Papers of John Hope Simpson (1868 - 1961)

Introduction

Biographical note


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List of the papers

1. Indian Civil Service, 1897-1916
   - Diary extracts; printed reports; correspondence relating to JHS's work in I.C.S.; Record of Service.

2. 1917-1925
   - Material relating to JHS's work as Private Secretary to Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour, 1917.
   - Correspondence relating to Taunton Election, 15 November 1922, at which JHS was elected Liberal M.P.
   - Correspondence, typescripts and printed material on India Colonies Committee, of which JHS was Chairman.

3. Greece, 1925-1930
   - Correspondence and printed reports on JHS' work as Vice-President of Refugee Settlement Commission.

4. Palestine, 1930
   i. Papers concerning JHS's commission to report on Land Settlement in Palestine (2 files) FILES CLOSED.
   ii. Typescript copy of report to Secretary of State for the Colonies (Lord Passfield) on Arab-Jewish relations since 1915, 17 January 1930. FILES CLOSED.
      - Appendix , containing maps.
   vii. Letters from JHS to QHS, 1930.
5. Palestine, 1944
   i. Printed material, typescript copies of articles, correspondence relating to articles by JHS in The Fortnightly, July 1944, and International Affairs, January 1945, on the Jews and Palestine.
   ii. Letters to JHS concerning correspondence in The Times about Jews and Arabs in Palestine.
   iii. UN Special Committee on Palestine. Report to General Assembly. Vol.II. Annexe, maps etc. 1947.

6. China, 1931-1933
   i. Official correspondence; photographs; galley proofs of article on Chinese National Flood Relief Commission, of which JHS was Director General, including material on Japanese bombing of Flood Refugee camp, Feb. 1932.
   ii. Family letters, 1931-2, 1932-3 (2 files)
   iii. Letters to Betty HS, 1931-2.

7. Newfoundland, 1934-1936
   i. Printed material, including Annual Reports of Commission of Government, 1934 and 1936; ALS from Sidney Webb, 11 July 1934; TLD from Baden Powell, 8 June 1935; TLS from Ramsey Macdonald, 7 Oct. 1934.
   ii. Letters to Edgar and Eleanor HS, 1934.
   iii. Family letters, June 1934-April 1935.
   vi. Letters to Betty HS, 1934-6.

   Correspondence, mainly official, on Jewish/Palestinian question, and refugee problems. JHS was Director, Refugee Survey, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1936-8. (2 files)

9. Family correspondence, 1941-1961
   Letters to Betty HS (2 files)

10. Printed material, documents
    ii. Passports etc.

11. Biography

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