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Title: Sir John Eldon Gorst Collection

Name of creator: Gorst, Sir John Eldon (1861-1911) Knight, Consul General in Egypt

Dates of creation of material: 1886-1911

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 10 boxes

Biographical history: GORST, Sir John Eldon (1861-1911)

Born 25 June 1861, eldest son of Sir John Gorst. Educated Eton College; Trinity College, Cambridge. Attaché in Diplomatic Service, 1885; 3rd Secretary, 1887; 2nd Secretary, 1892; Secretary of Legation, 1901; Controller of Direct Taxes to Egyptian Government, 1890; Under-Secretary of State for Finance, 1892; Adviser to the Ministry of the Interior, 1894; Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government, 1898-1904; Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1904-1907; British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt from 1907. Married, 1903, Evelyn Rudd - one daughter. Died 12 July 1911.

Scope and content: MS autobiographical notes beginning 1886 and ending at his death in 1911; speech on taking up the post of Consul-General in Egypt, 2 November 1907; photocopies of autobiographical notes, birth-1909; photocopied diaries 1890-95, 1897-1911; photocopied engagement books 1910-11; photocopied press-cuttings of Egyptian race-meetings, 1909-11; 3 press-cutting volumes, 1890-1908. Photograph album.

System of arrangement: Diaries; papers; press-cuttings; photographs

Access conditions: Open

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Custodial history: In the possession of the Gorst family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from his daughter Mrs. Kay Thomas, 1966. Photograph album, and presscuttings vol. 11, vol. 12 and vol. 13 withdrawn by Paul Lysley in May 2005.

Location of originals: In the possession of Paul Lyeley, Sir Eldon Gorst's grandson.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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**ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR JOHN ELDON GORST
COLLECTION**

Boxes 1 – 9 Photocopies of diaries

Box 1

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| 1/1 | MS diaries | 1890-1891 |
| 1/2 | MS diary | 1893 |

Box 2

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| 2/1 | MS diary | 1894 |
| 2/2 | MS diary | 1895 |

Box 3

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| 3/1 | MS diary | 1897 |
| 3/2 | MS diary | 1898 |

Box 4

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| 4/1 | MS diary | 1899 |
| 4/2 | MS diary | 1900 |

Box 5

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| 5/1 | MS diary | 1901 |
| 5/2 | MS diary | 1902 |

Box 6

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| 6/1 | MS diary | 1903 |
| 6/2 | MS diary | 1904 |
| 6/3 | MS diary | 1905 |

Box 7

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| 7/1 | MS diary | 1906 |
| 7/2 | MS diary | 1907 |

Box 8

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| 8/1 | MS diary | 1908 |
| 8/2 | MS diary | 1909 |

Box 9

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| 9/1 | MS diary | 1910-1911 |
| 9/2 | MS engagement diary | 1910-1911 |

Box 10 Photocopies of papers and press – cuttings

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| 10/1 | Speech given at the British Agency, Cairo, when taking up his duties as Consul - General | 2 Nov 1907 |
| 10/2 | MS autobiographical notes | 1861-1886 |
| 10/3 | MS autobiography | 1886-1911 |
| 10/4 | Press – cuttings of Egyptian race - meetings | 1908-1911 |

Press – cuttings relating to Egypt and Gorst's career from British and foreign newspapers 1890-1908; 1911

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| Vol. 11 | 1890-1902 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005] |
| Vol. 12 | 1902-1908 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005] |
| Vol. 13 | 1911 [withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005] |

Photographs

Box 13

Photograph album of Eveyln Rudd Gorst 1898-1909

Original album withdrawn by depositor on 13 May 2005. A copy of the album has been made. Contact sheets are available for viewing the Middle East photographs.

Evelyn Rudd

Album of 175 photographs compiled by Evelyn Rudd, later Mrs Eldon Gorst c1898

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| 1 | Group at Angly Park, Mrs Tomlin's estate in Kent | |
| 2 | Group at Shielbridge. (Taken by Edith Brotherhood) | Sept 1898 |
| 3 | Group at Angly Park | Nov 1900 |
| 4-5 | St Andrews – gold tournament in progress | May 1901 |
| 6 | St Andrews – Dore Holcraft, Mrs Lamb and self | |
| 7 | St Andrews – watching the play – Lucius and self | |
| 8 | St Andrews – Percy, Dore and self | |
| 9 | Johnny Low looking at his put | |
| 10 | As 8 | |
| 11 | Hilton putting | |
| 12 | Mr Fellows, Gordon and Dore | |
| 13 | Johnny Low taking a brassey shot | |
| <u>14-18</u> | <u>Gershornish, Skye. Snapshots taken by Flor Maude Nelson</u> | <u>Jul 1901</u> |
| 14 | Self and Maud | |
| 15 | Self and Claude Tayor | |
| 16 | E.R. [Evelyn Rudd] | |
| 17 | Self, Flo, Roland and C. Taylor | |
| 18 | My departure on “Innigary” | |
| <u>19-34</u> | <u>Kinloch, Skye. Taken by C.A.</u> | <u>Aug 1901</u> |
| 19 | “Innigary” | |
| 20 | “Maloom” | |
| 21 | “Maloom” | |
| 22 | C.M.R. with baby | |
| 23 | The captain on the bridge | |
| 24 | After a good days fishing – C.J.R., E.K.R., M.M and E.R. | |
| 25 | E.R. with 2 big Turbot | |
| 26 | Another Turbot | |
| 27 | Scene on the deck of the boat | |
| 28 | E,R, “fishing get up!” | |
| 29 | C.J.R. on upper deck | |

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| 30 | Maloom on regatta day | |
| 31 | Sir Donal Curriers ‘Solair’ | |
| 32 | “Nimgary” – upper deck | |
| 33 | Baby going ashore | |
| 34 | Evelyn Rudd | |
| <u>35-41</u> | <u>Tower hill, Ascot</u> | <u>Aug 1902</u> |
| 35 | Tower hill – house from garden | |
| 36 | E.R. and Capt MecBarket in a Victoria | |
| 37-41 | E.R. out walking | |
| 42 | Molly Hoskyns and E.R. in trap | Oct 1902 |
| 43 | E.R. at front door with Bute | |
| 44 | Watercolour of Shielbridge | 1902 |
| 45 | As 42 | |
| 46 | ER, M.H. and C.M.R. on “Mimagary” | |
| 47 | Wedding – no information given (photo loose) | |

Egypt

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| 48 | Mrs Lankisten’s picnic party at the pyramids | Jan 1903 |
| 49-50 | Servants assisting the Gorst on to donkeys [outside their residence, Cairo] | c1903 |
| 51 | [Side view of the Gorst residence, Cairo] | ?1903 |
| 52-3 | River scenes, Egypt? | c1903 |
| 54 | Picnic – Egypt? | c1903 |
| 55 | As 52-3 | c1903 |
| 56-7 | The Gorsts out donkey – riding, Egypt | c1903 |
| 58 | As 54 | c1903 |
| 59 | European group - Egypt | c1903 |
| 60-65 | The Gorsts at Shielbridge | Jul c1903 |
| 66-78 | Glenborrodale. Houseparty | Aug 1903 |
| 79 | J.E.G. fishing in the Shielbridge | |
| 80 | Oban bay | |
| <u>81-86</u> | <u>Shielbridge</u> | <u>Sept 1907</u> |
| 81 | Col and Miss Playfair in luanch | |

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| 82 | Eva and J.E.G. prepared for stalking | |
| 83-4 | J.E.G. and his first royal stag | |
| 85 | E.G., A.G., C.L. and...paddling | |
| 86 | Togo | |
| 87-91 | Shielbridge | Sept 1904 |
| 92 | Trophies in the billiard room at Glenborrodale | |
| 93-97 | Capernor, Surrey – E.G. and party tabogganning | Jan 1907 |
| <u>98-101</u> | <u>Shielbridge</u> | <u>Sept 1907</u> |
| 98-99 | J.E.G., Robertson and stags | |
| 100 | E.G. with grilse and sea trout | |
| 101 | The big pool, shiel river | |

Sudan

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| 102 | Port Sudan – Steamer, rowing boat and harbour buildings | |
| 103 | Suakin – shoreline and buildings | |
| 104 | Suakin – sailing ship | |
| 105-106 | Sinkat (Hadendoas) men | |
| 107 | Sinkat (Hadendoas) men and boys | |
| 108 | Summit station | |
| 109-112 | Erkowit - landscapes | |
| 113 | Erkowit – Gorst on camel back with local troops | |
| 114 | Summit stations – Hadendoas on camel back with local troops | |
| 115 | Dongola – Shqia Shaikhs | |
| 116 | Dongola – Debba | |
| 117 | Dongola – Gowari women dancing | |
| 118 | Old Dongola | |
| 119 | Gorst and officers of the camel corps | |
| 120 | Jangussi | |
| 121 | Dongola – members of the Camel corps and townspeople | |
| 122-124 | Shaqia women dancing | |
| 125-126 | Wateley, Hants, Horses | Jan 1908 |

Egypt

- 127-130 Cairo – the British Agency garden and tennis court Feb 1908
- 131 H.R.H. Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia in Feb 1908
their carriage, Cairo
(Gorst standing beside carriage)
- 132 Evelyn Gorst and 3 unidentified women about to start out
on a donkey ride from outside the Generals' house
- 133-153 Camel – tip, Cairo to Suez
- 133 J.E.G., G.H. and E.G. packing camels
- 134 J.E.G. and E.G. on their camels
- 135 The Gorsts going to their tent
- 136 Camels crossing rocky pass
- 137 Bedouin man
- 138 E.G., Gwen Herbert, J.E.G and Mr Dumrricker
- 139 The Gorsts on their camels
- 140 Gwen Herbert
- 141 The Gorsts loading their camels
- 142 The Gorst and Gwen Herbert asleep in their tent
- 143 Evelyn Gorst and Gwen Herbert in pyjamas outside their
tent
- 144 The entire party having tea in their tent
- 145 Gwen
- 146-151 Camels crossing the pass and at the Gulf of Suez
- 152 Palms
- 153 Gwen and George Hunter paddling
- 155 H.H. the Khedive's railway engine
- 156-157 H.H. the Khedive's six-wheeled car
- 158 The Park, Castle Combe
- 159 The village, Castle Combe
- 160 Castle Combe House
- 161 Castle Combe, the Church
- 162 Mersa Matrouh – J.E.G. talking with Shaikhs
- 163 The Gorsts on camel – back

164-165 Ramleh, Alexandria: "Allendale" – house and garden

166-174 Ramleh, Alexandria

May 1909

166 Tennis party – Mr Vantissart, the Gorsts and Mr Parr

167 Vantissart serving

168 Coast guards' rest-house

169 Stanley bay

170-174 E. Gorst, Gwen, Kitty and Eva paddling

175 Mr Vantissart and Mr Parr at work