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**Title:** Betty Gurney Collection

**Name of creator:** Gurney, Betty (d.1981) Missionary

**Dates of creation of material:** 1937; 1944-1949; 1953-1955

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**Biographical history:** Gurney, Betty (d.1981) Missionary

Born in Adelaide, Australia. Qualified as a teacher. Married, 1937, in Isfahan, David Gurney, CMS (Church Missionary Society) missionary teacher at Stuart Memorial College for Boys. David Gurney, also Australian, was later ordained and became Archdeacon in the Diocese of Iran. Period of service in Egypt in the 1950s before return to Iran. David Gurney died in Isfahan in 1974. Betty Gurney retired to Adelaide where her Iranian daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons were living. She died there in December 1981. (See obituary in *Bible Lands* no. 1, vol. 21, Spring 1982).

**Scope and content:** Original and TS copy letters to Mrs. Wilmot (Edith or Maidie) and Mrs. Wilmot's mother, Mrs. Irwin, recounting her daily life in Isfahan, and the discovery (7 June 1947) and upbringing of her adopted Iranian daughter, Katayun Fereshtah, also CMS (Church Missionary Society) routine and daily life in Cairo, 1953-1955.

**System of arrangement:** Chronological

**Access conditions:** Open

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