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Smith**

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## Preface

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Smith, Edward James and Emma Ann

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*Dates of creation:* 1857-1859

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*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

*Creator:* Smith, Edward James and Emma Ann

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### Edward James Smith and Emma Ann Smith

E.J. Smith was employed in the Posts and Telegraphs Department of the Turkish government in the 1850s. He lived with his wife Emma at Kadikoy.

### Accession details

Presented by R.S. Boumphrey, 1963

### Arrangement

1. Personal Papers
2. Diary

### Form of citation

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The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number* .

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

## 1. Personal Papers

SAD.104/9/29-42 1857 Apr 18-1858 Mar 24

Letters home from Emma Ann Smith to her younger sister and her husband, copied from the originals by R.S. Boumphrey:

SAD.104/9/29-31 [1857] Apr 18

Copy letter from Emma Smith to her sister and brother-in-law from Constantinople [Istanbul] concerning the decision by her and her husband to take a house at Kadekui [Kadikoy], describing the accommodation, the Italian family who would be their closest neighbours, and a ride through the Valley of Sweet Waters where they encountered numerous Turkish women and children

SAD.104/9/32-35 [1857] Jul 26

Copy letter from Emma Smith to her sister and brother-in-law from [Kadikoy] describing her husband's interview with Ahmed Bey of the Customs House about funds to establish post offices along the Bosphorus, his visit to Therapia [Tarabya] to see Lord Stratford, British Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, day trip with the Robertsons to Fanaraki, description of the village of Urankoi, problems with mosquitoes and Edward Smith's interview with Lord Stratford

SAD.104/9/36-42 1858 Mar 24

Copy letter from Emma Smith to her younger sister, written at sea in the Bay of Biscay on a return trip from England to Turkey, describing their cabins, most of their party suffering from sea sickness, fellow passengers, the planned route via Gibraltar, Malta and Smyrna and life on board

SAD.104/9/43-51 1857 Jun 14-[1859] Jul 1

Letters home from Edward Smith to his brother John Peter George Smith [George] from Kadikoy, copied from the original by R.S. Boumphrey:

SAD.104/9/43-47 1857 Jun 14

Copy letter from Edward Smith at Kadikoy to his brother George describing his work for the Post Office, the arrival of a new English Postmaster, new additions to the English community, attempts to set up a cricket club, requests for items of food to be sent out, the state of his health, plans for the education of their children, concerns about a flirtation between his servants and taking on church services in the absence of a Pastor

SAD.104/9/48-49 1859 Jun 28

Copy letter from Edward Smith at Kadikoy to his brother George concerning personal financial matters, his hopes of being reinstated in his job with the Turkish Government, and the gunboat [H.M.S.] "Wanderer" anchored off Kadekoy and his admiration for the ship's Commander

SAD.104/9/50-51 [1859] Jul 1

Copy letter from Edward Smith at Kadekoy to his brother George concerning his hopes for reinstatement in his employment, his daughter's request for archery equipment, political developments

in Turkey, his admiration for Lord Elgin, description of the local means of harvesting grain and the elopement of one of the Sultan's wives

## 2. Diary

SAD.104/9/1-28 1857 Oct 30  
 Letter from Emma Ann Smith to her brother B[ernhard], rewritten from her journal at Kadekui [Kadikoy], a suburb of Istanbul in Turkey on 30 October 1857 and covering a trip into the interior, 17-30 October. Copied from the original manuscript by the donor, R.S. Boumphrey. The journal describes in some detail the equipment and provisions taken with them (SAD.104/9/1); fellow passengers on the ferry to Moudania [Mudanya] on the Gulf of Gemlik (SAD.104/9/1v-2); arrival at Mudanya and journey on horseback to Broussa [Bursa] (SAD.104/9/2v-5); meeting with Mr Sandison, the English Consul (SAD.104/9/5-5v); climbing Mount Olympus (SAD.104/9/5v-7v); dinner with Mr Sandison and Dr and Mrs Temple (SAD.104/9/8); visit to the Pasha's mansion to make arrangements for a trip to Iznik [Iznik] (SAD.104/9/8v-9); account by an Englishman, Mr Buck, of the difficulties of farming in Turkey (SAD.104/9/9-9v); discussion with a Greek guest at the hotel on British foreign policy (SAD.104/9/9v-10); trip to Iznik, spending the night at an Armenian merchant's house at Yenischere [Yeniceri] and visiting his silk works (SAD.104/9/10-15); description of Iznik, including a visit to the local Kaimakam, accommodation with a Greek family, exploring local churches and Roman ruins (SAD.104/9/15v-18v); visit to an ancient sarcophagus near Iznik (SAD.104/9/19-20); listening to the Kaimakam settling disputes in the local council (SAD.104/9/20-20v); travel from Iznik to Kara Mursal [Karamursel], stopping en route at the house of a priest (SAD.104/9/21v-27v); ferry crossing back to Kadikoy (SAD.104/9/27v-28)