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Title: Aubrey Mellor Collection

Name of creator: Mellor, Aubrey Rollo Ibbetson (1892-1977)

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Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Mellor, Aubrey Rollo Ibbetson (1892-1977)

Born 1892. Educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford. Served in the Army during the First World War, was awarded the MC and Bar and mentioned in dispatches. Joined the Egyptian Civil Service in 1919 and served in Police CID, as Director of Registry and Archives, and briefly as Financial Adviser to the Government. Left the Egyptian Civil Service in 1930 and joined the United Africa Company becoming secretary of the company in 1932. In 1941 was appointed to the board of the United Africa Company. From 1940 served as chairman of the West African Section of the Chamber of Commerce and in 1945 as founder chairman of the West Africa Committee. In 1945 was involved in creation of the Colonial Employers Federation and became its Chairman. Created CBE in 1951. Retired 1957. Married one son and one daughter.

Scope and content: Memoir written by Aubrey Mellor giving an account of his service in the Egyptian Civil Service from 1919-1930 in the Police CID, as Director of Registry and Archives and also work in the Ministry of Finance. Articles on Egyptian history, a letter of appreciation of Mellor's work in Egypt and an obituary for Sir Frank Watson and Aubrey Mellor.

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**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE AUBREY MELLOR
COLLECTION**

1 Memoir

- 1/1 MS Memoir [1965-1975] 97 sheets
Part of MS memoir by Aubrey Mellor entitled 'Egypt I' giving an account of Mellor's service in Egypt 1919-1930 including his journey to Egypt, riots in Alexandria, political developments and his service in the Police CID, as Director of Registry and Archives and work in the Budget Office. Also includes an account of a ten day trip to Palestine
- 1/2 TS Memoir Not dated 60 sheets
TS copy, with corrections, of the MS Memoir by Aubrey Mellor (1/1)

2 Articles on Egyptian History

- 2/1 Historical Summary Egypt 1918-1925 15 May 1926 1 booklet
Printed official British document consisting of a chronology of political events in Egypt
- 2/2 Egypt [1930] 14 sheets
TS draft article by ARI Mellor giving an account of Egyptian history particularly from 1882
- 2/3 Egypt III Not dated 16 sheets
TS article giving an account the history and challenges facing Egypt and speculating on Egypt's future ?1930

3 Letter of Appreciation

- 3/1 TS letter from EM Dowson to the Financial Advisor, Ministry of Finances Cairo placing on record 'appreciation of the services of MR A.R.I. Mellor' 8 Nov 1929 3 sheets

4 Obituaries

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| 4/1 | <u>Sir Frank Watson</u> | Not dated | 1 item |
| | Newspaper obituary from the <i>Times</i> for 'Sir Frank Watson:
Moulding of Modern Egypt' by A.R.I Mellor] | | |
| 4/2 | <u>Aubrey Mellor</u> | May 1977 | 1 sheet |
| | Photocopy of <i>Times</i> obituary for ARI Mellor | | |