

**Reference code:** GB165-0241

**Title:** Herbert Richards Collection

**Name of creator:** Richards, Herbert Arthur (1866-1957)

**Dates of creation of material:** 1889-1909; 1929-1930; 1951

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 folder; 1 vol.

**Biographical history:** Richards, Herbert Arthur (1866-1957)

Born 30 January 1866, son of William Morrison Richards. Educated Framlingham. Worked in a solicitor's office. Employed by Lynch Brothers: Basra, 1888; Mahommerah, 1889; Ahwaz, 1893, Shuster, 1893; joined British consular service serving Tehran and Bushire, c.1901-06; Vice Consul, Grand Bassam, Ivory Coast; Consul, Tahiti, and Deputy Commissioner for the South Pacific; Consul, Callao, Peru; Consul-General Chicago, USA; retired 1927. Married Elsie Stainton at British Legation Tehran, 1903: 1 son. Died March 1957.

**Scope and content:** Notebook and accounts of Herbert Richards' life in Mesopotamia and Persia, 1889-1906, including a journey from Ahwaz to Isfahan, and sighting of oil deposits in Shuster; article from a Persian newspaper on the death of Nasr ed din Shah; valedictory letter from Richards' Persian staff in Tehran, 1904; letter of thanks from the Office of Works to Richards for his report on the Associated Khanats in connection with the water supply to the Legation in Tehran, 1904. Small envelope labelled 'train tickets Tehran' with 3 small train tickets and a diplomatic pass issued by the Department of Police City of Chicago 1928 for Herbert Richards. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Chronological

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English; some Persian.

**Physical Condition:** Fragile notebook with faded pencil script

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

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Herbert Richards and Peter Richards.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received from Peter Richards through the good offices of Sir Denis Wright, 1983.

**Related Units of Description:**

In MEC Archive

- GB165-0242 Peter Richards Collection: Peter Richards' autobiography, 1982, covering the period 1896-1940, including extracts from material written by H.A. Richards in Persia.
- GB165-0270 Benjamin Stainton Collection

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 7 Oct 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 7 Oct 2014 and 13 Aug 2019