

Reference code: GB165-0673

Title: Minna Barren Collection

Name of creator: Barren, Minna A.

Dates of creation of material: 25 Dec 1951 – 27 Jan 1952

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 file

Biographical history: Barren, Minna A.

Minna Barren was the cousin of Noel Thomas, whose collection is held at the Middle East Centre Archive, (GB165-0672). She spent a month in Egypt on holiday from 25 Dec 1952 to 25 Jan 1952. Further details about her life and occupation are unknown.

Scope and content: Diary detailing a month's holiday in Egypt from 23 Dec 1951 to 27 Jan 1952. The first half of the diary mainly consists of descriptions of the various historical sites Barren visited during her stay in Egypt. These include the Hatshepsut Obelisk (pg 2), the Tombs of the Nobles (pg 8) and the Museum of Cairo (pg 16). Also included is an account of a market in the Egyptian countryside (pg 6 and 7). The second half of the diary mainly relates to Cairo and includes various introductions and meetings. These include dinners with Minna Barren's cousin Noel Thomas. Other activities are mentioned, including a camel ride (pg 17), a visit to an exhibition on Indian paintings (pg 19), a night at an Italian Opera, La Boheme (pg 20) and a donkey ride to the Serapeum of Saqqara (pg 24-25).

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Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of Minna Barren's, cousins' daughter Philippa Thomas

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Philippa Thomas in May 2018

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

- GB165-0672 Noel Thomas Collection: Noel Thomas was Minna Barren's cousin. His personal papers include details about the injuries he sustained during the 'Black Saturday' riots.
- GB165-0246 Sir Frederick Rowlatt Collection: Evelyn, the woman who accompanied Mina Barren in Egypt, was secretary to Sir Frederick Rowlatt whilst he was Governor of the National Bank of Egypt.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by Oliver Cooper, 14 Aug 2018.