

**Gertrude Bell Archive**  
**Part 2 : Miscellaneous**  
**1892-1938, 1961-1991**

*The typescript documents, generally speaking, vary in size from 2 to 25 (usually foolscap) pages. The sizes of the collections of letters vary from c.60-c.200 items.*

Item 1 [190?-1920]

Reports, memoranda etc., mostly in typescript and mainly by GB.

1. The nomad tribes of Arabia.
2. Arab aimanuscript
3. The Karbala conference. (Incomplete).
4. Memorandum about the Turkish situation. (Manuscript, in GB's hand).
5. Memorandum on Great Britain and the 'Iraq.
6. The Arab question. Marked "Intelligence Section. BD 30-6- 21".
7. Political situation. (Marked in pencil "After 1920").
8. Copy of a letter (7th June 1920) from GB to H.W.Steed, editor of the *Times*, criticising an article about the civil administration of Mesopotamia which appeared on May 3rd.
9. Transliteration of Arabic into English. (2 printed copies and manuscript notes - not in GB's hand).
10. "Hamadan to Karind via Sennah", August 7-24 1918.
11. The camel trade of Arabia.
12. Short memorandum: Near-Eastern Department.

Item 2 [1916-1926]

Further memoranda etc.

*Mainly typescript*

1. Memorandum on Arab National Movement. (Manuscript, in GB's hand. Marked in another hand "September 1920").
2. Royal Geographical Society. Anniversary Meeting 27th May 1918. Presentation of GB's award of the Founder's Medal to Sir Hugh Bell.
3. The Syrian situation and its bearings on Iraq, November 1925. By GB.
4. Note by Miss Gertrude Bell on the settlement of the Arab provinces. (2 copies, one incomplete).
5. Report by GB of an interview with King Faisal. 1922(?). 2 copies: 1 mss., 1 typescript.
6. Public opinion and affairs in Baghdad. Paras. 457-473, 515-522.
7. The Kurdish situation. By GB.
8. Trans-Jordania. 2 separate reports.
9. *Basrah Times*, June 26th 1916. [Missing June 2001]
10. Article about the establishment of the state of Iraq, headed in pencil "Written after January 1926".
11. "Moon god's temple". Report of a lecture given in Baghdad by Leonard Woolley with GB in the chair.
12. Proclamation by G.O.C.-in-Chief, Mesopotamia, 2nd November 1918. [Missing June 2001]

### Item 3 [c.1912-1919]

#### *Typescript*

1. *Baghdad*, together with *Places of interest near Baghdad* (incomplete).
2. *Mosul*.
3. i) Draft of "Law of Antiquities for Palestine" (2 copies) plus "Additional notes" (1 copy). Letter to GB from G.F. Hill of the British Museum 8th April 1919.  
ii) Ministerial decree no. 51 of the Minister of Public Works (Cairo) on "Regulation of the Exploitation of Antiquities".  
iii) Egyptian Law of Antiquities (Law no. 14 of 1912 relating to Antiquities): rough translation for the use of the Archaeological Joint Committee.  
iv) Notes on "Administration of antiquities in the part of Asia Minor remaining under Turkish rule and in the Neutral Zone adjacent to the Straits and including Constantinople".

### Item 4

#### *Manuscript*

1. Manuscripts. of lectures given by Lady Richmond on GB and on Iraq.
2. Extracts from GB's lecture on Mesopotamian churches.
3. Also lecture about the Richmonds' life in Ceylon.

### Item 5

#### *Manuscript*

Notes found in books in Bell Collection (mainly archaeological).

### Item 6 (Green folder)

Newspaper cuttings:

1. Report of a talk by Lady Richmond about GB.
2. Reviews of Lady Richmond's *Earlier Letters of Gertrude Bell*.
3. Articles by GB from *Baghdad Times*.

### Item 7 [?-1938]

#### *Mainly manuscript*

1. Correspondence to and from Lady Richmond about the *Earlier Letters* and about proposed biographies of GB. (List in packet). Also listed in "Letters from other people in the Gertrude Bell Papers".
2. Typescript headed "Dame Florence Bell's Garden", October 31st 1938.

### Item 8 [1920]

#### *Published work*

*Review of the Civil Administration of Mesopotamia*, HMSO, 1920.  
(Prepared by GB)

Item 9 (Green album) [1926]

*Mainly newsprint and manuscript*

Obituary notices of GB. Letters of condolence to High Commission in Baghdad. Photographs of: Babylonian Stone Room at the Iraq Museum, GB on horseback, GB's house in Baghdad, GB's funeral. Janet Courtney's article about GB from *North American Review* Vol. 223, December 1926, pp. 656-663.

Item 10 (Black album)

*Mainly newsprint and manuscript*

Letters and invitations to GB in Baghdad. Testimonial by Henry Dobbs. Photographs, some of GB. Certificate of GB's CBE. Newspaper cuttings about memorial bust of GB. Photographs of unveiling of bust and of bust itself. Two letters to Lady Florence Bell, from Lionel Smith and Lady Humphrys, about unveiling of bust.

Item 11 [1920]

Typescript of extracts from GB's letters, mainly 1920.

Item 12 [- 1921- ]

1. Typescript of extracts from GB's letters, mainly 1921. (A few of earlier date).
2. *Al'Istiqlal* Nos. 37, 39-42, 203.

Item 13

*Manuscript*

Letters to GB. (List in packet. Also listed in "Letters from other people in the Gertrude Bell Papers")  
N.B. A letter from Franz Cumont encloses 7 photographs. There is also a photograph dated 6th August 1910 from W.M. Flinders Petrie and two further photographs (from John Schaefer of Baltimore?) in an envelope postmarked 1912.

Item 14 (Black album with red spine)

*Mainly newsprint.*

Photographs of Hugo Bell as a child. Newspaper cuttings of reviews of books by and about GB, especially Lady Bell's edition of the letters, *Persian Pictures* and the translation of Hafiz.  
Typescript copy of Elizabeth Robins's broadcast, 17th September 1927. Details of memorial window at Rounton Church. Article "Gertrude Bell and the Iraq Museum" by St. Clair Harnett, *Views and Reviews*, Vol.22 No.3, 1927-1928.

Item 15 (Red album)

*Mainly newsprint*

Reviews of GB's lectures. Reviews of *The Desert and the Sown*. (Cover of album reads "Photographs")

Item 16 1896-c.1926

*Manuscript and transcripts.*

1. Letters from GB to Molly Bell, 1892-1903. Also poem dated 1901 in GB's hand.
2. Letters from GB to Molly Trevelyan, 1904-1912[?]. Also some undated letters.
3. Letters from GB to Molly Trevelyan, 1918-1926. (See also no.6 below)
4. Letters of condolence to Molly Trevelyan on GB's death. Also letters to Molly Trevelyan from Sir Hugh and Lady Bell. (List in packet. Also listed in "Letters from other people in the Gertrude Bell Papers") Poem about GB, by "FER" (presumably Florence Elsa Richmond). Order of service of GB's memorial service. Oddments associated with GB's death.
5. Photocopies of letters in the Trevelyan Papers from GB to Charles Philips Trevelyan and Molly Trevelyan. **(NB. Property of the Trevelyan family).**
6. Letters from GB to Molly Trevelyan, 1924-1926. See also no.3 above.

Item 17 1897-1924

*Mainly manuscript*

Letters, mainly to Sir Hugh and Lady Bell, with some reference to GB. (List in packet. Also listed in "Letters from other people in the Gertrude Bell Papers"). Also letter from GB to J. Alfred Spender, 20th August 1924, regarding article in Westminster Gazette.

Miscellaneous items:

1. Cyclists' Touring Club membership certificate.
2. Acknowledgement of order for game food from Gilbertson and Page.
3. Terms for "Miss Turner's Private Boarding House", Newcastle upon Tyne.
4. Copy of notes by Lady Jersey about GB's involvement in the women's anti-suffrage movement.
5. Official programme of Royal Review at Aldershot, July 1st, 1897.
6. "Une chanson de Maurice Maeterlinck, illustree par Charles Doudlet. Mai 01" (MS)
7. Parody of *The Charge of the Light Brigade*. (Not by GB). Marked "Enclosed in a letter dated Aug. 3rd 1920".
8. Account of massacre given by Abed bin Abdullah. In typescript. Marked in pencil "Confidential" and "Enclosed in letter dated Aug 3 1920".

Item 18 1914

*Mainly manuscript*

Notes on the tribes of Arabia by J.H. Mordtmann (German Consul in Istanbul). In English and Arabic. Two letters in French from Mordtmann, presumably to GB, dated 21 and 27 May 1914.

Item 19 1905

Plan by GB of ancient Olba (Oura, now Ura) in Cilicia with others annotated by David Hogarth, director of the British School in Athens. Two maps for *Amurath to Amurath* and plane table sketch for plan of Anavarza, 1905.

Item 20

*Typescript and manuscript*

Literary manuscripts of GB (stories and articles, some published, some unpublished).

Item 21 ?1902-1903

*Manuscript*

Letters from Hugo Bell to his sister Molly from Peking, Calcutta, Benares. (Round the world trip with GB, 1902-1903).

Item 22 (Red album)

Newspaper cuttings about the East, some relating to GB.

Items 23 a-c

Three boxes containing pamphlets on various topics.

Item 24 1926

Newspaper cuttings about the gift of GB's books to Armstrong College, October 1926.

Item 25

Manuscript notes by GB about her slides.

Item 26 1976

Gertrude Bell slide lecture. Text and slides by GB. Delivered by Stephen Hill to the Friends of the University Library, 14th May, 1976. (Slide numbers marked in script).

Item 27 1976

*Manuscript*

Gertrude Bell exhibition, May 10th - June 5th 1976. Opening speech by GB's niece, Mrs Pauline Dower.

Item 28 1969

*Cornhill* no.1062, Winter 1969/1970, containing Seton Deardon's article "Gertrude Bell: a journey of the heart" (pp. 457-510).

Item 29

*Manuscript*

Notes on the incompleteness of W.C. Donkin's catalogue of the Bell papers. Includes details of letters from Maurice Bell in the main sequence of letters (i.e. 1 in 1874; 2 undated; 1 in 1877).

Item 30 1922-1923

Letters from GB to Sir Percy Loraine, 1922-1923. One undated.  
30a: Originals. 30b: Transcripts.

Item 31 1903-1919

*Photographic copies of manuscript*

Letters from GB to George Ernest Morrison, 1903-1919.  
31a: Photographic copies 31b: Photocopies of photographs  
(Originals in the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia).

Item 32 1903-1909

*Very poor copies of manuscript taken from microfilm. Location of originals unknown.*

Copies of letters from GB to Sir Frank Swettenham, 1903-1909. Obtained from Mr H.S. Barlow of Malaysia, biographer of Swettenham.

Item 33 1892

a) Copy of a manuscript diary of a journey to Teheran, April-May 1892, by GB, Lady Mary Lascelles and Florence Lascelles (later Lady Spring Rice). (The interleaved comments identifying the different hands are by Lady Spring Rice's daughter, Lady Arthur).

b) Copy of a typescript of the same diary.

Originals of the diary and of the typescript were in the possession of the late Lady Arthur.

Item 34

*Photocopies of manuscript*

Copies of letters from GB to Sir Cecil and Lady Spring Rice. Originals in Spring Rice Papers at Churchill College Archives Centre, Cambridge. **No further copies may be made without the permission of Churchill Archives Centre. Requests for permission to quote from or to make use of any material derived from these papers must also be referred to Churchill Archives Centre.**

Item 35 1900

*Manuscript*

Copies of *The Monthly Cousin* (a family journal) February - June 1900.

Item 36 1926-1928

*Photocopies of newsprint etc.*

Copies of obituaries, reviews etc., the originals of which are mostly to be found elsewhere in the Bell Collection (e.g. Items 9, 14). Also address of Archbishop of York at the dedication of the memorial window at Rounton, May 11th 1928.

Item 37

*Manuscript*

1. Envelope, marked "G.L.Bell letters etc." containing
  - i) what appears to be a review of a book by C de Ulfalvy
  - ii) what appears to be a translation of part of Mutanabbi. Neither is in GB's hand.
2. Odds and ends from the photographic archive including:
  - i) a letter to GB, signature illegible, but dated June 23rd 1918, apologising for not having sent photographs before (found with Item B - Personalalia 1914-1926)
  - ii) manuscript (not in GB's hand) on "Un canal depuis le lac de Sabanca au Golfe d'Ismit".
  - iii) Title page of "Red Barns Gazette" 1902.

Item 38 1909

*Manuscript*

Copy of "The Surprise", a compilation of sketches by Sir Herbert Richmond with accompanying verses by Lady Richmond and Sir Cecil Spring Rice about the Bell family and their relations. Dated Rounton, Christmas 1909. Copyright is Dr William Plowden's.

Item 39 1961

The Spectator, No.6946, August 11th, 1961. Contains an article "Gertrude of Arabia", a review by Ronald Bryden of Volume 2 of Elizabeth Burgoyne's *Gertrude Bell from her Personal Papers*.

Item 40 1920-1922

*Copies of manuscript and typescript*

Correspondence between Gertrude Bell and the 1st Baron Hardinge, 1920-1922. Copies. Originals in Cambridge University Library. (Can be reproduced, but the Keeper of Manuscripts at Cambridge must be informed of any intention to publish.)

Item 41 1893-1908

*Manuscript*

Letters from Gertrude Bell to Thomas Hodgkin c.1908.

Letters from Isaac Lowthian Bell to Lucy Hodgkin, 1893.

Letter, plus photocopy and associated correspondence, from Gertrude Bell to Professor Herzfeld. It was sent to Mr J.G. Crow of the University of Newcastle Department of Archaeology in March 1994 by Mr E.F. Bradford of Whitby, into whose possession it came via Prof. Herzfeld's late sister.

Item 42

*Copies of manuscript*

Letters from Gertrude Bell to Aubrey Herbert, Mary Herbert and Lady Carnarvon. Copies. Originals in Somerset Record Office. N.B. Permission for publication must be sought from Somerset Record Office.

Item 43

"Esther van Deman and Gertrude Bell" by Katherine A. Geffcken in *Esther B. Van Deman: Images from the Archive of an American Archaeologist in Italy at the Turn of the Century*, edited by Karin Einaudi, with contributions by Katherine A. Geffcken (American Academy in Rome, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology of the University of Michigan, 1991).

Item 44

The following items were discovered in an old file in the University of Durham Library in February 1995, and were forwarded to the Robinson Library, the probable intended recipient.

i) A covering letter from Seton Dearden to the Librarian of the University of Durham, dated 23rd July 1979, saying that he is sending to the Library a few papers relating to Gertrude Bell (which had been in an old file in the Baghdad Embassy) to add to those he has already donated. It is likely that he confused Durham and Newcastle, and memory suggests that the papers he thought he had given to the former were already amongst the Gertrude Bell material in the latter.

ii) *The Geographical Journal*, Vol. 70, No.1, July 1927, inscribed "Lady Richmond from D. Hogarth" and containing an article (pp.1-21) "Gertrude Bell's Journey to Hayil" by D.G. Hogarth.

iii) "Les Écrins and Mont Pelvoux: an Unpublished Letter from the Late Miss Gertrude Bell." Reprinted from *The Alpine Journal*, November 1927.

iv) Typescript account of GB's life, perhaps for an obituary.

v) Minute to GB from A.T. Wilson, with an annotation in her hand.

vi) Copy of incoming telegram to GB from Edwin Montagu, with draft of her reply.

vii) GB's typescript account of Colonel Leachman, with autograph annotation.

#### Odds and ends

1. Recipe book.
2. Notebook from Rounton dated August 1905 - notes on talks with "interesting people".
3. Commonplace book, December 1889 - ?
4. Commonplace book, February 1893 - November 1894.
5. Notebook, containing at one end notes on Cluny ivories and at the other descriptions of the decorations in certain Greek and Latin mss. in a French collection - possibly the Bibliotheque Nationale.
6. Notebook. "Kleinasien" written inside front cover. Notes on Hellenistic and Byzantine church architecture.
7. Notes on architecture - Italy: Rome, Spalato, Ravenna.