

**Reference code:** GB165-0297

**Title:** Cecil Webb Collection

**Name of creator:** Webb, Cecil Richard (1887-1974)

**Dates of creation of material:** 1930, 1934, 1941

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 18 sheets; 4 items; 1 album; 39 prints

**Biographical history:** Webb, Cecil Richard (1887-1974)

Born 17 August 1887, son of Revd. S.G.M. Webb. Educated St. John's School, Leatherhead. North Eastern Railway, 1904-14; Assistant Traffic Manager, Uganda Railway, 1914; war service, British and German East Africa, 1914-19; Traffic Manager, Tanganyika Railway, 1919-23; General Manager and Traffic Manager, Sierra Leone Railway, 1923-30; OBE 1926; General Manager Palestine Railways, 1930-42; Ministry of War Transport, Cape Town, 1943-45; Ministry of Transport (London), Railways Maintenance Division, 1945-47. Married, 1922, Beatrice Ballingall: 1 son (Jeremy) 1 daughter (Jennifer). Died 4 April 1974.

**Scope and content:** Palestine Railways Annual Report, 1930; letter from Webb to his wife about his trip across the desert from Damascus to Baghdad in the Nairn Transport bus 16 April 1934; photocopy of Beatrice Webb's TS account of the evacuation of families of British officials at Suez, 1941; menu of a dinner at the King David Hotel, 19 January 1931; two membership cards of the Sodom and Gommorrah Golfing Society Dead Sea Golf Course, 3 January 1941. Photographs of Palestine Railways including sabotage and the construction and opening of Haifa harbour.

**System of arrangement:** MS material; printed material; photographs

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Physical Condition:** Photocopy is quite faded.

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

**Custodial history:** In the possession of C.R. Webb.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Given by Mrs. Webb via the Anglo-Palestine Archives Project, October 1974.

**Location of originals:** Presumably with the donor's family.

**Related Units of Description:**

In MEC Archive

For other material relating to the Palestine Railways see also:

GB165-0172 Kirby, Sir Arthur Frank (1899-1983)

GB165-0204 Middle East Supply Centre

GB165-0257 Scivener, Rupert Frederick (1890-1951)

GB165-0283 Thompson, Barbara M. née Sherrell (1904-1992)

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by C. Brown 18 February 2000 and revised by D. Usher 28 April 2004