

Reference code: GB165-0207

Title: Elizabeth Monroe Collection

Name of creator: Monroe, Elizabeth (1905-1986)

Dates of creation of material: 1914-1971

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Monroe, Elizabeth (1905-1986)

Born 16 January 1905, daughter of Canon Horace Monroe. Educated Putney High School; St. Anne's College, Oxford. Secretariat of League of Nations, Geneva, 1931; staff of Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1933; Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship, held in Middle East and French North Africa, 1936-1937; Ministry of Information, Director, Middle East Div., 1940; Diplomatic correspondent, *The Observer*, 1944; UK rep. on UN Sub-Commission for Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1947-1952; staff of *The Economist*, 1945-1958; Fellow of St. Antony's College, Oxford, 1963-1973, then Emeritus Fellow; responsible, with Albert Hourani, for founding the Middle East Centre Archive at St. Antony's College in 1961; Hon. Fellow of St. Anne's College. Married, 1938, Humphrey Neame (died 1968). Died 10 March 1986.

Scope and content: Translation of documents from Tsarist archives on the break-up of the Ottoman Empire (1914-1915); a note on the Arab Bureau, 1916-1919; letters from C.J. Edmonds on recollections of Mosul Commission, Kurds and Anglo-Iraq Treaty of 1926; letters from Freya Stark, 4 November 1943-18 June 1944 on her mission to America; notes on British policy in Palestine 1945-1946 with special reference to Ernest Bevin; letters on Jordan Waters situation, 1951-1955; Nasser's propaganda in the Persian Gulf, 1955-1957; effects of Suez crisis on Iraqi politics; letters on developments in 1957 in Iraq and Iran; memo on Saudi Arabia 1970-1971; map of the Hijaz railway; material on Egyptian campaign to spread influence by dispatch of Egyptian teachers abroad; TS copies of 2 letters from Elizabeth Monroe about her travels in Morocco and Algeria in 1935. Photographic collection.

System of arrangement: As received

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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

Custodial history: In the possession of Elizabeth Monroe

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from Elizabeth Monroe at intervals, 1971-1976

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

Other collections with correspondence with Elizabeth include:

- GB165-0107 Sir John Fletcher-Cooke Collection
Correspondence with Roger Owen and Elizabeth Monroe on Fletcher-Cooke's service in Palestine.
- GB165-0123 Sir Laurence Grafftey-Smith Collection
Letters to Elizabeth Monroe in 1969 about the libellous book *Four Gentlemen* by Mme Vogt and the McMahon correspondence.
- GB165-0160 Wilfred Jennings-Bramly Collection
Letter to Elizabeth Monroe, 28 June 1953, with map to illustrate his belief that the Egyptian frontier of 1841 ran from Suez to Rafah, and that much territory in Sinai had been acquired for Egypt by Britain.
- GB165-0164 Ismet Karadogan Collection
MS letter of 17 September 1971 to Elizabeth Monroe about Karadogan's association with Colonel S.F. Newcombe in 1917 and 1918.
- GB165-0195 McMahon Promise Collection
Correspondence on the McMahon promise between Elizabeth Monroe, Elie Kedourie and B.C. Busch.
- GB165-0205 Eric Mills Collection
Five MS letters to Elizabeth Monroe, May-August 1961, concerning Palestine, Zionism and the Negev.
- GB165-0268 Fitzroy Somerset Collection
Correspondence between Elizabeth Monroe, Major Monckton and Lt-Col. F.G. Peake, 1967-68, about the Somerset Papers.
- GB165-0308 William Yale Collection
Interview with Elizabeth Monroe, 1960s; correspondence with Elizabeth Monroe.

In other repositories

- King's College London: Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives: correspondence between Elizabeth Monroe and Sir BH Liddell Hart 1959-1969.
- The National Archives United Kingdom: British Council Registered Files Tours by Specialists (London Sponsored Tours). Reference BW 83/5 Elizabeth Monroe: 1946 and 1947 tours to France, lecturing on changes in English social life.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Publication note: Books by Elizabeth Monroe include:

- Monroe, Elizabeth *The Mediterranean in politics* (London: Oxford University Press, 1938).
- Monroe, Elizabeth *The awakening Middle East* (Toronto, 1948).
- Monroe, Elizabeth *Britain's Moment in the Middle East, 1914-1956* (London: Chatto and Windus, 1963).
- Monroe, Elizabeth *Philby of Arabia* (London: Faber and Faber, 1973).
- Monroe, Elizabeth *Oil producers and consumers: conflict or cooperation: synthesis of an international seminar at the Center for Mediterranean Studies, Rome, June 24 to June 28, 1974* (New York: American Universities Field Staff, 1974).

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