

Papers of Frederik 'Frits' David Holleman, Professor at Stellenbosch University

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Brief Description

Title: Papers of Frederik 'Frits' David Holleman, Professor at Stellenbosch University

Origin: African Studies Centre Library, Leiden University

Dated (mostly): 1939-1957

Dimensions: 2 boxes

Languages (mostly): Afrikaans, Dutch, English

Summary: Collection of correspondence, manuscripts, notes, publications, and miscellanea, by F.D. Holleman predominantly on the topic of South African Customary Law ('Bantu Law'), mostly from his tenure as Professor at Stellenbosch University in South Africa during the period 1939-1957.

Biographical History: F.D. Holleman was born in Potchefstroom in the South African Republic (Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek) on 11 May 1887. He studied law at Leiden University in the Netherlands before entering into service in Dutch East Indies. He worked in the legal service in the Indies for many years and published several works on indigenous Indonesian law (Adatrecht). Holleman moved to the Union of South Africa in 1939 where he accepted a post as a lecturer at Stellenbosch University. While in South Africa he researched indigenous (Bantu) law and produced several publications on the topic. He briefly returned to service of the Dutch East Indies colonial government in exile in Melbourne in 1943 before returning to Stellenbosch in South Africa where he lived until his death on 22 January 1958. He is the father of J.F. Holleman.

Institution: African Studies Centre, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Repository: African Studies Centre Library. See also: The archive of J.F. Holleman at the African Studies Centre Library, and the archive of J.F. Holleman at the Leiden University Special Collections.

Origin and Acquisition

Acquisition: Unknown, likely collected by his son J.F. Holleman and left at the African Studies Centre where J.F. Holleman was a director from 1963-1969.

Content and Composition

Specification Content:

The content of the boxes and folder are specified below:

HOLLE-FD 1: Manuscripts and handwritten notes, 1940s and 1950sa

- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Bantoehuweliksreg (Unie en Omgewing).' 1946. C.S.V. Boekhandel, Stellenbosch.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Bantoe-Grondereg (Unie en Omgewing).' 1952. Universiteits Uitgewers en Boekhandelaars, Stellenbosch.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Bantoe-Regsgemeenskappe.' 1952. Universiteits Uitgewers en Boekhandelaars, Stellenbosch.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Bantoeregsgemeenskappe.' Unknown date. With handwritten and typed comments.
- [Handwritten notes] [Afrikaans] 'Grondbeginsels Prim. Reg.' 1941. 39 pages, in a small folder.
- [Handwritten notes] [Afrikaans] 'Grondbeginsels Prim. Reg.' 1941. 35 pages, in an envelope.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Grondbeginsels van Primitiewe Reg.' 1950. With handwritten comments.
- [Misc.] [Afrikaans] 'Grondbeginsels van Primitiewe Reg.' Unknown date. Notes for use in teaching, with handwritten comments.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Bantoe-Huweliksreg (Unie en Omgewing).' 1952. With handwritten comments, also contains a typed letter, written in Dutch, dated 13/6/[19]52, likely from J.F. Holleman, with comments on the manuscript.

HOLLE-FD 2: Manuscripts and publications (offprints)

Box 2:

- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Die Erkenning van Bantoereg in die Unie.' 1953. With handwritten comments.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Naturelle Administrasie in Suid Rhodesia.' 1950. Universiteits Uitgewers en Boekhandelaars, Stellenbosch. With attached typed copy of the 'Native Affairs Act' [presumably of South Rhodesia], in English, dated 1 June 1928. Some passages are underlined in pencil.
- [Misc.] [English] *Southern Rhodesia, Act no. 14, 1927*. 'To make certain provisions for the control of natives and the conduct of native affairs.' The Government Printer [of South Rhodesia]. Some passages are underlined in pencil.

- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Die Erkenning en Kodifikasie van Bantoereg in die Unie.' 1942. With typed and handwritten comments.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Die Erkenning en Kodifikasie van Bantoereg in die Unie.' 1942/1943. With typed and handwritten comments.
- [Misc.] [Afrikaans] *Die Naturelle - Administrasie Wet, 1927. Wet no. 38 van 1927.* 'Om voorsiening te maak vir beter bestuur en beheer van Naturellesake.' With typed and handwritten comments.
- [Manuscript] [Afrikaans] 'Die Erkenning van Bantoereg in die Unie.' 1953. With handwritten comments.

Box 3: Offprints of publications by F.D. Holleman

- [Publication] [Dutch] 'De Rechtspositie van de Inheemsche Vrouw en Hare Ontwikkeling in Nederlandsche-Indie.' [Offprint from *Koloniaal Tijdschrift*, 1941, no. 1.]
- [Publication] [Dutch] 'De Privaatrechtelijke Positie van de Indonesische Vrouw.' 1944 [1939] [offprint/reprint]. The Netherlands Indies Government Printing Works, Melbourne, Australia.
- [Publication] [Dutch] 'De Commune Trek in Het Indonesisch Rechtsleven. Rede uitgesproken bij de aanvaarding van het ambt van buitengewoon hoogleraar in het Adatrecht van Nederlandsch-Indië aan de Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden, op 10 Mei 1935, door Mr. F.D. Holleman.' 1935. J.B. Wolters' Uitgevers-Maatschappij N.V. Groningen - Batavia. Two copies with handwritten comments, one copy also contains a 'Owner's Bicycle Licence', in Afrikaans and English, issued to J.F. Holleman by Stellenbosch Municipality on 30 September 1938.
- [Publication] [Dutch] Adatrecht, Serie V. 'Verspreide Eilanden' no. 51. 'Adatrechtelijke Gegevens, Voornamelijk van het Eilandje Nila, alsmede van de Eilandjes Seroea en Teoen (Zuidestereilanden) (1923-1936).' Unknown date and publisher [likely an offprint]. Contains passages in a local language, possibly Indonesian.
- [Publication] [English] 'The Future of Customary Law in Africa/ L'Avenir du Droit Coutumier en Afrique.' 1955 [1956] [offprint/reprint]. [Leiden, Universitaire Pers Leiden.] Text is entirely in English.
- [Publication] [Dutch] 'Het Bantoe-Grondenrecht in de Unie van Zuid-Afrika en Omgeving.' [Offprint] in *Mededelingen der Koninklijke Nederlandsche Akademie van Wetenschappen, Afd. Letterkunde*, Nieuwe Reeks, deel 12, no. 7, 1949. N.V. Noord-Hollandsche Uitgevers Maatschappij, Amsterdam. Two copies. One copy contains handwritten comments.
- [Misc.] Contained in two empty covers of 'Bantoehuweliksreg (Unie en Omgewing).' 1946. Typed decisions of a meeting of the Senate of Stellenbosch University, in

Afrikaans, dated 16/11/[19]56. Mention is made of a pension for Prof. F.D. Holleman, one page; a bibliography for an unknown publication, likely the following manuscript, 5 pages; a typed manuscript written in English, 'The Recognition of Bantu Customary Law in South Africa.' Unknown date. With handwritten comments.

- [Publication] [Dutch] 'Daar en Hier: Net Zoo, Alleen maar heel Anders' [likely an offprint] from *Het Tijdschrift voor Zendingwetenschap: Mededeelingen*. [Illegible date], 1936.
- [Publication] [Afrikaans] 'Naturelle-Administrasie in die Belgiese Kongo.' [Offprint] in *Tydskrif vir Rasse-Aangeleenthede/Journal of Racial Affairs*, no. 3, vol. 7, April 1956.
- [Publication] [Dutch] *Indisch Genootschap. Vergadering van 22 Februari 1929*. pp. 17-39. 'De Verhouding der Gemeenschappen (familie, dorp en district) in de Minahasa.' 1929. 's-Gravenhage, Martinus Nijhoff.
- [Publication] [Afrikaans] 'Die Regspraak oor die Inheemse Bevolking van Nederlands Oos-Indië.' [Offprint] in *Bantu Studies/Bantoe Studies*, vol. XIV, no. 4. December 1940. Johannesburg, The Witwatersrand University Press. Two copies. One copy with handwritten comments.
- [Misc.] Contained in a plastic folder. 'De Leidsch Universiteitsblad', 4de Jaargang, no. 4, 2 November 1934. Two articles, one by F.D. Holleman and one by W.J.M. van Eysinga, are highlighted.

Folder 1: MISSING

- [Correspondence] [Dutch] Typed letter from P.J. Idenburg from the Afrika Instituut Leiden. Dated 30 June 1955. The letter discusses a possible contribution by F.D. Holleman to an upcoming symposium on customary law.
- [Correspondence] [Dutch] Typed letter to P.J. Idenburg, likely in response to the above letter, dated 17 August 1955.
- [Misc.] [Afrikaans and English] Handwritten notes, 16 pages.
- [Correspondence] [Dutch] Typed letter from [illegible] to [F.D.] Holleman, dated 25-X-1955. The letter discusses the legal differences between annexation and conquest.
- [Correspondence] [Dutch] Typed and handwritten letter from Prof. R.D. Kollwijn from Leiden, three pages. The letter discusses the status of legal systems in conquered nations.