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Preface

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Introduction

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Charles Frederick Ryder

(1879 - 1960)

1905-1907	Surveyor, Survey Department
1907-1909	Land Settlement Officer, Berber
1909-1914	Judicial Inspector, Legal Department, Berber Province
1914-1916	2nd Inspector. Port Sudan, Kassala Province
1916-1924	Province Judge, Cairo
1924-1931	Assistant Sudan Agent, Cairo
1931-1933	Sudan Agent, Cairo

Accession details

Presented by Mr Ryder, 1960

Arrangement

1. Personal Papers
2. Photographic Material

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* .
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1. Personal Papers

SAD.401/4/1-12 1959 Jul 4-Nov 23
Correspondence between Ryder and the War Office, the Public Record Office and a number of Sudan Government staff concerning the location of the wrecked steamer *Abbas* which was sunk during Colonel Stewart's failed attempt to reach Cairo from the besieged Khartoum in 1884. Enclosed with the letters are a copy of a War Office map dated December 1884 showing the site of Stewart's murder and the wrecked steamer (SAD.401/4/5) and relevant extracts from *Gordon and the Sudan* by Bernard M. Allen (SAD.401/4/9-10) and *Kitchener - portrait of an imperialist* by Philip Magnus (SAD.401/4/11)

SAD.400/8/1-25 [ca. 1950s]
Extract from typescript copy of Ryder's memoirs, covering his service in the Sudan, with descriptions of the offer of a position in the Survey Department by H.D. Pearson (SAD.400/8/1); journey out to Khartoum via Cairo and Wadi Halfa (SAD.400/8/1-3); summary of recent Sudanese history (SAD.400/8/3-6); early experiences in Khartoum, learning the work of a surveyor (SAD.400/8/7); survey work in Berber Province, initially under C.W.L. Crompton (SAD.400/8/7-9); geography of Berber Province (SAD.400/8/9); life on a *quyasah* at Kabushiya (SAD.400/8/9-10); sites of antiquities (SAD.400/8/11); visit to the Deputy Governor, Burgess, at Ed Damer (SAD.400/8/11); first period of leave (SAD.400/8/12); cotton growing at Zeidab (SAD.400/8/12-13); transfer to the Legal Department as Settlement Officer for Berber with detailed description of the work involved (SAD.400/8/13-16); dispute over land at Shendi, previously settled by Judge Kershaw (SAD.400/8/16); the wreck of Colonel Stewart's steamer, *Abbas* (SAD.400/8/17); work in charge of the Civil Court in Berber Province as Judicial Inspector, based at Ed Damer (SAD.400/8/19-20); called to the Bar, 1911 (SAD.400/8/20); criticism of the Governor (SAD.400/8/20-21); work of the courts (SAD.400/8/21-22); transfer to Port Sudan (SAD.400/8/22-23); outbreak of war (SAD.400/8/23); supply of Egyptian cotton to enemy countries (SAD.400/8/24); transfer to Cairo as legal adviser to a special intelligence bureau (SAD.400/8/25)

2. Photographic Material

SAD.8/52/1-33 [ca. 1905-1907]
Photographs taken during Ryder's service as Surveyor in Berber Province:

SAD.8/52/1 [ca. 1905-1907]
Quyasah used by C. F. Ryder during his service with the Survey Department, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/2 [ca. 1905-1907]
Felucca used by C. F. Ryder during his service with the Survey Department, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/3 [ca. 1905-1907]
Nuqur used by C. F. Ryder during his service with the Survey Department, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/4 [ca. 1905-1907]
Nuqur used by C. F. Ryder during his service with the Survey Department, moored on the Nile, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/5 [ca. 1905-1907]
Survey workers using a plane table, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/6 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder checking a survey worker's calculations using a plane table, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/7 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder checking a survey worker's calculations using a plane table, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/8 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder and survey workers conducting traverse work, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/9 [ca. 1905-1907]
Policeman standing next to a surveyor's flag stuck in a mud pillar to demarcate a local land boundary, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/10 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder watching a local man building a mud pillar in order to demarcate a land boundary, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/11 [ca. 1905-1907]
Ra'is of C. F. Ryder's *felucca* standing by thick scrub during boundary-making work, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/12 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder standing in thick scrub during boundary-making work, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/13 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder standing in a field of tall *dhurah* during boundary-making work, Berber Province

SAD.8/52/14 [ca. 1905-1907]
Statue of a ram partially buried in the ruins of the sun temple, near Jabal Barkal

SAD.8/52/15 [ca. 1905-1907]
C. F. Ryder's staff excavating a statue of a ram in the ruins of the sun temple, near Jabal Barkal

SAD.8/52/16	[ca. 1905-1907] C. F. Ryder's staff cleaning a statue of a ram after excavating it from the ruins of the sun temple, near Jabal Barkal
SAD.8/52/17	[ca. 1905-1907] Statue of a ram in the ruins of the sun temple, near Jabal Barkal
SAD.8/52/18	[ca. 1905-1907] Remains of statues in the ruins of the sun temple, near Jabal Barkal
SAD.8/52/19	[ca. 1905-1907] *Tukl* in a village, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/20	[ca. 1905-1907] Mud huts in a village, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/21-22	[ca. 1905-1907] Tents pitched under palm trees at a survey camp, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/23	[ca. 1905-1907] C. F. Ryder and four Egyptian survey overseers, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/24	[ca. 1905-1907] Three young Sudanese survey workers, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/25	[ca. 1905-1907] C. F. Ryder with a survey staff group, including overseers, plane table boys, chainmen and croquis men, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/26	[ca. 1905-1907] Pay day at a survey camp, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/27	[ca. 1905-1907] C. F. Ryder's servants and baggage at Kabushiya railway station
SAD.8/52/28	[ca. 1905-1907] *Saqiyah*, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/29	[ca. 1905-1907] Local *'umdah* and *shaykh* standing outside the main tent at a survey camp, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/30	[ca. 1905-1907] Two boys on a raised wood platform scaring birds away from crops, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/31	[ca. 1905-1907] Steamer, the *Tahra*, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/32	[ca. 1905-1907] Snake charmer, Berber Province
SAD.8/52/33	[ca. 1905-1907] C. F. Ryder's messenger, Muhammad, waiting on a bank of the Nile for the arrival of the mail steamer in order to deposit outgoing mail and collect incoming mail, Berber Province