

**Reference code:** GB165-0433

**Title:** Eden Tatton-Brown Collection

**Name of creator:** Brown, Eden Tatton- (1877-1961), Customs Administrator

**Dates of creation of material:** 1877-1932, 2003

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box

**Biographical history:** Tatton-Brown, Eden (1877-1961), Customs Administrator. Born 31 December, son of Major-General John Tatton Butler Brown and Augusta Frederica Eden. Educated King's College, Cambridge (2<sup>nd</sup> Class BA). Joined Ministry of Education, Egypt, 1901; Egyptian Customs Administration, 1910, Director-General, 1924; Govt. Commissioner for Egyptian Customs, 1930; retired, 1933. CMG, 1929; Order of the Nile, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, 1921, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 1933; Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold II, 1930. Married, 1904, Pauline Stewart-Jones (d. 1964). Died 29 September, 1961.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to Eden Tatton-Brown's life and work in Egypt in the Ministry of Education and then in the Customs Administration, including an account of a journey to Mt. Sinai, letters to his wife and mother and his memoirs.

**System of arrangement:**

1. Travel Diary of a journey from Cairo to Mount Sinai
2. Correspondence between Eden Tatton-Brown and his close family
3. Quote from Sir C. Rivers Wilson autobiography
4. Photographs
5. Memoirs

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English, with a small amount of French and some Arabic words and names

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

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Eden Tatton-Brown and his family

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Lady Kenya Tatton-Brown (daughter-in-law of Eden Tatton-Brown) in Aug and Sept 2008

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive:**

GB165-0436 Pauline Tatton-Brown – Wife of Eden Tatton-Brown

GB165-0115 Sir Robert Allason Furness – Papers relating to Anglo-Egyptian relations and Egyptian internal politics

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds, series, file and item level description created by T. Stanbury 12 Feb 2010. Biographical history based on the entry for Eden Tatton-Brown in Black, A&C, *Who Was Who*, (Oxford University Press, 2007) and on information provided by Lady Kenya Tatton-Brown.

**SERIES, FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE EDEN TATTON-  
BROWN COLLECTION**

**1 Travel Diary of a journey from Cairo to Mount Sinai, 16-24 Dec 1903**

1/1	MS travel account describing a journey from Cairo to Mount Sinai and back again	16-24 Dec 1903	11 sheets
1/2	Printed version of travel account describing a journey from Cairo to Mount Sinai and back again typed up by Lady Tatton Brown in 2008	16-24 Dec 1903	7 sheets
1/3	The Scottish Geographical Magazine, Vol. XX, No. II, containing a condensed version of Eden Tatton-Brown's journey from Cairo to Mount Sinai.	Nov 1904	1 magazine consisting of 56 pp

**2 Correspondence between Eden Tatton-Brown and his close family, 1877-1932**

<u>2/1</u>	<u>Letters from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother</u> Comprises descriptions of visits to antiquities, sports, social events, visits from his wife's family, travels through Egypt and the region, effects of the start of World War One, troop movements warfare, and various notes on his work and life.	<u>1902-1920</u>	<u>30 sheets,</u> <u>5 envelopes</u>
2/1/1	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	12 Jan 1902	1 sheet
2/1/2	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	12 Jan 1902	1 sheet
2/1/3	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	15 Feb 1903	1 sheet
2/1/4	Envelope addressed to Mrs Tatton-Brown	30 Sep 1903	1 envelope
2/1/5	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	14 Feb 1904	1 sheet
2/1/6	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	27 Feb 1904	1 sheet
2/1/7	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	6 Mar 1904	1 sheet
2/1/8	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	5 Jun 1904	2 sheets
2/1/9	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	2 Oct 1904	1 sheet
2/1/10	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	7 Mar 1907	1 sheet
2/1/11	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	23 Mar 1907	1 sheet

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2/1/12	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	29 Jun 1908	2 sheets
2/1/13	Letters from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	28 May and 11 Jun 1912	2 sheets, 1 envelope
2/1/14	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	6 Sept 1914	1 sheet
2/1/15	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	4 Oct 1914	1 sheet
2/1/16	Envelope addressed to Mrs Tatton-Brown	26 Oct 1914	1 envelope
2/1/17	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	20 Nov 1914	2 sheets
2/1/18	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	5 Feb 1915	1 sheet
2/1/19	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	20 Mar 1916	1 sheet.
2/1/20	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	30 Dec 1917	2 sheets, 1 envelope
2/1/21	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	5 Oct 1919	2 sheets
2/1/22	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	14 Nov 1919	1 sheet
2/1/23	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	20 Nov 1919	2 sheets
2/1/24	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to his mother	17 May 1920	2 sheets, 1 envelope
<u>2/2</u>	<u>Letters from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown</u> Comprises notes on life in Egypt, travels, social life and the weather	<u>1906-1921</u>	<u>44 sheets, 4 envelopes</u>
2/2/1	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	18 May 1906	1 sheet
2/2/2	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	26 May 1906	1 sheet
2/2/3	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	26 May 1906	1 sheet
2/2/4	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	28 May 1906	1 sheet
2/2/5	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	31 May 1906	2 sheets
2/2/6	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	7 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/7	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	8 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/8	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	9 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/9	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	11 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/10	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	16 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/11	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	19 Jun 1906	1 sheet

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2/2/12	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	21 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/13	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	22 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/14	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	24 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/15	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	26 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/16	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	29 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/17	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	30 Jun 1906	1 sheet
2/2/18	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	3 Jul 1906	1 sheet
2/2/19	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	4 Jul 1906	1 sheet
2/2/20	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	14 Jul 1906	1 sheet
2/2/21	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	19 Jul 1906	1 sheet
2/2/22	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	21 Jul 1906	2 sheets
2/2/23	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	2 Aug 1906	1 sheet
2/2/24	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	24 and 26 Jul 1909	3 sheets, 1 envelope
2/2/25	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	30 May 1912	1 sheet, 1 envelope
2/2/26	Cutting from The Morning Post on “Royal Mummies – The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt” in an envelope addressed to Pauline Tatton-Brown	12 Dec 1912	1 sheet, 1 envelope
2/2/27	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	27 Apr 1920	1 sheet
2/2/28	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	9 Sept 1920	1 sheet
2/2/29	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	11 Sept 1920	2 sheets
2/2/30	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	13 Sept 1920	1 sheet
2/2/31	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton Brown	14 Sept 1920	1 sheet
2/2/32	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	5 Jul 1921	1 sheet
2/2/33	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	20 Jul 1921	1 sheet
2/2/34	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	22 Jul 1921	1 sheet
2/2/35	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	11 Aug 1921	1 sheet
2/2/36	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	14 Aug 1921	2 sheets, 1 envelope
2/2/37	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	15 Aug 1921	1 sheet
2/2/38	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to Pauline Tatton-Brown	3 Sept 1921	1 sheet

<u>2/3</u>	<u>Letters to E. Stewart Jones and William Tatton-Brown</u>	<u>1877-1932</u>	<u>3 sheets, 2 envelopes, 1 photo</u>
2/3/1	Letter to E. Stewart Jones	18 Jan 1877	1 sheet
2/3/2	Envelope addressed to Mrs E. Stewart-Jones	28 Oct 1878	1 envelope
2/3/2	Letter to E. Stewart Jones with small photo portrait	27 Sept 1881	1 sheet, 1 photo, 1 envelope
2/3/4	Letter from Eden Tatton-Brown to William Tatton-Brown	20 Feb 1932	1 sheet
<u>2/4</u>	<u>Fragments of Letters</u>	<u>Undated</u>	<u>6 sheets</u>
2/4/1	Fragment of a letter, found between 2/2/18 and 2/2/19	Undated	1 sheet
2/4/2	Fragment of a letter from Eden Tatton-Brown, found between 2/2/12 and 2/2/13	Undated	1 sheet
2/4/3	Fragment of a letter from Eden Tatton-Brown, found in the same envelope as 2/2/31 and 2/2/32	Undated	1 sheet
2/4/4	Cutting from the Egyptian Gazette, found in the same envelope as 2/2/31 and 2/2/32	27 Dec 1916	1 sheet
2/4/5	Fragment of a letter from Eden Tatton-Brown, found in the same envelope as 2/2/31 and 2/2/32	Undated	1 sheet
2/4/6	Fragment of a letter from Eden Tatton-Brown	Undated	1 sheet

### **3 Quote from Sir C. Rivers Wilson autobiography, 1916**

3/1	Handwritten quote from "Chapters from my official life" by Sir C. Rivers Wilson	1916	1 sheet
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### **4 Photographs, 1924-1929**

Access: These photographs are available for viewing via contact sheets. The originals are stored separately from the paper collection.

4/1	A black & white photograph of a Middle Eastern man,	Nov 1924	1 item
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in cardboard frame and binding with a French inscription dedicated to E. Tatton Brown, signed by a Mr Kiad

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| 4/2 | Group photograph of six men, dressed formally and wearing fezzes, labelled “Inspectorate of Customs” | Jul 1929 | 1 item |
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## **5      Memoirs**

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| 5/1 | Manuscript copy of Eden Tatton Brown’s Memoirs, 1900-1929 – covers Eden’s entry into the Egyptian Civil Service, duties in Egypt, travels, marriage, senior figures encountered, further travels in Turkey and East Europe, birth of children, promotions, events of WWI, attacks by Turks, end of war, further promotions             | Undated | 125 sheets,<br>plus cover |
| 5/2 | Printed copy of Eden Tatton-Brown’s Memoirs, 1900-1929 typed by Eden’s daughter in law Kenya Tatton-Brown in 2003 with the note ‘the manuscript is difficult to read, and Arabic names almost impossible to transcribe accurately’<br><br>Location of copies: An electronic version of this memoir is available as an MS Word document | 2003    | 57 sheets,<br>plus cover  |