

Reference code: GB165-0108

Title: Walter Leonard Flinn Collection

Name of creator: Flinn, Walter Leonard (1883-1969)

Dates of creation of material: 1903-1911, 1940s-1951

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Flinn, Walter Leonard (1883-1969)

Walter Leonard Flinn also known as 'Tajir' was born in 1883 in Manchester. He was educated in Germany and Switzerland. He joined the Manchester firm in which his father had been a partner, importing Persian carpets and exporting a range of goods including cotton goods and, later, cars.

Scope and content: Correspondence 1903-1911; notebook relating to his business as an importer of Persian carpets; memoir of his travels and work in Persia as well as his war service in the Ministry of Information; short biographical account of Walter Leonard Flinn's life.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: Mainly English but also including French and German

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of Walter Leonard Flinn and then his family.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from David Flinn (son) and Grace Flinn (widow of WLF's son Michael), 27 January 1989

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

For other collections relating to the carpet trade see also:

- GB165-0488 Oriental Carpet Manufacturers Ltd

- GB165-0017 Nina Baird Collection includes photographs of carpets produced by Bedouin

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by C. Brown 11 Nov 1998 and revised by D. Usher 18 Feb 2011. Item level description created by D. Usher 18 Feb 2011.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE WALTER LEONARD FLINN
COLLECTION**

1 Correspondence

Business and personal correspondence from Walter 1903-1911 4 files
Leonard Flinn to business associates, family and friends

1/1	Correspondence numbered 1-155	11 Nov 1903 – 30 Mar 1904	153 sheets
1/2	Correspondence numbered 156-350	29 Mar 1904 – 11 Feb 1905	193 sheets
1/3	Correspondence numbered 351-480	21 Feb 1905 – 15 Sept 1905	129 sheets
1/4	Correspondence numbered 481-662	24 Jan 1905 – 10 Jan 1911	184 sheets

2 Notebook

Business notebook mainly consisting of names, prices 1904-1907 1 item
and brief descriptions of the colour and borders of carpets

3 Memoir

MS memoir by Walter Leonard Flinn giving a detailed 1940s-1951 3 volumes
account of his travels and work in Persia as well as his
war service in the Ministry of Information

Vol II

3/1 Volume 1 1 volume

System of arrangement:

Part 1 Page 1: Tabriz

Page 20: Tehran

Page 26: Ispahan [Isfahan]

Page 45: Sultanabad and the West

Page 72: To the Persian Gulf

Page 91: Second Journey

3/2 Volume 2 1 volume

System of arrangement:

Part 1 Page 6: Third Journey

Part 2 Page 17: Between the Wars. The Fourth Journey

Page 50: Fifth Journey

Part 3 Page 85: 'Sixth Journey. The Second World War 1943/44'

3/3 Volume 3

1 volume

System of arrangement:

Part 3 Page 1: Sixth Journey. The Second World War 1943/44

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Page 64: Iran in War time

Page 77: Copies of letters from Walter Leonard Flinn

4 Biographical Account

TS biographical account of the life of Walter Leonard Flinn describing his work and travels in Persia as well as his interests in history and archaeology Not dated 2 sheets