Reference code: GB165-0372
Title: Sir Francis Shepherd Collection
Name of creator: Shepherd, Sir Francis Michie (1892-1962) Knight, Diplomat
Dates of creation of material: 1954-1962
Level of description: Fonds
Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: Shepherd, Sir Francis Michie (1892-1962)

Scope and content: Unpublished memoirs of Sir Francis Shepherd entitled ‘Never Trouble Trouble’ consisting of a TS hardbound photocopy including photographs and a bound incomplete MS version. The Memoir covers Sir Francis Shepherd’s childhood and career, including an account of his wartime service in Mesopotamia in 1915 in which he took part in the military campaign to relieve General Townshend at Kut and also his service as British Ambassador to Persia in 1950-1952.
Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of the Shepherd family. The memoir was written during Shepherd’s retirement with the intention of publication, which was never realised. The exact dates of writing are not known; only that Shepherd began the work after retirement.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Robert Fullerton on 17 January 2005

Location of originals: Original TS memoir and photographs with family

Related Units of Description:

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Papers relating to service in Mesopotamia during the First World War

- GB165-0034 Humphrey Bowman Collection
- GB165-0341 Sir Percy Cox Collection
- GB165-0069 J.D. Crowdy Collection
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- GB165-0095 Cecil John Edmonds Collection
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- GB165-0343 Wallace Lyon Collection
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- GB165-0309 Sir Hubert Winthrop Young Collection
Papers relating to Persia in the 1950s

- GB165-0232 Morgan Price Collection: Memo on a Persian visit in October 1953; unpublished MS entitled “The National Revolution in Turkey, Persia and the Middle East”; diaries of travels in Iran, Iraq and Turkey, 1947; memos, notes and interviews relating to Afghanistan, Turkey, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, 1946-53, including interviews with the Shah; correspondence 1941-59; press-cuttings relating to the Middle East 1889-1972.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR FRANCIS SHEPHERD COLLECTION

Box 1
1 Bound incomplete MS version of the Sir Francis Shepherd Memoirs 1 vol.

Box 2
2 TS hardbound photocopy of the Sir Francis Shepherd Memoirs 1 vol. including photographs