



The Middle East Centre

What is the Middle East Centre Archive?

The Middle East Centre Archive was founded in 1961 by two Oxford academics, Elizabeth Monroe and Albert Hourani. The purpose of the Archive is to preserve and make available to research the papers and photographs of individuals who have lived and served in the Middle East.

The Oman Archive

The Middle East Centre Archive holds the best collection in the United Kingdom of papers and photographs on Oman, especially for military history in the 1970s, due to the establishment of the Oman Archive in 1990s. The proposal to establish the Oman Archive was made in February 1992, by Mr Ian Skeet, a former Management Liaison Representative for the Petroleum Development (PDO) oil company. With the help and support of the Anglo-Omani Society, action was taken throughout the early 1990s to collect the papers and photographs of individuals who had lived and worked in Oman. The Oman Archive now contains the papers of over 18 individuals and 2 organisations including names such as General John Graham, David Smiley, Antony Deane Drummond, Sir Donald Hawley, R Jackli, R.K. Nicholls, F.M. Partington, Julian Paxton, William Peyton, Ian Skeet, Charles Butt as well as the papers of the Anglo-Omani Society and the newsletters of the Sultans' Armed Forces Association.

Why give your Oman material to the MEC Archive?

- Your papers and photographs are essential for historians studying the modern history Oman. The MEC Archive will preserve and make this material available to research.
- As the MEC Archive already has an excellent collection of material on Oman, your papers and photographs will be well used, as researchers studying Oman are already drawn to visit the Archive.
- Your papers and photographs will be well looked after and will serve as a lasting memorial to individual service in the Oman. Each collection of papers will bear the name of the person who created the papers as well as biographical details for that person.

How can I add material to the MEC Archive?

- Please contact the Middle East Centre Archivist to discuss any donation of personal papers.

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