

**Reference code:** GB165-0261

**Title:** Sir Harry Sinderson Collection

**Name of creator:** Sinderson, Sir Harry Chapman (1891-1974) Knight, Physician

**Dates of creation of material:** 1920; 1925-1927; 1929-1946; 1953; c.1967

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box and 11 oversize files

**Biographical history:** Sinderson, Sir Harry Chapman (1891-1974)

Born 9 June 1891, son of William Sinderson and Maude Sinderson (née Chapman). Educated Edinburgh University (MB & ChB 1914, MD & FRCP1926). Served European War 1914-18 as OC Hospital Ships Stad Antwerpen and Wandilla; OBE 1932, MVO 1933; CMG 1942; Adviser and Inspector-General of Health Services, Ministry of Social Affairs, Iraq; Dean and Professor of Medicine, Royal College of Medicine of Iraq; Physician to HM the King and the Royal family of Iraq, 1921-46; KBE 1946. Married, 1920, M. Elsie MunGavin (d.1967). Died 20 November 1974.

**Scope and content:** "Physician to Iraq's Royal family 1923-46: the memoirs of Sir Harry Sinderson Pasha KBE, CMG, MVO, FRCP (Edin.), being the full manuscript version of *Ten Thousand and One Nights* published by Hodder & Stoughton 1973": TS produced by Derek Hill, 1991, from Sinderson's original MS; press-cuttings on Iraq, taken mainly from *The Iraq Times*, 1920; 1925-27; 1929-46; 1953. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Memoirs; press-cuttings

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** Mainly English with a few Arabic and French newspaper clippings

**Physical Condition:** Newspaper clippings have been flattened and some tears repaired, however the paper is fragile and some text has been lost

**Conditions governing reproduction:** Permission is required to copy or quote from the memoirs

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Sir Harry Sinderson and his family.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Press-cuttings and photographs received in 1975 and edited version of memoirs received in November 1993 as a gift from Derek Hill and his wife Anne, née MunGavin, niece of Lady Sinderson

**Location of originals:** Original MS with Derek Hill

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Publication note:** Edited version of memoirs – Sinderson, H.C., *Ten thousand and one nights: memories of Iraq's Sherifian dynasty* (London: Hodder & Stroughton, 1973);

Hill, D (ed.) *Glimpses of royal & political life in Iraq 1920-46: through the letter of Dr and Mrs Sinderson* (S.1: s.n., 1996)

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR HARRY SINDERSON  
COLLECTION**

1      Memoirs

"Physician to Iraq's Royal family 1923-46: the memoirs of Sir Harry Sinderson Pasha KBE, CMG, MVO, FRCP (Edin.), being the full manuscript version of *Ten Thousand and One Nights* published by Hodder & Stoughton 1973."

TS produced by Derek Hill, 1991, from Sinderson's original MS

1 Volume

2      Newspaper Clippings

The newspaper clippings, taken mainly from *The Iraq Times*, cover the period 1920-1953.

Many of the cuttings are of articles relating to Sinderson, for example his role as Joint president of the Victory Fund for British War Charities 2/8/7, the article 'King's Physician Planned Services Club 2/9/7, Mrs Sinderson's work in the troops social centre in Baghdad 2/9/16 and the announcement of the award to Dr Sinderson of a K.B.E. 2/11/8.

The cuttings also cover major events in Iraq's history such as the death and funeral of King Ghazi and the appointment of the Regency see 2/5/4 – 2/5/8, the fleeing of Rashid Ali and the cabinet to Iran see 2/7/14 and 2/7/17, the ending of the regency with King Faisal II formally assuming his royal prerogatives 2/11/11 and 2/11/12.

Sinderson also collected articles on major events in the Second World War, such as the bombing of Warsaw 2/5/12, Britain's declaration of war against Germany 2/5/13, the destruction of the French Fleet 2/6/9, the 'Liberation of Syria' 2/7/19 and 'World Celebrates Victory in Europe' day 2/10/16.

11 files consisting of 193 items

File 1

1920-1929

2/1/1	Basrah Times	7 October 1920
2/1/2	Baghdad Times	14 December 1925
2/1/3	Baghdad Times	14 December 1925
2/1/4	Daily Graphic	21 December 1925
2/1/5	Baghdad Times	3 February 1926
2/1/6	Baghdad Times	3 February 1926
2/1/7	Not stated	c 22 July 1926
2/1/8	Baghdad Times	2 December 1926
2/1/9	Baghdad Times	30 July 1927
2/1/10	Baghdad Times	2 February 1929
2/1/11	Baghdad Times	4 February 1929
2/1/12	Baghdad Times	12 September 1929
2/1/13	Not stated	14 November 1929
2/1/14	Baghdad Times	15 November 1929

File 2

1930-1934

2/2/1	[? Baghdad Times]	22 February 1930
2/2/2	[? Baghdad Times]	24 February 1930
2/2/3	[? Baghdad Times]	25 February 1930
2/2/4	Baghdad Times	25 February 1930
2/2/5	Baghdad Times	14 March 1930
2/2/6	Baghdad Times	5 June 1931
2/2/7	Le Messenger de Téhéran	29 April 1932
2/2/8	Times of Mesopotamia]	5 May 1932
2/2/9	Baghdad Times	8 July 1932
2/2/10	Iraq Times	9 September 1933
2/2/11	Iraq Times	16 September 1933
2/2/12	Article from magazine 'The Secret Romance of a King' by Princess Catherine Radziwill	[c September 1933]

2/2/13	Iraq Times	1933
2/2/14	Iraq Times	4 June 1934
2/2/15	Iraq Times	11 June 1934
2/2/16	Iraq Times	27 August 1934
2/2/17	Iraq Times	22 October 1934
2/2/18	Iraq Times	22 December 1934
2/2/19	Iraq Times	Not dated
2/2/20	Poster from Newspaper in Arabic	? date

### File 3

1935-1937

2/3/1	Iraq Times	18 January 1935
2/3/2	Iraq Times	15 February 1935
2/3/3	Iraq Times	15 March 1935
2/3/4	Iraq Times	27 March 1935
2/3/5	Not stated	Day of birth of King Ghazi's son [5 May 1935]
2/3/6	Iraq Times	23 December 1935
2/3/7	Iraq Times	20 February 1936
2/3/8	Iraq Times	7 April 1936
2/3/9	Not stated	10 December 1936
2/3/10	Not stated	21 January 1937
2/3/11	Iraq Times	22 January 1937
2/3/12	Iraq Times	1 February 1937
2/3/13	Iraq Times	4 February 1937
2/3/14	Iraq Times	4 February 1937
2/3/15	[Iraq Times]	February 1937
2/3/16	Iraq Times	22 March 1937
2/3/17	Iraq Times	22 March 1937
2/3/18	Iraq Times	27 April 1937
2/3/19	Iraq Times Supplement	22 June 1937
2/3/20	Iraq Times	8 September 1937

2/3/21	[Iraq Times]	18 September 1937
2/3/22	Not stated	20 September 1937
2/3/23	Iraq Times	21 September 1937
2/3/24	Not stated	28 May

File 4

1938

2/4/1	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/2	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/3	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/4	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/5	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/6	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/7	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/8	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/9	Iraq Times	26 April 1938
2/4/10	Iraq Times	30 April 1938
2/4/11	Iraq Times	19 December 1938
2/4/12	Iraq Times	29 January 1938
2/4/13	Iraq Times	29 January 1938
2/4/14	Iraq Times	29 January 1938

File 5

1939

2/5/1	Iraq Times	4 February 1939
2/5/2	Iraq Times	1 March 1939
2/5/3	Iraq Times	4 April 1939
2/5/4	Iraq Times	5 April 1939
2/5/5	Iraq Times	5 April 1939
2/5/6	Iraq Times	6 April 1939
2/5/7	Iraq Times	6 April 1939
2/5/8	Iraq Times	7 April 1939
2/5/9	Iraq Times	17 July 1939

2/5/10	Iraq Times	26 October 1939
2/5/11	Iraq Times	26 October 1939
2/5/12	Iraq Times	1 September [1939]
2/5/13	Iraq Times	3 September [1939]
2/5/14	Iraq Times	21 November 1939
2/5/15	Iraq Times	21 November 1939
2/5/16	Iraq Times	21 November 1939
2/5/17	Iraq Times	21 November 1939

File 6

1940

2/6/1	Iraq Times	13 January 1940
2/6/2	Iraq Times	18 January 1940
2/6/3	Iraq Times	11 March 1940
2/6/4	Iraq Times	13 March 1940
2/6/5	Iraq Times	15 March 1940
2/6/6	Iraq Times	28 March 1940
2/6/7	Iraq Times	20 April 1940
2/6/8	Iraq Times	25 April 1940
2/6/9	Iraq Times	10 July 1940
2/6/10	Iraq Times	19 August 1940
2/6/11	Iraq Times	[2] November 1940
2/6/12	Iraq Times	12 November 1940
2/6/13	Iraq Times	4 December 1940
2/6/14	Iraq Times	4 December 1940
2/6/15	Iraq Times	4 December 1940
2/6/16	Iraq Times	4 December 1940
2/6/17	[Iraq Times]	Undated Fragment found next to papers 15 March 1940 and 10 July 1940

File 7

1941

2/7/1	Iraq Times	1 February 1941
2/7/2	Iraq Times	1 February 1941
2/7/3	Iraq Times	1 February 1941
2/7/4	Iraq Times	11 February 1941
2/7/5	[Iraq Times]	14 March 1941
2/7/6	Iraq Times	28 March 1941
2/7/7	Iraq Times	28 March 1941
2/7/8	Iraq Times	28 March 1941
2/7/9	Iraq Times	28 March 1941
2/7/10	Iraq Times	31 March 1941
2/7/11	Iraq Times	31 March 1941
2/7/12	Iraq Times	31 March 1941
2/7/13	Basrah Times	21 May 1941
2/7/14	Basrah Times	31 May 1941
2/7/15	Basrah Times	5 June 1941
2/7/16	Iraq Times	12 June 1941
2/7/17	Iraq Times	12 June 1941
2/7/18	Iraq Times	20 June 1941
2/7/19	Iraq Times	19 July 1941
2/7/20	Iraq Times	19 July 1941
2/7/21	[Iraq Times]	5 August 1941
2/7/22	Iraq Times	20 October 1941
2/7/23	Iraq Times	22 October 1941
2/7/24	Iraq Times	29 October 1941
2/7/25	Iraq Times	1 December 1941
2/7/26	Basrah Times	4 December 1941
2/7/27	Al-Urdon Newspaper Amman Transjordan [In Arabic]	4 October 1941



File 8

1942

2/8/1	Iraq Times	2 January 1942
2/8/2	Iraq Times	2 January 1942
2/8/3	Iraq Times	9 January 1942
2/8/4	Iraq Times	13 January 1942
2/8/5	Iraq Times	9 February 1942
2/8/6	[Iraq Times]	23 November 1942
2/8/7	[Iraq Times]	16 December 1942
2/8/8	Iraq Times	16 December 1942
2/8/9	Egyptian Mail	23 December 1942
2/8/10	[Iraq Times]	23 December 1942
2/8/11	Iraq Times	24 December 1942
2/8/12	Iraq Times	25 December 1942
2/8/13	Iraq Times	30 December 1942

File 9

1943

2/9/1	Iraq Times	2 January 1943
2/9/2	[Iraq Times]	6 February 1943
2/9/3	Iraq Times	20 February 1943
2/9/4	[Iraq Times]	13 March 1943
2/9/5	Al-Mussawar [In Arabic]	16 April 1943
2/9/6	Al-Mussawar [In Arabic]	not dated, possibly part of 16 April 1943 edition
2/9/7	Trunk Call Vol 1 No 33	14 June 1943
2/9/8	Iraq Times	15 June 1943
2/9/9	Iraq Times	30 June 1943
2/9/10	Iraq Times	1 July 1943
2/9/11	Iraq Times	1 July 1943
2/9/12	Iraq Times	5 August 1943
2/9/13	Iraq Times	9 August 1943
2/9/14	Iraq Times	12 August 1943

2/9/15	Iraq Times	2 October 1943
2/9/16	Iraq Times	16 October 1943
2/9/17	Iraq Times	8 November 1943
2/9/18	[? Iraq Times]	9 November 1943
2/9/19	[Iraq Times]	11 November 1943
2/9/20	Iraq Times	11 November 1943
2/9/21	[?Iraq Times]	16 November 1943
2/9/22	Iraq Times	16 November 1943
2/9/23	Iraq Times	?18 or 19 November 1943
2/9/24	Iraq Times	4 December 1943
2/9/25	Al-Zaman [In Arabic]	16 April 1943

#### File 10

1944-1945

2/10/1	Iraq Times	2 February 1944
2/10/2	Iraq Times	3 February 1944
2/10/3	Iraq Times	4 February 1944
2/10/4	Iraq Times	12 February 1944
2/10/5	Iraq Times	19 February 1944
2/10/6	Iraq Times	13 March 1944
2/10/7	Iraq Times	18 March 1944
2/10/8	[? Iraq Times]	22 April 1944
2/10/9	Iraq Times	12 May 1944
2/10/10	Iraq Times	26 July 1944
2/10/11	Iraq Times	31 July 1944
2/10/12	[?Iraq Times]	July 1944
2/10/13	Iraq Times	4 August 1944
2/10/14	Le Progrès Egyptian [In French]	4 August 1944
2/10/15	[?Iraq Times]	20 December 1944
2/10/16	Iraq Times	8 May 1945
2/10/17	Iraq Times	14 May 1945
2/10/18	Iraq Times	21 August 1945
2/10/19	Eight Army News No 102 Vol 7	4 September 1945

2/10/20      Iraq Times

21 September 1945

File 11

1946 and 1953

2/11/1	Iraq Times	4 April 1946
2/11/2	Iraq Times	27 May 1946
2/11/3	Iraq Times	27 May 1946
2/11/4	Iraq Times	27 May 1946
2/11/5	Iraq Times	27 May 1946
2/11/6	Iraq Times	27 May 1946
2/11/7	Iraq Times	29 May 1946
2/11/8	Iraq Times	13 June 1946
2/11/9	Iraq Times	14 June 1946
2/11/10	Iraq Times	1 November 1946
2/11/11	Iraq Times	2 May 1953
2/11/12	Iraq Times	5 May 1953