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Biographical history: WHEELER, Lt.-Col. Geoffrey Edleston (1897-1990)

Born 22 June 1897, son of Capt. Owen Wheeler. Educated at Eastbourne College. Commissioned Queen's Regiment 1915 and served in France, 1915-1917; transferred to Indian Army (6th Gurkha Rifles) in 1918; Intelligence appointments in Turkey, Malta and Palestine to 1925; Military Attaché, Meshed, 1926; Intelligence duties in Iraq, 1928-1931; 7th Rajput Regiment to 1936; General Staff, Army HQ, India, 1936-1941; Director, Publications Division, Govt. Of India, 1941-1946; CIE 1943; Counsellor, British Embassy, Teheran, 1946-1950; CBE 1948; Director of Central Asian Research Centre, 1953-1968. Married, 1927, Irena Nicolaevna Boulatoff (d.1973): 1 son. Died 1 February 1990.

Scope and content: TS memoirs 'Fifty years of Asia' concerning his career in the Indian Army, linguistic pursuits, intelligence work in Turkey, Persia, India and Iraq, work for the Ministry of Information in India and the foundation of the Central Asian Research Centre; TS article on orientalist in the Soviet Union, 1960.

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FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOFFREY WHEELER COLLECTION

File 1	'Fifty Years of Asia': memoirs of service in the Indian Army, linguistic pursuits, Intelligence work in Turkey, Persia, India and Iraq, work for the Ministry of Information during the Second World War in India, and the foundation of the Central Asian Research Centre, London	Not dated	365 sheets
File 2	'Orientalists in the Soviet Union', typescript article by Wheeler	1960	5 sheets