - Three (3) personal letter to Lanagan found in similar envelopes potentially from Albert Oettinger
 - Two (2) pink phone call slips
 - Three (3) letters from Jos, Nigeria sent by Vlasak
 - Two (2) typed and one (1) handwritten
 - Handwritten letter: September 29, 1966
 - October, 1965, November 30, 1965, and April 1, 1966, three (3) letters from North Nigeria sent by a person potentially named Jack Prichett
 - Letter from Nigeria sent by a colleague potentially named Rod
 - Christmas card from A. Oettinger
 - Postcard with chimps on the front
 - Envelope from University of Pittsburgh to Lanagan
 - Contains flier detailing intensive African language summer program
 - October 2, 1965, Letter to Lanagan while he was in Zaria
 - March 31, 1967 and April 7, 1967, two (2) personal letters to Lanagan from colleague potentially named Ralph
- File: "McGill Teaching Documents"
 - Envelope entitled "Grading of Graduate Students on 670 Final"
 - Contains test responses seemingly from students
 - Handwritten information on McGill grading system
 - A draft letter written by Lanagan to request a book for his course at McGill
- File: "American University Documents"
 - May 27, 1967, job application to The American University Center for Research in Social Systems
 - Details professional/non-professional experience
 - Empty Envelope from the Center for Research in Social Systems
 - Likely contained application and separate letter detailing interest in Lanagan's work
- File: "Copy of 'African Folklore with Foreign Analogues'"
- Files: "Misc. Notes - Multidisciplinary" & "Misc. Notes - Multidisciplinary Cont."
- File: "Psychology Notes"
- File: "T.D. Lanagan CV"
- File: "'Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers' Spring 1966 - no. 34"

- File: "Documents Regarding CA Colleges"
- File: "Prison Study"
 - Collection of handwritten notes on *An Outline of Social Psychology* by Muzafer and Carolyn W. Sherif
 - Typed essay entitled "Fink Fever" written by Lanagan discussing a maximum-security prison known as the Country Club
 - Collection of miscellaneous notes about Sherif's book
- File: "Arizona Highways" magazine
- File: "Anthro 155 Midterm & Folklore 250A Outline"

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- Ebeltone record of "Alhaji Sabo Ringin" by Mahama Shatta Katsina"
- Columbia record of "Isiaku Mani" by Alh. Shata Katsina
- Columbia record of "Jabi Dan Fulani" by Alh. Shata Katsina
- Large cheetah-pattern box: "Africa FA - FS"
 - Contains typed notes on African countries and cultures in alphabetical order
- Smaller cheetah-pattern box: "Small Groups Soc. Structure"
 - Contains references and collections of notes on flashcards held together by rubber bands

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