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**Title:** Sir Harold MacMichael Collection

**Name of creator:** MacMichael, Sir Harold (1882-1969) Knight

**Dates of creation of material:** 1922-1967

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 5 boxes

**Biographical history:** MacMichael, Sir Harold Alfred (1882-1969)

Born 15 October 1882, son of Revd. C. MacMichael and the Hon. Mrs. MacMichael. Educated King's Lynn and Bedford Schools and Magdalene College, Cambridge (BA 1904). Joined Sudan Political Service, 1905 was successively Inspector in Provinces of Kordofan, Blue Nile and Khartoum, Political and Intelligence Officer with Expeditionary Force which reoccupied Darfur 1916; Sub-Governor of Darfur Province and then Assistant Civil Secretary; Civil Secretary, 1926-1933, and, periodically, Acting Governor-General; CMG 1927; KCMG 1932; from 1933-1937 Governor and Commander-in-Chief Tanganyika Territory; from 1938-1944 High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for Palestine and High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan; GCMG 1941; Special Representative of HM Government in Malaya, 1945; Constitutional Commissioner, Malta, 1946. Married, 1919, Nesta Stephens (died 1974): 2 daughters (Araminta, Lady Aldington, and one daughter deceased). Died 19 September 1969.

**Scope and content:** Correspondence with prominent officials including Lord Lloyd, Sir Kinahan Cornwallis, Sir Reginald Wingate and Ormsby Gore, 1922-1941; Correspondence relating to Palestine, Syria and Sudan including letters from Chaim Weizmann, Judah Magnes, Sir H. Maitland Wilson, Sir Huddleston and Edgar Bonham Carter; Papers relating to MacMichael's Palestine Commissionership and also the Peel Commission recommendations of 1938; correspondence and papers relating to Palestine charities; texts of speeches and broadcasts by MacMichael 1938-1944; Anglo-Arab Association correspondence and papers 1945-1961; four volumes of press-cuttings, 1934-1967. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Correspondence; Commissionership; broadcasts and speeches; Anglo-Arab Association papers; press-cuttings.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Lady MacMichael, Aug 1970

**Related Units of Description:**

**In Other Repositories**

- GB33: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections: Palace Green Section (Sudan Archive) MacMichael correspondence and papers 1905-1960
- GB161: Bodleian Library, Special Collections and Western Manuscripts: MacMichael letters to OGS Crawford 1950-1954
- GB162: Bodleian Library of Commonwealth and African Studies at Rhodes House: MacMichael correspondence and papers 1905-1956

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 14 Apr 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 28 May 2008 and 17 Mar 2017. File level based on descriptions created in 1970s.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR HAROLD MACMICHAEL  
COLLECTION**

**Box 1**

File 1    Correspondence    1922-1941

Photocopies of letters from:

Lord Lloyd

Sir W. Battershill

Sir K. Cornwallis

George Schueter

Sir Reginald Wingate

Leopold Amery

Sir John Maffey

Ormsby Gore (originals not photocopies)

Bishop Gwynne (of Cairo)

Brooke Popham (originals not photocopies)

Physical Condition: Some fading on the photocopies

File 2    Correspondence: Palestine, Syria, Sudan

Palestine: Letter from Dr Chaim Weizmann    1938

Letter from Judah Magnes    1943

Syria: Letter from Sir H. Maitland Wilson to Sir Harold    1941

MacMichael relating to the withdrawal of troops

Letter from Sir H. Maitland Wilson to Sir Harold    1942

MacMichael relating to General de Gaulle's policy

Sudan: Letter from Sir A Huddleston    1947

Letter from Edgar Bonham Carter    1954

File 3    Palestine Commissionership    1937-1944

Personal papers connected with commissionership

File 4    Palestine Commissionership    1938-1944, 1947

Private letters from Palestine Govt Officials, successors  
and predecessor (Chancellor, Cunningham, Gort, Bishop

of Jerusalem (1947) Swinton

Correspondence neighbouring Arab States 1942-1956

Letters from British officials in neighbouring Arab states  
including Killearn, Kirkbride, Moyne, Spears, Glubb

Palestine: Peel Commission recommendations. 1938

Sir Reginald Wingate's criticism

Correspondence from Professor Coupland 1938-1946

Correspondence from W Fitz Gerald 1947-1948

File 5 Palestine Charities

Correspondence and papers relating to:

The Garden Tomb (Jerusalem) Association 1945-1961

The Palestine Police Old Comrades Association 1947-1960

The Lovell Society for the Blind of Palestine 1948

File 6 Speeches and Broadcasts 1938-1944

Texts of speeches and broadcasts by Sir Harold  
MacMichael including some newspaper clippings

File 7 Anglo Arab Association 1945-1948, 1960-1961

Correspondence and papers relating to the Anglo-Arab  
Association including memorandum of association and  
annual reports

**Box 2**

Vol 1 Press-cuttings 1934-1936

**Box 3**

Vol 2 Press-cuttings 1936-1938

**Box 4**

Vol 3 Press-cuttings 1938-1945

**Box 5**

Vol 4 Press-cuttings 1945-1967