

Reference code: GB165-0338

Title: Sir Donald Hawley Collection

Name of creator: Hawley, Sir Donald Frederick (1921-2008) Knight

Dates of creation of material: 1980-2000

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: Hawley, Sir, Donald Frederick, b 22 May 1921, KCMG 1978 (CMG 1970), MBE 1955, son of the late Mr and Mrs F. G. Hawley, educated at Radley and New College Oxford. He was a member of the HM Diplomatic Service (retired); British High Commissioner in Malaysia, 1977-1981; a Barrister-at-law; and a consultant in Middle Eastern and South East Asian affairs. He joined the HM Forces in 1941, serving until 1944 when he entered the Sudan Political Service, joining the Sudan Judiciary in 1947. He was called to the Bar, Inner Temple, in 1951 where he was Chief Registrar of the Sudan Judiciary, and Register General of Marriages. In 1955 he resigned from the Sudan Service joining HM Foreign Service, and in 1956 the Foreign Office. In 1958 he became Political Agent, Trucial States in Dubai, and in 1962 Head of Chancery, British Embassy, Cairo. In 1965 he was appointed Counsellor and Head of Chancery, British High Commission, Lagos. In 1967 he was appointed Visiting Fellow, Dept of Geography, Durham University. In 1968 he became Counsellor (Commercial), Baghdad, and in 1971 was appointed HM Consul-General, Muscat, and was the HM Ambassador to Oman from 1971-1975. He was the Assistant Under Secretary of State, FCO, 1975-1977. From 1982 – 1986 he was a Special Adviser to the London Advisory Committee, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. During this time he was also Chairman of the Ewbank Preece Group, and a Special Adviser from 1986. From 1987 – 1991 he was at the Centre for British Teachers. From 1987 – 1994 he was President of the Council at Reading University, and Vice-President of the Anglo-Omani Society from 1981. From 1983 – 1985 he was Chairman of the British Malaysian Society, and Vice President from 1993. From 1992, he was Chairman of the Sudan Pensioners Association, and from 1994, of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs. From 1989 – 1995 he was Governor, ESU. He is President of the Sudan Defense Force Dinner Club, received an honorary DLitt from Reading University in 1994, and an honorary DCL from Durham University in 1997. Published works include: *Handbook for Registrars of Marriage and Ministers of Religion*, 1963 (Sudan Government publication); *Courtesies in the Trucial States*, 1965; *The Trucial*

States, 1971; *Oman and its Renaissance*, 1977, with a revised edition in 1995; *Courtesies in the Gulf Area*, 1978; *Manners and Correct Form in the Middle East*, 1984, 1996; *Sandtracks in the Sudan*, 1995. He married Ruth Morwenna Graham Howes, daughter of the late Reverend P. G. Howes, and of Mrs Howes in 1964 and has one son and three daughters. Died 31 Jan 2008.

Scope and content: Mainly printed materials relating to souvenirs from National Day celebrations in Oman: speeches from the sultan; and invitations to events.

System of arrangement: Chronological

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English and Arabic

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

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Hawley in Dec 1999

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

For other speeches from the Sultan see the Graham Collection GB165-0327

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR DONALD HAWLEY COLLECTION

SOUVENIRS

Box 1

- 1/1 National Day Celebrations: Ascribed title. Materials created in Oman to describe the celebrations of the annual National Day, and retained by Hawley. Materials are: Souvenir programmes of events; speeches by HM Sultan Qaboos bin Said; invitation cards to the Hawleys to celebratory events; programmes for musical evenings; and programmes for military celebrations. A large proportion of the materials relates the Silver Jubilee, the 25th anniversary in 1995.
Nov 1980 - Nov 1999
- 41 items

Box 2

- 2/1 *Tribute*: Issues of *Tribute* magazine, an annual Omani publication in English, which reports on events and developments in Oman over each year. Also included is some ephemeral material relating to the Royal Flight of Oman, and an Opera put on for the Sultan in 1992
1990 – 2000 and n.d.
- 4 items
- 2/2 *Relating to other Countries*: Menu card for a luncheon commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of the Sudan Defence Force
5 Oct 1994
- 1 item