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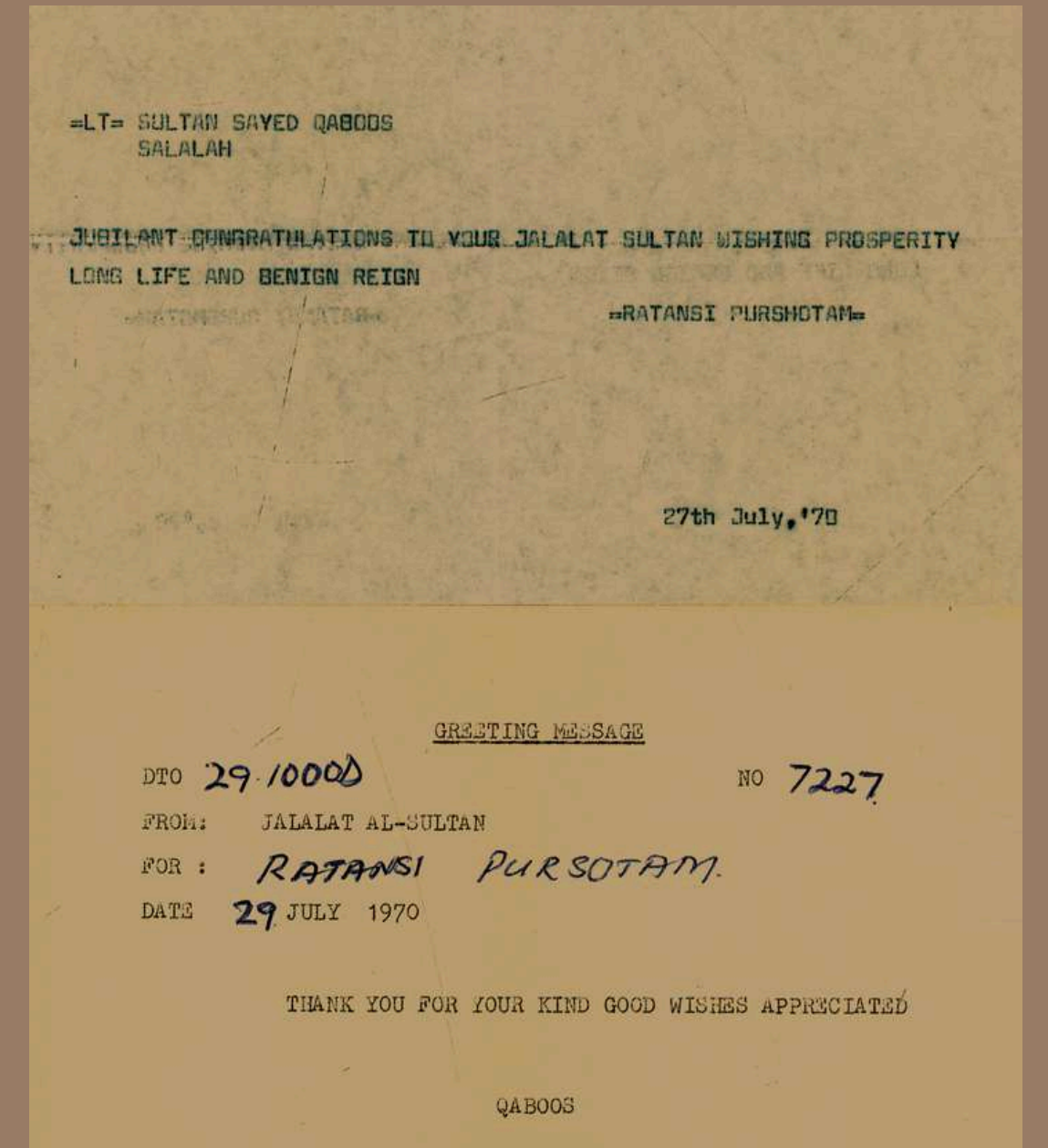
People of Indian Origin & Oman

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Shri Ratansi Purshottam came to Muscat in 1855 at the age of 14 to gain experience in his ancestral firm M/s Natha Maccan. In 1867, he started his own business in the name of "Ratansi Purshottam". The digitization of these archives started on 19th May 2024 under the supervision of Shri Vimal and Dhruv Purecha (4th & 5th generation of Ratansi Purshottam family) at the Embassy of India in Muscat with the help of the National Archives of India.



A portrait of Shri Ratansi Purshotam

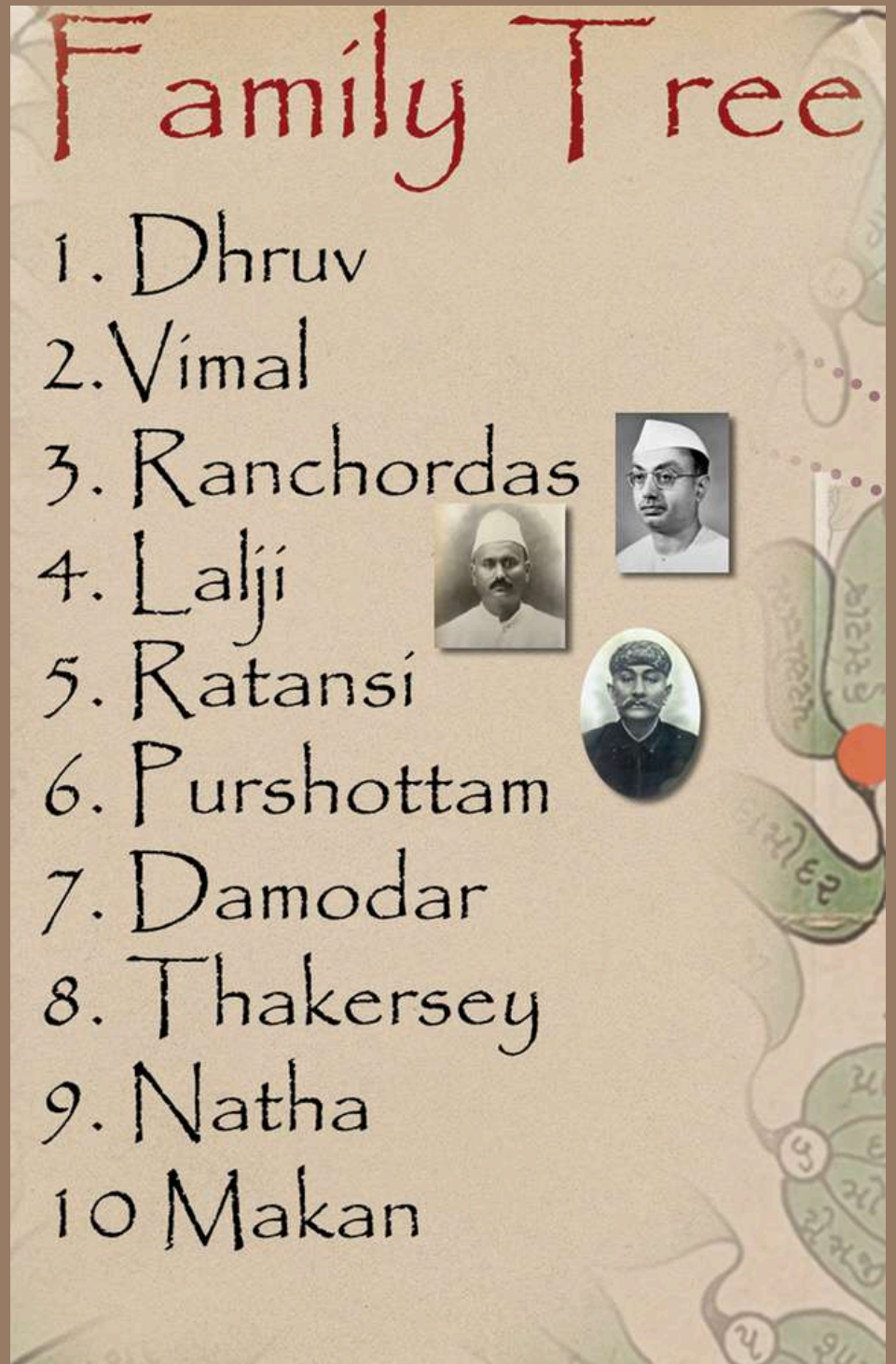


A greeting letter from Shri Ratansi Purshottam conveying congratulations, prosperity and long life to Sultan Qaboos, dated 27th July 1970 and a reply from the Sultan, dated 29th July 1970.

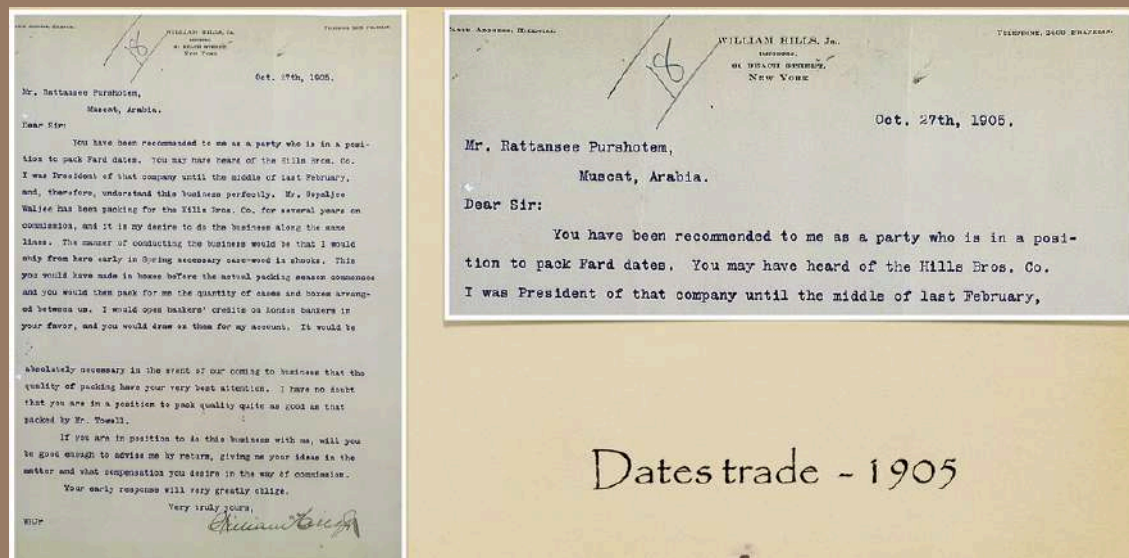


Bait Ratansi - Muscat

Proposal to lease 'Bait Ratansi', residence of Ratansi Purshottam to the Indian Consulate, 1955

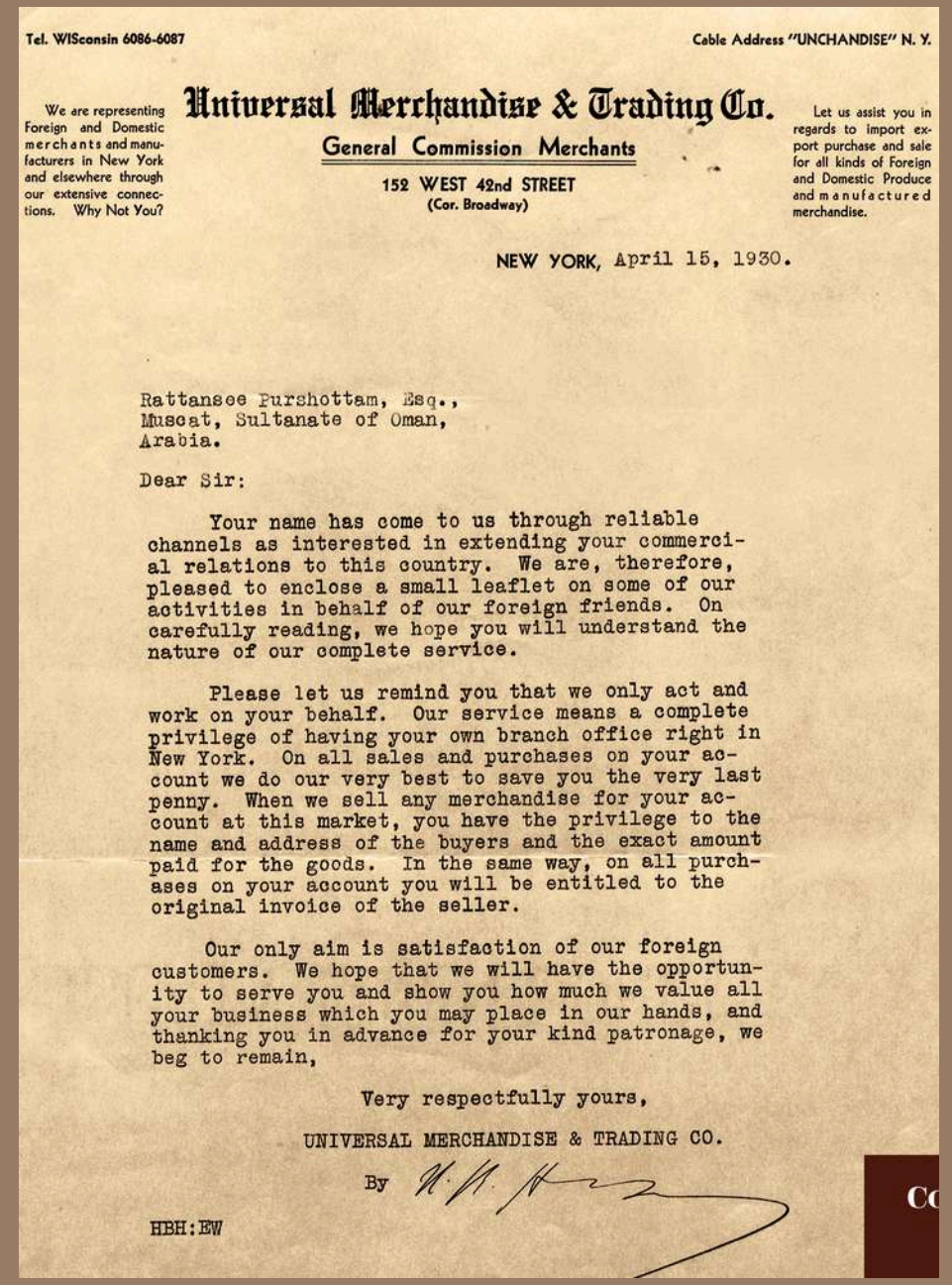


A family tree representing Shri Ratan Purshotam



Dates trade - 1905

Correspondence between Shri Ratanshi Purshottam and William Hills, Jr. New York, regarding trading and packing of Fard dates, dated 27th October 1905



A letter sent from the firm of Universal Merchandise & Trading Co., New York to Shri Ratansi Purshottam Esq., Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, regarding their services in helping the Purshottams in the expansion of their business in New York, dated 15th April 1930.

GOVERNMENT OF MUSCAT & OMAN.
 حكومة مسقط وعمان

Certificate of Registration of Native Craft.
 شهادة تسجيل الفن الشعراعية

Port of: **الميناء = مطرح**

Description of Vessel: **وصف السفينة = هيريكي بحرين**

Owner's name & address: **اسم صاحب السفينة ومقره = نارنجي هيرجي**

Nakhuda's name & address: **اسم الناخذة ومقره = كنگرا اشراف**

Nationality of the owner: **جنسية صاحب السفينة = هندي سقان**

Date of registration: **تاريخ التسجيل = ٥٣/١/٥٤**

Registration No: **رقم التسجيل = ٦**

Registration fee: Rs. **رسوم التسجيل = ريالان خمسون فقط وعشرون وقرودت بجرمك مطبخ صافظله رقم ٥٣٧ والصال رقم ٥١**

Director General of Customs.
 (مدير الجمارك العماني)
حريصتوني ٢ فبراير ١٩٥٤

MUSCAT,
 Dated, _____

This Certificate is valid upto 31/12/1954
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Naranjee Hirjee celebrates 100 years in Oman

A grand reception for the illustrious business legend was held at the Sultanate and a newspaper article on the Naranjee Hirjee business.

Shri Naranjee Hirjee, 85, was born in India. He has always seen Oman as his home, only leaving to be educated in India, due to the then lack of schooling facilities in Oman. His father expanded the business to include job agencies for kitchen appliances such as Braun, Sharp and Kenwood, working from an office-in-residence in old Muscat near the Palace.

Keshav's sons Sudhir, Mahesh, Mahesh and Narendra worked in the ever-growing business, which by 1960 was Oman's largest importer of rice, and one of the leading businesses in the country. In the 1970s, the family business diversified into construction with the help of a partner, Asian International Construction Company.

Thanks to the general boom of construction, progress and development Oman was experiencing at that time, the company spread its wings into other areas of business as well.

The last of his sons this year was a real labor day for them as it was time to celebrate the centenary year of the company. It is growing from strength to strength. Having started with just one visionary founder, the company had more than 100 employees taking all the diverse subsidiaries into account. And diverse they are.

Diverse interests: From being a rice and spice importer, Naranjee Hirjee's event management company, Gentle International, and has reached out into other areas such as real estate development, software provision and higher education consulting. The latter, a company, run by brother Mahesh, has recently secured the agency for the import of prestigious car makes Mercedes, Honda and Audi, and other companies are showcased in Sohar, dealing in scrap, and Dubai, dealing with diamonds making Naranjee Hirjee a truly international company.

Success secret: In this day, the four brothers run the company in both Oman and India jointly. "We are an extremely close family. Always have been. All business decisions are taken together and all proposals discussed together. We even have homes next to each other. We like to be close," confesses Sudhir.

So what is the secret, apart from a tight family union and a keen eye for business opportunities? It is a mix of honesty, trust and good service – and, again, family ties. "Our company has always prided itself on providing honest service; we have gained the trust of the Omani people, businesses and customers alike. We will do nothing to risk losing that."

list of interests now includes a lot agencies for electrical and kitchen supplies (Glenks, Braun, Electrolux and Rabotman) etc. Import agencies for chemicals including acoustic materials, drilling and chemicals, glass fiber products and many other products.

The future has in further diversification, says Sudhir candidly. But perhaps emphasizes the people key into subsidiaries such as Pizza Express, Kanak Vegetables Restaurant and the Golden Oryx Chinese Restaurant. It is a founder member and partner of the Salalah Hilton Hotel, owns businesses selling Habsha, Parkhouse and Fabis perfumes.

It has its own public relations and

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An Article on Shri Naranjee Hirjee celebrating 100 years in Oman along with A photo collage of the grand reception held at the Mumtaz Mahal Garden to celebrate their centennial in the Sultanate and a newspaper article on the Naranjee Hirjee business.

Shri Naranjee Hirjee came to Muscat in 1905 at the age of 18 to start his own business in the name of "Naranjee Hirjee". After Shri Naranjee Hirjee, the business was looked after by his four sons namely Jeram, Hansraj, Chaturbhuj and Keshavji and eventually, the business of Naranjee Hirjee was taken over by Keshavji in 1977 with four sons Mahendra, Sudhir, Mahesh and Narendra. The digitization of their archival documents started on 22nd May 2024 under the supervision of Shri Sudhir Keshavji Sampat (the third generation of the Naranjee Hirjee family) at the Embassy of India in Muscat with the help of the National Archives of India.

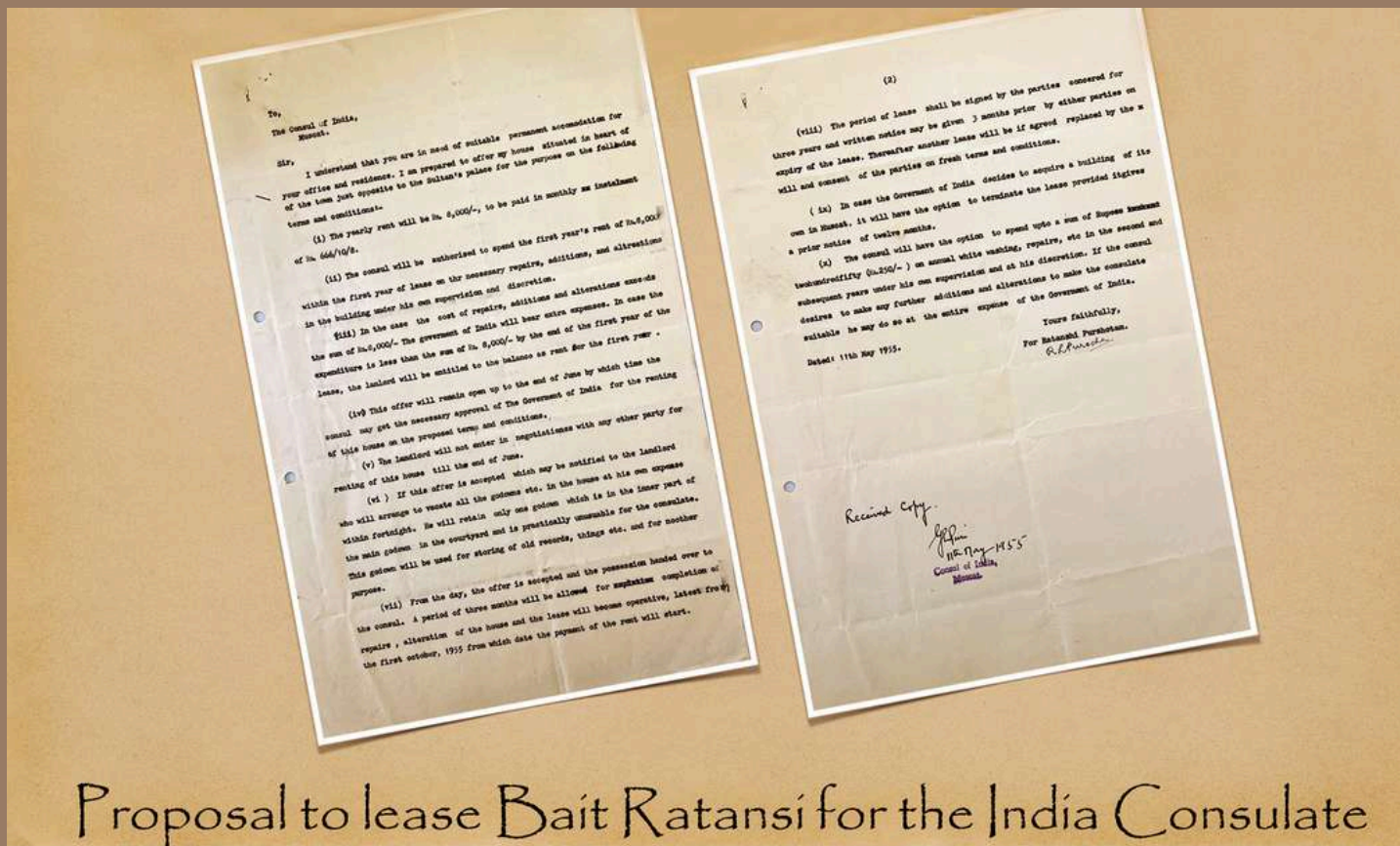
A Certificate of Registration of the Native Craft of the Year issued by the Government of Muscat & Oman to Naranjee Hirjee, for the year 1954.



A photograph of former President of India Shri Shankar Dayal Sharma with Sudhir Keshvaji during his visit to Oman in October 1996.



A photograph of Shri Keshavji Naranjee and Smt. Kasturben Naranjee (wife) with Ford Tanous car which was purchased in Muscat at a cost of Omani Rial Seventeen Thousand.



A signed letter from Shri R. R. Purecha sent to the India Consulate, Muscat, in which the Ratansi Purshottam residence, Bait Ratansi, is being proposed as an option to be used as the Consulate's official office and residence, on a yearly rent of Rs. 8000, dated 11th May 1955.

Proposal to lease Bait Ratansi for the India Consulate