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Title: Arthur Lionel Forster Smith Collection

Name of creator: Smith, Arthur Lionel Forster (1880-1972) Educationalist

Dates of creation of material: 1920-1931; 1959-1960

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 5 boxes

Biographical history: Smith, Arthur Lionel Forster (1880-1972)

Born 19 August 1880, son of A.L. Smith, Master of Balliol and Mary Florence Smith (née Baird). Educated Rugby School; Balliol College, Oxford. Fellow of All Souls', 1904-08; Fellow and Tutor of Magdalen College, Oxford, 1908-20; MVO 1914; war service in India with 9th Batt. Hants. Regt., 1914-18. Director of Education, Mesopotamia, 1920-21; Adviser of Education, Iraq, 1921-31; CBE 1927; Rector of Edinburgh Academy, 1931-45. Married, 1932, Mary Hodgkin (née Wilson). Died 3 June 1972.

Scope and content: Personal correspondence with Humphrey Bowman, Sir Reader Bullard, Sir A.T. Wilson and others, including material on education in Iraq and Palestine, and other Iraqi affairs, 1920-31; correspondence from Jerome Farrell and C.J. Edmonds, 1959-60. Photographic collection.

System of arrangement: As received

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: Mainly English with a small amount of Arabic

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of Lionel Smith and his family

Immediate source of acquisition: Papers given by E.C. Hodgkin and Robin Hodgkin (stepson of A.L.F. Smith) 1974/75 and November 1979.

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

GB165-0034 Bowman

GB165-0042 Bullard

GB165-0095 Edmonds

GB165-0104 Farrell

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Publication note: Hodgkin, E.C (ed.) *Arthur Lionel Forster Smith 1880-1972. Chapters of Biography* (Printed for Private Circulation, 1979).

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**FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTHUR LIONEL FORSTER SMITH
COLLECTION**

Box 1

1/1 Iraq educational affairs

Letters from J Farrel, 1920-1923

Letters from F.B. Riley, with Smith's notes on Riley's service in Iraq

Letters from James Somerville, c1924-1932

1/2 Iraq educational affairs

Iraqi educational affairs miscellaneous 1920-1934; 1962-1963

Letters from J.S. Thomson, 1921-1923

M. Hayim's letters to Lionel Smith 1931-1932, with letter from C.J.

Edmunds of 14 Feb 1936 on Hayim's difficulties

Letters from H. Glen 1921-1922

Letters from Hamid Khan, Najag 1919-1924

1/3 Palestine

Letters from James Somerville, 1933-1935 re his appointment as Assistant
Probation Officer, Palestine

Letters from Jerome Farrell, 1926-1929

Letters from Humphrey Bowman, 1920-1928

Sudan

Sudanese educational statistics, 1906-1918

Report and Accounts to 31 Dec 1916 for the Gordon Memorial College at
Khartoum, 26 Mar 1917. 1 booklet

Roll of members of the Egyptian Army and Sudan Defence Force Dinner
Club, 1946. 1 booklet

Jordan

Letter from Jerome Farrel to R. Bullard, 20 Oct 1955

- 1/4 Letter from A.T. Wilson 9 Mar 1919
Sir Henry Dobbs' report, 30th June 1927
Letters from C.J. Butler, D.W. Gumbly, W.A. Lyon and others on Iraqi
affairs 1926-1937
Letter from D.G. Hogarth to Lionel Smith, 13 Nov 1922.
- 1/5 Letters from J. Ramsay to Lionel Smith, 1928
Letters from Sir Henry Dobbs, 1929-1931
Letter from Francis Humphrys, 22 Oct 1932
Letter from Sir John Shuckburgh, 12 May 1931
Letters from C.J. Edmonds, 1929-1936
Letters from Vyvyan Holt, 1931-1933

Box 2

- 2/1 Army in Iraq: letters and documents, 1917-1919 including booklets 'Physical
and Bayonet Training', 'Prevention of Espionage and Leakage of
Information' and a notebook.
- 2/2 Army: India Letters and documents (undated material filed first) c1917-1920.
Including booklet 'Robinson Crusoe A Pantomime in Two Acts. 1/9TH
Hampshire Regiment, Ferozepore, 1917'
Leaflet 'Questions a platoon commander should ask himself before an attack'
Small booklet of ?tickets for Makinah Gymkhana Club
Photograph (badly faded) of man standing in front of tents.
- 2/3 Letters from Lionel Smith to his mother, 1920-1921; 1930.
32 sheets.
- 2/4 Obituary for A.L.F Smith
Letters written to his widow on the death of Lionel Smith, 1972-1973
Letters to Mary Hogkin (including 3 envelopes) June – Dec 1930.
- 2/5 Lionel Smith: career and employment opportunities, 1919-1945
Invitations and menus including Farewell Banquet given by King Faisal I in
honour of Sir Henry Dobbs, 1 Feb 1929. [some Arabic material]

Box 3

- 3/1 Letters on Iraq Antiquities, 1919-1946
- 3/2 Sir Reader Bullard's letters commenting on Iraqi affairs, 1921-1938
- 3/3 Sir Reader Bullard's letters on Arabian affairs, 1923-1927
Newspaper clipping on Betram Thomas's crossing of the Rub' al Khali
- 3/4 Two undated letters from Gertrude Bell to Lionel Smith
Letters from Lady Florence Bell, 1927-1930
Letters from Lady Esme Dobbs, 1926
Letters from Sir Reader Bullard, July 1926
- 3/5 Miscellaneous letters on Iraqi affairs (including some Arabic material), 1921-1931.
TS lecture by ALF Smith delivered 14th and 18th Feb 1924
TS entitled 'The History of Mesopotamia after the armistice' by A.L.F Smith with attached letters about the article.
Lionel Smith's Shushtar notes, 1918
Letter from Harold Nicholson re Reza Shah
MS article entitled 'The Carmathions El-Qaramita'
Letter from E.H. Keeling to Lionel Smith with attached article 'The Oil of Iraq An Historical Outline' 4 May 1925
- 3/6 Letters from Muhammad Ahmad, 1953-1957
Letters from Atta Amin, 1923-1934
Letters from S.M. Said, 1926-1935
Letters from Mirza Muhammad, 1930-1940
Letters from M. Hayim and others, 1922-1939
Photocopy labelled Sati' al – Husri, Mudhakhirati Fi al – Iraq (Beirut, 1967) vol 1: 1921-1927 with an attached TS English translation describing Sati' al – Husri's work in the Ministry of Education.

Box 4

- 4/1 Letters from George Antonius, 1923
Letters from Humphrey Bowman, 1921-1934

- Letters from Sir Reader and Lady Bullard, 1913-1927
- 4/2 Letters from Sir Reader and Lady Bullard, 1928-1938
- 4/3 Letters from N.L. Corkill, 1929-1930
- Letters from Lady Dobbs, 1928-1931
- Letters from C.J. Edmonds, 1928-1970
- Letter from Sir K. Cornwallis, 27 March 1929
- Letters from Vyvyan Holt, 1917-1938
- Letters from Sir Francis and Lady Humphrys, 1930-1935
- Letters from Lord Irwin, 1926-1938
- 4/4 Letters from Freya Stark, 1930-1931
- Letters from Sir Arthur and Carolotta Nicholson, 1923-1927
- Letter from Harold Nicholson, 20 May ?1927
- Letters from J. Parlby, 1923-1934
- Letters from Mrs A.L. Smith, 1906-1921
- Letters from James Somerville, 1921-1934
- Letter from Bertram Thomas 15 Dec 1935
- Letters from Sir A.T. Wilson, 1936

Box 5

- 5/1 Personal Correspondence: A to Ge
- 5/2 Personal Correspondence: Gl –Se
- 5/3 Personal Correspondence: Sh – Yo
- 5/4 Miscellaneous letters (signatures unknown)
- 5/5 Letters from J. Somerville, C.I.E, Muhammad Ahmed, Foreign Office