Reference code: GB165-0122
Title: Sir John Eldon Gorst Collection
Name of creator: Gorst, Sir John Eldon (1861-1911) Knight, Consul General in Egypt
Dates of creation of material: 1886-1911
Level of description: Fonds
Extent: 10 boxes

Biographical history: GORST, Sir John Eldon (1861-1911)
Born 25 June 1861, eldest son of Sir John Gorst. Educated Eton College; Trinity College, Cambridge. Attaché in Diplomatic Service, 1885; 3rd Secretary, 1887; 2nd Secretary, 1892; Secretary of Legation, 1901; Controller of Direct Taxes to Egyptian Government, 1890; Under-Secretary of State for Finance, 1892; Adviser to the Ministry of the Interior, 1894; Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government, 1898-1904; Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1904-1907; British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt from 1907. Married, 1903, Evelyn Rudd - one daughter. Died 12 July 1911.

Scope and content: MS autobiographical notes beginning 1886 and ending at his death in 1911; speech on taking up the post of Consul-General in Egypt, 2 November 1907; photocopies of autobiographical notes, birth-1909; photocopied diaries 1890-95, 1897-1911; photocopied engagement books 1910-11; photocopied press-cuttings of Egyptian race-meetings, 1909-11; 3 press-cutting volumes, 1890-1908. Photograph album.
System of arrangement: Diaries; papers; press-cuttings; photographs
Access conditions: Open
Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of the Gorst family
Immediate source of acquisition: Received from his daughter Mrs. Kay Thomas, 1966. Photograph album, and presscuttings vol. 11, vol. 12 and vol. 13 withdrawn by Paul Lysley in May 2005.
Location of originals: In the possession of Paul Lyeley, Sir Eldon Gorst’s grandson.
Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR JOHN ELDON GORST COLLECTION

Boxes 1 – 9  Photocopies of diaries

Box 1
1/1  MS diaries  1890-1891
1/2  MS diary  1893

Box 2
2/1  MS diary  1894
2/2  MS diary  1895

Box 3
3/1  MS diary  1897
3/2  MS diary  1898

Box 4
4/1  MS diary  1899
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Box 5
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Box 6
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Box 8
8/1  MS diary  1908
8/2  MS diary  1909

Box 9
9/1  MS diary  1910-1911
9/2  MS engagement diary  1910-1911

Box 10  Photocopies of papers and press – cuttings
10/1  Speech given at the British Agency, Cairo, when taking up his duties as Consul - General  2 Nov 1907
10/2  MS autobiographical notes  1861-1886
10/3  MS autobiography  1886-1911
10/4  Press – cuttings of Egyptian race - meetings  1908-1911

Press – cuttings relating to Egypt and Gorst’s career from British and foreign newspapers 1890-1908; 1911

Vol. 11  1890-1902 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005]
Vol. 12  1902-1908 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005]
Vol. 13  1911 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005]

Photographs
Box 13
Photograph album of Evelyn Rudd Gorst  1898-1909
Original album withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005. A copy of the album has been made. Contact sheets are available for viewing the Middle East photographs.
Evelyn Rudd
Album of 175 photographs compiled by Evelyn Rudd, later Mrs Eldon Gorst c1898

1 Group at Angly Park, Mrs Tomlin’s estate in Kent
2 Group at Shielbridge. (Taken by Edith Brotherhood) Sept 1898
3 Group at Angly Park Nov 1900
4-5 St Andrews – gold tournament in progress May 1901
6 St Andrews – Dore Holcraft, Mrs Lamb and self
7 St Andrews – watching the play – Lucius and self
8 St Andrews – Percy, Dore and self
9 Johnny Low looking at his put
10 As 8
11 Hilton putting
12 Mr Fellows, Gordon and Dore
13 Johnny Low taking a brassey shot
14-18 Gershornish, Skye. Snapshots taken by Flor Maude Nelson Jul 1901
14 Self and Maud
15 Self and Claude Tayor
16 E.R. [Evelyn Rudd]
17 Self, Flo, Roland and C. Taylor
18 My departure on “Innigary”
19-34 Kinloch, Skye. Taken by C.A. Aug 1901
19 “Innigary”
20 “Maloom”
21 “Maloom”
22 C.M.R. with baby
23 The captain on the bridge
24 After a good days fishing – C.J.R., E.K.R., M.M and E.R.
25 E.R. with 2 big Turbot
26 Another Turbot
27 Scene on the deck of the boat
28 E.R, “fishing get up!”
29 C.J.R. on upper deck
Maloom on regatta day
Sir Donal Curriers ‘Solair’
“Nimagary” – upper deck
Baby going ashore
Evelyn Rudd

Tower hill, Ascot Aug 1902
Tower hill – house from garden
E.R. and Capt MecBarket in a Victoria
E.R. out walking
Molly Hoskyns and E.R. in trap Oct 1902
E.R. at front door with Bute
Watercolour of Shielbridge 1902
As 42
ER, M.H. and C.M.R. on “Mimagary”
Wedding – no information given (photo loose)

Mrs Lankisten’s picnic party at the pyramids Jan 1903
Servants assisting the Gorst on to donkeys [outside their residence, Cairo c1903

[Side view of the Gorst residence, Cairo] ?1903
River scenes, Egypt? c1903
Picnic – Egypt? c1903
As 52-3 c1903
The Gorsts out donkey – riding, Egypt c1903
As 54 c1903
European group - Egypt c1903
The Gorsts at Shielbridge Jul c1903
Glenborrodale. Houseparty Aug 1903
J.E.G. fishing in the Shielbridge
Oban bay
Shielbridge Sept 1907
Col and Miss Playfair in luanch
82 Eva and J.E.G. prepared for stalking
83-4 J.E.G. and his first royal stag
85 E.G., A.G., C.L. and...paddling
86 Togo
87-91 Shielbridge Sept 1904
92 Trophies in the billiard room at Glenborrodale
93-97 Capernor, Surrey – E.G. and party tabogganning Jan 1907
98-101 Shielbridge Sept 1907
98-99 J.E.G., Robertson and stags
100 E.G. with grilse and sea trout
101 The big pool, shiel river

Sudan
102 Port Sudan – Steamer, rowing boat and harbour buildings
103 Suakin – shoreline and buildings
104 Suakin – sailing ship
105-106 Sinkat (Hadendoas) men
107 Sinkat (Hadendoas) men and boys
108 Summit station
109-112 Erkowit - landscapes
113 Erkowit – Gorst on camel back with local troops
114 Summit stations – Hadendoas on camel back with local troops
115 Dongola – Shqia Shaikhs
116 Dongola – Debba
117 Dongola – Gowari women dancing
118 Old Dongola
119 Gorst and officers of the camel corps
120 Jangussi
121 Dongola – members of the Camel corps and townspeople
122-124 Shaquia women dancing
125-126 Wateley, Hants, Horses Jan 1908
Egypt

127-130 Cairo – the British Agency garden and tennis court Feb 1908

131 H.R.H. Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia in their carriage, Cairo
(Gorst standing beside carriage)

132 Evelyn Gorst and 3 unidentified women about to start out on a donkey ride from outside the Generals’ house

133-153 Camel – trip, Cairo to Suez

133 J.E.G., G.H. and E.G. packing camels

134 J.E.G. and E.G. on their camels

135 The Gorsts going to their tent

136 Camels crossing rocky pass

137 Bedouin man

138 E.G., Gwen Herbert, J.E.G and Mr Dumricker

139 The Gorsts on their camels

140 Gwen Herbert

141 The Gorsts loading their camels

142 The Gorst and Gwen Herbert asleep in their tent

143 Evelyn Gorst and Gwen Herbert in pyjamas outside their tent

144 The entire party having tea in their tent

145 Gwen

146-151 Camels crossing the pass and at the Gulf of Suez

152 Palms

153 Gwen and George Hunter paddling

155 H.H. the Khedive’s railway engine

156-157 H.H. the Khedive’s six-wheeled car

158 The Park, Castle Combe

159 The village, Castle Combe

160 Castle Combe House

161 Castle Combe, the Church

162 Mersa Matrouh – J.E.G. talking with Shaikhs

163 The Gorsts on camel – back
164-165 Ramleh, Alexandria: “Allendale” – house and garden

166-174 Ramleh, Alexandria

May 1909

166 Tennis party – Mr Vantissart, the Gorsts and Mr Parr

167 Vantissart serving

168 Coast guards’ rest-house

169 Stanley bay

170-174 E. Gorst, Gwen, Kitty and Eva paddling

175 Mr Vantissart and Mr Parr at work