

COLLECTION LEVEL	
Ref no	GB3228.76
Collection name / Title	Malik Bakht
Accession number(s)	2018/8
Level of Description	Collection
Collection type	Donated Collection: Complete (fonds)
Date range	1950-2018
Extent	1 box, 828 MB digital material
Name of creator(s)	Yvonne Bakht
Administrative / Biographical history	This archive relates to Abdul Malik Choudhury Bakht, Yvonne Bakht (nee Parker) and the South Asian community in Manchester 1950-1970. For more details see the series introductions for the biographies of Abdul and Yvonne.
Scope and content	The collection is principally made up of photographs and material relating to the Everest restaurant. There is a small amount of material held only in digital format.
Archival history	Collected by Yvonne and donated directly from her
Immediate source of acquisition or transfer	Yvonne Bakht
Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information	Duplicates returned to donor.
Accruals	No further accruals are expected
System of arrangement	Items have been divided into the following series: Abdul Malik Choudhury Bakht Yvonne Bakht (including an oral history) The Blouse Bar Shahi Restaurant, Blackpool Everest Restaurant, Manchester Victoria Park Mosque, Manchester Events Miscellaneous
Access conditions	Open
Conditions governing access (usage)	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room, Manchester Central Library, St. Peters Square, Manchester, M2 5PD. To access this collection please contact: rrarchive@manchester.ac.uk
Conditions governing reproduction (permissions)	For private research and study purposes only
Language/s	English
Physical characteristics and technical requirements	Some items held digitally only. Some conservation work required to separate photographs from backing paper or in one or two cases each other.
Archivist note	Catalogue reviewed and commented on by donor
Rules or conventions	ISAD(G)
Date(s) description created / revised	Jul 2018
Related material	Victoria Park Mosque photographs held by Manchester Local Studies, Manchester Central Library
Key words	Everest Restaurant; Asian Business; Pakistan Society Manchester; Victoria Park Mosque; Pakistan Republic Day; Manchester; Blackpool; Ayub Khan; General Burki; General Yousef; Agha Hilaly; Migration; Catering; Family, Business Enterprises; Bangladesh;

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GB3228.76/1	Series	Abdul Malik Choudhury Bakht	Abdul Malik Choudhury Bakht more frequently known as Malik Bakht was born in Shillong, Assam in 1924. He was the eldest son in a family of six children. During the Second World War he worked as a translator for the Americans. In 1947 he came to the UK to work at the Pakistani High Commission. In 1947 he became a founder and trustee of Victoria Park Mosque, Manchester. Later he became the Seaman's Welfare Office for Cunard. After helping many to establish their own businesses in the UK he decided to set up his own business and began by flock printing ladies stockings. The second venture was a clothes shop, The Blouse Bar. The next business move was into the restaurant trade with the first being Shahi Restaurant in Blackpool and later Everest Restaurant in Manchester. Throughout his life he contributed his experience and time to the community and was always available to help mitigate / translate / solve problems linked with police, airport, courts, prisons or hospitals. As a result he was highly valued by the community which was shown at his funeral in 1977. For more information see the brief biography held at GB3228.76/1/5. For photographs of his wedding see GB3228.76/2/2.	1950-2018	6 items		
GB3228.76/1/1	Item	Photograph of Malik Bakht		c.1950	1 item		
GB3228.76/1/2	Item	Photograph of Malik Bakht	This is a modern copy of the original photograph	n.d. c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/1/3	Item	Photograph of six Land rover ambulances donated by Abdul Bakht and others which were sent to Bangladesh		1969	1 item		

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GB3228.76/1/4	Item	Copy of a letter to Mr A Bakht, Manager, Mere Hall, Birkenhead from a member of the Committee, Thomas and John Brocklebank Limited, Cunard Buildings, Liverpool confirming Mr Bakht's appointment at Mere Hall, 8 Jul 1949	Mr Bakht served as a Seaman's Welfare Officer for Cunard	c.2018	2 items	Held as digital files, originals returned to donator.	
GB3228.76/1/5	Item	A brief biography of Malik Bakht written by his wife Yvonne		2018	1 item		
GB3228.76/2	Series	Mrs Yvonne Bakht (nee) Parker	Yvonne Bakht (nee Parker), born Aug 1937, grew up in the Blackpool area before attending Blackpool Technical College and the Royal College of Art, London. As well as following her own career in textile design she married Malik Bakht in 1959 and supported him in his work, community work and business ventures. During the families stay in East Pakistan Yvonne (using the name Rabaya Malik) helped to set up a design centre and became the first qualified, independent female design consultant working in both East and West Pakistan. The family returned to the UK in 1972 and she resumed her career and support of the families restaurant business. After her husband died she moved to Coventry and helped to set up a new concept of workshop to promote the practice of crafts originating with minority communities in Coventry. In 1983 she returned to the North West and continued to develop her career in the creative arts, education, writing and illustrating. For further information on Yvonne see GB3228.76/2/8.	1957-2018	12 items		

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GB3228.76/2/1	Item	Invitation sent to Miss Yvonne Parker from The Pakistan Society, Manchester inviting her to celebrations for Pakistan Republic Day		Mar 1957	1 item		
GB3228.76/2/2	Item	Photographs of Malik Bakht and Yvonne Parkers wedding at the old Mosque, (Victoria Park Mosque)		12 Apr 1959	5 items	Held as digital files, originals returned to donator. Copies included in the paper archive give identification of the people in the photograph.	
GB3228.76/2/3	Item	Photograph of a mural created by Yvonne for Mr and Mrs Nasim Ali's snack bar	The snack bar was located in Sale or near Warrington	n.d. c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/2/4	Item	Photograph of 52 Gorton Road, Reddish, Gorton	In the flat above Titterton's butchers shop Abdul and Yvonne began their married life in 1959	n.d. c.2018	1 item		
GB3228.76/2/5	Item	Photograph of 815 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury to which Malik and Yvonne moved in 1965-1966		c.1966	2 items		
GB3228.76/2/6	Item	Brief notes of personal observations relating to the development of Pakistani community in Manchester between 1950 and 1977 written by Yvonne		2018	1 item		

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GB3228.76/2/7	Item	Letter to Mrs Bakht from W[illiam] Finn, Deputy Regional Co-ordinator, No. 1 Regional Crime Squad, Manchester sending his condolences on the death of her husband. The letter details Malik's contributions to Mr Finn and the wider community, 2 May 1977.	This is a modern copy of the original letter	n.d. c.2018	1 item		
GB3228.76/2/8	Item	Brief biography of Yvonne Bakht		n.d. c.2018	1 item		

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GB3228.76/2/9	Item	Oral history	<p>Interview with Yvonne Bakht Total duration: 1 hour 0 minutes and 14 seconds Interview by Naomi Weaver and Joanne Robson, summary by Naomi Weaver This interview plays as one long recording, but is made of three tracks of varying lengths. Some sections of the audio have been redacted on request by the interviewee. This interview relates to the Bakht archive (GB3228_76_Bakht) held at the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre. During the interview items from this collection are referred to, relevant item numbers have been listed where appropriate.</p> <p>Index Track 1 start time: 00:00:00 finish time: 00:34:39 approximately duration: 00:34:39</p> <p>Brief description of content: 00:00 Interviewer introduces Yvonne and Jo [archivist and second interviewer] also present. 00:28 Yvonne discusses her childhood. Born 1937 in Marple, Cheshire. Moved at the age of three to Cleveleys in Lancashire. 03:30 Describes her education, several different schools and home education.</p>	1 Nov 2018	1 item	Digital item	

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			<p>04:30 Studies art at Blackpool Technical College and School of Art, and then later studies textiles for three years at the Royal College of Art in London, lives near Barons Court.</p> <p>06:39 In 1959 after completing her degree in London Yvonne marries her husband. She moves back to Lancashire where she continues her work in textiles design.</p> <p>09:00 Explains how she meets her husband at the opening of his restaurant in Blackpool in 1956.</p> <p>11:15 Yvonne's husband opens the restaurant on advice from a friend about Blackpool's popularity, unaware of seasonal popularity. Discusses English customers' expectations.</p> <p>18:30 Discusses wedding day and honeymoon, civil ceremony three days before and then wedding at Victoria Park Mosque in Rusholme. Attended by lots of people from the local community.</p> <p>23:30 The newlywed couple move to a flat in Gorton.</p> <p>25:50 Discusses her husband's work as a businessman and unofficial community worker.</p> <p>27:30 Talks about some of the challenges of running an Asian restaurant in Manchester in the 1960s and 70s.</p>				

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			<p>28:45 Reflects on differences between first restaurant in Blackpool and the second restaurant in Manchester.</p> <p>30:20 Describes design processes for the murals and artwork in the restaurant, plus pieces commissioned by companies in New York and Britain.</p> <p>[34:06 – 34:39 Audio redacted].</p> <p>34:39 Interview paused.</p> <p>Track 2 start time: 00:34:39 finish time: 00:43:40 Approximately duration: 00:09:01 Brief description of content:</p> <p>34:50 Interview resumed. Discusses design pieces for the restaurant.</p> <p>36:45 At the request of the interviewer Yvonne discusses the family's temporary relocation from Manchester to Pakistan in 1968 following Enoch Powell's infamous and frightening speech in that year.</p> <p>[40:33 – 41:17 Audio redacted].</p> <p>41:20 In 1972 the family return to the UK from Pakistan.</p> <p>[42:55 – 43:15 Audio redacted].</p> <p>43:15 Interview paused.</p>				
GB3228.76/3	Series	The Blouse Bar	The first business set up by Malik Bakht was flock printing onto ladies stockings. He then opened a shop, The Blouse Bar, which was run on a day to day basis by a manageress.	1950	1 item		
GB3228.76/3/1	Item	Photograph of The Blouse Bar (Bakht), 32 Upper Jackson Street, Manchester		1950	1 item		

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GB3228.76/4	Series	Shahi Restaurant, Blackpool	It was suggested that the next big business opportunity was in the restaurant trade. Mr Bakht opened the Shahi in Blackpool 1956 with the Beverly Sisters at the opening. It was at this opening event that Yvonne and Malik first met. During the summer season trade was good but during the off season the restaurant lacked trade. In c.1959-1960 the Shahi closed and the Everest restaurant in Manchester was opened.	1956-2018	2 items		
GB3228.76/4/1	Item	Photograph of Malik Bakht and two others with the Beverley Sisters at the opening of the Shahi Restaurant in Blackpool		29 Jun 1956	1 item		
GB3228.76/4/2	Item	Photocopy of an invitation to the opening of the Shahi Restaurant, 65A Central Drive, Blackpool, 29 Jun 1956	The restaurant was opened by the Beverley Sisters	n.d. c.2018	1 item		
GB3228.76/5	Series	Everest Restaurant, Manchester	The Everest Restaurant opened following the closure of Shahi Restaurant in Blackpool, c.1960. Initially the couple rented just the ground floor of 63 Whitworth Street. Later in the 1960s the business expanded and rented the basement of the building where there was room for a three piece band and a small dance floor. Yvonne created the murals that decorated the restaurant and although did not work at the restaurant was instrumental in its operation undertaking the washing and ironing associated with a restaurant. The location of the restaurant near the Palace Theatre brought many show business people and Roy Castle became a friend of the couple. For more detail about the restaurant see GB3228.76/5/13.	1960-2018	39 items		

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GB3228.76/5/1	Item	Artists / Architects impressions of the entrance to the Everest Restaurant and ground floor		n.d. c.1960	2 items		
GB3228.76/5/2	Item	Photographs of the ground floor of Everest Restaurant		c.1960s	6 items	Held as digital files, originals returned to donator. Copies included in the paper archive created 2018 by donor.	
GB3228.76/5/3	Item	Photographs of murals created by Yvonne Bakht for the ground floor of the Everest Restaurant	The murals were created using readily available material including onion skins, feathers, string and shells	1962	3 items		
GB3228.76/5/4	Item	Menu for the Everest Restaurant		1966	1 item		
GB3228.76/5/5	Item	Everest Restaurant promotional material	Includes back display for Christmas menu (no menu), envelopes, back display for the lunch menu (no menu), business card (general restaurant and Malik	c.1960s	12 items		
GB3228.76/5/6	Item	Everest Restaurant wine list		c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/5/7	Item	Handwritten menu for the Everest Restaurant		n.d. c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/5/8	Item	Everest Restaurant place mat	The place mats for the restaurant were designed, printed and sewn by Yvonne as well as being laundered and ironed by her each week.	c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/5/9	Item	Photographs of murals created by Yvonne Bakht for the stair well (ground to basement floor) of the Everest Restaurant	These murals were made from cement and polystyrene and multi-material	1962-1975	3 items		

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GB3228.76/5/10	Item	Photographs of murals created by Yvonne Bakht for the basement floor of the Everest Restaurant	A variety of techniques were used to create these murals including glass and collage, print and applique	1966-1976	7 items		
GB3228.76/5/11	Item	Photographs of the basement floor of Everest Restaurant		c.1970s	2 items	Held as digital files, originals returned to donor.	
GB3228.76/5/12	Item	Photographs of a Yvonne in front of murals at the Everest Restaurant, Manchester		n.d. c.1960s	2 items		
GB3228.76/5/13	Item	A brief description of married life and running an Indian restaurant in the late 1950s and 1960s written by Yvonne		2018	1 item		
GB3228.76/6	Series	Victoria Park Mosque	The Mosque was created c.1948-1949. Working parties, probably Bengali seamen as Malik was working for Cunard in Birkenhead at this time, undertook work on the building etc. Malik Bakht was a founder and trustee for the Mosque from 1947.	1960s-2018	8 items		
GB3228.76/6/1	Item	Photograph of a group of overseas students at the old Mosque (Victoria Park Mosque)	In the centre of the picture is Malik Bakht. On the far right is Lal Miah, owner of a restaurant and hosiery business based on Oxford Road, Rusholme	n.d. c.1960s	2 items		
GB3228.76/6/2	Item	Photographs of large murals containing quotes created by Yvonne for a Mosque	Murals created from collage and glass	n.d. c.1970s	2 items		

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GB3228.76/6/3	Item	Photographs of Victoria Park Mosque, 1949	Photographs include images of the Mosque but also of various working parties who were working on the Mosque in 1914	c.2018	6 items		The originals of these items are held as part of the Manchester Image Collection, Archives+ (awaiting cataloguing and digitisation Aug 2018)
GB3228.76/7	Series	Events	It is possible that the majority of these events were organised by The Pakistani Society based in Manchester. Where possible names of people in the photograph have been provided.	1957-1960s	89 items		See also GB3228.76/2/1 for an invitation sent to Yvonne Parker
GB3228.76/7/1	Item	A collection of photographs [of the Pakistan Republic Day Celebrations?]		c.Mar 1957	12 items		
GB3228.76/7/2		A collection of photographs [of the Pakistan Republic Day Celebrations?]		c.1958-1960	14 items		
GB3228.76/7/3	Item	Photograph of the opening of an exhibition of Pakistani items at the Manchester YMCA	Included in the photograph are 'Dr' Dean and Malik Bakht	1960s	2 items		
GB3228.76/7/4	Item	Blank invitation from the Pakistan Society Manchester to an event to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day		Sep 1962	1 item		

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GB3228.76/7/5	Item	Visit of President Ayub Khan of Pakistan on a Commonwealth Visit to Britain	<p>Seating arrangements for a dinner in honour of Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan: This item lists all guests and their allocated seat. No plan of the seating is available.</p> <p>Photograph: In the photograph two young girls give President Khan garlands of flowers and was used in the Manchester Evening News, 23 Nov 1966.</p> <p>Yvonne relates the following regarding this photograph 'Husband suggested that I printed the fabric for these dresses. I did. Batik. My sari, shalwar kameez (tunic and trousers) for elder girl and dress for the youngest. Silk for me and one girl and cotton for the youngest . . . family of the youngest gave her an adult hair style and were shocked by cotton. COTTON!!! (only) [cott]on an occasion like this! I was in trouble'</p> <p>'There is a little story behind this photo: In Pakistan, dignitaries were garlanded with marigold flowers. None available in Manchester in November. A green velvet ribbon overlaid with a white cotton cord: circles made with artificial flower stamens, with added colour created from thin slices cut from liquorice allsorts (off Urmston Market). Each circle laminated and added to the ribbon. Everyone delighted - no one ever guessed!'</p>	Nov 1966	3 items		
GB3228.76/7/6	Item	Photographs of a visit to [Manchester] of General Burki, Minister for Health and Social Welfare	Some individuals are named including General and Bagum Burki, Malik Bakht, Mrs Nasim Ali, 'Dr' Dean, Mohuddia the Iman of the Victoria Park Mosque , Akbar Ali etc.	n.d. c.1960s	19 items		
GB3228.76/7/7	Item	Photographs of a visit to [Manchester] of the Pakistan High Commissioner General		n.d. c.1960s	5 items		

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GB3228.76/7/8	Item	Photographs of the Pakistan International Airlines opening		n.d. c.1960s	2 items		
GB3228.76/7/9	Item	Photographs of a visit of Agha Hilaly [to Manchester?]		n.d. c.1960s	16 items		
GB3228.76/7/10	Item	Photographs of an event at which Sir Thomas Ellis is present	Other speakers include Mrs Azari Nasium Ali, 'Dr' Dean, and Nasir Uddin	n.d. c.1960s	8 items		
GB3228.76/7/11	Item	Photograph of an event of the [Pakistani Caterers Association?]	Sir Thomas Ellis and Makadus Bakht are seated at the top table	n.d. c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/7/12	Item	Photographs of audiences at an unknown events	In some photographs the audience includes a number of students from Pakistan who came to study in Manchester	n.d. c.1960s	7 items		
GB3228.76/8	Series	Miscellaneous		1966-2018	8 items		
GB3228.76/8/1	Item	National Committee for Commonwealth Immigrants Report for 1966	Highlighted by the donator is the inclusion of Dr S S Chatterjee as a member of the Health and Welfare Panel and Malik Bakht was a member of the Housing Panel	1966	1 item		
GB3228.76/8/2	Item	Business card and headed paper for A. Hussain, Quality Tailoring, 9 Tiverton Street, Ardwick Green, Manchester		n.d. c.1960s	2 items		
GB3228.76/8/3	Item	Headed paper for Eastern Sterling Investors Limited, Manchester		n.d. c.1960s	1 item		
GB3228.76/8/4	Item	Photograph of Abdulla Azad	See GB3228.76/8/9 for detail on Abdulla	n.d. c.1970s	1 item		
GB3228.76/8/5	Item	Photograph of Mr Nasim		n.d. c.1970s	1 item		

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GB3228.76/8/6	Item	Programme for the inauguration ceremony of the Muslim Business Development Centre, 9 Feb 1983	Includes a brief background and history to the development of the centre, immediate projects and future programme, acknowledgements, and a list of distinguished guests who were to attend the event	Feb 1983	1 item		
GB3228.76/8/7	Item	Notes created by Yvonne regarding the potential to establish a museum in Manchester around the Muslim community (much like the Jewish Museum)		2006	2 items		
GB3228.76/8/8	Item	Brief notes on people most frequently named in the photographs within this collection written by Yvonne	Includes name and brief biographical information where known	2018	1 item		