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Title: Arthur Lionel Forster Smith Collection

Name of creator: Smith, Arthur Lionel Forster (1880-1972) Educationalist

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Extent: 5 boxes

Biographical history: Smith, Arthur Lionel Forster (1880-1972)


System of arrangement: As received

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Custodial history: In the possession of Lionel Smith and his family


Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive
GB165-0034 Bowman
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GB165-0095 Edmonds
GB165-0104 Farrell

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FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTHUR LIONEL FORSTER SMITH COLLECTION

Box 1

1/1 Iraq educational affairs
Letters from J Farrel, 1920-1923
Letters from F.B. Riley, with Smith’s notes on Riley’s service in Iraq
Letters from James Somerville, c1924-1932

1/2 Iraq educational affairs
Iraqi educational affairs miscellaneous 1920-1934; 1962-1963
Letters from J.S. Thomson, 1921-1923
M. Hayim’s letters to Lionel Smith 1931-1932, with letter from C.J.
Edmunds of 14 Feb 1936 on Hayim’s difficulties
Letters from H. Glen 1921-1922
Letters from Hamid Khan, Najag 1919-1924

1/3 Palestine
Letters from James Somerville, 1933-1935 re his appointment as Assistant Probation Officer, Palestine
Letters from Jerome Farrell, 1926-1929
Letters from Humphrey Bowman, 1920-1928

Sudan
Sudanese educational statistics, 1906-1918
Report and Accounts to 31 Dec 1916 for the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum, 26 Mar 1917. 1 booklet
Roll of members of the Egyptian Army and Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club, 1946. 1 booklet

Jordan
Letter from Jerome Farrel to R. Bullard, 20 Oct 1955
Letter from A.T. Wilson 9 Mar 1919
Sir Henry Dobbs’ report, 30th June 1927
Letters from C.J. Butler, D.W. Gumbly, W.A. Lyon and others on Iraqi affairs 1926-1937
Letter from D.G. Hogarth to Lionel Smith, 13 Nov 1922.

Letters from J. Ramsay to Lionel Smith, 1928
Letters from Sir Henry Dobbs, 1929-1931
Letter from Francis Humphrys, 22 Oct 1932
Letter from Sir John Shuckburgh, 12 May 1931
Letters from C.J. Edmonds, 1929-1936
Letters from Vyvyan Holt, 1931-1933

Box 2


Leaflet ‘Questions a platoon commander should ask himself before an attack’
Small booklet of ?tickets for Makinah Gymkhana Club
Photograph (badly faded) of man standing in front of tents.

2/3 Letters from Lionel Smith to his mother, 1920-1921; 1930.
32 sheets.

2/4 Obituary for A.L.F Smith
Letters written to his widow on the death of Lionel Smith, 1972-1973
Letters to Mary Hogkin (including 3 envelopes) June – Dec 1930.

2/5 Lionel Smith: career and employment opportunities, 1919-1945
Invitations and menus including Farewell Banquet given by King Faisal I in honour of Sir Henry Dobbs, 1 Feb 1929. [some Arabic material]
Box 3

3/1 Letters on Iraq Antiquities, 1919-1946
3/2 Sir Reader Bullard’s letters commenting on Iraqi affairs, 1921-1938
3/3 Sir Reader Bullard’s letters on Arabian affairs, 1923-1927
   Newspaper clipping on Betram Thomas’s crossing of the Rub‘ al Khali
3/4 Two undated letters from Gertrude Bell to Lionel Smith
   Letters from Lady Florence Bell, 1927-1930
   Letters from Lady Esme Dobbs, 1926
   Letters from Sir Reader Bullard, July 1926
3/5 Miscellaneous letters on Iraqi affairs (including some Arabic material), 1921-1931.
   TS lecture by ALF Smith delivered 14th and 18th Feb 1924
   TS entitled ‘The History of Mesopotamia after the armistice’ by A.L.F Smith
   with attached letters about the article.
   Lionel Smith’s Shushtar notes, 1918
   Letter from Harold Nicholson re Reza Shah
   MS article entitled ‘The Carmathions El-Qaramita’
   Letter from E.H. Keeling to Lionel Smith with attached article ‘The Oil of
   Iraq An Historical Outline’ 4 May 1925
3/6 Letters from Muhammad Ahmad, 1953-1957
   Letters from Atta Amin, 1923-1934
   Letters from S.M. Said, 1926-1935
   Letters from Mirza Muhammad, 1930-1940
   Letters from M. Hayim and others, 1922-1939
   Photocopy labelled Sati‘ al – Husri, Mudhakirati Fi al – Iraq (Beirut, 1967)
   vol 1: 1921-1927 with an attached TS English translation describing Sati‘ al
   – Husri’s work in the Ministry of Education.

Box 4

4/1 Letters from George Antonius, 1923
   Letters from Humphrey Bowman, 1921-1934
Letters from Sir Reader and Lady Bullard, 1913-1927
4/2  Letters from Sir Reader and Lady Bullard, 1928-1938
4/3  Letters from N.L. Corkill, 1929-1930
     Letters from Lady Dobbs, 1928-1931
     Letters from C.J. Edmonds, 1928-1970
     Letter from Sir K. Cornwallis, 27 March 1929
     Letters from Vyvyan Holt, 1917-1938
     Letters from Sir Francis and Lady Humphrys, 1930-1935
     Letters from Lord Irwin, 1926-1938
4/4  Letters from Freya Stark, 1930-1931
     Letters from Sir Arthur and Carolotta Nicholson, 1923-1927
     Letter from Harold Nicholson, 20 May 1927
     Letters from J. Parlby, 1923-1934
     Letters from Mrs A.L. Smith, 1906-1921
     Letters from James Somerville, 1921-1934
     Letter from Bertram Thomas 15 Dec 1935
     Letters from Sir A.T. Wilson, 1936

Box 5

5/1  Personal Correspondence: A to Ge
5/2  Personal Correspondence: Gl – Se
5/3  Personal Correspondence: Sh – Yo
5/4  Miscellaneous letters (signatures unknown)
5/5  Letters from J. Somerville, C.I.E, Muhammad Ahmed, Foreign Office