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Title: Edward Wells Collection

Name of creator: Wells, Edward H. (b.1924)

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Biographical history: Wells, Edward H

Born 10 Nov 1924 Kensall Rise, London. Educated Acton Wells Infant and Junior Schools. 1936 Scholarship (11+) to Acton County Secondary School. 1939 d.i.y. evacuation to Wallingford, worked for local milkman. 1940 returned to Acton, Acton County School closed and evacuated at Weymouth, occasional school classes at Hanwell. 1942 accompanied Acton County School on re-evacuation to Winchester. Sat Cambridge School Certificate Exam, pass in three subjects only. Employed by Gdynia America Shipping Line. Office boy and then telephone operator/postal clerk. 1943 enlisted in Army, R.A. and G.P. Reg. 1944 released from Army to join Palestine Police (A.C.I. 1414 of 1944). 1948 transferred to Hong Kong Police and served as a Sub Inspector. 1953 married, joined Kenya Police in April 1953 as an Assistant Inspector and was later promoted to Inspector. Appointed to act in the rank of Chief Inspector in January 1956 and then promoted to this rank in May 1959. From May 1953 to June 1954 and from June 1959 to April 1965 served at the Force Training School as an Instructor and as a Bursar. In 1965 returned to U.K. on Kenya's independence. Employed as a Labourer, Sales Assistant, Site Sales Clerk on Estate Development, Clerk at British Leyland. 1974 South Oxfordshire District Council Planning Department as assistant to Enforcement Officer. 1989 Retired.

Scope and content: Oral history interview of Edward Wells, by Josephine Delap, covering Mr Wells' service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1944-1948. The interview is 44 minutes in length. Photocopy of letter from B.N. Hinga (Commissioner of Police, Kenya) to Mr Wells summarising his career and giving thanks for his devoted service, 23 Aug 1965.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Physical Condition: The interview is available for listening via an MP3 player.

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Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Mr Wells on 27 April 2006

Related Units of Description:

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Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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