

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

## 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 Oman 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 Oman. For example the Arab Bulletin; British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Cairo Conference; Chatham House; 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 that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide

**ABBOT, David.** (b.1938) GB165-0675  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Abbot in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 18 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 15 minutes 28 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**AKEHURST, Shirley.** GB165-0676  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Lady Shirley Akehurst (widow of General Sir John Akehurst) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 8 Apr 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 49 minutes 45 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**ALLEN, Gordon.** (b.1950) GB165-0677  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Gordon Allen in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 8 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 46 minutes 40 seconds in length. 6 digital VOB files.

**ASHLEY, Edward.** (1934-2001). GB165-0399  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers relating to Edward Ashley's service in the Sultan's Armed Forces Jebel Regiment Dhofar between 1970-1977, incorporating training materials including a training booklet, 'Know Your Enemy' and 'Jebel Regiment's Standard Operating Procedures';

materials on anti-guerrilla operations including 'Commander's Diary', 'Situation Reports' and 'Operation Instructions'; including maps of areas which were used during the joint military operations; 'Oman Humour', including cartoons; congratulatory letters and Jebel Regiment awards; a staff list of individuals who served in the Sultan's Armed Forces, including a letter from ex-staff relating to the establishment of the Sultan's Armed Forces Museum; and photographic material relating to Edward Ashley's service in Oman, subsequent Sultan's Armed Forces Association reunions including a trip to Oman in 1984. 8 boxes. Handlist.

**AUSTIN, Michael.** (b.1950)

GB165-0678

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Mike Austin in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 24 May 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 10 minutes 31 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**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.

**BLACKETT, Alexander Watson.** (b.1948)

GB165-0680

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Sandy Blackett in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 31 Aug 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 8 minutes 48 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BLAIR-HICKMAN, William.** (b.1942)

GB165-0681

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Bill Blair-Hickman in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 22 Apr 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 54 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BLASHFORD-SNELL, John.** (b.1936)

GB165-0522

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Colonel John Blashford-Snell in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 14 Mar 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 15 minutes 18 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BOUSTEAD, Col. John Edmund Hugh.** (1895-1980).

GB165-0032

"Report on the Sudan Defence Force" 1940-41; memo on agricultural development in E. Aden, 1949-58; "Review of the progress and development department Muscat and Oman" 1958-61; draft autobiography. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**BREMRIDGE, Thomas James.** (b.1944)

GB165-0773

Printed memoir 'Gunner Officer Defects to the Infantry. Tom Bremridge - Desert Regiment, Sultan's Armed Forces, Sultanate of Oman 1971-1972' illustrated with photographs. The

memoir provides a brief introduction to 'Oman and the War 1968-1975' and provides an account of Tom Bremridge's service, as an infantry officer in the Sultan's Armed Forces in the Desert Regiment in Akoot, Mughsayl and Sarfait. 1 file. Handlist.

**BRETT, Julian.** (b.1936)

GB165-0682

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Jules Brett in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 3 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 59 minutes 7 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BUTCHER, Peter Charles.** (b.1947)

GB165-0684

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Peter Butcher in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 6 Nov 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 38 minutes 9 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**BUTLER, Michael Paul.** (b.1940).

GB165-0563

Memoir 'Travels with a Camel' that provides an account of a 6 week trip in 1965 from Dhofar to Ibri, written by Michael Butler in 1966 with some revision and photographs incorporated into the text in 2011. Memoir 'Al Ain 1968-1970' covering Michael Butler's service in Abu Dhabi, mainly as Deputy Director of Security in the police at a Special Branch at Al Ain in the Buraimi Oasis. 1 file. Handlist.

**CHRISTIE, Ian Alexander.** (b.1945)

GB165-0686

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Ian Christie in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 27 Jul 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 52 minutes 7 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**COLE, Roger Colin.** (b.1944)

GB165-0687

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Roger Cole in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 29 Jul 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 49 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**COLLETT, David.** (b.1946)

GB165-0688

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Collett in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 18 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 21 minutes 33 seconds in length. 1 digital VOB file.

**COOK, William.** (b.1951)

GB165-0689

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Will Cook in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 29 Dec 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 2 hours 53 minutes 34 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**COOPER, Brian.** (b.1941)

GB165-0690

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Brian Cooper in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 16 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 51 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**COPPIN, David Middleton.** (b.1939).

GB165-0628

Papers and photographs relating to David Coppin's life and service in the Middle East including 35mm colour slides of Bahrain in 1964, photographs from his service in Oman in the Sultan's Armed Forces 1964-1966 and the Soldier's magazine from 1964; papers and photographs relating to his service in the Dubai Defence Force 1973-1974, photographs and an article about a journey in Yemen in 1980; papers and photographs from his time in Oman in 1985-1986 whilst working as an Administration Manager on the Sultan Qaboos University Construction Project (including aerial images of the new University under construction); a collection of maps of Oman, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates 1961-1984 and some printed literature consisting of a booklet on Dhofar 1974 and an exhibition catalogue for 'Weapons of the Islamic World: Swords and Armour' 1991. 4 boxes, 2 folders. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**DRUMMOND, Antony John-Deane-. (1917-2012)**

GB165-0340

OMAN ARCHIVE: Typescript chapter entitled '22 Special Air Service Operations in Muscat & Oman 1958/59' with accompanying photographs and sketches, also including a photocopy of an account of the military operation in Oman in *The Times* April 9 1959. Handlist. 1 box

**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.

**GARDINER, Ian. (b.1950)**

GB165-0691

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Ian Gardiner in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 9 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 25 minutes 5 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**GRAHAM, John David Carew (1923-2012)**

GB165-0327

OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers relating to Graham's work as CSAF (Commander Sultan's Armed Forces) April 1970- September 1972. Mainly military papers, with some personal memoirs and reflections and a significant quantity of printed material dating from c 1970 to 2000. The majority of the military papers focus on the Dhofar war of 9 June 1965 – c 1975. Other events and subjects referred to are: propaganda during the Dhofar war; military activities of the SAF in northern Oman; the administration of the SAF, and the Salalah coup of 1970 during which the present Sultan Qaboos bin Said deposed his father Said bin Taimur. The personal memoirs relate to time spent by Graham in Oman and in other countries. The printed materials give background and context to the military papers, and some of the more recent printed materials give an idea of military activities and social and industrial developments in Oman today. Also includes two photograph albums taken c.1970 to c.1972, capturing military life in the Sultanate of Oman, including events such as the accession of Sultan Qaboos bin Said as well as some loose prints. 10 boxes. Handlist.

**GREGG, Tresham. (b.1947)**

GB165-0693

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Tresham Gregg in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 31 Oct 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 11 minutes 24 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**HASTIE-SMITH, Robin.** (b.1947)

GB165-0695

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Robin Hastie-Smith in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 10 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 35 minutes 42 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**HAWLEY, Sir Donald Frederick** (b.1921)

GB165-0338

OMAN ARCHIVE: Mainly of printed materials relating to souvenirs from National Day celebrations in Oman: speeches from the sultan; and invitations to events, 1980-2000. 2 boxes. Handlist.

**HAZELDEN, John Winston.** (b. 1942)

GB165-0499

Papers and artefacts mainly relating to the Royal Oman Police including the unpublished memoir 'Shurta Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s' by John Hazelden which describes his 'personal memories...with some historical background to provide context' and covers his life and work in Sohar, Rostaq and Ibra. Also includes a bound 'Pictorial addendum' to the memoir and four volumes relating to law in Oman consisting of the Police Decree 1973, the 1974 Criminal Code, and commercial business laws of Oman 1974 and 1990. Bound volume with a two part history of the Royal Oman Police Air Wing divided into 'Brief Outline of Early Operations' and 'Aircraft Types and Unit Development' and bound volume of copies of photographs entitled 'Pictures of Sur Division Royal Oman Police 1975-1978'. Also includes an unused bilingual (English and Arabic) Royal Oman Police Diary for 2001, printed book 'The Sultan's Armed Forces Elementary Omani Colloquial Arabic for English Speakers', printed booklet 'Omani Arabic (some spoken terms and phrases)', a 1975 National Day commemorative medallion in a presentation box as well as text and photographs relating to the medallion, 12 Oman First Day Cover postcards and postage Stamps 1984-1985, a Muscat Police notebook 1970-1973, Oman police badge, passports relating to Oman and Ras al Khaimah and a copy of a watercolour of a boat. 4 boxes. Handlist.

**HEPWORTH, Charles.** (b.1943).

GB165-0410

OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers and photographs relating to Charles Hepworth's service in the Sultan's Armed Forces during 1970-1971 including a memoir 'A Walk on God's Carpet Adventures in Oman'; training materials including 'Field Notes on Saudi Arabia 1935'; papers relating to missions, speeches by the Sultan, propaganda leaflets and SAF bulletins. Also includes some maps of Southern Arabia, newspaper clippings and a small amount of correspondence about walking and mapping in Oman, as well as digital copies of 35mm slides including Morocco, Oman, the Hadhramaut (Aden) and a report of a Sandhurst expedition to the Hadramaut 1962-1963 with photographs. 6 boxes. Handlist.

**HERBERT, Michael.** (b.1947)

GB165-0696

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of 'Herbie' Mike Herbert in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 16 Apr 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 49 minutes 2 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**HIGGINS, Andrew.** (b.1948)

GB165-0697

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Andrew Higgins in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 2 Sept 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and

its renaissance.' The interview is 45 minutes 44 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**HISCOCK, Susan.**

GB165-0698

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Susan Hiscock (nurse served in UAG Military hospital and a rural health team, also married to Peter Hiscock) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 May 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 42 minutes 16 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**HODGSON, Paul Edward Brian.**

GB165-0699

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Paul Hodgon in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 3 Oct 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 2 hour 1 minute 36 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**HOWARD, Alan.** (b.1949)

GB165-0701

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Alan Howard in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 18 Jul 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 29 minutes 50 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**HOWERSKI, David.** (b.1949)

GB165-0702

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Howerski in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 22 Sept 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 2 hours 36 minutes 45 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**JÄCKLI, Rudolf.** (1924-2000).

GB165-0334

OMAN ARCHIVE: Jackli - Parts 1 – 4 of an unpublished draft report of a project undertaken by UNICEF in Oman, December 1973. 1 box. Handlist

**JEAPES, Anthony.** (b.1935)

GB165-0703

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Tony Jeapes in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 14 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 3 hours 44 minutes 54 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**JOHN, Richard.** (b.1933)

GB165-0704

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Richard John in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 19 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 30 minutes 23 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**KEMBALL, Christopher.** (b.1946)

GB165-0705

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Christopher Kembal in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 16 Nov 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 50 minutes 32 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**KERR, William.** (1930-2012).

GB165-0572

Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to William Kerr's service in the Sultan's Armed Forces (Muscat Regiment) Oman, including administrative papers, maps, printed publications, 2 shield plaques and a photo album/scrapbook. The photograph album/scrapbook covers his period of service in 1973 and a visit to Oman arranged for Sultan's Armed Forces Association

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members in 1984, and includes photographs of Sultan Qaboos and the British and Jordanian Ambassadors. A further series of photographs documents Sultan Qaboos' visit to Simba in 1972. 2 boxes. Handlist.

**KING-FRETTS, Paddy.** (b.1941)

GB165-0706

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Paddy King-Fretts in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 2 Sept 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 50 minutes 20 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**LAMB, Neil.** (b.1948)

GB165-0707

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Neil Lamb in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 10 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 41 minutes 49 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**LAMOND, Alex.**

GB165-0400

Papers and photographs mainly relating to Alex Lamond's service in Oman between 1970-1972 including administrative papers on training of Desert Regiment soldiers and planning of various Desert Regiment operations. There is also some material relating to the visit of Major General M Janes MBE, Director Royal Artillery to the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) and the Oman Artillery, as well as a script of the BBC broadcast 'Guerillas in the Persian Gulf', including comments, and newspaper and magazine articles. 3 boxes. Handlist.

**LINAKER, Christopher.** (b.1945)

GB165-0601

35mm colour slides and digital images relating to Christopher Linaker's army service in Oman from 1970-1971. Images document life on the military base, tribal disputes, the handing over of command, fighting, village and vaccination patrols and military operations. The collection also includes of images from the Salalah Palace during and after the coup. 113 items. Handlist.

**LUCAS, Ivor.** (b.1927).

GB165-0561

TS article 'Reflections on a diplomatic career in the Arab and Muslim worlds 1951-84' by Ivor Lucas covering his work in the British Foreign Service relating to the Gulf, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Libya, Aden and Syria and giving his reflections on the changing face of Islam. 1 file. Handlist.

**MACKAIN-BREMNER, Fergus.** (b.1929)

GB165-0605

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Fergus Mackain-Bremner in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 15 Mar 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 32 minutes 9 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files

**MASON, David.** (b.1951)

GB165-0708

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Mason in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 4 Apr 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 31 minutes 57 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**MAUNSELL, Eyre.** (b.1949)

GB165-0709

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Eyre Maunsell in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 Feb 2018 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and

its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 13 minutes 26 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**McKEOWN, John.** (b.1941)

GB165-0339

OMAN ARCHIVE: Dissertation: Britain and Oman: The Dhofar War and its Significance.

A dissertation submitted by Mckeown for the degree of Master of Philosophy in the University of Cambridge, July 1981. Oral history video interview of John McKeown (served in the Sultan's Armed Forces 1975-1977) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 5 Dec 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 28 minutes 49 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files. 1 box. Handlist.

**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.

**MURLY-GOTTO, Anthony** (b.1942)

GB165-0367

TS article entitled 'From War to Peace Oman 1975-1978 Snapshots' by Anthony Murly-Gotto giving a personal account of his service in Oman and in particular an account of the development and management of the finances and budgets of Oman's military. 36 sheets. Handlist

**NELSON, Valerie** – please see Robinson, Valerie

**NICHOLLS, R.K.** (b.1921)

GB165-0335

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oman Visit Report *1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 1964*: Report written by Nicholls for Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). The report considers suitable marine locations in the Saih al Malsh Bay area near Muscat for ocean tanker crude oil loading facilities, a barge jetty, and other problems relating to crude oil off-takes; *Oman '93*: Booklet published by the Ministry of Information about development within Oman. The booklet was sent to Nicholls as a gift from Ayild Waleed a former colleague of Nicholls' and it is annotated to this effect. 1 box. Handlist.

**PARTINGTON, F.M.**

GB165-0337

OMAN ARCHIVE: File of miscellaneous materials put together by Partington consisting of photographs of Muscat, Muttrah, Ruwi, and Bait Al Falaj in 1970 and 1980 (stored separately); a 'wanted by the Sultanate Government' poster which was given to Partington by a colleague from SAF; a publication by the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in London entitled *Oman*; and a bound guide to the SAF museum in Bait Al Falaj. 1 box. Handlist.

**PAXTON, Julian, F.E.** (b.1937)

GB165-0331

OMAN ARCHIVE: Miscellaneous collection of PDO (Petroleum Development Oman) company files mainly from the PDO office in Muscat, which was closed in 1976. The files were retained by Paxton as part of a salvage operation and would otherwise have been destroyed. The papers contain some reports, but mainly consist of subject and organisational files used by the staff of the Muscat office for reference. The collection also contains a small amount of Paxton's own research papers arising from his interest in Bertram Thomas an early explorer in Oman,



and some printed materials relating to Oman and other Middle Eastern countries. 14 boxes. Handlist.

**PETERS, Richard.** (b.1943)

GB165-0711

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Richard 'Dick' Peters in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 27 Nov 2013 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 31 minutes 41 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**PEYTON, William Durham.** (1917-1991)

GB165-0330

OMAN ARCHIVE: The main scope of the papers consists of materials collected by Peyton during his time in Oman, through his own interest in the country and through his position as Trade Relations Manager with PDO. The papers also contain materials relating to other countries, particularly the Yemen, in which Peyton held an interest. 6 boxes. Handlist.

**PIRIE, Charles.** (b.1943)

GB165-0516

Account of Charles Pirie's tour of Oman in 1966 entitled 'Chas' Muscat & Oman Patrol with QDG' by Hugh Nicklin and 41 colour slides taken by Charles Pirie whilst on the tour consisting of images of Muscat, Nizwa and Sohar and including images of a tribal delegation going to see the Sultan, Muscat and Nizwa forts, Sultan's Armed Forces soldiers and outpost, market scenes and the Oman coastline. 18 sheets, 41 slides. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**RAHIM, Abdul.** (b.1957)

GB165-0712

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Abdul 'JB' Rahim (served in Northern Frontier Regiment) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 19 Sept 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 36 minutes 36 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**RAMSAY, Angus.** (b.1946)

GB165-0713

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Angus Ramsay in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 23 Oct 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 29 minutes 47 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**RAY, Bryan.** (b.1929)

GB165-0714

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Bryan Ray in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 30 Sept 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 38 minutes 52 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**ROBINSON, Valerie Winifred.** (b.1934).

GB165-0594

Papers and photographs relating to the life and work of Valerie Robinson (née Nelson) as a personal assistant in the office Political Residency Bahrain 1968-1972 and The British Embassy, Muscat 1977-1982 consisting of two photograph/scrapbook volumes; an account of 'Life at the Political Residency Persian Gulf 1968-1972 and The British Embassy, Muscat 1977-1982 by Valerie Robinson (née Nelson)' written in 2014 and fifty 35mm colour slides from her service in the Political Residency Persian Gulf 1968-1972. 3 volumes, 50 slides. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

**ROBINSON, Vyvyan.** (b.1930)

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OMAN ARCHIVE: 'Memoirs 1969-1974' giving a detailed account of his service in Oman (including pictures) written by Lieut. Colonel Vyvyan Robinson M.C. WB. WKhM' not dated c2010-2015. 1 file.

**SADIQI, Malaalah Al.**

GB165-0716

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Malaalah Al Sadiqi in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 20 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 38 minutes 43 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**SEARLE, David.** (b.1933)

GB165-0562

OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers and photographs relating to David Searle's service in the Royal Oman Police, 1980-1984, including his certificate of service, Royal Oman Police Officer's Club Rules, official parade programmes, a PDO (Petroleum Development Oman) News magazine and digital copies of photographs from his service in Oman. 1 file; 119 digital images. Handlist.

**SEARLE, Pauline.** (1922-2011)

GB165-0328

OMAN ARCHIVE: The papers cover the nine year period which Searle spent in Oman as a journalist for Reuters, relating mainly to the Dhofar war in southern Oman, which was ongoing during the time Searle lived there, and military operations connected with the war. A significant part of the papers relate directly to Searle's work for Reuters, and her communications with Reuters personnel in Bahrain and London. Other papers are working notes, and written articles created and collected by Searle in the course of her work. There is a small amount of personal papers and printed material. Some of the materials look at the wider context of life in Oman for the local people. c1968-1979. 4 boxes. Handlist.

**SEENEY, David Leonard.** (b.1945)

GB165-0717

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Seeney in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 42 minutes 31 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**SICHEL, Peter Robert** (b.1946).

GB165-0426

OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers relating to the work of Peter Sichel in Oman during the period 1965-1984. Including the first demographic surveys of Musandam and Dhofar and the research taken in order to complete the reports. Also correspondence and internal staff memos relating to the development of Oman, and official reports on social, political, local progress. Copies of slides and photographs taken by Sichel of Oman, including those used in talks that he gave in the 1980s referring to development in Oman. The collection also includes maps used by the military and publications relating to Oman during this period. Oral history video interview of Peter Sichel in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 7 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 3 hours 25 minutes 24 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files. 5 boxes. Handlist.

**SKEET, Ian.** (b.1928)

GB165-0329

OMAN ARCHIVE: The main scope of the papers are research materials for two books about Oman, written by Skeet: *Muscat and Oman: the End of an Era* Faber and Faber, London 1974; and *Oman: Politics and Development* Macmillan, 1992. Other materials relate to Skeet's interest in other Middle Eastern countries, and there are a few personal documents. Broad

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subjects covered by the papers are: The Sultanate and life in Oman before 1970, and the development of the country under the new Sultan Qaboos from 1970. A large number of the materials focus on the development of law and the economy in Oman from 1970. 5 boxes. Handlist.

**SMILEY, David** (1916-2009)

GB165-0336

OMAN ARCHIVE: The papers relate to the later part of Smiley's career as CSAF (Commander Sultan's Armed Forces) in Oman, and consist mainly of correspondence between Smiley and colleagues, and the Sultan Said bin Taimur, and a report by Smiley on the SAF. 1 box. Handlist.

**SOUTHBY-TAILYOUR, Ewen.** (b.1942)

GB165-0718

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Ewen Southby-Tailyour (served in Oman 1966-1968) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 21 Apr 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 13 minutes 33 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**STIRRUP, Graham Eric.** (b.1949)

GB165-0719

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Lord 'Jock' Graham Eric Stirrup in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 20 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 52 minutes 14 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES ASSOCIATION**

GB165-0333

OMAN ARCHIVE: A full serial of the Association publication (Newsletters, later Journals 1968-2021), and a small amount of printed ephemera. The Newsletters reports on the activities of the SAF, and social events of the Society. Activities of the Anglo-Omani Society are also documented in the later issues. The publication is intended to be a journal of record containing illustrated articles of historic as well as current interest, book reviews relevant to SAF and to Oman and personal details of members, including obituaries. The publication provides insight into the development and achievements of the military in Oman over a period of thirty years, as well as regular descriptions of the development of the country itself in a context not solely military. 4 boxes. Handlist.

**SWEENEY, Daniel.** (b.1945).

GB165-0633

OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers relating to Daniel Sweeney's military service in Oman consisting of a memoir written covering his time the Baluch Training Centre and Southern Oman Brigade Training Centre 1975-1982, a digital copy of a cine film of the 1977 recruit passout parade with accompanying notes, a vaccination certificate, an employment contract and digital copies of photographs taken during his service in Oman c1975-1982. 1 file. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**TAWELL, Peter.** (b.1948)

GB165-0720

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Peter Tawell in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 25 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 51 minutes 2 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**TURLE, Arish Richard.** (b.1939)

GB165-0722

OMAN ARCHIVE: Two oral history video interviews of Arish Turle in conversation with Fiona Warton for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance'. The first interview was on the 26 July 2017 and is 1 hour 23 minutes 22 seconds in length and 4 digital VOB files. The second oral history interview was on 18 Jan 2019 and is 2 hours 9 minutes 7 seconds in length and 5 VOB files.

**VAKATALAI, James.** (b.1943)

GB165-0723

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of James Vakatalai in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 44 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**VENN, David John.** (b.1941)

GB165-0724

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Venn (served in Oman 1971-1972) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 Apr 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 3 hours 40 minutes 58 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**WAKOLO, Takavesi.** (b.1943)

GB165-0725

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Takavesi Wakolo in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 29 Jul 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 14 minutes 4 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**WARD, Edward John.** (b.1940-2016)

GB165-0588

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Ward in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Nov 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 54 minutes 47 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**WARD, Edward John.** (b.1940-2016) **WARD, Susan**

GB165-0726

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Ward (relating to his service in the Oman Research Department) and his wife Susan Ward (who served as a nurse) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Nov 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 20 minutes 21 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**WARTON, Keith.** (1940-2010)

GB165-0569

Papers and photographs relating to Keith Warton's secondment from the Royal Air Force to the Sultan of Oman's Air Force (SOAF) between September 1966 and May 1968. The papers include maps of Oman, captions for slides and notes written by Keith Warton for talks given on a trip to Oman in 2008. The notes include general notes on equipment, facilities, tactics and operations; an account of an ambush on an oil convoy in 1967 and an account of evacuating casualties from Raven's Roost airstrip in 1968. The photographs consist of 2 boxes of 35mm colour slides taken by Keith Warton during his service in Oman 1966-1968 and include images of daily life in Oman, army movements, roads, aircraft, street scenes, aerial photography, official ceremonies and landscapes. 2 folders; 2 slide boxes. Handlist.

**WEST, Barry.** (b.1937-2016)

GB165-0727

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Barry West in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 15 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 42 minutes 26 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**WILKINSON, John Nigel.** (b.1945)

GB165-0728

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Wilkinson in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 7 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 5 minutes 15 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**WILLIAMSON, Graham Frank.** (b.1926).

GB165-0556

TS memoir 'Reflections on Oman' giving an account of the setting up of vocational technical training centres in Oman and also commenting on the impact of the Iranian revolution on Shiites in the Omani Government, as well as increased state enforcement of Islamic law and social separation between Omanis and expatriates. The memoir also comments on living conditions including the climate and issues with water and electricity. Photocopy of a printed article 'The Labour Situation in Oman' written by Graham Williamson but credited to H.E. Khalfan Nasser Al-Waheiby, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour and published in Al-Markazi in November 1977. 1 file. Handlist.

**WILSON, Stewart.** (b.1951)

GB165-0729

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Stewart Wilson in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 May 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 30 minutes 52 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**WINGATE, Sir Ronald Evelyn Leslie, 2nd. Baronet.** (1889-1978).

GB165-0304

TS copy of proclamation of the deposition of the Khedive and establishment of a British Protectorate in Egypt, December 1914; papers on Wingate's service in Mesopotamia, and Muscat and Oman, 1917-22, with TS of a lecture on this subject, including an account of the Treaty of Sib, given at the Middle East Centre, 1965; TS article on the papers of Sir Samuel Baker for the period 1875-93. 1 box. Handlist.

**WINNER, Peter.** (b.1946)

GB165-0730

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Pete Winner in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 19 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 13 minutes 36 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

### **UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL**

Access to some uncatalogued material is restricted, please contact the archivist for further details. Access is normally possible where draft catalogues are available.

**ANGLO-OMANI SOCIETY.** (1976-)

GB165-0342

Papers relating to the Anglo-Omani Society including minutes, agenda and reports and copies of talks given at the Anglo-Omani Society and some printed articles and books. Also includes papers and photographs relating to the state visit of the Sultan of Oman to the United Kingdom in 1982. 16 boxes. Draft catalogue.

**BUTT, Charles Richard** (1935-2006)

GB165-0043

TS account illustrated with 4 photographs by Sgt. Charles Butt, 2nd Battalion Aden Protectorate Levies, of a border incident at Merta, Aden Protectorate, in June 1958. Copies of *Al-Aqsa* and other uncatalogued material relating to the Sultan's Armed Forces, Oman. A detailed catalogue for the Charles Butt 35mm colour slides is available and these slides have also been digitised. A selection of the slides are available for viewing online. 2 boxes. Photographic Collection.