

# MECA GUIDE JORDAN/TRANSJORDAN

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## Guide to collections relating to Jordan/Transjordan

### Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that explicitly mention Jordan or Transjordan have been included. Not included in this Guide are several collections that cover the Middle East as a whole and thus may contain material relevant to Jordan. For example the Arab Bulletin; British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Cairo Conference; Chatham House; Clayton; Crow; Dickson, Arthur GM; Dickson Lt Col H.R.P and the Mance papers. For these papers please consult the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word 'Handlist'.

Please note that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

### **ARAB DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY.**

GB165-0324

Pamphlets, reports, newspaper cuttings and correspondence relating to the Arab Development Society, the life of its founder Musa Alami and details of the Society's legacy and supporters. Also includes an album of professional photographs, along with loose photographs, documenting the work of the Arab Development Society. 3 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

### **AREF EL-AREF.** (1892-1973).

GB165-0016

TS diaries (in Arabic): Amman diary, 1926-28; Gaza diary, July 1939-June 1940. 1 box.

### **ARMITAGE, Henry St John Basil** (1924-2004)

GB165-0377

TS Lecture 'The Arab Legion of Jordan: To-day and yesterday' by St J Armitage 25 Sept 1996; TS lecture entitled 'The Hijaz Railway' by H St J.B. Armitage given at the T.E. Lawrence Society Symposium, Exeter College, Oxford 14-15 Sept 2002; Pamphlet 'History of the Railway Troops' by Thalacker reporting on his experiences at Amman railway station regarding the 1918 retreat from the Hedjas front. 1 file. Handlist

### **BLACKBURN, Donald.** (1902-1996).

GB165-0378

Booklets and a note relating to Church history consisting of a 'Handbook of the Anglican Bishopric in Jerusalem and the East', 'Some Ancient and Younger Churches in Egypt' and 'The Eastern Church: A brief note'; a TS account giving a description of how Archdeacon Campbell was shot during fighting in Jerusalem in 1948; a speech by Nasser after the laying of the

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foundation stone of the Copt Cathedral in 1964; a TS account 'Civil War in Jordan, September 1970' by Winifred Coate and 22 photographs mainly of Church events including a group photograph of the Palestine Church Council in March 1949 and the Arab Episcopal Church Council in 1955. 1 file and 22 photographs. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

**BRIAN LAPPING ASSOCIATES LTD: THE FIFTY YEARS WAR: ISRAEL AND THE ARABS** GB165-0346

Transcripts of research interviews made during the production of the television series 'The Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs' which was produced for BBC Television by Brian Lapping Associates Ltd and broadcast in 1998. Key Israeli, Palestinian, Lebanese, Jordanian, Egyptian, Syrian, Russian and American participants were interviewed. 11 boxes. Handlist.

**BRUNTON, Capt. Chisholm Dunbar.** (b.1887). GB165-0040

"Who's Who" in Damascus, 1919; papers on the political situation in Palestine, 1920-21; proposal for a Jordan "Reserve Force" 11 September 1920; article by Uriel Dann "The Beginning of the Arab Legion" reprinted from *Middle Eastern Studies*. 33 sheets; 2 items.

**CAMERON WATT, Prof. Donald.** (b. 1928) GB165-0296

Press-cutting collection from British newspapers covering: oil; the Arabian peninsula; Middle East (in general); Egypt; Cyprus; Malta; Eisenhower Doctrine; Iran; Lebanon; Libya; Iraq Revolution; Israel; Jordan; Syria; Turkey; Sudan; French North Africa; Somaliland; the Suez Crisis; some maps. 11 boxes. Handlist.

**CASSELS, Gervase de la Poer.** (1915-91). GB165-0050

Memoir, as Deputy Director of UNWRA in Jordan, of the Six Day War, 1967; personal account of his involvement in the Libyan federal elections, 1951-52. 2 folders.

**CHEHAB, Emir Farid** (1908-1985). GB165-0384

Lebanese intelligence reports and analysis, in Arabic, covering internal Lebanese politics, communist parties in the Middle East and political developments in Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and Israeli and Palestinian politics, 1945-1983. 12 boxes. Handlist.

**COATE, Winifred A.** (1893-1977). GB165-0060

Letter to Stewart Perowne, 5 July 1971, on conditions in Jordan in 1971. 1 sheet.  
[Further papers in Jerusalem & the East Mission collection.]

**DANN, Uriel.** (1922-91). GB165-0074

Photocopy of TS article "The background to the beginnings of the Arab Legion" with comments by F.G. Peake, c.1969. 24 sheets.

**D'ARCY, Lt. Gen. John Conyers.** (1894-1966). GB165-0075

Photocopies of letters to Gen. D'Arcy from Lord Gort, 13 August 1945; Sir John Glubb, 4 December 1945, 12 March 1946 and 21 June 1948; Lt.-Gen. Sir E.H. Barker, 31 May 1946, 2 & 29 July 1946; Sir John Shaw, 15 June 1946; translation of Arabic speech by a representative of the Jordanian Army on D'Arcy's departure. 17 sheets.

- DIXON, Catherine J.** GB165-0088  
MS diary 25 August-3 September “Adventures of four women who visited Petra in 1925”, illustrated with 46 black and white photographs, giving an account of the journey from Jerusalem to Petra and back. 1 vol.
- FRASER, Professor Thomas Howden.** (1885-1975). GB165-0112  
Letters from Major-General Mohammed Neguib, 1953-75; inscribed copy of Herbert Addison’s *Travelling with Artifex*; certificates of Fraser’s awards and decorations; account of an excursion to the Wadi Natrun, 26-27 November 1925; account of a trip to Petra by car, 1931. 2 folders. Photographic collection.
- GIESLER, Rodney William Aldous** (b.1931). GB165-0508  
Papers, slides and films relating to Rodney Giesler’s life and work for the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd Film Unit and his later travels in the Middle East consisting of an extract from an oral history transcript ‘Memories of Kuwait 1958-61’ as well as a collection of 35mm colour slides mainly of the Gulf including images of oil fields and installations, the visit of King Saud to Kuwait in 1961 as well as slides of tourist sites in Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Also includes digital copies of the documentary films ‘Close up on Kuwait’ and ‘Dubai’ which were directed by Rodney Giesler and focus on the oil industry and the development of Kuwait and Dubai as well as some printed materials including booklets giving a history of the Kuwait oil company. 2 boxes. Handlist.
- GOLDIE, Col. Hugh Desmond Barré.** (b. 1907). GB165-0119  
Photocopied TS paper on the history of the Arab Legion, possibly by Glubb c.1944. 10 sheets.
- GREEN, Joseph Coy.** (1887-1978) GB165-0317  
Photocopied TS diary, 4 July 1952-15 September 1953, covering his period as US Ambassador to Jordan. 3 boxes.
- HAINING, Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Hadden.** (1882-1959). GB165-0131  
Cyclostyled volume of despatches on the operations carried out by the British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan during the period of command of Lt.-General R.H. Haining, 1 April 1938-30 July 1939; with a few press cuttings of the period and a letter from Malcolm Macdonald. 7 sheets; 1 item.
- JERUSALEM AND THE EAST MISSION.** GB165-0161  
Records, 1841-1970s, including material on Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Iran, Gulf, Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus and N. Africa; with correspondence on the political situation in Palestine, 1916-67; presscutting volumes. 256 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.
- JOHNS, Cedric Norman.** (1904-92). GB165-0162  
Letters from Nagib G. Nassar, Jerusalem, about the Jaffa riots 1933, the work of the Department of Antiquities, 1935 and about finding work outside Jordan, 1952; copy of “Background notes: military and economic elements in the Israeli beach-head”, 1970; four maps showing the proposed boundaries for the partition of Palestine, 1938; press-cuttings on Palestine, 1923-47. 1 box.
- JORDAN, BRITISH AMBASSADOR’S ANNUAL REPORTS** GB165-0345  
Photocopies of the British Ambassador’s Annual Report for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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covering 1951-1970 (not including the reports for 1960 and 1968). 1 box

### **JORDAN COLLECTION.**

GB165-0163

Photocopies of papers relating to the history of Palestine and Jordan 1919-30, including administrative documents from the Ajlun and Salt districts, 1919-26; papers relating to the Palestinian Nationalist Rising, 1936-9; papers relating to the Arab Legion. 1 folder.

### **LUNT. Maj. Gen. James Doiran.** (b. 1917).

GB165-0189

Photocopied TS of Address given at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Lt.-Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb held in Westminster Abbey, 17 April 1986. 4 sheets.

### **MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.**

GB165-0203

Papers relating to agriculture, education, and financial matters in Jordan, Palestine and other parts of the Middle East, 1939-80, originally in the library of MEDD, Beirut. 18 boxes. Handlist. Further accessions uncatalogued.

### **MONCKTON, Major Reginald Francis Percy.** (1896-1975).

GB165-0206

Papers and letters home from his period of service in Palestine and Transjordan, 1917-25, including material on the period before Amir Abdullah's installation; reminiscences of Transjordan; notes on the Somerset papers; correspondence with the Israel State Archives, Prof. Uriel Dann and others; Staff List, Palestine Government, 1930; material on excavations at Solomon's Quarries, Jerusalem, 1924-69; diary of a visit to Israel, November-December 1967. 1 box. Photographic collection.

### **MORGAN, Miss Dorothy Blanche.** (b. 1906).

GB165-0208

Material relating to Palestine during and after the Mandate, covering her career as a history teacher at the English High School, Haifa, including letters from S. P. Emery, reports from the office of the Bishop in Jerusalem on the situation during the period May 1948-March 1950, copies of *Bible Lands* and *Lines of Communication*, and a report by Winifred A. Coate on the Abdelliye Village Project, Jordan, 1977. Handlist. 2 boxes. Photographic collection.

### **MUMFORD, Richard.** (1894-1960).

GB165-0212

Photocopied TS reminiscences as confidential clerk to H. St. J. B. Philby in Transjordan. 12 sheets.

### **PHILBY, Harry St. John Bridger.** (1885-1960).

GB165-0229

Political and personal correspondence, memos, travel diaries, exploration reports, engagement books, published and unpublished literary MSS, c.1915-57, covering Transjordan, Iraq, Palestine, Arabia and including correspondence and minutes of meetings of Sharqieh Ltd. and Mitchell Cotts Ltd. 89 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

### **SIMS, Les.** (b.1926).

GB165-0490

TS Memoir 'A Private's Story' written by Les Sims giving an account of his wartime service from his call up on 25 July 1944 to his demobilisation in 1947 and covering his training and Army service in France, Palestine and Transjordan with a more detailed description of his duties in Palestine, such as road blocks and searches during 1946. The memoir also includes copies of photographs of Aug 3 Squad and Les Sims and his brother Arthur Sims on Christmas Day 1945. 1

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item (6 sheets). Handlist.

**SOMERSET, Fitzroy Richard, 4th Baron Raglan.** (1885-1964). GB165-0268  
Photocopied papers on the British administration in Transjordan, including Hon. Fitzroy Somerset's letters to his parents, memoranda and correspondence on border and security matters, 1919-21; minutes of the Jerusalem conference, 1921; correspondence between Elizabeth Monroe, Major Monckton and Lt-Col. F.G. Peake, 1967-68, about the Somerset Papers. 1 box.

**TRIPE, William Borrowdale.** (b.1906). GB165-0287  
TS report, 1942, on the political development of Transjordan with a view to the possibility of applying its system of government to Cyrenaica at some future time; explanatory note, unsigned, on the background to the creation of the report. 32 sheets.

**WARD, Richard Joseph.** (b.1921) GB165-0427  
Papers relating to the life and work of Richard J Ward, Senior Economist and Program Director for U.S. Aid, in Jordan from 1961-1963, including U.S. AID Memorandums, Reports and Tables; Social observations on local habits and customs; and Travel Notes. 2 boxes. Handlist.

### UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

Access to uncatalogued material is restricted, please contact the archivist for further details. In some cases draft handlists are available or are in preparation.

**GLUBB, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Bagot.** (1897-1986). GB165-0118  
Memoranda, reports, telegrams and correspondence relating to Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan, 1920s-50s. 14 boxes. Uncatalogued.

**VATIKIOTIS, Panayiotis J.** (1928-97). GB165-0292  
Articles, broadcasts and correspondence relating to Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Egypt, 1980s. 2 boxes. Uncatalogued.