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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: Davies, Reginald

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Reginald Davies

(1887 - 1971)

1911 - 1935	Sudan Political Service
1911	Khartoum
1912 - 1915	3rd Inspector, Bara, Kordofan
1916	2nd Inspector, Safia, Kordofan
1916 - 1920	2nd Inspector, Nahud, Kordofan
1920 - 1924	D.C. Geneina, Darfur
1924 - 1928	Assistant Director Intelligence Department, Khartoum (Director from 1927)
1929 - 1930	Assistant Civil Secretary, Khartoum
1930 - 1931	Assistant Financial Secretary, Khartoum
1931 - 1932	Secretary for Economic Development, Khartoum
1932 - 1933	Deputy Financial Secretary
1933 - 1935	Chairman of the Board of Economics and Trade and Director of the Department of Economics and Trade
1935 - 1942	Service in Egypt
1935 - 1939	Deputy Director-General, Alexandria Municipality
1939 - 1942	Director Publicity Section, British Embassy, Cairo

Accession details

Presented by Mr Davies, 1966 & by Mr & Mrs G. Best, 1995 and 2006

Arrangement

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Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number*.

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

1. Official Papers

- SAD.627/1/1-21 1915 Jun 9
Policy in Dar Kababish, a memorandum written by R. Davies when Inspector of the Kababish, with explanatory note written by him in 1966
- SAD.882/8/1-2 1929 Dec 24 - ca.1934
Letters to Davies from H.A. MacMichael, Civil Secretary thanking him for his work in connection with Native Administration (SAD.882/8/1); and from Sir John Maffey, Governor-General concerning the need for alternative sources of revenue if Sudan is to be saved from financial and political bankruptcy (SAD.882/8/2)

2. Personal Papers

- SAD.882/8/3-8 1912 Jan 18 - 1920 Apr 6
Letters home from Davies to his family: from El Obeid concerning his service as acting Inspector in the absence of J.A. Gillan, in particular the trial of an elaborate slave case (SAD.882/8/3); from Bara concerning a case of camel theft in a dispute between the Kawahla and the Kababish (SAD.882/8/4); from Nahud concerning a visit from the Governor of Darfur, Col. R.V. Savile and prospects for a new appointment as Resident for the Sultanates of Masalit and Gimr on the Wadai border, with description of the area (SAD.882/8/5-6); and from Nahud, describing a typical day (SAD.882/1/7-8)
- SAD.882/8/9-18 1941 May 22 - 26
Diary account by Davies of a trip From Cairo to Nairobi by air and road to attend a conference, with seating plan for a dinner at Government House, Nairobi
- SAD.882/8/19-20 1969 May 3
Letter to Gwenllyan Davies, wife of Davies from the widow of Lord Rugby (formerly Sir John Maffey, Governor-General of the Sudan), concerning her husband's death and enclosing a photograph from a Greek newspaper of Sir John Maffey and his wife and child in 1926

3. Articles, Speeches

- SAD.882/8/21-38 [n.d.]
Article by Hajj al-Num entitled "Batil! Batil!" concerning a case of kidnapping in the Sudan of two young boys for slavery and the resulting court cases
- SAD.882/8/39-49 [n.d.]
"Moorish hospitality", an article by Davies on his travels through Algeria in 1925 and in particular the hospitality he received from a family in Fez, with related letter from "Oryth" of *The Cornhill Magazine*. For photographs taken on this trip, see section 4 below, SAD.887/5/1-4
- SAD.882/9/1-6 [n.d.]
Account by Davies of the war-time activities of the Publicity Section of the British Embassy in Cairo (lacking p.2)
- SAD.882/9/7-12 [n.d.]
"Time spent on reconnaissance is seldom wasted", an account by Davies of a reconnaissance trip from Alexandria to the Qattara Depression to assess its potential as a route for an invading force, with related letter. For photographs taken on the trip, see section 4 below, SAD.887/5/6-9
- SAD.882/9/13-39 1938
Essay by Davies on "Germany's future role in Africa", with a letter to *The Times* from Lord Lugard on the same subject and related correspondence between Davies, Lord Lugard, J.A. Spender, Edward Grigg and R.M. MacGregor (author of *Order or disorder? Studies in the decline of international order, 1918-1936* (1939))
- SAD.882/9/40-41 [1939 - 1942]
Text of talk by Davies to the Anglo-Egyptian Union on "Aspects of war", reprinted from the *Egyptian Gazette*
- SAD.882/9/42-48 1940 Feb 14
Draft and final version of speech by Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for the Dominions to the Egyptian press on the occasion of his visit to Egypt, with a newspaper report of the same speech
- SAD.882/9/49-79 1942
Texts of speeches and articles by Davies on South Africa which were published in the Egyptian press, with related letters:
- SAD.882/9/52-54 1942 Jan 6
"Some aspects of South Africa's war effort", a speech to the Cairo Rotary Club
- SAD.882/9/55-65 1942 Jan
"The story of Anglo-South African relations", a talk to the Anglo-Egyptian Union

SAD.882/9/66-70 1942 Jan 13

“South Africa's policy in the war”, a talk to the Anglo-Egyptian Union, with a copy of the same talk published in the *Egyptian Gazette*, 19 Jan 1942

SAD.882/9/71-79 Series of articles written after Davies' tour of the principal centres of South African war activity

4. Photographic Material

- SAD.887/5/1-4 1925
Photographs taken by Davies in Fez during his travels through Algeria. For the account of this trip, see SAD.882/8/39-49 above.
- SAD.887/5/1 The son-in-law of Hashim Abu Ghalib (Davies' host in Fez), with his small son
- SAD.887/5/2 Mulay Ahmad Abu Ghalib, cousin of Hashim Abu Ghalib
- SAD.887/5/3 Muluda, the slave girl of Hashim Abu Ghalib
- SAD.887/5/4 Interior of Mulay Ahmad Abu Ghalib's house in Fez showing a fountain in the middle of a courtyard
- SAD.328/3/1 [ca. 1926-1933]
Portrait photograph of Sir John Maffey, Governor-General, in full dress uniform
- SAD.328/3/2 1930
Photograph of Governor-General Sir John Maffey with Gwenllyan Davies, wife of R. Davies, at the races
- SAD.887/5/5 [ca.1934 - 1937]
Photograph of Sir David and Lady Kelly at Burg el Arab in Egypt. Sir David (1891-1959) served in the Diplomatic Service in Egypt from 1934 to 1937
- SAD.887/5/6-9 1937
Photographs of a reconnaissance trip from Alexandria to the Qattara Depression. For account of this trip, see SAD.882/9/7-12 above:
- SAD.887/5/6 Line of trucks taken by members of the 2nd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards to the Qattara Depression
- SAD.887/5/7 Trucks in the desert
- SAD.887/5/8 Egyptian man standing by back of motor car, palm trees in background
- SAD.887/5/9 Foam on seashore

5. Museum Objects

SAD.887/6/1

[ca. 1930s]

Watercolour by Mrs. G. Davies of the Mahdi's tomb, Omdurman, before it was rebuilt

6. Printed Material

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Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into the library's printed collections and catalogued on the Open Public Access Catalogue

