

A2142 V.R. Sargent

V.R. Sargent was born in the Cape in 1909. However, the family returned to England shortly after he was born because of illhealth suffered by Mrs. Sargent. After the end of the first World War, V. R. Sargent had a long connection with the army in the U.K. and ended up in the officers training corp. He passed his exams, which entitled him to be commissioned in any British army unit. In 1928 he returned to South Africa. In 1930 he went to Rhodesia to the mining districts of Ndola and Broken Hill. During the Second World War he was seconded from the South African Airforce to the position of Empire Training command in the Royal Airforce.

He spent most of his working life on the mines in South Africa. He retired as a shift boss. In latter years he was employed at the S.A.R.C. as a painter, where he met a lot of personalities. He was a great family man.

This collection consists mainly of personal diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks of holidays, proposed publications and commentaries. This collection includes 460 items.

Classification

- A Photographs
(Loose) family snapshots.

- B Diaries (personal) 60 items
 - B1.1. 1920 - 1930
 - B1.2. 1929 - 1930
 - B1.3. 1930 - 1931
 - B1.4. 1946 - 1952
 - B1.5. 1953 - 1957
 - B1.6. 1958 - 1961
 - B1.7. 1962 - 1963
 - B1.8. 1964
 - B1.9. 1965
 - 1966 - 1986

- C. Notebooks 50 items
 - C1.1. 1928 - 1950
 - C1.2. 1950 - 1973
 - C1.3. 1920 - 1980

- D. Correspondence 62 items
1927 ? 1976 (loose letters, business, etc.)

- E. Press clippings 40 items
1923 - 1969 (scrapbook of newspaper clippings)

- F. Miscellaneous 50 items
Brochures of holiday resorts, maps etc.
Shift bosses wallet (2 boxes)

- G. Scrapbooks (holidays) 2 items
 - G1.1 Long leave 1961 ? 1962
 - G1.2 Rhodesia 1930

- H. Publications 2 items
 - H1.1 Material collected for a proposed future publication on the theory of 'independence' as postulated by V.R. Sargent.
 - H1.2 Commentaries
e.g. on Rev. M. Sithole, C. Jung 1975 ? 1976