

Reference code: GB165-0023

Title: Gertrude Bell Collection

Name of creator: Bell, Gertrude Margaret Lowthian (1868-1926) Traveller, Archaeologist and Government Official

Dates of creation of material: 1914; 1920-1925; 1966

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: BELL, Gertrude Margaret Lowthian (1868-1926)

Born 14 July 1868, the eldest daughter of Sir Hugh Bell, 2nd. Bt. Educated at Queen's College, London and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, whence she graduated with 1st class Honours in History in 1887. Attached to Military Intelligence Dept., Cairo, 1915 and liaison officer of Arab Bureau in Iraq, 1916. Oriental Secretary to the High Commissioner, Iraq, 1917-20. Helped set up National Museum, Baghdad. Died Baghdad 12 July 1926.

Scope and content: Photocopy of diary of journey to Hayil, 1914 and extracts from letters to Col. Doughty-Wylie; letters to H. Bowman; lecture about GB by CJ Edmonds; Heussler's correspondence with Dorothy van Ess.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on photocopying or quotation apart from statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: Gertrude Bell's papers left to her niece, Elsa, Lady Richmond; correspondence with Humphrey Bowman removed from Bowman papers; Robert Heussler's papers about Gertrude Bell.

Immediate source of acquisition: Family papers lent to Elizabeth Monroe for photocopying.

Location of originals: Gertrude Bell Papers in Newcastle University Library.

Related Units of Description: For further Gertrude Bell correspondence or papers about her see also:

GB165-0034 Bowman Papers Box 1 File 2

GB165-0341 Cox Papers

GB165-0086 Dickson Papers

GB165-0090 Doughty Wylie Papers

GB165-0147 Hogarth Papers

GB165-0155 Iliff Papers

GB165-0166 Kedourie Papers

GB165-0229 Philby Papers

GB165-0266 Smith Papers Box 3 File 4.

GB165-0295 Waterfield Papers Box 3 File 5

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by C. Brown 11 June 1998 and revised by D. Usher 6 October 2003. File level description created by C. Brown 22 January 1998.

FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE GERTRUDE BELL COLLECTION

- 1/1 Photocopy of Gertrude Bell's diary of a journey to Hayyil January-May 1914.
[Original transferred to Newcastle University Library 10.9.1982.]
95 folios 1914
- 1/2 Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Bowman, with one to Lord Allenby
recommending Bowman.
26 folios 1920-1925; n.d.
- 1/3 Professor Robert Heussler's papers about Gertrude Bell including letters, lectures
and articles from Dorthy Van Ess, Sir Reader Bullard, Elizabeth Monroe, C.J.
Edmonds, Lionel Smith, Stephen Longrigg, E. M. (Sally) Chilver, Sir William
Deakin, Robin Maugham, Winfield Firman and Anne de Villiers.
69 folios; 1 item 1956-1976
- 1/4 Photocopied annotated typescript of "Gertrude Bell in the Near and Middle East"
by C.J. Edmonds.
28 folios [1969]
- 1/5 Letter from E.M. (Sally) Chilver to Professor Geoffrey Lewis enclosing a copy of a
telegram of good wishes for the Gertrude Bell celebration in Newcastle, May 1978.
2 folios 1978
- 1/6 *Catalogue of the Gertrude Bell Collection in the Library of King's College,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, by Winifred Cotterill Donkin.
1 item 1960