Reference code: GB165-0248
Title: Sir Andrew Ryan Collection
Name of creator: Ryan, Sir Andrew (1895-1958) Knight, Diplomat
Dates of creation of material: 1895-1958
Level of description: Fonds
Extent: 6 boxes

Biographical history: Ryan, Sir Andrew (1876-1949)
Born 5 November 1876.  Educated Christian Brothers College, Cork; Queen’s College, Cork; Emmanuel College, Cambridge.  Entered Levant Consular Service, 1897; Vice-Consul at Constantinople, 1903; 2nd Dragoman, Constantinople, 1907; acted as 1st Dragoman, June 1911-July 1912 and March 1914-15; Contraband Office, 1915-18; CMG 1916; 2nd Political Officer on Staff of British High Commissioner, Constantinople; Chief Dragoman, 1921, with rank of Counsellor; member of British Delegation, Near East Peace Conference, Lausanne, 1922-23; Consul General, Rabat, Morocco, 1924-30; KBE 1925; Minister at Jedda, 1930-36; in Albania, 1936-39.  Married Ruth Marguerite van Millingen (d. 1975): 4 sons.  Died 31 December 1949.

Scope and content: Papers relating to the Levant Consular Service, Turkey, Rabat and Jeddah; personal and official correspondence; autobiographical notes, MS and TS of autobiography Last of the Dragomans; literary papers; scrapbooks.  Photographic collection.
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In Other Repositories
- The National Archives (Public Record Office): 1 volume of correspondence
Finding aids: In Guide; handlist

BOX AND FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION FOR THE SIR ANDREW RYAN COLLECTION

Box 1  Poetry, plays, short prose pieces etc. by AR
Box 2  MS and TS of Last of the Dragomans
Box 3  

3/1  Notes made in connection with Last of the Dragomans
3/2  Last of the Dragomans: correspondence with publishers; reviews
3/3  Outline diaries; “memories of 25 years’ service”; “40 years in the Foreign Service”
3/4  Degrees, appointments and distinctions
3/5  Announcement of KBE, with letters of congratulation

Box 4  

4/1  Papers relating to the Levant Consular Service
4/2  “Hermes and Autolycus”
4/3  Correspondence with Foreign Office relating to financial matters
4/4  Letters from Gertrude Bell, Reader Bullard, F.G. Clemow, Wyndham Deedes, A.B. Geary, T.J. MacGregor, Herman Norman, E.Paul
4/6  Notes on journeys, c.1899-1910s
4/7  Catalogue of Turkish caricatures; letter- book 1899-1912
4/8  Book containing summaries of letters received with quotations from 1897-1912 made at a later date and occasionally recording the date in which a letter was destroyed such as 1935. Also including 24 loose sheets of summaries of letters.

Box 5  

5/1  Farewell speeches
5/2  Letters on Roman Catholic affairs, Turkish archaeology, school regulations and financial matters, letters from Miss A.M. Burgess, note on the Turkish peoples.

Property rights of the Ottoman Imperial family; correspondence with Prince Samy Nejib

Letters from F.G. Clemow, W.S. Edmonds, Damad Ferid, A.K. Helm, Louis Mallet, R. Webb

Miscellaneous letters A-M

Miscellaneous letters N-Z

Box 6

Appointment (1924) and resignation (1930), Rabat.

Speeches, Rabat.

Letters from W. Codrington and others; letter to Foreign Office, 17 March 1930.

Appointment (1930) and departure (1936) as British Minister, Jeddah; correspondence with Foreign Office about his career prospects, 1934-1936

Speeches, Jeddah; letters from Reader Bullard

Journey from London to Jeddah, 1935; letters from B.A.B. Burrows, 1949

War between Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud and imam Yahya, 1933-1934

Notes on British representation in Jeddah; Bakhit affair; article by I. Ghazhavi; letters about Ibn Saud and Transjordan.

European cemetery at Jeddah; catalogue of modern maps of Arabia; catalogue of books on Arabia