

- A1 J.G. GUBBINS - LETTERS TO V.W. HILLER  
Addressed to V.W. Hiller unless otherwise stated
- A1.1 15th Feb. 1932, Describes the chaos with 150 packing cases of materials lying around & then outlines scheme he intends to place before Municipality.
- A1.2 23rd Dec. 1932. praises Hiller for the discoveries he has made & then lists the names of possessors of various items of Africana.
- A1.2-3 31st Jan.1933. Mentioning enclosed letters to Smuts.
- A1.3 1st Mar.1933. Comments of an exchange of African items between the two but warns Hiller to delay over some Bowler items.
- A1.4 18th Mar.1933. Describes Fordyce Masonic connection & includes material for Hiller on Rhodesian stamps but regrets slow progress on Museum.
- A1.5 6th Apr.1933. Bemoans missing Baines & Bowler items but believes that Hiller is already the acknowledged authority on Rhodesiana.
- A1.6 27th Apr.1933. wants a body of guide lecturers for the Museum and thanks Hiller for a copy of the Macartney 'Cameos' & the Uitenhage picture.
- A1.7 9th May 1933. Municipality intend to build new storey to library at cost of £30 000 & J .G.G . aims to organise Joburg first & then Pretoria.
- A1.8 13th June, 1933. Describes the opening of the London Exhibition &then gives the -dates when the Municipality considers his Scheme.
- A1.9 16th July, 1933. Details items he has sent to Hiller.
- A1.10 17th July, 1933. Exults at success of the London Exhibition & tells Hiller that Raikes, the Principal of Wits, has offered to help the Bulawayo one
- A1.11 3rd Oct., 1933. Pursues theme of co-operation between collections& Museums In Joburg & Salisbury (encloses his plan for the Joburg centre).
- A1.12 7th Oct. 1933. Offers some loose plates of Baines' fall paintings& discussed his imminent trip to the Bulawayo exhibition.
- A1.13 11th Oct., 1933. Discusses items he might take to the Bulawayo Exhibition & explores themes upon which he could lecture.
- A1.14 24th Oct., 1933. encloses rough draft of scheme for Rhodesian Historical Museum & describes it.
- A1.15 3rd Dec.1933. Congratulates Hiller on linking Mashonaland & Matabeleland by his Salisbury & laments at his stock losses caused by hail.
- A1.16 17th Dec., 1933. Outlines a magnificent scheme of cultural links for his scheme.
- A1.17 29th Dec. 1933. Gives two basic points on buying material for Hiller stress to his committee.
- A1.18 30th Jan, First mention of an appointment for him as honorary Director & then informs Hiller that he has just collected a mass of Rhodesiana.
- A1.19 23 th Feb.,1934 has been appointed honorary -Director and has just made bid for the Elliot collection of 1100 photographs.
- A1.20 19th June, 1934. Has Just come out of hospital but is obsessed with the idea of amassing a loan collection from international sources for Joburg 1936
- A1.21 24th Sep., 1934. Daughter's illnesses troubling him & Asher proving difficult at meetings of Town Council.
- A1.22 Undated but c. Oct., 1934. wife & daughter very sick but has now declared war on Asher & other official interference with his scheme
- A1.23 30th Oct. 1934. Short note to enclose letter he has written to the Prime Minister of Rhodesia outlining general features of his scheme.

- A1.24 9th Dec., 1934. He is living in a period of severe tribulations but nevertheless, warns Hiller not to be too generous in donating items.
- A1.25 27th Dec., 1934. Is going to give Hiller priority for Rhodesiana.
- A1.26 27th Dec. 1934. Feels that Hiller Gubbins link will develop a common southern African tradition.
- A1.27 20th March, Sir James MacDonald views collection favourably.
- A1.28 26th March, 1935. send testimonial to Hiller & to Bemoans his own eczema and Elizabeth's 16th operation this time for mastoids.
- A1.29 26th March, 1935. The Hiller's Testimonial.
- A1.30 26th March, 1935. (To Mr. Vynn), congratulates him on the passage of his archives bill in Rhodesia & hopes he will appoint Hiller as archivist.
- A1.31 18 Aug., 1935. Has averted an attempt to turn his show into an Afrikaans rather than an African one & congratulates Hiller on his archivist job.
- A1.32 8th Sept. 1935. Asher's machinations negated as J.G.G. gains full control of African collection & gives his ideas for 1936 Joburg jubilee show.
- A1.33 19th Oct., 1935. Feels that he should remain in Joburg for a year as he has only just gained full control but wants Provinces to have joint 1956 show.
- A1.34 13th Nov. 1935 (Telegram from Fred Rose , African Specialist). Hiller is informed of the death of J.G. Gubbins.
- A1.35 25th Nov., 1935 ( from Mena Gubbins) Is pleased that many friends wish to keep the work of J.G.G alive and informed that. Morrison is Acting Director.
- A1.36 29th Nov. 1935. (From W.R Morrison). Announces his appointment and assures Hiller that the good work will continue despite its complications.
- A1.37 1st March, 1936, (from Mena). As Dr. Luttig is a complete failure & Morrison is near retirement she feels that Hiller is the natural successor tJ.G.G.
- A1.38 24th June, 1936. (From Mona). Is sorting out husband's letters very carefully & hopes to meet Hiller at the Joburg Exhibition: Asher to retire.
- A1.39 26th Aug.,1936. (From Mona). Suggests Hiller talks to Raikes during his visit to the Joburg Exhibition & announces Morrison appointed for another yr.
- A1.40 19th May, 1938 (from Rose). Telegram announcing death of Morrison.
- A1.41 20th June, 1938 (From Rose). Discusses appointment of Morrison's successor and informs Hiller that she had suggested him unofficially.
- A1.42 21st June:, 1938 (From Mona). Announces that she has been conducting a campaign to have Hiller appointed to J.G.G's cost & hopes he will accept.
- A1.43 7th July 1938 (from Mona). Once again hopes Hiller will take over but reports a terrible atmosphere at the meetings of the two committees.
- A1.44 26th July, 1938. (From Freer). Feels that Hiller is better of in Rhodesia and that he would not necessarily secure the Joburg post due to graft.
- A1.45 11th Oct., 1938. (From Professor J.P.R. Wallis). Says that he has enclosed an article which might stimulate the Joburg Council to action.

## A2 MISCELLANEOUS

- A2.1 Illustrated Guide to the Facsimile of the Bayeux tapestry. Cape Town, 1932.
- A2.2 Catalogue of Historical Exhibits -- Salisbury, 1933.
- A2.3 Matabeleland, 1893-1933 An illustrated record of the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the Occupation. Bulawayo, 1933
- A2.4 The Africana Collection by J.G. Gubbins.
- A2.5 Gubbins Africana Collection -- Outline of the Scheme.
- A2.6 Bureau of Southern African Illustration -- Aims.
- A2.7 Untitled -- Gubbins' own description of the arrangement of the Museum of Africana.

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J.G. GUBBINS - PRESS CLIPPINGS

Including articles about the Gubbins Library of Africana at the Witwatersrand University, the fire in 1932, and the announcement of J.G. Gubbins death in 1935, 21 items 1932-1938.