

## 18. Kenya – Jarvis & Lenox – NOTES & SCOPE

*We are unable to find a draft for this chapter... However, here are Robert's Notes which give an idea of how he planned to structure it.*

### **STILL HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK ON DECIDING SEQUENCE OF THIS CHAPTER.**

**Theme:** a sense of what the East African veld was like before over-population and economic development; and how courageous and hardy physically one had to be. Really about surveying and hunting (Jarvis Murray's accounts in his letters home to his parents) in the heyday of British colonialism in Africa, and before modernity and population growth transformed Tropical Africa.

**Focus:** On **Lenox and Jarvis Murray, but mention that 2 Bristow brothers served in East African Police – one from before 1914, and one from about 1921** (I told what miniscule details I have in Ch 12 on English Moltenos in late 19<sup>th</sup> C).

Keep it a short chapter.

### **Latest thinking on this ch.**

Keep very short. Explain why the two brothers came here. **Main focus: Hunting and Nature stories.** Put their first World War stories into ch. 18.

Stress start of new geographical branch of the family – Murrays of Kenya.

Again, probably I will have to abandon strict chronology, and have short section at the end on Marania today; 4<sup>th</sup> generation now farming there; what they do. (OR put this in a later chapter.)

Maybe use extracts from their letters to give a sense of life in Kenya pre-1914 War. (The 2 brothers' war-time experiences – put into chapter on First World War).

Background: Dr Murray a professional man of no inherited wealth; and Caroline one of 14 children who inherited. So no big wealth. Also the worry about one of the 6 boys, Jack Murray, who was born mentally retarded. He had to be cared for all his life. And his mother constantly trying to find some cure. Also they had an unmarried daughter, Kathleen (May did marry belatedly). So no money to set up their sons in farms. Gordon went off to E. Griqualand which, because so remote, land prices were probably lower than elsewhere in the Cape. But no financial ability to set Jarvis and Lenox up in farms too.

So the 2 brothers go off to Kenya a few years before WW1 to try their luck. Employed, I think, as surveyors. Looking for land. Both were still single. And aged what?

British policy in Kenya: to open up the healthiest (and most agriculturally fertile) land – the 'White' Highlands as they came to be called – to white settlement. This followed a path UK had followed in other suitable locations – Australian and Canadian colonies, NZ, and even in less salubrious

environments like the Caribbean islands, Fiji etc. This meant pushing aside the indigenous Kikuyu population.

So Jarvis and Lenox go exploring, hunting, surveying. USE THEIR LETTERS.

**Issue:** This ch needs to end with 1914 outbreak of World War 1. **So where to put post 1918 developments?** I think in Ch 19 on Post-War World.

**Source:** *Chronicle:*

Having trouble with lions – Jarvis Murray has an adventure (Vol 1 No 2 August 1913 p 37-38; possibly up to 40)

Jarvis Murray's letters from British East Africa continued (Vol 1 No 3 December 1913 p 53-55)

Jarvis Murray's letter from British East Africa continued (Vol 2 No. 1 April 1914 – running head gives wrong year -- pp 11-13)

Lenox Murray's narrow escape (Vol 2 No 2, August 1914 p. 21)

Jarvis Murray, extracts from letters (Vol 2 , No 3, December 1914, p. 51-53; and 56-58).

Jarvis Murray's letters from East Africa (Vol 3 , No 1, April 1915, p. 16-21).

Lenox Murray's letters from East Africa (Vol 3 , No 2, August 1915, p. 41-42).

Lenox and Jarvis Murray's letters from East Africa (Vol 3 , No 3, December 1915, p. 64-68).

Lenox Murray's letter (Vol 4, No 2 April 1916 p 3)

Lenox Murray's letters from East Africa (Vol 4 No 2 August 1916, p. 57-60).

Jarvis Murray's letters from East Africa (Vol 4 No 3 December 1916, p. 75-78).

Jarvis Murray's letters from East Africa (Vol 5 No 1 April 1917, p. 18-21).

Lenox Murray ill with fever; gets a month's leave (Vol 5 No 2 August 1917, p. 27-28)

Jarvis Murray's letter – The East African Campaign (Vol 5 No 2 August 1917, p. 36-37)

Jarvis Murray wounded (Vol 5, No 3 December 1917 p. 50)

The East Africa campaign (Vol 5 No 3 December 1917 p. 59-61)

More news of Jarvis Murray (Vol 6 No 1 April 1918 p. 4)

East African campaign, extracts from Lenox and Jarvis Murray's letters (Vol 6 No 1 April 1918 p 20-29)

The East African campaign, extracts from Lenox & Jarvis Murray's letters (Vol 6 No 2 August 1918 p 55-59)

The East African campaign -- Lenox Murray's letters (Vol 6, No 3 December 1918 – p 79-83)

The surrender of Von Lettow – by Jarvis Murray (Vol 7, No 1 July 1919 – p 6-8)

**Starting farming again after the War:** *Chronicle* -- Farming in Kenya, Jarvis Murray starts again in 1919 (Vol 7, No 1 July 1919 – p 2). Farming in Kenya continued (Vol 7, No 2 April 1920 – p 33-34)