THE EARLY LEADERS OF KĨAMBU
(1887 TO 1953)

This book was originally intended to describe the life and times of Ex Divisional Chief Mukūi wa Kīmata of Ndarugū Location of the then Kikuyu/Kĩambu District. However, the author found much more information than expected about Chief Mukūi and all of his colleagues in the district. The book therefore contains concise accounts of all the Agikuyū elders who ruled the district between 1887 and 1953. The book reveals that the elders were athamaki of their locality kīamas, presidents or members of the Kĩambu, Dagoretti and Mukinyĩ Divisional Tribunals, headmen/chiefs of their locations and members of the Kĩambu Local Native Council all at the same time.

The locations described are Fort Smith/Kanyarĩrĩ, Gaturiamaru/Kĩganjo, Gĩtarũ, Gĩthĩga, Kabete, Kamĩrĩthũ/Limuru, Kamoni/Ng’enda, Karuĩra, Kũambiũ, Kĩambu, Kĩangunũ/Ndarugũ, Komothai/Mũgũtha, Korio/Escarpment, Lari, Makwa, Mang’u, Marigĩ, Mataara, Matimbëi, Matorobi/Riũki, Mũgũga, Ndeiya, Rirũta, Rũirũ, Rũthũmĩũ/Dagoretti, Theta/Kũbichoi, Thũndĩguĩa, Ting’ang’ũa, Upper Kĩambu and Upper Mang’u (Mũirigo).

The formation and early administrative history of Kĩambu as well as the process of colonization are described explicitly and vividly herein.

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