Middle East Centre Archive

St Antony's College, Oxford

Guide to collections relating to Iran/Persia

Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that explicitly mention Iran, Persia or places identified as being in Iran have been included. Not included in this Guide are several collections that cover the Middle East as a whole and thus may contain material relevant to Iran. For example Crow; A.G.M. Dickson; H.R.P Dickson and the Mance papers. For these papers please consult the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word 'Handlist'.

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

ANCKETILL, Matthew David. GB165-0009
Photocopied TS of *Strange Destiny* unpublished biography of Sir Robert Ker Porter (1777-1842), artist, traveller and diplomat in Russia and Persia. 2 boxes. Handlist.

BENNETT, Arthur L. GB165-0024
Papers as R.A.F. member of Combined UK/US/Iranian team seconded to central staff of the Imperial Iranian Armed Forces, 1970-72, including the team's report on the Joint College of the Armed Forces, Tehran, and a military training exercise. 1 box. Handlist.

CAMERON WATT, Prof. Donald. (b. 1928) GB165-0296
Press-cutting collection from British newspapers covering: oil; the Arabian peninsula; Middle East (in general); Egypt; Cyprus; Malta; Eisenhower Doctrine; Iran; Lebanon; Libya; Iraq Revolution; Israel; Jordan; Syria; Turkey; Sudan; French North Africa; Somaliland; the Suez Crisis; some maps. 11 boxes. Handlist.

CORKILL, Dr. Norman Lace. (1898-1966). GB165-0063
Papers relating to the life and work of Dr Norman Corkill, as a Doctor and Health and Hygiene advisor in various parts of the Middle East, including his reports on the health and hygiene situations of Saudi Arabia in 1948, Palestinian refugees in 1951, Eastern Aden in 1953, Iran in 1963 and Abu Dhabi in 1964; his diary and an incomplete draft of his autobiography, correspondence and a printed bound report entitled 'A Nutritional Economic Survey of Wartime Palestine, 1942-1943'. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

DAWKINS, J.M. GB165-0077

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Presscutting volumes including cuttings from 1875, 1906-08, 1910-18, 1920-26, 1929 and 1939, covering Persia, the Ottoman Empire and North Africa, the progress of the First World War, the Consular Service, foreign affairs in general, Dawkins' family, and Professor E.G. Browne. 4 vols.

DICKSON, Dame Violet Penelope. (1896-1991). GB165-0364
Photocopy of a TS account of Violet Dickson's family history; MS description of each photograph album; 12 photograph albums, 1956-1981, mainly covering Kuwait but also including a small amount of photographs taken in Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Dubai, Sharjah, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Yemen as well as photographs of European countries and Africa. 12 Albums and 13 sheets. Handlist.

EDENBOROUGH, Richard Oakley Montagu. (1906-1995). GB165-0774
TS memoir 'Wandering for Winthrop' by Richard Edenborough giving an account of his business trip to the Middle East, 8 Nov – 20 Dec 1954, as part of his work for Winthrop Products, a subsidiary of the American firm Sterling Drug Inc. The memoir consists extracts from letters to his family, illustrated by postcards and photographs and describes his journey and experiences visiting Athens, Damascus, Cairo, Beirut, Tehran, Baghdad, Aden, Karachi, Asmara, Khartoum and London. 1 box. Handlist.

EDMONDS, Cecil John. (1889-1979). GB165-0095
Papers relating to his service in Iraq, 1915-45, including: papers on his service as Administrative Inspector, 1922-24; Liaison Officer to the Mosul Commission, 1925-26; papers, correspondence, and maps relating to Edmond's work in the consular service in North Persia, Iraq and Kurdistan; official reports 1910-46; tour notes and draft reports 1914-40s; topographical notes; notes on the tribes of Kurdistan; personal correspondence 1913-77; lectures and articles; large collection of maps; diaries 1912-1975; typescript memoirs "East & West of Zagros". 28 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

EDWARDS, Francis M. (b. 1886). GB165-0096
Papers on Egyptian rural problems and provincial taxation reports,1920s; reports on a visit to Saad Zaghlul in Upper Egypt, October 1921; essays on early Muslim travellers in the Middle East; book reviews; note on the title of the ruler of Muscat; account of a duck shoot in the Libyan desert; letter, 4 July 1959, from L. Lockhart about the Persian claim to Bahrain. 1 box.

ENSOR, Andrew Fisher. (1918-2008). GB165-0595
Documents relating to Andrew F. Ensor's career in the oil industry in the 1940s-1970s, including correspondence, memoranda and internal company reports. Also includes a paper he wrote in 1979 about his dealings with OPEC leaders in the 1960s and early 1970s and notes on the book 'The Prize: the epic quest for oil, money, and power' by Daniel Yergin c1991. 7 boxes. Handlist.

FLINN, Walter Leonard. (1883-1969). GB165-0108
Correspondence 1903-1911; notebook relating to his business as an importer of Persian carpets; memoir of his travels and work in Persia as well as his war service in the Ministry of Information; short biographical account of Walter Leonard Flinn's life. 2 boxes. Handlist.

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FRASER, Major-General William Archibald Kenneth. (1886-1969). GB165-0113
Photocopy (some portions of text now very faint) and some typed transcripts of diaries kept by Fraser while stationed in Persia with his regiment, the Central India Horse, 29 March 1912-December 1919. 230 sheets. Handlist.

GIESLER, Rodney William Aldous (1931-2016). GB165-0508
Papers, slides and films relating to Rodney Giesler's life and work for the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd Film Unit and his later travels in the Middle East consisting of an extract from an oral history transcript 'Memories of Kuwait 1958-61' as well as a collection of 35mm colour slides mainly of the Gulf including images of oil fields and installations, the visit of King Saud to Kuwait in 1961 as well as slides of tourist sites in Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Also includes digital copies of the documentary films 'Close up on Kuwait' and 'Dubai' which were directed by Rodney Giesler and focus on the oil industry and the development of Kuwait and Dubai as well as some printed materials including booklets giving a history of the Kuwait oil company. 2 boxes. Handlist.

GRANADA TELEVISION: End of Empire GB165-0124
Transcripts of research interviews on the British withdrawal from Cyprus, Egypt, Iran and Iraq, conducted for the Granada Television series *End of Empire* which was produced by Brian Lapping and was broadcast in 1985. 2 boxes. Handlist.

GRAY, MACKENZIE & CO., LTD. GB165-0126
Photocopied documents on steam navigation on the Tigris and Euphrates, and on the Teheran-Dizful road concession, 1892-1924. 52 sheets.

GURNEY, Betty. (d.1981). GB165-0127
Letters, 1937, 1944-49 and 1953-55, to friends recounting her daily life in Isfahan and later in Cairo as the wife of the Revd. David Gurney, CMS missionary in Iran and Egypt. 96 sheets. Handlist.

HAIG, Margaret and **HAIG, Helen.** GB165-0129
TS accounts of journeys undertaken by Margaret and Helen Haig (daughters of Lt.-Col. T.W. Haig) around Meshed in 1914 and 1916, and from Isfahan to Mohammerah in 1918. 92 sheets.

HAIG, Lt.-Col. Sir Thomas Wolseley. (1865-1938). GB165-0130
MS diary 1910-11, with account of a journey from Kerman to Bandar Abbas, 1912; reminiscences of years as a Consul General in Meshed 1913-16, and Isfahan 1916-18. 295 sheets; 2 items.

HAMILTON, John Almeric de Courcy. (1896-1973). GB165-0133
MS diary, with typed transcript, of events in Northwest Persia and Baku, 1918-19; TS lectures including one on Neguib's assumption of power. 2 folders. Handlist.

JERUSALEM AND THE EAST MISSION. GB165-0161

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Records, 1841-1970s, including material on Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Iran, Gulf, Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus and N. Africa; with correspondence on the political situation in Palestine, 1916-67; presscutting volumes. 256 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

KNAPP, Wilfrid Francis. (1924-2011). GB165-0554
Draft manuscript of an unpublished book 'International Politics in the Middle East' by Wilfrid Knapp consisting of 7 chapters covering events from the 1950s to 1991 including Iran (Mossadegh), Egypt (Suez Crisis), the oil revolution, religious fundamentalism, the 1973 October War, Camp David, Afghanistan, the war in Lebanon and Israeli and Syrian relations and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process up until 1991 but with a focus on the 1980s. 1 file. Handlist.

LAYARD, Sir Austen Henry. (1817-94). GB165-0178
Photocopies of 6 letters to Edward Mitford, 1841-50, on his travels in Persia, Iraq and Turkey. 23 sheets.

MAGAN, Brig. W.M.T. and **ROGER, Alan.** (1909-97). GB165-0199
Description and photograph of the hand-over to the British of four German officers, apprehended by members of the Qashgai tribe, Iran, Spring 1944. 15 sheets; 1 print.

MAYERS, Norman. (1895-1986). GB165-0201
Diaries, correspondence, and press-cuttings covering Mayers' career in the consular service in Egypt, Turkey and Iran, 1927-79; correspondence and papers relating to Norman Mayers' work in the consular service in the Lebanon and Egypt, 1920s-30s; papers on service in Latin America. 3 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. GB165-0203
Project papers and reports, 1939-1980s, dealing with agriculture, co-operatives, education, finance, fisheries, forestry, health provision, industry, mineral resources, public administration, transport, water resources, and other development projects, mainly in Jordan (including the West Bank territory), but also covering Aden, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Oman, Israel and Palestine; correspondence files; some papers on the South-East Asia Development Division and the Overseas Development Institute. 39 boxes. Handlist.

MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY CENTRE. GB165-0204
Memoranda on land tenure in Palestine, 1942-44; papers on land tenure in various countries of the Middle East, 1943-44; documents on a transport conference in Cairo, 1943; memo on the Council of Agriculture, 1945; articles on railways in Palestine and Persia. 1 box. Handlist.

MONROE, Elizabeth. (1905-86). GB165-0207
Translation of documents from Tsarist archives on the break-up of the Ottoman Empire,1914-15; a note on the Arab Bureau, 1916-19; letters from C.J. Edmonds on recollections of Mosul Commission, Kurds and Anglo-Iraq treaty of 1926; letters from Freya Stark, 4 November 1943-18 June 1944, on her mission to America; notes on British policy in Palestine 1945-48 with

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special reference to Ernest Bevin; letters on Jordan Waters situation, 1951-55; Nasser's propaganda in the Persian Gulf, 1955-57; effects of the Suez crisis on Iraqi politics; letters on developments in 1957 in Iraq and Iran; memo "Saudi Arabia 1970-71"; map of the Hijaz railway; material on Egypt's campaign to spread its influence by dispatch of Egyptian teachers abroad; TS copies of 2 letters from Elizabeth Monroe about her travels in Morocco and Algeria in 1935. 1 box. Photographic collection.

MURRAY, Dr. John. (1912-86) GB165-0322
"Iran Today: an economic & descriptive survey" prepared by Dr. Murray for the information of delegates to the International Islamic Economic Conference, Tehran, October 1950 and newspaper articles,1955-1964, relating to oil, economics and development in the Middle East by John Murray and a TS text of a radio broadcast for 'The World Today' on 'Oil – Politics and Power' broadcast in 1966. 1 box. Handlist.

O'MALLEY, Sir Owen St. Clair. (1887-1974). GB165-0222
Photocopy of letter from Sir Harold Nicolson, 23 August 1927, discussing his despatch no. 486 of 30 September 1926 from Tehran, criticising Sir Percy Loraine's optimism about Anglo-Persian relations and giving O'Malley the reasons for his probable resignation from the Foreign Service. 4 sheets.

PLANT, Capt. Samuel Cornell. (c.1860-1921). GB165-0230
TS copy of account of his experiences, 1884-91, on the Upper Karun River, Persia, as captain of the "Shushan", a river-steamer of the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company, with an account of a trip to the tomb of the prophet Daniel and the palace of Shushan. 133 sheets. Handlist.

PRICE, Morgan Philips. (1885-1973). GB165-0232
Notes "Zeitun: a remarkable Armenian stronghold", 2 January 1914; memo on a Persian visit in October 1953; unpublished MS entitled "The National Revolution in Turkey, Persia and the Middle East"; diaries of travels in Iran, Iraq and Turkey, 1947; memos, notes and interviews relating to Afghanistan, Turkey, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, 1946-53, including interviews with the Shah; correspondence 1941-59; press-cuttings relating to the Middle East 1889-1972. 8 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

RAPP, Sir Thomas Cecil. (1893-1984). GB165-0234
Unpublished TS memoirs covering his service in the Canal Zone, 1920-22, 1924-25, 1950-53; Egypt, 1922-25, 1950-52; Arabia (Hijaz) 1924; Morocco 1926-30; and Persia (Azerbaijan) 1943-44 including some details of the wartime supply route to Russia and the Kurdish Republic of Mahabad. 1 box. Handlist.

RICHARDS, Herbert Arthur. (1866-1957). GB165-0241
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

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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. 1 box. Photographic collection. Handlist.

RICHARDS, Peter Clifton (b.1909) and **RICHARDS, Dolly.** GB165-0242
Where am I going?: preliminary draft memoirs. Peter Richards' autobiography, 1982, covering the period 1896-1940, including extracts from material written by H.A. Richards in Persia. 1 folder.

SADLEIR, Capt. George Forster. (1789-1859). GB165-0250
2 TS copies of P. Ryan's 1866 Byculla edition of *Diary of a journey across Arabia from El Katif in the Persian Gulf to Yambo in the Red Sea, during the year 1819*; F.M. Edwards' research on Sadleir's life (published in the *Journal of the Royal Central Asian Society*, January 1957), his family and the sword presented to him after his Persian mission; photograph of the sword; original lease of Killwine, King's County, Ireland, made between Edward, Earl Digby and the Revd. Dr. Francis Sadleir, 1 September 1825. 1 box.

SCHOLES, Carpenter GB165-0371
Papers including a passport, account book, language exercises and religious instruction and 29 photographs of Persia including studio portraits, street scenes some of which are of Tehran, roads and bridges in the 1890s. 6 items and 29 prints. Handlist. Photographic Collection

SHEPHERD, Sir Francis Michie. (1892-1962) GB165-0372
Unpublished memoirs of Sir Francis Shepherd entitled 'Never Trouble Trouble' consisting of a TS hardbound photocopy including photographs and a bound incomplete MS version. The Memoir covers Sir Francis Shepherd's childhood and career, including an account of his wartime service in Mesopotamia in 1915 in which he took part in the military campaign to relieve General Townshend at Kut and also his service as British Ambassador to Persia in 1950-1952. 2 boxes. Handlist.

STAINTON, Benjamin Whitelaw. (1856-1927). GB165-0270
Baptismal certificate of Elsie Stainton, Shiraz, 1884; 2 menus for dinners given by the Shah, 1901 and 1902; 2 letters from General A. Houtum Schindler to Stainton, 1907 and 1912; MS notes for Stainton's Persian dictionary/grammar; series of articles on Persia by Stainton published in *The Financier*, 1912-13; press-cuttings from British newspapers on Persian affairs, 1914-31; signed off-prints of 15 articles on Persia, India and Central Asia from *The Scottish Geographical Magazine*, 1916-20, by Lt.-Col. A.C. Yate. 1 folder. Handlist.

SYKES, Herbert Rushton. (1870-1952). GB165-0274
Tour diaries and survey reports relating to the construction of the Indo-European Telegraph line, 1902-04, and lectures on Persian geography, 1903, 1905 and 1907. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

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SYKES, Edward Molesworth. (1910-1992). GB165-0344
Photographs of construction work in the late 1930s of the railway from Abadan to Tehran with a short account by Edwards Sykes of his work on the railway. One photograph, taken in April 1944, showing Edward Sykes seated in a tent with the Khans of the Qashqai tribe, negotiating the handover of some escaped German agents and one page of an account written by Edward Sykes detailing his journey to Tehran in August 1942 and the work assigned to S.O.E. 30 items. Handlist.

WHEELER, Lt.-Col. Geoffrey Edleston. (1897-1990). GB165-0298
TS memoirs "Fifty years of Asia" concerning his career in the Indian Army, linguistic pursuits, Intelligence work in Turkey, Persia, India and Iraq, work for the Ministry of Information in India, and the foundation of the Central Asian Research Centre; TS article on orientalists in the Soviet Union, 1960. 1 box. Handlist.

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