



HATFIELD HOUSE ARCHIVES

COLLECTION LEVEL DESCRIPTION

IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference code:	EHGC
Title:	Papers of Lord Edward Herbert Gascoyne Cecil (1867-1918)
Dates:	ca. 1885-1919
Level of description:	Item level
Extent:	2 boxes and 3 volumes

CONTEXT

Biographical history: Colonel Lord Edward Herbert Gascoyne Cecil (1867-1918) was the 4th son of the 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, Robert Gascoyne Cecil and his wife, Georgina, Marchioness of Salisbury, née Alderson. He began his career in the army and became a Second Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards in 1887, serving four years in the regiment before being promoted to First Lieutenant and appointed to the staff of Field Marshal Garnet Wolseley. He served in Abyssinia, Sudan and South Africa, achieving the DSO (Distinguished Service Order) in 1898 and then became an imperial administrator (Egypt: Under-Secretary of State for War, 1906, and Finance, 1907-1913), being awarded the KCMG in 1913. The *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* declares him to be an “important figure in Anglo-Egyptian history”. His book, *The Leisure of an Egyptian Official* was published posthumously in 1921. He married Violet Georgina Maxse in 1894 and they had two children, George, who was killed in action aged 18 in 1914, and Helen, later Baroness Hardinge of Penhurst.

Archival history: Unknown

Acquisition: Unknown

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and content: The collection consists of material relating to South African and the Boer War; a small quantity relating to Egypt and the Sudan, and some Cecil family letters. Includes a complete run of the *Mafeking Mail*, November 1899-March 1900 and two volumes of official documents, including orders, proclamations, court processes and advertisements for social events, and a small collection of Mafeking stamps.

Arrangement: None (uncatalogued)

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: By appointment. See Hatfield House website for details

Language: English

Finding aid: Box list available in the Archives Office. Full catalogue to be produced by July 2019.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Correspondence and Papers (1885-1918)

Oxford University: Bodleian Library, Western Manuscripts
Ref. MS Violet Milner (NRA 20659 Milner)

Miscellaneous correspondence and orders (1899-1900)

British Library, Manuscript Collections
Ref. Add MSS 46848-55

Letters from Lady Hardinge and drafts of literary works (c. 1907-18)

Privately held collection, enquiries to National Archives, Archives Sector
Development
Ref. II/IX (NRA 5379 Hardinge)

Correspondence between Lord Edward Cecil and Lord Hardinge (1916-1918)

Cambridge University Library, Department of Manuscripts and University
Archives
Ref. GB 012 MS. Hardinge (NRA 3853)

Correspondence between Lord Edward Cecil and Lady Selborne (1899-1918)

Oxford University: Bodleian Library, Western Manuscripts
Ref. Selborne Papers (NRA 22802)

Correspondence between Lord Edward Cecil and Sir Reginald Wingate
(1901-1915)

Durham University Library, Special Collections
Ref. Wingate Papers (NRA 40748 Wingate)