

**Reference code:** GB165-0248

**Title:** Sir Andrew Ryan Collection

**Name of creator:** Ryan, Sir Andrew (1876-1949) Knight, Diplomat

**Dates of creation of material:** 1895-1958

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 6 boxes

**Biographical history:** Ryan, Sir Andrew (1876-1949)

Born 5 November 1876. Educated Christian Brothers College, Cork; Queen's College, Cork; Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Entered Levant Consular Service, 1897; Vice-Consul at Constantinople, 1903; 2nd Dragoman, Constantinople, 1907; acted as 1st Dragoman, June 1911-July 1912 and March 1914-15; Contraband Office, 1915-18; CMG 1916; 2nd Political Officer on Staff of British High Commissioner, Constantinople; Chief Dragoman, 1921, with rank of Counsellor; member of British Delegation, Near East Peace Conference, Lausanne, 1922-23; Consul General, Rabat, Morocco, 1924-30; KBE 1925; Minister at Jeddah, 1930-36; in Albania, 1936-39. Married Ruth Marguerite van Millingen (d. 1975): 4 sons. Died 31 December 1949.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to the Levant Consular Service, Turkey, Rabat and Jeddah; personal and official correspondence; autobiographical notes, MS and TS of autobiography *Last of the Dragomans*; literary papers; scrapbooks. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** As received

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Sir Andrew Ryan and his family

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Given by John Ryan (son) in December 1975

**Related units of description:**

**In Other Repositories**

- The National Archives (Public Record Office): 1 volume of correspondence

**Finding aids:** In Guide; handlist

**Archivist's note:** Finding aid created by Clare Brown 13 Oct 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 28 May 2003 and 4 Mar 2019

**BOX AND FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION FOR THE SIR ANDREW RYAN  
COLLECTION**

- Box 1 Poetry, plays, short prose pieces by Andrew Ryan
- Box 2 MS and TS of *Last of the Dragomans*
- Box 3
- 3/1 Notes made in connection with *Last of the Dragomans*
- 3/2 *Last of the Dragomans*: correspondence with publishers; reviews
- 3/3 Outline diaries; “memories of 25 years’ service”; “40 years in the Foreign Service”
- 3/4 Degrees, appointments and distinctions
- 3/5 Announcement of KBE, with letters of congratulation
- Box 4
- 4/1 Papers relating to the Levant Consular Service
- 4/2 “Hermes and Autolykus”
- 4/3 Correspondence with Foreign Office relating to financial matters
- 4/4 Letters from Gertrude Bell, Reader Bullard, F.G. Clemow, Wyndham Deedes, A.B. Geary, T.J. MacGregor, Herman Norman, E.Paul
- 4/5 Letters from E.G. Browne, Eric Forbes-Adams, H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Louis Mallet, H.E. Satow, Robert Vansittart, R. Webb.
- 4/6 Notes on journeys, c.1899-1910s
- 4/7 Catalogue of Turkish caricatures; letter- book 1899-1912
- 4/8 Book containing summaries of letters received with quotations from 1897-1912 made at a later date and occasionally recording the date in which a letter was destroyed such as 1935. Also including 24 loose sheets of summaries of letters.
- Box 5
- 5/1 Farewell speeches

- 5/2 Letters on Roman Catholic affairs, Turkish archaeology, school regulations and financial matters, letters from Miss A.M. Burgess, note on the Turkish peoples.
- 5/3 Letters from Craigie, Forbes-Adam, Grogan, Henderson, Heywood, Knox, Matthews, Osborne, Phillips, Rumbold, Tchamitch, Toynbee, Woods.
- 5/4 Property rights of the Ottoman Imperial family; correspondence with Prince Samy Nejib
- 5/5 Letters from F.G. Clemow, W.S. Edmonds, Damad Ferid, A.K. Helm, Louis Mallet, R.Webb
- 5/6 Miscellaneous letters A-M
- 5/7 Miscellaneous letters N-Z

Box 6

- 6/1 Appointment (1924) and resignation (1930), Rabat.
- 6/2 Speeches, Rabat.
- 6/3 Letters from W. Codrington and others; letter to Foreign Office, 17 March 1930.
- 6/4 Appointment (1930) and departure (1936) as British Minister, Jeddah; correspondence with Foreign Office about his career prospects, 1934-1936
- 6/5 Speeches, Jeddah; letters from Reader Bullard
- 6/6 Journey from London to Jeddah, 1935; letters from B.A.B. Burrows, 1949
- 6/7 War between Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud and imam Yahya, 1933-1934
- 6/8 Notes on British representation in Jeddah; Bakhit affair; article by I. Ghazhavi; letters about Ibn Saud and Transjordan.
- 6/9 European cemetery at Jeddah; catalogue of modern maps of Arabia; catalogue of books on Arabia