

**Reference code:** GB165-0193

**Title:** Sir Donald MacGillivray Collection

**Name of creator:** MacGillivray, Sir Donald Charles (1906-1966) Knight, Colonial Administrator

**Dates of creation of material:** 1938-1948

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Biographical history:** MacGillivray, Sir Donald Charles (1906-1966) Knight, Colonial Administrator.

Born 22 September 1906 in Edinburgh, Scotland, MacGillivray attended Sherbourne School and then Trinity College, Oxford where he studied politics, philosophy and economics. He entered the colonial administration service in 1928 and became administrative officer, Tanganyika Territory in 1929-1938. In 1936 he was awarded an MBE and in the same year married Louisa Mai Knox-Browne. MacGillivray became administrative officer in Palestine, 1938-1942, promoted to Deputy District Commissioner, Galilee, Palestine, 1942-1944 and later District Commissioner, Samaria, Palestine 1944-1946. From 1946-1947 MacGillivray was the Under Secretary to the Palestine Government and in 1947 became the Liaison Officer with the UN Special Committee on Palestine. In 1947 MacGillivray was appointed colonial secretary in Jamaica until 1952 and in 1949 was awarded a CMG. From 1952 he was appointed as Deputy High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya and then promoted in 1954 to High Commissioner. MacGillivray was awarded the GCMG in 1957 and retired the same year from the Colonial Administration service and moved to Kenya where he took the role of Chairman, Kenya Council State in 1958 and then Chairman, Makerere College, Council in Uganda until 1961. In 1960 he became Deputy Chairman on the Advisory Commission on Federation of the Rhodesia's and Nyasaland. In 1964 he became Director for the UN Special Fund for East African Livestock Develt Survey until 1966. MacGillivray died on 24 December 1966 in Nairobi, leaving his wife and one son.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to Sir Donald MacGillivray's work in Palestine, including a minute on the Arab revolt c1938; appointment diaries 1938-1945 and passes and permits during his time in Palestine. There are letters written to and from MacGillivray, a collection of thanksgiving, memorial and parade programmes 1944-1948,

land transfer regulations, staff lists and propaganda leaflets. Also included are reports and conversations on MacGillivray's work for the UN as Liaison Officer for the Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) relating to the United Kingdom's withdrawal and the future of Palestine.

**System of arrangement:**

1. Diaries
2. Arab Revolt Minute
3. Land Transfer Regulations
4. Propaganda Leaflets
5. Correspondence
6. Staff List
7. Passes and Permits
8. Reception, Parade and award ceremonies programmes
9. Thanksgiving and Memorial Order of Service Sheets
10. Withdrawal from Palestine
11. UN Committee Work

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English, propaganda leaflets in French

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

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Sir Donald Charles MacGillivray

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Lady MacGillivray in December 1967

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

Other papers relating to the end of the Palestine Mandate and United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) include:

- GB165-0068 Crossman Collection: containing reports, papers relating to the problems of the Anglo-American Committee and UNSCOP 1946-1947.

- GB165-0072 Cunningham Collection: containing papers concerning the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry, UNSCOP and the military situation in Palestine.
- GB165- 0290 United Nations Special Committee on Palestine: containing report on UNSCOP conference 1947, detailing policies and movement origins.

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds and file and item level description created by Kate Rose, Nov 2011. Biographical history based on entry from The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography on MacGillivray and Who's Who published by A & C Black.

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR DONALD  
MACGILLIVRAY COLLECTION**

<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>Diaries</u></b>	<b><u>1938-1945</u></b>	<b><u>6 volumes</u></b>
	Diaries include personal appointments, meetings, newspaper clippings		
1/1	Palestine Office Appointments Diary	1938	1 vol.
1/2	Appointments Diary	1939	1 vol.
1/3	Appointments Diary	1940	1 vol.
1/4	Appointments Diary	1941	1 vol.
1/5	Appointments Diary	1944	1 vol.
1/6	Appointments Diary	1945	1 vol.
<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>Arab Revolt Minute</u></b>	<b><u>c1938</u></b>	<b><u>3 sheets</u></b>
	Minute arguing for a change in the policy of repressive measures and punishments inflicted on the Arab population during the Arab Revolt.		
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<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>Land Transfer Regulations</u></b>	<b><u>28 Feb 1940</u></b>	<b><u>1 booklet</u></b>
	Supplement No2 to the Palestine Gazette Extraordinary. Land Boundaries, zones and sub-districts. Prohibited land transfers. Regulations by High Commissioner.		
	Old Ref: File 'Various papers and reports 1938-1947'		
<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>Propaganda Leaflets</u></b>	<b><u>c1941</u></b>	<b><u>2 sheets</u></b>
	Propaganda leaflets, one by the British Government and another by General Catroux in the name of Free France proclaiming independence and freedom for the Syrian and Lebanese people once French and British forces have driven out the German Forces.		
	Old Ref: File 'Various papers and reports 1938-1947'		
4/1	<b><u>Declaration Du Government</u></b>	c1941	1 sheet
	A declaration on behalf of General Catroux acting in the		

name of General Gaulle, addressing the people of Syria. Proclaiming freedom and independence of Syria and Lebanon once their forces have driven out Germans, in the name of the British Government. Signed by Miles Lampson, British Ambassador in Cairo.

4/2      Proclamation Du Government      c1941      1 sheet

A proclamation by General Catroux made in the name of General Gaulle, Commander in Chief of free France, proclaiming to the Syrians and Lebanese that when the French Army and British Forces cross their borders that they do not wish to oppress their freedom but to drive Hitler's forces out of Syria.

**5**      **Correspondence**      **1942-1948**      **6 sheets**

Letters to and from MacGillivray including letter to Sir Alan Cunningham, goodbye letter from Dr. E Weidenfield and standard medal approval letters.

Old Ref: File 'Various papers and reports 1938-1947'

5/1      Standard letter from MacGillivray informing receiver of      27 Apr 1942      1 sheet  
their approval for the General Service Medal.

5/2      Goodbye letter and congratulations letter to MacGillivray      30 Dec 1945      1 sheet  
from Dr. E. Weidenfield.

5/3      Letter from MacGillivray to Sir Alan Cunningham      5 Dec 1947      3 sheets  
thanking him and also giving an account of MacGillivray's work with the UN Sub-committee.

5/4      Letter to MacGillivray awarding him the Palestine General      14 Jul 1948      1 sheet  
Service Medal.

**6**      **Staff List**      **1 Aug 1945**      **1 booklet**

List of Staff of the Government of Palestine.

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<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>Passes and Permits</u></b>	<b><u>1945-1947</u></b>	<b><u>9 items</u></b>
	Official Government movement, curfew and identity passes and permits used by MacGillivray.		
	Old Ref: File 'Passes in Palestine 1946 and 1947' and originally stored in 7/10 pass holder		
7/1	Government of Palestine Official Pass for appointment of under secretary includes photograph of MacGillivray.	3 Aug 1945	1 item
7/2	Movement and curfew pass.	6 Mar 1946	1 item
7/3	Identity card including photograph of MacGillivray.	12 Aug 1946	1 item
7/4	Movement and curfew pass.	26 Aug 1946	1 item
7/5	Jerusalem business pass.	9 Apr 1947	1 item
7/6	Jerusalem residents pass, includes photograph of MacGillivray.	9 Apr 1947	1 item
7/7	Jerusalem zone permit.	25 May 1947	1 item
7/8	Movement and curfew pass, includes photograph of MacGillivray.	10 Jun 1947	1 item
7/9	United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) Delegation Pass.	28 Jul 1947	1 item
7/10	Original leather and plastic pass holder.	Not dated	1 item
<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>Reception, Parades and Award Ceremonies Programmes</u></b>	<b><u>1944-1947</u></b>	<b><u>5 items</u></b>
	Programmes including High Commissioner and Commander in Chief arrivals, presentation of honours, King's birthday parade and reception of Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry.		
	Old Ref: File 'Palestine social ceremonies 1944-1947'		
8/1	Programme for the arrival and reception of Field Marshal Viscount Gort, High Commissioner and Commander in Chief.	31 Oct 1944	1 item
8/2	Programme for the arrival and reception of Sir Alan Cunningham. High Commissioner and Commander in Chief.	21 Nov 1945	1 item
8/3	List of persons invited for the reception by His Excellency	1946	1 item

the High Commissioner for the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry.

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| 8/4 | Presentation of Honours by his Excellency the High Commissioner General Sir Alan Cunningham at the King David Hotel.                 | 12 Jun 1947 | 1 item |
| 8/5 | Parade programme in honour of the birthday of H.M King George VI in Jerusalem. Includes timetable of events and route map of parade. | 12 Jun 1947 | 1 item |

<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>Thanksgiving and Memorial Order of Service Sheets</u></b>	<b><u>1944-1948</u></b>	<b><u>5 items</u></b>
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Order of service sheets for the King David Hotel memorial service, remembrance and armistice day services and thanksgiving for victory; which include Psalms, prayers and hymns.

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| 9/1 | Armistice Day Service, War Cemetery Jerusalem.  | 11 Nov 1945 | 1 item |
| 9/2 | Thanksgiving for Victory order of service.  | 1945        | 1 item |
| 9/3 | Thanksgiving Service for the Victory of the Allied Forces in the European Theatre of War. | 1946        | 1 item |
| 9/4 | King David Hotel Memorial Service.  | 22 Jul 1947 | 1 item |
| 9/5 | Remembrance Day Order of Service.   | 7 Nov 1948  | 1 item |

<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>Withdrawal from Palestine</u></b>	<b><u>1947-1948</u></b>	<b><u>4 sheets, 1 cutting</u></b>
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Report written by MacGillivray, regarding the British withdrawal from Palestine and newspaper clipping reporting on the Palestine Crisis.

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| 10/1 | Report written by MacGillivray, stating the practical, economic and financial considerations regarding the withdrawal of British civilian and military personnel from Palestine. | 16 Oct 1947 | 4 sheets |
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| 10/2 | Press cutting entitled 'Palestine' from an unstated newspaper relating to the crisis in Palestine and the end of | 17 May 1948 | 1 cutting |
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British Mandate.

Old Ref: File 'Palestine Social Ceremonies 1944-1947'

<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>UN Committee Work</u></b>	<b><u>1947</u></b>	<b><u>17 sheets</u></b> <b><u>2 cuttings</u></b>
	A report, note and press cuttings on MacGillivray's role and involvement within the UN, including The United Kingdom's role in the future of Palestine and MacGillivray's description of the Palestine administration in relation to the partition plan and problems in connection with the Jerusalem State.		
	Old Ref: File 'Various papers and reports 1938-1947'		
11/1	Press cutting on United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) enquiry, second day's hearing.	1946	1 cutting
11/2	Press cutting regarding MacGillivray's promotion to liaison for U.N fact finding commission.	19 May 1947	1 cutting
11/3	Note on Mr Pearson's conversation with Mr Martin and Mr MacGillivray regarding the United Kingdom's involvement within the UN, in relation to the future of Palestine.	16 Nov 1947	6 Sheets
11/4	Report of the second meeting of working committee on Jerusalem, Lake Success New York, concerning the future of the Palestine Government. Within the report MacGillivray's description of the Palestine Administration including population and religious group figures, local government systems, commercial and industrial concerns and housing in relation to the postponed proposal of Jewish and Arab states.	4 Dec 1947	11 sheets