

Reference code: GB165-0735

Title: Aity Campbell Collection

Name of creator: Campbell, Aileen Margaret Grant (1898-1991)

Dates of creation of material: 1927-1930s, 2018

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box, 1 file

Biographical history: Campbell, Aileen Margaret Grant (1898-1991)

Aity Campbell was born in Simla, India on 21 Jan 1898, daughter of Alister Grant Dallas and Mabel Alice Dallas (née Brooke). Aity Campbell lived in India and also England. Married Major James Edward Francis Campbell, O.B.E., on 8 Oct 1927. Aity Campbell then moved to Palestine with her husband James Campbell (also known as Jeff Campbell) who served as a District Commissioner in Palestine in the 1920s and 1930s. Due to her childhood in Simla, Aity loved the mountains and took annual visits to Switzerland. Died in July 1991.

Campbell, James Edward Francis (1879-1953)

James Campbell was born 10 Nov 1879. He was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) and had military service 1914-1919. He served in Palestine in the Occupied Enemy Territory Administration (O.E.T.A) from 9 Apr 1919. He was appointed Assistant Governor, Jaffa District on 1 Jul 1920, then on 1 Jul 1922 he was appointed as Assistant District Governor, Jaffa Division, Jerusalem-Jaffa District. On 15 June 1925 his title was changed to Assistant District Commissioner. On 12 Nov 1926 he was appointed District Commissioner, Southern District. On 9 Jan 1928 he was appointed to the Government of Palestine Advisory Council. On 15 Oct 1931 he was appointed District Commissioner, Jerusalem District and served in this capacity until at least 1937. Left Palestine by 1939 (as he not included in the Palestine Civil Service List for 1939). Died in Switzerland on 20 Aug 1953.

Scope and content: Photograph album with images of Palestine, Transjordan, Venice and Switzerland 1927-1930s and family history notes consisting of biographical details about Aity Campbell, a family tree and some memories of Aity written by her great-nephews in 2018. The photograph album includes a wedding photograph of Aity and James Campbell, views of Venice, camping in the desert, visiting Bedouins, official events including a parade and inspection of soldiers and policeman, two photographs (images 113 and 114) of the High Commissioner Herbert Plumer, views of the Swiss mountains, visits to the seaside and

sailing and the minaret of the white mosque of Ramle, also known as Ramla tower (images 263 and 264).

System of arrangement:

1. Photograph Album
2. Family History

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 Aity Campbell and then her family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Mark Phillimore (great nephew of Aity Campbell) on 3 Aug 2018

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

The MEC Archive has extensive holdings for the Palestine mandate. Other photograph collections by women relating to Palestine or Transjordan include:

- GB165-0031 Estelle Blyth Collection: Albumen prints of Palestine 1870s-c1900 (mainly by Bonfils and American Colony), Album of photographs and drawings of St George's Jerusalem 1880s-c1900, Album of postcards of Palestine, Syria, the Lebanon, and Egypt.
- GB165-0088 Catherine Dixon Collection: MS diary "Adventures of four women who visited Petra in 1925", illustrated with 46 black and white photographs, giving an account of the journey from Jerusalem to Petra and back.
- GB165-0136 Helena Harrison Collection: Journal of a visit to Palestine via Egypt, 1925, and album of photographs of Palestine.
- GB165-0208 Dorothy Morgan Collection: Papers and photographs relating to her life and work as a history teacher at the English High School, Haifa, 1933-1948.
- GB165-0302 Hilda Wilson Collection: "School year in Palestine, 1938-39": TS account of a teacher's life at the Arab High School, Bir Zeit, during the Arab rebellion and 13 photographs mainly of school pupils.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by Debbie Usher 24 Oct 2023.
Biographical history based on information supplied by Mark Phillimore and the Palestine
Civil Service List 1937.