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Title: Norman Corkill Collection
Name of creator: Corkill, Norman (1898-1966) Physician
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Biographical history: Corkill, Dr. Norman Lace (1898-1966)
Born 11 June 1898, son of William and Bessie Corkill. Educated Liverpool Institute &
Liverpool University. Served King’s (Liverpool) Regiment, 1915-19. MB, Ch.B
(Liverpool) 1925; MD (Liverpool) 1936. Iraq Health Service 1927-30; Prof. Of Zoology,
Royal College of Medicine of Iraq; Civil Staff Surgeon, Baghdad; Sudan Medical Service,
1930-46; Sudan Defence Force & RAMC, Miralai and Lt.-Col., 1940-44; MOH,
Khartoum, 1944; Asst. Director (Public Health) SMS, 1945-46; Senior Lecturer, Tropical
Hygiene, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 1946-48; Quarantine Expert, Saudi
Arabia, 1948-50; Short Term Consultant in Nutrition, WHO, 1951; Health Adviser, Aden

Scope and content: Papers relating to the life and work of Dr Norman Corkill as a Doctor
and Health and Hygiene advisor in various parts of the Middle East, including his reports
on the health and hygiene situations of Saudi Arabia in 1948, Palestine in 1951, Eastern
Aden in 1953, Iran in 1963 and Abu Dhabi in 1964; his diary and an incomplete draft of
his autobiography, correspondence on various subjects and a book on the economic status
of Palestine in 1942-1943. Also includes slides of Corkill’s photographs taken while
travelling through the lower Arabian Peninsula, including the Aulaqi Sultanates, the
Kathiri, Wahidi, Lahej, Yafaai, Fadhli, Mahra and Socohra Sultanates, and the Emirates of
of Baihan and Dhala, most of which now form part of Yemen, Qatar or the United Arab
Emirate, along with Aden, and the town of Mukalla

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**Custodial history:** In Dr. Corkill’s possession until his death.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Bequest received 20 March 1967

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- GB165-0373 Palestine and Lebanon Nurses’ Mission
- GB165-0355 Percy D’Erf and Grace Wheeler

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

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SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE NORMAN CORKILL COLLECTION.

1  Health in Saudi Arabia; Bedouin Tribes of Transjordan  3 Nov 1935  2 folders
   Papers relating to health in Saudi Arabia and Jordan
   consisting of a paper on the health conditions of the
   Transjordan Bedouins in 1935, a report on the health of
   Saudi Arabia and the pilgrimage in 1948 and the results of
   the recommendations of that report; correspondence with the
   Saudi Minister of Finance, the Saudi Public Health
   Department and Quarantine department, the Port of London
   Health Authority and the king of Saudi Arabia; contracts for
   the employment of health personnel, a report on the
   quarantine at Jiddah, and reports on visits by Corkill to
   Kamaran and Egyptian public health installations
   -22 Aug 1950  (267 sheets)

2  Health in Iran  Mid 1963 – 1 file
   Reports on health and traditions in Iran, nutrition in the
   Tehran area, nutrition in Southern Iran, Northern and Eastern
   Iran, and Iran in general
   15 Feb 1964  (242 sheets)

3  Palestine Nutritional Survey  1944  1 book
   A Nutritional Economic Survey of Wartime Palestine, 1942-
   1943 by W. J. Vickers, MRCS, LRCP, DPH, DTM and H,
   Barrister-at-Law, Senior Medical Officer, Department of
   Health, Palestine.

4  Health in Abu Dhabi  28 Mar – 1 file
   Interim report on the health of the Abu Dhabi state, and the
   final report.
   Apr 1964  (35 sheets)

5  Nutrition in Palestine  1951  1 folder, 13
   Contains a report on the Nutritional State of the Palestinian
   Refugees in the Spring of 1951
| 6 | **Autobiography** | 20 Dec | 1 book |
|   | Binder containing Corkill’s incomplete autobiography and his diary from 1953 to 1964 | 1953 – 1964 | (127 pages) |
| 7 | **Notes on tribes in Eastern Aden Protectorate** | 1 Oct 1952 | 1 folder, 49 sheets |
|   | Notes on the ways of life and economic conditions, and the history and divisions of the tribes of Eastern Aden |
| 8 | **Times Letter** | 21 Aug 1928 | 3 sheets |
|   | Letter from Corkill to the Editor of the Times on the subject of the cheetah population of Iraq |
| 9 | **Slides** | 1950s | 427 slides |
|   | 35mm colour slides of Aden, the Protectorate and the Hadhramaut including images of Corkill’s travels through the desert, visits to rural towns, street scenes, antiquities, graveyards, rural scenes, military parades, local architecture and scenes, and the coast. |
| 9/1 | Upper and Lower Aulaqi Sultanate | 30 slides |
| 9/2 | Lower Aulaqi Sultanate | 15 slides |
| 9/3 | The Amirate of Baihan | 25 slides |
| 9/4 | The Kathiri Sultanate | 30 slides |
| 9/5 | The Wahidi Sultanate | 30 slides |
| 9/6 | The Sultanate of Lahej and the Amirate of Dhala | 30 slides |
| 9/7 | The Upper and Lower Yafaaï sultanates and the Fadhli Sultanates | 27 slides |
| 9/8 | Aden colony | 28 slides |
| 9/9 | Mukalla | 30 slides |
| 9/10 | The Quaiti Sultanate – south | 30 slides |
| 9/11 | The Quaiti Sultanate – south | 16 slides |
| 9/12 | The Quaiti Sultanate – north | 30 slides |
| 9/13 | The Quaiti Sultanate – north | 30 slides |
| 9/14 | The Quaiti Sultanate – north | 30 slides |
| 9/15 | The Sultanates of Mahra and Socohra | 30 slides |
| 9/16 | The Sultanates of Mahra and Socohra | 16 slides |