

**LAMBERT PAPERS**  
**Series 5: KIKUYU LAW & CUSTOMS**

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SERIAL No.	DESCRIPTION & COVERING DATES	REF. No.	LOCATION
51	This notebook contains notes on various customs of some Kikuyu groups.	LAMB.1/5/1	
52	Kikuyu law & custom – the file contains two typescript pages numbered 1(e) and 2(e) describing the Githaka system, three typescript pages on sale of land; one typescript entitled “special law and customs relating to land” two typescript pages on division of a Githaka and sale of land ; two typescript pages numbered 1(d) and 2(d) headed remedies against the overpopulation of a Githaka; seven pages of typescript on land customs; and six pages of hand script numbered 5(c), 12 (c) concerning tenancy rights. No date.	LAMB./1/5/2	
53	Meru and Tharaka customs – history and tales. The folder contains a paper entitled “How the Meru came to their present country”. (5 pages typescript) by E.B. Horne (District Commissioner);  Igembe customs by C.F. Atkins (D.O.); notes on Meru; notes on the Tharaka (23 pages); minutes of a meeting of the local land board held at Meru on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 1939, more notes on the Tharaka, etc.	LAMB./1/5/3	
54	The folder contains various papers on Kikuyu law and customs. There is a paper on circumcision ages; a paper on “rikas” written by C. Dundas (Ag. District Commissioner and dated).  A paper on the clans dated 1927 and many other papers.	LAMB./1/5/4	
55	The folder holds an extract from “Laughton on Meru” – notes on permitted sexual relationships; marriage and bride-wealth (3 typescript pages); land consolidation and re-distribution of population in the Imenti sub-tribe of the Meru by F.D. Homan (14 cyclo-styled pages with appendix on coffee growing 1949-1958).	LAMB./1/5/5	

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	A covering letter from Derek Homan to H.E. Lambert dated 13 August 1959. An extract from air letter to Rev. L.J. Beecher from Malcolm Guthrie on the Daiso people of the coastal trip of Tanga and their supposed Kikuyu origin.		
56	<p>The folder contains many papers mostly written by Lambert while district commissioner, Meru.</p> <p>There are also papers by D.R. Crampton. Covering dates 1908 to 1935.</p>	LAMB./1/5/6	
57	<p>Meru traditions – origin – information on customs, etc. Among the papers on the topic are to be found a letter from father A. Bellani of Egoji Catholic Mission;</p> <p>H.E. Lambert’s note on the Tharaka, “How the Meru came to their present country by E.B. Horan” etc. Covering dates 1924 to 1935.</p>	LAMB./1/5/7	