

P/POW	<p>Fonds</p> <p>Title: <i>Powell/Frost family papers</i></p> <p>Extent: 17 items</p> <p>Description: A series of records deposited by Ms Margaret Powell relating to the history of her family who lived in Poplar in the first half of the 20th century. The records consist of material about her parents and grandparents, including: correspondence; photographs; references; reports; certificates; receipts and other published material.</p> <p>The records include material relating to Ms Powell's maternal grandfather, Herbert Frost, and his late conscription during the First World War, his death in November 1918 and the impact of this event on the family he left behind. A particularly poignant letter survives and forms part of this collection. This letter is from Herbert Frost's eldest daughter, Millicent (Ms Powell's aunt) to her father on the anticipation of his return from the war. Tragically, the letter never reached him and was duly returned, as Herbert had died 9 days before it was written.</p> <p>The collection also includes records relating to Ms Powell's paternal grandparents' burials and records relating to her parents, such as, education and employment related material.</p> <p>Admin History: Ms Powell's maternal grandfather, Herbert Frost was married to Jessie Frost, they had six children. Their youngest child, Doris, born in April 1918, was Ms Powell's mother. In 1918 the family were living in Wallwood Street, Poplar.</p> <p>Herbert was a lodge porter at the nearby Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, in Devons Road. He was conscripted during the First World War, however, this was at a relatively late stage (May 1918) because of his work as a hospital porter and special constable. Doris' siblings were Millicent (1907-1926); Robert; Arthur; Herbert and Stanley. She attended the nearby Thomas Street School where she first met her future husband, Charles Powell. Subsequently Doris worked for Adam & Lane & Neeve Ltd, canvas merchants and sail makers, of</p>	1918-1947
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	<p>Falcon Works, Copperfield Road. During the Second World War she was called up to join the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) which she served in from 1942-1945. After the war ended in 1945 she returned to London and married Charles Powell. In 1946 they moved into a newly-built house in Wanstead, which remained the family home until Doris died in 2004.</p> <p>Ms Powell's paternal grandparents (Charles Powell's parents) were Amelia and Charles Douglas. Charles Douglas was a teacher and (according to his son's recollections) he taught at the Barnado's Ragged School in Mile End at one time. Charles Powell attended Thomas Street School where he gained a scholarship to Coopers Company's School, Tredegar Square, Bow.</p> <p>Request: NO - This does not represent a physical document. Please click on the reference number and view list of records to find material available to order at file or item level.</p>	
P/POW/1	<p>Series</p> <p>Title: <i>Records relating to the Frost Family</i></p> <p>Extent: 11 items</p> <p>Request: NO - This does not represent a physical document. Please click on the reference number and view list of records to find material available to order at file or item level.</p>	1918-1947
P/POW/1/1	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Employee Reference Letter for Herbert Frost from Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 letter</p> <p>Description: One page employee reference for Herbert Frost dated 16 May 1918 and written by Charles Spurrell, Medical Superintendent of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Devons Road, Bromley-by-Bow. The letter relates to the delayed enlistment of Herbert in the First World War and is a glowing reference for</p>	16 May 1918

	<p>Mr Frost, testifying to his long service with the Asylum (18 years) and his eagerness to enlist in the war. It explains that although it was not possible for him to enlist (as Herbert was required in his post), he proceeded to make a valid contribution to the war effort by joining the special constables, where his efforts were recognised and rewarded through a promotion to the rank of sub-divisional inspector.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
P/POW/1/2	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Letter from Millicent Frost to Herbert Frost</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 letter</p> <p>Description: Four page letter from 11 year old Millicent Frost to her father, Herbert Frost. The letter is sent from Millicent's home in 15 Wallwood Street, Poplar, to her father in France, where he was serving during the First World War. Millicent writes to her father on topics such as recent events she has attended (e.g. the Lord Mayor's Show, a school trip to a production of Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'); the reaching of peace terms; her father's homecoming and other local news. The letter was returned as Herbert Frost was already dead by this point, he died in France on 1 November 1918.</p> <p>Millicent's letter is very touching, with a lightness, hope, humour and innocence which is made all the more tragic by her unawareness of the death of her father; he will never read her words or return from war to be reunited with his loving family.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	10 November 1918
P/POW/1/3	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Memo from Thomas Street School to Mrs Jessie Frost</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 letter</p>	25 November 1918

	<p>Description: One page (double-sided) memorandum from E L Smith of Thomas Street School, to Mrs Jessie Frost. The memo contains a short but heartfelt message of sympathy to Mrs Frost, passing on the school's condolences and offering her support following the death of her husband Herbert.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
P/POW/1/4	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Ephemera from the Grand Variety Concert in aid of the Herbert Frost Fund, held at The People's Palace, 30 January 1919</i></p> <p>Extent: 2 publications</p> <p>Description: Flyer and programme for the benefit concert held at People's Palace, Mile End Road, on 30 January 1919.</p> <p>Described as follows on the cover of the programme: 'Concert under the auspices of the National Sunday League and K Division Metropolitan Special Constabulary in aid of the Herbert Frost Fund: For the widow and dependents of the late Sub Inspector H. C. Frost, killed in action in France 1st Nov 1918'</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	January 1919
P/POW/1/5	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Photographs of Street Parties in Poplar, celebrating peace after the First World War</i></p> <p>Extent: 2 photographs</p> <p>Description: Two black and white photographs of street parties in Poplar, 1919, most likely of Wallwood street or other streets nearby. One of the photographs is on a postcard, the other photograph is identified on the reverse as a 'Peace Party 1919'.</p>	1919

	<p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
P/POW/1/6	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Thomas Street School Class Photographs</i></p> <p>Extent: 4 photographs</p> <p>Description: Four class photographs, three on postcards and one print. The images are of Class 4 and Class VIII (Class 8) of Thomas Street L.C.C. School, Limehouse.</p> <p>Doris Frost features in the photographs of Class 4, where she is kneeling at the far left of the second row from the front.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	c. 1928-1930
P/POW/1/7	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Girl Guide Group Photographs</i></p> <p>Extent: 2 photographs</p> <p>Description: Two group photographs of a Girl Guide company c. 1930s on postcards. The photographs are taken outdoors, in one of the images the girls are seated on a grassy bank in what appears to be a rural setting, in the other the girls have a more formal pose and are wearing hats, they are in an urban setting, with housing and factory buildings in the background.</p> <p>Doris Frost was a keen girl guide and the photographs are therefore likely to relate to her membership of The Guides, although her daughter, Ms Powell cannot identify her specifically within these particular images.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1930s

P/POW/1/8	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Correspondence from Adam & Lane & Neeve Ltd to Doris Frost/Powell</i></p> <p>Extent: 2 letters</p> <p>Description: correspondence to Doris from her employers, Adam & Lane & Neeve Ltd (Falcon Works, Copperfield Road), as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to Doris dated 29 October 1942 from an E. S. (?) Meredith wishing her well in her new post in the war; - Cover letter/note dated 6th June 1947. This a typed note reading 'A token of our esteem, with every good wish for your future happiness' with a list of names underneath. The latter most likely was given to Doris when she left the company, perhaps accompanying a leaving gift. <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1942-1947
P/POW/1/9	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Photograph of Herbert Frost in Army Uniform</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 photograph</p> <p>Description: Digital copy (scan) of a photograph of Herbert Frost in military uniform.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1918
P/POW/1/10	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Photograph of Jessie Frost and Family</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 photograph</p>	1918

	<p>Description: Digital copy (scan) of a photograph of Jessie Frost and family, taken outside, most likely in the summer of 1918.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
P/POW/1/11	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Condolence Letter to Mrs Frost from Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 letter</p> <p>Description: One page letter of sympathy from Sydney G. Wright (on behalf of Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Devons Road) to Mrs Jessie Frost, following the death of her husband. Mr Herbert C. Frost was killed while serving in the British Army in France during the First World War.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	18 December 1918
P/POW/2	<p>Series</p> <p>Title: <i>Records relating to the Powell Family</i></p> <p>Extent: 6 items</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>Request: NO - This does not represent a physical document. Please click on the reference number and view list of records to find material available to order at file or item level.</p>	1928-1936
P/POW/2/1	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Tower Hamlets Cemetery Burial records for Amelia and Charles Douglas</i></p> <p>Extent: 2 documents</p>	1928-1936

	<p>Description: Receipts relating to the burials of Amelia Douglas on 17 December 1928 and Charles E Douglas on 9 October 1936.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
P/POW/2/2	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Charles Powell's School Reports and Reference from Thomas Street L.C.C. Mixed School, Limehouse</i></p> <p>Extent: 4 documents</p> <p>Description: Three school reports for Charles Powell from Thomas Street L.C.C. Mixed School, dated March 1928, March 1929 and March 1930. One character reference for Charles from Jas H Willis, Headmaster of Thomas Street School, dated 24 September 1930. This reference was given as he was leaving the school having gained a scholarship to Coopers' Company's School, Bow.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1928-1930
P/POW/2/3	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Charles Powell's School Reports and Certificates from the Coopers' Company's School, Bow</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 bundle of documents</p> <p>Description: Bundle of 24 school records for Charles Powell relating to his time at The Coopers' Company's School, Tredegar Square, Bow E.3. This material consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21 school reports, 1930-1937 - 2 references dated 26 February 1937; - University of London General School Examination School Certificate, 1937. 	1930-1937

	<p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
P/POW/2/4	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Group photograph of The Coopers' Company's School Rugby Team, 1935-6</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 photograph</p> <p>Description: Black and white mounted photograph.</p> <p>Charles Powell features in this photograph, sitting to the right of the rugby player who is holding the ball.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1935-1936
P/POW/2/5	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Group photograph of The Coopers' Company's School Cricket Team</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 photograph</p> <p>Description: Black and White mounted photograph, thought to date from the same period as the photograph of The Coopers' Company's School Rugby Team (ref: P/POW/2/4).</p> <p>Charles Powell and one of his friends, Harold Andrews, feature in this photograph. Charles is sitting second right in the back row and Harold is situated two persons away from him (third left).</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	c. 1936
P/POW/2/6	<p>Item</p> <p>Title: <i>Group photograph of The Coopers' Company's School Dinner</i></p>	1936

	<p>Extent: 1 photograph</p> <p>Description: Black and white enlarged photograph (rolled) of the school dinner held at the Abercorn Rooms in 1936. The room looks quite grand and attendees are wearing black tie.</p> <p>Charles Powell and two of his friends, Harold Andrews and Peter Steel, feature in this photograph. Harold Andrews is at the head of the table nearest the camera. Down the side of the table to Harold's left (and facing the camera) are Peter Steel and Charles Powell (third and fourth boy respectively).</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
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