Middle East Centre Archive
St Antony’s College, Oxford

Guide to collections relating to North Africa

Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that explicitly mention North Africa, Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia have been included. Not included in this Guide are several collections that cover the Middle East as a whole and thus may contain material relevant to North Africa. For example British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; A.G.M. Dickson; H.R.P Dickson and the Mance papers. For these papers please consult the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word ‘Handlist’.

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

BARBOUR, Nevill. (1895-1974). GB165-0019
Copies of articles and broadcasts on the Middle East and North Africa, Zionism, the Arabic language etc., 1936-63, with an English translation of part of the memoirs of Sidqi Pasha; report on Syria and Palestine presented by M. Etienne Flandin to the “Group senatorial pour la défense des intérêts français à l’étranger”; pamphlet entitled “The Independence of Egypt” by a member of the Egyptian delegation to London, January 1921; papers and correspondence relating to Taufiq Hakim’s novel The Return of the Spirit, 1933-37; correspondence with Lt. Gen. Sir George MacMunn regarding the latter’s article on Palestine, “Nisi Dominus”1950-51. 5 boxes. Handlist.

BOWEN, H.C. GB165-0033
MS of unpublished book on Nizam ul-Mulk; notes on the Arabs in Spain and Sicily, 8-11th centuries; MS of 6 lectures on the Arab conquest on N. Africa and Spain; sources for a history of Muslims in Europe; miscellaneous notes on various aspects of Islamic history; notes on the history of the Ottoman Empire. 5 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

CAMERON WATT, Prof. Donald. (b. 1928) GB165-0296
Press-cutting collection from British newspapers covering: oil; the Arabian peninsula; Middle East (in general); Egypt; Cyprus; Malta; Eisenhower Doctrine; Iran; Lebanon; Libya; Iraq Revolution; Israel; Jordan; Syria; Turkey; Sudan; French North Africa; Somaliland; the Suez Crisis; some maps. 11 boxes. Handlist.
CHEHAB, Emir Farid (1908-1985).  
Lebanese intelligence reports and analysis, in Arabic, covering internal Lebanese politics, communist parties in the Middle East and political developments in Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and Israeli and Palestinian politics, 1945-1983. 12 boxes. Handlist.

CROWE, Sibyl. (1908-93).  

DAWKINS, J.M.  
Presscutting volumes including cuttings from 1875, 1906-08, 1910-18, 1920-26, 1929 and 1939, covering Persia, the Ottoman Empire and North Africa, the progress of the First World War, the Consular Service, foreign affairs in general, Dawkins’ family, and Professor E.G. Browne. 4 vols.

HEPworth, Charles. (b.1943).  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers and photographs relating to Charles Hepworth’s service in the Sultan’s Armed Forces during 1970-1971 including a memoir ‘A Walk on God’s Carpet Adventures in Oman’; training materials including ‘Field Notes on Saudi Arabia 1935’; papers relating to missions, speeches by the Sultan, propaganda leaflets and SAF bulletins. Also includes some maps of Southern Arabia, newspaper clippings and a small amount of correspondence about walking and mapping in Oman, as well as digital copies of 35mm slides including Morocco, Oman, the Hadhramaut (Aden) and a report of a Sandhurst expedition to the Hadhramaut 1962-1963 with photographs. 6 boxes. Handlist.

G. Warneford Memoranda on the Yaffai-as-Sufal and the territory of the Amir of Dthala, Simla, 1904; M.C. Lake “Report on visit to Upper and Lower Yafa, 1926”; convention between the United Kingdom and Turkey respecting the boundaries of Aden and of Ottoman territory in Southern Arabia, signed London, 9 March 1914; report of the Cairo Conference, 1921; miscellaneous papers on Mukalla and Hadhramaut, 1930s-60s; Aden Intelligence Summaries, 1935-36; Hadhramaut Intelligence Summaries, 1-144, 1937-40; Eastern Aden Protectorate Intelligence Summaries, 1941-44; notes, press cuttings, papers, telegrams, etc. on Aden, 1940s-60s; J.G.C. Allen: report on a visit to Algeria, and another on Morocco, 1948(?); an economic survey of the South Arabian Federation (Western Aden Protectorate), 1962; article on tribal structure and allegiance in the Yemen, written 1965 for the Foreign Office; papers relating to the Aden Protectorate and Yemen; reports 1933-41; correspondence, memos and telegrams relating to administrative and political problems, Aden 1941-64; record of the U.N. Special Committee on granting independence to Aden, 1964; collection of essays and pamphlets; presscuttings. 14 boxes. Handlist for boxes 9-14. Photographic collection.

JERUSALEM AND THE EAST MISSION.  
Records, 1841-1970s, including material on Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Iran, Gulf, Egypt,

LOMAS, Ernest Gabriel. (1878-1947). GB165-0586
Letter from Ernest Lomas to Latimer, 30 May 1930, explaining that he had left Cairo in Nov 1929 and had taken over as Consul General in Tunis in Jan 1930 and that he had sent Latimer’s letter back to the Consul General at Cairo to deal with. Lomas also explains that the proper procedure ‘if you are not sure of the identity of a Consular officer’ was to ‘always address it to his title, not name’ otherwise the letter would be treated as a private letter and forwarded to the named person, even if they had moved post. 1 item. Handlist.

MONROE, Elizabeth. (1905-86). GB165-0207
Translation of documents from Tsarist archives on the break-up of the Ottoman Empire, 1914-15; a note on the Arab Bureau, 1916-19; letters from C.J. Edmonds on recollections of Mosul Commission, Kurds and Anglo-Iraq treaty of 1926; letters from Freya Stark, 4 November 1943-18 June 1944, on her mission to America; notes on British policy in Palestine 1945-48 with special reference to Ernest Bevin; letters on Jordan Waters situation, 1951-55; Nasser’s propaganda in the Persian Gulf, 1955-57; effects of the Suez crisis on Iraqi politics; letters on developments in 1957 in Iraq and Iran; memo “Saudi Arabia 1970-71”; map of the Hijaz railway; material on Egypt’s campaign to spread its influence by dispatch of Egyptian teachers abroad; TS copies of 2 letters from Elizabeth Monroe about her travels in Morocco and Algeria in 1935. 1 box. Photographic collection.

Unpublished TS memoirs covering his service in the Canal Zone, 1920-22, 1924-25, 1950-53; Egypt, 1922-25, 1950-52; Arabia (Hijaz) 1924; Morocco 1926-30; and Persia (Azerbaijan) 1943-44 including some details of the wartime supply route to Russia and the Kurdish Republic of Mahabad. 1 box. Handlist.

SLADE-BAKER, Col. John Bigelow. (d. 1966). GB165-0263

Papers relating to Syrian and Lebanese affairs including the Spears Mission, 1941-44; the Lebanese constitutional crisis, 1943; Syrian and Lebanese independence; the future of Palestine; Anglo-Arab Association correspondence, 1946-66; Mt. Scopus case, 1953; Anglo-Arab Club correspondence, 1962-70; British-Tunisian Society correspondence; Middle Eastern affairs in general; press-cuttings on Syria and Lebanon, Palestine, Arab refugees, the Arab-Israeli conflict. 28 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

WOOD, Sir Richard. (1806-1900). GB165-0306
Personal and career papers, 1824-98; political correspondence, 1831-98, including service in Damascus and Tunis; travel diaries and notebooks, including a journey from Baghdad to Ali Pasha’s camp at Harir, 1836, and through Kurdistan; memorandum of Wood’s services to the
British Government; papers concerning Wood’s landholding in Syria; family correspondence. Handlist. 8 boxes.