

Reference code: GB165-0171

Title: Edward Kinch Collection

Name of creator: Kinch, Edward Alec (b.1896)

Dates of creation of material: 1941-1944 and not dated

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 files (34 sheets; 38 sheets)

Biographical history: Kinch, Edward Alec (b.1896)

Born 28 September 1896, Hannington, Wilts., son of Albert and Jane Kinch. Educated Hannington Village School; Highworth Council School, 1906-1909. Agricultural labourer. Served with 3rd Wessex Brigade, 1914; in India and Mesopotamia, 1916; joined Military Agricultural Directorate, 1918; joined Civil Administration, Mesopotamia, 1920; joined Diala Cotton Plantations Ltd., 1925; worked for King Faisal on a land development scheme for Kurds from Arbil, 1926; Labour Superintendent, Turkish Petroleum Company, 1927-1941; seconded to British Embassy, Iraq, 1941; in charge of Mosul Division, 1942-1944; re-joined Turkish Petroleum Company, 1945, working in Tripoli, Homs and as Assistant General Manager, Middle East, based at Haifa until 1948; Manager, Personnel, 1948-1953; resigned 1953; further appointment in personnel with Turkish Petroleum Company, 1955-1958. Married (wife died 1955). Died after 1977.

Scope and content: Photocopies of correspondence as Political Adviser, Mosul, with Sir Kinahan Cornwallis and others, 1941-1944; photocopy of MS autobiographical notes dealing with his early life in England and career in Iraq, 1896-1959.

System of arrangement: Official papers; personal papers.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of Edward Kinch

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from David Newman, Christ Church, April 1977.

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Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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