

**Reference code:** GB165-0208

**Title:** Dorothy Morgan Collection

**Name of creator:** Morgan, Dorothy Blanche (b.1906) Teacher

**Dates of creation of material:** 1915; 1942-1985

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Biographical history:** Morgan Dorothy Blanche (1906-2005)

Born 1 April 1906 in Walthamstow. Educated Maybury House School, Woking; St. Hugh's College, Oxford, 1925-28; King's College, London. Taught History at English High School, Haifa, 1933-48; various teaching positions in England; taught at Bishop Otter College, Chichester until her retirement. Colleague and friend of Susanna Pearce Emery. Died 27 Mar 2005.

Detailed Biographical History written by Clare Brown 11 Mar 1997

Born 1 April 1906 in Walthamstow. Her father worked for the Union Discount Company and was the son of a merchant seaman. Her mother was the daughter of a naval purser who died when she was 3 years old. Dorothy Morgan was their only child. The family moved to Clapton where she attended a dame school run by the Misses Lizzie and Louisa Broadribb, cousins of Sir Henry Irving. Mrs. Morgan contracted TB in about 1914 and died in 1915 in Woking where the family were then living. Dorothy Morgan attended Maybury House School in Woking where the headmistress was Miss M.E. Read. Under the influence of her vicar, the Revd. Reginald Jourdain, a cousin of Miss Jourdain the Principal of St. Hugh's College Oxford, she went up to St. Hugh's to read History in 1925. After graduation in 1928 she did a year's training at King's College, London, with teaching practice at the Girls' High School in Woking. It was during this period that her father died. On the advice of Miss Squire, Principal of St. Hugh's, she did further teaching practice at Wycombe Abbey and then returned to Oxford to read for another degree, in geography. At around about this time she heard Miss Mary Coate of LMH, the sister of Miss Winifred Coate, Headmistress of the Jerusalem Girls' College, speaking at a meeting of the Church Teachers' Fellowship in Gordon Square. Miss Winifred Coate did not feel able to offer her a job in Jerusalem as her degree was not considered good enough (a 3rd), but shortly afterwards she was offered a job at the English High School in Haifa. She says that her

interest in Palestine may have stemmed from seeing the film “Allenby in Palestine” when she was about 11 or 12; apparently she was impressed by pictures of “the lilies of the field”- fields of anemones.

Miss Morgan arrived in Haifa in September 1933 shortly after the opening of Haifa Harbour. The headmistress of the English High School was Miss “Espee” Emery who had formerly taught at the Jerusalem Girls’ College. Miss Emery had left Jerusalem to teach in Nova Scotia and had also made an attempt to take up nursing. However, at the insistence of the Jerusalem and the East Mission, Miss Emery broke her contract in Nova Scotia and went back to Palestine to take over the school at Haifa. “Espee” Emery came from an academic Cambridge family where her uncle Henry, though blind, was a tutor at Trinity. Her grandfather was Headmaster of Wakefield Grammar School. Miss Morgan describes her as “a strong, good, person” and they remained friends until Miss Emery’s death in 1986.

Miss Morgan also mentioned that Miss Coate was encouraged by Bishop Stewart to leave the Jerusalem Girls’ College where she was not a very competent head, and she was succeeded by Ruth Barlow. However, Miss Coate found her true role in work with refugees in Jordan and set up the Abdelliyeh Village Project where she was visited later by Miss Morgan and Miss Emery. Miss Morgan also remembers Dorothy Norman, a vicar’s daughter from Birdbrook near Halstead in Essex who taught Maths in Haifa and Jerusalem. Miss Norman died about three years ago.

In 1948 the British staff of the English High School were evacuated by warship from Haifa. Miss Morgan was sure that they would be able to return at some future date, but this was not to be. After a few teaching jobs in England she took up at post at Bishop Otter College, a teacher-training college, in Chichester where she continued to live after her retirement. She has fond memories of many of her pupils, some of whom are still in touch with her. When I met her (9 March 1997) she was still active, with a positive enjoyment of life and very much aware of, and concerned for, the problems in present day Israel.

**Scope and content:** Correspondence and papers relating to conditions in Israel and Jordan, and letters from former pupils; material relating to Miss Warburton and Miss Coate and to

the Jerusalem and the East Mission; further papers of Miss Emery relating to the end of the Mandate and the closing of the English High School. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Emery papers; ending of the Mandate; Miss Warburton; Miss Coate; J&EM printed material

**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 Dorothy Morgan

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received from Dorothy Morgan, 9 March and 13 December 1997

**Related Units of Description:**

In MEC Archive

- GB165-0099 Susanna Emery Collection
- GB165-0161 Jerusalem and East Mission Collection

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION FOR THE DOROTHY MORGAN  
COLLECTION**

Box 1

1/1	Introductory note by Miss Morgan	1997	1 sheet
<u>Miss Susanna Pearce Emery's papers</u>			
1/2	Personal: including National Registration card; photograph of family home; sketches; Christmas card and letter from former pupils.	1915, 1944, n.d	6 sheets
1/3	<u>Correspondence</u> Letters to her parents.	1942, 1946-1948	52 sheets
1/4	<u>English High School, Haifa</u> Papers relating to the closing of the school and evacuation of teachers to England; care of school buildings; correspondence with former pupils; testimonials for former staff and pupils; School Certificate results, 1948.	1946-1952	141 sheets
1/5	<u>English High School</u> Haifa Lists of junior and senior pupils.	1946-1948	32 sheets
1/6	<u>"St. Luke's School Gazette"</u> School magazine including contributions from girls from the English High School, Haifa.	1947	17 sheets
1/7	<u>Reports</u> Jerusalem & the East Mission and Church Missionary Society reports, including one from Miss Coate, on the political situation in Palestine and the plight of Palestinian refugees in Gaza and Jordan.	May 1948- Mar 1950	52 sheets
1/8	<u>Conditions in Israel and Jordan</u> Correspondence and papers relating to conditions in Israel and Jordan, including letters to Miss	1954-1985	48 sheets

Morgan and Miss Emery from former pupils and colleagues, including Miss Coate on the civil war in Jordan.

Box 2

2/1	<u>Miss Mabel C. Warburton</u>	1941, 1962	9 sheets
	TS copies of letters describing her experiences as an ARP warden during the Blitz in London; Miss Emery's address at Miss Warburton's Memorial Service, 10 January 1962.		
2/2	<u>Miss Winifred A. Coate</u>	1973, 1977	1 sheet,
	Reports on the Abdelliyeh Village Project.		
			2 items
2/3	<u>Jerusalem &amp; the East Mission</u>	1942-1949	5 sheets,
	Printed material relating to the Jerusalem Bishopric		
			3 items
2/4	<u>Jerusalem &amp; the East Mission Bible Lands</u>	1943,	14 items
	Bible Lands: Quarterly Paper of the Anglican Bishopric in Jerusalem		
		1947-1950, 1957	
2/5	<u>Jerusalem &amp; the East Mission Monthly Review</u>	1947-1948	8 items
	Lines of Communication: the Monthly Review of the Anglican Bishopric in Jerusalem and the East.		