

MECA GUIDE YEMEN/ADEN/SOUTH ARABIA

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Guide to collections relating to Yemen/Aden/South Arabia

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 Yemen/Aden/South Arabia 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 Yemen/Aden/South Arabia. For example the Arab Bulletin; British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Cairo Conference; Chatham House; 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 that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide

BESSE, ANTONIN

GB165-0353

Illustrated book commissioned by Antonin Besse on traditional boats in Aden entitled 'Les derniers boutres d'Aden' 1984. 1 volume

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.

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:

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Swords and Armour' 1991. 4 boxes, 2 folders. Handlist. Photographic collection.

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.

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.

EDWARDS, Francis William [Frank] (b. 1931). GB165-0442

Papers relating to the book 'The Gaysh' which is a history of the Aden Protectorate Levies 1927-1961 and the Federal Regular Army of South Arabia 1961-1967, including the typescript of 'The Gaysh' written in 1967-1968 with original photographs and a small amount of material from Frank Edwards' service in Aden c.1964-1965. There is also correspondence relating to the first attempt to publish 'The Gaysh' in 1968-1969, and correspondence and newspaper clippings relating to the publication and promotion of 'The Gaysh' in January 2004. There is a small amount of material relating to Frank Edwards' work with Colonel Gadaffi in the Libyan Army. The collection includes photocopies of photographs taken in Aden c.1948-1958 and a student exercise map of the Aden Protectorate, both given to Frank Edwards by Hugh Witherow in 2004. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

FLETCHER, Paul Duncan. (1917-78). GB165-0106

"East of Aden. The Forties": TS memoir by Mary Fletcher of Paul Fletcher's service in the Eastern Aden Protectorate, 1940-44, based on his official reports and letters home, 1940-49. 74 sheets.

GAURY, Gerald Simpson Hillairet Rutland Vere de. (1897-1984). GB165-0437

Papers and photographs relating to Gerald de Gaury's life, from his activities as a soldier in World War One through his involvement in the Middle East as a soldier, diplomat and friend of the rulers of Iraq and Saudi Arabia to his later activities in the Foreign Office, including correspondence, drawings from various stages in his career, and his research for a number of

books and essays. The correspondence includes letters from Lesley Blanch and Freya Stark. 17 boxes, 1 folder. Handlist. Photographic collection.

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.

HOLMES, Richard J. (1928-77).

GB165-0149

Correspondence, reports, memoranda, case notes, etc. relating to Aden, 1942-67; papers of the Anglo-Yemeni conference, 1950; East African Currency Board correspondence, 1967-68; correspondence and memoranda on constitutional development in the UAE, 1968-72; "Britain and South Arabia": MS of a constitutional history of South Arabia during the pre-independence period (284 pp.). 5 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

INGRAMS, William Harold. (1897-1973).

GB165-0156

G. Warneford *Memoranda on the Yaffai-as-Sufal and the territory of the Amir of Dthala*, Simla, 1904; M.C. Lake "Report on visit to Upper and Lower Yafa, 1926"; convention between the United Kingdom and Turkey respecting the boundaries of Aden and of Ottoman territory in Southern Arabia, signed London, 9 March 1914; report of the Cairo Conference, 1921; miscellaneous papers on Mukalla and Hadhramaut, 1930s-60s; Aden Intelligence Summaries, 1935-36; Hadhramaut Intelligence Summaries, 1-144, 1937-40; Eastern Aden Protectorate Intelligence Summaries, 1941-44; notes, press cuttings, papers, telegrams, etc. on Aden, 1940s-60s; J.G.C. Allen: report on a visit to Algeria, and another on Morocco, 1948(?); an economic survey of the South Arabian Federation (Western Aden Protectorate), 1962; article on tribal structure and allegiance in the Yemen, written 1965 for the Foreign Office; papers relating to the Aden Protectorate and Yemen; reports 1933-41; correspondence, memos and telegrams relating to administrative and political problems, Aden 1941-64; record of the U.N. Special Committee on granting independence to Aden, 1964; collection of essays and pamphlets; presscuttings. 14 boxes. Handlist for boxes 9-14. Photographic collection.

LOTBINIÈRE, Helen Ruth Mildred Joly de. (1912-1953).

GB165-0411

Volume entitled 'Scrap Book Eddie and Helen de Lotbinière' containing TS extracts from letters, diary entries and latter accounts by Helen de Lotbinière describing the struggle to join her husband in Aden and her life and work in Aden from Oct 1939-Mar 1941. Also includes photographs, letters, pressclippings, Christmas dinner menu for 1940, identity card and special permit to enter vulnerable areas. 1 vol. 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.

MacGUFFIE, Lt.-Col. the Revd. Alexander H.

GB165-0194

Papers relating to his service as Chaplain of the Church of England Diocesan Mission in Aden; his ordination training by correspondence course through Wolsey Hall, Oxford, 1940-44; retirement curacy in Cumberland, 1954; various sermons and notes. 1 box. Handlist.

MACRO, Squadron Leader Eric L.

GB165-0198

“Yemen - a brief survey”: TS by Macro giving historical background, c.1948. 10 sheets.

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.

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.

ROBERTS, William Hamish. (b.1927).

GB165-0435

Papers relating to Hamish Roberts' life in Aden while employed by the Halal Shipping Company Ltd. between 1953-1957 and the Aden Port Trust 1957-1959. There are a number of photographs of Aden and surrounding areas and material relating to the development and maintenance of Port Aden. There are also copies of the publication 'Little Aden Mercury' documenting the events of the colonial community, as well as Hamish Roberts' memoirs of this period. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

REILLY, Lt.-Col. Sir Bernard Rawdon. (1882-1966).

GB165-0237

Letter, 18 November 1946, to H.R. Cowell about financial arrangements after the Aden Settlement ended in 1944/45. 1 sheet.

ROSSER, Kevin. (b.1970).

GB165-0398

Notes made of research interviews carried out by Kevin Rosser as part of his MPhil work. The interviewees were Yemenis sent to Egypt and Lebanon for education in the early 1960s, who were known as the 'Famous Forty', 1997-1998. 1 file. Handlist

TOMLINSON, David

GB165-0360

TS memoir written by David Tomlinson in October 2003 describing his arrival in Palestine and evacuation in Operation Polly 1946-1947 and including a brief description of his work as Shell's District Sales Manager in Aden and the Federation of South Arabia in 1964-1967. 24 photographs of rescue work, mainly showing the clearing of the debris, after the bombing of the King David Hotel, 1946. 5 sheets; 24 photographs. Handlist.

WILLIAMS, Vivian.

GB165-0441

Fifteen issues of the Ring Road Rag, a newsletter/magazine produced by members of the British expat community in North Yemen, between June 1984 and December 1985. Contents include local sports and arts news, international and diplomatic developments, descriptions of walks in the area, descriptions of journeys made, cookery suggestions and advertisements. The collection also includes eight drawings made by Vivian Williams during his time in Yemen, 1983-1984. 1 box. Handlist.

UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

Access to uncatalogued material is restricted, please contact the archivist for further details. In some cases draft handlists are available.

BUTT, Charles R. (b. 1935)

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. 2 boxes.