

## Kisiizi Flax Factory

The flax factory of Kisiizi was founded c. 1945 in a previous internment camp for Italian prisoners of war, when machinery was brought from Northern Ireland. In 1948 a Northern Irish man G. A. Fennell was appointed Flax Officer who managed the factory and trained the local workforce in growing processing the flax. It only lasted until 1955 when it closed on his recommendation due to economic conditions and the consequences of pasmo disease. The building were later converted into a hospital.

He contributed an article on flax to *Agriculture in Uganda*, editor, J D Jameson, 1970

Nothing further is currently known about him by this author

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A search of the Irish Newspaper Archive did not provide any additional information.