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1. **Volume 1: Photograph Album: Political Residency Bahrain**
   - Photograph album/scrapbook labelled Volume 1 ‘The Political Residency, Bahrain 1968-1972’
   - Date: 1968-1972
   - Format: 1 volume

2. **Volume 2: Photograph Album: Persian Gulf Travels & Muscat Embassy**
   - Date: 1968-1982
   - Format: 1 volume

3. **Volume 3: Account of daily life**
   - Date: Mar 2014
   - Format: 1 volume

4. **Slides: Political Residency Persian Gulf 1968-1972**
   - 35mm colour slides
   - Captions are original
   - Please note that these slides have been digitised.
   - Date: 1968-1972
   - Number of items: 50

   - 4/1 Entrance to Residency, Bahrain
   - 4/2 Entrance to Residence office, Bahrain
   - 4/3 Mosque in Residency grounds
   - 4/4 My bungalow, Residency Bahrain
   - 4/5 Entrance to Navy House, Bahrain
   - 4/6 Temple bell hanging outside Navy House
   - 4/7 Bell presented to Admiral Charles Austen
   - 4/8 Commodore’s Barge: CNFG stands for Commander Naval Forces Gulf
   - 4/9 Camel racing Bahrain
   - 4/10 Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifah, ruler of Bahrain at the races
4/11 Ruler’s servants serving coffee
4/12 Ruler’s servants serving coffee
4/13 Camel racing Bahrain
4/14 Sailing was a popular hobby
4/15 Travelling around the Gulf: The station Commander R.A.F. Muharraq waves us off
4/16 Safe journey!
4/17 Sir Stewart Crawford, Political Resident, with Shaikh Zaid, Ruler of Abu Dhabi. Jim Treadwell, Political Agent Abu Dhabi in background
4/18 Entrance to Trucial Oman Scouts Camp at Sharjah
4/19 T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] Camp looking towards sea
4/20 T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] Camp
4/22 Breakfast the morning after the T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] ball
4/23 Morning after the T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] ball
4/24 T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] Camp at Hum Hum
4/26 View of Buraimi Fort, where we stayed the night
4/27 T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] Land Rover used on our expedition
4/28 Setting off. Note canvas bag to keep drinking water cool
4/29 Major David Severn (Expedition leader), Mr Jim Treadwell and our guide
4/30 Bedu Camp
4/31 Woman at the well
4/32 “What is the News?” Major David Severn and Mr Jim Treadwell
4/33 Mrs Philippa Treadwell examining an old man’s treasure
4/34 Crossed into Oman. Family passing camp gates at Iibri
Crowd gathered to see us at Ibri 21-26 Feb 1970

T.O.S. [Trucial Oman Scouts] soldier gathers oranges. Wadi Asima (Political Agent, Dubai, Julian Bullard and Margaret Bullard) 22 Feb 1969


Sir G. [Geoffrey] Arthur on Residency tennis court


Fishermen at Salalah

Old Palace Salalah

Sultan Qaboos, ruler of Oman, takes us on a tour of Salalah

Sir G. Arthur being driven by Sultan Qaboos

Posing for my camera: Sir G. Arthur, Sultan Qaboos, Economic adviser

Sir G. Arthur and Sultan Qaboos

Little girl in Salalah

Man with incense burners

2 Dec 1971 Day the U.A.E. was set up: Jim Treadwell (Political Agent, Abu Dhabi and Patrick Wright (Deputy Political Resident) at Dubai airport

Political Resident and Julian Walker (Political Agent, Dubai)

Farewell to the Trucial Oman Scouts

Sir Geoffrey Arthur and Julian Walker