The Arc of the 30\textsuperscript{th} Meridian North of the Equator

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SUMMARY

This paper covers three countries – Uganda, The Sudan and Egypt – which between them have more than half of the 608 stations on the Arc of the 30\textsuperscript{th} Meridian. Work on the Arc here took place over a period of 50 years. The various parts of this are summarised to illustrate how a jigsaw finally came together to realise David Gill’s dream.

Four distinct periods are noted: 1908-1909, the 2\textdegree{} arc in Uganda; 1800-1930 in Egypt; the Sudan before 1950 and 1952-1954 closing the gap in the arc in Uganda and Sudan A summary is given of the baselines on this section of the arc.