Cultivating success in Uganda: Kigezi farmers and colonial policies


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Abstract

Kigezi, a district in south-western Uganda, has proved itself to be an area of exceptionality in many ways. In contrast to many other parts of the colonial world this district did not adopt cash crops, successfully adopted soil conservation practices, and had a remarkably developed and individualised land market. This book presents a comprehensive study of livelihoods in Kigezi. Its findings are particularly exciting for all those involved in the ongoing key debates in natural resource management and environmental history. Following the lead of groundbreaking studies by Tiffen, Fairhead and Leach, this case study pushes this debate forward, exploring how the political economy of land and labour has been transformed alongside a more positive environmental story.

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Academic journal article The International Journal of African Historical Studies. Cultivating Success in Uganda: Kigezi Farmers and Colonial Policies. By Sheridan, Michael J. Read preview. Colonial policies did not make Kigezi District a success because causation lay in local institutional transformations instead of in bureaucrats' offices. Carswell's review of Kigezi's highly individualized land tenure system and her evaluation of failed colonial land reform efforts demonstrate how the dominant axes of social inequality in colonial rural Uganda (gender, age, and patron-client networks) shaped land use. The highlight of this part of the book is her detailed account of how policymakers and chiefs cooperated to drain and privatize Kigezi's swamps. Cultivating Success in Uganda: Kigezi Farmers and Colonial Policies Kigezi Farmers and Colonial Policies (English). Author : Grace Carswell. Publisher : John Wiley & Sons. It pushes this debate forward, exploring how the political economy of land and labour has been transformed alongside a more positive environmental story. Reviews : Cultivating Success in Uganda: Kigezi Farmers and Colonial Policies Kigezi Farmers and Colonial Policies (English). Cultivating Success in Uganda: Kigezi Farmers and Colonial Policies By Grace Carswell. Kigezi, a district in southwestern Uganda, is exceptional in many ways. In contrast to many other parts of the colonial world, this district did not adopt cash crops. Soil conservation practices were successfully adopted, and the region maintained a remarkably developed and individualized land market from the early colonial period. Grace Carswell presents a comprehensive study of livelihoods in Kigezi. African History · Environmental History · Environmental Policy · African Studies · History · Food Studies · Colonialism