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**Title:** GB165-0116 John Garstang Collection

**Name of creator:** Garstang, John (1876-1956) Professor, Archaeologist

**Dates of creation of material:** 1925-1948

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 14 sheets

**Biographical history:** Garstang, John (1876-1956) Professor, Archaeologist

Born 1876, son of Dr. Walter Garstang. Educated Blackburn Grammar School; Jesus College, Oxford, 1895-1899. Engaged in archaeological research since 1897. Excavations in Britain, Egypt, Nubia, Asia Minor and Syria, 1900-1908; in the Sudan at Meroë, 1909-1914; in Palestine at Askalon [Ashkelon], 1920-1921 and Jericho, 1930-1936; in Turkey at Mersin, 1937-1947; Hon. Reader in Egyptian Archaeology, University of Liverpool, 1902. Voluntary service in France with the Red Cross, 1915-1919. Professor of the Methods and Practice of Archaeology, 1907-1941; Director, British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, 1919-1926; Hon. Adviser on Antiquities to Military Administration of Palestine, 1919-1920; Director, Department of Antiquities, Government of Palestine, 1920-1926; Director of the Neilson Expedition to the Near East, 1936-1952; Hon. Director, 1947-1948 and President, 1949-, British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara. CBE 1949. Married, 1907, Marie L. Bergès (d.1949): one son and one daughter. Died 12 Sept 1956.

**Scope and content:** Photocopies of papers relating the Department of Antiquities in Palestine, to Garstang's resignation as Director of Antiquities and a typescript press-release on his role in the establishment of the British Archaeological Institute in Turkey.

**System of arrangement:** Chronological order

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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**Custodial history:** In possession of Garstang's family

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received from his nephew, O.R. Gurney, between 30 June 1977 and 1 July 1978

**Location of originals:** Presumably with O.R. Gurney

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

Other papers relating to the Department of Antiquities in Palestine include:

- GB165-0162 Johns

Other papers relating to archaeological excavations in Palestine include:

- GB165-0206 Monckton
- GB165-0323 Waddington

**In other repositories:**

- Garstang Papers, 1930-1936, at Palestine Exploration Fund.
- Correspondence, 1903-1953, with Professor Sir John Myres in Bodleian Library.

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 1 Dec 1998 and revised by Debbie Usher 17 Jan 2023