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Wilfred Thesiger (1910-1993) world renowned explorer and traveller, was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (then Abyssinia). He lived in Oman from 1945 thru 1949, taking photographs as a member of the Middle East Anti-Locust Unit. Travelling by camel with Bedouin companions, he crossed the Empty Quarter (twice). Thesiger is well-known for his photographs, and his celebrated book Arabian Sands (1959). The Thesiger Collection is held at The Pitt Rivers Museum: www.prm.ox.ac.uk

Charles Butt (1935-2006) was born in Surrey, England. After over a decade of field service for the Intelligence Corps of the British Armed Forces, Butt was accepted into the Sultan of Oman’s armed forces in 1966. A keen amateur photographer, Butt documented his time in Oman from 1966-1978. The Charles Butt Archive is held by the Middle East Centre Archive, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford: www.sant.ox.ac.uk/mec/meca.shtml

Edward Grazda was born in New York City, U.S. Grazda has travelled the world as a documentary photographer. His photographs have appeared in many publications and are part of important private and public collections. In 2005, Grazda was commissioned to produce a portrait of daily life in Oman. This body of work is held at The Center for Global Engagement at the Institute for American Values: www.ijtihadreason.org