

Reference code: GB165-0664

Title: Anwar Nusseibeh Collection

Name of creator: Nusseibeh, Anwar Zaki (1913-1986)

Dates of creation of material: Not dated, 1986, 2005

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 file

Biographical history: Nusseibeh, Anwar Zaki (1913-1986)

Anwar Nusseibeh was born in 1913 in Jerusalem to a family who were guardians of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Educated at the Government Arab College in Jerusalem and in 1929 was sent to Perse School at Cambridge in England and then studied law at Queens' College, Cambridge and was then called to the bar by Gray's Inn. In 1936 returned to Palestine to work as a Land Officer of Jerusalem and then as a magistrate in Nazareth and then Jaffa. In 1945 moved to London to serve as the head of the Arab Office. From 1947-1948 served as secretary to the Arab National Committee and was a leading organizer of the Arab defence of Jerusalem in 1948. From September – October 1948 served as Cabinet Secretary of the All-Palestine Government in Gaza. In 1949 returned to Jerusalem and gave his allegiance to the Jordanian Government. In 1951 elected as a Palestinian representative to the Jordanian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies. In September 1952 appointed to the Jordanian cabinet and he served as the Minister of Construction and Building, Minister of Defence, Minister of Interior and the Minister of Education. Appointed in 1961 as Governor of Jerusalem. Appointed in 1963 to the Jordanian Senate. From 1965-1967 served as the Jordanian Ambassador to the United Kingdom. Returned to Jerusalem shortly before the 1967 war. Served as Legal Council to UNRWA 1967-1979. Appointed as Executive chairman to the East Jerusalem Electric Company 1979-1986. Married Nuzha Al-Ghussein in 1942 and had 6 children. Died 21 Nov 1986.

Scope and content: TS memoir 'Pattern of Disaster. Personal Notes on the Fall of Palestine' written by Anwar Nusseibeh and mainly covering events in 1947-1948; copies of obituaries of Anwar Nusseibeh in 1986 and a printed image of Anwar Nusseibeh taken from a website in 2005.

System of arrangement:

1. Memoir Pattern of Disaster
2. Obituaries
3. Printed image of Anwar Nusseibeh

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

- GB165-0118 Sir John Bagot Glubb Collection: This collection contains papers relating to the Arab Legion and the 1948 war.

Custodial history: In the possession of Anwar Nusseibeh and his family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Saker Nusseibeh (son of Anwar Nusseibeh) on 19 Jan 2018

Location of originals: The original memoir is presumably with the family

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds, series and item level description created by Debbie Usher 14 Jul 2023. Biographical history compiled from information in the obituaries for Anwar Nusseibeh and from Wikipedia (cited online June 2023).

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ANWAR NUSSEIBEH
COLLECTION**

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| <u>1</u> | <u>Memoir Patterns of Disaster</u> | <u>Not dated</u> | <u>1 volume</u> |
| | <p>TS memoir 'Pattern of Disaster. Personal Notes on the Fall of Palestine' written by Anwar Nusseibeh and mainly covering events in 1947-1948. The memoir includes a discussion of the impact of the Arab rebellion, descriptions of bombings, looting, the creation of the Herold's Gate Committee in Jerusalem, attempts to arm, as well as description of fighting in 1947-1948. The first two pages are a photocopy and the rest of the volume is not the original, but a printed copy from a much later typed version of the memoir. It is not clear when this memoir was written, but Anwar Nusseibeh states in the memoir that 'my guiding test has been my erratic memory, and limited experience, in so far as I have only attempted to deal with topics of which I have first hand knowledge'.</p> <p>Note: The memoir was written by 1974, as the Mufti of Jerusalem died in 1974 and is mentioned in the text as still being alive.</p> | | |
| <u>2</u> | <u>Obituaries</u> | <u>1986</u> | <u>6 sheets</u> |
| | <p>Compilation of obituaries for Anwar Nusseibeh from The Times, The Guardian, The New York Times, United Press International, The Washington Post and The Associated Press.</p> | | |
| <u>3</u> | <u>Printed image of Anwar Nusseibeh</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>1 sheet</u> |
| | <p>Printed portrait of Anwar Nusseibeh showing his medals, printed from the website www.passia.org.</p> | | |