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Title: Sir Rupert Hay Collection

Name of creator: Hay, Sir William Rupert (1893-1962) Knight, Lieutenant Colonel Indian Administrator.

Dates of creation of material: 1911-1956

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 14 boxes

Biographical history: HAY, Lieut-Colonel Sir (William) Rupert (1893-1962)

Born 16 December 1893, son of W.A.E. Hay and Louisa Hay (née Tucker). Educated Bradfield College; University College, Oxford. Served European War in Mesopotamia; entered Political Dept., Government of India, 1920; Political Agent, South Waziristan, 1924-28; Assistant Commissioner or Joint Deputy Commissioner, Mardan, 1928-31; Political Agent, Malakand, 1931-33; Counsellor, British Legation, Kabul, 1933; CIE 1934; Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, External Affairs Dept., 1936-40; Resident in Waziristan, 1940-41; Resident in the Persian Gulf, 1941-42; Revenue and Judicial Commissioner, Baluchistan, 1942-43; CSI 1943; Agent to the Governor-General, Resident and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan, 1943-46; Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, 1946-53; KCIE 1947; KCMG 1952; retired, 1953. Member Dorset County Council, 1955-61. Married, 1925, Sybil Abram (d. June 1962): 3 sons, 2 daughters. Died 3 April 1962.

Scope and content: MS volumes of diaries 1911-35, 1954, 1956-59; MS and TS loose-leaf diaries 1933-57; papers relating to Mesopotamia 1917-20; North-West Frontier Province 1921-41, including tour reports, drafts and material for Hay's monograph on Swat State, correspondence and reports on Waziristan, press-cuttings on the floods in the Punjab 1929, Indo-Afghan Boundary Dispute; Persian Gulf 1941-60, including transfer of Residence from Bushire to Bahrain, book reviews and lectures on Persian Gulf; personal correspondence relating to service in the First World War, pay, promotion and pension, award of CIE and election as Dorset County Councillor

System of arrangement: Diaries; career papers; personal papers

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English; a small amount of Persian and possibly Urdu

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

Custodial history: In the possession of Sir Rupert Hay and his family.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from Fr. George Hay (son), March 1963, following Sir Rupert's agreement to leave the papers to the College.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Publication note: Rupert Hay wrote two books.

- Hay, William Rupert, *Two Years in Kurdistan: experiences of a political officer, 1918-1920* (London: Sidgwick and Jackson, 1921).
- Hay, William Rupert, *The Persian Gulf States* (Washington: Middle East Institute, 1959).

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 5 Jan 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 9 Oct 2003, 29 Apr 2014 and 7 May 2014. File and item level description created by Clare Brown 8 Jun 1998 and revised by Debbie Usher 9 Oct 2003. Sir Rupert Hay did not use his first name William, but was always known as Rupert, consequently this collection has the title 'Sir Rupert Hay Collection' rather than Sir William Hay Collection.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR RUPERT HAY
COLLECTION**

Boxes 1-7 Diaries 1911-1959

Box 1 Bound diaries 1911-1916

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|-----|-------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1/1 | Diary | 1 Jan 1911 – 15 Jun 1911 | 1 vol. |
| 1/2 | Diary | 1 Jan 1912 – 31 Dec 1912 | 1 vol. |
| 1/3 | Diary | 1 Jan 1914 – 1 Oct 1914 | 1 vol. |
| 1/4 | Diary | 1 Jan 1915 - 13 Dec 1915 | 1 vol. |
| 1/5 | Diary | 15 Dec 1915 – 20 Apr 1916 | 1 vol. |
| 1/6 | Diary | 21 Apr 1916 – 27 Jul 1916 | 1 vol. |
| 1/7 | Diary | 28 Jul 1916 – 18 Oct 1916 | 1 vol. |
| 1/8 | Diary | 19 Oct 1916 – 31 Dec 1916 | 1 vol. |

Box 2 Bound diaries 1917-1924

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| 2/1 | Diary | 1 Jan 1917 – 31 Dec 1917 | 1 vol. |
| 2/2 | Diary | 1 Jan 1918 – 28 Feb 1919 | 1 vol. |
| 2/3 | Diary | 1 Mar 1919 – 31 Dec 1919 | 1 vol. |
| 2/4 | Diary | 1 Jan 1920 – 28 Nov 1920 | 1 vol. |
| 2/5 | Diary | 1 Jan 1921 – 26 Jan 1922 | 1 vol. |
| 2/6 | Diary | 27 Jan 1922 – 31 Dec 1922 | 1 vol. |
| 2/7 | Diary | 1 Jan 1923 – 31 Dec 1923 | 1 vol. |
| 2/8 | Diary | 1 Jan 1924 – 31 Dec 1924 | 1 vol. |

Box 3 Bound diaries 1925-1931

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| 3/1 | Diary | 1 Jan 1925 – 31 Dec 1925 | 1 vol. |
| 3/2 | Diary | 1 Jan 1926 – 31 Dec 1926 | 1 vol. |
| 3/3 | Diary | 1 Jan 1927 – 31 Dec 1927 | 1 vol. |
| 3/4 | Diary | 1 Jan 1928 – 31 Dec 1928 | 1 vol. |
| 3/5 | Diary | 1 Jan 1929 – 31 Dec 1929 | 1 vol. |
| 3/6 | Diary | 1 Jan 1930 – 31 Dec 1930 | 1 vol. |
| 3/7 | Diary | 1 Jan 1931 – 31 Dec 1931 | 1 vol. |

Box 4 Bound diaries 1932-35; 1954; 1956-59

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| 4/1 | Diary | 1 Jan 1932 – 31 Dec 1932 | 1 vol. |
| 4/2 | Diary | 1 Jan 1933 – 31 Dec 1933 | 1 vol. |
| 4/3 | Diary | 1 Jan 1934 – 31 Dec 1934 | 1 vol. |
| 4/4 | Diary | 1 Jan 1935 – 31 Dec 1935 | 1 vol. |
| 4/5 | Diary | 1 Jan 1936 – 19 Oct 1936 | 1 vol. |
| 4/6 | Diary | 23 Jun 1954 – 26 Sept 1954 | 1 vol. |
| 4/7 | Diary | 21 Mar 1956 – 22 Jun 1959 | 1 vol. |

Box 5 Loose-leaf diaries 1933-38

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| 5/1 | MS diary 1933-1935 | 25 Nov 1933 - 2 Apr 1934, 10-22 May 1934, 30 Oct 1934 – 3 Jan 1935 | 137 sheets |
| 5/2 | MS diary 1935 and Sybil Hay's MS diary 3-14 Aug 1935 | 4 Jan 1935 – 9 May 1935, 30 May – 1 Aug 1935, 24 Aug – 27 Dec 1935, 3 – 14 Aug 1935 | 137 sheets |
| 5/3 | MS diary 1935-1936 | 28 Dec 1935 – 30 Dec 1936 | 143 sheets |
| 5/4 | MS diary 1936-1937 | 31 Dec 1936 – 27 Dec 1937 | 124 sheets |

Box 6 Loose-leaf diaries 1937-46

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|-----|--|---|------------|
| 6/1 | MS diary 1937-1938 | 28 Dec 1937 – 15 Jul 1938, 4 Nov – 31 Dec 1938 | 67 sheets |
| 6/2 | MS diary 1939 | 1 Jan – 20 Aug & Dec (incomplete) 1939 | 73 sheets |
| 6/3 | MS diary 20 Jan 1940 – 26 Dec 1941 TS diary 18 Jan – 1 Feb 1942 MS diary 2 Feb – 31 Dec 1942 The diaries cover Waziristan, Persian Gulf, Baluchistan. | 20 Jan 1940 – 31 Jan 1940, 3 Jun 1940 – 31 Dec 1940, 1 Jan 1941 – 26 Dec 1941, 18 Jan 1942 – 1 Feb 1942, 2 Feb 1942 – 28 Nov 1942, 17 Dec 1942 – 31 Dec 1942 | 155 sheets |
| 6/4 | MS & TS diary covering | 1 Jan 1943 – 31 Dec 1943, | 197 sheets |

Baluchistan, Persian Gulf. 1 Jan 1944 – 31 Dec 1944,
1 Jan 1945 – 31 Dec 1945,
1 Jan 1946 – 31 Dec 1946

Box 7 Loose-leaf diaries 1947-56

- 7/1 TS diary 8 January-31 December 1947; 1 January-31 December 1948
1947-48 78 sheets
- 7/2 TS diary 1 January-31 December 1949; 1 January-26 December 1950: Bahrein
1949-50 116 sheets
- 7/3 TS diary 27 December 1950-2 July 1953: Bahrein
1950-53 145 sheets
- 7/4 MS diary 4 July 1953-6 February 1956: retirement
1953-56 144 sheets

Boxes 8-14 Papers 1914-60

Career

Box 8 Mesopotamia 1917-22

Arbil Division

- 8/1 MS carbon copy Monthly Reports under the following headings:
tribal; law and order; shebana and police; agricultural; meteorological;
revenue; tapu; waqf; education; municipal; condition of district; blockade;
irrigation; bunda; hospitals and dispensaries; tours of P.O.'s; miscellaneous;
frontier questions.
Nov. 1918-Dec. 1919 136 sheets
[Note: certain sections are barely legible]
- 8/2 TS carbon copy Monthly Reports: Jan.-May 1920 51 sheets
- 8/3 Correspondence, including letters from Gen. Sir Arthur Wauchope
and Lt.-Col. Sir A.T. Wilson
1919-20 63 sheets

- 8/4 Correspondence, mostly from former colleagues in Arbil, and including a letter from Lt.-Col. Sir A.T. Wilson on Hay's book *Two Years in Kurdistan*.
1921-22 34 sheets
- 8/5 Notes on, and official reports for, Koi and Arbil, mostly dealing with land revenue and tribes, with some census information and a report on the evacuation of Rowanduz.
1919-20 109 sheets
- 8/6 *Administration Report on the Rowanduz District for the year 1919*, Baghdad, 1920
1920 1 item
- 8/7 *Administration Report on the Arbil Division for the year 1920*, Baghdad, 1920
1920 1 item
- 8/8 Notes on the geology of southern Kurdistan with special reference to the Arbil Division, by C.W. Nobb.
n.d. 5 sheets
- 8/9 MS documents in Arabic.
[1921] 13 sheets
- 8/10 Map of Khanaqin. T.C. 124. 1.10.17
1917 1 item

North West Frontier Province 1921-41

Box 9 Tour reports 1921-35

- 9/1 Journey to Chitral; tours to Mastuj, Dir to Drosh over the Lowarai Pass, account of a R_m-chikhori drive, tours to Kanti, account of a visit to the Hot Springs, visit to Utzun, account of an ibex hunt in the Arkari Valley, circular tour from Chitral via Mastuj, Miragram, Lasht, Vedinkot, Baroghil and Shawitauh Passes, Shuwasher, Karambar Lake and back, Shuwasher, Vedinkot, Lasht, Ishperudok, Shah Ghari,

Murich, Rayin, Kosht, Owir, Susum and Hassanabad, tour to Rambur and Bimboret and neighbouring passes, tour to Madaghasht via the Ughal Pass, diary of Chitral reliefs, tour from Bannu, and journey to Moradabad.

1921-24

104 sheets

Box 9 Tour reports (cont.)

9/2 Account of a visit to Qadra and Malkaqadi in Gadun country, visit to Pato Sar, note on the Indus flood in the Mardan sub-division, note on a visit to Mahaban, Nagrai and Chamla, account of a holiday on the Buner border, visit to Tahail, notes on a journey from Arundu to Ram Ram, notes on a visit to Lal Qila, accounts of trip to Utrarkhel, journey in the Kot-Totai area, journey to Kabul (MS and TS versions), account of a visit to the headworks of the Siraj Canal; list of names of hawks taken from [Sir H.B.] Lumsden, decorated page of Persian script.

1929-30; 1932-33; 1935

98 sheets

Box 10 Correspondence and reports 1924-33; 1940-41

10/1 Correspondence and reports on South Waziristan mostly dealing with tribal and border matters, WHR's response to a questionnaire of the Frontier Defence Committee, notes on the blood feud in Waziristan and a genealogical table of Afghans.

1924-31

212 sheets

10/2 Correspondence and reports as Political Agent, Dir, Swat and Chitral, including a letter from Sir Aurel Stein on trade routes with Chinese Turkestan, reports on tribal matters, hostilities, the Chitral Reliefs, relations with the Wali of Swat, boundary disputes and a note on the geography and ethnography of Chitral.

1932; n.d.

82 sheets

10/3 Correspondence and reports as Political Agent, Dir, Swat and Chitral, including tribal relations, communications, criminal trials, border administration and tours.

1932-33

98 sheets

10/4 Correspondence and reports as Resident in Waziristan, with a long note on tribal reconstruction by Leslie Mallam.

1940-41

59 sheets

Box 11 Swat State

- 11/1 *Report on the leading persons and state of factions in Swat*, Captain J.C. Plowden, Simla, 1932. Reprint of Captain Plowden's report of 1877. 1 vol.
- 11/2 *Monograph on Swat State*, Major W.R. Hay, Political Agent, Dir, Swat and Chitral, 1933, Simla, 1933 (1st proof). 39 sheets
- 11/3 *Monograph on Swat State*, Major W.R. Hay, Political Agent, Dir, Swat and Chitral, 1933, Simla, 1934. 1 vol.
- 11/4 MS and TS drafts of monograph. 111 sheet
- 11/5 Correspondence about publication of monograph and preparation of a map of Swat State.
1933-34 37 sheets
- 11/6 MS & TS copies of a lecture by WRH to the Royal Geographical Society on the Yusufzai State of Swat with a covering letter from one of the Wali's ministers, with a version for publication.
1933-34 79 sheets
- 11/7 TS note by WRH on the Utman Khel tribe.
n.d. 40 sheets
- 11/8 Notes and reports on the tribes of Swat.
n.d. 60 sheets

Box 12 Miscellaneous material relating to the North West Frontier Province

- 12/1 *Report of the Committee on the Armed Civil Forces of the North West Frontier Province, 1926*, Simla, 1926. 1 vol.

- 12/2 Correspondence relating to a visit to Pre-Ghal in Waziristan with a TS copy of Hay's lecture to the Royal Geographical Society, 4 June 1928.
1927-28 77 sheets
- 12/3 Press-cuttings from *The Civil and Military Gazette* (Lahore) relating to the floods in the Punjab, August 1929.
1929 14 sheets
- 12/4 Correspondence and reports on the negotiation of the Indo-Afghan Boundary Dispute (Arnawai), with maps.
1923-37 97 sheets
- 12/5 Address of welcome from Chitral leaders to WRH, 24 August 1921, with translation.
1921 2 sheets

Box 13 Persian Gulf 1941-60

- 13/1 Correspondence and reports as British Resident in the Persian Gulf, including the transfer of the Residence from Bushire to Bahrein in 1946, correspondence with Jasper Y. Brinton on jurisdiction over sea-bed resources in the Persian Gulf, and with the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Revd. David Mathew, on the position of Catholic priests in the Bahrein area.
1941-52 160 sheets; 1 item
- 13/2 Correspondence as Agent to the Governor General in Baluchistan concerning trade, including correspondence with R.C.F. Schomberg over smuggling and corrupt practices of Customs staff, botanical report by Joseph Fernandez, WRH's speeches at Provincial Durbars at Sibi, programmes for horse and cattle shows, and speeches in phonetic Urdu.
1944-46; n.d. 104 sheets; 4 items
- 13/3 Articles on Persia, the Persian Gulf and Arabia by WRH, with a transcript of his contribution to "At Home and Abroad" (BBC Home Service 6 August 1957).
c.1950-60 165 sheets

- 13/4 Correspondence with *The Middle East Journal*, *Catholic International Outlook*,
The Tablet and *Blackwood's Magazine* relating to articles by WRH.
1955-57; n.d. 20 sheets
- 13/5 Book reviews and other writings on Middle Eastern subjects by WRH, with
correspondence.
1950-57; n.d. 27 sheets
- 13/6 Articles on Persia, the Persian Gulf and Tibet by other authors.
1939-48 39 sheets

Box 14

- 14/1 Family trees of the Gulf rulers, with drafts and proofs.
1954-55 22 sheets
- 14/2 Map of the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms and the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman.
July 1954 1 item
- 14/3 Poems in a Persian dialect by Sheikh Riza dedicated to Sa'd Agha Kuyi, Uthman
Pasha Jaf and Kak Ahmad Sheikh
n.d. 10 sheets

Personal

Personal 1914-c55

- 14/4 Correspondence with his family, and papers relating to WRH's commission and
later war service.
1914; 1920 51 sheets
- 14/5 Correspondence relating to pay, promotion and pension.
1916-39 68 sheets
- 14/6 Papers relating to award of CIE.
1934-35 7 sheets; 1 item

- 14/7 Presscuttings relating to WHR's election as a County Councillor in Dorset.
c1955 5 sheets
- 14/8 Photograph of unidentified man (not Hay)
n.d. 1 item

Photograph Albums

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|----------|---|--------------|
| Album 1 | <u>Britain, India and Iraq</u> | 1910-1917 |
| | Photographs and postcards from Bradfield College 1910-1913, 4 th Battalion Dorset Regiment (India 1914-1915), Mesopotamia 1917, school photographs | |
| Album 2 | <u>Iraq</u> | 1918-1919 |
| | Photographs of Mesopotamia | |
| Album 3 | <u>Waziristan and North West Frontier</u> | 1921-1927 |
| Album 4 | <u>Visit to Pre Ghal</u> | 1927 |
| Album 5 | <u>Wana Area</u> | |
| Album 6 | <u>Dokalim Boundary Commission</u> | Jul 1932 |
| Album 7 | <u>Dokalim Boundary Commission</u> | Jun-Jul 1932 |
| Album 8 | <u>Mardan, Malakand, Swat</u> | 1932-1933 |
| Album 9 | <u>Kabul</u> | 1933-1934 |
| Album 10 | <u>Afghanistan</u> | 1935 |