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Title: Sir Thomas Wentworth Russell Collection

Name of creator: Russell, Sir Thomas Wentworth (1879-1954) Knight, Commandant of Cairo Police 'Russell Pasha'

Dates of creation of material: 1903-1947

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Russell, Sir Thomas Wentworth (1879-1954)

Born 22 November 1879, son of Revd. Henry Russell and Hon. Mrs. Leila Russell (née Willoughby). Educated Cheam School; Haileybury College; Trinity College, Cambridge. Joined Egyptian Civil Service as Inspector, Ministry of the Interior, 1902; Assistant Commandant of Police, Alexandria, 1911; Commandant, Cairo City Police, 1917-46; OBE 1920; CMG 1926; KBE 1938; Director, Egyptian Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau, 1939-46; retired 1946. Married, 1911, Dorothea Moore: 1 son; 1 daughter. Died 10 April 1954.

Scope and content: Photocopied MS report on Camel Patrols in Western Desert, 1906; *Milner Report*, 1921, and other official papers on Egyptian internal affairs, 1922; papers, 1925, relating to the murder of Sir Lee Stack in 1924; papers relating to Black Saturday, 1952; photocopied MS and TS letters to his family giving details of police work in Egypt, 1904-1947.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Immediate source of acquisition: Originals received on long loan from Lady Russell, September 1966; photocopies made at the same time with Lady Russell's permission

Location of originals: With the Russell family

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR THOMAS WENTWORTH
RUSSELL COLLECTION**

Official Papers

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| 1/1 | Photocopied MS report by Russel on Camel Patrols in the Western Desert, when Inspector at Assiut | 1906 | 10 sheets |
| 1/2 | <i>Milner Report</i> , Cmd. 1131: report on the commission on Egypt | 1921 | 19 sheets |
| 1/3 | <i>Correspondence respecting Affairs in Egypt</i> , Cmd. 1592 and <i>Despatch to Representatives Abroad respecting the Status of Egypt</i> , Cmd. 1617 | 1922 | 18 sheets |
| 1/4 | TS report by Russell on police work in Cairo | July 1922 | 6 sheets |

Murder of Sir Lee Stack, Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, 1924

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| 1/5 | TS evidence of Mohammed Neguib El Helbawi, an ex-prisoner convicted in 1915 of throwing a bomb at Sultan Hussein, throwing light on the murder | Feb 1925 | 19 sheets |
| 1/6 | Report of Cairo Special Branch | Feb 1925 | 15 sheets |
| 1/7 | Allenby's despatch to Austen Chamberlain reporting on the progress of the enquiry into the murder and incorporating copies of 1/4 and 1/6, with a letter of thanks from Allenby to Russell | Mar 1925 | 6 sheets |
| 1/8 | <i>The Sirdar Murder Trail: translated extracts from reports of the proceedings appearing in 'El Mokattam', etc.</i> , European Department, Ministry of the Interior | 1925 | 1 vol. |
| 1/9 | TS details of executions carried out on those found guilty | 1925 | 7 sheets |
| 1/10 | Photocopied TS list of political crimes committed between 1910 and 1946 | not dated | 17 sheets |

Black Saturday

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| 1/11 | Photocopies of letters to Sir John Russell from his parents | Jan – Feb 1952 | 16 sheets |
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1/12 Photocopy of Russell's notes for Major Fanner's enquiry 1952 5 sheets

Personal Correspondence

1/13 Photocopied extracts of MS and TS transcripts of letters from 1904-1922 72 sheets
Russell to his father, with one each to his sister and his wife,
giving details of his police work and political affairs in Egypt

1/14 Photocopies of MS and TS letters to Francis Moore, Russell's 1919;1925; 20 sheets
father-in-law, giving details of police work and political 1945;1947
affairs in Egypt