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Title: Boustead Collection

Name of creator: Boustead, Sir John Edmund Hugh (1895-1980) Knight Colonel Colonial Administrator

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Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: BOUSTEAD, Col Sir (John Edmund) Hugh (1895-1980)

Born 14 April 1895, Royal Naval College, Osborne and Dartmouth; Worcester College, Oxford. Royal Naval service 1913-15; S. African Brigade 1915-19; Gordon Highlanders 1921-24; Sudan Camel Corps 1924-29; Gen. Staff SDF, Khartoum, 1930; Commanded Sudan Camel Corps, 1931; retired from Army 1935 and joined Sudan Political Service; District Commissioner Western Desert, Darfur, 1935-40; service in Ethiopia & Eritrea 1941-45; Resident Adviser, Hadhramaut States and British Agent, East Aden Protectorate, Southern Arabia, Oct. 1949-Oct. 1958; Development Secretary to Sultanate of Muscat and Oman, Oct. 1958-Oct. 1961; British Political Agent, Abu Dhabi, Nov. 1961- May 1965. Unmarried. Died 3 April 1980.

Scope and content: Papers relating to Sudan, East Aden and Muscat and Oman; draft autobiography.

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Oxford University: Bodleian Library of Commonwealth and African Studies at Rhodes House Correspondence with Margery Perham. Reference: MSS Perham. NRA 33434 Perham.

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FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUSTEAD COLLECTION

Box 1

- File 1 “Report on the activities of the frontier battalion of the Sudan Defence force” by Col Boustead. Nov 1940 – June 1941
- File 2 “Memorandum on administrative and agricultural development in Eastern Aden Protectorate from August 1949 – September 1958” by Col Boustead. Mukalla
- File 3 Three copies of “Review of progress of the Development Department in the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman, covering the period October 1958 – October 1961” by Col Boustead.

Box 2

- File 1 Lecture notes
- (a) “The island of Dragons’ blood and Mahra Sultanate” a talk on Sultan Eisa of Mahra, his lands and people and the entry of the Hadhramaut Bedouin Legion into the northern deserts of the Mahra.
 - (b) “Three Arabian rulers and their people” Sultan Saleh, Sultan Zaid, Shaikh Shakbut.
- File 2 Draft autobiography