

Reference code: GB165-0122

Title: Sir John Eldon Gorst Collection

Name of creator: Gorst, Sir John Eldon (1861-1911) Knight, Consul General in Egypt

Dates of creation of material: 1886-1911

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 10 boxes

Biographical history: GORST, Sir John Eldon (1861-1911)

Born 25 June 1861, eldest son of Sir John Gorst. Educated Eton College; Trinity College, Cambridge. Attaché in Diplomatic Service, 1885; 3rd Secretary, 1887; 2nd Secretary, 1892; Secretary of Legation, 1901; Controller of Direct Taxes to Egyptian Government, 1890; Under-Secretary of State for Finance, 1892; Adviser to the Ministry of the Interior, 1894; Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government, 1898-1904; Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1904-1907; British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt from 1907. Married, 1903, Evelyn Rudd - one daughter. Died 12 July 1911.

Scope and content: MS autobiographical notes beginning 1886 and ending at his death in 1911; speech on taking up the post of Consul-General in Egypt, 2 November 1907; photocopies of autobiographical notes, birth-1909; photocopied diaries 1890-95, 1897-1911; photocopied engagement books 1910-11; photocopied press-cuttings of Egyptian race-meetings, 1909-11; 3 press-cutting volumes, 1890-1908. Photograph album.

System of arrangement: Diaries; papers; press-cuttings; photographs

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of the Gorst family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from his daughter Mrs. Kay Thomas, 1966. Photograph album, and presscuttings vol. 11, vol. 12 and vol. 13 withdrawn by Paul Lysley in May 2005.

Location of originals: In the possession of Paul Lyeley, Sir Eldon Gorst's grandson.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by C. Brown 3 December 1998 and revised by D. Usher 11 March 2004 and 6 July 2009. Item level description created by C. Brown 3 December 1998.

**ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR JOHN ELDON GORST
COLLECTION**

Boxes 1 – 9 Photocopies of diaries

Box 1

1/1	MS diaries	1890-1891
1/2	MS diary	1893

Box 2

2/1	MS diary	1894
2/2	MS diary	1895

Box 3

3/1	MS diary	1897
3/2	MS diary	1898

Box 4

4/1	MS diary	1899
4/2	MS diary	1900

Box 5

5/1	MS diary	1901
5/2	MS diary	1902

Box 6

6/1	MS diary	1903
6/2	MS diary	1904
6/3	MS diary	1905

Box 7

7/1	MS diary	1906
7/2	MS diary	1907

Box 8

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| 8/1 | MS diary | 1908 |
| 8/2 | MS diary | 1909 |

Box 9

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| 9/1 | MS diary | 1910-1911 |
| 9/2 | MS engagement diary | 1910-1911 |

Box 10 Photocopies of papers and press – cuttings

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| 10/1 | Speech given at the British Agency, Cairo, when taking up his duties as Consul - General | 2 Nov 1907 |
| 10/2 | MS autobiographical notes | 1861-1886 |
| 10/3 | MS autobiography | 1886-1911 |
| 10/4 | Press – cuttings of Egyptian race - meetings | 1908-1911 |

Press – cuttings relating to Egypt and Gorst's career from British and foreign newspapers 1890-1908; 1911

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| Vol. 11 | 1890-1902 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005] |
| Vol. 12 | 1902-1908 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005] |
| Vol. 13 | 1911 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005] |

Photographs

Box 13

Photograph album of Eveyln Rudd Gorst 1898-1909

Original album withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005. A copy of the album has been made. Contact sheets are available for viewing the Middle East photographs.

Evelyn Rudd

Album of 175 photographs compiled by Evelyn Rudd, later Mrs Eldon Gorst c1898

1	Group at Angly Park, Mrs Tomlin's estate in Kent	
2	Group at Shielbridge. (Taken by Edith Brotherhood)	Sept 1898
3	Group at Angly Park	Nov 1900
4-5	St Andrews – gold tournament in progress	May 1901
6	St Andrews – Dore Holcraft, Mrs Lamb and self	
7	St Andrews – watching the play – Lucius and self	
8	St Andrews – Percy, Dore and self	
9	Johnny Low looking at his put	
10	As 8	
11	Hilton putting	
12	Mr Fellows, Gordon and Dore	
13	Johnny Low taking a brassey shot	
<u>14-18</u>	<u>Gershornish, Skye. Snapshots taken by Flor Maude Nelson</u>	<u>Jul 1901</u>
14	Self and Maud	
15	Self and Claude Tayor	
16	E.R. [Evelyn Rudd]	
17	Self, Flo, Roland and C. Taylor	
18	My departure on “Innigary”	
<u>19-34</u>	<u>Kinloch, Skye. Taken by C.A.</u>	<u>Aug 1901</u>
19	“Innigary”	
20	“Maloom”	
21	“Maloom”	
22	C.M.R. with baby	
23	The captain on the bridge	
24	After a good days fishing – C.J.R., E.K.R., M.M and E.R.	
25	E.R. with 2 big Turbot	
26	Another Turbot	
27	Scene on the deck of the boat	
28	E,R, “fishing get up!”	
29	C.J.R. on upper deck	

30	Maloom on regatta day	
31	Sir Donal Curriers ‘Solair’	
32	“Nimgary” – upper deck	
33	Baby going ashore	
34	Evelyn Rudd	
<u>35-41</u>	<u>Tower hill, Ascot</u>	<u>Aug 1902</u>
35	Tower hill – house from garden	
36	E.R. and Capt MecBarket in a Victoria	
37-41	E.R. out walking	
42	Molly Hoskyns and E.R. in trap	Oct 1902
43	E.R. at front door with Bute	
44	Watercolour of Shielbridge	1902
45	As 42	
46	ER, M.H. and C.M.R. on “Mimagary”	
47	Wedding – no information given (photo loose)	
 <u>Egypt</u>		
48	Mrs Lankisten’s picnic party at the pyramids	Jan 1903
49-50	Servants assisting the Gorst on to donkeys [outside their residence, Cairo	c1903
51	[Side view of the Gorst residence, Cairo]	?1903
52-3	River scenes, Egypt?	c1903
54	Picnic – Egypt?	c1903
55	As 52-3	c1903
56-7	The Gorsts out donkey – riding, Egypt	c1903
58	As 54	c1903
59	European group - Egypt	c1903
60-65	The Gorsts at Shielbridge	Jul c1903
66-78	Glenborrodale. Houseparty	Aug 1903
79	J.E.G. fishing in the Shielbridge	
80	Oban bay	
<u>81-86</u>	<u>Shielbridge</u>	<u>Sept 1907</u>
81	Col and Miss Playfair in luanch	

82	Eva and J.E.G. prepared for stalking	
83-4	J.E.G. and his first royal stag	
85	E.G., A.G., C.L. and...paddling	
86	Togo	
87-91	Shielbridge	Sept 1904
92	Trophies in the billiard room at Glenborrodale	
93-97	Capernor, Surrey – E.G. and party tabogganning	Jan 1907
<u>98-101</u>	<u>Shielbridge</u>	<u>Sept 1907</u>
98-99	J.E.G., Robertson and stags	
100	E.G. with grilse and sea trout	
101	The big pool, shiel river	

Sudan

102	Port Sudan – Steamer, rowing boat and harbour buildings	
103	Suakin – shoreline and buildings	
104	Suakin – sailing ship	
105-106	Sinkat (Hadendoas) men	
107	Sinkat (Hadendoas) men and boys	
108	Summit station	
109-112	Erkowit - landscapes	
113	Erkowit – Gorst on camel back with local troops	
114	Summit stations – Hadendoas on camel back with local troops	
115	Dongola – Shqia Shaikhs	
116	Dongola – Debba	
117	Dongola – Gowari women dancing	
118	Old Dongola	
119	Gorst and officers of the camel corps	
120	Jangussi	
121	Dongola – members of the Camel corps and townspeople	
122-124	Shaqia women dancing	
125-126	Wateley, Hants, Horses	Jan 1908

Egypt

- 127-130 Cairo – the British Agency garden and tennis court Feb 1908
- 131 H.R.H. Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia in Feb 1908
their carriage, Cairo
(Gorst standing beside carriage)
- 132 Evelyn Gorst and 3 unidentified women about to start out
on a donkey ride from outside the Generals' house
- 133-153 Camel – tip, Cairo to Suez
- 133 J.E.G., G.H. and E.G. packing camels
- 134 J.E.G. and E.G. on their camels
- 135 The Gorsts going to their tent
- 136 Camels crossing rocky pass
- 137 Bedouin man
- 138 E.G., Gwen Herbert, J.E.G and Mr Dumrricker
- 139 The Gorsts on their camels
- 140 Gwen Herbert
- 141 The Gorsts loading their camels
- 142 The Gorst and Gwen Herbert asleep in their tent
- 143 Evelyn Gorst and Gwen Herbert in pyjamas outside their
tent
- 144 The entire party having tea in their tent
- 145 Gwen
- 146-151 Camels crossing the pass and at the Gulf of Suez
- 152 Palms
- 153 Gwen and George Hunter paddling
- 155 H.H. the Khedive's railway engine
- 156-157 H.H. the Khedive's six-wheeled car
- 158 The Park, Castle Combe
- 159 The village, Castle Combe
- 160 Castle Combe House
- 161 Castle Combe, the Church
- 162 Mersa Matrouh – J.E.G. talking with Shaikhs
- 163 The Gorsts on camel – back

164-165 Ramleh, Alexandria: "Allendale" – house and garden

166-174 Ramleh, Alexandria

May 1909

166 Tennis party – Mr Vantissart, the Gorsts and Mr Parr

167 Vantissart serving

168 Coast guards' rest-house

169 Stanley bay

170-174 E. Gorst, Gwen, Kitty and Eva paddling

175 Mr Vantissart and Mr Parr at work