

Reference code: GB165-0091

Title: Sir Harold Downie Collection

Name of creator: Downie, Sir Harold Frederick (1889-1966) Knight

Dates of creation of material: 1916

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 21 sheets

Biographical history: Downie, Sir Harold Frederick (1889-1966) Knight

Born 26 September 1889, son of Frederick and Ada Downie. Educated Christ's Hospital; University College, Oxford. Entered Colonial Office 1912; military service, 1914-1918; CMG, 1939; one of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 1942; Chairman of West African and East African Currency Boards, 1943-1953; KBE 1951; retired 1953. Married, 1918, Margaret, daughter of G.S. Downie - 3 sons. Died 14 January 1966.

Scope and content: Typed transcript of a diary covering Sir Harold Downie's wartime service in Mesopotamia (Iraq) Jan – 17 June 1916.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of the Downie family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from James H. Downie (the son of Sir Harold Downie) Sept 1980

Location of originals: With the Downie family

Related Units of Description:

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Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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