

# Guide to the Robert B. Stevens Papers

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**TITLE:** Robert B. Stevens Papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of reports, correspondence, and working papers documenting the professional life of Robert Stevens and the activities of the E.A.C.S.O., the East African Community, and the Commission on East African Cooperation.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the African Collection Curator, 1995.

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert Bocking Stevens was born in 1933. He received his legal education from Oxford University and Yale University, and then practiced law in New York and London. In 1959 he began teaching at the Yale University Law School, where he became a professor of law in 1964. He also taught law at Oxford, the London School of Economics, Northwestern, Stanford, the University of Texas, and the University of East Africa. Stevens specialized in commercial law, jurisprudence, and legal history. In the 1960s he served as a legal and constitutional advisor to the East African Common Services Organization (E.A.C.S.O.) and its successor, the East African Community. These organizations managed the East African Common Market and various joint economic services provided for member states. The founding members were Uganda, Kenya, and Tanganyika (later Tanzania). Stevens also advised the Commission on East African Cooperation (C.E.A.C.), which oversaw the transition between the E.A.C.S.O. and the East African Community.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged in four series: I. East African Common Services Organization, 1961-1966. II. Commission on East African Cooperation, 1966. III. East African Community, 1966-1974. IV. Subject Files, 1963-1973.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: East African Common Services Organization (E.A.C.S.O.), 1961-1966

The series contains papers related to the operations and policies of the East African Common Services Organization, and commentaries and opinions on that organization. It is arranged alphabetically by subject.

b. 1, f. 1	Commentaries on constitution [of E.A.C.S.O.]	1966, undated
b. 1, f. 2	East African Airways	1966
b. 1, f. 3	General report to Commission on East African Cooperation [on state of E.A.C.S.O.]	1966
b. 1, f. 4	Personal notes	undated
	Trade	
b. 1, f. 5	Commentaries	1963, 1965-1966, undated
b. 1, f. 6	East African Common Market economic data	1966, undated
b. 1, f. 7	East African Common Market treaty	1966
b. 1, f. 8	East African Economic Community [proposal for]	1966
b. 1, f. 9	Kampala agreement	1965
b. 1, f. 10	Trade report [international trade within East Africa]	1965
b. 1, f. 11	Treaty [establishment of EACSO]	1961
b. 1, f. 12	UNESCO resolutions	1965

## Series II: Commission on East African Cooperation (C.E.A.C.), 1966

The series contains papers documenting the operations, policies, and recommendations of the Commission on East African Cooperation. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject, except for the working papers of the Commission, which are arranged as originally written.

b. 2, f. 1	Commentary on East African Common Services Organization management	1966
b. 2, f. 2	Constitutional and legal problems [of East African Common Services Organization]	1966
b. 2, f. 3	Constitutional working party	1966, undated
b. 2, f. 4	Final report of C.E.A.C.	1966
b. 2, f. 5	History	1966
b. 2, f. 6	Operations	1966
b. 2, f. 7	Policies	1966
	Working papers	
b. 2, f. 8	Contents	1966
b. 2, f. 9	Foreword	1966
b. 2, f. 10-11	Common Market	1966
	Common services	
b. 2, f. 12	General	1966
b. 2, f. 13	Railways and harbours	1966
b. 2, f. 14	Posts and telecommunications	1966
b. 2, f. 15	Aviation, civil aviation, and meteorology	1966
b. 2, f. 16	Higher education	1966
b. 2, f. 17	Research	1966
b. 2, f. 18	Taxation and finance	1966
b. 2, f. 19	Possible new services	1966
b. 2, f. 20	Relocation of headquarters	1966
b. 2, f. 21	Administrative questions	1966
b. 2, f. 22	Constitutional questions	1966

**Series III: East African Community, 1967-1974**

This series contains papers related to the East African Community, which superseded the East African Common Services Organization in 1967. It is arranged alphabetically by subject.

b. 3, f. 1	Commentary on East African Common Market	1970
	East African Negotiating Team	
b. 3, f. 2-3	Operations	1968-1974
	Applications for admission [to East African Community]	
b. 3, f. 4-5	Implications for applicant states	1968-1974
b. 3, f. 6-7	Burundi	1968-1974
b. 3, f. 8	Ethiopia	1968-1970
b. 3, f. 9	Somalia	1968
b. 3, f. 10	Swaziland	1969
b. 4, f. 11-14	Zambia	1967, 1969-1970, undated
b. 4, f. 15	European Economic Community [agreement with]	1969
b. 4, f. 16	Treaty [establishment of East African Community]	1967

**Series IV: Subject Files, 1963-1973**

The series is arranged alphabetically by subject, and contains papers documenting the professional life of Robert B. Stevens.

b. 5, f. 1	Biography	undated
b. 5, f. 2	Correspondence	1966-1974, undated
b. 5, f. 3	Court cases	1969-1973
	East African unity	
b. 5, f. 4	Julius K. Nyerere speech [President of Tanganyika]	1965
b. 5, f. 5	Proposed federation	1963, undated
b. 5, f. 6	Yale [legal history courses]	1966
b. 5, f. 7	Miscellaneous	1965, undated



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Stevens, Robert Bocking, 1933-

### **Corporate Bodies**

Commission on East African Cooperation  
East African Common Services Organization  
East African Community  
Yale Law School  
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