

**Reference code:** GB165-0201

**Title:** Norman Mayers Collection

**Name of creator:** Mayers, Norman (1895-1986)

**Dates of creation of material:** 1927-1979

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 5 boxes

**Biographical history:** Mayers, Norman (1895-1986)

Born 22 May 1895, son of S.A. Mayers and Mary Alice Mayers (née Ditchfield). Educated King's College, London; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Served in India 1914-19, Middlesex & Hampshire Regts (Territorials). Entered Levant Consular Service, 1922; served in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia; Asst. Oriental Sec., Residency, Cairo, 1927-34; Oriental Sec., Addis Ababa, 1935-37; Consul, Alexandria, 1937; Bucharest, 1938; Shiraz & Isfahan, 1941; Mersin, 1941; served at Foreign Office, 1943-44; Chargé d'Affaires at San José, Costa Rica, 1944-45; Minister to El Salvador, 1945-48; Consul-Gen., São Paulo, 1948-51; Ambassador to Ecuador, 1951-55; CMG 1952; retired 1955. Honorary Consul Palma de Mallorca, 1957-63. Died 11 August 1986.

**Scope and content:** Diaries, correspondence and presscuttings relating to service in Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey & Iran, also service in Latin America.

**System of arrangement:** Career papers; correspondence; presscuttings; non Middle-Eastern

**Access conditions:** Open. Uncatalogued material closed

**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 Norman Mayers

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Norman Mayers in Feb 1972, March 1985 and June 1986

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description compiled by C. Brown 6 May 1999 and revised by D.Usher 15 September 2003. Handlist probably compiled in 1980s and revised by D. Usher 15 September 2003

**BOX AND FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION FOR THE NORMAN MAYERS  
COLLECTION**

Box 1

1/1	Diary (Addis Ababa and Alexandria)	1937
	Diary (consul in Alexandria)	1938 – 1940
	Diary (Egypt)	1943 – 1944
1/2	Scrapbook	1943 – 1944
1/3	Letters written home from Addis Ababa (1935), Jerusalem (1941), Baghdad (1941)	1935-1941
	Letters written home from Cairo	Mar – June 1941
	Letters written home from Iran	July – Nov 1941
	Letters written home from Turkey	1941 – 1943
1/4	Selection of short reminiscences re: early life and later career in the consular service	not dated

Box 2

2/1	Letters from Graffrey Smith:	
	(a) Discussing Lord Lloyd's High Commissionership in Egypt within the context of "Bright Levant"	1971
	(b) Discussing the possible publication of a second volume of memoirs	1971-1972
	(c) Discussing the reign of Riza Shah	1979
2/2	(a) Letter from H. St John Philby re: recent events in Jidda	1927
	(b) Miscellaneous letters, Times obituary, re: Sir Walter and Lady Amy Smart	1962-1974
2/3	Collection of press cuttings	
2/4	Privately printed pamphlet entitled 'Sir Walter Smart by some of his friends'	
2/5	Stephana Armbruster 'The Life and History of John Bell and his Descendants'	

Boxes 3, 4, 5

Uncatalogued papers relating to Norman Mayer's career in South America and Spain.