

MECA GUIDE JORDAN/TRANSJORDAN

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Guide to collections relating to Jordan/Transjordan

Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that explicitly mention Jordan or Transjordan have been included. Not included in this Guide are several collections that cover the Middle East as a whole and thus may contain material relevant to Jordan. For example the Arab Bulletin; British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Cairo Conference; Chatham House; Clayton; Crow; Dickson, Arthur GM; Dickson Lt Col H.R.P and the Mance papers. For these papers please consult the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word 'Handlist'.

Please note that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

ARAB DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY.

GB165-0324

Pamphlets, reports, newspaper cuttings and correspondence relating to the Arab Development Society, the life of its founder Musa Alami and details of the Society's legacy and supporters. Also includes an album of professional photographs, along with loose photographs, documenting the work of the Arab Development Society. 3 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

AREF EL-AREF. (1892-1973).

GB165-0016

TS diaries (in Arabic): Amman diary, 1926-28; Gaza diary, July 1939-June 1940. 1 box.

ARMITAGE, Henry St John Basil (1924-2004)

GB165-0377

TS Lecture 'The Arab Legion of Jordan: To-day and yesterday' by St J Armitage 25 Sept 1996; TS lecture entitled 'The Hijaz Railway' by H St J.B. Armitage given at the T.E. Lawrence Society Symposium, Exeter College, Oxford 14-15 Sept 2002; Pamphlet 'History of the Railway Troops' by Thalacker reporting on his experiences at Amman railway station regarding the 1918 retreat from the Hedjas front. 1 file. Handlist

BLACKBURN, Donald. (1902-1996).

GB165-0378

Booklets and a note relating to Church history consisting of a 'Handbook of the Anglican

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Bishopric in Jerusalem and the East', 'Some Ancient and Younger Churches in Egypt' and 'The Eastern Church: A brief note'; a TS account giving a description of how Archdeacon Campbell was shot during fighting in Jerusalem in 1948; a speech by Nasser after the laying of the foundation stone of the Copt Cathedral in 1964; a TS account 'Civil War in Jordan, September 1970' by Winifred Coate and 22 photographs mainly of Church events including a group photograph of the Palestine Church Council in March 1949 and the Arab Episcopal Church Council in 1955. 1 file and 22 photographs. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

BRIAN LAPPING ASSOCIATES LTD: THE FIFTY YEARS WAR: ISRAEL AND THE ARABS GB165-0346

Transcripts of research interviews made during the production of the television series 'The Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs' which was produced for BBC Television by Brian Lapping Associates Ltd and broadcast in 1998. Key Israeli, Palestinian, Lebanese, Jordanian, Egyptian, Syrian, Russian and American participants were interviewed. 11 boxes. Handlist.

BRUNTON, Capt. Chisholm Dunbar. (b.1887). GB165-0040

"Who's Who" in Damascus, 1919; papers on political situation in Palestine 1920-1921; proposal for a "Jordan Reserve Force", 11 Sept. 1920; article by Uriel Dann 'The Beginnings of the Arab Legion' reprinted from *Middle Eastern Studies* Vol 5, 1969, issue 3. 34 sheets, 2 items. Handlist.

CAMERON WATT, Prof. Donald. (b. 1928) GB165-0296

Press-cutting collection from British newspapers covering: oil; the Arabian peninsula; Middle East (in general); Egypt; Cyprus; Malta; Eisenhower Doctrine; Iran; Lebanon; Libya; Iraq Revolution; Israel; Jordan; Syria; Turkey; Sudan; French North Africa; Somaliland; the Suez Crisis; some maps. 11 boxes. Handlist.

CASSELS, Gervase de la Poer. (1915-91). GB165-0050

Memoir, as Deputy Director of UNWRA in Jordan, of the Six Day War, 1967; personal account of his involvement in the Libyan federal elections, 1951-52. 2 folders.

CHEHAB, Emir Farid (1908-1985). GB165-0384

Lebanese intelligence reports and analysis, in Arabic, covering internal Lebanese politics, communist parties in the Middle East and political developments in Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and Israeli and Palestinian politics, 1945-1983. 12 boxes. Handlist.

COATE, Winifred A. (1893-1977). GB165-0060

Letter from Winifred Coate to Stewart Perowne on conditions in Jordan in July 1971, including agriculture at Abdelliyeh and the difficulty of getting produce to market undamaged after vehicle searches, the security situation in Zerka Town, the poor state of the Jordanian economy and disillusionment amongst 'the more settled Palestinians' at the guerrillas openly 'announcing their aim to disrupt the Government of Jordan and destroy the King'. 1 sheet. Handlist.

DANN, Uriel. (1922-91). GB165-0074

Photocopy of TS article "The background to the beginnings of the Arab Legion" with comments by F.G. Peake, c.1969. 24 sheets.

- D'ARCY, Lt. Gen. John Conyers.** (1894-1966). GB165-0075
 Photocopies of letters to Gen. D'Arcy from Lord Gort, 13 August 1945; Sir John Glubb, 4 December 1945, 12 March 1946 and 21 June 1948; Lt.-Gen. Sir E.H. Barker, 31 May 1946, 2 & 29 July 1946; Sir John Shaw, 15 June 1946; translation of Arabic speech by a representative of the Jordanian Army on D'Arcy's departure. 17 sheets.
- DIXON, Catherine J.** GB165-0088
 MS diary 25 August-3 September "Adventures of four women who visited Petra in 1925", illustrated with 46 black and white photographs, giving an account of the journey from Jerusalem to Petra and back. 1 vol.
- FRASER, Professor Thomas Howden.** (1885-1975). GB165-0112
 Letters from Major-General Mohammed Nequib, 1953-75; inscribed copy of Herbert Addison's *Travelling with Artifex*; certificates of Fraser's awards and decorations; account of an excursion to the Wadi Natrun, 26-27 November 1925; account of a trip to Petra by car, 1931. 2 folders. Photographic collection.
- GIESLER, Rodney William Aldous** (b.1931). GB165-0508
 Papers, slides and films relating to Rodney Giesler's life and work for the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd Film Unit and his later travels in the Middle East consisting of an extract from an oral history transcript 'Memories of Kuwait 1958-61' as well as a collection of 35mm colour slides mainly of the Gulf including images of oil fields and installations, the visit of King Saud to Kuwait in 1961 as well as slides of tourist sites in Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Also includes digital copies of the documentary films 'Close up on Kuwait' and 'Dubai' which were directed by Rodney Giesler and focus on the oil industry and the development of Kuwait and Dubai as well as some printed materials including booklets giving a history of the Kuwait oil company. 2 boxes. Handlist.
- GILES, Peter** (1929-2014). GB165-0632
 Papers, leaflets, photographs and artefacts collected during Peter Giles' time in the Transjordanian Frontier Force and the Palestine Police Force, mainly relating to his work as a police officer, including large numbers of Police and Legal Forms, both used and unused, and a number of Jewish and Arab propaganda leaflets and notices. There are also a small number of memoranda regarding the withdrawal of the British Administration and the future of its employees; two sections of editions of the Palestine Post, and an internal News Bulletin with updates on the situation in Palestine and various materials from Peter Giles' social and personal life, including prayer books, race programmes and telegrams. 1 box. Handlist.
- GOLDIE, Col. Hugh Desmond Barré.** (b. 1907). GB165-0119
 Photocopied TS paper on the history of the Arab Legion, possibly by Glubb c.1944. 10 sheets.
- GREEN, Joseph Coy.** (1887-1978) GB165-0317
 Photocopied TS diary, 4 July 1952-15 September 1953, covering his period as US Ambassador to Jordan. 3 boxes.
- HAINING, Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Hadden.** (1882-1959). GB165-0131

Cyclostyled volume of despatches on the operations carried out by the British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan during the period of command of Lt.-General R.H. Haining, 1 April 1938-30 July 1939; with a few press cuttings of the period and a letter from Malcolm Macdonald. 7 sheets; 1 item.

HUBBARD, Laurence Arthur. (b.1931). Reverend. GB165-0552
Correspondence relating to Reverend Hubbard's Missionary work in Damascus and Aleppo, Syria 1993-1996 and in Aqaba, Jordan 1996-2000; including Reverend Hubbard's appointment letter and his background notes on Damascus, monthly link letters for supporters at home and letters from friends and supporters during and after Reverend Hubbard's overseas missionary work. Also includes photograph albums and slides documenting his missionary work for the Church, including images of the surrounding landscapes, architecture and life in Syria and Jordan, as well as a 'History of Aqaba' by Hubbard and slides from the Church Mission Society 'Palestine – paying the price' giving a presentation on conditions of the Palestinians in the 1990's. 3 boxes. Handlist.

JERUSALEM AND THE EAST MISSION. GB165-0161
Records, 1841-1970s, including material on Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Iran, Gulf, Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus and N. Africa; with correspondence on the political situation in Palestine, 1916-67; presscutting volumes. 256 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

JOHNS, Cedric Norman. (1904-92). GB165-0162
Letters from Nagib G. Nassar, Jerusalem, about the Jaffa riots 1933, the work of the Department of Antiquities, 1935 and about finding work outside Jordan, 1952; copy of "Background notes: military and economic elements in the Israeli beach-head", 1970; four maps showing the proposed boundaries for the partition of Palestine, 1938; press-cuttings on Palestine, 1923-47. 1 box. Handlist.

JORDAN, BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S ANNUAL REPORTS GB165-0345
Photocopies of the British Ambassador's Annual Report for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan covering 1951-1970 (not including the reports for 1960 and 1968). 1 box

JORDAN COLLECTION. GB165-0163
Photocopies of papers relating to the history of Palestine and Jordan 1919-30, including administrative documents from the Ajlun and Salt districts, 1919-26; papers relating to the Palestinian Nationalist Rising, 1936-9; papers relating to the Arab Legion. 1 folder.

KIRBY, Trevor Roland. (1923-2015). GB165-0585
Papers relating to Trevor Kirby's service in the Palestine Police, consisting of a scrapbook with newspaper cuttings from his time in Palestine 1944-1948; an Arabic Language Textbook produced by the Palestine Police Force; four travel guidebooks covering Jerusalem, Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan; a printed Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association leaflet covering the history of the Palestine Police Force; a printed speech made by H.M. George VI thanking the Palestine Police; remembrance items including a roll of honour and latter printed editions, correspondence regarding the roll of honour and a remembrance cross; Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association Newsletters from 1950-2012, produced Quarterly (tri-annually from 2007), giving information on association news, regional meetings, annual dinners, obituaries,

and purchasable association clothing. 7 boxes. Handlist.

LARGE, Robert Walter Canning. GB165-0366
Letter giving Robert Large's reminiscences of his service in Palestine and Transjordan c1947-1948 in the Transjordan Frontier Force. 29 May 2004. 1 item. Handlist.

LUNT. Maj. Gen. James Doiran. (b. 1917). GB165-0189
Photocopied TS of Address given at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Lt.-Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb held in Westminster Abbey, 17 April 1986. 4 sheets.

MELVILLE, Robert Kenneth. (1918-2017). GB165-0577
Papers relating to Col. Robert Melville's role as Staff Liaison Officer for the Arab Legion from 1949-1956. The papers, consisting of reports, correspondence, scrapbooks and notes, thoroughly document the Arab Legion's development while under the command of Lt.-Gen Glubb. The papers consist of information on Arab Legion reorganisation, expansion and finances; also included is material on political and military incidents in Jordan and concerns witnessed by Glubb. There are files containing material on the Arab Legion and the media, scrapbooks and loose press cuttings relating to the Arab Legion and Glubb's dismissal and personal correspondence between Melville and Glubb containing information on domestic affairs. An oral history interview with Col. Melville in 2013 is available to listen to and consists of information on his military career. 13 boxes. Handlist.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. GB165-0203
Project papers and reports, 1939-1980s, dealing with agriculture, co-operatives, education, finance, fisheries, forestry, health provision, industry, mineral resources, public administration, transport, water resources, and other development projects, mainly in Jordan (including the West Bank territory), but also covering Aden, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Oman, Israel and Palestine; correspondence files; some papers on the South-East Asia Development Division and the Overseas Development Institute. 39 boxes. Handlist.

MONCKTON, Major Reginald Francis Percy. (1896-1975). GB165-0206
Papers and letters home from his period of service in Palestine and Transjordan, 1917-25, including material on the period before Amir Abdullah's installation; reminiscences of Transjordan; notes on the Somerset papers; correspondence with the Israel State Archives, Prof. Uriel Dann and others; Staff List, Palestine Government, 1930; material on excavations at Solomon's Quarries, Jerusalem, 1924-69; diary of a visit to Israel, November-December 1967. 1 box. Photographic collection.

MORGAN, Miss Dorothy Blanche. (b. 1906). GB165-0208
Material relating to Palestine during and after the Mandate, covering her career as a history teacher at the English High School, Haifa, including letters from S. P. Emery, reports from the office of the Bishop in Jerusalem on the situation during the period May 1948-March 1950, copies of *Bible Lands* and *Lines of Communication*, and a report by Winifred A. Coate on the Abdelliyeh Village Project, Jordan, 1977. Handlist. 2 boxes. Photographic collection.

MUMFORD, Richard. (1894-1960). GB165-0212
Photocopied TS reminiscences as confidential clerk to H. St. J. B. Philby in Transjordan. 12

sheets.

PHILBY, Harry St. John Bridger. (1885-1960). GB165-0229
 Political and personal correspondence, memos, travel diaries, exploration reports, engagement books, published and unpublished literary MSS, c.1915-57, covering Transjordan, Iraq, Palestine, Arabia and including correspondence and minutes of meetings of Sharqieh Ltd. and Mitchell Cotts Ltd. 89 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

SIMS, Les. (b.1926). GB165-0490
 TS Memoir 'A Private's Story' written by Les Sims giving an account of his wartime service from his call up on 25 July 1944 to his demobilisation in 1947 and covering his training and Army service in France, Palestine and Transjordan with a more detailed description of his duties in Palestine, such as road blocks and searches during 1946. The memoir also includes copies of photographs of Aug 3 Squad and Les Sims and his brother Arthur Sims on Christmas Day 1945. 1 item (6 sheets). Handlist.

SOMERSET, Fitzroy Richard, 4th Baron Raglan. (1885-1964). GB165-0268
 Photocopied papers on the British administration in Transjordan, including Hon. Fitzroy Somerset's letters to his parents, memoranda and correspondence on border and security matters, 1919-21; minutes of the Jerusalem conference, 1921; correspondence between Elizabeth Monroe, Major Monckton and Lt-Col. F.G. Peake, 1967-68, about the Somerset Papers. 1 box.

TRIPE, William Borrowdale. (b.1906). GB165-0287
 TS report, 1942, on the political development of Transjordan with a view to the possibility of applying its system of government to Cyrenaica at some future time; explanatory note, unsigned, on the background to the creation of the report. 32 sheets.

WARD, Richard Joseph. (b.1921) GB165-0427
 Papers relating to the life and work of Richard J Ward, Senior Economist and Program Director for U.S. Aid, in Jordan from 1961-1963, including U.S. AID Memorandums, Reports and Tables; Social observations on local habits and customs; and Travel Notes. 2 boxes. Handlist.

UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

Access to uncatalogued material is restricted, please contact the archivist for further details. In some cases draft handlists are available or are in preparation.

GLUBB, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Bagot. (1897-1986). GB165-0118
 Memoranda, reports, telegrams and correspondence relating to Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan as well personal papers including material relating to Glubb's First World War service, 1915-1985. The Transjordan material includes papers relating to the 1948 war. Draft box list.146 boxes. Photographic Collection.

VATIKIOTIS, Panayiotis J. (1928-97). GB165-0292
 Articles, broadcasts and correspondence relating to Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Egypt, 1980s. Draft catalogue. 2 boxes.

