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Introduction

The research institute **Chemisches Untersuchungsamt** (**Chemical Investigation Office**; also: **Kaiserliches Chemisches Untersuchungsamt**) was established in 1914. Its task was to promote the economic and social development of the German colony by carrying out chemical analyses of minerals, water, animal feed, etc.

From the available documentation it is not clear whether the Institute ever got fully operational. The proclamation about the establishment of the institute, as contained in draft form in file UA.1, was apparently never officially published. Neither can be established from the available documentation where the laboratory was located; however there is some indication that it was somehow attached to the Meteorological Station.

Chemical analyses of water (being critical for health and infrastructure issues) had previously been carried out by the laboratory of the Schutztruppe health department (“Sanitätsabteilung”) and the Gammams Bacteriological Institute. Other chemical analyses were usually done in Germany.

The chemical analyses of water contained in this fonds, sometimes dating back as far as 1904, are copies of analyses documented in other files. They were possibly compiled to provide a time-line data basis for the work of the institute.

It can be safely assumed that the Institute was discontinued and dismantled after the South African occupation, like it happened to the Gammams Bacteriological Institute. However, although the dismantling of Gammams is documented, no information about the fate of the Chemical Institute could be found in the South African files.

The material consists of 35 files in 2 boxes. The numbering of the files is secondary, and has apparently been given by the archivist when this fonds was first put together at an unknown date. There are some discrepancies between the first edition of this finding aid and the actual files, which have been corrected in the second edition.

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Listing

Part A. Establishment of the Institute

Box	File	File Title	Dates
1	UA.1	Chemisches Untersuchungsamt: Bestellungen, Inventar und Materialien	1914-1914
1	UA.2	Chemisches Untersuchungsamt: Materialienverzeichnis	1914-1914
1	UA.3	Chemisches Untersuchungsamt: Allgemeines	1914-1914

Part B. Water analyses

Box	File	File Title	Dates
1	W1	Wasseranalysen Allgemeines	1904-1908
1	W2/1	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Aroab	1904-1906
1	W2/2	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Gibeon	1904-1913
1	W2/3	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Gobabis	1904-1906
1	W2/4	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Grootfontein	1904-1913
1	W2/5	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Karibib	1904-1912
1	W2/6	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Keetmanshoop	1904-1913
1	W2/7	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Lüderitzbucht	1904-1914
1	W2/8	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Maltahöhe	1904-1906
1	W2/8	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Maltahöhe	1914-1914
1	W2/9	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Okahandja	1904-1913
1	W2/10	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Omaruru/Waterberg	1904-1914
1	W2/11	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Outjo	1904-1913
2	W2/12	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Rehoboth	1904-1912
2	W2/13	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Swakopmund	1907-1914
2	W2/14	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Warmbad	1904-1907
2	W2/15	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Gross und Klein Windhuk	1904-1906
2	W2/16	Wasseranalysen nach Distrikten: Windhuk	1904-1913
2	W3/1	Wasseranalysen nach Eisenbahnen: Ambolandbahn	1911-1913
2	W3/2	Wasseranalysen nach Eisenbahnen: Lüderitzbuchteisenbahn	1906-1913
2	W3/3	Wasseranalysen nach Eisenbahnen: Nord-Südbahn	1910-1913
2	W3/4	Wasseranalysen nach Eisenbahnen: Otavibahn	1910-1910
2	W3/5	Wasseranalysen nach Eisenbahnen: Staatsbahn	1899-1908
2	W3/6	Wasseranalysen nach Eisenbahnen: Windhuk-Gobabis	1910-1910
2	W4	Wasseranalysen von Dienststellen des Landes	1905-1905
2	W5	Wasseranalysen (Notizbuch)	1908-1908
2	W6	Wasserbohrungen in Australien	1903-1909
2	W7/1	Wasseruntersuchungen: Lazarett Reservedepot Kub	1905-1906
2	W7/2	Wasseruntersuchungen: Lazarett Reservedepot Kub 1.1.06-31.3.06	1906-1906
2	W7/3	Wasseruntersuchungen: Lazarett Reservedepot Kub 2.Vierteljahr	1906-1906
2	W7/4	Wasseruntersuchungen: Feldlazarett XII Lüderitzbucht	1905-1906
2	W8	Wasseruntersuchungen: Salzausscheidungen	1904-1911