

Middle East Centre Archive
St Antony's College, Oxford
Guide to collections relating to Lebanon

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 Lebanon 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 Lebanon. For example the Arab Bulletin; British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Cairo Conference; Chatham House; Crow; Dickson, Arthur GM; Dickson, Lt Col H.R.P 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.

ANDERSON, Margaret Grace.

GB165-0511

Privately printed memoir entitled 'Mussolini Changed my Life', written by Dr Margaret Anderson (née Smith). The memoir, which includes some photographs and also maps, documents Margaret Anderson and her family's movements during World War 2, specifically from December 1939 to May 1946. During this time, the family moved from Glasgow to Sudan, then Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and later Cape Town. Margaret Anderson and her sister Jean fled from Sudan to Rhodesia in 1940, following events relating to the Italian forces' attack on the border with Ethiopia. Other places visited include France, Beirut, Alexandria and Cairo. Along with personal remembrance and a first person account of childhood and schooling in the British colonies, the memoir includes information relating to the contemporary political and military context. 1 item. Handlist.

ANTONIUS, George Habib. (1891-1942).

GB165-0011

Reports and letters when Senior Associate in the Middle East of the Institute of Current World Affairs, on Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria and Iraq 1930-1939, including notes on the case of Taha Hussein, 1932, and on Saiyid Jamal ad-Din al-Afghani and Shaikh Muhammad 'Abduh. Papers relating to the London Palestine Round Table Conference in 1939 including pre-conference meetings in Cairo and Beirut, a directory listing the conference participants, Arab delegation statements, minutes of Arab Delegation meetings, papers relating to the Committee on Pledges examining the McMahon-Hussein correspondence and policy committee papers. 5

boxes. Handlist.

BEAUMONT, Sir Richard Ashton. (1912-2009).

GB165-0597

Papers mainly relating to Sir Richard Beaumont's service in the Foreign Office, in particular his service as Consul in Jerusalem in 1948 and his role in the Buraimi Oasis dispute with Saudi-Arabia in Jan-Oct 1960. Includes a handwritten chronology of events in Palestine and Jerusalem in the period Feb-Dec 1948, with personal diary notes, and photocopies of documents held by The National Archives, perhaps compiled for research purposes. There is also a small amount of material relating to Lebanon and Syria during World War II, as well as a collection of newspaper clippings, 1979-1995, reporting on events in the Middle East. 1 box. Handlist.

BRITISH SYRIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

GB165-0397

Legal document entitled 'British Syrian Schools Duplicate Declaration of Trust of property in Syria and elsewhere belonging to the Association'. The document notes that the British Syrian Schools Association was loaned £1,500 by Mentor Mott in 1877 using the property of the Association as security for the loan as well as setting out some rules and regulations for the running of the Association such as voting rights at General meetings and the granting to Augusta Mott and Susette Harriet Smith the right to hire and dismiss staff and manage the running of the schools and other institutions. The document also includes a supplemental indenture in which Mentor Mott relinquished his claim to the loaned money in 1887. 1 item. 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.

CHEHAB, Emir Farid (1908-1985).

GB165-0384

Lebanese intelligence reports and analysis, in Arabic, covering internal Lebanese politics, communist parties in the Middle East and political developments in Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and Israeli and Palestinian politics, 1945-1983. 12 boxes. Handlist.

CLARK, Peter (b.1939)

GB165-0777

French map of Tunisia in 1904 and a collection of 77 postcards with images of Lebanon, Palestine and Syria c1900s-1930s. The postcards include general views of towns, historic buildings and archaeological and religious sites. Most of the postcards are of Aleppo, Deir El Zor, Jerusalem and Palmyra. 1 box. Handlist.

CLAYTON, Brig. Sir Iltyd Nicholl. (1886-1955).

GB165-0058

Memoirs of the siege of Kufa, by Major Norbury; Palestine Command Papers (Balfour Declaration to 1939, bound in hard covers); MS of partial memoirs to 1929; copy of Albert Hourani's "Great Britain and Arab nationalism, 1943"; paper "A future for Palestine" with related correspondence and other correspondence on Palestine, 1944 and later; papers on Lebanon, by Charles Malik, 1944; Musa Alami's Land Development Scheme, with related correspondence, 1946; typescript of Sir G.F. Clayton's *Diary of a mission to Ibn Saud*; anon. typescript "A background to British Council work in Egypt"; paper "Islam"; review of Chaim

Weizmann's *Trial and Error*. 2 boxes.

COOPER, Derek and Pamela

GB165-0363

Beirut Diary 1 July – 13 Aug 1982 by Derek Cooper, Beirut Diary 1 July – 13 Aug 1982 by Pamela Cooper, photocopy of a letter of thanks for good service from RB Spicer (Inspector General, Palestine Police) to GD Cooper (Special Constable Palestine Police) 4 Dec 1933, Photocopy of the article 'Palestine Paradox by Major E.M. Turnbull. The Life Guards' in the Household Brigade Magazine, Spring 1948, photocopy of the article 'Evacuation of Palestine, May, 1948 By Capt D.L.S. Hodson, The Life Guards' in the Household Brigade Magazine, Autumn 1948. 1 box. Handlist.

DICKSON, John. (1847-1906).

GB165-0086

Correspondence on travel, archaeology, etc. with Gertrude Bell and others, 1876-1906; diaries kept as Consul in Damascus, 1882-88; family letters, 19th cent.; correspondence while Consul General at Jerusalem, 1892-1906; letters from the Beirut, Damascus, and Jerusalem consulates, 1890s and 1900s. 3 boxes. Handlist.

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.

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.

KEMP, P.

GB165-0168

Photocopies of material on the revenues of the Pasha of Mosul, 1845, with some maps of the Mosul area; photocopies of official reports on the political situation in Syria and the Lebanon, 1924-43, including material on the Druze rebellion. (Originals in PRO). 1 box.

KENT, Derek Frederick John. (b.1925).

GB165-0453

TS of an unpublished book 'A Ship for an Ikon' completed by Derek Kent in 1993 giving an account of an investigation in Lebanon and Palestine of a White Russian Count's involvement in aiding illegal Jewish immigration from Europe to Palestine in 1945-1946; TS 'Death in a Eucalyptus Grove - 30 July 1947' giving an account of the kidnapping and hanging of Sergeants Paice and Martin. Also includes a photocopy of the letter informing Derek Kent that he had been called up for military service in 1943, a photocopy of a photograph showing Derek Kent with the truck he drove from Beirut in the operation described in 'A Ship for an Ikon', a photocopy of a Christmas dinner menu 1946 and a photocopy of a letter informing Derek Kent that he had been awarded the GSM & Clasp Palestine. 1 file (6 items). Handlist.

KIRBY, Trevor Roland. (1923-2015).

GB165-0585

Papers relating to Trevor Kirby's service in the Palestine Police, consisting of a scrapbook with newspaper cuttings from his time in Palestine 1944-1948; an Arabic Language Textbook produced by the Palestine Police Force; four travel guidebooks covering Jerusalem, Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan; a printed Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association leaflet covering the history of the Palestine Police Force; a printed speech made by H.M. George VI thanking the Palestine Police; remembrance items including a roll of honour and latter printed editions, correspondence regarding the roll of honour and a remembrance cross; Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association Newsletters from 1950-2012, produced Quarterly (tri-annually from 2007), giving information on association news, regional meetings, annual dinners, obituaries, and purchasable association clothing. 7 boxes. Handlist.

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.

LEBANON.

GB165-0180

Photocopy of an Arabic map of Lebanon divided into 21 pieces according to province. 21 items.

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.

NAIRN TRANSPORT COMPANY.

GB165-0215

Press-cuttings relating to Norman and Gerald Nairn, and the formation and work of the Nairn Transport Company's Beirut to Baghdad passenger, mail and freight service, 1923-46. 1 box.

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.

SPEARS, Maj.-Gen. Sir Edward Louis, 1st Baronet. (1886-1974). GB165-0269

Papers relating to Syrian and Lebanese affairs including the Spears Mission, 1941-44; the Lebanese constitutional crisis, 1943; Syrian and Lebanese independence; the future of Palestine; Anglo-Arab Association correspondence, 1946-66; Mt. Scopus case, 1953; Anglo-Arab Club correspondence, 1962-70; British-Tunisian Society correspondence; Middle Eastern affairs in general; press-cuttings on Syria and Lebanon, Palestine, Arab refugees, the Arab-Israeli conflict. 28 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

TOD, George (b.1914) GB165-0349

Photocopy of ‘From Pillar to Post. The family and autobiography of George Tod’ who worked in the oil industry, including material on Iraq 1940-1965, Lebanon 1950-1953, Syria 1953-1956 and South East Arabia 1956-1962. 1 box

WILTSHIRE, Edward Parr. (b.1910) GB165-0318

Photocopied TS account, 1984, of his experiences in Lebanon in the 1930s and his friendship with Antun Sa’ada while studying Arabic at the American University of Beirut, with a résumé of subsequent Lebanese history. 22 sheets. Photographic collection.