

Guide to the Christopher Sykes Papers

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 612

CREATOR: Sykes, Christopher, 1907-1986

TITLE: Christopher Sykes Papers

DATES: 1909-1976

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 17.43 linear feet (37 boxes) + 3 broadsides

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Christopher Sykes Papers document the personal and professional life of British author Christopher Sykes (1907-1986). The Papers span the dates 1909 to 1976 and contain correspondence, writings, personal papers, and photographs documenting Sykes's career as a writer as well as his work for the Foreign Office, the military, and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William S. Reese (Yale 1977), 1997.

July 2021 Acquisition: Gift of Dorothy M. Hurt, 2021.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Restricted Fragile is in cold storage and may be consulted only with permission of the appropriate curator. Preservation photocopies for reference use have been substituted in the main files.

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Christopher Sykes (1907-1986)

Christopher Sykes was born on November 17, 1907 in Yorkshire, England to Mark Sykes and Edith Violet Gorst Sykes. He was educated at Downside School, Sorbonne, University of Paris (1926), and Christ Church, Oxford University (1926-1928), but left his post-secondary studies without obtaining a degree. Sykes's literary circle included Robert Byron, Evelyn Waugh, and John Betjeman, all of whom attended Oxford University during roughly the same period.

Upon leaving his studies Sykes worked for the Foreign Office as an honorary attaché at the British embassy in Berlin, Germany (1928-1929) and as a private secretary to Sir Robert Clive in Tehran, Persia (1930-1931). After a year of studies at the School of Oriental Studies in London (1933) and two years of travels through Persia and Afghanistan, Sykes returned to Tehran as secretary for the British Embassy from 1941 to 1943 and to cover the Persian-Azerbaijan Campaign for *The Daily Mail* in 1946.

Sykes wrote about his travels in *Stranger Wonders: Tales of Travel* (1937) and *Innocence and Design* (1935) (which he co-authored with his travel companion Robert Byron under the pseudonym Richard Waughburton). At this time, Sykes also focused on his own writing completing *Wassmuss: The German Lawrence* (1936) and corresponding for *The Spectator* and *The Observer* (1936-1939).

During World War II, Sykes served in the military, first with the Green Howards (1939-1941), for which he was stationed in Cairo at the Middle East Headquarters, and then for the Special Operations Executive (1943) and the Special Air Service (1943-1945). Sykes continued to write during the War and in 1944 published *High Minded Murder*.

Following World War II, Sykes wrote a collection of essays, *Four Studies in Loyalty* (1946), and served as the literary editor for the *New English Review* before joining the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 1948. Sykes worked for the Third Programme (1948) and then for the features department (1949-1968).

While at the BBC Sykes continued to write and his publications range from fiction, such as *Answer to Question 33* (1948), *Character and Situation* (1949), *A Song of a Shirt* (1953), and *Dates and Parties* (1955), to non-fiction, such as *Two Studies in Virtue* (1953), *Crossroads to Israel* (1965) and *Troubled Loyalty* (1968). Sykes also wrote a number of biographies which include *Orde Wingate* (1959), *Nancy: The Life of Lady Astor* (1972), and *Evelyn Waugh: A Biography* (1975).

In 1936 Sykes married Camilla Russell (daughter of Thomas Wentworth Russell and Evelyn Dorothea Temple) with whom he had one son, Mark Sykes, in 1937. Sykes died on December 8, 1986.

Scope and Contents

The Christopher Sykes Papers document his personal and professional life and span the dates 1909 to 1976. The Papers contain correspondence, writings, personal papers, and photographs documenting Sykes's career as a writer and to a lesser extent his work with the Foreign Office, the military, and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Sykes's correspondence provides evidence of his professional and, to a lesser degree, personal relationships. In addition to Sykes's literary agent (A.D. Peters) and publishers (Collins Publishers and Hollis and Carter), other correspondents include Isaiah Berlin, T.S. Eliot, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Philip Montefiore Magnus-Allcroft, Harold Nicolson, Cecil Roth, Rebecca Sieff, Robert Speaight, Richard Usborne, and Evelyn Waugh. Also included is correspondence with Sykes's siblings Angela Sykes Antrim, Freya Sykes Elwes, and Daniel Sykes.

Drafts, background materials, research notes, publicity materials, correspondence, and reviews document Sykes's writing career and creative process. The Papers also contain Sykes's writings while working at the BBC as well as a range of his creative output from fiction (including his children's book *Albert and Emerald*) to nonfiction.

Personal papers, such as financial records, notebooks, clippings, and photographs, provide evidence of the Sykes family's personal life (including Camilla Russell Sykes's family).

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Correspondence, 1935-1976. II. Writings, 1936-1976. III. Personal Papers, 1909-1971. IV. July 2021 Acquisition, 1930-1969.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1935-1976

2.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

The series contains personal and professional correspondence dating from 1935 to 1976 and documents Sykes's personal relationships and career.

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	"A" General	1953-1969, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Acton, Harold	1966 April 26
b. 1, f. 3-6	A.D. Peters	1951-1971, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Allen, Bill	1955-1959, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Allen, David	1952
b. 1, f. 9	Antrim, Angela Sykes	1939-1954, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Antrim, Randal John Somerled McDonnell, Earl of	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Astor, David	1938-1971
b. 1, f. 12	Astor, John Jacob	1965-1971
b. 1, f. 13	Astor, Michael	1968-1970, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Astor, William	1958
b. 1, f. 15	"B" General Includes contract between Camilla Sykes and the British and Dominions Film Corporation for her role in the film "The Belles of St. Clements"	1935-1969, undated
b. 1, f. 16	Bachmann, Lawrence Paul	1958 May 30
b. 1, f. 17	Baker, Bryant	1959
b. 1, f. 18	Baldwin, John E.	1958-1959
b. 1, f. 19	Berlin, Isaiah	1952
b. 2, f. 20	British Air Brokers	1955
b. 2, f. 21	British Broadcasting Corporation Includes <i>Rules of the Association of Broadcasting Staff</i>	1953-1969, undated
b. 2, f. 22	British Council	1954
b. 2, f. 23	British Embassy, Khartoum	1956-1959

b. 2, f. 24	British Embassy, Rangoon	1955 November 29
b. 2, f. 25	Brocklehurst, Charles Includes letter from Philip Brocklehurst	1957
b. 2, f. 26	"C" General	1939-1969, undated
b. 2, f. 27	Churchill, Winston	1959 March
b. 2, f. 28	Clarke, Dudley	1957
b. 2, f. 29	Cohen, Israel	1953 July 8
b. 2, f. 30	Collins Publishers Includes contract for <i>Count Van Arnim</i>	1954-1971
b. 2, f. 31	Compton-Burnett, Ivy	1954-1963
b. 2, f. 32	Connell, John	1952-1953
b. 2, f. 33	Cooke, S.A.	1958
b. 2, f. 34	Cunningham, Alan	April, undated
b. 2, f. 35	"D" General	1953-1973, undated
b. 2, f. 36	<i>The Daily Mail</i>	1963
b. 2, f. 37	Dan Leeds Productions	1960 June/July
b. 2, f. 38	"E" General	1955-1976
b. 2, f. 39	Eliot, T.S. (Thomas Stearns)	1956, undated
b. 2, f. 40	Elwes, Freya Sykes	undated
b. 2, f. 41	<i>Encounter</i>	1954-1956
b. 2, f. 42	Evans Brothers	1950
b. 2, f. 43	"F" General	1952-1959
b. 2, f. 44	Fergusson, Bernard, Sir	1955-1959, undated
b. 2, f. 45	Franks, Brian	1955-1959, undated
b. 2, f. 46	Ford, Edward	1966-1970
b. 3, f. 47	Foreign Office	1955
b. 3, f. 48	Friends of Bar-Ilan University	1963
b. 3, f. 49	Fulford, Roger	undated

b. 3, f. 50	"G" General	1952-1969
b. 3, f. 51	<i>The Geographical Magazine</i>	1957
b. 3, f. 52	Gray, B.H. (Brian H.)	1952
b. 3, f. 53	"H" General	1939-1970
b. 3, f. 54	Haig, Douglas, Sir	1937, undated
b. 3, f. 55	The Harold Watson Company	1969
b. 3, f. 56	Harper and Row, Publishers	1969
b. 3, f. 57	Harrison, Rosemary	1971 August
b. 3, f. 58	Hart, B. H. Liddell (Basil Henry Liddell), Sir	1955-1957
b. 3, f. 59	Head, Antony	1939-1958 undated
b. 3, f. 60	Hever, Lord Astor of	1970
b. 3, f. 61	Hillier, Stella	1952-1954
b. 3, f. 62	Hodder and Stoughton	1959 August - September
b. 3, f. 63	Hollis and Carter	1953-1960
b. 3, f. 64	"I" General	1956-1969, undated
b. 3, f. 65	Imperial War Museum (Great Britain)	1959
b. 3, f. 66	Ironside, William Edmund	1956-1959
b. 3, f. 67	Israel. Embassy (United Kingdom)	1954-1959
b. 3, f. 68	"J" General	1952-1953
b. 3, f. 69	Jacob, Ian, Sir	1959 June-July
b. 3, f. 70	Jelley, Enid Includes three photographs of Orde Wingate (one of which is a group shot with unidentified people)	1956-1959, undated
b. 3, f. 71	Jones, Margaret	1966-1969
b. 3, f. 72	"K" General	1952-1970
b. 3, f. 73	Kelly, Denis	1958-1959
b. 3, f. 74	Kirby, S. Woodburn (Stanley Woodburn)	1957-1959
b. 3, f. 75	Kurtz, Harold Includes information about auditions for "The Trial of Marshal Ney"	1952-1963, undated

b. 3, f. 76	"L" General	1937-1969, undated
b. 3, f. 77	Lancaster, Nancy	1969, undated
b. 3, f. 78	Langhorne, Betty	1969
b. 3, f. 79	The Library, House of Commons. England.	1969
b. 4, f. 80	"M" General	1952-1970, undated
b. 4, f. 81	Magnus-Allcroft, Philip	1961
b. 4, f. 82	McLean, Neil Includes McLean's war diary	1957 November 15
b. 4, f. 83	Musters, Judy	1969-1970
b. 4, f. 84	"N" General	1951-1963
b. 4, f. 85	National Library of Wales	1971 May 7
b. 4, f. 86	Nicolson, Harold	1959 April
b. 4, f. 87	"O" General	1942-1959, undated
b. 4, f. 88	<i>The Observer</i>	1955-1971, undated
b. 4, f. 89	Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom - New Delhi	1955-1959
b. 4, f. 90	Oxford University Press	1961
b. 4, f. 91	"P" General	1952-1970
b. 4, f. 92	Philip, Aiden	undated
b. 4, f. 93	Pollen, Daphne	1970 March- April
b. 4, f. 94	Prime Minister's Office. England.	1959 April 9
b. 4, f. 95	Queen's College, (University of Oxford)	1970 July
b. 4, f. 96	"R" General	1952-1963, undated
b. 4, f. 97	Roth, Cecil	1953-1955
b. 4, f. 98	Rotol Limited	1957 March 15
b. 4, f. 99	Rooke-Ley, Basil	1959
b. 4, f. 100	Royal Geographical Society (Great Britain)	1958
b. 4, f. 101	Russell, John	1940-1942, undated

b. 4, f. 102	"S" General Letter from James Smith includes photograph of his battalion while in Addis Ababa	1952-1973, undated
b. 4, f. 103	Sackville-West, Edward, Hon.	1959 May 19
b. 4, f. 104	Sandford, Daniel Arthur	1955-1959
b. 5, f. 105	Sewell, Dolly Includes article "Cables Under the Atlantic"	1952-1953
b. 5, f. 106	Sieff, Rebecca	1938-1959
b. 5, f. 107	Smith, Lorna	1954-1958, undated
b. 5, f. 108	Smith, Simon Nowell	1960-1961
b. 5, f. 109	Speaight, Robert	1955-1970
b. 5, f. 110	Stone, Janet	1970-1973, undated
b. 5, f. 111	<i>The Sunday Times</i>	1959
b. 5, f. 112	Sweet-Escott, Bickham	1959-1973
b. 5, f. 113	Sykes, Camilla	undated
b. 5, f. 114	Sykes, Christopher, outgoing	1955-1970, undated
b. 5, f. 115	Sykes, Daniel	1940-1954
b. 5, f. 116	"T" General	1952-1969
b. 5, f. 117	Taylor, Peter E.	1958-1959
b. 5, f. 118	Thompson, Bob	1955, undated
b. 5, f. 119	<i>Time and Tide</i>	1955-1960
b. 5, f. 120	T.R. Fyvel, European Publishers	1955-1959
b. 5, f. 121	Tree, Mary Endicott (Marietta)	undated
b. 5, f. 122	Tulloch, Derek	1955-1959
b. 5, f. 123	Tweedsmuir, Susan	1969
b. 5, f. 124	University of Liverpool	1970
b. 5, f. 125	Usborne, Richard	1956 June, undated
b. 5, f. 126	"V" General	1956-1971, undated
b. 5, f. 127	Vyvyan, J. M. K.	1954, undated

b. 5, f. 128	"W" General	1952-1969, undated
b. 5, f. 129	Waugh, Evelyn	1962, undated
b. 5, f. 130	Waugh , Laura	undated
b. 5, f. 131	Weizman House	1942-1959
b. 5, f. 132	West, Anderson and Co.	1958-1959
b. 5, f. 133	Wingate, Granville Includes photograph of Orde Wingate's grave	1955-1963, undated
b. 5, f. 134	Wingate, Iris	1963
b. 5, f. 135	Wingate, Monica	1958 June
b. 5, f. 136	Wingate, Nigel	1955-1958
b. 5, f. 137	Wingate, Ronald	1957-1960
b. 5, f. 138	Wingate, Sybil	1955-1959
b. 6, f. 139	Winn, Alice	1970, undated
b. 6, f. 140	World Publishing Company	1959, undated
b. 6, f. 141	"Z" General	1953-1959,undated
b. 6, f. 142-149	Christmas cards	1956-1970
b. 7, f. 150-155	Christmas cards	1956-1970
b. 7, f. 156-163	Unidentified	1952-1969

Series II: Writings, 1936-1976*8.55 linear feet (21 boxes)*

The series contains drafts, background materials, research notes, publicity materials, correspondence, and reviews documenting Sykes's writing career between 1936 and 1976.

The series is organized into six subseries: Major Works, Articles, Playscripts, Radio Scripts, Other Writings and Writings of Others. Sykes's writings are arranged alphabetically by title and Writings of Others is arranged alphabetically by author (when known).

Major Works

Albert and Emerald

b. 8, f. 164	Draft, holograph, corrected and illustrated	1961, undated
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Crossroads to Israel

b. 8, f. 165	Maps of Israel	1951
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b. 8, f. 166	Clippings on Israel and other background material Also stored in: Box 36, folder 414	1953-1963
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b. 8, f. 167	Notebook	Before 1965
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b. 8, f. 168-170	Research notes	Before 1965
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b. 9, f. 171-177	Draft, holograph, corrected	Before 1965
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b. 10, f. 178-183	Draft, typescript, corrected	Before 1965
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b. 10, f. 184	Reviews Also stored in: Box 36, folder 415	1965
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The Damascus Road

b. 10, f. 185	Draft, holograph, corrected	undated
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Dates and Parties

b. 11, f. 186-188	Draft, holograph, corrected	Before 1955
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Evelyn Waugh: A Biography

b. 11, f. 189	Background material	undated
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b. 12, f. 190-194	Draft, typescript, corrected	Before 1975
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b. 13, f. 195-197	Reviews Also stored in: Box 36, folder 416	1975-1976
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Nancy: The Life of Lady Astor

b. 13, f. 198-202	Background material and research notes Contains photocopies of letters to Lady Astor from George Bernard Shaw between 1928 and 1950.	Before 1972
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b. 14, f. 203-208	Draft, holograph, corrected	Before 1972
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Major Works > Nancy: The Life of Lady Astor (continued)

b. 15, f. 209-212	Draft, holograph, corrected	Before 1972
b. 15, f. 213-214	Draft, typescript carbon, corrected	Before 1972
b. 16, f. 215-216	Draft, typescript carbon, corrected	Before 1972
b. 16, f. 217-222	Draft, typescript, corrected	Before 1972
b. 17, f. 223-224	Draft, typescript, corrected	Before 1972
b. 17, f. 225-228	Draft, typescript carbon, corrected	circa 1972
b. 18, f. 229-230	Draft fragments, typescript, corrected	Before 1972
	Galley proofs, corrected Stored in: Oversize Broadside, folder 417	circa 1972
<i>Orde Wingate</i>		
b. 18, f. 231	<i>Gideon Goes to War</i> by Leonard Mosley, annotated	1955
b. 18, f. 232-233	Maps of India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Indo-China, Eritrea, Somalia, and Ethiopia Also stored in: Oversize Broadside, folder 418	1953-1955
	Garrison Map of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan Stored in: Oversize Broadside, folder 419	1931
b. 18, f. 234-235	Research notes	Before 1959
b. 19, f. 236-241	Research notes	Before 1959
b. 20, f. 242-248	Draft, typescript and typescript carbon, corrected	Before 1959
b. 21, f. 249-258	Draft, typescript and typescript carbon, corrected	Before 1959
b. 22, f. 259-265	Draft, typescript carbon	Before 1959
b. 22, f. 266-267	Draft fragments, typescript, corrected	Before 1959
b. 23, f. 268-269	Notes regarding edits and other comments of drafts	Before 1959
b. 23, f. 270	Publishing contract, typescript, carbon	1959 March 24
b. 23, f. 271	Publicity material	circa 1959
b. 23, f. 272-274	Reviews Also stored in: Box 36, folder 420	1959
b. 23, f. 275-279	Dramatic adaptation "Orde Wingate: Three 50' Plays" by Don Shaw for the BBC	1976
<i>Troubled Loyalty</i>		
b. 23, f. 280	Publishing contract for German translation	1969 April 4
b. 23, f. 281	Review	1953
<i>Wassmuss: The German Lawrence</i>		

Major Works > Wassmuss: The German Lawrence (continued)

b. 23, f. 282	Reviews Also stored in: Box 36, folder 421	1936
Articles		
b. 24, f. 283	"Birthday of the Third", published version	undated
b. 24, f. 284	"Colonel Sibthorp: A Festival Centenary", printed version	undated
b. 24, f. 285	"Ghost Autobiography", draft, typescript, corrected and printed version	undated
b. 24, f. 286	"A Literary Stumbling Block", draft, typescript, corrected	undated
b. 24, f. 287	"More Windsor Memoirs", draft, holograph, corrected	undated
b. 24, f. 288	"The Mystery Parcel", draft, typescript carbon, corrected and published version Also stored in: Box 36, folder 422	1955 June 30, undated
b. 24, f. 289	"Nancy Lancaster", draft, typescript, corrected	undated
b. 24, f. 290	"The Old School Tie and Others", draft, typescript, corrected	undated
	"A People of Poetry, Not Prose", printed version Stored in: Box 36, folder 422	1959 May 5
b. 24, f. 291	"Persecution", draft, typescript	undated
	"Remembering the Duke", printed version Stored in: Box 36, folder 422	1952 September 12
b. 24, f. 292	"Sir Max Beerbohm", draft, typescript	undated
b. 24, f. 293-294	Draft fragments	undated
b. 24, f. 295	Background material	1967
Playscripts		
b. 24, f. 296	"Gilbert Pinfold", draft, typescript carbon, corrected	undated
	"One Man Must Die"	
b. 24, f. 297	Background notes	undated
b. 24, f. 298	Draft, typescript, incomplete	undated
b. 24, f. 299	"Sophokles Traxiniai", typescript Produced by Sykes	undated
b. 24, f. 300	"The Valldemosa Affair", draft, typescript, annotated	undated
Radio Scripts		
b. 25, f. 301-306	Drafts, holograph and typescript, corrected	1953-1964, undated
b. 25, f. 307	Publicity and reviews Also stored in: Box 36, folder 423	1948-1952

Other Writings

b. 26, f. 308	"A Talk on Biography", draft, typescript Delivered to the Eton College Library Society	1959
b. 26, f. 309-312	Book reviews, drafts, typescript and typescript carbon, corrected and printed versions Also stored in: Oversize box 36, folder 422	1951-1966, undated
b. 26, f. 313	Letters to the editor Also stored in: Oversize box 36, folder 422	1939-1956
b. 26, f. 314	Notebook on Ernst Herzfeld's <i>A Journey Through Luristan, Arabistan and Fars</i> , holograph	undated
b. 26, f. 315-318	Unidentified notebooks	undated
b. 27, f. 319-320	Unidentified notebooks	undated
Writings of Others		
b. 27, f. 321	Gattie, Kenneth, "All Change", typescript	1953
b. 27, f. 322	Margheritta, B.C., "A Book of Verse"	1956
b. 27, f. 323	Russell, Dorothea, "The Zar" and "Easter in the Holy City", draft, typescript	undated
b. 27, f. 324	Russell, Dorothea, untitled autobiography, draft, typescript, corrected	undated
b. 27, f. 325	Maulnier, Thierry, "Le Profanateur", typescript, corrected	After 1950
b. 28, f. 326-328	Sykes, Camilla, translator, "Diary of a Diplomat", draft, typescript carbon	undated
b. 28, f. 329	Unidentified, <i>The Chindit</i>	1956 June
b. 28, f. 330	Unidentified, "Missing Parachutists"	After 1945

Series III: Personal Papers and Photographs, 1909-1971*2.29 linear feet (6 boxes)*

The series contains personal papers, such as financial records, notebooks, clippings, and photographs, which document the Sykes family between 1909 and 1971. The series also contains material documenting Camilla Russell Sykes's family.

The series is organized into three subseries: Financial Records, Other Papers, and Photographs.

Financial and Legal Records		
b. 29, f. 331-336	Insurance	1941-1971
b. 29, f. 337	Royalties and bills	1938-1945, 1969
Other Papers		
b. 30, f. 338-340	Class notes	undated
b. 30, f. 341-342	Sketchbooks	undated
	"East Africa Force Campaign: Supplementary Report" Stored in: Oversize box 35, folder 424	1941
b. 30, f. 343	List of plants at Sykes's home Shute House	undated
b. 30, f. 344-346	Clippings of articles about the Sykes family Also stored in: Box 36, folder 425	1935-1957
b. 30, f. 347	Brochures and invitations	1955-1976
b. 30, f. 348-349	Material relating to Thomas Wentworth Russell Also stored in: Oversize Broadside, folder 418 Includes interview with Camilla Sykes, silhouettes of Russell family members, and material relating to Russell's funeral such as programs and a sketch for a memorial monument	1914, 1954, undated
b. 30, f. 350	Musical scores including manuscript of Norman Kay's "The Sailor's Wife" and printed version of Ronald Jamieson's "In a Golden Coach" See also: Oversize box 35, folder 427	1952, undated
	Advertisement from Basilisk Press for reprint of <i>The Kelmscott Chaucer</i> Stored in: Oversize box 35, folder 426	undated
Photographs		
b. 31, f. 351-354	Camilla Sykes as child and Russell family Also stored in: Oversize box 35, folder 428	1909-1912, undated
b. 31, f. 355	Camilla Sykes as young woman and Sykes wedding	circa 1936
b. 31, f. 356-363	Sykes family and friends at Donhead Hall and Radbrock	undated
b. 31, f. 364-371	Sykes family and friends Includes photograph of Sykes with King George VI, Queen Elizabeth (Queen Mother), and Princess Elizabeth (Queen Elizabeth II)	circa 1930s - 1972, undated
b. 32, f. 372-388	Sykes family and unidentified home and pet cat	undated

Photographs (continued)

b. 32, f. 389-392	Sykes family and unidentified homes (possibly one in Dorset) and at horse show	undated
b. 33, f. 393	Holy Week in Seville, Spain	undated
b. 33, f. 394-403	Travels in England, France, and Spain	undated
b. 33, f. 404-407	Sykes visit to Mottisfont, Seaford, and Badlingham	1948
b. 34, f. 408-409	Travels in Syria	undated
b. 34, f. 410	Travels in Israel	undated
b. 34, f. 411-413	Unidentified	undated

Oversize*3.67 linear feet (2 boxes)*

b. 36, f. 414	<i>Crossroads to Israel</i> , clippings on Israel (Series II)	1963
b. 36, f. 415	<i>Crossroads to Israel</i> , reviews (Series II)	1965
b. 36, f. 416	<i>Evelyn Waugh: A Biography</i> , reviews (Series II)	1975-1976
b. Oversize Bsd, folder 417	<i>Nancy: The Life of Lady Astor</i> , galley proofs, corrected (Series II)	circa 1972
b. Oversize Bsd, folder 418	<i>Orde Wingate</i> , maps of India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Indo-China, Eritrea, Somalia, and Ethiopia (Series II)	1953-1955
b. Oversize Bsd, folder 419	<i>Orde Wingate</i> , Garrison Map of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (Series II)	1931
b. 36, f. 420	<i>Orde Wingate</i> , reviews (Series II)	1959
b. 36, f. 421	<i>Wassmuss: The German Lawrence</i> , reviews (Series II)	1936
b. 36, f. 422	"The Mystery Parcel", draft, typescript carbon, corrected and published version (Series II)	1955 June 30, undated
b. 36, f. 422	"A People of Poetry, Not Prose", printed version (Series II)	1959 May 5
b. 36, f. 422	"Remembering the Duke", printed version (Series II)	1952 September 12
b. 36, f. 423	Radio Scripts, publicity and reviews (Series II)	1948-1952
b. 36, f. 422	Book reviews, drafts, typescript and typescript carbon, corrected and printed versions (Series II)	1951-1966, undated
b. 36, f. 422	Letters to the editor (Series II)	1939-1952
b. 35, f. 424	"East Africa Force Campaign: Supplementary Report" (Series III)	1941
b. 36, f. 425	Clippings of articles about the Sykes family (Series III)	1935-1957
b. Oversize Bsd, folder 418	Material relating to Thomas Wentworth Russell (Series III)	1914, 1954, undated
b. 35, f. 427	Musical scores including manuscript of Norman Kay's "The Sailor's Wife" and printed version of Ronald Jamieson's "In a Golden Coach" (Series III)	1953, undated
b. 35, f. 426	Advertisement from Basilisk Press for reprint of <i>The Kelmscott Chaucer</i> (Series III)	undated
b. 35, f. 428	Camilla Russell as child and Russell family (Series III)	1909-1912, undated

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Series IV: July 2021 Acquisition, 1930–1969*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

This acquisition consists of correspondence, including from Christopher Sykes to Camilla Sykes and from Robert Byron to Christopher Sykes, writings, and sketches.

Gift of Dorothy M. Hurt, 2021.

b. 38	Answer to Question 33, by Christopher Sykes, proof Heavily corrected proof, with pasted-in typescript clippings.	1948
b. 38	More than a Crime, by Christopher Sykes Original autograph manuscript with heavy revisions.	undated
b. 38	Air Mail Air Letter - Sykes, Camilla to Christopher Sykes	1969 November 11
	Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Contains letters to his wife, Camilla Sykes, with related writings and sketches.	1935-1939 February 3
b. 38	Sledmere - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	circa 1936
b. 38	Baghdad - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	[?] November 29
b. 38	Tehran - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	[?] December 6
b. 38	Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Letter is written on the dust jacket of the book "Dwight Morrow," by Harold Nicolson, London: Constable & Co. Ltd (1935). The book is not present.	circa 1936
b. 38	In the Puff-Puff - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Letter is written on the dust jacket of the book "My Confessional: Questions Of Our Day," by Havelock Ellis, London: Bodley Head (1934). The book is not present.	circa 1936
b. 38	Sledmere - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Letter is written on the dust jacket of the book "Selected Essays," by Edmund Gosse, The Travellers' Library, no. 73, London: W. Heinemann (1929). The book is not present.	circa 1935
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	1939 February 3
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	circa 1935
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	"My Dear Friend," handwritten note Note written on a scrap of paper from a dust jacket. The book is from The Phoenix Library, published by Chatto & Windus (circa 1936). The book is not present.	circa 1936
b. 38	Marlborough Club, Pall Mall - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	circa 1935
b. 38	Marlborough Club, Pall Mall - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated

Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes (continued)

b. 38	Windsor Palace, Alexandria, Egypt - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Contains handwritten pencil note from Camilla Sykes to Christopher Sykes on reverse.	undated
b. 38	Marlborough Club, Pall Mall - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	1936 January 6
b. 38	13, Belgrave Square - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Written from Cairo, Egypt.	[?] February 29
b. 38	Marlborough Club, Pall Mall - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Letter mentions Don Giovanni, performed at the Glyndebourne Opera House, East Sussex, on 26 June 1936.	1936 May
b. 38	Athens - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	1936 May 2
b. 38	Athens - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	1936 May 5
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	circa 1935
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	1935 December 31
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	circa 1935
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	circa 1935
b. 38	Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	1936 January 13
b. 38	22, Sharia Ibn Zanki, Zamalek, Ghezireh, Cairo - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	Halkin House - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes	undated
b. 38	28 Chester Terrace, Regent's Park - Sykes, Christopher to Camilla Sykes Letter written in the style of a rebus.	undated
b. 38	"Souls," poem by Christopher Sykes Written on the back of a menu for the Restaurant "Les Trianons," Paris, France.	1935 April 29
	Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes Contains letters to Christopher Sykes, with related notes and material, from the period of Robert Byron's journeys throughout the Middle East, Afghanistan and India.	1930-1940 March 21
b. 38	Ispahan, Persia - Shirazi, Jamshid to Christopher Sykes Contains handwritten note on the envelope.	1933 November 22
b. 38	Note from the period of the Oxiana trip Written in the Perisan language.	1936 October 7

Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes (continued)

b. 38	Note from the period of the Oxiana trip Written in the Persian language.	undated
b. 38	Note from the period of the Oxiana trip Written in the Persian language. English note in pen on the reserve.	undated
b. 38	Postcard - Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes Postcard contains image of Robert Byron in Persian garb.	circa 1930s
b. 38	Tsui Hua Hutung 8, East City, Peiping - Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes	1936 February 19
b. 38	64, St. James's St. - Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes	1939 September 14
b. 38	1 Swan Walk - Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes	1939 September 13
b. 38	1 Swan Walk - Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes	1938 June 19
b. 38	1 Swan Walk - Byron, Robert to Christopher Sykes	1940 March 21
b. 38	Grand Hotel, Teheran - Shirazi, Jamshid to Christopher Sykes Contains a handwritten note from Robert Byron on the envelope.	1933 November 7
b. 38	90 Eaton Terrace - Sykes, Christopher to Mr. Lakin	1947 January 15
b. 38	Ibstone House, Ibstone - West, Rebecca to Christopher Sykes	1947 February 15
b. 38	Williams, E. T. and Christopher Sykes correspondence Contains three letters, as well as a draft regarding the notice for Robert Byron within the 1941-1950 Supplement of the Dictionary of National Biography.	1955 November

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Antrim, Angela, 1911-
Astor, David, Hon., 1912-2001
Astor, John Jacob, 1886-1971
Berlin, Isaiah, 1909-1997
Byron, Robert, 1905-1941
Compton-Burnett, I. (Ivy), 1884-1969
Cunningham, Alan, Sir
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965
Fergusson, Bernard, 1911-1980
Fulford, Roger, 1902-1983
Haig, Douglas Haig, Earl, 1861-1928
Jacob, Ian, Sir, 1899-
Kirby, S. Woodburn (Stanley Woodburn), 1895-
Kurtz, Harold
Liddell Hart, Basil Henry, Sir, 1895-1970
Magnus, Philip, Sir (Philip Montefiore), 1906-
Nicolson, Harold, 1886-1968
Roth, Cecil, 1899-1970
Russell, Thomas Wentworth, 1879-1954
Sandford, Daniel Arthur, 1882-1972
Sieff, Rebecca, 1890-1966

Speaight, Robert, 1904-1976
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Sykes, Christopher, 1907-1986
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