

**Reference code:** GB165-0156

**Title:** William Harold Ingrams Collection

**Name of creator:** Ingrams, William Harold (1897-1973) Colonial Administrator, Author

**Dates of creation of material:** 1841-1872; 1915; 1930-1980s

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 35 boxes

**Biographical history:** Ingrams, William Harold (1897-1973)

Born 3 February 1897, son of Revd. W.S. Ingrams. Educated at Shrewsbury School. Served European War, KSLI, 1914-1918. Asst District commissioner, Zanzibar in 1919; 2nd Asst Sec., 1925; Asst. Col. Sec., Mauritius, 1927; Acting Colonial Sec., Jan.-May & Aug. 1932-April 1933; Political Officer, Aden, 1934; British Resident Adviser at Mukalla, S. Arabia, 1937-1940; Acting Governor of Aden, 1940; Chief Sec. to Govt., Aden, 1940-1942; Resident Adviser Hadhramaut States and British Agent E. Aden Protectorate, 1942-1945; Asst. Sec. Allied Control Commission for Germany (British Element) 1945-1947; Chief Commander of Northern Territories, Gold Coast during 1947-1948; Mission to Gibraltar, 1949; to Hong Kong, 1950, to Uganda, 1956; Adviser on Overseas Information, CO, 1950-1954. Editor of "Commonwealth Challenge" and "If you ask me", 1952-1966; Joint Research Dept, Foreign and Commonwealth Offices, 1966; retired in 1968. Married, 1930, Doreen Short (1906-1997); 2 daughters. Died 9 December 1973.

**Scope and content:** Official reports and papers relating to the Aden Protectorate, the Hadhramaut, Anglo-Yemeni frontier; material relating to Ingrams' work for the BBC Arabic Service. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Boxes 1-8 probably as received; 9-11: official in chronological order, United Nations, BBC, pamphlets; 12-14: official in chronological order; boxes 15-35 are uncatalogued but a box list has been made.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English, some Arabic

**Conditions governing reproduction:** No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns. Lengthy quotations should be referred to Leila Ingrams.

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Harold Ingrams and his family

**Immediate source of acquisition:** First part of bequest received 1974 and further papers in July 1980. Boxes 15-35 received as a gift from Leila Ingrams 23 Jun 2014.

**Related Units of Description:**

**In Other Repositories**

Rhodes House Library: Ingrams correspondence and papers 1919-1969

Cambridge University: Churchill Archives Centre: Papers mainly as assistant secretary of the Control Commission in German 1943-1953

**Finding aids:** In Guide; handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 1 Feb 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 11 Aug 2004 and 23 Jul 2014; File and item level description created by Clare Brown 3 Mar 1997 and revised by Debbie Usher 13 Jan 2006, 22 Oct 2007 and 23 Jul 2014.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE WILLIAM HAROLD  
INGRAMS COLLECTION**

**Box 1**

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                  |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1/1 | TS of <i>A Journall of severall voyages made by mee Wm: Alley begun XR 1665</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1665                                             |
| 1/2 | TS extracts from Lt. Christopher's Journal with correspondence<br>MS copies of correspondence, 1866-67 re Princess Suleyma of Zanzibar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1843<br>1866-1867                                |
| 1/3 | Photocopy of TS 'The Imams of Yemen and Southern Arabia 1530-1870' by R.J. Gavin<br>Copy (much damaged) of <i>Hadthramut and the Arab Colonies in the Indian Archipelago</i> by L.W.C. van den Berg, translated into English by Major C.W.H. Sealy, pub. Bombay 1887                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1887                                             |
| 1/4 | <i>Convention between the United Kingdom and Turkey respecting the boundaries of Aden and of Ottoman territory in Southern Arabia signed at London, Mar 9, 1914</i><br>Copy of <i>Memoranda on the Yaffai-as-sufal and the territory of the Amir of Dthala</i> by Captain G. Warneford, Assistant Political Resident, Aden, pub. Simla, 1904<br><i>Report by Lieut.-Colonel M.C. Lake on his visit to Upper and Lower Yafa</i> , Colonial Office<br>TS copies of letters from the Imam of Sana'a to Major General John Stewart, Resident of Aden<br><i>Dynastic Claims of the Imam of Sana'a to the Aden Protectorate</i> , Colonial Office | 1914<br>1904<br>Jun 1926<br>Nov 1925<br>Mar 1929 |

**Box 2**

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2/1 | TS and MS reports on visits to Socotra, 1847, 1884, 1918, 1929, 1935 and n.d.<br>TS article by W.H. Ingrams on Socotra<br>Foreign Jurisdiction. The Kamaran Order in Council | 1847-1935<br>1955<br>1949 |
| 2/2 | <i>Handbook of Asir</i> prepared by the Arab Bureau, Cairo                                                                                                                   | 1 Jun 1916                |

	P & O ports - Aden	1934
	TS copy of Aden Hinterland: obligations to tribes, W. Ormsby Gore	30 Aug 1927
	TS notes on Aden boundaries	Aug 1935
	Oman: map and tribal chart	
2/3	Aden Intelligence Summaries 1-7	17 Dec 1935 – 29 Jan 1936
2/4	File no. C/63 1937 Hadhramaut Intelligence Summaries nos. 1 to 39, paragraphs 1 to 659	1937
2/5	Eastern Aden Protectorate Intelligence summary nos. 40-77	1938

### **Box 3**

3/1	Eastern Aden Protectorate Political Intelligence Summaries 78-127	1939
3/2	Eastern Aden Protectorate Political Intelligence Summaries 128-146	1940
	Intelligence Summaries 1-13	1940
3/3	Eastern Aden Protectorate Political Intelligence Summaries 1-28 (no. 20 is not extant)	1941
3/4	Eastern Aden Protectorate Political Intelligence Summaries 29-40	1942
3/5	Eastern Aden Protectorate Political Intelligence Summaries 41-56	1943-1944

### **Box 4**

4/1	BBC Arabic Service Interviews	1961-1964
4/2	Articles: Aden & Hadhramaut	
4/3	“Journey’s End in Arabia” bound TS and ?proof-copy	
4/4	Bound vol. of articles on Hadhramaut by W.H. Ingrams and D. Ingrams	
4/5	Testimonial in Arabic from H.H. Sultan Sir Saleh bin Ghalib Alqaity Sultan of Shiher & Mukalla conferring on W.H. Ingrams the title of Pasha (with original envelope)	22 Dec 1942

**Box 5**

5/1	Draft treaty between British Government and His Highness the Sultan of Mukalla	1937
	Letters of thanks from tribal chiefs	1937
	Memorandum on slavery and the slave trade in the Aden Protectorate	not dated
	<i>Comptes rendus</i> , S. Reich. Extrait du Bulletin d'Études Orientales de L'Institut Français de Damas	1937
5/2	Hadhramaut: reports, memoranda, correspondence	1935-1937
5/3	Hadhramaut: reports, memoranda, correspondence	1937
5/4	Hadhramaut: reports, memoranda, correspondence	1938-1940
	<i>Eastern Aden Protectorate (Hadhramaut) Water Problems</i> , report by A Beeby Thompson & Partners	May 1939
5/5	Bound photocopy of <i>A Report on the Social, Economic and Political Condition of the Hadhramaut</i> by W.H. Ingrams, OBE, pub. HMSO	1936

**Box 6**

6/1	Hadhramaut: reports, memoranda, correspondence	1941-1944
6/2	Report and correspondence on Abdalla S. Bujra's Study of the Social Structure of Hureidha	1964-1965
6/3	<i>Annual Report on the Social and Economic Progress of the People of Aden 1938</i> pub. HMSO	1938 1940
	Aden miscellanea	1941
	Photocopy of Aden protectorate (Amendment) Order	1940
	Additional Instructions	1944
	Letter from W.H. Ingrams to Lord Lloyd on a visit to view proposed public works	Nov 1940
	Notes on the contact between Aden and Jibuti between August and December 1940	
6/4	Aden miscellanea	1940
	Policy memoranda	1941-1942
	Recruitment of Political Officers	1941

	Copies of the <i>Aden Argus</i> , nos. 1-3, dated 15,22 & 29 Dec 1941	1941
	TS translation of diary of Fritz Leibing, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Officer, North German Lloyd, a German prisoner from S.S. Oder	5 May 1939– 11 Feb 1941
6/5	Aden: propaganda material including two pictures of the Royal family with captions in Arabic	
	Dabbagh's effects (prayers etc)	Jun 1942
	Copies of the <i>Aden Argus</i> , nos. 4-14, dated 5, 12, 19 & 26 Jan 1942	1942
	2, 9, 16 & 23 Feb 1942	
	2, 9 & 17 Mar 1942	

### **Box 7**

7/1	Aden material including letter from "Ham"	1943, 1945
	Copy of the <i>Aden Argus</i> Vol. II, no.49	16 Nov 1943
	<i>Weather in the Indian Ocean...Vol II Local Information part 2 The Gulf of Aden...</i> , pub. HMSO	1944
	<i>Aden Colony and Protectorate: Revised Conditions of Service</i> pub. Gov of Aden	1946
	<i>Report of the Commission of Enquiry into Disturbances in Aden in December 1947</i> Colonial No. 233, HMSO, 1948	1948
7/2	Aden miscellanea	1959-1962
	H. Hadi's speech on the history of the Aden Protectorate College	1950
	Economic Survey of S. Arabian Federation by J. Inman	1962
	Photocopy of communiqué issued by Quaiti Govt. on Beduin unrest	c1961
7/3	Federation of S. Arabia Development Plan	1963-1966
	<i>The Progress towards Independence of Aden and the Aden Protectorate</i> . Offprint of a paper by W.H. Ingrams read to the Commonwealth Section of the Royal Society of Arts, Tuesday 26 February 1963	1963
	Aden miscellanea	1964
7/4	Aden presscuttings, telegrams and related papers	1965
7/5	Aden presscuttings, telegrams and reports	1966-1967

*Aden & South Arabia*, pub. Central Office of Information

Jun 1966

*The Future of South Arabia* by Sir Kennedy Trevaskis, pub.

British Commonwealth Union

## **Box 8**

### Yemen

- |     |                                                                                            |             |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 8/1 | Aden-Yemeni relations                                                                      |             |
|     | Letter from Dr. Sidney Croskery to Doreen Ingrams                                          | 16 Mar 1942 |
|     | Letter from the King of Yemen                                                              | 1941        |
|     | Report on functioning of UN Yemen Observation Mission                                      | 1963        |
|     | <i>Dynastic Claims of the Imam of Sana'a to the Aden Protectorate</i><br>(Colonial Office) | Mar 1929    |
| 8/2 | Tribal Structure and allegiance in the Yemen                                               | 1965        |

### North Africa

- |     |                                                                                                        |           |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 8/3 | Patterns of Rural Rebellion. Paper by Ernest Gellner                                                   | not dated |
|     | Sanctity, Puritanism, Secularisation & Nationalism in N. Africa: a case study. Paper by Ernest Gellner | not dated |
|     | Report on a visit to Morocco by J.G.C. Allen, Deputy Commissioner of the Colony                        | not dated |
|     | Report on a visit to Algeria by J.G.C. Allen, Deputy Commissioner of the Colony                        | not dated |

### Maps, correspondence, speeches

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                                           |      |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 8/4 | Map of Jordan                                                                                                                                                                             | 1938 |
|     | Report on Middle East Conference held in Cairo and Jerusalem March 12 to 30, 1921 (2 copies) with covering letter from Churchill                                                          | 1921 |
|     | Counter-measures against Soviet propaganda in the Middle East                                                                                                                             | 1947 |
|     | The Interests of the Commonwealth in the Middle East: three papers by a Study Group of the Cairo Group of Chatham House. Prepared for the British Commonwealth Relations Conference, 1945 | 1945 |

Correspondence

*The Aden Colony Gazette Extraordinary* (Summary of 9 Nov 1938  
recommendations of Palestine Partition Royal Commission  
Report)

*Arab News Bulletin* No 31 7 Feb 1947

Ibn Saud's Speech Dec 1942

Press Commentary no. 492/56 "Middle East Assessment" by  
Harold Ingrams

**Box 9**

Material from the Aden Archives

- |     |                                                                                                                                             |           |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 9/1 | Extracts from the Aden Archives                                                                                                             | 1841-1872 |
| 9/2 | Letter to the political agent Aden from the East India Co re: the<br>policy to be observed with Arab tribes in the neighbourhood of<br>Aden | 1854      |

Reports, correspondence (Ingrams and others)

- |     |                                                                                                                                               |           |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 9/3 | Military report on the Aden Protectorate (Simila)                                                                                             | 1915      |
| 9/4 | Volume containing reports (including reports on the proposed<br>college for the sons of chiefs, and the setting up of a tribal<br>dispensary) | 1930-1936 |
| 9/5 | Reports relating to a journey undertaken by Ingrams and others to<br>Socotra Abd-el-Kuri and the Hadhramaut                                   | 1933      |
| 9/6 | Draft report on the social and economic conditions of the people<br>of the Hadhramaut                                                         | 1934      |

**Box 10**

- |      |                                                                                                        |           |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 10/1 | Volume of reports on the Hadhramaut (includes maps)                                                    | 1934-1935 |
| 10/2 | Report by Beeby Thompson and partners on 'Eastern Aden<br>Protectorate (Hadhramaut) water problems'    | 1939      |
| 10/3 | Articles and draft reports (Ingrams and others unnamed) on the<br>Hadhramaut and Yemeni claims to Aden | 1939      |
| 10/4 | Draft report on the Anglo-Yemeni frontier                                                              | not dated |



- 10/5 Reports, telegrams relating to Anglo-Yemeni relations (includes a report on Ingram's mission to the Imam 1941

### **Box 11**

- 11/1 Memos, telegrams and reports on tribal matters, education in Aden and the proposed federation of Arab Emirates 1941-1959
- 11/2 Letter to Ingrams from S Cox discussing the conditions prevailing in Habban 1942
- 11/3 a) Collection of telegrams from Sir T Hickinbotham to the Secretary of State for the colonies relating to Dammani raids, anti-British propaganda, the Arab League Mission and Aulaqui operations Dec 1953- Mar 1954
- b) Essay entitled 'Federation in Aden'
- 11/4 File containing notes and reports on Aden including political development, social and economic factors, tribal divisions and Yemen-Aden relations not dated
- 11/5 a) Report by Sir Charles Johnston to the Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to his period of service as Governor of Aden 1963
- b) Three essays on the Yemen
- 11/6 Copy of a telegram from the Acting High Commissioner Aden to Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to disturbances in Mukalla 1964

### **United Nations Organisation**

- 11/7 Record of the UN Special Committee on the declaration relating to granting independence to colonies – the question of Aden 1964

### **Material relating to Ingram's work for the BBC**

- 11/8 Record of questions and answers relating to British Policy in Aden compiled for the BBC Arabic Service
- 11/9 BBC 'Summary of World Broadcasts – Part 4 The Middle East and North Africa 1964

- 11/10 Answers to BBC listeners questions on Aden, Hadhramaut and Yemen 1965

Pamphlets (Ingrams and others)

- 11/11 a) W.H. Ingrams "Hadhramaut: A Journey to the Sei'ar country and through the Wadi Maseila" 1936  
b) W.H. Ingrams "The Hadhramaut: Present and Future" 1938  
11/12 a) W.H. Ingrams "Unexplored Regions of the Hadhramaut" 1936  
b) W.H. Ingrams "The exploration of the Aden Protectorate" 1938  
11/13 a) W.H. Ingrams "Peace in the Hadhramaut" 1938  
b) GL Bates "On Birds from the Hadhramut" 1938  
c) H Scott "Some general considerations re: the national history of the W Aden Protectorate and Yemen" 1939  
d) W.H. Ingrams "Education in the Hadhramaut" 1945  
e) W.H. & D. Ingrams "The Hadhramaut in time of war" 1945  
11/14 S Perowne Im'adiya and Beihan, Aden Protectorate (*Antiquity*) 1939  
11/15 W.H. Ingrams "The British and South Arabia" (*Arab World*) 1954

**Box 12**

- 12/1 Correspondence and report relating to Ikhwān al-Hurrīya 1952

Aden

- 12/2 Telegrams, guidances and reports 1952-1963  
12/3 Telegrams, guidances and reports 1964

**Box 13**

- 13/1 Telegrams, guidances and reports Jan-Jun 1965  
13/2 Telegrams, guidances and reports Jul-Dec 1965  
13/3 Telegrams, guidances and reports 1966

**Box 14**

- 14/1 *Report on Financial and Economic matters arising from closer association between the Colony of Aden and the Federation of* Apr 1962

*South Arabia, with particular reference to the fiscal arrangements  
to be adopted* by D.F. Pearl, CBE.

14/2	Aden, South Arabia & Yemen Guidances, Intel and CRO Prints	1964-1965
14/3	Aden and Federation of South Arabia: Commons Questions	Nov 1964– Apr 1966

**Boxes 15-35**

Boxes 15-35 are uncatalogued. However a box list has been made. Please ask the archivist for further details.