

# MECA CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS

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St Antony's College, Oxford

## Guide to Christian Missionary Collections

### 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 include material relating to Christian Mission work have been included. 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.

**ALLEN, Rt. Revd. Geoffrey Francis, Bishop in Egypt.** (1902-82). GB165-0004  
Collection of Diocesan Reviews for Egypt and Sudan 1947-52. 1 box. Handlist

**BLACKBURN, Donald.** (1902-1996). GB165-0378  
Booklets and a note relating to Church history consisting of a 'Handbook of the Anglican 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.

**BLYTH, Miss Estelle.** (1881-1983). GB165-0031  
Papers relating to her father the Rt. Revd. G.F. Popham Blyth, Bishop in Jerusalem; copy of *The All Highest goes to Jerusalem, being the diary of the German Emperor's journey to the Holy Land*, London, 1918; House of Lords Debates, notes, policy statements, etc. on Palestine 1920-39, with a few press cuttings. 1 box. Photographic collection.

**BRITISH SYRIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.** GB165-0397  
Legal document entitled 'British Syrian Schools Duplicate Declaration of Trust of property in Syria and elsewhere belonging to the Association'. The document notes that the British Syrian Schools Association was loaned £1,500 by Mentor Mott in 1877 using the property of the Association as security for the loan as well as setting out some rules and regulations for the running of the Association such as voting rights at General meetings and the granting to Augusta Mott and Susette Harriet Smith the right to hire and dismiss staff and manage the running of the

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schools and other institutions. The document also includes a supplemental indenture in which Mentor Mott relinquished his claim to the loaned money in 1887. 1 item. 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.

**DEHQANI-TAFTI, Rt. Revd. Hassan Barnaba.** (b. 1920). GB165-0080  
Papers as President-Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, 1976-86. 2 boxes.

**GURNEY, Betty.** (d.1981). GB165-0127  
Letters, 1937, 1944-49 and 1953-55, to friends recounting her daily life in Isfahan and later in Cairo as the wife of the Revd. David Gurney, CMS missionary in Iran and Egypt. 96 sheets.

**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. 165 boxes; 23 vols. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**MacGUFFIE, Lt.-Col. the Revd. Alexander H.** GB165-0194  
Papers relating to his service as Chaplain of the Church of England Diocesan Mission in Aden; his ordination training by correspondence course through Wolsey Hall, Oxford, 1940-44; retirement curacy in Cumberland, 1954; various sermons and notes. 1 box. Handlist.

**MORRISON, Michael Andrews.** (b. circa 1854) GB165-0210  
MS and TS copy of Ethel Morrison's account of her father's travels as a colporteur for the British and Foreign Bible Society in Russia, Daghestan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkestan, Romania, Serbia and Germany, 1877-1917; with related articles and press-cuttings by, or about, Morrison. 1 box.

**MYLREA, Dr. C. Stanley G.** (1876-1952). GB165-0214  
"Before oil came to Kuwait" and "Kuwait before oil": two TS versions of the memoirs of Dr. Mylrea, pioneer medical missionary of the Arabian Mission in Bahrain and Kuwait, 1907-47, including comment on local affairs and the ruling families as well as descriptions of the medical work of the mission. 1 box. Handlist.

**PALESTINE AND LEBANON NURSES' MISSION.** GB165-0373  
Papers consisting mainly of personal correspondence to and from Miss Ward between 1903-1913, amongst other letters addressed to women based in the Palestine and Lebanon Nurses' Mission, Baakleen. The two diaries of Miss Ward's relate to her life in Lebanon and England. In addition to this, there are six pamphlets relating to the mission, giving accounts, committee listings and reports from the field, dating from between 1903-1909. 1 box. Handlist.

**RENTON, Maj.-Gen. James Malcolm Leslie.** (1898-1972). GB165-0239

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Papers relating to the Assyrians, Iraq Levies, and the Iraq Army; correspondence with Members of Parliament, Save the Children Fund, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England Council on Foreign Relations about the plight of Assyrian refugees, including Eshai Mar Shimun XXI, the Assyrian Patriarch, and his family. 1 box.

**WHEELER, Percy D'Erf** (1861-1944) and **Grace** (b.1872). GB165-0355

Papers relating to the life and work of Dr. Percy D'Erf Wheeler, especially in the London Jews Society Mission Hospital in Jerusalem 1892-1944; Published articles mainly concerning mission work, such as the work of St Luke's Boarding School for Boys in Haifa and material collected by Mrs Whishaw including papers relating to the death of the Palestine Policemen Captain J. Mackenzie in 1922 and two reports on the Coptic Orthodox Church in 1985. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection.

### UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

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

**BICKERSTETH, Revd. Edward Monier.** (1882-1976). GB165-0027

Papers relating to his work as Secretary of the Jerusalem and the East Mission, 1915-32. Draft catalogue. 8 boxes.