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**Title:** William Nicholson Collection

**Name of creator:** Nicholson, William Ewart (1890-1983)

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**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box (28 sheets; 4 items)

**Biographical history:** Nicholson, William Ewart (1890-1983)

Born 29 December 1890, son of Robert Nicholson. Educated Leeds Grammar School; Jesus College, Oxford. Served Education Dept., N. Nigeria, 1914; Lieut., Nigeria Regt., 1917; Principal, Katsina College, 1934; Director of Education, Sierra Leone, 1935-45; Member, Fourah Bay College Commission, 1938; Member of Exec. Council, JP, Sierra Leone; CBE 1941; Educational Adviser to Government of The Gambia, 1944-45; Secretary, Commission of Enquiry into the system of education of the Jewish Community in Palestine, 1945-46; Director of Training, Ministry of Food, 1946-48; Hon. Keeper of Ethnography, Leeds City Museum, 1959-74. Married, 1920, Alice Cork: 1 daughter. Died 28 July 1983.

**Scope and content:** TS diary, 8 Oct 1945 – 26 Mar 1946 as Secretary of the Commission of Enquiry into Jewish Education in Palestine, and associated material; Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the system of education of the Jewish Community in Palestine, 1945; Handbook of the Jewish Communal Villages in Palestine by Edwin Samuel, 1945; The Children's Community of the Hashomer Hatzair at Mishmar Haemek by Edwin Samuel, [1944].

**System of arrangement:** TS and ephemera; printed material.

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of W.E. Nicholson

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**Related Units of Description:**

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- GB165-0034 Humphrey Bowman
- GB165-0099 Susanna Emery
- GB165-0104 Wilfrid Farrell
- GB165-0161 Jerusalem and East Mission
- GB165-0208 Dorothy Morgan
- GB165-0219 Dorothy Norman
- GB165-302 H.M. Wilson.

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**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 23 Jun 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 25 Nov 2015

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE WILLIAM NICHOLSON  
COLLECTION**

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| File 1 | <u>Diary, newspaper clipping, official pass and invitation</u><br>TS diary, 8 Oct 1945 – 26 Mar 1946 as Secretary of the Commission of Enquiry into Jewish Education in Palestine; newspaper clipping showing a picture of the King David Hotel, Jerusalem; a Government of Palestine Office Pass which includes a photo of Nicholson 25 Oct 1945 and an invitation for W.E. Nicholson for the ‘Ceremony of the reading of his Majesty’s Commission and of administering the oaths of office as High Commissioner for Palestine and Trans-Jordan to His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Cunningham’ on 21 Nov 1945 | 1945-1946   |
| Item 1 | <u>Cunningham Arrival and Reception</u><br>Printed booklet ‘Programme for the arrival and reception of his excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Cunningham’<br>Language: English, Hebrew, Arabic  | 21 Nov 1945 |
| Item 2 | <u>Report on System of Education of the Jewish Community</u><br>Printed booklet Colonial Office Report ‘The System of Education of the Jewish Community in Palestine. Report of the Commission of Enquiry Appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1945’ (London, His Majesty’s Stationary Office, 1946)   | 1946        |
| Item 3 | <u>Jewish Communal Villages in Palestine Handbook</u><br>Printed booklet ‘Handbook of the Jewish Communal Villages in Palestine’ by Edwin Samuel published by the Zionist Organization Youth Department, Jerusalem. Second English Edition.   | 1945        |
| Item 4 | <u>Children’s Community of the Hashomer Hatzair</u><br>Printed booklet ‘The Children’s Community of the Hashomer Hatzair at Mishmar Haemek’ by Edwin Samuel giving an   | c1943       |

account of the type of education, aims and ethos of the school  
for children aged 11-17