

**Reference code:** GB165-0274

**Title:** Herbert Rushton Sykes Collection

**Name of creator:** Sykes, Herbert Rushton (1870-1952) Engineer

**Dates of creation of material:** 1902-1905; 1907; n.d.

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Biographical history:** Sykes, Herbert Rushton (1870-1952)

Herbert Sykes was a cousin of Sir Percy Sykes. Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

**Scope and content:** Tour diaries and survey reports relating to the construction of the Indo-European Telegraph line, 1902-04, and lectures on Persian geography, 1903, 1905, 1907 and n.d. Photograph collection.

**System of arrangement:** Papers on Indo-European Telegraph line; lectures and articles

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English; some Persian

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

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Herbert Sykes and his family

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received from Sir Patrick Reilly, October 1995

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

GB165-0276 Sykes, Sir Percy Molesworth. (1867-1945). Cousin of Herbert Rushton Sykes

GB165-0344 Sykes, Edward Molesworth. (1910-1992). Son of Sir Percy Molesworth Sykes

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by C. Brown 20 January 2000 revised by D. Usher 23 October 2003. File and item level description created by C. Brown 1 May 1997

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE HERBERT RUSHTON SYKES  
COLLECTION**

Box 1 Construction of the Indo-European Telegraph line

1/1	Diary of work in Persia 1 vol.	Nov. 1902-Sept. 1903
1/2	Diary of work in Persia 1 vol.	Sept. 1903-April 1904
1/3	Survey notebook 1 vol.	Oct. 1903-April 1904
1/4	Log of route from Rigan to Bandar Abbas & Par to Vakilabad/Daolatabad. 10 sheets	1903
1/5	Accounts for porters, baggage animals etc. 67 sheets	1903
1/6	List of photographic negatives. 5 sheets	n.d.

Box 2 Lectures and articles by Sykes

2/1	"Roads to the Gulf", three articles in <i>The Times of India</i> . 3 sheets	7-9 Oct. 1903
2/2	"How a telegraph line is laid through desert country". 37 sheets	1903
2/3	"Persia's Great Desert" and <i>The Lut, the Great Desert of Persia</i> , The Journal of the Geographical Society, vol. XXIII, part II, 1907. 26 sheets; 1 item.	1903; 1907
2/4	"Holy Meshed". 5 sheets	1903
2/5	"Medical and surgical treatment in Persia." 5 sheets	1903
2/6	<i>Our Recent Progress in Southern Persia and its Possibilities</i> , Proceedings of the Central Asian Society. 31 sheets; 1 item.	1905
2/7	"Through Unknown Persian Uplands." 7 sheets	n.d.
2/8	"Persian Diary." 11 sheets	n.d.

Stored with photographs

Photograph album 1902-03. 1 vol.