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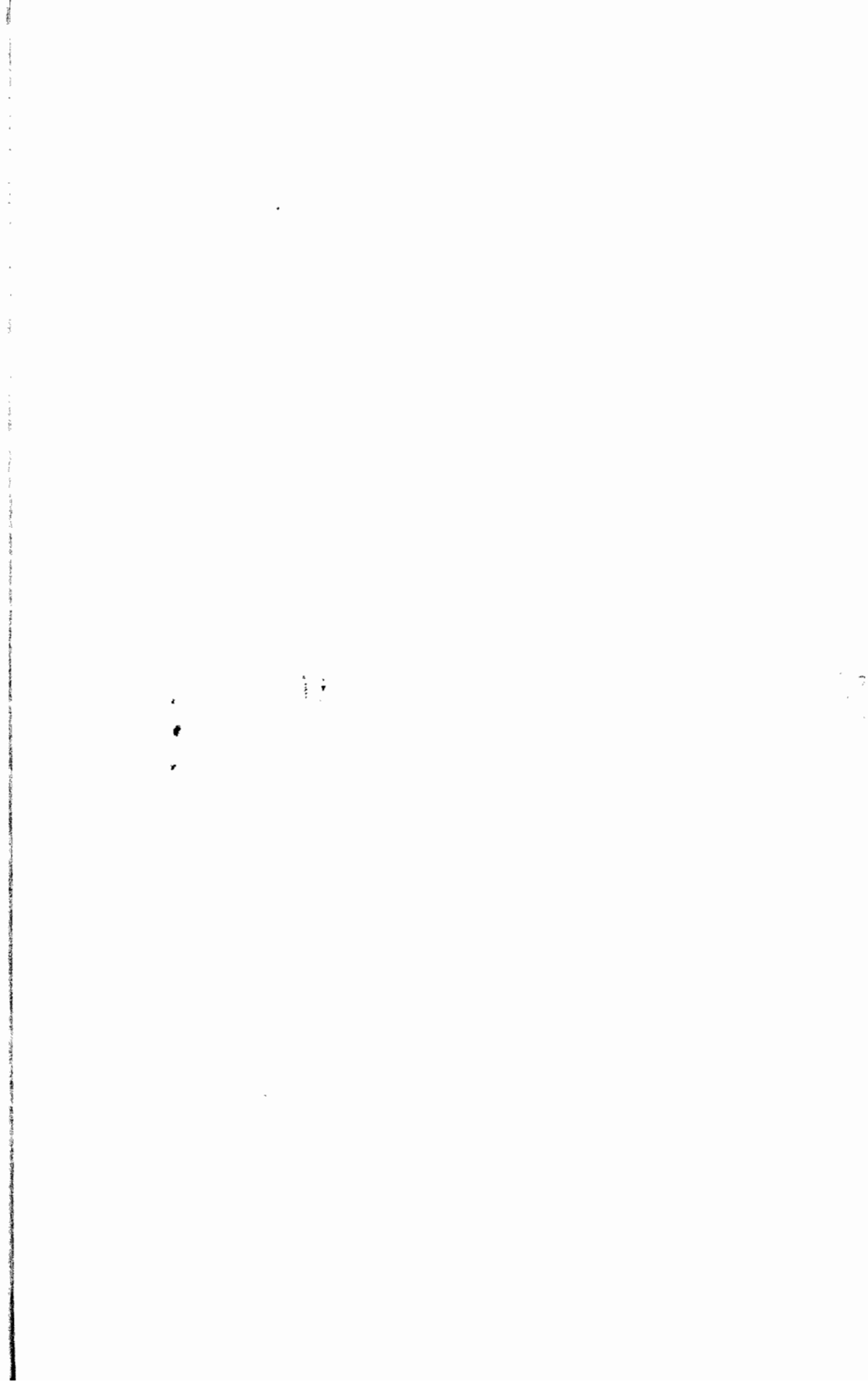
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EDITORIAL NOTE

This volume is devoted to material which supplements the contents of Volumes I and II. It includes: –

- 1) Surveys of Algeria, Australia, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Comoros, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mauritania and the Philippines, which were not available in time to take their correct places in the alphabetical sequence;
- 2) substantial supplementary surveys of Indonesia, Iraq and Nigeria;
- 3) minor addenda and corrigenda to the published surveys of France, Germany, India, Ireland and Palestine.

G.J.R.
April 1994

ADDENDA & CORRIGENDA

to Volumes I and II

ALGERIA

by

Mukhtār Ḥassānī

1994

UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1885. Bibliographie du Mzab. By A. DE C. MOTYLINSKI. *Bulletin de Correspondance Africaine* 3, 1885, pp. 15–72.

1885. Les manuscrits arabes des bibliothèques des zaouias de 'Ain Madhi et Temacin, de Ouargla et de 'Adjadja. By R. BASSET. *Bulletin de Correspondance Africaine* 3, 1885, pp. 211–265 & 465–492.

1956. Bibliothèques et manuscrits abadites. By J. SCHACHT. *Revue Africaine* 100, 1956, pp. 375–398.

1967. *A Belgian project in the field of cultural co-operation: the card index of manuscripts of the Maghreb.* Brussels: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade [ca. 1967]. 29pp.

Includes a cursory survey of libraries in Algiers, Tlemcen, Constantine, Ouargla and Al-Hāmil.

1967. *Makḥṭūṭāt al-mūsīqā 'l-ʿArabīya fī 'l-ʿālam.* Al-ḥalqa al-thāniya: *Makḥṭūṭāt aqṭār al-Maghrib al-ʿArabī.* By ZAKARĪYĀ YŪSUF. Baghdad.

Mentions 14 MSS on music in Algiers, pp. 11–12.

1970. A description of new Ibadī manuscripts from north Africa. By A.K. ENNAMI. *Journal of Semitic Studies* 15, 1970, pp. 63–87.

Includes collections in Wādī Mzāb.

1972. Al-Maktaba al-Jazāʿiriya wa-ʿināyatuhā bi-ʿl-kitāb al-ʿArabī al-makḥṭūṭ. By MUḤAMMAD ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AḤMAD. *Majallat Maʿhad al-Makḥṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya* 18, 1972, pp. 189–204.

1974. Mulāḥazāt ḥawl al-khazāʿin al-makḥṭūṭā fī Tūnis wa-ʿl-Jazāʿir wa-ʿl-Maghrib. By ʿABD AL-KARĪM AL-DUJAYLĪ. *Al-Mawrid* 3 iv, 1974, pp. 296–302.

Al-Jazāʿir, pp. 299–300.

1976. Taqrīr ʿan al-makḥṭūṭāt fī 'l-Jazā'ir wa-amākin tawājūdhā. By NAWĀR JADWĀNĪ. *Al-Mawrid* 5 i, 1976, pp. 40–45.

1990. Waḍʿ al-makḥṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya fī 'l-Jazā'ir. By MAḤMUD BŪ ʿIYĀD. *Manuscrits arabes en Occident musulman: état des collections et perspectives de la recherche. Al-makḥṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya fī 'l-Gharb al-Islāmī: waḍʿīyat al-majmūʿāt wa-āfāq al-baḥṭh.* Casablanca: Muʿassasat al-Malik ʿAbd al-ʿAzīz & Wallāda, 1990, pp. 181–192.

1991–92. Aḍwāʾ ʿalā 'l-turāth al-makḥṭūṭ al-Jazā'irī. By JAMĀL ʿAZZŪN. *Al-Madīna al-Munawwara* 8784, 19 May 1991; 8791, 10 June 1991; 8826, 15 July 1992 (cultural supplement column).

Describes MSS in public and private libraries in mosques and *zāwīyas* in some Algerian cities.

Forthcoming. A handlist of MSS in the Guerrara (Qarrāra) region. By BĀBĀ ʿAMM MUḤAMMAD.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ADRAR

Al-Jamʿīya al-Tārikhiya wa-'l-Athariya (Historical & Archaeological Society)

Status: Public library, under the trusteeship of the Adrar Governorate

Conditions of access: Open to researchers and students on normal working days.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50.

Description of collection: The collection contains MSS on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, logic, history and philology. Their dates of copying range from the 9th to the 14th centuries AH. Their condition is acceptable in the main, except for a number which need attention. The collection contains a number of important MSS, such as the unpublished *Aḥkām ahl al-Dhimma* by MUḤAMMAD B. ʿABD AL-KARĪM AL-MAGHĪLĪ.

Zāwiyat Ḥannūn

Date of establishment: 13th century AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The MSS treat the disciplines of *qirāʾāt* and *fiqh*. They were copied in the 11th and 14th centuries AH, and are in fair condition.

ALGIERS

Bibliothèque Nationale d'Algérie (Al-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya al-Jazāʾiriya)

1 Avenue Frantz Fanon.

Tel.: 631049, 320663. Fax: 610435

Date of establishment: 1251/1835

Status: National library

Conditions of access: Open to the public.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,576 (Arabic; Berber; Persian; Turkish).

Description of collection: A number of private collections have been incorporated into the National Library, including those of AMĪR ʿABD AL-QĀDIR (21 MSS), IBN RAḤḤĀL (36 MSS) and IBN HAMMŪDA (219 MSS, collected in Timbuktu), ḤASAN BŪḤIBĀL, ʿALĪ IBN AL-ḤĀJJ MŪSĀ, EDMOND FAGNAN and PIERRE BELART (344 MSS). The collection of MUḤAMMAD B. KHALĪFA was acquired in July 1993.

The physical condition of the MSS is acceptable in the main, although a number of them are in danger of being lost through lack of means to preserve them.

In addition to the MS. originals, 104 MSS have been microfilmed, 510 have been copied on microfiche and 6 have been photocopied.

Most of the MSS are on the following subjects: Qurʾanic studies, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *kalām*, *ʿaqāʾid*, prayers, *taṣawwuf*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, Mālikī and Ḥanafī *fiqh*, philology, rhetoric, grammar, politics, logic, mathematics, algebra, astronomy, history. A smaller number are in the following fields: *kalām*, medicine, alchemy, geography, travel, almanacs, poetry, amulets. The MSS in the collection date

from the 3rd to the 14th centuries AH, with the greatest number dating from the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries.

See:

1973. La Bibliothèque Nationale d'Algérie. *Mitteilungen Dokumentationsdienst Moderner Orient* 2 i, 1973, pp. 27–34.

1985. Taqrīr ʿan al-Maktaba al-Waṭanīya al-Jazāʾirīya—Qism al-Makhṭūṭāt. *Akhbār al-Turāth al-ʿArabī* 21, 1406/1985, pp. 11–12.

MSS of scientific or material value in the collection include:

- (i) Fragment of a Qurʾān dating from the 3rd century AH, written on parchment in Kufic script;
- (ii) *Al-Muwattaʿ*² by MĀLIK B. ANAS, one of the oldest MSS of the collection, having been copied in the 6th century AH on parchment, finely decorated, illuminated and gilt;
- (iii) *Al-Mudawwana al-kubrā* by SAḤNŪN AL-TANŪKHĪ, copied in 531 AH [1137 CE] on parchment (from the Ibn Ḥammūda collection);
- (iv) a work by MUḤAMMAD AL-MURTAḌĀ ʿL-ZABĪDĪ on *jarḥ* and *taʿdīl* (*Hadīth* science), autograph MS. written in 1195 AH [1781];
- (v) *Nazm al-jawāhir fī silk ahl al-baṣāʾir* by MUSLIM B. ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AL-KĀTĪB, copied in 1238 AH [1823] with author's permission.

Published catalogues:

1845. *Rapport adressé à M. le Ministre de l'Instruction publique . . . suivi du catalogue des manuscrits arabes les plus importants de la Bibliothèque d'Alger et de la Bibliothèque de Cid-Hamouda à Constantine*. By Baron DE SLANE. [Paris, 1845.] 16pp.

1893. *Catalogue général des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France: Départements—Tome XVIII: Alger*. By E. FAGNAN. Paris: Plon [for] Ministère de l'Instruction et des Beaux-Arts. xxxii + 681pp. (Manuscrits de la Bibliothèque-Musée d'Alger.)

Systematic catalogue of 1,987 Arabic, Berber, Persian & Turkish MSS.

1893. Catálogo de los manuscritos árabes de la Biblioteca departamental de Argel. By F. CODERA. *Boletín de la Real Academia de Historia* 23 (1893), pp. 441–448.

1976. *Makhṭūṭāt al-Jazāʿir*. By HILĀL NĀJĪ. *Al-Mawrid* 5 iii, 1976, pp. 207–230.

Includes an Arabic index to FAGNAN's 1893 catalogue.

Unpublished catalogues:

Fihris al-makhṭūṭāt al-mahfūẓa bi-'l-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya. By RĀBIḤ BŪNĀR & JALLŪL AL-BADAWĪ. Incomplete. Cf. 1976 survey by JADWĀNĪ, p. 41.

Fihris makhṭūṭāt al-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya fi 'l-Jazāʿir. By MUḤAMMAD ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AḤMAD. Handwritten. [Source: ʿAWWĀD 1984, p. 364, no. 1363.]

1956. *Fihrist makhṭūṭāt al-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya fi 'l-Jazāʿir*. By ʿABD AL-GHANĪ BAYYŪD. Describes MSS nos. 1988–2332, which make up the collections of ḤASAN BŪḤIBĀL, ʿALĪ IBN AL-ḤĀJJ MŪSĀ, EDMOND FAGNAN and PIERRE BELART. Handwritten continuation of the 1893 published catalogue of FAGNAN.

Fihrist makhṭūṭāt al-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya fi 'l-Jazāʿir. By MAḤMŪD BŪ ʿIYĀD. Describes MSS no. 2333–2609 [Source: ʿAWWĀD 1984, p. 364, no. 1364.]

Handlist of MSS in 2 private libraries, AMĪR ʿABD AL-QĀDIR and IBN RAḤḤĀL. Followed by an appendix to the previous catalogue, describing MSS 2610–3498.

Handlist of MSS in the IBN ḤAMMŪDA collection, prepared by ḤASAN GHAWĀRZUWĀ for the National Library in July 1993.

Fihris Maktabat IBN ḤAMMŪDA fi 'l-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya al-Jazāʿiriya. By L. ḤASAN. Typewritten. 219pp.

1993. *Fihris taḥlīlī li-l-makhṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya allatī lam tashmalhā adawāt al-dabt al-bibliyūghrafīya fi 'l-Maktaba al-Waṭaniya*. By NAʿĪMA BIN ʿĀSHŪR, FATĪḤA BŪNAFĪKHA, LĪMIYĀʿ DAWWĀQĪ & SHAQRA LAYYINDA. Unpublished Licence Degree Project Report, supervised by MUḤAMMAD ʿĪSĀ MŪSĀ.

Describes MSS on Qurʾanic studies, *Ḥadīth*, *sīra* & *fiqh*.

Wizārat al-Shu^ʿūn al-Dīniya (Ministry of Religious Affairs)

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 479.

Description of collection: The collections of the Great Mosque and the Barwāqīya Mosque of Medéa (249 MSS) are housed here. The Ministry intends to add to its collection by incorporating the holdings of other mosque libraries in the near future. The MSS are arranged by subjects (Qur^ʿān, *tafsīr*, *usūl al-fiqh*, Ḥanafī and Mālikī *fiqh*, *tawhīd*, ethics, grammar). Important MSS in this collection include:

- (i) *Ṣaḥīḥ AL-BUKHĀRĪ*, written on parchment, with gilt ornamentation. Only parts 1 and 12 remain; these bear a *taḥbīs* (*waqf*) stamp dated Muḥarram 1043 AH [1633];
- (ii) *Al-ʿUlūm al-fākhira fī 'l-nazar fī umūr al-ākhira* by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN B. MAKHLŪF AL-ṬHAʿĀLIBĪ, in Mashriqī script;
- (iii) *Tanwīr al-maqāla fī ḥall lafẓ al-Risāla* by MUḤAMMAD B. IBRĀHĪM AL-ṬATĀʿĪ.

Published catalogues:

1909. *Catalogue des manuscrits arabes conservés dans les principales bibliothèques algériennes: Grande Mosquée d'Alger (rue de la Marine)*. By MOHAMMED BEN CHENEB. Algiers: Jourdan. xix + 111 + 19pp. (Arabic half-title: *Fahrasat al-kutub al-maḥfūza fī khizānat al-Jāmiʿ al-Aʿzam bi-'l-Jazāʿir*.)

Systematic catalogue of 108 MSS.

1947. *Khazāʿin al-kutub al-ʿArabīya fī 'l-khāfiqayn*. Vol. 1. By F. ṬARRĀZĪ. Beirut.

Khazāʿin kutub al-Jazāʿir, pp. 228–266.

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

Unpublished catalogue:

The collection is described in a typewritten handlist of 479 MSS on various disciplines (Qur^ʿanic sciences, *Ḥadīth*, *fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, philology, grammar, etc.).

٤ATF (WĀDĪ MZĀB)**Dār al-Talāmīdh**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 228.

Description of collection: The MSS cover a variety of subjects, including Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *uṣūl al-fiqh* and *Ibādī fiqh*. Their dates of copying range from the 6th to the 14th centuries. The general condition of the MSS is reasonable.

Published catalogue:

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

٤Umar ibn Masʿūd

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 90.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the study of the Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *Ibādī fiqh*, lexicography, rhetoric, grammar, mathematics, astronomy, history and biography. Their dates of copying range from the 9th to the 15th centuries AH. The physical state of the MSS is satisfactory for the most part, although a number of them have deteriorated owing to a lack of preservation facilities.

Published catalogue:

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

AULEF EL ARAB**Muḥammad Bābī Balʿālim**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Open to recognised researchers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50.

Description of collection: The MSS are concentrated in the following subjects: Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawḥīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*,

taṣawwuf, Mālikī *fiqh*, philology, astronomy. Their dates of copying range from the 10th to the 14th centuries AH. Some of the MSS are in good condition, whilst others are incomplete. The collection contains a number of loose folios which need to be reintegrated into the works from which they have become detached.

AWLĀD FĀRIS (Cheleff)

Shaykh Būdālī

Date of establishment: ca. 1900

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 86.

Description of collection: Admittance was not granted, but the owner states that the collection contains MSS in the fields of Qurʾān, *qirāʾāt*, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *taṣawwuf*, *usūl al-fiqh*, philology and rhetoric. The dates of copying are of the 12th and 13th centuries AH. The MSS are kept on shelves with a collection of printed books.

AWLĀD JALLĀL—see OULED DJELLAL

ʿAYN MĀDĪ

Zāwiyat ʿAyn Mādī

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the *zāwiya*.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 281.

Description of collection: Subjects include Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, theology, Sufism, *fiqh*, history and biography. They are in fair condition, although many have deteriorated.

Published catalogue:

1885. See Union catalogue by BASSET.

ʿAYN MʿLILA

Zāwiyat Sīdī Khalīfa

Date of establishment: 1263/1846

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the *zāwiya*.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 200.

Description of collection: Most of the Islamic sciences are represented. The dates of copying span the 9th to the 14th centuries AH. Their condition is generally fair, although they are threatened by a lack of suitable preservation facilities. There is no catalogue or handlist, but 57 MSS are listed in the article given below.

Published catalogue:

1987. Article by KHALĪL AL-^ʿAṬĪYA in *ʿĀlam al-Kutub* 8 i, 1987.

^ʿAYN WISĀRA

Zāwiyat ^ʿAyn Wisāra

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the owners.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 12.

Description of collection: The collection contains MSS in the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh* and history. Their dates of copying range from the 11th to the 15th centuries AH. The MSS are kept in a cabinet and are generally in acceptable condition, although some have deteriorated owing to a lack of preservation facilities.

BATNA (BĀTINA)

Mufattishīyat al-Shuʿūn al-Dīnīya (Inspectorate of Religious Affairs)

Status: Public library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Director.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 70.

Description of collection: The MSS in the collection represent the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawḥīd*, philology, rhetoric, and grammar. They have been gathered from a variety of locations. The condition of the MSS is acceptable for the most part, although a

number of them have deteriorated owing to the lack of appropriate preservation facilities.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist is currently in preparation.

Al-Shaykh al-Tihāmī al-Ṣaḥrāwī al-Ḥaydūsī

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 20.

Description of collection: The MSS represent the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *taṣawwuf*, *uṣūl al-dīn*, grammar, poetry and prose literature. Their dates of copying range from the 11th to the 14th centuries AH. A number of the MSS have deteriorated owing to the lack of appropriate facilities for preservation. The oldest MS. in this collection is no. fāʾ 10, entitled *Al-Durar fī sharḥ Mukhtaṣar Khalīl* by BAHRĀM B. ʿABD ALLĀH AL-DAMĪRĪ, copied in 1070 AH [1660].

Published catalogue:

1989. Fihris makḥṭūṭāt maktabat al-Shaykh al-Tihāmī Ṣaḥrāwī bi-Bātina (Al-Awrās) al-Jazāʾir. By ʿABD AL-KARĪM ʿAWFĪ. *Al-Mawrid* 18 iii, 1989, pp. 174–178.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist exists for the collection.

BECHAR (BISHĀR)

Zāwiyat Kazzāz

Date of establishment: 10th/16th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15.

Description of collection: As with many *zāwiya* libraries, the MSS of this collection were formerly much more numerous, and most of them have been lost or dispersed.

Zāwiyat Lawwāta

Date of establishment: 12th century AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 80.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS represent the disciplines of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *taṣawwuf*, *farāʾid*, *fiqh*, *tawḥīd*, philology, grammar, literature, history and biography. A small proportion of them are from other fields, such as medicine and mathematics. Their dates of copying range from the 7th to the 14th centuries AH. Most of the MSS are in poor condition.

The collection contains a number of MSS of scholarly or aesthetic value, including the *Urjūza* of ABŪ IṢḤAQ AL-TANASĪ, copied in 635 AH [1238 CE], in the author's lifetime.

Zāwiyat al-Qanādisa

Date of establishment: 7th/13th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3.

Description of collection: The MSS were reportedly much more numerous at the time of the foundation of the *zāwiya*, but most of them have been lost or dispersed. Those remaining treat the disciplines of *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth* and *fiqh*. They are in poor condition and are incomplete.

BENI ISGUEN (BANĪ YIZQAN)

Muḥammad ibn Yūsuf Aṭfish

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 500.

Description of collection: The MSS cover a variety of fields, notably Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *Ibādī fiqh*, grammar, lexicography and history. Their dates of copying span the 3rd to the 14th centuries AH. The MSS are well cared for, although technical facilities are lacking.

Published catalogue:

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

BOUDA (BŪDA)

Zāwiyat Būda

Date of establishment: 1074 AH [1664]

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Open to recognised researchers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: approximately 300.

Description of collection: The collection is in deplorable condition. The MSS are illegible for the most part, and loose folios lie scattered. As far as can be ascertained, the MSS cover the following subjects: *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawḥīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, grammar, and history. Some date from the 8th century AH.

AL-BURJ

Al-Shaykh al-Bashīr

Date of establishment: 20th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 400.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *qirāʾāt*, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, philology, rhetoric, history, biography, literature, medicine and astronomy. Their dates of copying span the 9th to the 15th centuries AH.

The MSS are kept in a well-ventilated room and are carefully looked after by the owner. Only a small proportion of them are incomplete. However, they are in need of some restoration.

Valuable MSS in the collection include *Al-Anwār fī āyāt al-Nabī al-mukhtār* by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-THAʿĀLIBĪ.

BŪ SAʿĀDA

ʿAbd al-Qādir b. ʿAlī b. Muḥammad Munīr

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the keepers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 30.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qur^ʿān, philology and literature. Their dates of copying span the 10th to the 14th centuries AH. Their physical condition is fair.

Valuable MSS include a poem by MUḤAMMAD B. ABĪ 'L-QĀSIM, copied in 355 AH [966 CE].

ʿAbd al-Qādir b. Shubayra al-Būsa^ʿādī

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement.

Description of collection: The collection includes copies of the Qur^ʿān, and works in the fields of *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *fiqh*, philology and literature. Their dates of copying are the 11th and 12th centuries AH. There are a number of valuable MSS in the collection, but many of their folios are loose and disordered.

Masjid ʿAbd Allāh b. Mas^ʿūd

Date of establishment: 7th century AH

Status: Public mosque library, under the authority of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Conditions of access: By arrangement.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 33.

Description of collection: The MSS are shortly to be moved to the headquarters of the Ministry, where they will be catalogued and stored.

Masjid ʿAbd al-Ḥamīd b. Bādīs

Status: Public mosque library, under the authority of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Conditions of access: By arrangement.

Description of collection: It is difficult to ascertain the number of MSS held in this collection, as their folios are scattered and disordered. However, it is possible to state that the fields of *sīra*, *fiqh*, history, philology, grammar, logic, mathematics and astronomy are represented. The dates of copying range from the 8th to the 14th centuries AH.

CONSTANTINE (QUSANTĪNA)

General

The mosque libraries detailed below are estimated to contain about 200 MSS on philology, *Ḥadīth*, history, law, theology & logic. They date from the 10th to the 14th centuries AH and are generally in satisfactory condition, although some damage has occurred for want of the necessary means of conservation.

Other important manuscript collections are known to have existed in Constantine, but it has not been possible to obtain information concerning their present state or location. What follows is a bibliography of some of the earlier published information:

1845. *Rapport adressé à M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique . . . suivi du catalogue des manuscrits arabes les plus importants de la Bibliothèque d'Alger et de la Bibliothèque de Cid-Hammouda à Constantine.* By Baron DE SLANE. [Paris, 1845.] 16pp.

Notice des ouvrages historiques, littéraires et philologiques qui se trouvent dans la bibliothèque du Cid-Hammouda à Constantine, pp. 15–16.

1854. Catalogue des manuscrits arabes de SI SAID BEN BACHTERZI, tâleb de Constantine, rédigé et annoté par M. [A.] CHERBONNEAU. *Journal Asiatique* V/4, 1854, pp. 433–444.

1860. Lettre de M. (A.) CHERBONNEAU à M. Renan. *Journal Asiatique* V/15, 1860, pp. 435–438.

Includes a detailed description of one MS. containing a Sufi text, and a list of the titles of 34 others, in the library of SĪ ḤAMMŪDA; also mentions the library of AL-ḤĀJJ AḤMAD AL-MUBĀRAK.

1888. Manuscrito de ABEN HAYÁN en la biblioteca de los herederos de Çidi Hammouda en Constantina. By F. CODERA. *Boletín de la Real Academia de Historia* 13, 1888, pp. 53–61. Also in his *Misión histórica en la Argelia y Túnez*, Madrid, 1892.

1892. La collection des MSS de Si Hammouda. By E.F[AGNAN]. *Revue Africaine* 36, 1892, p. 165.

Records the sale and dispersal of this collection.

1893. Manuscrit de la Bibliothèque de Constantine. By E. FAGNAN. *Catalogue général des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France: Départements*—Tome XXI. Paris: Plon [for] Ministère de l'Instruction et des Beaux-Arts, 1893, p. 317.

Systematic description of an important Arabic MS. on local history.

Bilqāsīm Mosque

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

Al-Ḥasanayn Mosque

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

Ḥusayn Bāy Mosque

Nahj Būd Shīsh Bilqāsīm

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

Al-Jāmi^c al-Kabīr (Great Mosque)

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

Sayyida Ḥafṣa Mosque

5 Nahj ʿAbd Allāh Bāy

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

Sīdī Maghraf Mosque

17 Nahj ʿAbd Allāh Bāy

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

Al-Tawba Mosque

32 Nahj Bīdī Luwayza

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Description of collection: See under **General** above.

GHARDĀYA

Shaykh Bayānū al-Ḥājj Muḥammad b. Yūsuf

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 130.

Description of collection: This collection covers the study of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, and also includes works on Mālikī and Ibāḍī *fiqh*. A smaller number deal with history, biography, politics, mathematics and astronomy. Their dates of copying range from the 8th to the 14th centuries AH. Their condition is generally satisfactory.

Published catalogues:

1885. See Union catalogue by MOTYLINSKI.

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

AL-HĀMIL**Zāwiyat al-Hāmīl**

Date of establishment: ca. 1890

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the owner.

Description of collection: At the time of Basset's cataloguing, this library contained 53 MSS covering a variety of disciplines (*tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *fatāwá*, grammar). The oldest MS. was copied in 536 AH [1142 CE]: this is no. 51, *Al-Jāmiʿ al-Ṣaḥīḥ* by AL-BUKHĀRĪ. The collection also contains a copy of *Al-Miʿyār* by AL-WANSHARĪSĪ, copied in 899 AH [1494 CE], during the lifetime of the author.

Published catalogues:

1896–97. Les manuscrits arabes de la zaouyah d'el Hamel. By R. BASSET. *Giornale della Società Asiatica Italiana* 10, 1896–97, pp. 43–97.

Detailed descriptions of the contents of 53 MSS.

Shaykh Ḥamū b. Baʿahmad Yaʿqūb al-Warjalānī
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Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 54.

Description of collection: The MSS in the collection cover several Islamic disciplines, and include a number of works on Ibāḍī *fiqh*. Their dates of copying range from the 6th to the 14th centuries AH. Their condition is generally satisfactory; however, the library lacks the means to carry out restoration work.

Published catalogues:

1885. See Union catalogue by MOTYLINSKI.

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

ḤĀSĪ**Zāwiyat al-Aḥdāb**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 300.

Description of collection: The MSS cover a variety of fields, including Qurʾān, qirāʾāt, tafsīr, Ḥadīth, uṣūl al-fiqh, ʿaqāʾid, taṣawwuf, grammar, logic, philology, rhetoric, history, biography and astronomy. Their dates of copying span the 8th to the 14th centuries AH. The MSS are kept in cabinets and have suffered some deterioration owing to the lack of proper preservation facilities.

KHATTĪ**Al-Hājj Mubārak b. Ṣāliḥ**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Open to recognised researchers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 300.

Description of collection: The collection was founded by the father of the owner, the Qādī MUḤAMMAD B. SĪDĪ AḤMAD, in the 19th century. It covers the following disciplines: Qurʾān, tafsīr, qirāʾāt, tawḥīd, ʿaqāʾid, uṣūl al-fiqh, taṣawwuf, philology, rhetoric, grammar, politics, logic, mathematics and algebra. The dates of copying of the MSS range from the 8th to the 14th centuries AH. Most of the MSS are in a lamentable state, and only a hundred are usable. They are kept in old cardboard and wooden boxes, many of which have been exposed to excessive heat. Many of the title pages and colophons are missing. Valuable items include *Risāla fi ʿl-tawḥīd* by MUḤAMMAD B. YŪSUF AL-SANŪSĪ.

KUNTA**Zāwiyat Kunta**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Skaykh of the zāwiya.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 64.

Description of collection: The MSS of the collection cover the following

fields: Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawhīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, Mālikī and Ḥanafī *fiqh*, prayers, philology, grammar, logic, mathematics, astronomy, history and biography. Their dates of copying range from the 8th to the 14th centuries AH.

The MSS are kept in a metal cabinet. Their condition is fair, in comparison with those of other collections in the region, but some have been damaged. The collection contains a number of MSS of scholarly or scientific value, e.g.

- (i) *Sharḥ alfāz al-Naṣīḥa al-kāfiya* by MUḤAMMAD B. ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-ZIKRĪ;
- (ii) *Majmūʿat qaṣāʾid* AL-SHAYKH AL-MUKHTĀR AL-KUNTĪ.

Zāwiyat Muḥammad b. ʿAbd al-Karīm al-Maghīlī

Date of establishment: 10th/16th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 300.

Description of collection: The collection was established by the founder on his return from the western Sudan. The MSS cover the following fields: Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawhīd*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, grammar, logic and algebra, history and biography. The MSS in the collection were copied between the 10th and 14th centuries AH. The MSS are in good condition, with sound bindings, but are on open display in a long room. There is evidence that they are cared for by their owner, but they would benefit from appropriate preservation and repair work.

Valuable MSS include the following:

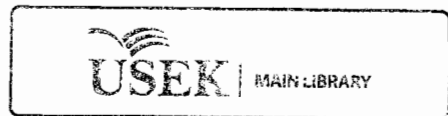
- (i) *Kitāb al-raḥma fī ʿl-ṭibb wa-ʿl-ḥikma* by AḤMAD B. IBRĀHĪM AL-SADĪ AL-HINDĪ, copied in 1062 AH [1652];
- (ii) *Al-Tibyān fī adab ḥamalāt al-Qurʾān* by YAḤYĀ B. SHARĪF B. MUḤAMMAD AL-TAWWĀBĪ.

MASCARA (MUʿASKAR)

Masjid al-Kurt

Date of establishment: 17th century

Status: Mosque library



Conditions of access: Open to the public.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4.

Description of collection: The MSS treat the fields of Qurʾān and Ḥadīth. Their dates of copying range between the 10th and 14th centuries AH. The MSS lack their title pages and colophons, making identification difficult.

Zāwiyat al-Shaykh Shantūf

Date of establishment: 19th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the zāwiya.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 30.

Description of collection: The MSS treat the disciplines of Qurʾān, qirāʾāt, Ḥadīth, taṣawwuf, uṣūl al-fiqh and ʿaqāʾid. They are kept in a cabinet. Some of them are in good condition, but others have deteriorated, and the classification numbers of some are illegible.

MILIANA

Masjid Sīdī Aḥmad b. Yūsuf al-Miliyānī

Date of establishment: 1529

Status: Public mosque library, under the authority of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Conditions of access: By appointment with the imām.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 86.

Description of collection: Access was not granted, but according to the keepers the MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, tafsīr, tawḥīd, uṣūl al-fiqh and Mālīkī fiqh. The dates of copying are reportedly between the 3rd and 14th centuries AH, with the majority being concentrated in the 12th and 13th centuries AH. The condition of the MSS is stated to be fair.

MUTĀRIFA

Zāwiyat Muṭārifa

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 800.

Description of collection: This collection contains valuable MSS in a variety of disciplines, including Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *tawhīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, rhetoric, grammar, logic, astronomy and history.

The condition of the MSS is generally satisfactory. They are kept in cabinets, but there are some detached folios. It is the intention of this author to compile a handlist of the collection.

ORAN (WAHRĀN)

Zāwiyat Baṭīwa (al-Mahdī al-Būʿabdālī)

Date of establishment: 10th/16th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the Zāwiya.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 250.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS treat the study of the Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Hadīth*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, lexicography, grammar, logic, astronomy and history. A small proportion of the MSS treat *kalām*, geography and travel. Their dates of copying range from the 5th to the 14th centuries AH.

The MSS are still largely in a state of disorder. They are divided into three sections, the first being for bound volumes, the second for old works and the third for letters and historical and legal documents. In general, the MSS need to be put in order and properly maintained.

The library contains a number of MSS of scholarly or artistic value, including a copy of *Fath al-Bārī* by IBN ḤAJAR AL-ʿASQALĀNĪ, copied in the 7th century AH.

See:

1976. Survey by JADWĀNĪ, p. 42.

Unpublished catalogue:

Fihris Khizānat al-Mahdī al-Būʿabdālī (handlist).

OUARGLA (WARJALĀN)**Zāwiyat ʿAjjāja**

Date of establishment: 19th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the Shaykh of the Zāwīya.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 100.

Description of collection: The MSS deal mainly with Qurʾanic studies, theology, philology, logic, astronomy, history (of north-west Africa, Tunis and the eastern Arabs), biography, *Ḥadīth*, *Mālikī fiqh*, literature and grammar. At the time of cataloguing, the collection contained 281 MSS, which suggests that a significant proportion of the collection has since been damaged, lost or dispersed.

Published catalogues:

1885. See Union catalogue by MOTYLINSKI.

1885. See Union catalogue by BASSET.

1956. See Union catalogue by SCHACHT.

Zāwiyat Banī Ibrāhīm

Date of establishment: 11th/17th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the owners.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 48.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, philology, rhetoric and logic. Their dates of copying range from the 9th to the 14th centuries AH. The physical condition of the MSS is fair, but some are incomplete and have suffered from a lack of preservation facilities.

Zāwiyat Banī Sīsh

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the owners.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 25.

Description of collection: The MSS represent the disciplines of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, Mālikī *fiqh* and *taṣawwuf*. Their dates of copying span the 9th to the 14th centuries AH. The MSS are in need of repair and restoration.

Zāwiyat Banī Wāfin

Date of establishment: 11th/17th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the owners.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 73.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, philology, grammar, rhetoric and logic. They are in reasonable condition, but the library has no facilities for preservation or restoration.

Zāwiyat Warjalān

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the Shaykh of the *Zāwiya*.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 49.

Description of collection: The collection contains MSS in the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, lexicography, grammar, *sīra*, astronomy, literature and history and biography. Their dates of copying span the 11th to the 14th centuries AH. The MSS are in reasonable condition, but the library has no facilities for preservation or restoration.

Published catalogue:

1885. See Union catalogue by BASSET.

OULED DJELLAL (Biskra)

ʿAbd al-Ḥamīd Tātānī

Date of establishment: ca. 1900

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the owner.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *Ḥadīth*, *kalām*, *uṣūl al-fiqh* and *taṣawwuf*. They were copied between the 11th and 14th centuries AH. Important material in the collection includes:

- (i) *Al-Ṭarīqa al-Muḥammadīya* by ʿALĪ B. ABĪ BAKR B. ʿABD AL-JALĪL, copied by IBRĀHĪM B. ʿĀMIR AL-QUSANṬĪNĪ in 1229 AH [1814];
- (ii) *Tanbīh al-ghāfilīn* by ABŪ ʿL-LAYTH AL-SAMARQANDĪ, copied in 1064 AH [1654].

Muḥammad al-ʿĀbid

Status: Public mosque library, under the control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Ministry or the imām of the mosque.

Description of collection: The MSS treat the disciplines of Qurʾān, *qirāʾāt*, *tafsīr*, logic, astronomy and history. The dates of copying range from the 10th to the 14th centuries AH. The MSS are kept in three cabinets, two of which are locked. Some of the folios of the MSS in the third cabinet have been mixed up and they are all covered in dust. However, the condition of the MSS is generally satisfactory.

Muḥammad Waqqād

Date of establishment: ca. 1900

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 30.

Description of collection: The MSS treat the disciplines of Qurʾān, *qirāʾāt*, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *kalām*, *taṣawwuf*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, philology and literature. The dates of copying range from the 11th to the 15th centuries AH. The MSS are bound and are in reasonable condition. The valuable MSS of the collection include *Bughyat al-ṭālibīn bimā tuḍammīnuhu Umm al-barāhīn* by MUḤAMMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-MIṢRĪ, copied in 1066 AH [1656].

Samāti 'Abd al-Ḥalīm

Date of establishment: ca. 1900

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 30.

Description of collection: The MSS represent the fields of Qurʾān, qirāʾāt, tafsīr, Ḥadīth, ʿaqāʾid, taṣawwuf, history and biography. They were copied between the 11th and 12th centuries AH. Most of the MSS are in fair condition, but a number of them have suffered from a lack of essential preservation facilities. The collection includes some MSS of scholarly or scientific value, including *Al-Iṣṭifāʾ ilā maʿānī 'l-Shifā* by MUḤAMMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-DALĪ.

Al-Zāwiya al-Mukhtāriya

Date of establishment: 1276/1860

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Description of collection: This is reportedly a large collection of MSS covering the fields of Qurʾān, qirāʾāt, tafsīr, Ḥadīth, ʿaqāʾid, taṣawwuf, uṣūl al-fiqh, grammar, rhetoric, politics, logic, mathematics, astronomy, history and biography.

QAṢR AL-BUKHĀRĪ**Zāwiyat al-Maysūm Būghār**

Date of establishment: 1865

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the zāwiya.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 33.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are works about taṣawwuf. They were copied in the 12th and 13th centuries AH.

SIRYĀNA**Al-Shaykh Būzayd**

Date of establishment: ca. 1900

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 410.

Description of collection: The MSS cover a wide range of Islamic sciences, and their dates of copying range from the 9th to the 14th centuries AH. A number of the MSS have deteriorated owing to the lack of appropriate facilities for preservation. The valuable MSS of the collection include *Sharḥ li-qaṣīda fī 'l-qirā'āt* by MUḤAMMAD B. AL-MUBĀRAK AL-SIJILMĀSĪ.

TAMANṬĪṬ

Sīdī Muḥammad al-Ṣiddīqī

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 70.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirā'āt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawḥīd*, *ʿaqā'id*, *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, philology and biography. The dates of copying of the MSS range from the 10th to the 14th centuries AH. Most of the MSS are in good condition, and are bound together in collections and kept in cabinets.

The collection contains a number of MSS of scholarly or artistic value, e.g.

- (i) *Tahdhīb masā'il al-Mudawwana* by KHALAF B. ABĪ 'L-QĀSIM AL-AZDĪ AL-BARĀDHĪ^{ʿĪ}, copied by ABŪ BAKR AL-TAWĀTĪ;
- (ii) *Risāla fī ma'rifat al-ḥaqā'iq al-sabā* by MUḤAMMAD BADR DĀSH AL-MUḤAMMADĪ AL-KHALWATĪ AL-ḤANAFĪ;
- (iii) *Ḥall al-rumūz wa-mafāṭih al-kunūz* by ʿIZZ AL-DĪN B. ʿABD AL-SALĀM.

Al-Zāwiya al-Bakrīya

Date of establishment: 1017/1608

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the *zāwiya*.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 54.

Description of collection: This collection dates from the early establishment of the *zāwiya*, and was mentioned by the traveller Al-ʿAyyāshī.

At that time the MSS of the *zāwiya* were more numerous than they are today, as many of them have now been lost or dispersed. The remaining MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, grammar, astronomy and history. Their dates of copying range from the 9th to the 14th centuries AH.

The MSS are in satisfactory condition for the most part, and are better kept than those of other libraries in the region. The owner has had them bound and has given them numbers and titles. However, as with the other collections in the region, there is no catalogue or handlist.

The collection contains a number of MSS of scholarly or artistic value, e.g.

- (i) *Risāla fī 'l-Yahūd* by ʿABD AL-KARĪM AL-MAGHĪLĪ;
- (ii) *Rawḍat al-nisrīn mujmiʿa li-masāʾil al-tamrīn* by MUḤAMMAD B. AḤMAD AL-TAWĀTĪ.

TĪMĪ

Khizānat Kūsān

Date of establishment: 12th century AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the keepers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 300.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS of this collection are on Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawhīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, Mālikī *fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, grammar, philology, rhetoric, logic, astronomy, mathematics, algebra, and biography. A small proportion treat *kalām*, medicine, geography and travel. The dates of copying range from the 7th to the 15th centuries AH. The condition of the MSS is generally satisfactory, although a number of them have suffered from a lack of proper preservation facilities.

The collection contains a number of MSS of scholarly or aesthetic value, including part of *Ṣaḥīḥ AL-BUKHĀRĪ*, copied by ʿALĪ B. ʿABD ALLĀH B. MASʿŪD in 662 AH [1264 CE].

Zāwiyat Qaṣr Mallūka

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Open to recognised researchers, by appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 300.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawḥīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, grammar, logic, astronomy and biography. Some of the MSS date from the 9th and 10th centuries AH. They are kept in a purpose-built, ventilated room and the condition of most of them is satisfactory.

TIMIMOUN

Zāwiyat Sīdī Bilqāsim

Date of establishment: 18th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Shaykh of the *zāwiya*.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 100.

Description of collection: The MSS cover the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *qirāʾāt*, *Ḥadīth*, *tawḥīd*, *ʿaqāʾid*, grammar, astronomy and biography. A number of the MSS were copied in the 9th century AH. Most are in good condition, but some need remedial care.

TLEMCEN (TILIMSĀN)

Thānawīyat Ibn Zarjab

Status: Public library, under the authority of the Ministry of Education.

Conditions of access: By appointment with the keepers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 64.

Description of collection: Deposited here is the collection of the Tlemcen Madrasa (al-Qādī Shuʿayb). The 1907 catalogue describes 110 MSS, leading us to assume that a number of MSS have been lost or dispersed. The disciplines treated by the MSS are: Qurʾān, *Ḥadīth*, *sīra*, *tawḥīd*, *kalām*, *taṣawwuf*, *fiqh*, philosophy, logic, mathematics, history and biography. Their dates of copying span the 12th to the 14th centuries AH. Most of the MSS are in good condition, but a few have loose and disordered folios and are not numbered.

Under no. 63 in the catalogue we find a description of *Bughyat al-sālik fī ashraf al-masālik* by MUḤAMMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-ANṢĀRĪ AL-SĀḤILĪ, of which the only other known copy is in the British Library.

Published catalogues:

1907. *Catalogue des manuscrits arabes conservés dans les principales bibliothèques algériennes*. Tome I: *Médresa de Tlemcen*. By A. COUR. Algiers: Jourdan. 71pp.

1974. See survey by DUJAYLĪ, p. 299.

TOLGA (ṬŪLQA)

Shaykh ʿAbd al-Qādir al-ʿUthmānī

Date of establishment: 19th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 500.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS represent the fields of Qurʾān, *qirāʾāt*, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *taṣawwuf*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, grammar, rhetoric, politics, logic, mathematics, astronomy, history and biography. Other disciplines are also represented. The dates of copying of the MSS range between the 8th and 14th centuries AH. The condition of the MSS is generally satisfactory, as they are carefully looked after. They are kept in a well-ventilated room and are regularly dusted.

The collection contains a number of valuable MSS, including:

- (i) *Faḥ Iḥrīqīya wa-man dakhalaḥā min al-Ṣaḥāba wa-ʾl-tābiʿīn* by ʿIsā B. SĀLĀMA AL-BISKARĪ;
- (ii) *Nuṣrat al-faqīr fī ʾl-radd ʿalā Abī ʾl-Ḥasan al-Ṣaghīr* by MUḤAMMAD B. YŪSUF B. ʿUMAR AL-SANŪSĪ.

Shaykh Abū Ṣāliḥ al-ʿUthmānī

Date of establishment: ca. 1900

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment only.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 89.

Description of collection: The MSS are in the disciplines of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *taṣawwuf*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, philology and grammar. The dates of copying span the 6th to the 15th centuries AH. The

MSS are housed in a ground-floor room; their condition is satisfactory for the most part, but a number of them have deteriorated owing to the lack of preservation facilities.

TOUGGOURT

Zāwiyat Tamāsīn (Temacin)

Date of establishment: 19th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the Shaykh of the zāwiya.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 100.

Description of collection: At the time of cataloguing, 12 MSS were recorded. The collection has been expanded since then, and now numbers over 100 MSS. A high proportion of the MSS are on *taṣawwuf*.

Published catalogue:

1885. See Union catalogue by BASSET.

WĀDĪ JUMʿA (GHALĪZĀN)

Sīdī ʿAbd al-Bāqī

Date of establishment: 19th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By arrangement with the Shaykh of the zāwiya.

Description of collection: The MSS represent the fields of Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *ʿaqāʾid*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf* and history. Their dates of copying range from the 9th to the 14th centuries AH, with the majority dating from the 13th and 14th centuries. The MSS and their bindings are generally in good condition, but are likely to deteriorate for want of suitable means of preservation.

The collection contains a copy of *Tanwīr al-maqāla* by MUḤAMMAD B. IBRĀHĪM AL-TATĀʾĪ, copied in 993 AH [1585].

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UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1975. *Shāhnāmah dar mūzah'hā*. By MAHSHĪD RŪḤĀNĪ & JĀVĀD PĀRSĀY JĀVĪD. Tehran: Vizārat-i Farhang va Hunar, Idārah-i Mūzah'hā, 1354.

Ustarāliyā, pp. 54–55. Details of 4 FIRDAWSĪ MSS in Sydney.

1982. *Indonesian and Malayan traditional manuscripts held in public collections in Australia*. By G. MILLER. Canberra: Australian National University (Bibliographical Series, 2). xiv + 81pp.

Includes details of 5 original Malay MSS and a title list of the numerous photographic copies of Malay and Minangkabau MSS in European and Southeast Asian collections.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CANBERRA

Australian National University Library

PO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601

Tel.: (062) 495111 Fax: (062) 490734 Telex: 10717252

Date of establishment: 1948

Status: University library

Published catalogue:

1982. The Union catalogue by MILLER lists photographic copies of 10 Malay & 7 Minangkabau MSS.

NEW SOUTH WALES**SYDNEY****Art Gallery of New South Wales**

Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney, New South Wales 2000

Tel.: (02) 225 1700

Date of establishment: 1874

Status: State regional art gallery

Conditions of access: Open to the public Monday–Saturday 10.00–17.00, Sunday 12.00–17.00.

Description of collection: The Asian collection contains Persian miniatures and calligraphy.

Published catalogue:

1975. The Union catalogue by RŪḤĀNĪ gives details of 3 leaves from FIRDAWSĪ MSS.

State Library of New South Wales

Dixson Library, Macquarie street, Sydney, NSW 2000

Tel.: (02) 2301414 Fax: (02) 2322003 Telex: 121150

Date of establishment: 1826

Status: State library

Published catalogue:

1982. The Union catalogue by MILLER gives details of one Malay MS.

University of Sydney Library

Sydney, NSW 2006

Tel.: (02) 6922992 Fax: (02) 6924593

Date of establishment: 1852

Status: University library

Published catalogues:

1980. A Malay manuscript in Sydney. By R. JONES. *Indonesia Circle* 21, 1980, pp. 29–30.

1982. The Union catalogue by MILLER gives details of the same Malay medical MS.

VICTORIA

CLAYTON

Monash University: Department of Indonesian and Malay

Clayton, Victoria 3168

Tel.: (03) 5410811

Status: University departmental collection

Published catalogue:

1982. The Union catalogue by MILLER lists photographic copies of 94 Malay, 2 Persian-Malay & 1 Minangkabau MSS.

Monash University Library

Clayton, Victoria 3168

Tel.: (03) 5412670; Fax: (03) 5652610 Telex: 31729

Date of establishment: 1961

Status: University library

Published catalogue:

1982. The Union catalogue by MILLER gives details of 3 Malay MSS.

BURKINA FASO

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INTRODUCTION

This survey of the Republic of Burkina Faso was carried out between 25th December 1992 and 13th January 1993. Nineteen towns were visited, of which only six possessed Islamic MSS: but 14 collections containing 2,342 MSS were discovered.

Most of the collections in Burkina Faso are uncatalogued. The MSS are similar to those found in Nigeria, Mali and Niger, as a result of the close cultural and religious relationship between these countries.

Sadly, most collections are in the hands of uninformed persons, who usually do not realise their value.

The high cost of printed Arabic texts in the country has driven people to rely on manuscripts for Islamic studies, as they are cheaper to purchase. As a result, there are a lot of MSS in private hands which are not organised as collections. People may own two or three MSS bought or copied personally for study. It is not easy to survey such MSS, and it was necessary to combine some collections. Under present conditions these MSS risk being lost or destroyed unless urgent measures are taken.

The numbers which were discovered within a short period prove that Burkina Faso is rich in Islamic MSS. Efforts should be made to organise and control the collection of these valuable documents, as the deaths of many prominent elderly Islamic scholars will otherwise lead to the disappearance of many private collections.

UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1965. Les manuscrits historiques arabo-africaines. (Bilan provisoire.) By V. MONTEIL. *Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Afrique Noire*, Série B, 27, 1965, pp. 531 – 542.

Haute-Volta, p. 542.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BOBO DIOULASSO**Alhaji Muhammad Marhaba**

Muhammad Marhaba's residence

c/o Bobo Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1952

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the late owner's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 701 (Arabic; Dyula; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This is probably the largest and best preserved collection in the country. It is the creation of Alhaji MUHAMMAD MARHABA, sometime Mufti and Imam of Bobo Dioulasso. The collection was bequeathed to his children. No information exists about the source of the MSS, but the late owner once served as a Qāḍī in Ghana and also claimed to have come from Spain. Alh. Marhaba wrote a lot of books and copied others personally.

Most of the MSS are in mixed languages. Of interest is a very old manuscript of *Dalā'il al-khayrāt*, with a note by Alh. Marhaba appended to it saying that he bought it for four slaves.

The dated MSS are from the 18th century, but some very old manuscripts are undated. According to the family of Alh. Marhaba, some MSS were donated to the late Alh. BOUBOU HAMMA, formerly speaker of the National Assembly of Niger Republic in the 1960s (see catalogues).

The MSS are neatly packed in wooden boxes in a family living room. They are well preserved, but the very old MSS have been affected either by damp or by bookworm.

Subjects covered by the collection are: literature (60), *fiqh* (105), history (67), correspondence (115), Qur'āns (6), *tafsīr* (5), *Hadīth* (15), *fatwās* (129), Islamic law (33), *ʿaqīda* (48), philosophy (17), Sufism (25), grammar (15), praise of the Prophet (7), *waʿz* (14), sermons (18), poetry (22).

This collection has much historical and artistic significance. Unique MSS include: *Maʿnā nuzūl al-Qurʿān*, anonymous and undated; *Majmūʿat tārikh Zabarmā*, by MUHAMMAD MARHABĀ, undated; *Jawāhir al-ḥisān* by KHALĪL SAGHANŪGHŪ, undated.

Unpublished catalogues:

1979. *Liste des manuscrits en langues arabe et ajami*, Institut de Recherche en Sciences Humaines, Niamey.

Mentions about 100 MSS of this collection.

Another list contains about 287 MSS.

Bobo Naba

Bobo Naba's palace

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By special appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 299 (Arabic; Dyula; Fulbe).

Description of collection: Kept in the room which houses the historical monuments of the royal family of Bobo Dioulasso. It is believed that the MSS are the works of various Malams who once worked as clerks of the court. The majority of them relate to diplomatic correspondence, commerce, records of events, history, and judicial cases.

The dates of the MSS are not very clear, but careful observation of the legible ones suggests that they might have been written in the 17th and 18th centuries and later.

The subjects are: *fiqh* (12), history (54), correspondence (41), chronicles (59), judicial cases (78), Qurʾān (1), *tafsīr* (2), science and the occult (35), Sufism (7), *Ḥadīth* (5), praise of the Prophet (3), grammar (2).

The MSS are not well kept, but they appear to be in good condition, except for a few which have been destroyed. They contain beautiful calligraphy. The most important manuscripts in the collection include: *Akhhār aṣl Fullāta Burnū* by AḤMAD B. AL-ḤĀJJ, "AMĪR MĪSAW" dated 26th July 1927; *Ghazwat Kānim allatī ṣāra fihā Sulṭānunā al-Ḥājj IDRĪS B. ʿALĪ* by AḤMAD B. FARTUWĀ AL-BARNĀWĪ, undated; and *Tabṣīrat al-nadhr* by IDRĪS (?), undated.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Moli Younous Abd ʿAla

Moli Younous residence

c/o Bobo Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1970

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 156 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Represents 5 collections of one family or community. According to Moli Younous, he and his relations inherited their respective collections from their grandparents. Moli Younous, who owns more than half of the MSS, claims to have copied about 45% of them himself. No information exists as to the source of the MSS. They were amalgamated by request, to facilitate this survey. The collection possesses very old MSS, which date as far back as the 16th century. The rest are dated from the 19th century, and about 20 MSS are undated.

The subjects covered are: Sufism (7), praise of the Prophet (16), *fiqh* (10), *Hadīth* (25), Qurʾāns (3), *tafsīr* (1), *adab* (17), philosophy (9), history (14), *Shariʿa* (8), medicine (4), occult (10), correspondence (18), sermons (10), *waʿz* (4).

Though badly affected by bookworm, they are well preserved, but restoration is required to save them from further destruction.

Five of the MSS are of high artistic quality, especially one Qurʾān. Rarities are: *Miʿrāj al-Suʿūd*, by AHMADU BABA, undated; and *Shahdat al-jānī fi ʿkhtiṣār aḥkām ṭarīqat al-Tijānī*, by MUḤAMMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-ḤAJJŪJĪ, undated.

Unpublished catalogue:

An undetailed hand-prepared list contains 72 MSS..

BOULSA

Mole Ishaka Nabiga

Nabiga Family Quarters

No. 15

Date of establishment: 1950

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 52 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Represents a collection of MSS by seven individuals. Mole Ishaka, a scholar, owns the majority of the MSS (about 38); 14 belong to 4 mallams in Boulsa, who on account of the small size of their collections, and their remotely located residences,

were advised by this researcher to amalgamate their MSS with those of Mole Ishaka for easy compilation.

All the owners claim to have copied the MSS themselves, with the exception of 4 MSS which, according to Mole Ishaka, were donated to him by a friend, SAYINNA BOUKAR DUNAMA, from Borno, Nigeria.

The collection covers the following subjects: theology (8), history (4), *fiqh* (8), *uṣūl* (5), Qurʾāns (2), *Ḥadīth* (9), *Sharīʿa* (5), astronomy (3), Qurʾanic sciences (1), medicine (1), *fatwās* (2), *waʿz* (4).

The dates of most of the MSS are very obscure and impossible to ascertain with accuracy. There are, however, about 12 MSS of the 19th century.

The collection is well preserved, and contains superbly bound MSS. They are kept on a small wooden table in Mole Ishaka's living-room. There are two rarities: *Tadhkira li-l-mutaʾakhhirīn ʿan mulūk Ghūnjā*, undated and anonymous; and *Riwāya ʿan baʿd al-ʿulamāʾ fī madhhab al-IMĀM MĀLIK ʿan al-Sinīn*, undated and anonymous.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten catalogue prepared by SAYINNA BOUKAR DUNAMA for MOLE ISHAKA describes 34 MSS in detail.

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DJIBO

Alhaji Danbiri Katsina

Danbiri Katsina's residence

Date of establishment: 1928

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 100 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: According to Alhaji DANBIRI, his MSS are from various sources: Nigeria, Niger and Dori. He purchased some from friends and copied a number of MSS himself, as he still does, despite his great age. The MSS are in mixed languages.

Most of the manuscripts are the works of Shehu USMANU DAN FODIO, ABDULLAHI BIN FODIO and MUHAMMAD BELLO. Some very old manuscripts authored by prominent West African scholars such as AHMADU BABA of Timbuktu are also present. The MSS are well

preserved, though most of them require restoration because of book-worm and damp.

The MSS cover the following subjects: *jihād* (3), *fiqh* (20), praise of the Prophet (8), *Ḥadīth* (3), *tafsīr* (1), Qurʾān (1), philosophy (4), *tawḥīd* (12), *uṣūl* (14), history (5), grammar (9), occult (7), medicine (1), poetry (12).

Rarities are: *Tuḥfat al-zurafā* by JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-SUYŪṬĪ, undated; *Muqaddimat al-ʿAshmāwī* by MUḤAMMAD AL-ʿASHMĀWĪ AL-RIFĀʿĪ, undated; and *Infāq al-maysūr fī tārikh bilād al-Takrūr*, by MUḤAMMADU BELLO BIN UṬHMAN, dated 1227.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten, undetailed, catalogue on two sheets lists the MSS.

Alhaji Sahabi Aliyu

Sahabi Aliyu Quarters

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 13.

Description of collection: Eleven MSS in this collection were purchased by Alh. SAHABI ALIYU from sources within Burkina Faso for his own study. Two were given to him by an itinerant scholar, who spent some time in Djibo about 8 years ago. Only 6 of the MSS date from the 19th century. The rest are undated. Four are anonymous.

Subjects covered by the MSS are: *fiqh* (3), *uṣūl* (1), Qurʾān (1), *tawḥīd* (5), praise of the Prophet (1), grammar (2).

The MSS are in perfect condition.

This collection is uncatalogued.

DORI

Alhaji Imam Ghali

Dori Masjid Jumʿa

Date of establishment: 1941

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 139.

Description of collection: The majority of this collection comprises the

works of the Sokoto *jihād* leaders. The owner, Alh. Ghali, the Imam of Dori, brought most of this collection, which he had inherited from his father, from his home in Sokoto. He had copied some MSS from printed Arabic texts over the years.

The MSS are bound in volumes and kept on a table in the owner's bedroom. They are in good condition, as only a few have been infected. They date from the 18th to the 20th centuries, and some are in mixed languages.

Subjects covered by the collection are: *fiqh* (21), *Hadīth* (17), history (19), *jihād* (16), science and the occult (11), astronomy (3), astrology (8), grammar (3), praise of the Prophet (2), genealogy (4), *ʿaqāda* (18), Sufism (7), politics (10).

Some MSS are of artistic significance. Rarities are: *Taqyīd wīrd al-Shaykh al-Tijānī* by ʿABD AL-KARĪM BINNĪSĀ AL-FĀSĪ, dated 1904; *Ḍiyāʾ al-ḥukkām* by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN FŪDĪ, undated; *Tazyīn al-waraqāt* by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN FŪDĪ, undated.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Alhaji Hama Kadiri

Hama Kadiri's quarters

Date of establishment: 1940

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 77 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This collection belonged to a pious Sufi Fulani Shaykh who was the Grand Qāḍī of Dori some decades ago. His true origin is unknown. This scholar is said to have written a number of Islamic books and had copied many works by prominent Islamic scholars in the Maghrib. It is not known whether he purchased some MSS from other sources. His collection was bequeathed to his children.

There may be more MSS in this collection than were disclosed, given that the family of the late owner initially denied being in possession of any manuscripts. According to an informant, the late owner once gave some MSS to a Western researcher. It is not clear whether these were the ones mentioned by Mr ROBERT PAGEARD as having been given to him by a Fulani scholar in Dori in the early 1960s.

Subjects covered by the collection are: Sufism (6), history (8),

Hadīth (5), science & occultism (17), Qurʾāns (2), *tafsīr* (1), *ʿaqīda* (4), *fiqh* (11), poetry (5), correspondence (16), praise of the Prophet (2).

Twenty-five of the MSS are dated between the 18th and 19th centuries; ten are 20th-century; the rest are undated.

The manuscripts are kept in a large box. They are well preserved, but a few have been infected by bookworm. There are no MSS of artistic significance, but rarities are: *Al-Murshid al-muʿīn ʿalā ʾl-darūrī min ʿulūm al-dīn* by ʿABD AL-WĀḤID IBN ʿĀSHIR AL-ANDALUSĪ, undated; *Mukhtaṣar tārikh mulūk Burnū* by ʿABŪ BAKR AḤMAD AL-BARNĀWĪ; *Qaṣāʾid al-mutafarriqa*, by ʿANTARA IBN SHADDĀD.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Alhaji Usman Tokorori

Alhaji Usman Tokorori's court

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 241 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This collection was built up by several generations and bequeathed to ALHAJI USMAN, the Chief of Dori, who died in Medina, Saudi Arabia, about two years ago. The collection has very important MSS of historical significance. According to the family of the late owner, their forefathers had written and copied most of the MSS themselves. The late ALH. USMAN had purchased some from sources not known to them. Several volumes of MSS from this collection have been taken away by Western scholars and colonial officials. An unspecified number are said to have been donated to Alh. BOUBOU HAMMA, the late speaker of Niger's House of Assembly.

Subjects covered are: genealogy (5), history (27), Sufism (9), *fiqh* (16), *Hadīth* (11), *ʿaqīda* (13), medicine (20), *waʿz* (25), *Sharīʿa* (8), *fatwās* (19), correspondence (36), philosophy (8), Qurʾāns (9), *tafsīr* (4), *jihād* (12), education (3), grammar (6), praise of the Prophet (2), poetry (8).

The MSS are in two thick leather bags. Some have lost their bindings, and a few have also been infected by bookworm and damp. There are MSS with fine calligraphy. The majority are undated and anonymous. The dated ones are 18th-century.

Some rarities are: *Ḍiyā ʾl-siyāsa wa-fatāwā ʾl-nawāzil mim mā huwa fī furūʿ al-dīn min al-masāʾil* by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN MUḤAMMAD FŪDĪ,

dated 1235 AH; *Majmūʿa min tārīkh Fulānīyīn*, anonymous and undated; *Mawsūʿat al-Sūdān* by ʿABD AL-QĀDIR MUṢṬAFĀ.

Unpublished catalogue:

1979. *Liste des manuscrits en langues arabe et ajami*, Institut de Recherche en Sciences Humaines, Niamey.

Describes about 34 MSS in this collection.

OUAGADOUGOU

Centre Nationale des Archives

Ministry of Information and Culture

BP 7045, Ouagadougou

Status: Public archives

Conditions of access: Open to the general public.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 152 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection holds archival documents and MSS which relate to the Islamic religion and history, Sufism, mathematics, literature, charms, poetry, correspondence, medicine, litanies, astrology and Qurʾanic science.

The collection is kept in a large room, with old archival documents. This made inspection extremely difficult, but the volumes appear to be dusty; there is no information about their condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Centre Voltaique de la Recherche Scientifique, Manuscript Division

BP 6, Ouagadougou

Date of establishment: 1949

Status: Public

Conditions of access: Open to the general public.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 211 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This centre was established in 1949 by Guy le Maol to promote research on Africa. It was formerly part of L'Institut Français d'Afrique Noire (IFAN). In 1965, the Centre was renamed Centre Voltaique de la Recherche Scientifique (CVRS) and brought under the administration of the Ministry of Education.

It has not been actively involved in the collection of Islamic MSS in Burkina Faso, chiefly as a result of limited resources and lack of interested personnel. Despite these constraints, it has however been able to acquire a significant number of collections. It could not be established whether the MSS were bought from their original owners or were donated to the Centre.

The collection contains valuable MSS dating as far back as the 17th century. They are well preserved in boxes. It also possesses MSS of artistic and rarity value. The collection is in mixed languages.

Subjects covered are: *Ḥadīth* (27), Qurʾāns (4), history (18), philosophy (4), theology (20), *fiqh* (23), *uṣūl* (15), occult (10), correspondence (34), poetry (9), sermons (5), *fatwās* (18), literature (7), Sufism (11), medicine (6).

Manuscripts of rare significance are: *Al-manzūma al-musamma bi-tabḍīd al-maqbūlāt fī ʿilm al-tibb*, anonymous and undated; *Tārīkh waqāʿi al-Barābish wa-maʿahu khabar al-sūq* by AL-ʿALAWĪ BĀBĀ AL-KABĪR IBN MUḤAMMAD, dated 1329 AH; and *Al-Saʿāda al-kubrā fī ʿl-fiqh*, dated 1915, by IBN SALĪM MUḤAMMAD YAḤYĀ.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten register lists the MSS, their authors, subjects and number of pages.

Alhaji Ibrahim Kanawi

Alhaji Ibrahim residence
Hausa Community, Zango

Date of establishment: 1948

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 114 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to Alhaji Ibrahim by his father. Alh. Ibrahim was the head of the Hausa community in Ouagadougou until his death, and enriched the collection by purchasing several MSS both within and outside Burkina Faso. Most of the MSS are from Nigerian sources. According to a member of the family, the father of Alhaji Ibrahim was a pious Sufi scholar who brought a substantial number of MSS with him from Kano,

Nigeria, to Ouagadougou, where he settled for the rest of his life.

This collection has very old MSS which have a bearing on West African history. Works by the 19th-century Islamic religious reformers abound. The MSS are well preserved and are kept in a leather skin bag in the late owner's study room. Almost half are undated. The dated ones are of 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century origin, with the oldest dating back to the 16th century. There is an incomplete work, entitled *Kitāb 'Alāmat al-muttabi'īn li-sunnat Rasūl Allāh*, by 'ABD ALLĀH MUḤAMMAD FŪDĪ.

The collection covers the following subjects: theology (5), *fiqh* (18), literature (8), astrology (4), history (18), linguistics (10), ethnology (2), *tafsīr* (1), government (11), occult (14), science (9), Sufism (3), poetry (11).

The collection has some very important rarities which include: *Al-Kashf wa-'l-bayān li-aṣnāf majlūb al-Sūdān*, dated 1974, by AḤMAD BĀBĀ AL-SŪDĀNĪ; *Infāq al-maysūr*, by MUḤAMMAD BELLO, undated; *Fiqh Ḥanafī*, anonymous, dated 1433.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Mogho Naba

Mogho Naba's palace

Status: Trust

Conditions of access: By special appointment with the palace authorities.

Description of collection: This collection is believed to be several centuries old. It contains documents which give detailed information about the Mossi Empire and its history in general.

The manuscripts are mainly correspondence between the ancient rulers of the Mossi Kingdom and other states, commercial transactions, records of court cases, biographies of Mossi rulers, and charms. A few MSS on Islamic religion (*fiqh*, legal sciences, Qur'āns, theology, and prayers) also exist in this collection. The MSS are the works of court Mallams, who were employed by the Mossi native rulers to serve as court clerks and Imams of the state.

The collection is packed in locked wooden boxes in a room in which the historical documents and muniments of the entire Mossi Kingdom are stored. It is well preserved, though some MSS are torn

and affected by damp. There is no conservation work on the collection. Research work is difficult as the collection is mixed up with various historical documents.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

WADIYYAH

Mal. Abu Bella

Abu Bella's quarters
adjacent to Wadiyyah market

Date of establishment: 1968

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 87 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his father, who had inherited it from his grandfather. There are some very old manuscripts which deal with the history of towns, scholars and chiefs of Liptako, i.e. Fulanis and their settlements.

Most of the MSS in this collection date from the 17th to the 20th centuries. They are kept in a wooden box. Most have suffered damage, and have torn pages, which makes reading them very difficult.

Subjects covered are: Qur'āns (2), history (13), *fiqh* (19), *ʿaqīda* (7), medicine (7), astrology (4), astronomy (1), *tafsīr* (2), *Ḥadīth* (5), praise of the Prophet (2), literature (1), biography of the Prophet (1), *waʿz* (5), sermons (1), correspondence (10), science and the occult (3), *Shariʿa* (4).

The collection has some MSS with fine calligraphy. The rarities are: *Inḥāq al-maysūr fī tārikh bilād al-Takrūr* (incomplete), by MUHAMMAD BELLO BIN UTHMAN, undated; and *Kitāb ʿan al-ḥalāl wa-ʿl-ḥarām*, by MUHAMMAD IBN AL-ḤĀJJ IBN ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-BARNĀWĪ, undated.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued or not.

CHAD

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Khalil Alio

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EDITORIAL NOTE

What follows are particulars of some collections in N'djamena, the capital of Chad. Unfortunately it has not been possible to obtain a survey of the rest of the country, where almost certainly other significant collections of MSS are to be found.

G.J.R.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

N'DJAMENA

Adoum al-Amaf

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly contain theological texts. They are undated, and are of calligraphic quality.

Mahamat Saleh Ayoub

c/o Centre al-Mouna, BP 504, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mostly contain theological texts and poetry. They are undated, and are of calligraphic quality.

Imam Moussa Djibrine

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly contain poetry and

grammatical texts. They are undated. Some have calligraphic quality.

Al-Cheikh Mahamat Helou

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly contain theological texts. They are undated, and are of calligraphic quality.

Higher Islamic Committee

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 20 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly cover theology, poetry, grammar and phonology. They are undated. Some have calligraphic quality.

Hissein Ibrahim

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 11 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly contain historical and theological texts. They are undated, and are of calligraphic quality.

Institut National pour les Sciences Humaines (INSH)

BP 503, N'Djamena

Tel.: (235) 512967

Status: Public research institute

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 25 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly cover the fields of grammar, history and poetry. The majority are undated. Some have calligraphic quality. One significant MS. in this collection is: *Tabṣīrat al-ḥayrān min ḥawl fitan al-zamān*, by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN WALĪ ALLĀH YAʿQŪB, copied in 1362 AH [1943].

No published catalogues, but see

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Ousman Ali Mahamat

BP 643, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Fields covered include theology, history and phonology. Most of the MSS are undated.

Al-Sheikh Mahamat al-Mahdi

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly contain historical and theological texts. They are undated, and are of calligraphic quality.

Ali Ahmat Mannani

BP 473, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts mainly contain grammatical and theological texts. They are undated, and are of a particular calligraphic quality.

Ali Mahamat Taha

BP 1101, N'Djamena

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Free access.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Fields covered include theology and grammar. The MSS are undated, and are of calligraphic quality.

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CHINA

by

Mozafar Bakhtyar

1993

EDITORIAL NOTE

For reasons which are explained by the author of the survey in his Introduction below, it has not been possible to follow the usual layout of entries for most of the collections in China, since much of the standard information is lacking. Instead brief essays have been provided under each topographical heading.

The entry for GUANGZHOU has been added by the Editor following a brief visit there in January 1994.

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INTRODUCTION

The investigation and survey of Islamic manuscripts in China is, in fact, a rediscovery of the old Islamic heritage of a country where Islamic cultural influence was once deep-rooted and widespread. Traces of this influence still exist because there are large Muslim-populated areas in China where the inhabitants are keen to keep their Islamic heritage alive. Historical circumstances, and social and political change, have meant that research and study in the field of Islamic studies, unlike other parts of the world, have remained dormant in China. A work such as this, introducing Islamic manuscripts in China, therefore represents a culturally significant document. Hence, details of several manuscripts which may not have warranted specific individual attention in another country's survey have been given here. Islamic manuscripts in China represent the remaining Islamic heritage in that country, and therefore have a significance which transcends their bibliographical and codicological value.

No thorough study has hitherto been carried out, apart from a handful of articles on some collections in Beijing by visiting foreign scholars. The locations of many collections of Islamic manuscripts remain unknown to Chinese Muslim and non-Muslim scholars. The Chinese authorities, research institutes and even Islamic cultural and academic foundations are not willing to co-operate with

researchers in this field. There seems to be a lack of awareness of the cultural significance of Islamic manuscripts, and a lack of familiarity with technical aspects of codicology, particularly when assessing the value and significance of the manuscripts. Socio-political factors should be added to this lack of interest. As the real value of certain manuscripts has not been properly assessed, even the most ordinary manuscripts are considered by their owners as a precious treasure and are kept hidden and their existence denied.

There are also practical difficulties in locating collections. A researcher may spend time visiting a huge area which was historically important for its Islamic culture, and where traces of it still exist, but find that there is no sign of any manuscripts. But some significant and rare manuscripts may be chanced upon in an unknown and remote village instead. As there is no reliable information about the location of Islamic manuscripts in China one must depend on information from individuals. Unfortunately, their statements are often misleading. For instance, we were told that there was a private library in Harbin in Heilongjiang Province at the furthest north-easterly point of China, which contained a unique Arabic manuscript. A great deal of time was spent travelling there, but the so-called unique manuscript was nothing more than an early 20th-century lithograph of *Ṣafvat al-hādī* on Persian grammar.

This survey contains descriptions of all the collections of Islamic manuscripts which were seen, and the important manuscripts in each collection have been briefly described. However, it is worth noting that we travelled extensively in China and visited many remote places where we either did not find any Islamic manuscripts at all or what we saw was not really worth indicating in this survey.

The survey of all the important collections of Islamic manuscripts in China brought us to one crucial and perhaps disappointing conclusion: that the existing Islamic manuscripts are restricted to duplicates of a few main titles with little variation.

Islamic manuscripts in China can be divided into the following categories:

- (i) Manuscripts on *fiqh*, belief, prayer and the interpretation of the Qurʾān which are restricted to a few titles, with the majority of the manuscripts being duplicates of these.
- (ii) Classical works for teaching Arabic and Persian grammar and rhetoric. These texts are still commonly used in traditional Islamic centres in Muslim countries, particularly Iran. How-

ever, one text which is no longer used in Muslim countries but is still commonly used in traditional Islamic teaching centres in China is *Marāḥ al-arwāḥ*.¹

- (iii) *Ṣūfī* texts belonging to followers of the *Ṣūfī* orders of Naqshbandiya, Kubrawīya and Qādirīya as well as manuscripts particular to followers of the Jahriya sect. Again these manuscripts, as shown in the survey, are restricted to a few titles with many duplicate copies.
- (iv) Well-known texts of Persian literature such as the *Gulistān* and *Būstān* of SAʿDĪ which have been the focus of attention in China for many centuries.² There are many copies of these manuscripts with various interpretations and explanations. Also the *Dīvān* of ḤĀFIẒ and commentaries on it, the *Maṣnavī* of RŪMĪ in complete sets or parts as well as selected passages and interpretations of it, and works by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ are found in abundance in China. These texts are commonly studied by followers of *Ṣūfī* orders, and at the same time form part of the curriculum taught in traditional Islamic teaching centres.

We saw several copies of *Maqāmāt AL-ḤARĪRĪ* and a few other titles on Arabic literature. These manuscripts tended to be copies from outside China which were not widely sought after in the country. Had they been, then they would have been found in far greater quantities, like the copies of Persian manuscripts which are clearly in the majority in China. Historical evidence³ and the existence of numerous inscriptions in mosques and tombs which contain Persian poems and the names of Chinese poets who have composed Persian poetry point to vigorous Persian literary activity in China over the centuries.⁴ Unfortunately, much of this evidence is gradually vanishing; nevertheless, Persian has become the first and only Islamic language to be officially recognised and used in China.

In Xinjiang region many Muslims speak of the famous Persian

¹ See: Kutub-i darsī-i qadīmī, by MĪRZĀ ṬĀHIR TUNUKĀBUNĪ, *Fathang-i Īrān-zamīn* 20, 1353/1974, pp. 39–82.

² SAʿDĪ's importance in China is described in: BAKHTYAR, MOZAFAR. Sadi zai xifang wenxue zhong de chonggao diwei, *Guowai wenxue* 1, 1993, pp. 70–74.

³ See ZHANG XINGLANG, *Zhong xi jiaotong shiliao huibian*, Vol. 3, Beijing, 1978.

⁴ An index of the Chinese poets, writers and translators has been given in the following paper: BAKHTYAR, MOZAFAR. You Hanyu yi wei Bosiyu de zui zao wenxian. *Dongfang wenhua guoji xueshu taolunhui*. Beijing, 1991, pp. 116–127.

literary texts such as the *Shāhnāma* of FIRDĀWSĪ, *Khamsah* by NIZĀMĪ and the *divāns* of important Persian poets which have either been taken out of the country or destroyed during the Cultural Revolution in China. ZHANG HONGNIAN, a prominent Chinese Iranologist and Professor of Peking (Beijing) University, told us that he had studied a rare *Shāhnāmah* manuscript, some significant Persian literary manuscripts and Persian dictionary manuscripts which were held in the library of Niujie Mosque up to a few years ago. These manuscripts have since disappeared or been transferred to an unknown location.

No manuscripts were seen in the field of Islamic learning; for example in the domain of *Ḥadīth* there was not even a copy of the works of Bukhārī or Muslim, the main authentic sources of *Ḥadīth* throughout the Islamic world. The text *Sharḥ-i khuṭab-i arbaʿīn* by TĀJ AL-DĪN BUKHĀRĀʿĪ, of which numerous copies are found everywhere in China, is considered to be a text on *ʿirfān* rather than an important *Ḥadīth* manuscript. Also no manuscripts in the fields of genealogy and Islamic history, philosophy or logic were seen. The few manuscripts on *kalām*, belief and logic which were seen in Dong Si Mosque are exceptions.

The fields of mathematics, pure and natural sciences were also not represented, even though historical evidence suggests that these subjects used to attract considerable interest in China and there must have been manuscripts on them. In *Qing bai lei chao*, one of the most accurate chronicle of the history of China, it is said that Chinese Muslims had a great reputation in astronomy, mathematics and cartography.⁵ NEEDHAM in his work *Science and Civilisation in China* has given examples of translations of astrological and mathematical works which were adapted from Islamic astrological tables and calendars.⁶ Some of these translations are still available, e.g. the translation of *Al-madkhal fī šināʿat al-nujūm* or *Mujmal al-uṣūl fī aḥkām al-nujūm* by KŪSHYĀR DAYLAMĪ which was translated into Chinese in 1383 CE on the basis of a Persian translation.⁷ However, the lack

⁵ Ningxia zhexue shehuikexue yanjiusuo, *Qingdai Zhongguo Yisilanjiao lunji*, Yinchuan, 1981, p. 160.

⁶ NEEDHAM, JOSEPH. *Science and Civilisation in China*. Cambridge University Press, 1954, vol. III, pp. 49–50, 105, 204, 257.

⁷ YANO MICHIO. Kūshyār ibn Labbān's Book on Astrology. *Kyōto Sangyō Daigaku Kokusai Gengo Kagaku Kenkyūjo Shohō* (*Bulletin of the International Institute for Linguistic Sciences, Kyoto Sangyo University*) 5 ii, 1984, pp. 67–89.

of Islamic manuscripts in the above-mentioned fields can be explained in the words of Khwājah RASHĪD AL-DĪN FAḌL ALLĀH (ca. 1247–1318) in his *Tanksūqnāmāh*: “In all the land of Khata, China and Indochina, from Uighur to the boundaries of Turkestan and from there to the confines of India the people, no matter what their language and religion, apply Chinese scientific texts.”⁸

No manuscripts on medicine were seen, except for one in Kāshghar (a copy of *Ikhṭiyārāt-i Badīʿī*, copied outside and brought to China). The *Huihui yaofang* manuscript—see below, National Library of China under Beijing—was translated from medicinal and pharmacological Persian texts into Chinese. According to Chinese sources,⁹ LI XUN, a herbalist, botanist and poet who originated from Iran and who was known as Li Bosi (meaning Li the Persian), compiled a book called *Hai yao bencao*¹⁰ on the basis of Iranian sources in Chinese. This book is the most important source of the work *Bencao gangmu* (herbal drugs) compiled by the great Chinese doctor and chemist LI SHIZHEN which in turn is the most authentic Chinese work on traditional medicine and herbs in China. B. LAUFER in his *Sino-Iranica*, Chicago 1919, mentioned the names of some of the herbal drugs from it. It is clear that manuscripts on medicine of Islamic/Persian origin should exist in China, but no trace of them remains today. They may, however, still survive in an inaccessible corner of an old Chinese library or archive.

Until such time as full general catalogues are produced of the contents of libraries, museums and archives, one cannot say for certain that valuable and significant Islamic manuscripts have disappeared. The Chinese authorities are reluctant to co-operate with researchers. The same is true of Muslim religious leaders and Imams of the mosques which possess collections of Islamic manuscripts. This latter group also politely decline to reveal to scholars and researchers, even Muslim ones, those Islamic manuscripts

⁸ *Tanksūqnāmāh yā ṭibb-i ahl-i Khata*, by Khwājah RASHĪD AL-DĪN, Tehran, 1350/1971, p. 17.

⁹ See: ZHU JIEQIN. Zhongguo he Yilang lishi shang de youhao guanxi. *Lishi yanjiu* 7, 1978, pp. 72–82.

¹⁰ This title has been translated in the Western sources as “sea herbs” which is not correct. In the old Chinese language *Hai* (sea) in this context meant imported by sea. Actually most of the goods including herbs which were brought to China by sea came from Iran. Hence the title *Hai yao bencao* which was given to this work and meant “Iranian medicinal herbs”.

which they have been told are important or valuable or which they believe to be so. Chinese librarians and owners of private collections are reticent and unwilling to show and discuss their collections with outsiders. This point should not be taken as a criticism of the behaviour of the Chinese, for whom we have every respect; but the point remains that certain obstructive habits and attitudes in the domain of research and investigation of a human cultural legacy such as manuscripts—whether Islamic or otherwise—has a universal significance in terms of the history and heritage of human culture.

The factors which have played a role in the destruction or removal of Islamic manuscripts from China include:

- (i) Internal wars between local governors, religious and sectarian disputes, particularly in the Xinjiang area, and rioting.
- (ii) The Cultural Revolution of 1966–1976, during which hundreds and thousands of Islamic manuscripts in China were destroyed. Documents, manuscripts and buildings housing masterpieces of art and architecture were destroyed by the masses, who considered the magnificent cultural heritage as an embodiment of reactionary attitudes. Nowadays the authorities express official regret for this extreme behaviour which did great harm to the minorities in China and in fact led to the destruction of many parts of the Chinese cultural heritage. Eyewitnesses reported that book-burning ceremonies regularly took place during this period. Historical inscriptions in mosques and temples were smashed to pieces or their calligraphic carvings obliterated. Only much later, after 1976, were some manuscripts and inscriptions which had been saved returned to their original places. Chinese observers have stated that the amount that was saved was far less than that which was lost.

An undeniable victim of the Cultural Revolution was the library of Yongshou Mosque, known as Sanlihe Mosque in Beijing. L. BOUVAT's handlist of 1908 published in *Revue du Monde Musulman*, pp. 516–521, mentioned the titles of 90 Arabic and Persian MSS in this collection. All the manuscripts were destroyed together with the *ca.* 500-year-old mosque building. Inscriptions and panels of Islamic calligraphy were smashed to pieces, and the rubble can be seen piled up in the courtyard of the newly built mosque.

(iii) Chinese Turkestan and other Central Asian countries were known as good markets for the purchase of Arabic and Persian manuscripts early in the 19th century. Special representatives from countries which knew the value of the manuscripts were sent to these areas to select and purchase the most precious and significant of them. The Turkestan region was formerly under the control of Czarist Russia. At that time Orientalists in Russia were keen to collect Islamic manuscripts and this desire was conveyed to the authorities in Turkestan who in turn collected many significant Islamic manuscripts by exploiting the ignorance of local people who were unaware of the value of the MSS in terms of their historical and cultural heritage.

Moreover, European archaeological teams who were excavating in Turkestan and other Muslim-inhabited areas of China at the end of the 19th century in the search for historical monuments and artistic pieces of Buddhist and Manichean origin were also known to have shown a keen interest in collecting Islamic manuscripts. An elderly man who worked in his youth as a guide and organiser for these teams at the Xikeqin site of Yanqi told us that he had introduced many owners of Islamic manuscripts to these foreigners who were interested in purchasing Arabic and Persian manuscripts, particularly illustrated ones.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS COPIED IN CHINA

General

The quality and style of copied Islamic manuscripts, and the variety and greater number of Persian manuscripts compared with Arabic, indicate that in the first place the copyists and the readers of these manuscripts were and are well versed in the Persian language. According to HĀDĪ AL-ʿALAWĪ, an Arab scholar who investigated the library of Dong Si Mosque in Beijing, which has the richest collection of Islamic manuscripts in China, “The Persian element and familiarity with Persian language dominates throughout the Arabic manuscripts, because within the Arabic manuscripts there are explanations and interpretations mostly in Persian and at the end of the Arabic manuscripts is written *tamām shud* which in Persian

means 'the manuscript has been finished'. Moreover, the script of many Arabic manuscripts is in a Persian style."¹¹

Islam spread in China under Persian influence. This means that the intention of the canonical prayers (usually expressed silently), the names of the five canonical prayers, Islamic rites and formal religious statements of marriage, etc., are all still uttered in Persian, whether the mother tongue of the Muslim is Chinese, Uighur or any other language, and whether or not he knows Persian. Moreover, many Islamic terms whose forms are still in use only in Arabic in Iran, are said in Persian in China. The need for the Persian language in old China was so great that in the time of the Ming Dynasty a Chinese-Persian dictionary was compiled in China. Copies of this dictionary, which was also printed, are still available.¹²

Old texts such as *Zāshīya*, *da'avāt* and *qandīlnāmah* which are mentioned in the survey, as well as recently printed books such as *Manāsik-i kāmīl-i Islāmī*, nowadays consist of the text and interpretations of Islamic rituals in Persian. These rites and expressions are learnt by heart. Many of the terms used in these texts, as well as other Persian ones, have been adopted in the Chinese language.¹³

In traditional Islamic teaching centres such as Xinjiang, Shandong and Shanxi, Persian has been the primary teaching language.¹⁴ The spread and current usage of Persian among Chinese Muslims and non-Muslims has been widely studied by Chinese researchers.¹⁵ Quoted below are statements by two famous Muslim scholars which give an insight into why Persian manuscripts are so widespread in China. These two well-known scholars of *fiqh* lived in different centuries, three hundred years apart, and their statements relevant to the point in question confirm the continuity of the use of Persian as the first religious and cultural language among Chinese

¹¹ HĀDĪ AL-ʿALAWĪ. *Al-makhtūʿāt al-ʿArabīya fī jāmiʿ Bīkīn. Majallat Majmaʿ al-Lughā al-ʿArabīya* (Dimashq), 1978, p. 475.

¹² HONDA MINOBU. 'Kaikaikan yakugo' ni tsuite, *Hokkaidō Daigaku Bungakubu kiyō* 11, 1963, pp. 150–224.

¹³ HUANG SHIJIAN. On the loan-words from Iranian in modern Chinese, *Collection of Papers on Iranian Studies in China*. Peking University Press, 1993, pp. 29–36. Includes a bibliography of works by European scholars.

¹⁴ For further details see Ningxia zhexue shehuikexue yanjiusuo, *Qingdai Zhongguo Yisilanjiao lunji*, Yinchuan, 1981, pp. 340–369.

¹⁵ See LIU YINGSHENG. Tang Yuan shidai Zhongguo de Yilang yuwen yu Bosi yuwen jiaoyu. *Xinjiang daxue xuebao (zhexue shehuikexue ban)* 1, 1991, pp. 18–23.

Muslims. The first scholar, MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤAKĪM ZĪNĪNĪ, founder of the Shandong Centre of Islamic traditional learning, in his book *Minhāj al-ṭalab* compiled in 1070/1660, wrote: “In China most of the texts of *fiqh*, *taṣawwuf* and *tafsīr* are written in Persian and a scholar of *fiqh*, in order to understand the religious texts, has no other choice than to learn Persian properly, because if a problem arises in connection with religious matters which requires a *fatwá* (legal opinion) how can he cope with it if he does not know Persian properly?”¹⁶ The other scholar, MUḤAMMAD NŪR AL-ḤAQQ IBN LUQMĀN AL-ŠĪNĪ, a renowned scholar of *fiqh* of the Shanxi Islamic teaching centre in the second half of the 19th century, in his work *Kīmīyā³ al-Fārsīya*, said “Since our land China is close to the Persian land (Iran) and since most of our ancestors were originally Persian, the Persian books on *fiqh*, *tafsīr*, *tawḥīd* and *taṣawwuf* are numerous in China. And there is no escape for religious students and the beginner from learning Persian.”¹⁷

Use of Xiaoerjing script

Some Islamic manuscripts, particularly those where parts of the original text and interpretations are mingled, have been written in *Xiaoerjing* script. Occasionally the same script has been used in Arabic and Persian manuscripts for the writing of terms and idioms.

*Xiaoerjing*¹⁸ means literally in Chinese ‘Islamic book for children’ but technically it designates the system of transliteration of Chinese in Arabic script. To transliterate Chinese into Arabic script was easier than writing characters for some Chinese Muslims, who were not familiar with the Chinese script and considered learning it to be against their religion. The reason for relating this script to children is that it was applied in the first place to teach children Islamic texts. Afterwards it enjoyed widespread usage as a means of transliteration.¹⁹ The oldest sample of *Xiaoerjing* script which the compiler has seen is to be found in *Tanksūqnāmah yā ṭibb-i ahl-i Khatā* by Khwājah

¹⁶ *Minhāj al-ṭalab*, Linxia, 1309/1892, pp. 136–7.

¹⁷ *Kīmīyā³ al-Fārsīya*, Linxia, 1343/1924, pp. 2–3.

¹⁸ *Jing* in Chinese means holy or sacred scripture, but it has been used for all Islamic texts in China.

¹⁹ Ningxia zhexue shehuikexue yanjiusuo. *Qingdai Zhongguo Yisilanjiao tunji*, Yinchuan, 1981, p. 228.

RASHĪD AL-DĪN FAẒL ALLĀH Hamadānī copied in 713/1313. There is a passage from a Chinese medicinal text in verse transliterated into a script which is precisely similar to *Xiaoerjing*. (See sample at end of Introduction.)

There are also other Chinese transliteration systems using Arabic/Persian script, such as *estifi*, which is found in some Islamic documents and manuscripts in China.²⁰

Use of mysterious mixed languages and the giving of Chinese titles to Islamic manuscripts

There are some sects such as the Jahriya whose adherents have coined a mysterious language which is a sort of mixture of Arabic and Persian, containing words totally incomprehensible to anyone but the leaders and elite of this particular sect (see also under TONGXIN below for more details). Some manuscripts have been written in this language for the use of sect members. Furthermore, Chinese titles have been given to some manuscripts, such as *Zāshīya*. It is not clear precisely when this occurred, nor how old these manuscripts are. Although they are few in number, these particular characteristics are worth noting.

Paper, layout and calligraphy

The paper, layout and script of Chinese manuscripts have certain peculiarities. Most are written on folded paper. The reason for this was that the old traditional Chinese paper used for copying manuscripts was very thin and transparent and the ink usually went through it, leaving traces on the other side. Consequently the reverse side of the paper could not be used for writing. To avoid this problem the Chinese copyist used folded paper.

The style of the script of Islamic manuscripts copied in China has its own characteristics. The Chinese style of the Arabic script is deeply influenced by Persian script. It is worth mentioning that there was a particular script in Iran which was called *Nastaʿliq-i Turkistānī*, meaning the script which was used in Chinese Turkestan.

²⁰ MOZAFAR BAKHTYAR. What is Estifi? *Collection of Papers on Iranian Studies in China*, Peking University Press, 1993, pp. 44–50.

However, the further east one moves in China, towards the domain of pure Han culture, the more the form of the same script manifests the influence of Chinese characters, and the more distinctive is its identity and style, so that it can rightly be called ‘Islamic calligraphy in Chinese style’.

Lack of copyist’s name and date of copying

Another peculiarity of Islamic manuscripts copied in China is that they generally lack the name of the copyist and the date. The names and dates which appear in many manuscripts are those of the original exemplar. Chinese copyists always copied a manuscript from beginning to end including the colophon which contained the original copyist’s name and date of copying, but did not insert their own names and dates of copying, apparently considering such data unnecessary and unimportant.

This phenomenon is perhaps understandable when a manuscript is copied for personal use only, but it is surprising to note that even manuscripts of significant calligraphic and artistic quality generally also lack names of the copyists and dates of copying. This practice has been adopted by even the most recent Chinese copyists and has occasionally caused problems. A few scholars who have not been aware of this problem have made serious errors—they have seen a manuscript attributed to a well-known copyist several centuries ago, or to the author, and have assumed they have discovered a significant or even unique manuscript. In reality it is nothing more than a manuscript copied by a Chinese copyist who has not given his own name and date of copying in the colophon.

REMARKS ON THE SURVEY

- (i) The form of entries in the survey which follows, and the details given for the collections, except in the case of a few public collections, are different from those in the other countries included in this *World Survey*. The main reason for this is that records, hand-lists or reliable statistics of Islamic manuscripts in any of the collections which were visited are completely lacking. Moreover, the majority of collections are privately owned and the owners, except for one, were very reluctant to give their names. Still more

important, the Islamic manuscripts in China, as indicated above, are confined to only a few specialities, and the majority are duplicates of the same texts. Many of the manuscripts are, as we have termed them, ordinary, common or usual manuscripts, that is, quite insignificant texts which have been copied by Chinese Muslims for their own practical needs.

The compiler and his assistants travelled extensively in China, intending to locate and identify, in the first place, the collections of Islamic manuscripts which have remained almost completely unknown to researchers and scholars in this field inside and outside China. We covered huge areas in all parts of the country and wherever we found a collection or collections they were recorded under the name of the relevant city, town or village. The second objective was to record the nature of manuscripts in terms of their subjects and languages. As a result, we have given the titles and the authors of the most important Islamic manuscripts under each town or each mosque or tomb. This has been done for almost every collection, large or small, whenever it was possible to see it. The detailed descriptions of several manuscripts go well beyond the requirements of the survey, but have been included in the hope that this will provide scholars and researchers with an idea of the sorts of manuscripts which are available in China.

- (ii) The owners of private collections are secretive about the total number of their manuscripts. This attitude is apparent everywhere, and Chinese Muslims in particular are worried about providing definite statistics. Since we were well aware of this attitude we tried hard to estimate the quantity of the manuscripts in the collections which we visited. However, the total numbers of Islamic manuscripts which are given in this survey should be regarded as approximate.
- (iii) One should also be cautious as regards the accuracy of the statistics of Islamic manuscripts in public and mosque collections, because there is no record or even simple numbering system of Islamic manuscripts in China, the basic principles and methods of librarianship are also lacking to a great extent, and Islamic manuscripts are constantly being moved from one place to another (in particular those of mosque collections). As a result the statistics of these institutions are also changing all

the time. For instance the statistics given by previous scholars who had visited the collections of Islamic manuscripts in Dong Si Mosque, Niujie Mosque and the Library of the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Peking University differ considerably from the results in this survey.

- (iv) Qurʾān manuscripts, mostly with Persian translations either complete or incomplete, are widely found in China. This survey mentions and describes only those which are significant in their dates, their translation and codicological details.
- (v) Some extra details relating to the Islamic background and history of the location of manuscripts have been given. It seemed essential to provide these details because of the lack of continuity between present names of locations of Islamic manuscripts and their significance and importance as regards the history of Islam in China. Some information has also been provided on sects such as the Jahriya which are unknown to scholars and researchers. These extra details should provide the reader of this survey with some helpful historical background to the relevant locations. In the case of a sect like Jahriya, a brief description of their beliefs explains the nature of the manuscripts which have been kept and used by its adherents.
- (vi) It was the intention to provide some details of the condition of the Islamic manuscripts in each collection. But it was noticeable that even basic familiarity with the requirements of conservation and preservation of manuscripts was completely lacking throughout China, so it has not been mentioned under each collection. It will suffice to say that the majority of the Islamic manuscripts are, generally speaking, in a poor condition. Taking into consideration the extreme climates of this vast country, where in some areas the weather is humid and changeable while in others it is hot and dry, one can easily see that the Islamic manuscripts in China are in the process of deterioration and destruction.
- (vii) Detailed addresses of the collections of libraries, mosques and other institutions are given only in big cities, where these details are helpful and necessary. In the small towns no addresses are given for the simple reason that these establishments are

better known than the names of the streets in which they are located. Usually the street is known after the name of the mosque, the library or any other relevant institution located there.

- (viii) Chinese words, the names of people, the titles of books and periodicals and the names of places are transcribed using the *pinyin* transcription system. The *pinyin* transcriptions of names of towns, cities, counties, provinces, regions and geographical areas have been taken as far as possible from the official *Atlas of the People's Republic of China*, Beijing, 1989.

Now that the survey is complete we are glad that this small step has been taken to shed some light on the field of Islamic manuscripts in China which has long remained unknown. At this stage, owing to the difficulties mentioned above, no more could be done. However, we hope that this small contribution will prepare the ground for further research and study in this important field. We hope also that in the future, with the help of the authorities and research and cultural institutes in China, a more accurate and detailed investigation of Islamic manuscripts can be carried out. We trust that the time will come when the authorities in charge of collections of Islamic manuscripts and public archives will understand the need to prepare handlists and catalogues of their collections, and will be inclined to make efforts to publish them for research purposes.

When we were contacted by Al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation to undertake the task of investigating the collections of Islamic manuscripts in China, we hesitated to accept this request, because of the special circumstances in China and the difficulties involved in this undertaking. Our acceptance and completion of the task is largely due to the encouragement and support of Dr Hadi Sharifi, and we should like to express our gratitude to him and to the Foundation.

MOZAFAR BAKHTYAR
Beijing, September 1993

استدلالات از روی و چشم شیخ
 منین ^{رو} همینه ^م ملک ^د خوانک ^د خونک ^د شی ^د میوز
 و وجو سوی کان لیا نک دت کیا نک
 معنی آنست که کبودی زردی و زردی چشم دلالت آنست ز قریب موت و اگر بعد از
 دلایل خیز بود و قوت باقی در نسیم زور قوت تا بقا شده البته میزد حی دای منک
 گفته است که کبودی از کذات و زردی از طحال و این منض از اشنام ^{جول}
 کنگ ^م شو ^م خاده ^م اندیمن ^م خوب ^م نوز ^م شک ^م علامت ^م قریب ^م موت ^م بودن

شیخ ^م نمه ^م اول ^م
 مول ^م فو ^م بهک ^م بکولک ^م بخش ^م دین ^م حلب ^م
 منین ^م بای ^م ملک ^م حلب ^م بهای ^م یانک ^م

معنی آنست که کدورت و ظلمت چشم و سیاه شدن دندان و یاض رنگ روی علامت
 بکناز قوت و و منک بود و مندر بود بر هلاک ^{حی} دای منک
 گفته است که روح با صرع بدل و کذب تعلق دارد و چون چشم کدر شود و نارنگی کند
 علامت نقصان قوت ایند و ز من بود دیک ^{دندان} جلیه ^{تعلق} دارد و نشات
 بطل و سیاهی دندان و متاثر شدن نشات دلالت کند بر نقصان ایند و ز من ^{بک}

UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1983. Turkish manuscripts: cataloguing since 1960 and manuscripts still uncatalogued. Part 3: USSR, Iran, Afghanistan, Arab lands (except Palestine), Israel and Palestine, India and Pakistan, China. By E. BIRNBAUM. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 103, 1983, pp. 691–707.

China, p. 707.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ARTUX (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Artux Mosque

This town is now the centre of the Kirghiz people of Kizilsu. It was the capital of the Qarakhānid dynasty 382–607 / 992–1211. The tomb of the founder of this dynasty, Satuq Bughrakhan, exists in the nearby village of Maixieti. Apparently there used to be several (endowed) Islamic MSS and some copies of the Qurʾān in Persian translation kept at this tomb, but they have disappeared. The tomb's keeper has some Arabic and Persian MSS. The Imam of Artux Mosque owns 11 Arabic and Persian MSS.

BACHU (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Bachu was historically known as Marālwishī and is one of the important areas of Iranian settlement in Xinjiang. Many ordinary Islamic MSS are owned by local inhabitants and Muslim religious leaders. Significant MSS include:

- (i) *Mukhammas*, by Shaykh MUḤAMMAD TABĀDKĀNĪ TŪSĪ, with a short Persian explanation of the terms and Arabic poems;
- (ii) *Jangnāmah*, the explanation of the Prophet's *ghazawāt* as well as those of ʿAlī, in a story-telling style, in Persian;
- (iii) *Rawzat al-shuhadāʾ*, by VĀʿIZ KĀSHIFĪ, in Persian.

BEIJING (Peking)**General***Published catalogues:*

1982. Jung-i Chīnī yā safīnah-²i Īlānī (Pūsī). Part 2. By ĪRAJ AFSHĀR. *Āyandah* 8, 1361, pp. 479–492.

On pp. 479–490 are brief notes of collections of Persian and Arabic MSS in the National Library, Peking (Beijing) University, Dong Si Mosque, and the Islamic Association, seen by MUḤAMMAD TAQĪ DĀNISHPAZHŪH on his 1980 visit.

1983. Nigāhī-i guzarā bih payvandfarhangī-i Īrān va Chīn. By MUḤAMMAD TAQĪ DĀNISHPAZHŪH, *Nuskah²hā-yi Khaṭṭi* 11 & 12, 1362/1983, pp. 1006–1026.

On pp. 1020–1026 are brief lists of some MSS in the National Library, Peking (Beijing) University, Dong Si Mosque, and the Islamic Association in Beijing.

Institute of Nationality Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Zhongguó Shehuikexue yuan Minzu Yanjiusuo)

The Research Section of Minority Languages includes Turkic studies. No recent information is available about MSS holdings, but the following article describes 6 Turkic MSS in the Institute:

1965. Tyurkoyazychnye rukopisi v Pekine. By Ė.N. NADZHIP. *Narody Azii i Afriki* 1965 iii, pp. 133–138. (English summary: Turkic manuscripts in Peking, p. 260.)

Nationalities Cultural Palace Library (Minzu Wenhua Gong Tushuguan)**Fuxingmennei Dajie**

Some Arabic and Persian MSS are kept in this museum, but are not accessible to the public. No catalogue, list, statistics or records are available which might provide further details of this collection. Some MSS, though, have been displayed in the Museum, but they

are not out of the ordinary and can be found in many places in China.

Dong Si Mosque Library

Dong Si Nandajie

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 253 (51 Arabic; 202 Persian), not including Qurʾāns.

The Dong Si Mosque was built in 1447, according to Chinese documents, with the financial help of Cheng You, a senior military commander and prominent officer of the Ming Dynasty. He was a Muslim born in Khurāsān, Iran, and contributed much to the strength and spread of Islam in China. He helped greatly with the construction of new mosques, and with the repair and renovation of existing mosques in China.

Fuʾād I, King of Egypt (1917–36) donated some Islamic printed books to the mosque and with this donation a small library was established in his name, “Maktabat Fuʾād al-Awwal”. On the establishment of the library a room was also allocated to the MSS which were already owned by the mosque. The Dong Si Mosque is the home of the Beijing Islamic Association, and consequently more care and attention is given to the preservation of the Islamic MSS than elsewhere in China. The Mosque authorities stated that some MSS from other collections have been transferred here.

The Arabic and Persian MSS are mainly on Arabic and Persian grammar, dictionaries, *ʿaqīda*, logic, *tafsīr*, sermons, ethics, *fiqh*, Sufism and literature. Most of the MSS were copied from the 11th century AH onwards. Some have been damaged by heat and humidity and are in need of attention and repair. In terms of the extant MSS in China there are some valuable and rare ones in this collection, such as the Qurʾān MSS whose details are given below.

In addition to the ca. 253 MSS—mostly common copies of the same text—in this collection, the authorities also mentioned that some more were kept in the Mosque storeroom, but access to them was not allowed. Amongst the important MSS seen by scholars who had previously visited this mosque was the following: *Kāfī fī sharḥ al-Vāfī* by ḤĀFIẒ AL-DĪN AL-NASAFĪ, in three volumes. This, like some of the MSS listed by Dānīshpazhūh and Hādī al-ʿAlawī, is no longer to be found in this collection.

There are some Arabic MSS, such as *Ma'ālim al-tanzīl* of AL-BAGHAWĪ and *Anwār al-tanzīl*, copied by HĀDĪ URDŪBĀDĪ in 1017 AH, which have been recently donated to the collection by scholars who have brought them from outside China.

Amongst the important MSS seen by the compiler were:

- (i) A Qurʾān in two volumes, 32 × 47.5 cms, written by MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD IBN ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN SARĀʾĪ in 718 AH, in excellent calligraphy. This is the oldest known Qurʾān MS. with colophon in China;
- (ii) A Persian translation of the Qurʾān, written in red ink underneath each line. Three similar copies are available;
- (iii) A *majmūʿa* in Arabic and Persian, containing amongst other treatises a *risāla* called *Majmaʿ al-khamsa*, a translation from Chinese into Arabic which is important since this type of MS. is very rare in China;
- (iv) A *majmūʿa* which is unique in that it contains a *risāla* on circumstances in China, the life of Muslims and the history of Islam in China. The *risāla* is in Arabic and has been copied by Kātib YĀR MUḤAMMAD IBN AYYŪB KHĀNBĀLIQĪ in 1105 AH;
- (v) *Mirṣād al-ʿibād*, by NAJM AL-DĪN RĀZĪ (known as DĀYAH), in Persian, copied in 903 AH. There are also three undated copies of this text in the collection;
- (vi) *Bakhtiyār-nāmah*, an old Persian story, the reciting of which is common in China and South East Asia.
- (vii) *Maqṣad-i Aqṣā* by ʿAZĪZ NASAFĪ, in Persian, on *ʿirfān*.
- (viii) *Tazkirāt al-awliyāʾ* by FARĪD AL-DĪN ʿAṬṬĀR, in Persian, three copies;
- (ix) *ʿIlm-i maʿrifat va vaʿz* by Khwājah Imām Khaṭīb ABŪ MUḤAMMAD ʿABD ALLĀH QALĀNISĪ NASAFĪ, the oldest copy of this text in China;
- (x) *Maqāmāt AL-ḤARĪRĪ*, copied in 1130 AH. (Four other undated copies are also to be found here.)

Published catalogues:

1977. Kitābkhānah-i maṣjid-i Dunshī (Dongsi) shahr-i Pīkin. By MUḤAMMAD JAVĀD SHARĪʿAT, *Rāhnamā-yi Kitāb* 20, 1356, pp. 584–589.

In this article 12 MSS are described.

1977. Nusakh-i khaṭṭī-i Fārsī dar Chīn. By MUḤAMMAD JAVĀD SHARĪ^{AT}. *Rāhnāmā-yi Kitāb* 20, 1356, p. 501.

1978. Al-makḥṭūṭāt al-^ʿArabīya fī jāmi^ʿ Bikīn. By HĀDĪ AL-^ʿALAWĪ. *Majallat Majma^ʿ al-Lughā al-^ʿArabīya / Revue de l'Académie Arabe de Damas* 53, 1978, pp. 474–481.

Describes 36 MSS, but some are not available now (see above).

1978. Chand nuskhah-i khaṭṭī-i Fārsī dar Chīn. By GHULĀMRIḌĀ SUTŪDAH. *Rāhnāmā-yi Kitāb* 21, 1357, pp. 665–669.

Three MSS are described, and the titles, with occasionally the authors, language and subject, of another 33 MSS are given.

1980. The library of the Tung-hsi [*sic*] mosque at Peking. By M.J. SHARĪ^{AT}. *Asian Affairs* 11 i / 67, 1980, pp. 68–70.

1981. Dū kitāb-i nādīdah dar Chīn. By ĪRAJ AFSHĀR. *Āyandah* 7, 1360, pp. 91–95.

1982. See AFSHĀR under **General** above.

1983. See DĀNISHPAZHŪH under **General** above, pp. 1022–1026.

In this handlist details of 33 MSS of the mosque collection and 20 MSS which belonged to the Peking Islamic Association are given, but some are not now available (see above).

1986. Fihris al-makḥṭūṭāt al-^ʿArabīya wa-’l-Islāmīya fī Maktabat Bikīn. By ḤAMZA AḤMAD ^ʿABBĀS. *Majallat Ma^ʿhad al-Makḥṭūṭāt al-^ʿArabīya / Journal of Institute of Arab Manuscripts* 30, 1406/1986, pp. 649–660.

Catalogue of 36 Arabic MSS.

Faculty of Oriental Studies Library (previously Faculty of Oriental Languages)

Peking (Beijing) University

Date of establishment: 1946

Total number of Islamic MSS: 12 (1 Arabic; 11 Persian).

Description of collection: This library contains 11 Persian MSS, some loose sheets of various Persian texts and one Arabic copy of *Ḍawʿ al-Miṣbāḥ* by TĀJ AL-DĪN ISFIRĀYINĪ, which is a selection from the *Kitāb al-Miṣbāḥ* of NĀṢIR AL-DĪN ABŪ 'L-MAKĀRIM MUṬARRIZĪ. MUḤAMMAD TAQĪ DĀNISHPAZHŪH, who visited this library in May 1980, saw 14 Islamic MSS in this collection, including some Turkish MSS (see 1982 catalogue). However, the authorities of the library deny the existence of any Turkish MSS. This denial is not credible, as other MSS recorded by previous cataloguers (and also apparently non-existent, according to the authorities) were found in other parts of the library. The important Persian MSS include:

- (i) *ʿIlm-i maʿrifat va vaʿz* by Khwājah ABŪ MUḤAMMAD ʿABD ALLĀH IBN MUḤAMMAD QALĀNISĪ NASAFĪ (two copies). It is a text on *ʿirfān* of which several copies can be found in public mosque libraries, and in the hands of private individuals;
- (ii) *Farhang-i Fārsī* by ḤUSAYN VAFĀʿĪ, copied in 933 AH;
- (iii) *Sharḥ-i khutab-i arbaʿīn* by TĀJ AL-DĪN BUKHĀRĀʿĪ (two copies), translated and interpreted by ḤUSĀM AL-DĪN IBN ʿALĀʿ AL-DĪN ṢAWJĀBĀDĪ. One of the copies (with some missing folios) is among the oldest copies of this text in China.
- (iv) *Naqd al-nuṣūṣ*, *Lavāyih* and *Silsilat al-zahab* by JĀMĪ; *Gulistān* by ṢAʿDĪ.

Published catalogues:

1982. See AFSHĀR under **General** above.

1983. See DĀNISHPAZHŪH (under **General** above), pp. 1016–1020.

Haidian Mosque

Haidian Lu, Suzhou Jie

This mosque, according to a statement by the mosque authorities, used to possess some Qurʾāns and other MSS. The MSS have been moved to an unknown location. Currently, there are only a few parts of the Qurʾān and a few handwritten pamphlets, which show

the times of prayer in Persian and Chinese. The Imam of the mosque also owns some ordinary MSS.

Landianchang Mosque Library

Kunming Lu, Landianchang Lu, Kuan Jie

Description of collection: This small mosque library has some Islamic MSS, as does the Imam. Details of the most important MSS of this collection are:

- (i) A Qurʾān MS., complete, with Islamic calligraphy in a Chinese style.
- (ii) *Tafsīr Miʿrāj al-saʿāda*. The text of the Qurʾān is in Arabic, but the interpretation and translation is in Chinese. This MS. is very valuable. It was copied in the early 17th century. The Chinese calligraphy and binding are excellent. A beautiful, traditional Chinese book-case has been made to hold the seven volumes of this *tafsīr*.

National Library of China (Beijing Tushuguan)

Baishiqiao Lu, 100081 Beijing

Date of establishment: 1911

Description of collection: The National Library of China offers advanced, modern techniques of librarianship and services. The section containing old MSS is well equipped. The MSS, which were once part of the royal libraries of the Song and Ming Dynasties, are well looked after, but there is no register or statistics on the Islamic MSS. (The printed Islamic books are all catalogued and properly cared for.)

Access to the Islamic MSS is extremely difficult. Even the MSS which have been seen by scholars on past visits to the library are not made available. ĪRAJ AFSHĀR, the Persian bibliographer, on a visit in 1980, noted some 10 Persian and Turkish MSS and described them briefly.²¹ On a first visit to the library in 1990, there was no trace of one of the important MSS described by him. Other MSS seen on previous visits have also disappeared. Under current cir-

²¹ ĪRAJ AFSHĀR. Jung-i Chīnī, *Āyandah* 8, 1361/1982, pp. 228–30, 479–80.

cumstances it appears to be impossible to give accurate details of the number, subject, content and importance of the Islamic MSS in this collection. However, during various visits to the library, the following important MSS have been seen:

- (i) A Qurʾān written in a beautiful script, in a block-pressed leather binding, with a fore-edge flap, cut pattern (paper cut), corner-piece doubled, in three volumes;
- (ii) A complete Qurʾān with an old Persian translation written in red ink underneath each line, and an explanation of some terms in the margin;
- (iii) A Qurʾān in fine script, copied by SHAʿBĀN IBN JAMĀL AL-DĪN, undated;
- (iv) *Tafsīr* by SAYF AL-DĪN ABŪ NAṢR AḤMAD DARVĀJAKĪ (d. 549 AH) copied apparently in the 8th century AH which is the oldest copy of this *tafsīr* seen by the compiler in China;
- (v) A printed Qurʾān in Chinese woodblock style with a beautiful Chinese style of calligraphy prepared by SULAYMĀN IBN ʿABD AL-KARĪM. This Qurʾān was printed in 1313 AH and contains several handwritten literary and historical notes in Chinese and Persian by various scholars on the margins of its pages and on the first and last blank pages; it should therefore be considered as a MS.;
- (vi) A Persian translation of the fifth chapter of *Kitāb ʿIqd al-farīd* of ABŪ SĀLIM IBN ABĪ ṬALḤA, on sermons and ethics, translated by MUḤAMMAD AMĪN BUZURG KHWĀJAH KHUJANDĪ known as KĀSHIF. The translator has added several Persian poems to the original text. This is a unique MS.;
- (viii) *Naqd al-farīd fī ḥall ʿIqd al-farīd* by the above-mentioned author. This is a complete translation by MUḤAMMAD ʿISĀ ABŪ ʿL-QĀSIM;
- (ix) *Dīvān* of ḤĀFĪZ, copied in the 11th century AH; *Maṣnavī* of RŪMĪ, books 4, 5 and *Dīvān* of BĪDIL, incomplete;
- (x) *Huihui yaofang* (Muslim remedies/prescriptions). The original MS. is in Chinese and kept in the Chinese MSS collection of the library under the classmark 01193. The original MS. must have had more than its present 300 folios. It is one of the most important reference works in the field of the influence of Islamic/Iranian medicine on Chinese medicine. It was compiled during the time of the Yuan Dynasty (1265–1368). Its sig-

nificance as an Islamic MS. is that the names of many medicinal herbs and traditional drugs have been given in Arabic and Persian in the Arabic script. At the end of the MS., the Chinese equivalents of the Arabic and Persian terms for the herbs, medicinal matters and diseases are given. From an encyclopaedic and linguistic point of view, the last section of the MS. is highly significant. It must have been a translation compiled from several Persian medical MSS, and is, of course, unique of its kind.²²

Published catalogues:

1982. See AFSHĀR under **General** above.

1983. DĀNISHPAZHŪH (under **General** above), pp. 1020–1022, gives details of only a few MSS seen on his visit to the library in 1980.

Niujie Mosque Library

Xuanwu Qu, Niujie

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 157 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: Niujie Mosque is one of the oldest and most famous mosques in China. It was built in 996 CE in a Chinese style. The tombs of Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad Burhānī Qazvīnī (d. 679 AH) and ‘Alī ibn Qāzī ‘Imād al-Dīn Bukhārāzī, known as Qavām Dā‘i (d. 682 AH), are to be found in the smaller courtyard of the Mosque. In the big courtyard, in a pavilion, there is a stone panel with a Persian inscription indicating the date of the foundation of the Mosque, but it was vandalised during the Cultural Revolution 1966–76, and only shadows and faint outlines of the words can be recognised. According to historical documents, the Mosque was renovated with the financial help of Atābak Amīn al-Sulṭān, the Persian Prime Minister of the Qājār Dynasty in 1903.²³

²² For the significance and impact of this MS. on traditional Chinese medicine see: LIU YINGSHENG, ‘Huihui yaofang’ yu Zhongguo Musilin yiyaoxue, *Xinjiang shehui kexue* 3, 1990, pp. 92–105.

²³ See: MOZAFAR BAKHTYAR in *Ayandeh* 17, nos. 9–12, pp. 865–867.

Niujié Mosque used to have a big library of Islamic MSS, but many of them were allegedly burnt or stolen. A small collection hidden by Muslim attendants was eventually returned to the Mosque, to form the present collection. There are many copies of the same texts, and there is no register or statistics available. The total number is based on a count of the available MSS made during a visit. The collection includes:

- (i) *Tafsīr* by ABŪ 'ALĪ JUBBĀ'Ī (d. 303 AH). The author compiled the *tafsīr* with the help of his son HĀSHIM. This was the rarest and most important MS. seen by the compiler in China, but in 1990 it was removed from the Mosque's collection and the authorities have not disclosed where it has gone.
- (ii) A translation of the Qur'ān into Persian, written with red ink underneath each line. It is an old and significant MS.;
- (iii) An incomplete translation of the Qur'ān into Persian in the same style as above;
- (iv) *ʿIlm-i ma'rifat va va'z* by Khwājah Imām Khaṭīb ABŪ MUḤAMMAD 'ABD ALLĀH QALĀNISĪ NĀSAFĪ, in Persian (two copies);
- (v) *Kitāb al-hidāya* by BURHĀN AL-DĪN ABŪ 'L-ḤASAN 'ALĪ IBN ABŪ BAKR MARGHĪNĀNĪ, in Arabic, on Ḥanafī *fiqh*;
- (vi) *Ḡulistān* by SA'ĪDĪ. This is one of the oldest copies of this text in China, with some explanations of the words and poems;
- (vii) *Khuṭab-i arba'in* by TĀJ AL-DĪN BUKHĀRĀ'Ī, translated into Persian by ḤUSĀM AL-DĪN IBN 'ALĀ' AL-DĪN NAWJĀBĀDĪ.

BISH KARAM—see BOSHIKELAMU

BOILIQ (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

The inhabitants of this small, isolated village in Zepu (Poskam) County are Tajiks and Isma'ilis. The majority of the inhabitants in the county are of Uighur origin and follow the Hanafi school. Some of the usual Isma'ili MSS are to be found here including:

- (i) A *majmū'a* comprising rituals, including wedding ceremonies, prayers and sermons, in Persian; (ii) A poetry MS., incomplete, in Persian.

BOSHIKELAMU (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

This little town, known as Bish Karam by its inhabitants, is located near Kashi (Kashgar). The mosque's Imam has approximately 30 Arabic and Persian MSS. Townsfolk have copies of some common texts. Among the considerable number of MSS seen by the compiler were: (i) *Firdaws al-vā'izīn*, on sermons, in Persian; (ii) *Risālah-i ma'rīfat al-mazāhib*, by MAḤMŪD IBN ṬĀHIR GHAZĀLĪ.

BOSTAN (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Local Muslims and Muslim religious students in this town own Islamic MSS.

CANTON—see **GUANGZHOU****CHANGJI** (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)**Shan Si (Mosque)**

Shan Si is the most important mosque in this little town. The mosque's Imam has a private collection of 50 Arabic and Persian MSS. They are nothing out of the ordinary.

CHĀRBĀGH—see **QARBAG****CHENGDE** (Hebei Province)

The Imam of the mosque has some ordinary Arabic and Persian MSS. A large Islamic centre for Chengde is being constructed and will house some Islamic MSS.

CHENGDU (Sichuan Province)

Many common Islamic MSS are owned by locals and religious leaders. The following important MSS were kept by the preachers at Chengdu mosque: (i) *Risālah dar bayān-i namāz-i tarāvīḥ*, in Persian;

(ii) Part of *Anwār al-tanzīl* by Qāḍī Bayḍāwī, 10th century AH, in Arabic; (iii) *Laṭāʾif al-ʿirfān* of SAYF AL-DĪN BUKHĀRĀʾI, in Persian.

DAWANTOU (Gansu Province)

Close to the village of Dawantou, which is located in the Dongxiang Autonomous County on the top of a mountain, are a shrine and a *khānaqāh*. The shrine, which is the most sacred place for the followers of the Kubrawīya and Qalandariya orders, is to Shaykh ʿAbd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī.²⁴

During the Cultural Revolution (1966–76) the building was badly damaged. However, it was subsequently rebuilt on its original lines through the effort of Shaykh Muḥammad Ibrāhīm, the present Shaykh of the Kubrawīya order. An old painting of the original building which was made during the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644) is still kept in the Kubrawīya *khānaqāh* in Lanzhou (Gansu Province).

According to the statements of knowledgeable witnesses, many important MSS in Arabic and Persian used to be kept by the leaders of the Order in the *khānaqāh*, as well as documents containing *ijāzāt* (licences) of the old shaykhs, which were burned or destroyed during the Cultural Revolution. Among the important MSS which were damaged was a very precious Qurʾān with Persian translation which was brought to China by Aḥmad Kabīr, the nephew of Shaykh ʿAbd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī.

Some MSS are still kept in the *khānaqāh*. However, there is no catalogue or hand-list to provide any idea of the size of the collection. Moreover the MSS are usually lent to those who wish to study them and the borrowers keep them at home, further compounding the difficulty of estimating their total number.

The most important MSS seen by the compiler of this survey include:

- (i) A precious Qurʾān in large format, copied in the 9th century AH in an excellent *muḥaqqaq* script. (A similar Qurʾān was seen by the compiler in “The permanent exhibition of the

²⁴ It is common in China to build shrines to the names of great Sūfīs or Imāms. These places are considered sacred by Chinese Muslims. In the Hotan region there are shrines to Imam Jaʿfar al-Šādiq, Imam Mūsá Kāzīm (the sixth and seventh Imāms of the Shīʿīs), and to Jaʿfar al-Ṭayyār, who was a companion of the Prophet.

- choicest cultural relics from the Silk Road of Gansu'' in 1991.)
- (ii) *Baṣāʾir* by Qāzī MUḤĪN AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD B. MAḤMŪD NĪSHĀBŪRĪ. Persian *tafsīr*, copied in the 10th century AH.
 - (iii) A unique scroll containing the dates of birth and death and the genealogies of the Shīʿī Imāms. 210 × 60 cm, written in Persian in *tawqīʿ* script, 8th century AH.
 - (iv) *Risālah-i ʿishq*. Persian, written in the 10th century AH.
 - (v) *Risālat shamāʾil al-Nabī*. Arabic, written in the 11th century AH.
 - (vi) *Manāqib Ghauthīya* by MUḤAMMAD SADIQ-I SHAHBĀZĪ-I SAʿDĪ, written in the 12th century AH. A biography on SHAYKH ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AL-JĪLĀNĪ and the history of the order and the lives of its leaders.
 - (vii) *Dīvān-i SHĀH QĀSIM ANVĀR*. Persian, written in the 12th century AH.
 - (viii) A *risālah* on the rites of visiting the tombs of Ṣūfī Shaykhs. Persian, written in the 11th century AH.
 - (ix) *Qaṣīda Ghawthīya* of Shaykh ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AL-JĪLĀNĪ, with Persian interpretation. 11th century AH.
 - (x) *Majmūʿ*, containing the rites and poems used by the adherents of the Kubrawīya Order during their gatherings. Arabic and Persian, written in 12th century AH.

DAZHUANG (Yunnan Province)

Dazhuang Mosque

There are some Arabic and Persian MSS (including a Qurʾān) in the mosque.

DÜXANBIBAZAR (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Previously known as Shanbihbāzār. Local Muslims and Muslim religious students in this village own Islamic MSS.

GUANGZHOU (Canton) (Guangdong Province)

Qingzhen Xianxian Gumu / Rawḍat Abī Waqqāṣ (Mausoleum of Saʿd ibn Abī Waqqāṣ)

Muslim cemetery, off Huanshi Road C.

Status: Muslim shrine

Conditions of access: Open to visitors, but entry may be refused without prior appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Two books of prayers and supplications kept for use in the tomb-chamber. One is *Al-Munājāt*, written in a florid Chinese style of Arabic calligraphy; the other is a recent transcription in a printed Chinese notebook.

NB: Guangzhou is the oldest and one of the most important centres of Chinese Islam, and it is likely that other Islamic MSS are to be found there.

GUYUAN (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

The region of Ningxia is one of the most important population centres of Chinese Muslims, more so than Gansu and parts of Xinjiang. Ningxia owes its importance to being the centre of the Jahriya sect. As the followers of this sect own MSS, it seems appropriate to explain briefly their origin.

The Jahriya sect grew out of the Naqshbandi order in China in the 18th century, and played an important role in the history of Islam in China at that time and afterwards. The sect's followers maintain their own beliefs and rites, which include elements of Iranian mysticism as well as those of the Naqshbandi order of Yemen. Followers, however, are very secretive about their beliefs, and it is difficult to describe them accurately.²⁵ Social and political circumstances have compounded the secrecy. It is nevertheless significant, from a cultural and bibliographical perspective, that their

²⁵ See: ZHANG CHENGZHI, *Xinling shi*, Guangzhou, 1991. On page 268 the author, who joined the Jahriya sect, mentions that adherents have kept the writings of their leaders in manuscript form, and have copied them vigorously. They do not, however, reveal the content of the texts to non-followers.

important texts, in manuscript form, are written in a language which is a mixture of Arabic and Persian and is not easily understandable to non-followers of the sect. Thus the content of the texts is only conveyed to adherents.

The most important text of the Jāhriya, of which numerous copies are owned by the sect's followers, is *Mukhammas* by Shaykh MUḤAMMAD TABĀDKĀNĪ ṬŪṢĪ KHURĀSĀNĪ. The author has incorporated the famous Arabic *qaṣīda* of SHARAF AL-DĪN BŪṢĪRĪ, known as *Al-Burda*, in praise of the Prophet Muḥammad, into a certain style of Persian poetry called *Mukhammas* (quintuple). The author has used the version of *Al-Burda* given by MUḤAMMAD JALĀL AL-DĪN KHUJANDĪ FARGHĀNĪ as far as the order of the original *Qaṣīda* is concerned. This text is considered to be the sacred book of this sect. Every follower of the Jāhriya has to read this *Mukhammas* in a particular ritual manner. Hence there are numerous copies of the text in China, and a printed version has been made available.

Apart from the *Mukhammas*, the following books are widely read and respected by the followers of the sect: the *Dīwān* of ḤĀFĪZ; the *Maṣnavī* of RŪMĪ; *Ashī^cat al-lama^cāt* by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ; *Tafsīr-i mavāhib-i ʿAlīyah* of Mullā ḤUSAYN VĀʿIẒ KĀSHIFĪ (d. 910/1505) which is known as *Tafsīr-i Ḥusaynī* among Chinese Muslims. These titles are found in MS. form throughout China and, in particular, among the followers of the Jāhriya sect.

There are a few private collections in Guyuan. Some of the important MSS viewed are as follows: (i) *Ashī^cat al-lama^cāt*, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ, in Persian. This is the oldest copy of the work located in China. It contains glosses in Persian and Chinese; (ii) *Naqd al-nuṣūṣ fī sharḥ naqsh al-fuṣūṣ* by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ, in Persian; (iii) *Tafsīr al-Bayḍāwī (Anwār al-tanzīl)* by QĀḌĪ NĀṢIR AL-DĪN AL-BAYḌĀWĪ al-Shīrāzī, in Arabic; (iv) *Miftāḥ al-tawḥīd*, by DARVĪSH MUḤAMMAD BUKHĀRĀʿĪ, in Persian, a selection from the *Maṣnavī* of RŪMĪ, copied in 1117.

HAIKOU (Hainan Province)

Haikou Mosque

Status: Mosque library

Description of collection: Some ordinary religious MSS are available, but there is no register or catalogue and their quantity is unknown.

NB: The island of Hainan is near to Guangdong and has been one of the main centres of Chinese Islam. There are some historic Muslim tombstones and relics which shed light on the history of Islam in China.²⁶ Most of the religious MSS are to be found in the mosques or in the possession of private individuals.

HAIYUAN (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

This is a centre of the Jahriya sect who possess MSS connected with their beliefs. Important MSS include: (i) *Risālah-i maʿrifat-i ʿālam-i kabīr va ṣaghīr*, which is in fact a copy of *Risālah-i mabdaʿ va maʿād* by NAsAFĪ, written in 982 AH in Persian; (ii) *Lughāt-i tafsīr-i Ḥusaynī*, which is the interpretation and explanation of the terms of *Mawāhib-i ʿAlīyah*, known as *Tafsīr-i Ḥusaynī*, by KAMĀL AL-DĪN ḤUSAYN VĀʿIẒ KĀSHIFĪ; (iii) *Sharḥ-i Ravāyih al-asrār-i JĀMĪ*, by ʿIMĀD AL-DĪN FAẒL ALLĀH, in Persian.

HAMI (Kumul) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

In Islamic references the town was called Qāmūl²⁷ and even today the people of Xinjiang call it Kumul. It is one of the historic Islamic towns located on the 'Silk Road', and contains a large old mosque. Several Islamic MSS are privately owned or held by religious leaders, called *ākhūnd*²⁸. Two important MSS held locally are: (i) *Targhīb al-ṣalāt*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD ZĀHID, in Arabic; (ii) *Maslak al-muttaqīn*, by ṢŪFĪ ALLĀHYĀR, on *fiqh*, copied in 1208 AH, in Persian; (iii) *Tanbīh al-ghāfilīn*, by BAHĀʿ AL-DĪN TIRMIZĪ, in Persian.

HEZU—see LINXIA

²⁶ Chen Dasheng & Salmon, C. Rapport préliminaire sur la découverte de tombes musulmanes dans l'île de Hainan. *Archipel* 38, 1989, pp. 75–106.

²⁷ 'Camul' in MARCO POLO (*Le Livre de Marco Polo*, ed. M.G. PAUTHIER, première partie, Paris 1865, pp. 156–159).

²⁸ This word is also used in Chinese (*āhōng*) as a term of respect for Muslim religious leaders.

HOHHOT (Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region)**Friday Mosque**

Built on the town's outskirts in 1789, this mosque possesses a collection of 40 Arabic and Persian MSS. The most important is a complete Qurʾān, copied in the 11th century AH.

HOTAN (Khotan) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Hotan's fame is due to its commercial situation in the past as an important staging post on the 'Silk Road'. Its historical and cultural background made it an important centre for the dissemination of Islamic MSS, but political events and upheavals have meant that most of them have either been transferred to other places or destroyed.

Hotan Mosque

The Friday and ʿĪd-gāh²⁹ mosques, which are the two important historic buildings in the town, used to house Islamic MSS, but they no longer function as mosques. A mosque newly built in 1407/1987 houses some insignificant MSS.

Hotan Museum

There are no MSS in the small town library of Hotan, but there are some Islamic MSS in Hotan Museum. The authorities of the Museum were reluctant to provide any information on them. Only the Chaghatay MSS could be seen on request. Some of the known important MSS of this Museum include: (i) *Kitāb-i musīqá* by Mullā ʿIṢMAT ALLĀH, in Chaghatay, with Persian musical terms and names of Persian musical instruments; (ii) *Ashʿār-i AḤMAD SHĀH*, in Chaghatay; (iii) *Kitāb-i MUḤAMMAD MULLĀ*, on traditional medicine, containing names of medicinal herbs in Persian.

²⁹ Even today these words are still used with their Persian form and meaning in Khotan.

Ji²NAN (Shandong Province)**Ji²nan Library**

It was reported that Ji²nan Library had an inaccessible collection of uncatalogued Arabic and Persian MSS. When the town was visited, the manuscripts section of the library was closed.

Private collections

There are some insignificant Arabic and Persian MSS in the hands of private individuals. The only important MS. was: *Kitāb al-uṣūl*, by NIẒĀM AL-DĪN IṢḤĀQ AL-SHĀSHĪ, known as QAFFĀL, on Ḥanafī *fiqh*, in Arabic, copied in 825 AH.

JINING (Shandong Province)**Tomb of Muḥammad ibn Ḥakīm**

Jining's importance lies in the fact that the tomb of Muḥammad ibn Ḥakīm, known as Chang Bābā, is to be found here. He came in his youth to China in the 17th/11th century with his uncle as part of a delegation from the Persian royal court to the Chinese Emperor. He remained in China and chose Jining for his residence, becoming known as MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤAKĪM ZINĪNĪ.³⁰ Shandong province became an important centre for Persian immigrants. Muḥammad ibn Ḥakīm was a traditional scholar and notable religious leader, and was the author of *Minhaj al-ṭalab*—the first known independent Persian grammar written in 1070 AH. Copies of this text, which is used widely, abound in China, and the text itself has been published many times. The tomb of Muḥammad ibn Ḥakīm is being restored by Chinese Muslim organisations and the Chinese Government. A tombstone with Persian and Arabic inscriptions has been made and erected. The building containing the tomb was due to be officially opened in 1993. A collection of Islamic MSS will be available there.

Private collections

Shandong province is known in the cultural history of Islam in

³⁰ In Arabic/Persian writings Jining is rendered as Zinīn.

China for the “Islamic School of Shandong”. There are several Islamic MSS scattered around the province. Important MSS seen in the hands of private individuals include: (i) *Sharḥ-i khuṭab-i arbaʿīn*, in Persian with some notes in *Xiaoerjing* script; (ii) *Ḍawʿ al-miṣbāḥ* of TĀJ AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD ISFIRĀYINĪ, in Arabic, on grammar, copied in 1295 AH; (iii) *Risālah-i khayr al-mafātīḥ*, on religious belief, in Arabic and Persian.

KAIYUAN (Yunnan Province)

Kaiyuan Mosque

The mosque of Kaiyuan possesses some Arabic and Persian MSS. The most important is an old translation of the Qurʾān in Persian. The mosque’s Imam has a private collection of *ca.* 30 Arabic and Persian MSS.

KASHI (Kāshghar) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Kashi, which was known as Kāshghar in Islamic history and still is among the inhabitants of this area and Chinese Muslims in general, was the oldest centre in Chinese Turkestan for Islamic cultural activities, *madrasas* and Muslim traditional learning. Although turmoil and civil war have meant the destruction of several historical monuments and much of the cultural heritage, Kashi is still considered to be one of the most important centres for Islamic traditional learning in China today. Many important Islamic MSS were taken away by foreigners towards the end of the 19th century. Others were removed in the first half of the 20th century by the Russians as they expanded into Eastern Turkestan, and further MSS were taken from Kashi to other places. Kashi is the only city in China today which has a traditional bazaar for sellers of Islamic MSS as well as old and rare printed books in Arabic and Persian. The bazaar is located close to the historic ‘Id-gāh Square. Since the development of modern printing techniques the number of traditional sellers of MSS has decreased considerably. Most of these MSS are ordinary and insignificant. Within the town there are some institutions which have collections of Islamic MSS.

Apak Hoja Tomb

ĀFĀQ KHWĀJAH (locally pronounced APAK HOJA) was one of the masters of the Naqshbandi order (Khwājagān) who lived in Kāshghar in the 11th/17th century. His *khānqāh* and tomb³¹ and those of other Naqshbandi masters are located in the area around Kashi. The *khānqāh* was built in the 11th/17th century. A *madrasa* and library containing MSS were connected to the *khānqāh*. Today only a few folios and mixed MSS remain, looked after by the attendants of the *khānqāh*. MSS still exist in the hands of *ṭullāb* and local Muslims, but they are not of any great value. The only important MS. seen here was: *Risālah-i nikāhnāmah*, author unknown, copied by YŪSUF MAHKINDĪ, in Persian.

Īd-Gāh Mosque

This is one of the oldest mosques in China, built in 829/1426, and later expanded in 1203/1788. The Mosque used to have a library, which was finally destroyed by an earthquake in 1900. The *ṭullāb* and religious leaders still hold Islamic MSS. The important ones include:

- (i) *Kitāb Zāshīya*: the title of the MS. in Chinese is *Zaxue* which means 'varied knowledge'. It contains wedding rituals, sermons, and prayers as recited by Muslims on religious occasions. The original text might have been compiled by an unknown Persian author during the Yuan Dynasty (1276–1368 AD) and may have been called something else. In the course of time some Arabic sermons have been added to it and part of it has been translated into Chinese. Several copies of this text are owned by Chinese Muslims. Some copies, in addition to the Chinese translation, contain explanatory notes written in *Xiaoerjing* script;
- (ii) *Mukhtaṣar Ṣiḥāh al-luḡha*, by ABŪ MUḤAMMAD QARSHĪ, copied in 895 AH, in Arabic;
- (iii) *Muntakhab al-Ḥusāmī*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AKHSĪKATĪ, on *fiqh*, in Arabic;
- (iv) *Mukhtaṣar al-ṣalāt*, by FAẒL ALLĀH MĀCHĪNĪ, on prayer, in Persian.

³¹ The Chinese insist in their official documents that this tomb belongs to XIANG FEI, the Muslim wife of the Chinese Emperor Qianlong (r. 1736–1795).

Kashi Museum

The Museum has not yet been inaugurated. According to the Museum authorities, it possesses some Islamic MSS in Arabic, Persian and Chaghatay.

Yusuf Has Ḥajib Tomb

YŪSUF KHĀṢṢ ḤĀJIB was a well-known poet of Turkestan (now Xinjiang). In the 5th/11th century he wrote the famous *Kutadku Bilig* (the knowledge of happiness) in Chaghatay. The old building housing his tomb is currently being renovated, and according to the authorities some Islamic MSS will be sited at the tomb.

Private collection

Some manuscripts were viewed in the private collection of a bookseller in Kashi. Amongst the important MSS were:

- (i) *Maṣnavī* by RŪMĪ. A complete set in six books contained in three volumes, written in a beautiful *nastaʿliq* script in the 10th/16th century with illuminations and decorations;
- (ii) *Risālah-i bayān al-asāmī*, on Islamic ritual and instruction related to childbirth, in Persian;
- (iii) *Masaʿil kitāb-i Bustān al-ʿarīfīn*, with Chinese glosses, written in *Xiaoerjing* script, in Persian and Chinese;
- (iv) *Tuḥfat al-malik shāhīyah*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤĀKIM, on alchemy, in Persian;
- (v) *Ikhtiyārāt-i badīʿī*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN SHĪRĀZĪ, on medicine, copied in 977 AH.

KHOTAN—see HOTAN

KORLA (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Friday Mosque of Korla

Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: The most significant of these MSS, which be-

long to the Imam, are (i) *Targhīb al-ṣalāt*, by MUḤAMMAD AḤMAD ZĀHID, in Persian; (ii) *Mubkiyāt*, by ABŪ BAKR IBN ʿUMAR FAẒL, known as MUFTĪ 'L-SHARQ WA-'L-ŞĪN, copied in 1082 AH, in Persian.

Korla Museum

There are some historic letters and documents in Persian in this museum as well as Islamic MSS. No access was given to the collection, and no information is available.

KUMUL—see **HAMI**

KUNMING (Yunnan Province)

Kunming Library

The authorities stated that there are some Arabic and Persian MSS in the library, but they had no information on the number, titles and condition of the MSS. No access was obtained.

Nancheng Mosque

Total number of Islamic MSS: 22 (2 Arabic; 20 Persian).

Description of collection: This collection contains nothing remarkable.

Shunchengjie Mosque

Total number of Islamic MSS: 33 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: This collection, which belongs to the Imam, contains nothing remarkable.

KUQA (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Kuqa Friday Mosque

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: These MSS, which belong to the traditional

teacher and students of the Mosque, are of no particular significance.

Kuqa Museum

This museum houses several items found in archaeological excavations around the city, including Persian documents, letters, and Islamic inscriptions and tombstones. The Museum authorities state that there are some Islamic MSS. No access to the collection was allowed and therefore nothing about its contents is known.

Mazār-i Mawlānā Khawājah

Total number of Islamic MSS: 17 (Arabic; Persian).

According to statements from local elderly people this tomb used to house many Islamic MSS which were destroyed during the Cultural Revolution. Currently the keeper of the tomb retains this small collection.

LANGZHONG (Sichuan Province)

Shaykh ʿAbd Allāh Makkī, one of the great masters of the Qādirīya order, died in Langzhong in 1100/1689. He was buried in what is now the Bābā Mosque. At that time a *khānqāh* was built which is still considered one of the most sacred places for Muslim Sufis in China, and is visited each year by many pilgrims. (All *khānqāhs* and tombs similar to this are referred to by the Chinese authorities as mosques.)

Many common Sufi MSS are kept by the followers of this order, and by the local inhabitants. The most important amongst them are:

- (i) A *majmūʿa* containing *Sharḥ-i Qaṣīdah-i khamrīyah*, by IBN FĀRĪD, in Arabic and Persian; *Lawāmiʿ al-anwār, sharḥ-i Qaṣīdah-i khamrīyah* (IBN FĀRĪD), by JĀMĪ, in Arabic and Persian; *Iṣṭilāḥāt al-Šūfiya*, in Arabic and Persian;
- (ii) *Qaṣīda Ghawthīya* by Shaykh ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AL-JĪLĀNĪ, in Arabic with Persian translation, and some explanatory notes in Chinese written in *Xiaoerjing* script;

- (iii) Parts of the *Maṣnavī*;
- (iv) A *majmūʿa* containing *Qaṣīdat al-Burda*, *Qaṣīda Ghawthīya* and prayers in Arabic and Persian;
- (v) *Ghunyat al-ṭālibīn* by ʿABD AL-QĀDIR AL-JĪLĀNĪ, copied in 1183 AH, in Arabic.

LANZHOU (Gansu Province)

Many local Muslims have copies of common MSS, including the *Dīvān* of ḤĀFĪZ, with an explanation of some terms and poems; and parts of the *Maṣnavī* by RŪMĪ, with a short Chinese interpretation written in *Xiaoerjing* script.

LINTAN (Gansu Province)

Xidaotang

Date of establishment: late 19th century

Status: Islamic teaching centre

Description of collection: The core of the teaching in this centre is based on the translation of theological and *fiqh* texts into Chinese, and Islamic MSS of this kind are to be found here.

LINXIA (Gansu Province)

Linxia was previously called Hezu and was known amongst Chinese Muslims as ‘Little Mecca’. Followers of the Qādirīya, Naqshbandīya and Kubrāwīya Sufi orders and of the Jahriya sect all live here, and many Islamic MSS are to be found in the hands of private owners. Almost all the texts mentioned in other places in China can be found here, including:

- (i) *Sharḥ-i Dīvān-i ḤĀFĪZ*, copied in the 12th/18th century, in Persian;
- (ii) *Maqāmāt AL-ḤARĪRĪ*, with some explanatory notes apparently taken from the commentary by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN AḤMAD KHASHSHĀB, in Arabic;
- (iii) *Lamaʿāt al-Qādirīya*, copied in 1186 AH, in Arabic and Persian;
- (iv) *Mirṣād al-ʿibād* by NAJM AL-DĪN RĀZĪ known as DĀYAH, copied in the 11th/17th century, in Persian;

(v) *Laṭāʿif al-basāʾin* by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN ZAYD ṬŪSĪ, copied in the 10th/16th century, in Persian.

MOYU (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

This town, located close to Hotan, was historically known as Qarah Qāsh and its inhabitants still refer to it by its old name. Among the MSS seen here, owned by Muslims in the town, was: *Risalah-i Qurʾān gushāʿī*, on the rites of opening and reciting the Qurʾān. Apart from the Arabic prayers to be said before and after the recitation of the Qurʾān, the whole MS. is in Persian, copied in 1140 AH in Hotan.

NANJING (Nanking) (Jiangsu Province)

Taipingjie Mosque

The Mosque has a small library with a collection of approximately 100 Islamic MSS. Most of them are copies of the same texts found all over China. The only important MS. is a copy of *Minhāj al-ṭalab* by MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤAKĪM ZĪNĪNĪ.

OPAL (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Opal (Upāl in Islamic sources; also known as Wupar) is located in Shufu county (previously known as Āzarkand). Insignificant MSS can be found belonging to private individuals. The most important MS. seen here was: *Kitāb al-tarjumān*, on the principles and terms of the Persian, Arabic and Turkish languages, by an unknown author.

ORDAM (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

The tomb of Arsalān Khān, a leader of the Jahriya sect, is to be found here, and at a particular time of the year followers meet at the tomb. Most of the MSS which belong to this sect can be found here.

PEKING—see **BEIJING**

POSKAM—see **ZEPU**

QARAH QĀSH—see **MOYU**

QARAH SHAHR—see **YANQI**

QARBAG (Chārbāgh) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

This toponym is the local rendering of the Persian *Chahār Bāgh* (Four Gardens). The place is near Sache (Yārkanḍ). There are some ordinary Islamic MSS owned by local inhabitants. The most important seen there was *Kitāb al-Hidāya* by BURHĀN AL-DĪN AL-MARGHĪNĀNĪ, a very old Arabic MS., but incomplete.

QARGHILIQ—see **YECHENG**

QINGTONGXIA (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

Islamic MSS are owned by this town's Muslim inhabitants. Amongst the more important are:

- (i) *Mukhammas*, by Shaykh MUḤAMMAD TABĀDKĀNĪ ṬŪSĪ KHURĀSĀNĪ. An old copy of the religious book of the Jahriya in Arabic and Persian, containing some explanatory notes. There are several significant notes on the blank pages at the beginning and end of the MS. about the history of the sect and the lives of its leaders;
- (ii) Parts of the *Maṣnavī* by RŪMĪ, with a brief Chinese gloss written in *Xiaoerjing* script;
- (iii) *Sharḥ-i Maṣnavī* by RAKHSHĀBĀDĪ BUKHĀRĀʿĪ (the first book only), in Persian;
- (iv) *Būstān* by SAʿDĪ, with some glosses in Persian and some notes in Chinese;
- (v) *Gulistān* by SAʿDĪ, an old copy.

QUANZHOU (Fujian Province)

Quanzhou was one of the most important commercial trading ports

for Muslims with China. In Islamic writings the town was known as Zaytūn (the transcription of Citong, the old Chinese name for Quanzhou).

Qingjing Mosque

This is the ancient mosque in the town, built *ca.* 400/1010 and completed probably in 1131. Built by Muslim immigrants, it is the second oldest mosque in China after the Huaisheng mosque in Guangzhou. It has a collection of Arabic and Persian MSS, as do some local Muslims.

Quanzhou Maritime Muséum

Some Qurʾān MSS are kept in this newly constructed town museum. It is reported that historical documents will be collected and kept with the MSS in the museum.

SACHE (Yārkand) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Sache was called Yārkand in Islamic writings. There are no MSS in the old, run-down mosques, *madrāsas* and *khānqāhs* in the town, but some are owned by local Muslims. These texts are commonly found in other towns in China. Amongst the important ones are:

- (i) *Faṣl al-khiṭāb* by KHWĀJAH MUḤAMMAD PĀRSĀY BUKHĀRĀʿĪ, in Persian;
- (ii) *Ghunyat al-mubtadī* by SADĪD AL-DĪN KĀSHGHARĪ, in Arabic with a Persian translation of difficult Arabic words;
- (iii) *Ghawth-i aʿzam*, author unknown, on prayer, in Arabic and Persian;
- (iv) *Mukhtaṣar al-Wiqāya* by ʿUBAYD ALLĀH IBN MASʿŪD, on Ḥanafī *fiqh*, in Arabic;
- (v) *Manhal* by ṬĀHIR ḤĀFIZ IṢFAHĀNĪ, on the calligraphy of Qurʾāns, in Persian;
- (vi) *Al-masālik al-bahīya fī ʿl-qawāʿid al-naḥwīya*, in Persian;
- (vii) *Mukhammas* by Shaykh MUḤAMMAD TABĀDKĀNĪ ṬŪSĪ KHURĀSĀNĪ, old copy, in Arabic and Persian;

- (viii) *Tafsīr-i Zāhidī*, by SAYF AL-DĪN ABŪ NAṢR AḤMAD DARVĀJAKĪ (d. 549 AH), incomplete, in Persian;
- (ix) *‘Ilm-i ma‘rifat va va‘z* by Khwājah Imām KHAṬĪB ABŪ MUḤAMMAD ‘ABD ALLĀH IBN MUḤAMMAD QALĀNISĪ, on sermons, in Persian;
- (x) A *majmū‘a* on belief and rites, in Persian;
- (xi) *Dīvān* by ṢŪFĪ ALLĀHYĀR, in Chaghatay.

See also under **QARBAG**.

SEYYED-EF DEH (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Seyyed-ef is a village in Toqlūn Kūr, near Taxkorgan. The village is significant for Isma‘ili Tajiks as the tombs of both Sayyid Nāṣir ‘Alī Shāh and Sayyid Āṣif al-Dīn Shāh are located here. Private individuals still keep ordinary Isma‘ili MSS. (See further under **TAXKORGAN** below.) Apart from these, the most important MS. seen was a *majmū‘a* in Persian containing sermons.

SHADIAN (Yunnan Province)

Beifangzi Mosque

Status: Private collection, belonging to the mosque’s Imam

Total number of Islamic MSS: 41 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: These MSS are not of any particular significance.

Jijie Mosque

Total number of Islamic MSS: 29 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: The most important of these MSS, kept by the mosque’s Imam, are a *Gulistān* of SA‘DĪ, with some explanation of the terms used and some interpretation of the poems, in Persian, and *Ashī‘at al-lama‘āt*, by ‘ABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ, in Persian.

SHANBIHBAZAR—see DŪXANBIBAZAR

SHANGHAI (Shanghai Municipality)**Shanghai Library**

Nanjing Donglu

Date of establishment: 1952

Status: Public library

The valuable collection of MSS at this library has been closed since 1992 and it is understood that it has been moved to some inaccessible, but safe, place. The reason for this move is the building of an underground railway next to the library, which it was feared might affect the safety of the library's collection. The authorities stated that there were several Islamic MSS in the collection, but no information is available.

SHENYANG (Liaoning Province)**Nan Mosque**

Total number of Islamic MSS: 20.

Description of collection: There used to be a collection of Islamic MSS in the historic mosque of Nan, built in 1660, but it disappeared during the Cultural Revolution. The current Imam has this small collection.

SIAN—see **XI'AN**

SONGJIANG (Shanghai Municipality)**Songjiang Mosque**

Date of establishment: During the Yuan Dynasty (1265–1368)

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: Five ordinary MSS and a complete old Qurʾān (with Persian translation).

TAXKORGAN (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

The town of Taxkorgan is located to the far west of China in Pamir and is the main centre for the Tajik population. Persian has been the

official and cultural language of the Tajiks throughout history. Since the Tajiks in this area are Ismaʿilis, Ismaʿili MSS abound. At the moment there is no library, governmental or religious institution set up to collect the MSS, and local circumstances currently do not favour the setting up of a library or any cultural institute. A Tājīk leader stated that during the Cultural Revolution in China (1966–76), which was aimed at destroying so-called reactionary traces of the past including religious and literary MSS, mosques and temples, hundreds of MSS were piled up and burnt.

Most of the MSS now are owned by Ismaʿili *Khulafāʾ* (a high religious rank in the Ismaʿili hierarchy), as well as by individuals interested in MSS.

The most important MSS, written in Persian and in private collections, are:

- (i) The works of the famous Persian Ismaʿili poet, thinker and religious leader NĀṢĪR KHUSRAW (d. 481/1088): *Vajh-i dīn*; *Zād al-musāfirīn*; and *Safarnāmah*. These are considered to be the most important religious texts for Ismaʿili Tajiks.
- (ii) A *majmuʿā*, in Persian, containing prayers for religious occasions such as festivals and wedding ceremonies performed by Ismaʿili *khulafāʾ*, including: *Qandīlnāmah*, in Persian, on Ismaʿili belief and prayer; and *Hasht suʿāl* by ʿAllāmah NAṢĪR AL-DĪN HUNZĀʿĪ, in Persian.

TIANJIN (Tientsin) (Tianjin Municipality)

The Great Mosque (Qingzhen Dasi)

Hongqiao Qu, Defeng Dajie

Total number of Islamic MSS: 55 (20 Arabic; 35 Persian).

Description of collection: The Great Mosque of Tianjin was built in 1703 in a Chinese architectural style and is well preserved. The most important MSS in the mosque library are: (i) *Lavāyih*, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ, undated, in Persian; (ii) *Gulistān*, by SAʿDĪ, with the explanations of some of the poems and words in Persian; (iii) *Mirṣād al-ʿibād*, by NAJM AL-DĪN RĀZĪ, in Persian; (iv) *ʿUmdat al-Islām*, by ABŪ ṬĀHIR MULTĀNĪ, undated, in Persian.

Most of the Arabic MSS are multiple copies of one or two texts.

Tianjin Library (Tianjin Tushuguan)

Nankai Qu, Fukonglu

This library contains 32 parts of a Qurʾān MS., 2 of which are incomplete, with Persian explanations, and 10 common Persian MSS found in many places in China. Important MSS include: *Daʿavāt*, which is another version of *Kitāb Zāshīya* (see under Kashi, ʿId-Gāh Mosque, for more details); and 2 rare treatises on teaching and practising Persian and Arabic calligraphy written in the 18th century.

TIANMU (Tianjin Municipality)

In this small town all the inhabitants are Muslim. They possess Islamic MSS, mainly on belief and grammar. The most important MS. seen was a copy of the *Lughāt* of MULLĀ ʿIṢĀM AL-DĪN.

TONGXIN (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

The Friday mosque of Tongxin is an old building known for its Islamic architecture and calligraphic friezes. There are some insignificant MSS in the mosque. The most important MS. of this area is *Rexihaer*, by ʿABD AL-NADHĪR GONG LIYE. It is a mix of Arabic and Persian and contains details of the lives of the leaders of the Jahriya sect. Chinese Muslim compilers have tended to give Chinese names to MSS compiled by them, and this MS. is an example of this.

TUQIAO (Sichuan Province)

The village of Tuqiao is located near Chengdu (*q.v.*). The villagers possess a few Arabic and Persian MSS, as is common. Here, however, there lives an old Muslim, MA JIUWU, who owns a Qurʾān MS. unique of its kind in China. It is a miniature Qurʾān 2 × 2.5 cm and 6 g in weight, written in *ghubār* script. The neat calligraphy of this unique Qurʾān MS. is of significant artistic quality.

TURPAN (Turfan) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)**Putagou (Grape Valley) Mosque**

No Islamic MSS were found in the four main mosques of Turpan,

but in the Putaogou Mosque nearby ordinary manuscript copies of *Minhāj al-ṭalab*; *Sharḥ Amthala*; and *Asās al-ʿulūm* were seen.

The following MSS held by the two Muslim preachers of the mosque were also seen:

- (i) *Jangnāmāh*, in Persian, in epic style, on the battles of the fourth Caliph ʿAlī;
- (ii) Translation of *Ṣalāt Masʿūdī*, written by MASʿŪD IBN MAḤMŪD SAMARQANDĪ, in Chaghatay;
- (iii) *Risālah Chihil Ḥadīth*, in Persian;
- (iv) *Fārsīnāmāh*, the translation and explanation of *Niṣāb al-Ṣibyān* by ABŪ NAṢR FARĀHĪ, in Persian;
- (v) *Mukhtaṣar-i Ṣalāt Māchīnī*, by FAẒL ALLĀH IBN AYYŪB MĀCHĪNĪ, in Persian, apparently written in the 9th century AH;
- (vi) *Zāshīya* (see under **KASHI** for details of this text). There are some sermons and prayers added to this MS., in Persian and Arabic.

Turpan Museum

Turpan Museum's reputation is based, in the first place, on its collection of Manichaean documents and scrolls. The Museum authorities stated that amongst its remaining documents, not yet displayed, were Arabic, Persian and Chaghatay MSS. They are completely uncatalogued and their content is not known.

TUYU (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Tuyuk Mazar (Tuylu Mazar)

30 kms from Turpan

Status: Muslim shrine

Description of collection: The site is visited by many pilgrims, and is revered by Chinese Muslims. Several knowledgeable elderly inhabitants have said that many MSS, particularly Qurʾān MSS, must have been endowed to his place, but most have been lost, and only a few remain.

UPĀL—see OPAL

ÜRÜMQI (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

General

There are several old mosques in Ürümqi which were built by Muslim immigrants. These mosques have been restored, and in them Islamic religious sciences as well as Persian and Arabic language are taught in the same manner as in the traditional *madrasas*. The religious MSS which are used as texts are to be found in the hands of *tullāb* (religious students). Most of the other MSS are Persian and Arabic and a small number are in Chaghatay. They have been collected from all over the province to be housed in the City Library and the Museum.

Published catalogues:

1957. *Ūyǵūr klāssik ādabīyyātī qūlyāzmīřrīnig kātālūgī*. By UYŪSŪPBĪK MŪHLISŪW. [Ürümqi].

BIRNBAUM (see Union Catalogues 1983) reports that this catalogue of 74 Chaghatay MSS in Ürümqi is printed in “Uighur” Arabic script with reformed orthography.

Ürümqi Library

The main building of Ürümqi Library is still under construction. According to a statement by the library authorities a large number of Persian and Arabic MSS have been accumulated in their stockroom. They are in poor condition and are rapidly deteriorating owing to lack of attention. There is no record of any sort for this library and the content of the collection is completely unknown. No access is available to these MSS.

Xinjiang Autonomous Region Museum

Conditions of access: Special permission from senior authorities required.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 600 (Arabic; Chaghatay; Persian).

Description of collection: None of the MSS have been described yet. During a visit to the Museum a few MSS were seen, of which the most important were:

- (i) *ʿIshqnamah-i Vāmiq va ʿazrā*, author unknown, *incipit* and *explicit* missing, Persian prose;
- (ii) *Kulliyāt* by ZUHŪRĪ, undated, apparently 12th century AH, in Persian;
- (iii) *Iskandarnāmah-i manzūm*, undated, in Chaghatay;
- (iv) *Kulliyāt* by BĪDIL, undated, in Persian;
- (v) *Gulistān* by SAʿDĪ; although a lithograph, it is significant because of the marginal notes written by literary and religious figures of Eastern Turkestan.

Unpublished catalogues:

There is a register in Chinese and Uighur for the MSS which is used solely by staff.

Xinjiang University Library

Status: University library

Conditions of access: Entry to see the MSS is not allowed, because of the closure of the MSS section of the library.

Total number of Islamic MSS: over 500 (Arabic; Chaghatay; Persian).

Description of collection: The collection apparently contains rare and unique MSS. The most important are in Persian, translations of the Qurʾān, texts of the Naqshbandiya order and treatises on the lives of Naqshbandī masters.

WEISHAN (Yunnan Province)

Imam of Xiaoweigeng Mosque

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 41 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are of no particular significance.

WUPAR—see OPAL

XPAN (Sian) (Shaanxi Province)

Huajue Mosque

The library of this mosque (built in 859/1455) has some Qurʾāns and

other MSS on general Islamic subjects. The most important text is *Tafsīr-i Darvājakī*, by SAYF AL-DĪN ABŪ NAṢR AḤMAD DARVĀJAKĪ (d. 549 AH), in Persian. (Two copies of this MS. can be found in this collection.)

XIAONAN (Gansu Province)

Near the little town of Xiaonan, in the county of Dongxiang, stand the shrine and large *khānaqāh* of Bābā Ḥamzah, one of the Shaykhs of the Qādirīya order in China. According to inscriptions in the building, Bābā Ḥamzah came to China from Iran in the 10th century AH to spread this order there.

Some inscriptions and scrolls are kept in the shrine; these have been copied from the originals, and provide some information on the history and the Shaykhs of the Qādirīya order in China. A complete old Qur²ān is kept in the shrine. The keeper also possesses some ordinary MSS of texts which are available throughout China.

XIJI (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

This town is another important centre for the Jahriya sect. Important MSS to be found here include: *Lavāyih* by JĀMĪ, in Persian; *Tazkirāt al-awliyā²* by ʿATṬĀR, copied by YŪSUF IBN UTHMĀN AL-ṢĪNĪ, incomplete, in Persian; and *Maqāmāt AL-HARĪRĪ* with Persian translation (which differs from known Persian translations).

XINING (Qinghai Province)

The Imam of the Friday mosque of Xining was absent at the time of our visit and so there is no information about his collection of approximately 20 Arabic and Persian MSS. Many local Muslims own copies of common MSS. Jahriya sect followers own MSS related to their beliefs. The only significant MS. seen was: *Sharḥ-i Kitāb-i Tanbih al-ghāfilīn*, by BAHĀ² AL-DĪN TIRMIZĪ, in Chinese (*Xiaoerjing* script).

YANQI (Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Previously known as Qarah Shahr. At least one MS., a copy of *Risālah-i Qurʾān gushāʾi*, was seen here.

YĀRKAND—see **SACHE**

YECHENG (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Yecheng was known as Qarghiliq in Islamic sources, and the name is still used among the inhabitants of the area and Chinese Muslims. Nowadays it is still a dynamic and important centre for Islamic law (*fiqh*) in Turkestan/Xinjiang. The Friday mosque of Yecheng was built in 940 AH, and used to possess a large collection of Qurʾanic and other MSS. However, the most important MSS are currently kept by religious students and leaders, and include:

- (i) *Minhāj al-ṭalab* by MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤAKĪM ZĪNĪNĪ, in Persian. Several old copies of this text were seen;
- (ii) *Sharḥ-i Būstān-i SAʿDĪ*, with an explanation of some poems and words, in Persian and Chaghatay;
- (iii) *Riyāḍ al-Ṣaliḥīn*, by MUḤIYY AL-DĪN AL-NAWAWĪ, old copy, in Arabic;
- (iv) *Mukhtaṣar TAFTĀZĀNĪ* from *Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ* by KHAṬĪB AL-QAZWĪNĪ, in Arabic;
- (v) *ʿArūs al-afrah fī sharḥ Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ* by BAHĀʾ AL-DĪN SUBKĪ, in Arabic, copied in 1135 AH;
- (vi) *Al-ʿaqāʾid al-Nasafīya* with *Sharḥ TAFTĀZĀNĪ*, in Arabic, copied in 1117 AH;
- (vii) *Kitāb al-hidāya* by ABŪ ʿL-ḤASAN ʿALĪ IBN ABŪ BAKR MARGHĪNĀNĪ, in Arabic;
- (viii) *Laṭāʾif al-tafsīr* by SAYF AL-DĪN DARVĀJAKĪ, in Persian, incomplete, probably 8th century AH;
- (ix) *Fawāʾid al-Dīyāʾīya*, a commentary by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN JĀMĪ on the *Kaḍīya* of IBN ḤĀJIB, in Arabic.

YENGISAR (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

Islamic sources referred to this town as Yāngī Ḥiṣār or Yingī Ḥiṣār. Muslim townsfolk own small collections of Arabic and Persian

MSS. The mosque's Imām has 9 Arabic and Persian MSS. Important among these are: *Vajh-i dīn*, by NĀṢIR KHUSRAW, in Persian; *Majmū'ah-i khuṭbah²hā-yi Fārsī Davāzdahmāhī*, in Persian; *Jāmi' al-rumūz*, by SHAMS AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD KHURĀSĀNĪ, on Hanafī *fiqh*, in Persian.

YINCHUAN (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

Ningxia Library

The library has many Arabic and Persian MSS in its storehouse. No access was granted to these MSS, and no information is available.

Yinchuan Library

This library has many Arabic and Persian MSS, but no access was granted, and no information is available. It is believed the MSS are in poor condition and deteriorating.

Yinchuan Museum

There are some Arabic and Persian MSS at this museum. No statistics about them are available. However, the most important MSS are known to be:

- (i) *Tafsīr-i manzūm-i āyātī az Qur'ān va aḥādīth Nabavī*, in Persian, in a beautiful *nasta'liq* script with decoration. It is a significant and rare copy of a text from approximately the 11th century AH;
- (ii) A Qur'ān MS. with interlinear Persian translation, copied in the 10th century AH.

Private collections

MSS of the Jahriya sect are to be found here in the hands of followers of this sect.

YONGNING (Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region)

The Najiahu Mosque, near Yongning, is one of the oldest mosques

in Ningxia and was built in 1525. The style of the building is Chinese but the Islamic decorations and inscriptions are of the highest quality. The mosque itself does not own any MSS, but its religious leaders do. Amongst the MSS seen in this town were: *Lughāt al-Qurʿān*, in Arabic and Persian, with an explanation of some Qurʿanic terms in Chinese; and *Sharḥ al-ʿaqāʿid al-Nasafiya* by TAFTĀZĀNĪ, in Arabic, copied in the 12th century AH.

ZEPU (Poskam) (Xinjiang Autonomous Region)

There were two private collections of Islamic MSS in Zepu (the people of Xinjiang still refer to it by its historical name Pūskām). The most important MSS are:

- (i) *Vajh-i Dīn* of NĀṢIR KHUSRAW, in Persian, copied in 975 AH in Kashmir;
- (ii) *Dīvān* by BĪDIL, incomplete, in Persian, copied in 1190 AH;
- (iii) *Mawlūdnamah*, on childbirth, in Persian;
- (iv) *Khuṭbahnamah-i Davāzdahmāhī*, in Persian, sermons and prayers to be recited in each month of the lunar year.

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COMOROS

by

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INTRODUCTION

The Comoro islands, together with northern Madagascar, represent the southernmost extent of the mediaeval Islamic world. The earliest known settlements on the islands date back to the 9th and 10th centuries CE. Though there is no evidence that the people of these early settlements had adopted Islam, archaeological remains indicate that trade goods from the Near East were reaching the islands at that time. Thus, we may presume that some Islamic influence was already present by the 10th century. Firm evidence of Muslim settlements in the islands dates to the 12th and 13th centuries. According to traditions and the early chronicles, Islam reached the Comoros from the Persian Gulf region, through Shirazi migration and settlement, and from such towns as Kilwa on the East African coast. Given the nature of Indian Ocean commerce and trade, Muslims from many parts of the Muslim world undoubtedly visited and settled on the islands throughout mediaeval times.

No comprehensive study has been made of Comorian literary traditions. The earliest known manuscripts date to the 16th century. During subsequent centuries, Islamic texts reached the Comoros from India and the East African coast as well as from the Near East. Arabic and Swahili came to be the literary languages used by clerks, poets, scholars and members of the royalty, while Comorian, the spoken idiom of the majority of the inhabitants, remained largely unwritten. By the early 19th century, a strong tradition of religious learning existed, and numerous Muslim scholars went from the Comoros to study and teach in Zanzibar and other Muslim towns of the East African coast. Towards the end of the 19th century, a new tradition emerged, with the writing of historical chronicles in various Comorian dialects.

The circumstances of manuscripts in the Comoros are not unlike those prevailing in the Swahili world. Most are in the hands of private owners, who may be unaware of the importance and value of the manuscripts they own. As a result, they are often kept under adverse conditions, and there is little attempt to preserve them. The Centre National de Documentation et Recherche Scientifique in Moroni is taking steps to identify and preserve manuscripts of special importance. Though most of the manuscripts in Grande Comore

are of well-known Islamic texts, it should be noted that the manuscripts written in Comorian (in Arabic script) are particular to this part of the world, and represent a unique aspect of the cultural heritage of Islam.

Though the islands form a single geographic entity, cultural and historical circumstances have left them politically divided. Three of the four main islands (Grande Comore, Anjouan and Moheli) together form the Islamic Republic of the Comoros; the fourth island, Mayotte, is still governed by France. So far it has only been possible to carry out a survey of Islamic manuscripts on Grande Comore, the largest and most populated island.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BANGOIKUNI

Aziz Mu^ʿallim

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A text entitled *Kitāb al-fawā'id fī 'l-ṭibb al-ʿArabī*.

Shaykh Ahmad bin Muhammad Sa^ʿad

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of *Ahl al-badr*.

IDJIKUNZI

ʿAbdallah Swaleh

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A text entitled *Tabāraka dhū-'l-ʿulá wa-'l-kibriyā* and a copy of *Al-isrā* and a copy of *Al-mi^ʿrāj*.

Hay Ahmad Fundi

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A text of *Nikāḥ*.

Muhammad Ahmad

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A text of *sharḥ* entitled *Mujarrad sharḥ ʿilm al-nujūm*.

MBENI**ʿAli Mbae**

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A single copy of the Qurʾān, copied in the year 1146 [1733]; the pages are attractively decorated in what is known locally as the “Mozambican style”.

Shaykh Muhammad Maʿmun

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A text entitled *Ḥadīth tārikh Fāṭima bint Rasūl Allāh* and a copy of *Minhāj al-ṭālibīn*; the third item of the collection is a rather unusual manuscript copy of *Majmaʿ al-baḥrayn* by DĀRA SHIKŪH, son of the 17th-century Mughal Emperor SHĀH JAHĀN, copied in the year 1079 AH [1668].

Shaykh Muhammad Maʿruf

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of the Qurʾān.

Shaykh Muhammad Yusuf Ahmad

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A single copy of *Minhāj al-tālibīn*, copied in the year 1269 [1853].

Shaykh ʿUmar bin Maa Munir bin Zubayr

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of *Mishkāt al-miṣbāḥ*.

MORONI**ʿAbdur Rahman Salim ʿAli Shaykh Abu Bakr**

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of *Tafsīr Jalālayn* by JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-SUYŪṬĪ and JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-MAḤALLĪ.

ʿAli Shaykh Ahmad Abu Bakr as-Sibtī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of the Qurʾān.

Ahmad ʿAbdallah Qudrah

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A Qurʾān, copied at Siyu in the Lamu archipelago of Kenya.

Centre National de Documentation et Recherche Scientifique

Status: Public

Total number of Islamic MSS: 27 (Arabic; Comorian; Swahili).

Description of collection: The collection includes a variety of texts, dealing with *falak*, *qaṣīda*, *fiqh*, *nikāh* and *duʿāʾ*. Of particular interest are seven manuscripts on various aspects of Comorian history: *Tārīkh jazīrat al-Qumur*, *Sulālat al-Hanzuwānī*, and *Tadhkirat salāsīl wa-ḥikāyat ṣalātayn* in Arabic; *Baʿadh il-hadith* and *Kitāb suluwa Shirazi* in Comorian; and *Hadithi za wafalme wa kitandaa* and *Hadithi za zamani asili ya Ngazija* in Swahili.

Masjid Ribati bin Shaykh

Status: Mosque library (*waqf*)

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection comprises texts of *ʿIlm al-bayān* and *ʿIlm al-badīʿ*, together with a text of *taṣawwuf*; the fourth manuscript, from Oman, is *Qāmūs al-Sharīʿa* of JUMAYYIL IBN KHAMĪS AL-SAʿDĪ.

Shaykh Ali Fumo

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic; Comorian).

Description of collection: The collection consists of two texts of *falak*, two of *tafsīr*, two copies of *Minhāj al-ṭālibīn* and a *qaṣīda* text (*Kitāb al-Burdāʿī*) in Arabic and Comorian.

Shaykh Muhammad Abu Bakr

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of the *Saḥīḥ* of AL-BUKHĀRĪ.

NTSAWENI

Masjid Jumba Fumnawo

Status: Mosque library (*waqf*)

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection consists of a copy of the Qurʾān and a text of *duʿāʾ*: *Adʿīyat ḥawl Ramaḍān*; both manuscripts were

copied at Ntsujini by IBRAHIM ADAM, a minister of SULTAN SAYYID ʿALI.

NTSUJINI

Abulwafaʿ ʿAydarus Mahdaly

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection comprises one Qurʾān and a copy of *Kitāb Iḥyāʾ ʿulūm al-dīn* by ABŪ ḤĀMID AL-GHAZĀLĪ. The Qurʾān manuscript, copied in 1197 [1783], is distinctive in that all the vowel signs are written in gold lettering.

Ibrahim Sayyid Hasan

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection consists of one copy each of *Minhāj al-ṭālibīn*, *Madḥ khayr al-barīya*, the *Ṣaḥīḥ* of AL-BUKHĀRĪ and a text of *naḥw* entitled *Matn al-Ājurrūmīya*.

Al-Khatib Muhammad Hasan Sayyid Hasan Maulana

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A single copy of *Minhāj al-ṭālibīn*, said to have belonged originally to FUMNA BIN SULTAN TARAMBWE BIN SULTAN FUMNAWE BIN SULTAN WAKURDAYIZ.

Qadi ʿAbdus Samad Mladjawo

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of a *fiqh* text entitled *Raḥmat al-umma fī ikhtilāf al-aʿimma*.

Sayyid Ahmad Mahmud

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A copy of *Sharḥ al-ʿaynīya*, being a history of how the Jamal al-Layl family came to the Comoro Islands in the 14th century, written by SAYYID AL-ḤABĪB AḤMAD IBN ZAYN AL-ḤABASHĪ.

Sayyid ʿAbdallah Munir

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection comprises a copy of the Qurʾān, a copy of *Tanbīh al-anām* (said to have belonged originally to SULTAN BWANA FUMU BIN SULTAN MBAFUMUNI), together with a text of *qaṣīda*, copies of *Madḥ khayr al-barīya* and *Mishkāt al-miṣbāḥ*, and a manuscript which has texts of both *fiqh* and ʿibāda.

Sayyid Ahmad Muhammad Musa

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: One of the manuscripts is the *fiqh* text *Fath al-muʿīn*, copied by IBRAHIM ADAM, one of the ministers of SULTAN SAYYID ʿALI; the other manuscript is entitled *Mawlid sharaf al-anām*.

ETHIOPIA

by

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PREFATORY NOTE

The compiler's personal circumstances have prevented him from investigating collections other than the one detailed below. It is hoped that a more comprehensive survey of the country can be undertaken in the near future.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ADDIS ABABA

Institute of Ethiopian Studies: Manuscript and Documentation Centre

Addis Ababa University, PO Box 1176, Addis Ababa

Tel.: 55-08-44, ext. 359

Date of establishment: 1986

Status: University departmental library

Conditions of access: Foreigners must obtain formal permission from the Institute before arriving in the country.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 157 (140 Arabic; 12 Harari; 1 Oromo; 1 Arabic/French/Amharic; 3 Arabic/Harari).

Description of collection: The present collection of Arabic/Harari manuscripts (about 9,000 pages in all) contains copies of important (although in some cases, incomplete) documents on local dynastic history (mostly on the emirate of Harar), historical narratives, a biography, a biographical dictionary, an encyclopaedia, religious manuals, commentaries on *fiqh*, poems in praise of the Prophet and texts of the Qurʾān, as well as documents on the sale and purchase of landed property, and on Arabic grammar.

The manuscripts were written or copied between the second half of the 16th and the middle of the present century. Although most of them are leather bound, they have not been able to withstand rough handling by researchers. They have also suffered considerable damage due to the inadequacy of the existing storage facilities. Consequently, the leather covers have fallen off and the leaves have fallen out. The rebinding of the MSS is therefore a matter of utmost urgency.

Among the rare and unique MSS are a Qurʿān with calligraphic decoration written in 1141 AH [1728–29], a biographical dictionary of famous ‘*ulamā*’ written in 1055 AH [1645], an encyclopaedia, and a version of the chronicle of the campaigns of IMĀM AḤMAD B. IBRĀHĪM (*fl.* 1506–43). The documents were either donated, acquired or purchased by the Institute, or deposited by researchers.

These MSS have not been systematically catalogued.

Published catalogue:

1967. Note sur quelques manuscrits arabes se trouvant en Ethiopie. By J. JOMIER. *Institut Dominicain d’Etudes Orientales du Caire: Mélanges* 9, 1967, pp. 287–293.

Survey of the collection, with details of a number of the more important MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:

Inventory of most of the manuscripts.

Card list.

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GAMBIA

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INTRODUCTION

The Muslims of Gambia, particularly the Fulanis and Mandingos, have a long tradition of learning and scholarship. In the 19th century especially, the local *‘ulamā* produced manuscripts of considerable literary and historical importance. A number of these have been inherited by the present owners of private libraries, but sadly most of them are ignorant of the importance of their collections.

The physical condition of the manuscripts is generally very poor: they have not been repaired for decades. To my knowledge, a considerable number have been destroyed by termites, bookworms and damp over the years. Much effort is needed to repair the surviving manuscripts before they disappear.

The following survey reveals that there are about 1,494 Islamic manuscripts in eighteen collections in the Gambia. This figure shows that the country is very rich in Islamic manuscripts, and many more private collections are likely to be discovered if more efforts are made to organise and control this invaluable material in the future.

I am grateful to all those Mallams, informants and friends without whose assistance this survey would not have reached its present form.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BADDIBU

Alimamy Maba Diakhou

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner's descendants.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 94.

Description of collection: This is the collection of ALIMAMY MABA DIAKHOU, the leader of the Gambian *jihād* in the 1850s. It was bequeathed to his family following his death in 1867. It is not known how he acquired these manuscripts. Some family sources say that he might have copied the majority of them himself in the early part of his life.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (10 MSS); *adab* (2); geomancy (11); Qurʾān (1); history (19); medicine (7); poetry (10); grammar (5); *Ḥadīth* (2); *uṣul* (9); Sufism (18).

Most of the MSS are the works of Sheikh UMAR TAL and AHMADU BABA of Timbuktu. Almost all of them have lost their bindings. A random inspection shows that some have also lost pages. The collection, nevertheless, possesses significant scholarly material; an example is: *Fath al-Malik fī fatwá IBN MĀLIK*, by ʿULAYSH, dated 1925.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Usman Jamma Ba

Date of establishment: 1905

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 117.

USMAN JAMMA BA is a great nephew of ALIMAMY MABA. He inherited the bulk of this collection from his ancestors, but he has enriched and enlarged it by acquiring more MSS from scholars visiting the area.

The significance of this collection lies in its valuable material on the history of the Gambia and Senegal.

The subjects covered are as follows: genealogy (6 MSS); Qurʾāns (3); *Ḥadīth* (17); *tafsīr* (1); history (24); *adab* (8); correspondence (31); *sīra* (1); *fiqh* (16); *ʿaqīda* (7); medicine (1); poetry (2).

Rare manuscripts include: (i) *Tadhkirat al-mustarshidīn wa-falāḥ al-ṭālibīn* by Alhājj UMAR TAL, dated 1829; (ii) *Majmūʿat al-mukhtāra*, anonymous and undated; and (iii) *Tarīkh buldān Fūtā Jāllū wa-Tūrū*, anonymous and undated.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued or not.

BANJUL

Alh. Abdoulaye M. Jobe

Imam of Banjul Central Mosque

39 Lancaster Street

Banjul

Date of establishment: 1960

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 66 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are the works of famous West African scholars. There are three MSS authored by the owner, but the majority were either inherited from his parents or donated to him by his teachers. Some of the MSS are undated. The dated ones are of 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century origin. They are well preserved in the owner's study. 10 of the MSS are on sermons; 3 on correspondence; 10 on history; 18 on *tawhīd*; 9 on *fiqh*; 5 on literature and 11 on Sufism.

About eight MSS have some artistic significance. The collection has a few rarities, which include: *Infāq al-Maysūr* by MUHAMMAD BELLO, undated; and *Manāqib al-Shaykh ʿUmar* by IBN HIBĀT AL-SHINQĪTĪ.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Bakary Darbo

Bedford Place

Banjul

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts were bought from private individuals. They are very old, dating as far back as the 17th and 18th centuries. They are in good condition, and are kept in a glass-fronted wooden bookcase in the owner's apartment. The MSS are on the following subjects: *fiqh* (5 MSS); *tawhīd* (3); history (2).

The rarity in the collection is *Mahyaʿ al-rushd wa-ʿl-ṣawāb* by MUHAMMAD YAḤYĀʿ.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alimamy Fodi

c/o Banjul Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1950

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 172 (Arabic; Fulbe; Wolof).

Description of collection: This collection was established in 1950 by ALIMAMY FODI, from diverse sources inside and outside Gambia. He copied some MSS personally in his days as a student. Some of them concern the history of Islam and scholars in the Futa Jallon region. However, most of the collection are Islamic religious works: 25 on Sufism; 19 on *sīra*; 17 on *Ḥadīth*; 23 on Qurʾān and related studies; 9 on *fiqh*; 42 on *ʿaqīda*; and 37 on history.

The MSS are well preserved in a wooden box. Only a few of them are of artistic significance. There are, however, valuable manuscripts on West African history. Important texts include: *Mafātīḥ al-jinān wa-maghālīq al-nīrān*, anonymous and undated; and the uncompleted *Al-ʿAzīzī*, by AL-HUSAYN B. AḤMAD, undated.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten list describes about half of the collection.

BRIKAMA

Fodi Silla

Market Road

Brikama

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 125 (Arabic; Mandingo).

Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the owner by his grandfather. The MSS are of 18th/19th-century date and might have originated from sources outside Gambia, given that the owner's grandfather was an itinerant scholar, and had taken part in most of the *Jihāds* in the region. Most of the MSS are now fragmented and seriously damaged by damp. The collection is preserved in a box in the owner's private apartment, but is not satisfactorily kept.

The subjects covered are: Sufism (12 MSS); *Ḥadīth* (21); *fiqh* (47); sermons (2); *fatwās* (6); history (16); geomancy (1); Qurʾān (4); science (16).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

FARAFENI**Alfa Yusuf N'Dare**

Markaz Ulum ud deen

Farafeni

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 43 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are not dated, and the majority are untitled. A careful examination of the few titled ones reveals many inaccuracies in the titles. The MSS are not well preserved. Almost all of them have their pages torn, & some pages are missing, making it extremely difficult to read them or ascertain their value.

There are indications that the MSS might have been copied some time ago, since most of them were inherited from people who are said to have lived several centuries ago.

The collection covers the following fields: theology (7 MSS); *fiqh* (4); literature (12); Sufism (15); epistemology (1); sermons (4).

This collection needs urgent restoration, otherwise it will soon be lost. It is uncatalogued.

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Alhaji Fodi Faal

Farafeni Mosque

Date of establishment: 1938

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 175 (Arabic; Fulbe; Wolof).

Description of collection: This collection originates from various countries in the region. The owner, a widely travelled person, acquired the MSS during his numerous sojourns abroad. All are in excellent condition and are kept in a wooden box, which contains his valuables. Many have artistic significance and beautifully decorated covers. The dated ones are all from recent centuries. The subjects covered are: poetry (5 MSS); sermons (8); *sīra* (15); Sufism (21); *fiqh* (28); *tawhīd* (47); history (30); genealogy (1); litanies (2); Qurʾāns (in separate *sūras*) (18).

Scholarly works of great importance abound in this collection.

However, the most important one is a four-volume work entitled *Jawāhir al-iklīl*, undated, copied by MUḤAMMAD TŪRÁ.

It is not certain whether the collection has been catalogued or not.

GUNJUR

Alfa Keita Muhammad

Alfa Keita Residence

Gunjur

Date of establishment: 1953

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 100 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: A large number of the MSS were acquired in Timbuktu, Mali. Some were copied by the owner. They are in very good condition with no damage. They are arranged in subject order on a table in the owner's study, but they are exposed to dust and insects.

The titles of the Arabic MSS are, however, confusing as some of them have been titled in the owner's language, Fulbe, and as a result have lost their original meanings. Despite this shortcoming, the collection is orderly, and possesses unique scholarly material. The MSS are recent (18th century onwards).

The subjects covered are: history (14 MSS); literature (13); *fiqh* (11); *ʿaqīda* (29); sermons (3); *fatwás* (17); astrology (1); medicine (8); litanies (3); Sufism (1).

The MSS have superb bindings and fine calligraphy. Rare texts in the collection are: *Kayfīyat iqāmat hādihā 'l-balad Wulī*, anonymous and undated; and *Nayl al-ibtihāj* by AḤMAD BĀBĀ, undated and copied by KAYTĀ MUḤAMMAD.

Iddrissa Jallo

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3.

Description of collection: There are only three MSS in this collection. Two are historical works, whose authors and titles are unknown,

and one is an incomplete MS. on the work of Shaykh ʿUTHMAN DAN FODIO, entitled *Bayān wujūb al-Hijra*.

The collection is well preserved, and kept in the private room of the owner. It is uncatalogued.

Muʿallim Kabba

Madrassatul Qaumiyyah

Gunjur

Date of establishment: 1970

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 17 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The owner claims to be a descendant of FUDI KABBA, a 19th-century Jihadist, who once ruled the town. He also claims to have inherited the collection from his ancestors. The collection comprises sermons, correspondence, and Sufi litanies. The MSS are not dated and have lost their original covers. Some have their pages torn. They are poorly preserved in a carton.

The collection is uncatalogued.

KAUR

Alimāmy Cisse Braima

c/o the Imam of Kaur

Kaur Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By special appointment with the Imam of Kaur.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 74 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This is a particularly interesting collection since it belonged to ALIMAMY BRAIMA who ruled the town in the middle of the 19th century. It has been inherited in succession by his descendants. Family sources suggest that most of the MSS in the collection have been lost to termites, bookworms and visiting researchers. They cover the following subjects: geography (1 MS.); Qurʾān (1); history (17 MSS); *fiqh* (6); *tawhīd* (14); genealogy (2); astrology (5); *tafsīr* (1); literature (3); correspondence (18); sermons (6).

Some of the MSS are of 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century origin, although the majority are undated. They are damaged in every way, and are in urgent need of restoration. Despite the numerous holes in the pages, it is still possible to read them. Some of the MSS have lost their covers, while those covers which survive are worn out, so that they have lost their titles. This makes it almost impossible to identify the texts. The collection is kept in a wooden box, and is not well preserved.

There are some MSS of rare significance and artistic value, but the loss of their titles makes it impossible to enumerate them.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Billiti Jawara

Kaur Palace

Date of establishment: 1968

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).

Description of collection: 3 MSS are complete texts of the Holy Qurʾān; 1 is on *Ḥadīth*; 2 on *fiqh* and 1 on Sufism. They were acquired from professional book copyists in Banjul. The Qurʾanic MSS are beautifully bound in original, full leather bindings.

The collection is uncatalogued.

KARANTABA

Bundu Watara

House No KA 11

Date of establishment: 1957

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By the appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 449 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The core of this collection is formed by MSS which the owner purchased in Kaolack in neighbouring Senegal when a student of the late Sufi Shaykh, IBRAHIM NYASS. He enriched the collection by purchasing a number of MSS from local scholars when he returned to Gambia about a decade ago. The collection has

old manuscripts, of which the majority are on Sufism. The dated MSS are of 17th- and 18th-century origin. Some of them are not titled. The collection covers the following subjects: literature (29 MSS); Sufism (73); Qurʾān (9); *fiqh* (23); medicine (48); *tawhīd* (32); *sīra* (44); *fatwās* (53); correspondence (71); mysticism (31); history (36).

Some of the MSS are written in more than one colour. The collection is well preserved and is packed in a well-sealed carton. Though dusty and cobwebbed, the MSS are in excellent physical condition, even though some have lost their covers as a result of poor handling by their original owners. Important MSS in the collection include: *Al-jurʿat al-ṣāfiya wa-'l-naḥḥa al-kāfiya* by AL-MUKHTĀR KUNTĪ, undated; and *Al-risāla fi 'l-fiqh* by AL-QAYRAWĀNĪ ABŪ ZAYD, undated.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist describes the unique MSS in the collection.

KUNTAUR

Moddibo Dauda

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 40 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS were copied by the owner. He acquired about 18 from a scholar in Segou, Mali. Most of them are in fair condition. However, some have been damaged by book-worms and rats, which has resulted in the loss of a number of their pages and covers. At present, the collection is kept in a poorly constructed wooden box. The dates of some of the MSS indicate that they were written or copied during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The manuscripts are on the following subjects: *Hadīth* (5 MSS); Qurʾāns (fragments) (3); literature (2); grammar (6); poetry (3); Sufism (7); *fiqh* (3); *tawhīd* (3); astrology (1); medicine (2); prayers/charms (5).

Important manuscripts in the collection are: *Qasīda fī rithāʾ* AḤMAD AL-BAKKĀʾĪ, undated and anonymous; and *Iḍāʾat al-dujanna* by ABŪ ʿABD ALLĀH MUKHTĀR, copied by MUḤAMMAD MAḤMŪD, undated.

This collection is not catalogued.

SABAJI**Sheikh Umar**

Masjid Sabaji

Date of establishment: 1948

Status: Private

Conditions of access: None.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection consists of a copy of *Tafsīr al-Jalālayn* and a volume of *Ṣaḥīḥ AL-BUKHĀRĪ*. They are well preserved and in a satisfactory condition, on a bookshelf in the owner's private apartment. They are undated, and uncatalogued.

SALEKINI**Soumani Ba**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Description of collection: An unspecified number of MSS are preserved in the residence of Shaykh SOUMANI BA, but it was not possible to examine the collection because the owner was absent from the town.

WULI**Alimamy Dembo**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the late owner's family.

Description of collection: ALIMAMY DEMBO or FODI (teacher), as he was popularly known, settled in this town with his students about a century and a half ago. Apparently he was a prolific writer, and had authored or copied numerous literary works. Some sources credit him with sowing the seeds of Islamisation in Wuli, Yarbutenda and surrounding areas. His collection of much valuable material has been inherited by his descendants, but access to the collection was refused, so it is not possible to give a description of it.

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(see Vol. I, pp. 317–319)

1992. *Katalog manuskrip Melayu di Jerman Barat. Catalogue of Malay manuscripts in West Germany.* By Asma АНМАТ. Kuala Lumpur: Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia, 1992 (Siri Bibliografi Manuskrip, 8). xiv + 240pp.

Covers MSS in Berlin (for which it supersedes the 1989 catalogue of Snouck Hurgronje & Kratz cited in Vol. I, p. 327), Bonn, Hamburg, Heidelberg, Marburg, Munich and Trier.

GUINEA

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Baba Yunus Muhammad

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1965. Les manuscrits historiques arabo-africaines. (Bilan provisoire.) By V. MONTEIL. *Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Afrique Noire*, Série B, 27, 1965, pp. 531–542.

Guinée, p. 542.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BOFA

Bakary Hamad

BF 174

Date of establishment: 1969

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 187 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection possesses unique MSS which are important for the history of West Africa. About 23 are of artistic significance. The collection covers a variety of Islamic subjects, namely *Ḥadīth* (28), *fiqh* (39), *uṣūl* (27), Qurʾān and related studies (15), *fatwās* (57), sermons (16), mathematics (5).

Most of the MSS were copied in the 19th and 20th centuries; the oldest was copied or written in the 15th century. The rest are undated. They are housed in a room which serves as the prayer and study room of the owner. They are well preserved, although a few have lost their bindings. They are bound together and kept on a table.

Significant MSS in this collection are: *Kitāb maʿrifat al-ḥisāb*, anonymous and undated; and *Kitāb ifhām al-anjāl wa-aḥkām al-ajal* by AL-MAGHĪLĪ, dated 1480.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued or not.

BOKE

Alh. Bakary Diallo

c/o Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1959

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 257 (Arabic; Hausa; Kanuri).

Description of collection: This collection is in mixed languages. According to the owner, he established it when he returned from Ndjamena, Chad, and Konduga, Nigeria where he had lived and worked as an Islamic teacher. He copied most of the MSS himself as an act of pious devotion while in Nigeria and Chad. Others were later purchased from Guinean sources on his return to Guinea.

The collection covers the following subjects: poetry (22), philosophy (35), *fiqh* (20), *ʿaqīda* (70), medicine (50), mathematics (11), *Sharīʿa* (2), *Ḥadīth* (4), *fatwās* (18), science (25).

The MSS are not well preserved, as most have been affected by damp and termites. They are housed in the living room of the owner in a metal box. The collection requires exposure to light and repair work. Some MSS are very old, although impossible to date. Others are dated between the 17th and 20th centuries. Only a few are of artistic significance. The rarities in the collection are: *Kitāb al-Akhḍarī* by ABŪ ZAYD ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-AKHḌARĪ, undated; *Qaṣīdat al-burda* by AL-BUṢĪRĪ, undated; and *Risālat al-suʿāl ʿan al-mayyit wa-ṣalāt al-janāza wa-ʿl-dafn* by MUHAMMAD SALGA KANO, copied in 1952.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten list covers about 200 MSS in this collection.

CONAKRY

Alhaji Ibrahim Ba

Grand Mosque of Conakry

Date of establishment: 1960

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By special permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 141 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This collection has old MSS dating back to the 18th century. Part of this collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather who was a famous scholar in Pita in his time. Alhaji Ba, now the Chief Imam of the Grand Mosque of

Conakry, enriched the collection with MSS purchased or copied by himself or his disciples.

Subjects covered are: astrology (10), occult (18), Qurʾāns (4), *tafsīr* (2), history (15), genealogy (7), *fiqh* (22), praise of the Prophet (6), *Ḥadīth* (16), Qurʾān science (11), *Sharīʿa* (10), *uṣūl* (4), Sufism (16).

Most MSS were copied in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. The rest are undated or not properly dated. The collection is of artistic significance, and there are two Qurʾāns with superb bindings.

The collection is significant in that it contains rare manuscripts on religious sciences and history. It is well preserved in a glass-fronted wooden bookcase. The important MSS in the collection include: *Taʿrif al-qabāʾil wa-ʾl-ḥukkām fī tārikh Fulānī*, by HĀSHIM ALFĀ, undated; *Ḥamzīya fī madh al-Nabī: Kayfa yarqā ruqīyat al-anbiyā*, anonymous & undated; and *Kitāb fī fiqh* by IBN FARḤŪN ABŪ IBRĀHĪM, copied in 1858.

Unpublished catalogue:

A list covers all the MSS in this collection.

Alhaji Soumani Diawara

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Date of establishment: 1971

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 62.

Description of collection: Alhaji Soumani Diawara is a Sufi scholar who has travelled widely in West Africa. He claims to have copied personally about half the MSS in his collection. Most of the copying was done in Senegal, Mauritania and Ivory Coast. Others were purchased in these countries.

The subjects covered are: occult (6), science (4), *fiqh* (15), *tawḥīd* (10), Sufism (10), Qurʾān (1), *Ḥadīth* (8), history (1), grammar (7).

Five of the MSS are undated. The rest are dated between the 18th and 20th centuries. They are kept in a leather bag, and are well preserved, although most have lost their bindings. About seven MSS have fine calligraphy.

Important MSS in the collection are: *Sharḥ Alfīyat IBN MĀLIK fī ʾl-naḥw* by AL-ASHMŪNĪ ABŪ ʾL-ḤASAN ʿALĪ B. MUḤAMMAD, copied

in 1731; and *Al-Tashīl li-ʿulūm al-tanzīl*, anonymous and undated.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Bibliothèque au Centre de Documentation Universitaire

BP 2201

Date of establishment: 1984

Status: University library

Conditions of access: By permission of the Librarian on production of a letter of introduction.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 125 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This centre serves as the Library of the University of Conakry. No accurate information exists about the date of establishment of the manuscript division, nor about the source of this collection. It does have MSS of significance, in that they are elaborately and attractively designed. The collection covers the following subjects: *tawhīd* (18), *uṣūl* (7), *fiqh* (11), history (25), sociology (9), poetry (15), Qurʾanic science (10), Sufism (22), genealogy (3), astrology (1), Qurʾān (1), *Ḥadīth* (3).

The MSS were copied or written in the 18th and 19th centuries. Some 40% are anonymous and undated. The rarities in the collection include: *Tārīkh al-fattāsh fī akhbār al-buldān wa-ʾl-juyūsh wa-akābir al-nās* by MAḤMŪD IBN AL-MUTAWAKKIL KĀTĪ AL-KARMĀNĪ, undated; *Ajwiba ʿalā asʾilat Askīyā*, dated 1894 by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABD AL-KARĪM AL-MĀGHILĪ; and *Fath al-shukūr*, anonymous and undated.

Direction Generale des Archives de Guinée

BP 617

Date of establishment: 1959

Status: Public archives

Conditions of access: By special application with two passport-size photographs and a payment of 1000F.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 262 (Arabic; Fulbe; Susu).

Description of collection: This collection possesses valuable MSS which relate to the history of Guinea and its neighbours. The MSS are well preserved in glass-fronted wooden cases. Most are diplomatic correspondence and history.

The subjects covered by this collection are: diplomatic correspondence (57), history (38), *fiqh* (27), *Ḥadīth* (18), Qurʾāns (13), *tafsīr* (5), politics (19), Qurʾānic science (10), astronomy (3), Sufism (22), genealogy (8), geography (3), education (9), grammar (14), philosophy (6), *uṣūl* (10).

Most of the MSS are undated. The dated ones are of the 17th to the 20th centuries. Only two MSS are 15th-century.

Most of the MSS are in the hands of their authors and in diverse languages like Fulbe and Susu. Manuscripts of artistic significance abound in this collection. The most important items are: *Irshād al-mutaʿallim li-farāʿid al-Shaykh al-Khalīl* by ABŪ 'L-ḤASAN MUḤAMMAD AL-QALṢĀDĪ, undated; and *Tuḥfat al-albāb wa-nukhbat al-ijāb*, anonymous and undated.

Sandavalia Jumu'a Mosque

Opposite Sogam Assurances Building

Status: Trust

Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection is kept on a wooden bookshelf in the mosque for public reading. The MSS were donated to the mosque by individuals. Five are complete texts of the Qurʾān: 7 are in praise of the Prophet; 2 are *fiqh* texts, 1 a Sufi litany and 3 are on *tawḥīd*.

Three MSS are dated between the 19th and 20th centuries, but the rest are undated. Two copies of the Qurʾān and a *fiqh* text are highly artistic.

The collection is well preserved.

It is not known whether this collection is catalogued.

DALABA

Alimamy Saidou Beli Dalaba

Date of establishment: 1938

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 244 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection comes from sources in Senegal where the owner lived for several years. According to the owner, about 40% of the MSS were bequeathed to him by a friend who was

a Tījāniya Sufi Shaykh. About 12% of the collection was copied by the owner and his elder son, who still resides in Kaolack, Senegal.

An undisclosed number of MSS were sold to a Shaykh from Tunisia, who visited the town 17 years ago.

Subjects covered by the collection are: Qur²anic science (25), mathematics (12), theology (30), Sufism (34), *fiqh* (32), praise of the Prophet (7), *fatwās* (11), *uṣūl* (6), *Hadīth* (15), poetry (11), Qur²anic science and the occult (19), correspondence (21), psychology (8), history (10), astronomy (3).

The MSS are well preserved, and are packed in a cardboard box. A few have been affected by termites. Some have also lost their back covers.

The collection has MSS written with good ink on high quality paper. There are four MSS of artistic significance. About 70% of them were either written or copied between the 15th and 18th centuries. 15% were either copied or written in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Rare MSS in this collection are: *‘Ilm al-yaqīn wa-sunan al-muttaqīn bi-ḥasm al-itāwa al-muzawwara bi-ḥaqq al-mustaḥiqqīn* by MUḤAMMAD AL-MUKHTĀR ABŪ BAKR KŪNTĪ, undated; *Nubdha min tāriḫ al-jinn*, anonymous and undated; and *Kitāb al-tajrīd fī kalimāt al-tawḥīd* by MUḤAMMAD AḤMAD AL-GHAZĀLĪ, copied by AḤMAD B. MUṢṬAFĀ ’L-FULĀNĪ in 1693.

Unpublished catalogue:

An incomplete list describes about half of the MSS in this collection.

FOUMBAN

Alhaji Laminou Muhammad Foumban

Madrassatu Nuriyya

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Accessible only to the owner’s visitors and students.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 164 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Alhaji Laminou, the founder of the Nuriyyah Islamiyya School, initiated this collection. He and his students have copied some of the MSS, but it appears that the majority were bequeathed to him by his grandparents. The owner claims that some

of the MSS are autographs, and that efforts are still being made to enrich the collection.

Most MSS are dated between the 17th and 20th centuries and have artistic significance. The collection covers the following subjects: history (24), *fiqh* (27), *‘aqīda* (10), philosophy (8), Qurʾān and related studies (14), education (5), mathematics (7), astrology (2), astronomy (6), Sufism (18), politics (7), geography (1), genealogy (6), poetry (10), praise of the Prophet (19).

The collection is well preserved, but some of the very old MSS require restoration. They are kept in a large wooden box. Rarities include: *Al-Jawāhir al-Zakīya fī ḥall al-fāz al-‘Ashmāwīya*, undated and anonymous; and *Al-Sharḥ al-laṭīf ‘alá abyāt al-muthallath al-khalī al-wasaṭ*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-MUKHTĀR AḤMAD AL-KŪNTĪ, undated.

Jumu‘at Mosque

Status: Trust

Total number of Islamic MSS: 16 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection serves as the library of this mosque. It was donated to the mosque by individuals. The MSS are kept on a small wooden bookshelf. Most of the collection is composed of Qurʾāns (8 MSS); 5 MSS are in praise of the Prophet Muḥammad and the rest are *fiqh* and poetry respectively.

One copy of the Qurʾān and another of *Dalāʾil al-khayrāt* have artistic quality.

It is not known whether this collection is catalogued.

Ustaz Sessay Sekou

c/o Fouban District Head Court

Date of establishment: 1924

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 158 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: Part of this collection was bequeathed to Ustaz Sekou by his late father, who served as Qāḍī of the Court of the head of Fouban. He purchased others from the families of deceased scholars in Fouban and surrounding areas.

There are MSS with fine calligraphy, and excellent bindings.

The subjects covered by the collection are: praise of the Prophet (6), mathematics (13), logic (23), *fatwās* (15), *uṣūl* (18), *fiqh* (21), *tawhīd* (14), *tafsīr* (1), Qurʾān (1), science (9), methodology (12), *jihād* (5), politics (2), sermons (4), Sufism (10), geography (4).

The collection is housed in the owner's room, on bookshelves. The MSS are well preserved, but require constant dusting. Some are dated between the 17th and 19th centuries. The undated MSS, according to the owner, were copied or written in the 20th century.

The rarities in the collection include: *Muqaddima fī 'l-fiqh al-Māliki* by AL-ʿASHMĀWĪ ʿABD AL-BĀRĪ, undated; *Tārīkh al-Sūdān* by AL-SAʿDĪ ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN ʿABD ALLĀH, undated; and *Kayfiyat al-ṣalā*, anonymous and undated.

This collection is uncatalogued.

KANKAN

Ahmadou Ba

Central Market Avenue

Date of establishment: 1940

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 171 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection is a combination of two collections of the family of the present owner. He inherited them from his forefathers about fifteen years ago. No effort has been made to enrich the collection since. An unspecified number of MSS have been lent out to scholars, who have not yet returned them. The subjects covered by the collection are: Qurʾāns (6), *Ḥadīth* (11), *tafsīr* (4), genealogy (8), history (17), Sufism (10), *fatwās* (2), sermon (7), *fiqh* (21), poetry (8), grammar (13), *ʿaqīda* (20), rhetoric (2), mathematics (15), Qurʾanic science (12), praise of the Prophet (6), medicine (9).

The collection is kept in the owner's study room in a wooden book container. The manuscripts are well preserved, although most of them have lost their bindings. Some have been affected by book-worm and damp.

The oldest MSS in the collection are dated between the 14th and 15th centuries. Others are from the 18th and 19th centuries. The collection possesses 8 MSS of artistic significance. Four MSS are also very important for their arrangement and their authors' style

of presentation. They are: *Majmūʿ fi farāʾid aṣḥāb MUḤAMMAD BĪLLŪ* [BELLO] by GUIDADO BIN LIMA, undated; *Tamhīd al-ʿibād bi-mā zāda ʿalā ʿumdat al-ʿibād* by MUḤAMMAD BĪLLŪ [BELLO] B. ʿUTHMĀN dated 1802; *Naṣāʾih al-umma al-Muḥammadiya li-bayān ḥukm al-firāq al-shayṭāniya* by ʿUTHMĀN IBN FŪDĪ, undated; and *Faṭḥ al-mughīth fi ḥukm al-laḥn fi 'l-Ḥadīth* by MUḤAMMAD SAGHĪR AL-IFRĀNĪ, copied in 1974 by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN B. SĪDĪ.

Maryam Diakite

P. V. 34, Sinkefra

Date of establishment: 1987

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 122.

Description of collection: The collection has MSS of both Timbuktu and Sokoto origin. They are dated between the 17th and 19th centuries, although a few are undated. A thorough inspection reveals that most of the MSS have been affected by damp and bookworm, and require restoration. Two MSS are of high artistic significance. Rare MSS are numerous, and they include: *Kitab tariq al-janna* by ʿUTHMĀN IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-FĪLĀNĪ; *Sharḥ Muthallath* by ʿABD AL-ʿAZĪZ AL-LAMṬĪ, dated 1856; and *Manzūma fi 'l-tawḥīd*, by ʿUMAR SAʿĪD AL-FŪTĪ, undated.

It is not known whether this collection is catalogued.

LABE

Alhaji Habibu Labe

c/o Masjid Jumuʿatu Labe

Date of establishment: 1940

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By special appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 114 (Arabic; Fulbe; Mandingo).

Description of collection: According to Alhaji Habibu, his collection is from both Guinean and Senegalese sources. He personally copied about 35 in Senegal, where he studied with various shaykhs. Some of the MSS were donated to him by friends, while he purchased others from itinerant booksellers.

The MSS are on the following subjects: Sufism (13), Qurʾān (1),

history (5), grammar (10), astrology (6), science and the occult (21), *fiqh* (17), *ʿaqīda* (12), *Sharīʿa* (9), astrology (3), astronomy (1), praise of the Prophet (5), poetry (11).

The manuscripts are in mixed languages. Their dates of copying or writing are confusing, but some appear to have been written in the 19th century. They are kept in a wooden box in the owner's study room. Most have been infected by termites, and repair work is required. Most of the MSS have beautiful illustrations. Rare MSS in the collection are: *Manzūma ʿalá maʿrūf qawlihi taʿālá: Wallāhi yaʿsimuka min al-nās*, by ʿUMĀR ŠAʿĪD AL-FŪTĪ, undated; and *Naṣīḥat al-ruʿā* by IBRĀHĪM ʿABD ALLĀH AL-SĪLĪ, dated 1856.

MAMOU

Ustaz Kaba Suleimana Touré

Markaz Irshadul Muslimeen ʿala Tariiqi Tijjaniya

Date of establishment: 1935

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 393 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection was established when the owner returned to Mamou from his study mission to Timbuktu. He personally copied about a third of the collection in Timbuktu, under the close supervision of his late teacher. Most of the MSS he copied are the works of the late AHMADU BABA and SHEHU USMANU DAN FODIO. He later enriched the collection through purchases and donations. Although some MSS which he lent out to other scholars and visiting researchers have not been returned, Ustaz Kaba Touré possesses the most organised and richest collection of Islamic MSS in the area.

The subjects covered by the collection are: poetry (27), politics (15), Sufism (48), *ʿaqīda* (30), *fiqh* (69), literature (14), grammar (25), *Sharīʿa* (4), Qurʾāns (8), *tafsīr* (2), *fatwās* (18), correspondence (23), sermons (22), philosophy (11), history (25), praise of the Prophet (16), occult (19), mathematics (7), medicine (10).

About 53% of the MSS were copied or written in the 19th and 20th centuries. Some have vague dates and sources, while others are undated. The collection lacks MSS of artistic significance. A few MSS have been partially destroyed by bookworm and damp, and

require repair. The rarities in the collection include: *Kitāb al-farā'id al-zakīya* by IBN SALĪM MUḤAMMAD YAḤYÁ, undated; and *Kitāb al-taysīr wa-'l-tashīl li-ma'rifat aḥkām al-tanzīl* by IBN SALĪM MUḤAMMAD YAḤYÁ, undated; and *Al-Buqūl al-nawātiq fī sha'n Barbar wa-'l-tawāriq* by MUḤAMMAD BĪLLŪ [BELLO].

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten catalogue by ALIMAMY UMARU describes in detail about 302 MSS in this collection.

PITA

Alhaji Umaru Pita

c/o Pita Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1961

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 159 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: Alhaji Umaru, the Imam of Pita, inherited most of the MSS in this collection from his father, who was himself an Islamic scholar and calligrapher. He enriched the collection with some MSS he purchased for his studies from both Guinean and Malian sources. The MSS are in mixed languages.

They are mostly dated to the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Some are beautifully written in black and red ink. The subjects covered are: mysticism (4), philosophy (8), mathematics (2), Qur'āns (11), *Ḥadīth* (27), *fiqh* (23), *ʿaqīda* (14), science and the occult (34), correspondence (6), *fatwās* (19), history (4), politics (7).

The collection is kept on a reading table in the owner's living room. A few MSS have lost their bindings, and others have torn pages. The MSS are mostly well preserved, although some require restoration.

The important MSS in the collection are: *Sirāj al-ghuyūb fī a'māl al-qulūb* by AL-MASMŪDĪ ʿABD AL-KABĪR, undated; and *Wasīlat al-sa'āda fī nashr mā taḍman al-shahāda* by AL-MUKHTĀR IBN BŪNĀ, written in 1918.

TIMBI**Abdul Karim Bari**

Date of establishment: 1938

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 203 (Arabic; Bambara; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This collection is mainly from Malian sources. The owner, Mal. Abdulkarim, lived in Djéné and Timbuktu for several years on a study mission. He claims to have inherited some of the MSS from his teacher in Djéné, and to have copied most others from either MSS or printed Arabic texts. In those days, he said, he made Islamic calligraphy his means of livelihood. Since his collection was transferred to Timbi, an unspecified number of MSS were sold to a foreign scholar. The manuscripts are in mixed languages: Arabic, Fulbe and Bambara.

The subjects covered by this collection are: history (25), genealogy (17), *Sharī'a* (9), Qurʾāns (12), *tafsīr* (1), *fiqh* (13), *ʿaqīda* (19), correspondence (20), *fatwās* (32), sermons (3), praise of the Prophet (11), science and the occult (24), astrology (10), astronomy (2), mathematics (5).

The MSS are tied together and kept in a large box, which also houses the clothes of the owner. They are well preserved, but they are very dirty and require occasional exposure to light to protect them from damp. There are MSS of artistic significance: those copied by the owner stand out as the most attractive and beautifully written. Most of the MSS are of the 19th and 20th centuries. There are also very old MSS, dating as far as back as the 17th century. Important MSS in this collection include: *Maktūb fī naqd al-Ḥadīth* by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-BASHĪR, undated; and *Manhaj al-farīd fī maʿrifat ʿilm al-tawḥīd*, by FULĀNĪ MUḤAMMAD WĀLĪ SULAYMĀN, undated.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist describes in detail about 370 MSS (although the total number of MSS now in the collection is 203).

GUINEA-BISSAU

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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BAFATA

Abd al-Qadir Ali

H/No BR 135

Date of establishment: 1982

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 64 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This is a rare collection of Islamic MSS, which consists of scientific and literary works, but a considerable number of them are photocopies.

The collection covers the following subjects: Qurʾanic science (9 MSS); theology (9); Sufism (4); medicine (10); *fiqh* (15); history (7); literature (5); grammar (2); philosophy (3).

Many of the MSS are not dated nor titled. The dated ones are from the 18th century onwards. They are in good physical condition, preserved in a wooden box in the private room of the owner.

Rare MSS in the collection include: *Nuzhat al-rāwī wa-bughyat al-ḥāwī* by AL-MUKHTĀR AL-KŪNTĪ, undated; and *Manzūma fi 'l-tawḥīd* by ʿUMAR SAʿĪD AL-FŪTĪ, undated.

BISSAU

Sheikh Muhammad Khalil

c/o Musa Ajani

Ministry of Information,

Arda do Brasil

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The MSS in this collection are of 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century origin. They were acquired from itinerant book-sellers from northern Mali and Senegal. The MSS are kept on a desk in the owner's apartment, and are in reasonably good physical con-

dition. About 10 of the MSS are in the form of amulets and prayers: 2 from the Qurʾān; 4 selected *Hadīths* of the Holy Prophet; and 2 on *fiqh*. The collection is uncatalogued.

BUBA

Alhaji Bachai Buba

Rua 11, No 75

Date of establishment: 1958

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 163 (Arabic; Fulbe; Mandingo).

Description of collection: This collection is perhaps the most significant in the town, with MSS on the *Jihād* movements in Futa Jallon, Toro and Masina. Some of the MSS were bequeathed to the owner by his parents. He acquired others through purchase and donation. The owner, who is a learned Islamic scholar, maintains this collection for study purposes. This may be the reason for the better physical condition of the MSS. They are preserved in his apartment.

The MSS cover the following subjects: Sufism (18 MSS); theology (23); *fiqh* (20); correspondence (11); poetry (7); history (26); astronomy (8); charms (35); *sīra* (15).

Most of the MSS are from the 17th and 18th centuries, although some are undated. Some are in beautiful script. The collection is not catalogued. Rare MSS in the collection include: *Rasāʾil mutaʿaddida fī shaʾn Ahl Māsina wa-ʾl-ḥarb maʿa ʾl-Faransīyīn*, anonymous and undated; and *Asrār kalām AL-GHAZĀLĪ fī ʾl-tawḥīd*, by MUḤAMMAD ʿUTHMĀN AL-FULĀNĪ.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alhaji Ahmadu Djallo

c/o Masjid ul-Jumuʿa

Date of establishment: 1955

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 59.

Description of collection: A reasonable number of the MSS can be

said to be in good condition, but some of them have been partially damaged by humidity and insects. The collection is kept in the owner's private apartment, and is not well looked after.

The subjects covered by the collection are: poetry (5 MSS); Arabic (12); Qurʾāns (fragments) (4); *fatwās* (6); astronomy (1); philosophy (9); literature (2); *tafsīr* (*al-Jalālayn*, incomplete) (1); prayers/charms (16); praises of the Prophet Muḥammad (3).

The collection possesses both recent and old works, with some beautifully decorated and bound.

Rarities include: *Al-maqāmāt*, by AL-ḤARĪRĪ, copied in 1926; and *Dalāʾil al-khayrāt*, by AL-JAZŪLĪ, copied by an anonymous copyist in 1959.

The collection is not catalogued.

CHITOLI

Alifa Suleimana Mamadu

Madrasatu Nur ul Islam

Date of establishment: 1969

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total Number of Islamic MSS: 84 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A significant number of the MSS in this collection are badly damaged by humidity, termites and rats, although some are in good condition. They are kept in an iron box in the owner's apartment. Some of the MSS date as far back as the 18th century, but recently written works abound. The absence of dates on some of the MSS makes it impossible to determine their dates of authorship or copying.

Subjects covered by the collection are: *fiqh* (17 MSS); *Ḥadīth* (3); Sufism (9); poetry (5); *tafsīr* (incomplete MSS) (3); astronomy (1); Qurʾāns (in separate *sūras*) (6); prayers/charms (19); history (8); correspondence (13).

Rarities in the collection include: *Al-ḥibāt al-wāfiya bi-Sharḥ al-futūḥāt al-Ilāhiya*, anonymous, copied in 1793; *Tafsīr al-Jalālayn* by SUYŪṬĪ, copied in 1890 by an anonymous copyist.

FULACUNDA

Alh. Hassan Sylla

Hassan Sylla's residence,
Rua 19, No 58

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 57 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A number of the MSS in this collection were bought from private hands; the rest were acquired through inheritance. The MSS are mostly in pieces. They are preserved in an old cardboard box in the owner's private apartment.

The subjects covered by the collection are: geography (2 MSS); *sīra* (4); *fiqh* (6); *Ḥadīth* (4); medicine (1); arithmetic (5); correspondence (13); *ʿaqīda* (9); *fatwās* (2); philosophy (3); Sufism (8).

Most of the MSS are not dated nor titled. Some of the titles can, however, be traced in the inside pages. The collection possesses MSS of artistic and scholarly significance.

Rare MSS in the collection include: *Maktūb fī tawḥīd*, anonymous, copied by BALLA HAMMA, undated; and *Al-Lawāmiʿ al-nūrāniya fī bayān al-Tarīqa al-Qādiriya* by GUIDADO BIN LAIMA.

The collection is not catalogued.

Juma^{ca} Mosque

Status: Public

Conditions of access: None.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This is a small collection of reading material belonging to the Mosque. It was donated by private individuals.

The MSS are made up of three copies of the Holy Qurʾān in coloured ink, one *Dalāʾil al-khayrāt*, and one *fiqh* work. The MSS are well preserved in a small wooden box, and are in good condition. They are not catalogued.

GABU**Alh. Ismail Ishaq**

Date of establishment: 1930

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 89 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: Almost all the MSS of this collection were acquired by the owner in his days as a student in Senegal. One may safely assume that the majority of the collection is from sources outside Guinea-Bissau. They are kept in a wooden box in the owner's study. Some of the MSS are partially damaged by various biological causes. They are poorly preserved and repair work has not been done for a long time. Most of the MSS were copied in the 19th and 20th centuries. Subjects covered by the collection are: literature (10 MSS); *fiqh* (14); *tafsīr* (1); Qurʾān (uncompleted) (1); *Ḥadīth* (8); history (11); theology (9); Sufism (16); *fatwās* (2); *Sharīʿa* (1); prayers (5); medicine (7); philosophy (4).

Some of the MSS are beautifully written and bound in decorated covers. Rarities in the collection are: *Ikhtīṣār Tārīkh al-khulafā li-l-SUYŪṬĪ* by MUḤAMMĀD YAḤYĀ 'L-WALĀTĪ, and *Al-manzūma al-musamwā bi-'l-nafaḥāt al-Qudsīya*, anonymous.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Late Alh. Hassan Sidi Baba

Late Hassan Sidi Baba's family residence

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 94 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A significant feature of this collection is the acquisition of old and rare MSS on Islamic religion, science and West African historiography. Though mostly not dated, the MSS are works of the 16th and 17th centuries onwards. The collection was bequeathed to the late owner's family after his death about a decade ago. It is preserved in a wooden box in the private apartment of the late owner's family. Some of the MSS have been eaten by bookworms, and some have torn pages and covers.

The subjects covered by the collection are: grammar (2 MSS);

literature (7); *fiqh* (6); *tafsīr* (1); Qurʾanic science (8); Qurʾāns (2); charms (10); history (17); Sufism (9); philosophy (2); astronomy (4); theology (18); *Sharīʿa* (5); correspondence (3).

The collection lacks MSS of artistic significance.

Important MSS in the collection are: *Al-juzʾ al-awwal wa-ʾl-thānī min hibat al-Mālik ʿalā Alfīyat IBN MĀLIK fī ʾl-naḥw* by MUḤAMMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-SŪQĪ; *Qaṭāʾif fī maʿrifat asrār al-ḥurūf*, copied by ḤASAN SĪDĪ BĀBĀ, anonymous and undated.

The collection has not been catalogued.

MADINA

Madina Central Mosque

Status: Public

Conditions of access: None.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection consists of an old, but beautifully written copy of the Holy Qurʾān and a commentary on the *Maqāmāt* of AL-ḤARĪRĪ. They are in good condition and well preserved.

Shaikh Mukhtar Lamine Ahmad

Maḥad al Hudaibiyya

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 68 (Arabic; Fulbe; Mandingo).

Description of collection: This is a collection of mixed languages and cultures. A significant number of the MSS have been damaged, as a result of poor storage. The collection requires cleaning and restoration. It is kept under the owner's bed in a book carton. Some of the MSS are dated in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, but the larger part of the collection is not dated at all.

The titles of some of the MSS are not clear, because of their linguistic background. Some MSS are fragmentary.

The collection deals with the following subjects: *Ḥadīth* (9 MSS); literature (6); mathematics (1); *fiqh* (7); history (2); *Sharīʿa* (2); theology (6); Sufism (3); prayers/charms (18); correspondence (11); poetry (1); lexicography (2).

Rarities held in this collection are: *Maktūb fīmā yataḍamman khulāṣat mā fī IBN KHALDŪN min al-tawārīkh* by MUḤAMMAD AḤMAD AL-GHALLĀWĪ, undated; *Sirr al-ʿArab fī majāri kalām al-ʿArab wa-sunanihā*, anonymous and undated; and *Manzūma fī ʿilm al-ṭibb* by AḤMAD ṢĀLIḤ AL-DĀRĪ^c, dated 1820.

INDIA

(addenda & corrigenda)

1992

GUJARAT

BARODA

Alawi Bohra library

c/o Mazun-ad-Dawat al-Alaviyyah, Al-Vazaratul Alaviyyah
Wadi, Badri Mohalla, Vadodara 390017

Tel.: 552605

Status: Private

Description of collection: This collection is a traditional library inherited from the forefathers of the present Alawi Bohra community of Baroda. It contains several hundred Isma'ili MSS, well preserved and cared for. A few of them date from the 10th century AH. Some of the texts have been published, but many have not. [Information received from HATIM ZAKIUDDIN.]

WEST BENGAL

CALCUTTA

Asiatic Society Library

Published catalogues:

(see Vol. I, p. 437)

1913. For 'Asiat' read Asiatic.

INDONESIA

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PREFATORY NOTE

This survey completes the one in volume I, pp. 445–452. Collections of Islamic MSS not dealt with in the first volume are located in: Banda Aceh, Bandung, Banjaran, Bima, Jakarta, Kuningan, Mataram, Penyengat, Singaraja, Sumedang, Surabaya, Surakarta, Ujung Pandang, Watampone, Yogyakarta, and the provinces of South Sulawesi and West Java. Languages not discussed in volume I include: Achehnese, Bimanes, Buginese, Madurese, Makasarese, Mandarese, Persian, Sasak and Sundanese. Accounts and references in volume I have been updated and brought under bibliographic control (in particular concerning the important collections at the National Library of Indonesia in Jakarta (*Perpustakaan Nasional Republik Indonesia*)). Each reference is briefly annotated.

The Editor wishes to thank ANNABEL TEH GALLOP of the British Library (Oriental and India Office Collections) for additional information concerning MSS collections in Aceh.

UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1950* *Indonesische handschriften*. By R.M.NG. POERBATJARAKA, P. VOORHOEVE and C. HOOYKAAS. Bandung: Nix. 207pp.

In Dutch. Contains (a) detailed descriptions of numerous Javanese MSS (in particular Islamic MSS) in Jakarta; (b) an overview of the Jakartan collections of MSS; (c) lists and inventories of Indonesian MSS. See Vol. I, p. 451.

1968. *Literature of Java. Catalogue raisonné of Javanese manuscripts in the library of the University of Leiden and other public collections in the Netherlands. Volume 2: Descriptive list of Javanese manuscripts*. By TH.G.TH. PIGEAUD. Leiden: Bibliotheca Universitatis Lugduni Batavorum (Codices Manuscripti, 10). xv + 972pp.

Contains also lists of Javanese MSS in the collections of what is currently called Perpustakaan Nasional (Jakarta), Fakultas Sastra Universitas Indonesia (Jakarta), Museum Sonobudoyo (Yogyakarta), as well as lists of Javanese, Balinese and Sasak MSS in the collection of Yayasan Kirtya (Singaraja).

1970. *A survey of historical source materials in Java and Manila.* By R. VAN NIEL. [Honolulu:] University of Hawaii. vi + 255pp.

Chapter 5 discusses 'manuscript collections in Indonesian libraries'; in fact five libraries on Java are dealt with, of which MSS are held by Tepas Kapudjangan (Yogyakarta), Reksopustoko (Mangkunagaran, Surakarta), and Radya Pustaka (Solo Museum, Surakarta).

1974. *Laporan proyek registrasi dan lokalisasi lontara Sulawesi Selatan Bahagian I.* By AMBO GANI & others. Ujung Pandang: Fakultas Sastra Universitas Hasanuddin. iii + 69 + 5pp.

In Indonesian. Describes 183 Buginese, Makassarese, Mandarese, Arabic and Malay MSS in private collections and lists the holdings of the Yayasan Sulawesi Selatan as of 1 April 1973 (271 MSS in the last mentioned languages).

1977. Rapport de mission à Aceh, avril-mai 1976. By H. CHAMBERT-LOIR. *Bulletin de l'École Française d'Extrême Orient* 64, pp. 303–310.

In French. On pp. 307–308 short descriptions of 2 MSS from the collections of ALI HASYMI, 7 MSS from M. JUNUS DJAMIL and 6 MSS from Meunasah Tanoh Abeè; on p. 308 one MS. from SAYID ZAINAL ABIDIN is described.

1983. *Descriptive catalogue of the Javanese manuscripts and printed books in the main libraries of Surakarta and Yogyakarta.* By NIKOLAUS GIRARDET with the assistance of SUZAN PIPER and R.M. SOETANTO. Wiesbaden: Steiner (Schriftenreihe des Südasiens-Instituts der Universität Heidelberg, Band 30). xx + 1,128pp.

Major catalogue of libraries in Surakarta (Sasana Pustaka, Reksapustaka, Radyapustaka) and Yogyakarta (Widyabudaya, Perpustakaan Puro, Perpustakaan Museum Negeri Sonobudoyo). Arranged according to subject. Short descriptions and summaries. With title index and general index of names and subjects. See Vol. I, p. 445.

1988. Small collections of Javanese manuscripts in Indonesia. By TIMOTHY E. BEHREND. *Archipel* 35, 1988, pp. 23–42.

Discussion of various small collections: private, pilgrimage sites,

government and educational institutions, museums. The appendix lists MS. holdings in Indonesian museums (Sumedang, Cirebon, Yogyakarta, Surabaya, Mataram). See Vol. I, p. 445.

1988. *Naskah Sunda: inventarisasi dan pencatatan*. Edited by EDI S. EKADJATI. Bandung: Universitas Padjajaran. viii + 557pp.

In Indonesian. Description and discussion of all Sundanese MSS in Indonesia, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Sweden. Arranged according to subject. Includes an inventory of MSS kept by individuals in West Java (viz. the regions of Bandung, Banyumas, Bogor, Ciamis, Cianjur, Cirebon, Garut, Karawang, Kuningan, Lebak, Majalengka, Purwakarta, Serang, Subang, Sukabumi, Sumedang and Tasikmalaya).

1993. Pengesanan dan pendokumentasian manuskrip Melayu di Sumatera. *Warkah Manuskrip Melayu* 2, 1993, p. 2.

Mentions 4 collections of Malay MSS in Sumatra, with numbers of titles in each.

Forthcoming. *Catàlogue of Acehnese manuscripts in the library of the University of Leiden and other collections outside Aceh*. Compiled by P. VOORHOEVE in co-operation with T. ISKANDAR. Translated and edited by M. DURIE. Leiden.

Extensive description and discussion of all Acehnese MSS in the world with the exception of the MSS in Aceh (for which, see the references under Banda Aceh and Tanoh Abeè).

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BANDA ACEH

Ali Hasymi Library (Yayasan Ali Hasymi)

Lembaga Adat dan Kebudayaan Aceh, Jl. Jend. Sudirman 20,
Banda Aceh

Tel.: 21623

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 60 (Acehnese; Arabic; 32 Malay).

Description of collection: See Volume I, p. 445.

Published catalogue:

1977. See CHAMBERT-LOIR (under Union catalogues above), pp. 307–308 (2 MSS).

M. Junus Djamil Library (Perpustakaan M. Junus Djamil)

(Volume I, p. 447.) This collection was dispersed after the owner's death a few years ago.

Museum Negeri Aceh

Jl. Sultan Alaidin Mahmudsyah, Banda Aceh

Tel.: 21033

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 1,000 (Achehnese; Arabic; Malay).

Published catalogues:

1983. *Identifikasi naskah koleksi Museum Negeri Aceh*. By A. MUIN UMAR & others. Banda Aceh: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Negeri Aceh (Seri Penerbitan Museum Negeri Aceh, 11). vi + 77pp.

In Indonesian. Descriptions and summaries of 51 Arabic, Malay and/or Achehnese MSS.

1985. *Identifikasi naskah koleksi Museum Negeri Aceh*. By A. MUIN UMAR & others. Banda Aceh: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Negeri Aceh (Seri Penerbitan Museum Negeri Aceh, 15). iii + 66pp.

In Indonesian. Revised edition of the previous publication.

Unpublished catalogues:

1982. *Pameran buku dan naskah di Museum Negeri Aceh 1–10 Sep. 1982*. Banda Aceh: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Negeri Aceh. 16pp.

In Indonesian. Exhibition catalogue. Description of 20 Arabic, Malay and Achehnese MSS in the collection of the museum.

1987–92. *Identifikasi naskah koleksi Museum Negeri Aceh.* Jilid 2–6. 5 vols.

Continuation of the published catalogue (1985 above), with detailed descriptions of a further 311 MSS.

Pusat Dokumentasi dan Informasi Aceh

Jl. Prof. A. Majid Ibrahim I no. 5, Banda Aceh

Tel.: 23030

Total number of Islamic MSS: 89 (25 Achehnese; 21 Arabic; 43 Malay) incl. photocopies.

Unpublished catalogue:

1988. Koleksi manuskrip/hikayat pada Pusat Dokumentasi dan Informasi Aceh di banda Aceh. 6pp. Typescript.

Hand-list of 66 religious MSS and 23 *hikayat*.

Perpustakaan Sayid Zainal Abidin

(Volume I, p. 447.) This collection has now been acquired by the MUSEUM NEGERI (see above).

BANDUNG

General

Published catalogue:

1988. For descriptions of 200 Sundanese MSS in private collections in the Bandung area, see the Union catalogue by EKADJATI, pp. 426–473.

Unpublished catalogues:

1983. *Naskah Sunda lama di daerah kotamadya dan kabupaten Bandung.* By EDI S. EKADJATI & others. Bandung (Laporan penelitian untuk Pusat Pembinaan dan Pengembangan Bahasa Nasional). iii + 273pp.

In Indonesian. Research report. Descriptions and summaries of 30 Sundanese MSS in private collections.

Museum Negeri Jawa Barat

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: At least 49 (Sundanese).

Published catalogue:

1988. See EKADJATI under Union Catalogues above.

On pp. 166–181 49 MSS from the collection of the Museum are described.

BANJARAN (West Java)

Unpublished catalogue:

1983. *Naskah-naskah kuno yang bersifat keagamaan di kecamatan Banjaran, kabupaten Bandung.* By Tim Fakultas Sastra, Jurusan Sejarah, Jurusan Bahasa dan Sastra Arab, Jurusan Bahasa dan Sastra Sunda. Bandung: Universitas Padjajaran, Proyek Peningkatan Perguruan Tinggi. vii + 139pp.

In Indonesian. Research report on Islamic MSS in the Banjaran region.

BIMA

Yayasan Museum Kebudayaan “Samparaja” Bima

Bima (Sumbawa)

Nusa Tenggara Barat

Date of establishment: ca. 1985

Status: Private library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 159 (mostly Malay; also Arabic; Bimanese or mixed).

Description of collection: Originally the collection of the last Sultan of Bima, SULTAN MUHAMMAD SALAHUDDIN (1915–1951).

Published catalogue:

1990–92. *Katalogus naskah Melayu Bima.* By S.W.R. MULYADI and H.S. MARYAM R. SALAHUDDIN. Bima: Yayasan Museum Kebudayaan “Samparaja”. 2 vols.

In Indonesian. Extensive description and discussion of the collection. The catalogue describes also two MSS located in the villages of Desa Maria and Kampung Dara.

DARUSSALAM (Aceh)

Centre for the Study of Social Sciences (Pusat Penelitian Ilmu-Ilmu Sosial)

See Volume I, p. 447.

Raniri State Islamic Institute (Institut Agama Islam Negeri al-Raniri)

See Volume I, p. 447.

JAKARTA

Fakultas Sastra Universitas Indonesia

Kampus Universitas Indonesia

DEPOK 16242

Jawa Barat

Tel.: 021-7270009

Date of establishment: 1948

Status: University library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 150 (mostly Javanese; but including Arabic, Malay and Sasak).

Description of collection: The bulk of the collection consists of manuscripts collected by Dr TH.G.TH. PIGEAUD between 1925 and 1942 when he was government lexicographer in Surakarta and Yogyakarta. At present this collection is located in the library of the Faculty of Arts (Fakultas Sastra) of the University of Indonesia. Some manuscripts which are known to have belonged to the collection have disappeared since 1942, when Dr PIGEAUD lost control of them in consequence of the outbreak of the war.

Presently the whole collection is being recatalogued by a team headed by Dr T.E. BEHREND.

Published catalogues:

1931. Verslag over de aankopen van Javaansche handschriften gedaan voor rekening van het Kon. Bataviaasch Genootschap door Ir. J.L. MOENS te Jogja en Dr TH.G. TH. PIGEAUD te Solo in de jaren 1929 en 1930. *Tijdschrift voor Indische Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 71, 1931, pp. 315–348.

In Dutch. On pp. 329–347 descriptions of 63 Javanese MSS.

1933. (a) Handschriftenverzameling: Lijst van aanwinsten 1924–1932; (b) Bijlage 1: Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften, onder berusting van Dr Th. Pigeaud te Jogjakarta; (c) Lijst der Javaansche handschriften in de boekerij van het Kon. Bat. Genootschap. By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 1, 1933, pp. 237–376 [esp. 254–263].

In Dutch. Short descriptions, sometimes with summaries, of 4 Arabic and 16 Malay MSS, as well as many in other Indonesian languages.

1936. De handschriftenverzameling: (a) Een vorstelijk geschenk; (b) Lijst van aanwinsten 1934 en 1935; (c) Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta. By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 3, 1936, pp. 333–342.

In Dutch. (a) Javanese MSS presented by the Sultan of Yogyakarta; (b) lists 4 Malay and 1 Arabic MSS; (c) Javanese MSS. See in particular pp. 336–341.

1937. (a) Handschriftenverzameling. (b) Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta. By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 4, 1937, pp. 271–277.

In Dutch. (a) Lists 1 Malay and other Indonesian MSS; (b) Javanese MSS.

1940. (a) Handschriftenverzameling; (b) Beschrijving van een

verzameling Javaansche handschriften onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta. By R. NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 7, 1940, pp. 209–219.

In Dutch. Javanese MSS. See in particular pp. 214–219.

1968. See PIGEAUD (under Union catalogues above), pp. 907–911, for a list of 157 titles.

1970. *Literature of Java. Catalogue raisonné of Javanese manuscripts in the library of the University of Leiden and other public collections in the Netherlands.* Volume 3: *Illustrations and facsimiles of manuscripts, maps, addenda and a general index of names and subjects.* By TH. G. TH. PIGEAUD. Leiden: Bibliotheca Universitatis Lugduni Batavorum (Codices manuscripti, 11). xvii + 441pp.

On pp. 139–156 descriptions are given of manuscripts collected by the author, Dr PIGEAUD, between 1925 and 1942 when he was government lexicographer in Surakarta and Yogyakarta.

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See Vol. I, pp. 448–452.

Published catalogues:

1864. [Lijst der Javaansche handschriften, in het bezit van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen. By A. B. COHEN STUART.] *Notulen van de Algemeene en Bestuursvergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 1, 1864, pp. 264–268.

In Dutch. Short descriptions of 15 Javanese and 26 Arabic MSS.

1868. Register op de Notulen der vergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen over de jaren 1857 tot 1866. By H. L. JANSSEN. Appended to the *Notulen van*

de Algemeene en Bestuursvergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen 5. 60pp.

In Dutch. On pp. 7–11 an index to Malay and other Indonesian MSS mentioned in the *Notulen* published in the years 1857–1866.

1872. *Eerste vervolg catalogus der bibliotheek en catalogus der Maleische, Javaansche en Kawi handschriften van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen*. By A.B. COHEN STUART. Batavia [Jakarta]: Bruining & Wijt; The Hague: Nijhoff. 118 + iv + 46pp.

In Dutch. Descriptions of 76 Malay MSS, 8 Arabic-Malay, 27 Arabic-Javanese and many Javanese MSS.

1873. *Codicum Arabicorum in bibliotheca Societatis Artium et Scientiarum quae Bataviae floret asservatorum: catalogum*. By R. FRIEDERICH and L.W.C. VAN DEN BERG. Batavia [Jakarta]: Bruining et Wijt; The Hague: Nijhoff. 154pp.

In Latin. Description of 159 Arabic MSS. Arranged according to subject. See Vol. I, p. 451.

1875. *Inventaris der HSS van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen*. By L.W.C. VAN DEN BERG. *Notulen van de Algemeene en Bestuursvergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 13, 1875, pp. vii–xix (Bijlage B).

In Dutch. Inventory of all MSS in the collection (ca. 250 Arabic, 400 Malay and other Indonesian languages).

1876. *Inventaris der handschriften door wijlen Dr A.B. COHEN STUART bijeengebracht, en door de Regeering van Nederlandsch Indië bij besluit van 22 Juni 1875 No. 32 als loan collection aan het Bataviaasch Genootschap afgestaan*. *Notulen van de Algemeene en Bestuursvergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 14, 1876, (2e kwartaal), Bijlage A.

In Dutch. Inventory of 183 Javanese and Malay MSS collected by A.B. COHEN STUART, which were deposited on loan with the Batavian Society of Arts and Sciences.

1876. *Vlugtig berigt omtrent eenige lontar-handschriften, afkomstig uit de Soenda-landen met toepassing op de inscriptiën van*

Kwali. By K.F. HOLLE. *Tijdschrift voor Indische Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 16, 1876, pp. 450–470.

In Dutch. Notes on Sundanese MSS given to the Batavia Society by RADEN SALEH.

1877. *Verslag van eene verzameling Maleische, Arabische, Javaansche en andere handschriften, door de Regeering van Nederlandsch Indië aan het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen ter bewaring afgestaan.* By L.W.C. VAN DEN BERG. Batavia [Jakarta]: Bruining; The Hague: Nijhoff. ix + 62pp.

In Dutch. Descriptions of 276 Malay (from the Von de Wall collection in particular), 28 Arabic and several other Indonesian MSS.

1879. *Register op de Notulen der vergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen over de jaren 1867 t/m 1878.* By J.A. VAN DER CHIJS. Batavia [Jakarta]: Bruining. iv + 108pp.

In Dutch. On pp. 35–42 an index to Arabic, Malay, Achehnese and other Indonesian MSS mentioned in the *Notulen* published in the years 1876–1878.

1889. *Register op de Notulen der vergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen over de jaren 1879 t/m 1888.* By J.A. VAN DER CHIJS. Batavia [Jakarta]: Albrecht & Rusche; The Hague: Nijhoff. iv + 124pp.

In Dutch. On pp. 36–40 an index to Arabic, Malay and other Indonesian MSS mentioned in the *Notulen* published in the years 1879–1888.

1899. *Register op de Notulen der vergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen over de jaren 1889 t/m 1898.* By J.A. VAN DER CHIJS. Batavia [Jakarta]: Albrecht; The Hague: Nijhoff. viii + 101pp.

In Dutch. On pp. 33–36 an index to Malay, Sasak and other Indonesian MSS mentioned in the *Notulen* published in the years 1867–1878.

1907. *Lijst der handschriften indertijd in berusting bij Dr J.L.A. BRANDES en door de Regeering in bruikleen aan het Genootschap*

afgestaan bij G.B. dd. 14 Januari '06, no. 31. By J.L.A. BRANDES. *Notulen van de Algemeene en Directievergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 44, 1907, Bijlage I.

In Dutch. Title lists of 2 Persian, 6 Arabic, 61 Malay and other Indonesian MSS.

1908. Inventaris van de door den heer A.J.N. ENGELENBERG, Ass.-Resident van Midden-Celebes, aan het Gen. in bruikleen afgestane handschriften, afkomstig van het eiland Lombok. By A.J.N. ENGELENBERG. *Notulen van de Algemeene en Directievergaderingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 45, 1908, Bijlage IV.

In Malay. Title lists with short summaries including 2 Arabic and 8 Malay MSS.

1909. *Catalogus der Maleische handschriften in het Museum van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen*. By P.S. VAN RONKEL. Batavia [Jakarta]: Albrecht; The Hague: Nijhoff (Verhandelingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen, vol. 57). xix + 546pp.

In Dutch. Major catalogue containing descriptions and (extensive) abstracts of 885 Malay and 33 Minangkabau MSS. Arranged according to subject. With indexes of titles and shelf-marks. See Vol. I, p. 451.

1911. *Supplement op den catalogus van de Javaansche en Madoeresche handschriften der Leidsche Universiteits-bibliotheek*. By H.H. JUYNBOLL. Deel II: *Nieuwjavaansche gedichten en Oud-, Middel- en Nieuwjavaansche prozageschriften*. Leiden: Brill. xvii + 552pp.

In Dutch. Descriptions of 214 Javanese and 16 Balinese MSS from the Jakarta collection. A list of these MSS is on pp. 529–532.

1913. *Supplement to the catalogue of the Arabic manuscripts preserved in the Museum of the Batavia Society of Arts and Sciences*. By P.S. VAN RONKEL. Batavia [Jakarta]: Albrecht; The Hague: Nijhoff. ix + 554pp.

Extensive descriptions of 861 Arabic MSS. Arranged according to subject. With indexes of shelf-marks, authors' names, and titles.

1931. Verslag over de aankopen van Javaansche handschriften gedaan voor rekening van het Kon. Bataviaasch Genootschap door Ir. J.L. MOENS te Jogja en Dr TH.G.TH. PIGEAUD te Solo in de jaren 1929 en 1930. *Tijdschrift voor Indische Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 71, 1931, pp. 315–348.

In Dutch. Descriptions of 8 + 63 Javanese MSS.

1933. (a) Handschriftenverzameling: Lijst van aanwinsten 1924–1932; (b) Bijlage 1: Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften, onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta; (c) Lijst der Javaansche handschriften in de boekerij van het Kon. Bat. Genootschap. By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 1, 1933, pp. 237–376.

In Dutch. (a) Short descriptions, sometimes with summaries, of Indonesian MSS including 4 Arabic, 2 Sasak and 16 Malay MSS; (b) and (c) Javanese and Sasak MSS.

1934. Handschriftenverzameling: lijst van aanwinsten 1933. [By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA.] *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 2, 1934, pp. 153–154.

In Dutch. Lists 8 Javanese MSS.

1936. De handschriftenverzameling: (a) Een vorstelijk geschenk; (b) Lijst van aanwinsten 1934 en 1935; (c) Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta. By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 3, 1936, pp. 333–342.

In Dutch. (a) Javanese MSS presented by the Sultan of Yogyakarta; (b) lists 4 Malay and 1 Arabic MSS; (c) Javanese MSS.

1937. (a) Handschriftenverzameling. (b) Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta. By R.NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 4, 1937, pp. 271–277.

In Dutch. (a) Includes 1 Malay MS.; (b) Javanese MSS.

1938. Handschriftenverzameling. By R. NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 5, 1938, pp. 289–293.

In Dutch. Lists 32 MSS in Arabic and other Indonesian languages.

1939. Handschriftenverzameling. By R. NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 6, 1939, pp. 299–302.

In Dutch. Includes two Achehnese MSS.

1940. *Beschrijving der handschriften van het Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen: Menak*. By R. M. NG. POERBATJARAKA. Bandung: Nix. 115pp.

In Dutch. Discusses 69 Javanese MSS containing the Amir Hamza story.

1940. (a) Handschriftenverzameling; (b) Beschrijving van een verzameling Javaansche handschriften onder berusting van Dr TH. PIGEAUD te Jogjakarta. By R. NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 7, 1940, pp. 209–219.

In Dutch. Javanese MSS. See pp. 214–219.

1941. Handschriftenverzameling. By R. NG. POERBATJARAKA. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 8, 1941, pp. 225–233.

In Dutch. Descriptions of 7 Malay, 2 Arabic and 1 Javanese MSS.

1950. See POERBATJARAKA, VOORHOEVE and HOOYKAAS under Union Catalogues above.

Contains detailed descriptions of numerous Javanese MSS (in particular Islamic MSS) in Jakarta and an overview of the Jakartan collections of MSS. See Vol. I, p. 451.

1954. (a) Handschriftenverzameling 1948–1951. By R. ROOLVINK;

(b) Bijlage I: Inventaris van de door Prof. Dr H. DJAJADININGRAT in Juni 1948 aan het Genootschap in bruikleen afgestane collectie Atjehse handschriften. [By P. VOORHOEVE]; (c) Bijlage II: Aanwinsten. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 10, 1954, pp. 139–145.

In Dutch. (b) lists 4 Achehnese and 1 Malay MSS; (c) includes 9 Malay, 10 Achehnese and 2 Arabic MSS.

1957. *Handlist of Arabic manuscripts in the library of the University of Leiden and other collections in the Netherlands.* Compiled by P. VOORHOEVE. Leiden: Bibliotheca Universitatis (Codices Manuscripti, 7). xix + 540pp.

Contains numerous references to Islamic MSS in the Jakarta collection.

1966. *Malay manuscripts: a bibliographical guide.* By JOSEPH H. HOWARD. Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Library. 96pp.

On pp. 61–75 are listed 855 Malay MSS, with their shelf-marks from the collection of the Perpustakaan Nasional.

1968. See PIGEAUD under Union Catalogues above.

On pp. 872–906 title-lists with shelf numbers of the Javanese MSS (ca. 2,300).

1969. *Naskah lama Melayu di dalam simpanan Muzium Pusat Djakarta.* By JAZAMUDDIN BAHARUDDIN. Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. 2 vols.

In Malay. [Source: CHAMBERT-LOIR 1980.]

1972. *Katalogus koleksi naskah Melayu Museum Pusat Dep. P dan K.* By JUMSARI JUSUF & others. Jakarta: Departemen P. dan K., Direktorat Jendral Kebudayaan, Proyek Inventarisasi dan Dokumentasi Kebudayaan Nasional. xx + 324pp.

In Indonesian. Basically a translation of VAN RONKEL's catalogue of 1909. Contains 953 descriptions of Malay and Minangkabau MSS.

1973. *Singkatan naskah sastra Indonesia lama pengaruh Islam.* By EDWAR JAMARIS & others. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jendral Kebudayaan, Lembaga Bahasa Nasional. vi + 84pp.

In Indonesian. Contains descriptions and abstracts of 16 Malay Islamic MSS.

1973. *Katalogus koleksi naskah kitab babad Museum Pusat Dep. P & K.* By MOH. AMIR SUTAARGA & others. Jakarta: Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Proyek Inventarisasi dan Dokumentasi Kebudayaan Nasional. 95pp.

In Indonesian. Descriptions and summaries of 177 historical Javanese MSS. Arranged according to subject.

1980. *Katalog koleksi naskah Maluku.* By JUMSARI JUSUF & others. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Nasional. 170pp.

In Indonesian. Description of 354 MSS from the Moluccan region. Arranged alphabetically according to title.

1980. A brief description of the 'Malay' manuscripts of the 'Overbeck collection' at the Museum Pusat, Jakarta. By E.U. KRATZ. *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 53, 1980, pp. 90–106.

Short descriptions of ca. 100 Malay MSS. See Vol. I, p. 452.

1980. List of Malay manuscripts which were formerly kept at the General Secretariat in Batavia. Edited by P. VOORHOEVE. *Archipel* 20, 1980, pp. 71–77.

Lists 91 MSS available in 1850. Of these MSS only 28 were still extant in 1980. See Vol. I, p. 452.

1980. *Handlist of Arabic manuscripts in the library of the University of Leiden and other collections in the Netherlands.* Second enlarged edition. Compiled by P. VOORHOEVE. The Hague/Boston/London: Leiden University Press (Codices Manuscripti, 7). xxiii + 749pp.

Contains numerous references to Islamic MSS in the Jakarta collection.

1981. *Naskah undang-undang dalam sastra Indonesia lama.* By EDWAR DJAMARIS & others. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Pusat Pembinaan dan Pengembangan Bahasa. xii + 304pp.

In Indonesian. Description, discussion and transliteration of 30 Malay and Minangkabau legal MSS.

1983. *Naskah kuno koleksi Museum Nasional.* By JUMSARI JUSUF. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Nasional. 38pp.

In Indonesian. Amply illustrated survey of the whole manuscript collection.

1983. *Katalog pameran Naskah sebagai sumber sejarah.* Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Nasional. xiii + 71pp.

In Indonesian. Exhibition catalogue. Descriptions of 71 Malay and other Indonesian MSS. Arranged according to subject.

1983. *Katalog naskah aneka bahasa koleksi Museum Nasional.* (Vol. I.) By JUMSARI JUSUF & others. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Nasional. 143pp.

In Indonesian. Descriptions of Achehnese and other Indonesian MSS. Arranged according to language and shelf number.

1984. *Katalog naskah aneka bahasa koleksi Museum Nasional.* (Vol. II.) By JUMSARI JUSUF & others. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum Nasional. 139pp.

In Indonesian. Contains descriptions of the very diverse manuscript collection which previously belonged to Dr J.L.A. BRANDES.

1984. MUHAMMAD BAKIR: a Batavian scribe and author in the nineteenth century. By HENRI CHAMBERT-LOIR. *Review of Indonesian and Malayan Affairs* 18, 1984, pp. 44–72.

Examines 26 Malay MSS from the Perpustakaan Nasional, which previously were part of a Batavian lending library.

1988. See EKADJATI under Union Catalogues above.

On pp. 34–156 the collection of the Perpustakaan Nasional is mentioned (404 MSS on paper, 89 on palmleaf).

1991. Malay literature in the 19th century: the Fadli connection. By HENRI CHAMBERT-LOIR. *Variation, transformation and meaning: studies on Indonesian literatures in honour of A. Teeuw*. J.J. Ras and S.O. Robson (eds). Leiden: KITLV Press, 1991, pp. 87–114.

In the appendix 25 titles are listed with shelf-marks from the collection of Malay MSS in the Perpustakaan Nasional.

Forthcoming. See VOORHOEVE and ISKANDAR under Union Catalogues above.

Identifies 127 Achehnese MSS in the collection of the Perpustakaan Nasional.

Unpublished catalogues:

1920. Catalogus van Javaansche handschriften en woordenboeken. By R. NG. POERBATJARAKA. Djakarta.

In Dutch. [Source: KEMP 1990.]

1928. Lijst van de in de bibliotheek van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen aanwezige en in de catalogus voorkomende Soendase handschriften, bijgewerkt t/m 8 Nov. 1928. By R. MEMED SASTRAHADIPRAWIRA. [Batavia.] 10pp.

Carbon copy preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, OOSHSS C 2443. In Dutch. Lists 186 Sundanese MSS.

1928. Korte inhoud van enkele in de lijst voorkomende Soendase handschriften. By R. MEMED SASTRAHADIPRAWIRA. Batavia. 79pp.

Carbon copy preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, OOSHSS C 2434. In Dutch. Contains summaries of 126 Sundanese MSS mentioned in the previous list.

1948. *Catalogus van de Atjehse handschriften van het Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen [en] Beschrijving van de Atjehse handschriften in Juni 1948 aan het K.B.G. in bruikleen afgestaan door Prof.*

Dr P.A. HOESEIN DJAJADININGRAT. By P. VOORHOEVE. Batavia. 58pp.

In Dutch. Carbon copy preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden OOSHSS C 2439; an updated version is kept in the manuscript collection, Cod. Or. 12.481; see also *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen*, 1954, pp. 142–143 [which will be incorporated in VOORHOEVE's forthcoming *Catalogue of Achehnese manuscripts*].

[ca.1940–50.] Batavia. By R.M.NG. POERBATJARAKA, R. ROOLVINK, P. VOORHOEVE, A.A. CENSE. ca. 50pp.

In Dutch. Collection of carbon copy lists and notes on the manuscripts in Batavia. Preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, OOSHSS 2436.

[1950.] Beknopte beschrijving van de Boeginese en Makassaarse handschriften van de Lembaga Kebudayaan Indonesia "Kon. Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen". By A.A. CENSE. 16pp.

Carbon copy preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, OOSHSS C 2440. In Dutch. Description of 32 Buginese and Makassarese MSS.

[ca. 1950.] Makassaarse en Boeginese handschriften van de Matthes-Stichting en te Djakarta. By ABD. RAHIM, and A.A. CENSE. ca. 40pp.

In Dutch. Handwritten notes preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, OOSHSS C 2437. List and descriptions of ca. 320 Makassarese and Buginese MSS in Ujung Pandang and Jakarta.

[197-?] Katalogus naskah-naskah Sunda di Museum Pusat. By JUMSARI JUSUF. Jakarta.

In Indonesian. [Source: EKADJATI 1988.]

1992. A royal collection of Bugis manuscripts. By ROGER TOL. (Paper presented at the *Seventh International Workshop on Indonesian Studies*, Leiden, 14–18 December 1992.)

Discussion and description of 33 Buginese MSS seized in 1905 from the collection of the ruler of Boné.

KUNINGAN (West Java)

Museum Cigugur

Kuningan

Jawa Barat

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (Sundanese).

Published catalogue:

1988. See EKADJATI under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 157–161 are described 18 MSS from the collection of the Museum Cigugur.

MATARAM

Museum Negeri Nusa Tenggara Barat

Mataram

Lombok

Nusa Tenggara Barat

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 1,000 (Arabic; Javanese; Malay; Bimanese and mixed).

Published catalogues:

1988. See BEHREND under Union Catalogues above.

On p. 42 a title list of 44 Javanese MSS from this collection (ca. 23 Islamic).

1990–92. *Katalogus naskah Melayu Bima.* By S.W.R. MULYADI and H.S. MARYAM R. SALAHUDDIN. Bima: Yayasan Museum Kebudayaan “Samparaja”. 2 vols.

Descriptions of 7 MSS from this collection (Malay, Arabic, Bimanese and mixed).

Unpublished catalogue:

[1976–88.] *Spesifikasi naskah koleksi Museum NTB.*

In Indonesian. Photocopy of an inventory listing 1,227 titles (ca. 1,000 Islamic) from this collection, preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, Or. 22.792.

PENYENGAT (Riau)

Yayasan Indera Sakti

Pulau Penyengat
Tanjung Pinang
Riau

Date of establishment: ca. 1970

Status: Private library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 200 (Arabic; Malay).

Description of collection: The collection is located in the mosque on the island. There are plans to microfilm the whole collection. Not yet fully catalogued.

Unpublished catalogue:

1983. *Katalog naskah dan bahan-bahan lain (kitab, catatan, lembaran) milik Yayasan Indera Sakti Pulau Penyengat Tg. Pinang.* Tanjung Pinang: Yayasan Indera Sakti Pulau Penyengat Tg. Pinang. 25pp.

In Indonesian. Description of 100 Malay and Arabic MSS and books. Arranged according to manuscript number.

SINGARAJA

Yayasan Kirtya

Jalan Veteran 42
Singaraja
Bali

Date of establishment: 1928

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 200 (a few Javanese; mostly Sasak).

Description of collection: This huge collection (ca. 3,000 MSS) includes quite a few Islamic MSS, most of them in the Sasak language (from Lombok). Very many MSS have been transliterated. Copies of

these transliterations are kept by a number of libraries, e.g. the Library of the University of Leiden.

Published catalogues:

1941. Lijst der Sasaksche geschriften van de Kirtya Lieftrinck-Van der Tuuk te Singaradja (November 1940). [By I. WAJAN BHADRA.] *Mededeelingen van de Kirtya Lieftrinck-Van der Tuuk* 13, 1941, pp. 42–43.

Lists *ca.* 160 Sasak MSS.

1968. See PIGEAUD under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 913–972 a title list with shelf numbers of all Javanese, Balinese and Sasak MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:

1937–69. *Register van tot het bezit v.d. Kirtya behorende Balische en Sasaksche handschriften.* [Singaradja:] 292pp.

In Dutch. Photocopy of a handwritten inventory preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, Or. 23.123. Lists a few thousand MSS.

SUMEDANG (West Java)

General

Lists of manuscripts in private collections are contained in:

1986. *Naskah Sunda lama di kabupaten Sumedang.* By ABDURACHMAN & others. Jakarta: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Pusat Pembinaan dan Pengembangan Bahasa. xiv + 187pp.

In Indonesian. Description and discussion of 30 Sundanese MSS.

Museum Prabu Geusan Ulun

Sumedang

Jawa Barat

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 16 (1 Arabic; 7 Javanese; 8 Sundanese).

Published catalogues:

1988. See EKADJATI under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 161 – 166 are described 16 MSS from the collection of the Museum Pangeran Geusan Ulun.

1988. See BEHREND under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 35 – 36 are described 15 MSS from this collection (1 Arabic; 7 Javanese; 7 Sundanese).

SURABAYA**Museum Negeri Mpu Tantular**

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 32 (1 Arabic; 31 Javanese).

Published catalogue:

1988. See BEHREND under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 39 – 41 are described 31 Javanese, 1 Arabic and 1 Balinese MSS from this collection.

SURAKARTA**General***Published catalogue:*

1981. *Javanese language manuscripts of Surakarta: a preliminary descriptive catalogue.* By NANCY K. FLORIDA. Ithaca: Cornell University. 3 vols.

Radya Pustaka (Solo Museum)

Jl. Brigjen Slamet Riyadi no. 235

Surakarta

Date of establishment: 1890

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 150 (mostly Javanese).

Description of collection: Consists mainly of historical and legendary texts.

Published catalogues:

1970. See VAN NIEL (under Union catalogues above), pp. 165–197, for a shelf list of this collection.

1983. See GIRARDET under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 437–643 the holdings of this collection are described.

Reksa Pustaka

Mangkunagara

Surakarta

Date of establishment: ca. 1870

Status: Palace library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 500 (mostly Javanese).

Published catalogues:

1970. See VAN NIEL (under Union catalogues above), pp. 119–164, for a shelf list of this collection.

1983. See GIRARDET under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 209–435 the holdings of this collection are described.

Sasana Pustaka

Kraton Kasunanan (Kraton Surakarta)

Surakarta

Date of establishment: 1920

Status: Palace library

Conditions of access: Permission to use the library should be sought well in advance from the Kantor Keprarak Mandrabudaya, Kraton Surakarta, Surakarta.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 700 (mostly Javanese).

Description of collection: Consists mainly of pseudo-histories, legends, myths, court affairs, mysticism, educational texts and chronicles.

Published catalogue:

1983. See GIRARDET under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 1–209 the holdings of this library are described.

TANOH ABEÈ (Aceh)**Meunasah Tanoh Abeè**

Dayah Tanah Abee
Aceh

See also Volume I, p. 445, under Aceh.

Date of establishment: early 19th century

Status: Private library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 2,000 (some Achehnese; most Arabic; 603 Malay).

Published catalogues:

1977. See CHAMBERT-LOIR under Union Catalogues above.

In French. On pp. 307–308 short descriptions of 6 MSS from this collection.

1977. *Naskhah-naskhah Islam (Melayu) di Dayah Tanah Abee Aceh.* By HAMDAN HASSAN. Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (Kertas Data Jabatan Pengajian Melayu, no. 19).

In Malay. See Vol. I, pp. 446–447.

1978. *Naskhah-naskhah Islam (Melayu) di Dayah Tanah Abee Aceh.* By HAMDAN HASSAN. *Dewan Sastra* VIII 8, 1978, pp. 39–45.

In Malay. Reedition of his 1977 report. [Source: CHAMBERT-LOIR 1980.]

1980. *Katalog manuskrip Perpustakaan Pesantren Tanoh Abeè, Aceh Besar.* [Vol. I.] By WAMAD ABDULLAH and M. DAHLAN AL-FAIRUSY. Banda Aceh: Pusat Dokumentasi dan Informasi Aceh. 48pp.

In Indonesian. Contains descriptions of 400 MSS, most of them Arabic and a few Malay.

1993. *Katalog manuskrip Perpustakaan Pesantren Tanoh Abeè, Aceh Besar.* Buku II. By ZUNAIMAR & M. DAHLAN AL-FAIRUSY. Banda Aceh: Pusat Dokumentasi dan Informasi Aceh.

Lists the contents of 203 MSS.

TERNATE

See Volume I, p. 452.

TIDORE

See Volume I, p. 452.

UJUNG PANDANG (formerly Makassar)**Museum La Galigo**

Kompleks Benteng

Ujung Pandang

Sulawesi Selatan

Date of establishment: ca. 1975

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 38 (Arabic; Buginese; Makassarese; Malay).

Published catalogue:

1985. *Katalog pameran: naskah sebagai sumber ilmu dan teknologi.* Ujung Pandang: Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan, Direktorat Jenderal Kebudayaan, Museum La Galigo. ii + 58pp.

In Indonesian. Catalogue of an exhibition held from 21–26 February 1985. Descriptions and abstracts of 38 Arabic, Buginese, Makassarese and Malay MSS.

Universitas Hasanuddin

Jl. Mesjid Raya 55

Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi Selatan

A large project is being carried out by the Universitas Hasanuddin at Ujung Pandang, in which privately owned MSS in the whole province of south Sulawesi are inventoried, described and micro-filmed. By the end of 1992 more than 1,000 MSS had been filmed. A catalogue is planned.

Yayasan Kebudayaan Sulawesi Selatan

Kompleks Benteng

Ujung Pandang

Date of establishment: 1933 (as Matthes-Stichting)

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 100 (mostly Buginese and Makassarese mixed with Malay and Arabic).

Description of collection: Almost all MSS were copied in the 1930s at the order of Dr A.A. CENSE, who was at that time governmental language officer in Makassar. Before World War II there were more than 300 MSS. Since then the number of MSS has gradually declined.

Published catalogue:

1954. *Catalogus van de Boeginese, tot de I La Galigo-cyclus behorende handschriften van Jajasan Matthes (Matthesstichting) te Makassar (Indonesië).* By R.A. KERN. Makassar: Jajasan Matthes. vi + 268pp.

In Dutch. Describes and summarizes 43 Buginese MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:

[ca. 1950]. Makassarese en Boeginese handschriften van de Matthes-Stichting en te Djakarta. By ABD. RAHIM and A.A. CENSE. ca. 40pp.

In Dutch. Handwritten notes preserved in the Library of the University of Leiden, OOSHSS C 2437.

1973. *Notes on South Celebes manuscripts.* Distributed by C.C. MACKNIGHT. Canberra: Australian National University. [ca. 70pp.]

Description of 55 Buginese and Makassarese MSS from the Yayasan Kebudayaan Sulawesi Selatan microfilmed by the author. An appended list shows that in February 1972 there were still 127 MSS present in the collection.

1974. Laporan proyek registrasi dan lokalisasi lontara Sulawesi Selatan Bahagian I. By AMBO GANI & others. Ujung Pandang: Fakultas Sastra Universitas Hasanuddin. iii + 69 + 5pp.

In Indonesian. Describes 183 Buginese, Makassarese, Mandarese, Arabic and Malay MSS in private collections and lists the

holdings of the Yayasan Sulawesi Selatan as of 1 April 1973 (271 MSS in the last mentioned language).

1983. Induk registrasi koleksi buku-buku Yayasan Kebudayaan Sulawesi Selatan: Buku III. Ujung Pandang: Yayasan Kebudayaan Sulawesi Selatan.

In Indonesian. This inventory of books contains also a title list of MSS with new shelf-marks.

WATAMPONE (South Sulawesi)

Kantor Pembinaan Kebudayaan

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: at least 1.

Unpublished catalogue:

1973. *Notes on South Celebes manuscripts.* Distributed by C.C. MACKNIGHT. Canberra: Australian National University. [*ca.* 70pp.]

Contains a description of a very large manuscript filmed in Watampone.

YOGYAKARTA

Tepas Kapudjangan (Widya Budaya)

Kraton Kasultanan

Yogyakarta

Date of establishment: *ca.* 1930

Status: Palace library

Conditions of access: Permission from the librarian should be obtained.

Total number of Islamic MSS: *ca.* 200 (mostly Javanese).

Description of collection: Consists mainly of chronicles of the Yogyakarta sultans and court activities, legends and pseudo-histories.

Published catalogues:

1970. See VAN NIEL (under Union catalogues above), pp. 101 – 117, for a shelf list of this collection.

1971. *Katalogus manuskrip Kraton Jogjakarta*. By MUDJANATTISTOMO. Yogyakarta: Lembaga Bahasa Nasional Tjabang II (Widyaparwa, 3). 74pp.

In Indonesian. Description of 276 Javanese MSS on paper.

1983. See GIRARDET under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 645–705 the holdings of this library are described.

1987. A preliminary descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts of the Kraton Yogyakarta. By JENNIFER LINDSAY, R.M. SOETANTO and ALAN FEINSTEIN. Yogyakarta: Kantor Wilayah Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Propinsi D.I.Y., Proyek Mikrofilm Kraton Yogyakarta. 2 vols.

Result of a major microfilm project. Contains descriptions of about 700 Javanese MSS.

1987. *Javanese manuscripts of the Kraton Yogyakarta: a list of contents of roll microfilm copies*. Yogyakarta: Kantor Wilayah Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Propinsi D.I.Y., Proyek Mikrofilm Kraton Yogyakarta, iv + 31pp.

Lists the contents of 120 reels of microfilm containing copies of the MSS of the Kraton Yogyakarta.

Perpustakaan Pura

Kadipaten Pakualaman
Yogyakarta

Date of establishment: ca. 1935

Status: Palace library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 200 (mostly Javanese).

Description of collection: Consists mainly of legends, myths, pseudo-histories, chronicles.

Published catalogue:

1983. See GIRARDET under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 709–768 the holdings of this collection are described.

Museum Negeri Sonobudoyo

Alun-alun Utara
 Jl. Trikora no. 2
 Kraton Kasultanan
 Yogyakarta

Date of establishment: 1935

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 500 (mostly Javanese).

Description of collection: Consists of four sub-collections with a total of about 1,350 Javanese MSS. Consists mainly of legends, myths, mysticism, chronicles.

Published catalogues:

1933. Panti Boedaja. Eerste verslag van werkzaamheden, loopende over het tijdvak 1930–Juni 1932. By H. KRAEMER. *Jaarboek Koninklijk Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen* 1, 1933, pp. 423–432.

1968. See PIGEAUD (under Union catalogues above), pp. 911–912, for a title list of 35 Javanese MSS, with shelf numbers.

1983. See GIRARDET under Union catalogues above.

On pp. 769–948 the holdings of this collection are described.

1988. See BEHREND (under Union catalogues above), pp. 37–38, for a title list of 186 MSS from a sub-collection called the *Studie Koleksi*.

1990. *Katalog induk naskah-naskah Nusantara*. Jilid 1: *Museum Sonobudoyo Yogyakarta*. Edited by T.E. BEHREND. Jakarta: Djambatan. xix + 802pp.

In Indonesian. Abridged edition of the unpublished catalogue of 1989 in 6 volumes (see below). Result of a major project in which all MSS have been described in detail and microfilmed. Arranged according to subject. Many MSS have some relation or other with Islam; one section of this catalogue (pp. 545–565) deals particularly with MSS on the Islamic faith.

Unpublished catalogues:

1989. *Katalog naskah-naskah Museum Sonobudoyo Yogyakarta*. Edited by T.E. BEHREND & others. [Yogyakarta: Kantor Wilayah Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan.] 6 vols.

In Indonesian. Result of a major project in which all MSS have been described in detail and microfilmed. Arranged according to subject. Many MSS have some relation or other with Islam. Photocopies of description forms. Complete, unedited, descriptions and summaries of all MSS in the museum. Volume 5 deals with the Islamic MSS.

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Molen, Willem van der. Catalogue of catalogues of Javanese manuscripts. *Caraka* 4, 1984, pp. 12–49.

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Roper, G.J. *Index Islamicus 1981–1985: a bibliography of books and articles on the Muslim world*. London: Mansell, 1991. 2 vols.

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IRAQ

(Part II and addenda)

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The survey of Iraq published in Volume II, as explained on p. 3 of that volume, was restricted to the larger institutional libraries, and excluded most private collections, others of fewer than 100 MSS, and nearly all Christian monastic and ecclesiastical libraries. Since then, the assiduous compiler of the survey has been able to provide further information which largely fills these gaps, and we are pleased to be able to present it here, together with a few *addenda* and *corrigenda* to the previous entries.

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BAGHDAD

Ahl al-Bayt Public Library (Maktabat Ahl al-Bayt al-^ʿĀmma)

Masjid al-Tamīmī

Date of establishment: 1952

Status: Public

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5.

Description of collection: These MSS are part of a large library, and include:

- 1) *Al-Ifitāḥ fī sharḥ al-Miṣbāḥ*, by ḤASAN IBN ^ʿALĀ^ʿ AL-DĪN AL-ASWAD AL-NAḤWĪ (d. 1025/1616), which is a commentary on *Al-Miṣbāḥ fī 'l-naḥw*, by AL-MUṬARRIZĪ (d. 610/1213). It was written in 925 [1519].
- 2) *Al-Ṣaḥīfa al-Sajjādiyya*, by ZAYN AL-^ʿĀBIDĪN ^ʿALĪ IBN AL-ḤUSAYN IBN ^ʿALĪ IBN ABĪ ṬĀLIB (d. 94/712). A fine illuminated and gilded copy, written in *nastaʿlīq* script in 1072 [1661].

^ʿAbd al-Ṣāḥib Ibn ^ʿAlī al-Anṣārī

Al-Kāzimīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 24.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are literary, including:

- 1) *Mukhtaṣar al-durr al-maknūn fī gharāʾib al-funūn*, by YAḤYÁ IBN AḤMAD AL-KHALĪLĪ. A copy made by ʿABD AL-QĀDIR IBN KHALĪL AL-DAJĀNĪ in 1031 [1621].
- 2) *Al-Majālis*, by Shaykh ʿABBŪD IBN DARWĪSH IBN IBRĀHĪM AL-ANṢĀRĪ (d. 1327/1909) in 15 volumes written by the author.

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN ʿALĪ MAḤFŪZ, pp. 245–246.

Mashkūr Mahdī al-Asadī

Karradat Maryam

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 75 (71 Arabic; 3 Persian; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: This collection covers Arabic and Islamic sciences such as *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, chemistry, astronomy and language. The majority of the MSS were written after the 11th/17th century. Rarities include:

- 1) *Al-Madkhal al-Kabīr fī ʿilm al-Nujūm*, by ABŪ MAʿSHAR JAʿFAR IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-BALKHĪ (d. 272/885). A valuable copy written by ʿALĪ MUḤAMMAD ḤUSAYN IBN IBRĀHĪM IBN ABĪ ʿL-MAʿĀLĪ in 972 [1564] from another copy written in 362 [972] with marginal notes and commentaries.
- 2) *Al-Muntaqá fī Sīrat al-Rasūl*, by SAʿĪD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN MASʿŪD IBN MUḤAMMAD ʿAFĪF AL-KĀZARŪNĪ (d. 758/1357). A fine copy in *taʿlīq* script, written in the 11th/17th century.

Awqāf Library (Maktabat al-Awqāf al-Markazīya)

(see Vol. II, pp. 7–9)

Description of collection: The library also holds the contents of the following former public and private libraries:

Jāmiʿ al-Imām al-Aʿzam	Al-Madrassa al-Sulaymāniya
Jāmiʿ al-Bāchahchī	Al-Madrassa al-Marjūniya (al-Maktaba al-Nuʿmāniya)
Al-Ḥaydarkhāna	Jāmiʿ al-Shaykh Junayd
Al-Takiya al-Khālidīya	Madrasat Nāʾila Khātūn
Jāmiʿ al-Āṣifiya	Jāmiʿ al-Qabalāniya
Jāmiʿ al-Kahyā	

Al-Sayyid ʿALĪ ḤAYDAR
AL-BĀCHAHCHĪ
MUḤAMMAD SAʿĪD
AL-ṬABAQCHALĪ

ʿABD AL-ḤALĪM AL-LAḤĀFĀTĪ
[AL-ḤĀFĀTĪ]
Jāmiʿ al-Muṣarrif
ʿABD ALLĀH AL-JUBŪRĪ

Dayr al-Ābāʾ al-Karmaliyīn (Monastery of the Carmelite Fathers)

Al-Karkh

Status: Christian monastic library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 50 (48 Arabic; 2 Persian).

Description of collection: The collection is what remains of ANASTĀS AL-KARMALĪ's library, which was in this monastery. The majority (32 MSS) are by Anastās himself. (The rest of his collection is now in the Saddam Manuscripts Library, *q.v.*) Amongst those remaining in the monastery are a number of Islamic texts, including:

- 1) *Al-Wāfi*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MURTAḌĀ MUḤSIN AL-KĀSHĪ (d. 1090/1679). A precious copy made from the author's copy by SALĀM ALLĀH IBN ʿABD AL-SALĀM AL-JĀBIRĪ in 1110/1698;
- 2) *Al-Istīʿāb li-l-wujūh al-mumkina fī ṣanʿat al-aṣṭurlāb*, by ABŪ 'L-RAYḤĀN AL-BĪRŪḌĪ. A fine copy made by MUḤAMMAD RABĪʿ IṢFĀHĀNĪ in 1094 [1682].

Published catalogue:

1973. Fihrist makḥṭūṭāt Dayr al-Ābāʾ al-Karmaliyīn bi-Baghdād. By ḤIKMAT RAḤMĀNĪ. *Al-Mawrid* 2 i, 1973, pp. 154–168.

Sālim Aḥmad al-Gilānī

Mintaqat Bāb al-Shaykh

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 87 (83 Arabic; 3 Persian; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: This collection was distributed among the heirs of the original owner, but his son QAYS has reassembled it. The majority of the texts are on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, and Qurʾanic sciences. Notable items include:

- 1) *Mujīb al-nidāʾ ilā sharḥ Qaṭr al-nadā wa-ball al-ṣadā*, by JAMĀL AL-

DĪN ʿABD ALLĀH IBN AḤMAD IBN ʿALĪ AL-FĀKIHĪ (d. 972/1564), autograph copy dated 964 [1556].

- 2) *Al-Diyāʾ al-maʿnawī ʿalā Muqaddimat al-Ghaznawī*, by ABŪ ʿL-BAQĀʾ MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD AL-DIYĀʾ AL-QURASHĪ AL-ŠĀGHĀNĪ (d. 854/1450). A fine copy written in the 10th/16th century.

Muḥammad Šādiq Muḥammad Ḥusayn Hādī ʿl-Šadr

Ḥayy al-Quḍāt, Al-Dāʾūdī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 248.

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are on Shīʿī (Imāmī) *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *adʿīya*, *ziyārāt*, language and literature. They were mostly copied during and after the 11th/17th century. The oldest is dated 780 [1378]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Kashf al-Āyāt*, by MUḤAMMAD RIḌĀ IBN ʿABD AL-ḤUSAYN AL-NUṢAYRĪ AL-ṬŪSĪ (*fl.* 1067/1657), fine copy written by MUḤAMMAD RIḌĀ IBN DARWĪSH MUḤAMMAD in 1089 [1678].
- 2) *Sharḥ al-Ghāya al-quṣwā fī dirāsāt al-fatwā*, by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN GHĀNIM AL-FARAGHĀNĪ AL-SHĀFĪʿĪ (d. 743/1343), together with *Al-Ghāya al-quṣwā* by NĀŠIR AL-DĪN AL-BAYḌĀWĪ (d. 685/1286) (an abridgement of *Al-Wasīṭ al-Muḥīṭ bi-Aqṭār al-Basīṭ* by AL-GHAZĀLĪ). A fine 9th/15th century copy. It has a seal of *tamalluk* (ownership) dated 921 [1515].

Unpublished catalogue:

The owner of the library has prepared a catalogue giving the title, author, scribe and date of copying.

Ḥasan al-Šadr Public Library (Maktabat Ḥasan al-Šadr al-ʿĀmma)

Al-Kāzīmīya

Status: Under the administration of the Ministry of the Awqāf and Religious Affairs.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 344 (333 Arabic; 11 Persian).

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are of the 10th/16th century, with the subjects varying between Shīʿī law, biographical dictionaries, literature and language. The oldest is dated 648 [1250].

Important MSS include:

- 1) *Alhān al-sawāji^ʿ bayn al-badī^ʿ wa-'l-marāji^ʿ*, by SALĀḤ AL-DĪN KHALĪL IBN AYBAK AL-SAFADĪ (d. 764/1363). A compilation of his correspondence with his contemporaries, arranged in alphabetical order. A fine copy written in 831 [1427].
- 2) *Ma^ʿālim al-^ʿUlamā^ʿ*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿALĪ SHAHRĀSHŪB AL-SARAWĪ (d. 588/1192). A biographical dictionary, copied in 688 [1287].

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN ʿALĪ MAḤFŪZ, pp. 238 – 242.

ʿAlī Ibn al-Ḥusayn al-Hāshimī

Al-Kazimīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 36.

Description of collection: The MSS include works of *fiqh* and literature and biographical dictionaries. Most were written after the 11th/17th century, the earliest in 916 [1510]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Azhār^ʿ al-afkār fī jawāhir al-ahjār*, by SHAMS AL-DĪN AḤMAD IBN YŪSUF AL-TIFĀSHĪ (d. 651/1253). The MS. was commissioned by ʿIMĀD AL-DĪN YAḤYĀ IBN ʿABD AL-RAZZĀQ IBN IBRĀHĪM in 916 [1510].
- 2) *Muqtaḍab al-athar fī ʿadad al-A^ʿimma al-Ithnā ʿAshar*, by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABBĀS AL-JAWHARĪ (d. 410/1011), copied by ʿALĪ IBN AL-ḤUSAYN AL-HĀSHIMĪ (d. 1345/1926).

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN ʿALĪ MAḤFŪZ, pp. 253 – 255.

Maḥmūd Nadīm Ismāʿīl al-Muḥāmī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 40.

Description of collection: The collection belonged to the family of the late MAḤMŪD NADĪM ISMĀʿĪL AL-MUḤĀMĪ, then passed to his son

SA^{CD}. The majority of the MSS in the collection are on *taṣawwuf*, *fiqh* and logic and date from the 7th century and later. The oldest is dated 660 [1261]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Maljaʿ al-quḍāt ʿinda taʿāruḍ al-bayyināt*, by ABŪ MUḤAMMAD GHĀNIM IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-BAGHDĀDĪ (d. 1030/1621). A fine copy with marginal notes and commentaries written in 1033 [1623].
- 2) *Ihyāʿ ʿulūm al-Dīn*, by ABŪ ḤĀMID AL-GHAZĀLĪ (d. 505/1111). A precious copy written in 660 [1261].

ʿAzīz al-ʿAlī al-ʿIzzī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 12.

Description of collection: The MSS are part of Al-ʿIzzī's library, which also contains valuable printed books. Most of the MSS are on *fiqh* and *uṣūl al-fiqh*. The oldest was written in 904 [1498]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Muntakhab min Miṣṭāḥ al-saʿāda*, by ʿUMAR IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD AL-ḤANBALĪ, and *Miṣṭāḥ al-Saʿāda*, by IBN QAYYIM AL-JAWZĪYA (d. 751/1350). A valuable manuscript copied in 860 [1455] from an autograph.
- 2) *Sharḥ Muqaddimat AL-SAMARQANDĪ fī 'l-ṣalā*, by MUṢṬAFĀ IBN ZAKARĪYĀ AL-QIRMĀNĪ (d. 809/1406). A fine copy written by ʿALĪ IBN AḤMAD AL-DIMYĀṬĪ in 904 [1498].

Published catalogue:

1972. Makḥṭūṭāt al-khizāna al-ʿIzzīya fī Baghdād. By ʿAzīz al-ʿAlī al-ʿIzzī. *Al-Mawrid* 1 iii–iv, 1972, pp. 205–210.

Jāmiʿat Baghdād: Kulliyat al-Tarbīya (Baghdad University Faculty of Education)

Status: Academic library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 14.

Description of collection: The MSS were part of the library of Kulliyat al-Banāt (Women's College) before being transferred to the library of Kulliyat al-Tarbīya. The majority of the manuscripts are on Arabic literature. Notable items include:

- 1) *Ma'āhid al-tanšīṣ 'alá shawāhid al-Talkhīṣ*, by 'ABD AL-RAHĪM IBN 'ABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-'ABBĀSĪ (d. 963/1555). A commentary on the poems in *Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ*, by AL-QAZWĪNĪ. A fine copy, made from the author's own copy.
- 2) *Al-Mathal al-sā'ir fī adab al-kātib wa-'l-shā'ir*, by NAṢR ALLĀH MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-ATHĪR AL-JAZARĪ (d. 637/1239). Transcribed in a good *naskh* hand in 1142 [1729].

Published catalogue:

1973. Fihrist waṣfī li-makḥṭūṭāt maktabat Kullīyat al-Banāt—Jāmi'at Baghdād. By RAZZŪQ FARAJ RAZZŪQ. *Al-Mawrid* 2 i, 1973, pp. 149–153.

Detailed descriptions of 13 MSS.

Jāmi'at Baghdād: Kullīyat al-Ṭibb (Baghdad University Faculty of Medicine)

Status: Academic library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 24 (23 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS were collected by means of purchase or donation. The majority are on medicine. Important items include:

- 1) *Tadhkirat ūlī 'l-albāb wa-'l-jāmi' li-l-'ajab al-'ujāb*, by DĀ'UD IBN 'UMAR AL-ANṬĀKĪ AL-BAṢĪR (d. 1008/1600), 12th/18th-century copy.
- 2) *Al-Mughnī fī sharḥ al-Mūjaz fī 'l-ṭibb*, by SADĪD AL-DĪN AL-KĀZARŪNĪ (d. 745/1344) and *Al-Mūjaz*, by IBN AL-NAFĪS (which is an abridgement of *Al-Qānūn* by IBN SĪNĀ). A fine copy dating from the 10th/16th century.

Published catalogue:

1970. *Fihris al-makḥṭūṭāt al-mawjūda fī maktabat Kullīyat al-Ṭibb*. By KŪRKĪS 'AWWĀD. Baghdad: Idārat al-Maktaba. 16pp.

Catalogue of the 23 Arabic MSS.

Jāmi'at Baghdad: Maktabat al-Dīrāsāt al-'Ulyā (Baghdad University: Higher Studies Library)

(see Vol. II, pp. 10–12)

Published catalogues:

1973. Delete catalogue by RAZZŪQ on p. 11.

See **Jāmiʿat Baghdād: Kulliyat al-Tarbīya** above.

Dr Jamīl al-Malāʾika

Al-Majmaʿ al-ʿilmī al-ʿIrāqī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 23.

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are on literature and language. Some are *majmūʿ*, containing numerous *rasāʾil*. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Zubda fī sharḥ al-Burda*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD AL-QURASHĪ, known as IBN AL-GHAZZĪ (d. 984/1576). A fine copy, part of a *majmūʿa* written by AḤMAD AL-BIQAʿĪ in 1035 [1625].
- 2) *Kitāb fī Khawāṣṣ al-aḥjār wa-ʾl-maʿādīn wa-ghayrihā min al-mawādd al-ṭabīʿīya*, anonymous. A fine copy dating from the 13th/19th century.

Al-Qāḍī Muḥammad Ḥasan Kashkūl

Al-Dāʾūdī, al-Karkh

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 7.

Description of collection: An inherited collection. Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Al-Amālī*, by ABŪ ʾL-SAʿĀDĀT HIBAT ALLĀH IBN ʿALĪ IBN ʿABD ALLĀH AL-SHAJARĪ (d. 542/1148). A valuable copy dated 540 [1145]. Volume two only.
- 2) *Sharḥ al-alfīya fī ʾl-Ḥadīth*, by JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-SUYŪṬĪ (d. 911/1505), and *Al-alfīya*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN ʿABD AL-RAḤĪM AL-ʿIRĀQĪ (d. 806/1403). A fine copy from the 11th/17th century with a *tamalluk* (ownership) seal dated 1071 [1660].

ʿAbd al-Razzāq Ibn Muḥammad al-Kāzimī

Al-Kāzimīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 29.

Description of collection: Most of this collection relates to Shī'ī (Imāmī) *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, and Arabic language sciences. Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Al-Jawāhir al-ghawālī fī sharḥ 'Awālī 'l-la'ālī*, by Al-Sayyid Ni^ḥMAT ALLĀH AL-JAZĀ^ḥIRĪ (d. after 1112/1700), with *'Awālī 'l-la'ālī*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN 'ALĪ IBN ABĪ JUMHŪR AL-AḤSĀ^ḥĪ; *tamalluk* (ownership) seal dated 1231 [1815].
- 2) *Madhāhib al-Qurrā' al-Sab'a*, by ABŪ 'AMR IBN SA^ḥID IBN 'UTHMĀN AL-DĀNĪ (d. 444/1052).

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN 'ALĪ MAḤFŪZ, pp. 242 – 244.

Muḥammad Riḍā ibn Muḥammad 'Alī al-Khālīshī

Al-Kazimīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5.

Description of collection: Two notable items are:

- 1) *Diwān Ibn Lu^ḥlu^ḥa al-Dhahabī*, by BADR AL-DĪN YŪSUF IBN LU^ḥLU^ḥA AL-DHAHABĪ (d. 680/1281).
- 2) *Al-Istighātha*, by AL-SHARĪF ABŪ 'L-QĀSIM 'ALĪ IBN AḤMAD AL-KŪFĪ (d. 352/963).

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN 'ALĪ MAḤFŪZ, p. 250.

Ibrāhīm al-Khayyāt

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 44 (43 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: These MSS are part of a collection of mainly printed material. The majority of the MSS are on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, history, sects, *rudūd* (refutations) and Arabic literature. Notable items include:

- 1) *Simṭ al-nujūm al-ʿawālī fī anḃāʾ al-awwāl wa-ʾl-tawālī*, by ʿABD AL-MALIK IBN ḤUSAYN IBN ʿABD AL-MALIK AL-ʿIṢĀMĪ (d. 1111/1699). A fine copy in two volumes. The first volume was copied by MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD IBN SALMĀN AL-BAṢRĪ in 1115 [1703], and the second by ISMĀʿĪL IBN ʿALĪ AL-ʿABBĀSĪ in 1223 [1817].
- 2) *Rawḍ al-jinān fī sharḥ al-adhhān*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN IBN ʿALĪ IBN AḤMAD AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 966/1558). Written by the author in 949 [1542].

Published catalogue:

1974. Makḥṭūṭāt khizānat al-shāʿir Ibrāhīm Aḥmad al-Khayyāṭ fī Baghdād. By ḤIKMAT RAḤMĀNĪ. *Al-Mawrid* 3 i, 1974, pp. 267–276. Detailed descriptions of 32 MSS.

Al-Khullānī Public Library (Maktabat al-Khullānī al-ʿĀmma)

(see Vol. II, pp. 13–14)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 408–409.

Kulliyat Baghdad (Baghdad College)

Al-Ṣulaykh

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (17 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: The texts relate to *fiqh*, language, medicine and Christianity. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Qānūn fī ʾl-ṭibb*, by IBN SĪNĀ, a valuable copy with useful commentary dated 1045 [1635]. There are differences between this text and those edited and published in Europe and Egypt. A *muqābala* dated 1067 [1656], states that the copy was compared (*qūbilat*) with a copy dated 540 [1145], which was in turn checked against the author's copy. The manuscript is in 2 volumes, containing books three, four and five.
- 2) *Al-Taṣrīḥ bi-maḍmūn al-tawḏīḥ*, by KHĀLID IBN ʿABD ALLĀH AL-AZHARĪ (d. 905/1499), a commentary on *Awḍaḥ al-masālik ilā*

Alfiyat IBN MĀLIK. A fine copy in Maghribī script dated 909 [1581], comprising volume two.

Published catalogue:

1975. Al-āthār al-khaṭṭīya fī maktabat Kullīyat Baghdād. By ʿIMĀD ʿABD AL-SALĀM RAʿŪF. *Bayn al-Nahrayn* 3, 1975, pp. 73–80.

Extensive descriptions of 10 MSS.

Al-Majmaʿ al-ʿIlmī al-ʿIrāqī (Iraqi Academy of Sciences)

(see Vol. II, pp. 14–15)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 408–409.

Dr Muḥammad Makkiya

Al-Jadirīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 25.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *taṣawwuf*, and language. Important items include:

- 1) *Sharḥ al-Ḥikam al-ʿAṭāʿīya*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN IBRĀHĪM IBN ʿABBĀD AL-NIFZĪ (d. 792/1389) copied in 1015 [1606].
- 2) *Muʿīn al-ḥukkām fīmā yataraddad bayn al-khaṣmayn min al-aḥkām*, by ʿALĀʾ AL-DĪN ʿALĪ IBN KHALĪL AL-ṬARĀBULSĪ (d. 844/1440) copied in 994 [1585].

Unpublished catalogue:

1968. See Union catalogue by MŪSAWĪ.

Dr Ṭāhā Muḥsin

Wizārat al-Tarbīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 70 (66 Arabic; 1 Persian; 3 Turkish).

Description of collection: These MSS were acquired by the owner by

way of exchange and purchase. The majority of the texts are on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, and language sciences. The oldest was written in 723 [1323]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Najm al-wahhāj fi Sharḥ al-Minhāj* of AL-NAWAWĪ, by KAMĀL AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD AL-DAMĪRĪ (d. 808/1405). A fine copy written by MUḤAMMAD AL-BILSĪ in 871 [1466] and including the third volume.
- 2) *Sharḥ al-Shāfiya fi 'l-ṣarf*, by AḤMAD IBN AL-ḤASAN AL-JĀRABARDĪ (d. 746/1345). A valuable copy written during the author's lifetime in 723 [1323] with a *muqābala* dated 771 [1369].

Published catalogue:

1982. *Fihris makhtūṭāt maktabat Ṭāhā Muḥsin*. By ṬĀHA MUḤSIN. *Al-Mawrid* 11 iv, 1982, pp. 131–135.

Detailed catalogue of 34 MSS.

Qādirīya Library (Al-Maktaba al-Qādirīya)

(see Vol. II, pp. 17–18)

Description of collection: The library also holds the contents of the following former public and private libraries: Jāmi^c al-Faḍl, Jāmi^c Khidr-Bek, Al-Madrasa al-Khālūnīya, Al-Sayyid YŪSUF AL-^cAṬĀ, ^cABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-GĪLĀNĪ.

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, p. 407.

Muḥammad Maḥmūd al-Qisṭaynī

Al-Ḥārithīya, al-Karkh

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (bound in one volume).

Description of collection: The three MSS were written by JAMĀL AL-DĪN ^cABD ALLĀH IBN AL-ḤUSAYN IBN MAR^cĪ AL-SUWAYDĪ AL-BAGHDĀDĪ (d. 1174/1761). They are:

- 1) *Rashf al-ḍarab: sharḥ Lāmīyat al-^cArab* of AL-SHANFARĀ; 2) *Al-Maqāmāt*; 3) *Al-Nafḥa al-miskīya fi 'l Riḥla al-Makkīya*.

They were copied in 1164 [1750] by ʿALĪ IBN ʿABD ALLĀH, with a note stating that the manuscripts were compared with the original and corrected. Bound in the same volume is some of the author's correspondence, together with a humorous essay (*risāla fukāhīya*).

Published catalogue:

1962. *Tārīkh al-adab al-ʿArabī fī 'l-ʿIrāq*. 2. By ʿABBĀS AL-ʿAZZĀWĪ. Baghdad, 1962/1382, pp. 210–211.

Describes the contents of the *majmūʿa*, with quotations.

Al-Rahbāniya al-Kaldāniya

(see Vol. II, pp. 18–19)

Dayr Mār Anṭūnyūs, al-Dūra

Total number of Islamic MSS: 199 (196 Arabic; 3 Persian).

Description of collection: Manuscripts from Dayr al-Rabbān Hurmuzd near Mosul and Dayr al-Kaldān in Baghdad, together with other collections, were transferred here. Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Al-Maʿūna fī dafʿ al-hamm*, by MĀR ILYĀ, Archbishop of Niššībīn (d. 1056), copied in Arabic by ILYĀS JIRJĪS in 1864.
- 2) *Infākhāb al-iqtidāb al-majmūʿ ʿalā ṭarīq al-masʿala wa-'l-jawāb*, by ABŪ NAṢR SAʿĪD AL-MUTAṬABBIB (d. ca. 590/1194). A book on the organs of the human body, illnesses, symptoms, treatment and medicines.

Dr ʿImād ʿAbd al-Salām Raʿūf

Al-Ghazāliya

Tel.: 5120761

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 50 (46 Arabic; 1 Persian; 3 Turkish).

Description of collection: The collection deals with different subjects but Arabic language and related sciences predominate. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Durar al-manzūma wa-'l-ṣuwar al-makhtūma*, by KHALĪL IBN ʿALĪ IBN ISMĀʿĪL AL-BAṢĪR AL-MAWṢILĪ (d. 1176/1762), a poetic epistle which cites 300 Qurʾanic passages.

- 2) *Tarīb al-ʿulūm*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ABĪ BAKR AL-MARʿASHĪ SĀJĀQLĪ-ZĀDAH (d. 1150/1737), written in 1191 [1777].

Unpublished catalogue:

Dr ʿIMĀD ʿABD AL-SALĀM has compiled a catalogue which is ready to go to press.

Muḥammad Saʿīd al-Rāwī

Shāriʿ Filastīn, Al-Ruṣāfa

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 188.

Description of collection: Owned by the late Shaykh MUḤAMMAD SAʿĪD IBN ABD AL-GHANĪ AL-RĀWĪ AL-BAGHDĀDĪ (d. 1936), and inherited by his descendants. The texts deal with all Arab and Islamic sciences, including especially Qurʾanic sciences, *Hadīth*, *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, logic, language and literature. The oldest MS. goes back to the 9th/15th century. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Ghayth al-hāmī ʿalā Sharḥ Qaṭr al-Nadā* of AL-ʿIṢĀMĪ, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN ʿABD ALLĀH AL-SUWAYDĪ (d. 1200/1785), written during the life of the author in 1183 [1769].
- 2) *Majmūʿat Rasāʾil*, consisting of 9 *risālas* (epistles) by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN ʿALĪ IBN AL-JAWZĪ (d. 597/1200), copied by MUḤAMMAD SAʿĪD IBN ʿABD AL-GHANĪ AL-RĀWĪ.

Unpublished catalogue:

ʿIMĀD ʿABD AL-SALĀM RAʾŪF has compiled a descriptive catalogue giving the title, author, *incipit* and *explicit*, scribe, date of copying and dimensions. This 400-page catalogue awaits publication.

Saddam Manuscripts Library (Dār Ṣaddām li-l-Makhṭūṭāt)

(see Vol. II, pp. 19–25)

Description of collection: The library's holdings include the following former private collections (in addition to those mentioned on p. 20 of Vol. II):

- ʿALĪ AL-KHĀQĀNĪ (350 MSS)
 MUḤAMMAD ḤASAN ĀL YĀSĪN
 (99 MSS)
 AḤMAD NĪYĀZĪ (434 MSS)
 YŪSUF MASKŪNĪ (61 MSS)
 ʿUBAYD AL-ʾUTRŪSHĪ (224
 MSS), Mosul
 RAʿUF AL-NAQĪB (199 MSS),
 Kirkūk
 ʿABD ALLĀH AL-SINAWĪ (224
 MSS)
 ʿIZZ AL-DĪN MUṢṬAFĀ ṢAFWAT
 (56 MSS)
 ʿIZZ AL-DĪN AL-JAZĀʾIRĪ (241
 MSS), Najaf
 MUṢṬAFĀ JAWĀD (19 MSS)
 ʿABD AL-RAZZĀQ AL-ĀLŪSĪ (386
 MSS)
 Maktabat al-Nāʾib wa-'l-
 Naqshabandī (518 MSS)
 KŪRKĪS ʿAWWĀD (36 MSS)
 SALMĀN HĀDĪ AL-TŪMA (138
 MSS), Karbalāʾ
 DĪYĀʾ SHIKĀRA (93 MSS), al-
 ʿAmāra
 ʿABD AL-MUṬṬALIB ʿABD AL-
 GHANĪ AL-NAQĪB (78 MSS),
 Mosul
 NŪRĪ FAYD ALLĀH AL-NAQĪB
 (20 MSS), Mosul
 MUḤAMMAD MUṢṬAFĀ SAʿĪD
 (1,592 MSS), Kirkūk
 KHALĪL AL-WARD (84 MSS)
 MASʿŪD MUḤAMMAD (287
 MSS), Irbil
 MUḤAMMAD ḤASAN AL-
 ṬABĀṬABĀʾĪ (147 MSS),
 Karbalāʾ
 SAʿĪD AL-DĪWAH-CHĪ (258
 MSS), Mosul
 ʿAZĪZ ʿABD ALLĀH AL-ḤASSŪ
 (10 MSS), Mosul
 SAYYID MAHDĪ AL-KHIRSĀN
 (195 MSS), Najaf
 MUṢṬAFĀ MUḤAMMAD ṢĀLIḤ
 AL-SUHRAWARDĪ (173 MSS)
 KĀZĪM SHARĪF AL-QURASHĪ
 (173 MSS), Najaf
 MUḤAMMAD ḤUSAYN AL-ADĪB
 (221 MSS), Karbalāʾ
 ḤUSAYN ʿALĪ MAḤFŪZ (255
 MSS)
 MUḤAMMAD ʿALĪ MURTAḌĀ
 (174 MSS), Karbalāʾ
 MUḤAMMAD ṢĀLIḤ DĪYĀʾ (185
 MSS), Karbalāʾ
 MUḤAMMAD ṢĀDIQ AL-ṢADR
 (281 MSS), Najaf
 ḤAMDĪ ʿABD AL-MAJĪD AL-
 SALAFĪ (104 MSS), Duhuk
 MUḤAMMAD RASHĀD AL-MUFTĪ
 (423 MSS), Irbil
 ḤASAN ʿABD AL-AMĪR (127
 MSS), Karbalāʾ
 ʿABD AL-RAZZĀQ AL-FAKHRĪ
 (185 MSS), Mosul
 HĀSHIM MUḤAMMAD AL-
 KHAṬṬĀṬ (273 MSS)
 MAHDĪ MUḤAMMAD AL-
 ʿASKARĪ (258 MSS),
 Sāmarrāʾ
 HĀSHIM MUḤAMMAD AL-RAJAB
 (12 MSS)
 MASHKŪR MAHDĪ AL-ASADĪ (75
 MSS)
 ʿABD AL-MUNʿIM AL-MUṢARRIF
 (230 MSS)
 Al-Maktaba al-Ḥusaynīya
 (1,004 MSS), Najaf
 IBRĀHĪM ʿAṬṬĀRBĀSHĪ (32
 MSS)
 MUḤAMMAD AL-KHĀLISĪ (376
 MSS)

Published catalogues:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 406, 408 & 432 – 433.

1974. *Nuskahā²hā-yi 'IZZ AL-DĪN JAZĀ²IRĪ dar Najaf*. By [AḤMAD AL-ḤUSAYNĪ]. *Nuskahā²hā-yi Khaṭṭī* 7, 1353, pp. 715 – 719.

1983. *Fihrist-i nuskahā²hā-yi khaṭṭī-i Kitābkhānah-i Ḥusaynīyah-i Shūshṭarīhā (‘Irāq, Najaf)*. By ASAD ALLĀH ISMĀ‘ĪLĪYĀN and RIẒĀ USTĀDĪ. *Nuskahā²hā-yi Khaṭṭī* 11 – 12, 1362, pp. 787 – 879.

The contents of this library are now in the Saddam MSS Library.

Najīb al-Şā²igh

Niqābat al-Muḥāmīn

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 77 (76 Arabic; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: This collection was kept by the two brothers, SULAYMĀN AL-ŞĀ²IGH and MŪSĀ 'L-ŞĀ²IGH. After their deaths the collection passed into the hands of one of the family members, the lawyer NAJĪB AL-ŞĀ²IGH. The majority of the MSS cover *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, language, literature, medicine and Christianity. Notable items include:

- 1) *Mabāriq al-azhār fī sharḥ mashāriq al-anwār*, by ‘ABD AL-LAṬĪF IBN ‘ABD AL-‘AZĪZ, known as IBN MĀLIK (d. 801/1398). Copied in Mosul by JURJĪS IBN ḤUSAYN IBN ‘ABBĀS in 1108 [1696].
- 2) *Al-Iqtīdāb fī sharḥ Adab al-kuttāb*, by ‘ABD ALLĀH IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-SAYYID AL-BAṬALYAWSĪ (d. 521/1127). Copied by ‘UTHMĀN IBN MUŞṬAFĀ KARĀMA in 1142 [1729].

Published catalogue:

1983. *Fihris makhtūṭāt al-Muṭrān SULAYMĀN AL-ŞĀ²IGH wa-akhīhi MŪSĀ 'L-ŞĀ²IGH fī Baghdād*. By BUṬRUS ḤADDĀD. *Al-Mawrid* 12 i, 1983, pp. 135 – 151.

Systematic catalogue of all the MSS, with index of titles.

Kamāl al-Dīn al-Suhrawardī

Jāmi^c al-Suhrawardī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 156.

Description of collection: It has been handed down through the family of KAMĀL AL-DĪN AL-SUHRWARDĪ. The texts are mainly on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh* and language. The oldest MS. is dated 749 [1348]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Zahr al-rabī^c fī shawāhid al-badī^c*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABD ALLĀH IBN QURQMĀS (d. 883/1479). A fine copy, written by DARWĪSH IBN ʿALĪ IBN SHAMS AL-DĪN in 1110 [1698].
- 2) *Al-Tahdhīb li-dhihn al-labīb fī ʿl-fiqh al-Ḥanafī* by ṢADR AL-DĪN ʿALĪ IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN ABĪ ʿL-ʿIZZ AL-ḤANAFĪ. Copied by MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-ʿUMAR AL-RAMLĪ in 865 [1460].

ʿAbd al-Baqī al-Ṭayyār

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 60.

Description of collection: The MSS were inherited by Al-Ṭayyār family, but many were dispersed, and became part of other libraries. The majority of the collection is on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, language sciences and literature. Most of the MSS were copied during and after the 11th/17th century. Notable items include:

- 1) *Taysīr al-wuṣūl ilā jāmi^c al-uṣūl*, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN ʿALĪ IBN ABĪ ʿL-DAYBA^c AL-SHAYBĀNĪ AL-SHĀFIʿĪ (d. 944/1537), an abridgement of *Jāmi^c al-uṣūl li-aḥādīth al-Rasūl* of IBN AL-ATHĪR AL-JAZARĪ (d. 606/1209), completed in 916 [1510]. A fine copy dated 1017 [1608].
- 2) *Al-Ishāʿa li-ashrāṭ al-sāʿa*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABD AL-RASŪL AL-SHAHRAZŪRĪ AL-BARAZANJĪ (*fl.* 1076/1665). A precious copy written by the author in 1076 [1665].

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN ʿALĪ MAḤFŪZ, pp. 195–200.

ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Tikrītī

Al-Mashtal

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 32.

Description of collection: This collection is part of the late ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-TIKRĪTĪ's library. He was interested in the study of *amthāl* (proverbs) in Islamic/Arabic culture, and most of the MSS are on literature and language. Notable items include:

- 1) *Majmaʿ al-amthāl*, by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-NĪSĀBŪRĪ AL-MAYDĀNĪ (d. 518/1124), copied in Mosul 1263 [1846].
- 2) *Muḥāḍarāt al-abrār wa-musāmarāt al-akhyār*, by ʿALĪ AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿARABĪ AL-SHAYKH AL-AKBAR (d. 638/1200). A fine 10th/16th-century copy which has a *tamalluk* (ownership) seal dated 1009 [1600].

Yaḥyá Ismāʿil al-Ḥakīm

Ḥayy al-Quds, Madīnat Jamīla

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 98.

Description of collection: The MSS were inherited by the family of YAḤYÁ ʿL-ḤAKĪM. The collection includes works of calligraphy, painting, five *ijāzas* (licences) for known calligraphers and twelve other MSS. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Mughnī fī ʿl-ṭibb*, by SADĪD AL-DĪN AL-KĀZARŪNĪ (fl. 745/1344). A commentary on *Kitāb al-Mūjaz* by IBN AL-NAFĪS (d. 687/1288), which is in turn a commentary on *Kitāb al-Qānūn* by IBN SĪNĀ. A fine 10th/16th-century copy.
- 2) *Riyāḍ al-masāʿil fī taḥqīq al-aḥkām bi ʿl-dalāʿil*, by ʿALĪ IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ṬABĀṬABĀʿĪ AL-ḤĀʿIRĪ (d. 1231/1805). A multi-volume commentary on *Al-Mukhtaṣar al-nāfiʿ* of AL-MUḤAQQIQ AL-ḤILLĪ (d. 676/1277), copied in 1222 [1807].

BASRA

Jāmiʿat al-Baṣra: al-Maktaba al-Markazīya (Basra University Library)

(see Vol. II, pp. 28–29)

Description of collection: The library holds the former private collections of MUḤAMMAD AḤMAD AL-MUḤĀMĪ, HĀSHIM AL-ṬA^{CC}ĀN and ʿĀʿilat al-Majmūʿī.

Al-Maktaba al-Markaziya al-ʿĀmma (Central Public Library)

Maḥallat al-Sīf

Status: Public library, under the administration of the Baṣra governorate

Total number of Islamic MSS: 14.

Description of collection: The MSS are on language, astronomy and *fiqh*, including:

- 1) *Sharḥ al-Kāfiya*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-ḤASAN AL-ASTARĀBĀDĪ (d. 686/1287), and *Al-Kāfiya fī 'l-naḥw*, by IBN AL-ḤĀJIB (d. 646/1249). Written in 1114 [1702].
- 2) *Al-Bākūra al-janīya fī ʿamal al-āla al-jaybīya*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN YŪSUF AL-KHAYYĀṬ [d. after 1303/1886]. A fine contemporary copy.

Unpublished catalogue: ١٩٦٨

1968. See Union catalogue by MŪSAWĪ.

DIHŪK

Muḥsin Ibrāhīm Aḥmad

Maḥallat Nawrūz

Total number of Islamic MSS: 16 (15 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: Most MSS in this collection are on language and logic, dating from the 11th/17th century and later. Notable items include:

- 1) *Sharḥ al-mughnī fī 'l-naḥw*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABD AL-RAḤĪM IBN AL-ḤUSAYN AL-MĪLĀNĪ (d. 811/1408). A fine copy from the 12th/18th century.
- 2) *Tahdhīb al-manṭiq wa-'l-kalām*, by MASʿŪD IBN ʿUMAR AL-TAFTAẒĀNĪ (d. 792/1389), written in 1157 [1744].

AL-DĪWĀNĪYA**Waddāʿī al-Aṭīya**

Nāḥiyat al-Shāmīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 76.

Description of collection: The MSS are part of a valuable library containing important works on history and genealogy, which was established by the late al-Ḥājj WADDĀʿĪ AL-ʿAṬĪYA (d. 1328/1983). It is still owned by the family under the supervision of his son SHĀKIR AL-MUḤĀMĪ. The majority of the MSS are his own compositions or were copied by him. The collection was previously in Karbalāʿ. Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Ḥadīqat al-zawraʿ fī sīrat al-Wuzarāʿ*, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN ʿABD ALLĀH AL-SUWAYDĪ (d. 1200/1786), on the history of Baghdad and its governor Ḥasan Pasha and his son Aḥmad, copied by WADDĀʿĪ AL-ʿAṬĪYA in 1364 [1944].
- 2) *Tārīkh ansāb al-qabāʿil al-Furātīya wa-waqāʿihā*, by al-Ḥājj WADDĀʿĪ AL-ʿAṬĪYA, autograph in ten volumes:

Published catalogues:

1977. *Khazāʿin kutub Karbalāʿ al-ḥādīra*. By SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʿL-ṬUʿMA. 2nd ed. Najaf: Maṭbaʿat al-Qaḍāʿ, pp. 23–24.

1983. *Al-makḥṭūʿāt al-ʿArabīya fī khazāʿin Karbalāʿ*. By SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʿL-ṬUʿMA. *Majallat Maʿhad al-Makḥṭūʿāt al-ʿArabīya* 27, 1983. Khizānat al-Ḥājj WADDĀʿĪ AL-ʿAṬĪYA, p. 581.

Maktabat al-Gharrāwī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 160.

Description of collection: An inherited collection that originates from the family of KHALAF JĀSIM IBN KHALAF IBN MUḤAMMAD RIDĀ ʿL-GHARRĀWĪ. Most of the MSS are by him and in his own hand. The rest are by QĀSIMA AL-GHARRĀWĪ and IBRĀHĪM AL-GHARRĀWĪ. Notable items include:

- 1) *Izālat al-ghawāshī fī madārik al-hawāshī*, by MUḤAMMAD RIḌĀ 'L-GHARRĀWĪ and *Al-Hawāshī*, by MUḤAMMAD KĀZIM AL-YAZDĪ AL-NAJAFĪ, a collection of *fatwās*. The author completed it in 1330 [1911]. It was written by QĀSIM IBN MUḤAMMAD RIḌĀ 'L-GHARRĀWĪ.
- 2) *Hīrz al-amānī wa-wajh al-tahānī*, by QĀSIM IBN FĪRA IBN KHALAF IBN AḤMAD AL-RU'AYNĪ AL-ANDALUSĪ AL-SHĀṬIBĪ (d. 590/1194), a poem on the seven readings (of the Qur'ān), known as *Al-Shāṭibīya*. A precious gilded copy, written by MUḤAMMAD IBN MAḤMŪD AL-KIRMĀNĪ in 786 [1384].

AL-ḤILLA

Maktabat al-Imām al-Ṣādiq al-Āmma (Imam Ṣādiq Public Library)

Dā'irat Awqāf al-Ḥilla

Status: Public

Total number of Islamic MSS: 12.

Description of collection: Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Mukhtaṣar Ghūnyat al-mutamallī: sharḥ Munyat al-muṣallī*, by IBRĀHĪM IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN IBRĀHĪM AL-ḤALABĪ (d. 956/1549), and *Munyat al-muṣallī fī 'l-fiqh* by AL-KĀSHGHARĪ (d. 705/1306), written by 'ABD AL-QĀDIR IBN MULLĀ NĀṢIR in 1023 [1614].
- 2) *Al-Junna al-Wāqīya wa-'l-janna al-bāqīya*, by IBRĀHĪM IBN 'ALĪ IBN AL-ḤASAN AL-ĀMILĪ (d. 905/1500), an abridgement of the author's own *Al-Miṣbāḥ al-kabīr fī 'l-ad'īya wa-'l-awrād wa-'l-adhkār*. A fine copy from the 11th/17th century.

Maktabat al-Madrasa al-Kamāliya (Kamaliya College Library)

Al-Madrasa al-Kamāliya li-l-'Ulūm al-Dīniya

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 45.

Description of collection: The MSS were collected by the founder of the Madrasa, Al-Sayyid ḤAMAD KAMĀL AL-DĪN. Most are composed and written by him, and are on literature and language, including his *Al-Kamalīyāt*, (poems) in 6 volumes, and *'Uqūd al-Zabarjad fī qīmat al-kalimāt bi-hisāb Abjad*.

Aḥmad Muḥammad al-Muḥannā

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15.

Description of collection: An inherited collection of MSS, mostly on *fiqh* and language. The oldest was written in 876 [1471]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Najm al-wahhāj fī sharḥ al-minhāj* of AL-NAWAWĪ, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MŪSĀ IBN ʿALĪ AL-DAMĪRĪ (d. 808/1405). A valuable copy written by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN MĀLIK AL-SHĀFIʿĪ in 876 [1471].
- 2) *Ḥāshiyā ʿalā sharḥ al-Shamsīya fī ʿl-manṭiq*, by Al-Mawlā QARAH DĀʿŪD, written by ʿUTHMĀN IBN HĀRŪN in 959 [1551], with marginalia.

Razzāq ʿAzīz Muslim

Ḥayy al-Shuhadāʾ

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 14.

Description of collection: Notable MSS include:

- 1) *ʿUyūn al-ḥisāb*, by MUḤAMMAD BĀQIR IBN ZAYN AL-ʿĀBIDĪN AL-YAZDĪ (fl. 1031/1621). A fine unique copy from the 11th/17th century, with a *tamalluk* (ownership) seal dated 1099 [1687].
- 2) *Al-Fawāʾid al-dīyāʾīya*, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN AḤMAD AL-JĀMĪ (d. 898/1492), written by SULAYMĀN AL-ʿIRĀQĪ in 1088 [1677].

IRBIL**Muḥammad Rashād al-Muftī**

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 50 (49 Arabic; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: The MSS were collected by the late MUḤAMMAD RASHĀD AL-MUFTĪ together with a large collection of printed books. Most of them are on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, language, logic, medicine, etc. Some of the MSS go back to the 9th/15th century.

The oldest in the collection was written in 779 [1377]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Mishkāt al-maṣābīḥ*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABD ALLĀH AL-KHAṬĪB AL-ʿUMARĪ (d. after 737/1336), written by QĀSIM IBN ḤASAN AL-ḤUSAYNĪ in 1180 [1766].
- 2) *Ramz al-ḥaqāʾiq: sharḥ Kanz al-daqaʾiq* of AL-NASAFĪ, by BADR AL-DĪN MAḤMŪD IBN AḤMAD AL-ʿAYNĪ (d. 855/1451). A fine copy dating from the 10th/16th century, with a list of contents at the beginning.

KARBALĀʾ

Muḥsin Abū ʿl-Ḥabb

Dr Jalīl Abū ʿl-Ḥabb

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 11.

Description of collection: The collection is part of a library founded by Al-Shaykh MUḤSIN IBN MUḤAMMAD ABŪ ʿL-ḤABB (d. 1305/1887) and subsequently passed on to Dr ḌIYĀʾ AL-DĪN ABŪ ʿL-ḤABB. Notable items include:

- 1) *Dīwān al-Ḥāʾiriyāt*, by Al-Shaykh MUḤSIN IBN MUḤAMMAD ABŪ ʿL-ḤABB (d. 1305/1887) himself. A complete copy written by his son MUḤAMMAD ḤASAN (d. 1357/1938).
- 2) *Al-ʿAwāmil al-miʿa*, by ʿABD AL-QĀHIR IBN ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-JURJĀNĪ (d. 471/1078), written in 1244 [1828].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalāʾ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʿL-ṬUʿMA, pp. 16–17.

1983. Ditto, p. 569.

Muḥammad Saʿīd Āl Thābit

Qurb al-Ṣaḥn al-Ḥusaynī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 21 (13 Arabic; 8 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are part of a large library, and were collected by way of purchase and donation. The collection includes important historical MSS, literary texts and Arabic and Persian biographical dictionaries. Most were written after the 11th/17th century. Notable items include:

- 1) *Bihār al-anwār al-kāshif li-l-asrār*, by MUḤAMMAD BĀQIR MUḤAMMAD TAQĪ AL-MAJLISĪ (d. 1111/1699), written in 1081 [1670].
- 2) *Kashf al-ghumma fī maʿrifat al-Aʿimma*, by ʿALĪ IBN ʿĪSĀ IBN ABĪ ʿL-FATH AL-ARBALĪ (d. 692/1292). A fine copy written by AL-QĀSIM IBN ḤUSAYN AL-QAZWĪNĪ in 1271 [1854].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʿL-ṬUʿMA, pp. 20–21.

1983. Ditto, p. 578.

ʿAbd al-Razzāq Āl Ṭuʿma

Qurb al-Ṣaḥn al-Ḥusaynī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS in this family collection are on Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh*. Notable items include:

- 1) *Kāshif al-iʿjāz*, by MUḤAMMAD IBRĀHĪM IBN MUḤAMMAD KARĪM AL-HAMADĀNĪ AL-KARBALĀ³Ī, written in Karbalā³ in 1244 [1828].
- 2) *Al-Jawāhir al-zāhira wa-ʿl-fawākih al-muthmira*, by ḤUSAYN IBN AḤMAD IBN ISMĀʿĪL ḤASSŪN AL-BURĀQĪ (1332/1913).

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʿL-ṬUʿMA, pp. 24–25.

1983. Ditto, p. 580.

Aḥmad al-Sayyid Ṣāliḥ Āl Ṭu^ʿma

Maḥallat Bāb al-Ṭāq

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4.

Description of collection: The two important MSS are:

- 1) *Nukhbat al-Azharīya*, by MUḤAMMAD ^ʿALĪ IBN MUḤAMMAD ḤUSAYN AL-ḤUSAYNĪ AL-MAR^ʿASHĪ AL-SHAHRĀSTĀNĪ, written in 1327 [1909].
- 2) *Dīwān al-Uzurī*, by al-Shaykh KĀẒIM AL-UZURĪ (d. 1211/1796), a fine 13th/19th-century copy.

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā² Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬU^ʿMA, pp. 29–30.

1983. Ditto, p. 583.

Majīd Salmān [^ʿAbd] al-Wahhāb Āl Ṭu^ʿma

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 8.

Description of collection: Important MSS include:

- 1) *Dīwān al-^ʿUmarī*, by [^ʿABD AL-] BĀQĪ IBN SULAYMĀN IBN AḤMAD AL-FĀRŪQĪ AL-^ʿUMARĪ (d. 1278/1861), written by ^ʿABD ALLĀH THĀBIT AL-^ʿUMARĪ AL-MAWṢILĪ in 1270 [1853].
- 2) *Miṣṭāḥ al-falāḥ*, by BAHĀ² AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-ḤUSAYN AL-^ʿĀMILĪ (d. 1030/1620). A fine copy written by the author in 1025 [1616].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā² Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬU^ʿMA, pp. 19–20.

1983. Ditto, pp. 556–557.

Muḥammad Ḥusayn al-Aʿlamī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 136.

Description of collection: The library was established by MUḤAMMAD ḤUSAYN IBN SULAYMĀN AL-AʿLAMĪ AL-ḤĀʾIRĪ (d. 1394/1974). Most of the MSS are on Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *adʿiyya* and *ziyārāt*. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Ṭarāʾif fī maʿrifat madhāhib al-tawāʾif*, by RAḌĪ AL-DĪN ʿALĪ IBN MŪSĀ IBN ṬĀWŪS (d. 664/1265), written by ABŪ ʿL-MAKĀRIM IBN SHAYKH JUNAYD in 908 [1502].
- 2) *Hāshiyā ʿalā ʾl-Kashshāf ʿan ḥaqāʾiq al-tanzīl*, by ʿALĪ IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-SHARĪF AL-JURJĀNĪ (d. 816/1413), written in 904 [1498].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalāʾ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʾL-ṬUʿMA, p. 23.

1983. See Karbalāʾ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʾL-ṬUʿMA, p. 580.

Bādkūba Library

Madrasat Bādkūba, next to Ṭāq al-Dāmād

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 35 (30 Arabic; 5 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are part of a large library belonging to the Bādkūba religious college. Most are on Qurʾanic sciences, Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh*, *ʿilm al-Kalām* and logic. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Ṣāfi fī tafsīr al-Qurʾān al-Karīm*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MURTAḌĀ, known as MUḤSIN AL-KĀSHĪ (d. 1091/1680). A fine copy written by ISMĀʿĪL IBN MUḤAMMAD QĀSIM AL-GHŪRĪ in 1115 [1703], in two volumes.
- 2) *Majmaʿ al-fāʾida wa-ʾl-burhān*, by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ARDABĪLĪ (d. 993/1517). A commentary on *Irshād al-adhhān* on *fiqh* by IBN MUṬAHHAR AL-ḤILLĪ (d. 726/1325). A fine copy written in 1047 [1637], in three volumes.

Published catalogues:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, p. 438.

1983. See Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬU⁶MA, pp. 548–550.

Dār al-Makhṭūṭāt, Karbalā³ (Karbala³ Manuscripts Library)

(see Vol. II, pp. 32–33)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 434–437.

Aḥmad al-Ḥā³irī al-Māzandarānī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 35 (34 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are part of a library founded by ZAYN AL-⁶ĀBIDĪN AL-MĀZANDARĀNĪ AL-ḤĀ³IRĪ (d. 1309/1891), then inherited by his grandson Aḥmad. Most are on Imāmī (Shī⁶ī) *fiqh*. The majority were written after the 11th/17th century. The oldest is dated 1018/1609. Notable items include:

- 1) *Kanz al-⁶irfān fī fiqh al-Qur³ān*, by MIQDĀD IBN JALĀL AL-DĪN ⁶ABD ALLĀH AL-ḤILLĪ (d. 826/1422), written in 1018 [1609] with a *tamalluk* (ownership) seal dated 1286 [1869].
- 2) *Ghurar al-fawā'id wa-durar al-qalā'id*, by ⁶ALĪ IBN AL-ḤUSAYN AL-SHARĪF AL-MURTAḌĀ (d. 436/1044), written by MUḤAMMAD AL-NAJAF ĀBĀDĪ in 1286 [1869].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬU⁶MA, pp. 8–9.

1983. Ditto, p. 573.

Muḥsin al-Jalālī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 13 (12 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: The collection is part of a library inherited by the founder's family. Notable items include *Tamhūd al-qawā'id*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN IBN ʿALĪ AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 966/1558), written by MUḤAMMAD ʿALĪ IBN ISMĀʿĪL in 1232 [1816].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬUʿMA, pp. 15–16.

1983. Ditto, p. 559.

Muḥammad Hādī al-Khurāsānī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 25 (17 Arabic; 8 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are part of the Al-Khurāsānī family library, and are predominantly on literature, language and *ziyārat*. Most were written recently; the oldest is dated 1085 [1674]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Miftāḥ al-falāḥ*, by BAHĀ³ AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-ḤUSAYN IBN ʿABD AL-ṢAMAD AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 1030/1620). A fine copy from the 12th/18th century.
- 2) *Nahj al-ḥaqq wa-kashf al-ṣidq*, by AL-ḤASAN IBN YŪSUF AL-ḤILLĪ (d. 726/1325), a theological work copied by ZĀHID IBN SHAYKH YŪSUF in 1214 [1799].

Al-Maktaba al-Markazīya al-ʿĀmma (Central Public Library)

Date of establishment: 1944

Status: Public municipal library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3.

Description of collection: One of the MSS is a copy of *Madārik al-aḥkām fī sharḥ sharāʿi al-Islām*, by MUḤAMMAD ʿALĪ AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 1009/1600), written by ZAYN AL-ʿĀBIDĪN IBN JAMĀL AL-DĪN in 1082 [1671].

Mujāhidī College Library (Maktabat al-Madrasa al-Mujāhidīya)

Status: School library (under the administration of the *Awqāf* offices in Karbalā²)

Total number of Islamic MSS: 35 (34 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: Part of a large library of books on Imāmī (Shī^{ʿī}) *fiqh*, *kalām* and language. The oldest MS. in the collection was written in 973 [1565]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Kashf al-rība fī aḥkām al-ghība wa-'l-namīma*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN IBN ʿALĪ IBN AḤMAD AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 966/1558), written in 1083 [1672].
- 2) *Mughnī al-labīb ʿan kutub al-ʿarīb*, by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN YŪSUF IBN HISHĀM AL-ANṢĀRĪ (d. 761/1359). A valuable copy with illuminated frontispiece, written by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿABD AL-BĀQĪ in 973 [1565].

Jāsīm al-Naṣṣār

Ḍiyā² Muḥammad Ḥasan al-Naṣṣār

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (16 Arabic; 2 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are part of a personal library founded by JĀSĪM ḤASAN AL-NAṢṢĀR AL-AKHBĀRĪ AL-ḤĀ²IRĪ, control of which later passed to his grandson ḌIYĀ² AL-NAṢṢĀR. Most are on Imāmī (Shī^{ʿī}) *fiqh*. The oldest is dated 1132 [1719]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-uṣūl al-aṣṭiḥya wa-'l-qawāʿid al-Sharʿiyya*, by ʿABD ALLĀH IBN MUḤAMMAD RIDĀ SHUBBAR AL-ḤUSAYNĪ AL-KĀZĪMĪ (d. 1242/1826), a poem in 12,000 lines on the foundations of Islamic law. A fine illuminated copy, written by AḤMAD IBN QĀSIM in 1232 [1816].
- 2) *Al-Ḥaqāʿiq fī asrār al-dīn wa-makārim al-akhlāq*, by MUḤAMMAD MURTAḌĀ MUḤSIN AL-KĀSHĀNĪ (d. 1091/1680), completed in 1090 [1679] and copied by ISMĀʿĪL IBN ʿALĪ AL-JĪLĀNĪ in 1132 [1719].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā² Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ʿL-ṬU^ʿMA, pp. 24–25.

1983. Ditto, pp. 562–563.

Ḥusayn Shams al-Dīn al-Qazwīnī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 51 (46 Arabic; 5 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS form part of an inherited library of books collected by IBRĀHĪM SHAMS AL-DĪN AL-QAZWĪNĪ, a Karbalā³ scholar. Most are on *‘ilm al-kalām*, logic and *fiqh*. The oldest was written in 762 [1360]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Miftāḥ al-ḥisāb*, by JAMSHĪD IBN MAS[‘]ŪD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-KĀSHĪ (d. 919/1513). A fine copy written by FARAJ ALLĀH AL-ḤUWAYZĪ in 1094 [1683].
- 2) *Zubdat al-bayān fī barāhīn aḥkām al-Qur’ān*, by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ARDABĪLĪ (d. 993/1585). A fine copy by ‘INĀYAT ALLĀH IBN SHARAF AL-DĪN ‘ALĪ in 995 [1586].

Published catalogue:

1973. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ ’L-ṬU[‘]MA, pp. 87–133.

Sayyid al-Shuhadā³ Public Library (Maktabat Sayyid al-Shuhadā³ al-‘Āmma)

Madrasat al-Mīlānī

Date of establishment: 1376/1956

Status: Public & college library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 98 (88 Arabic; 10 Persian).

Description of collection: The manuscripts were donated from public and private sources. Most of them are on Imāmī (Shī‘ī) *fiqh*, *ad‘iya*, *zīyārāt*, language and literature. They are of the 11th/17th century and later. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Bidāya fī ‘ilm al-dirāya*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN IBN ‘ALĪ AL-‘ĀMILĪ (d. 966/1558) written by MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD, 11th/17th century.
- 2) *Al-Kifāya fī ’l-nahw*, by ḌIYĀ³ AL-DĪN AL-MAKKĪ, a grammar book by a student of Al-Zamakhsharī. A fine copy with marginalia, written in 1115 [1703].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬU^ᶜMA, pp. 31–32.

1983. Ditto, p. 596.

Al-Ḥakīm al-Shahrastānī

Ḥayy al-Mu^ᶜallimīn

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 13.

Description of collection: A collection belonging to the family of ṢADR AL-DĪN MAHDĪ IBN KHALĪL AL-ḤAKĪM AL-SHAHRASTĀNĪ (d. 1318/1900). Most of the MSS are on Arabic and Islamic medicine and written after the 10th/16th century. The oldest is dated 717 [1317]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Mūjaz fī 'l-ṭibb*, by 'ALĪ IBN ABĪ 'L-ḤAZM IBN AL-NAFĪS (d. 687/1288). A fine copy from the 10th/16th century.
- 2) *Al-Tashrīḥ al-Masīḥī*, by 'ĪSĀ IBN YAḤYĀ 'L-MASĪḤĪ AL-JURJĀNĪ (d. 401/1010). A fine copy written by MAS'ŪD IBN MURTAḌĀ in 717.[1317].

Published catalogues:

1977. See Karbalā³ Union catalogue by SALMĀN HĀDĪ 'L-ṬU^ᶜMA, pp. 17–18.

1983. Ditto, pp. 557–558.

KIRKUK

Al-Maktaba al-Markazīya al-^ᶜĀmma (Central Public Library)

Status: Public

Total number of Islamic MSS: 43 (39 Arabic; 2 Persian; 2 Turkish).

Description of collection: The collection constitutes part of the Central Public Library of Al-Ta'mīm governorate, and is considered the oldest library in the city. The MSS were collected by means of purchase or donation. Most of them are on *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, language and literature. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Risāla al-Muḥammadīya*, by MEHMED YAZICIOĞLU (d. 855/1451), written in Turkish verse. A fine illuminated copy, written by ʿUMAR IBN ḤUSAYN IBN ʿALĪ.
- 2) *Sharḥ al-Shāfiya*, by KAMĀL AL-DĪN IBN MUʿĪN AL-DĪN and *Al-Shāfiya fī 'l-ṣarf*, by IBN AL-ḤĀJIB (d. 646/1248), written by IBRĀHĪM IBN YŪSUF AL-SHAYKHĀNĪ in 1229 [1813].

Mullā Majīd Quṭb

Qūrya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 21.

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are on *fiqh* and language. Most of them were written after the 12th/18th century. The oldest is dated 965 [1557]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Fawā'id al-Diyā'īya*, by ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN AL-JĀMĪ (d. 898/1492), written by ʿALĪ IBN ʿABD AL-FATTŪḤ AL-ŞAFFĀR in 1102 [1690].
- 2) *Tahrīr tanqīḥ al-lubāb fī 'l-fiqh*, by ABŪ YAḤYĀ ZAKARĪYĀ IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ANŞĀRĪ (d. 926/1519), copied by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤIYY AL-DĪN AL-ḤALABĪ in 965 [1557].

ʿAbd Allāh ʿAbd al-Qādir Sulaymān

Madrasat al-Jumhūrīya al-Ibtidā'īya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (3 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: One of the MSS is *Munyat al-Muṣallī*, by SADĪD AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-KĀSHGHARĪ (d. 705/1306), a fine copy with marginal notes.

ʿAṭā Tarzī Bāshī

Muḥāfazat al-Ta'mīm

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 44 (20 Arabic; 3 Persian; 21 Turkish).

Description of collection: An inherited collection. Most of the MSS are on literature, language, *fiqh* and biography, and were written after

the 11th/18th century. The oldest is dated 893 [1487]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Jāmiʿ al-anwār fī manāqib al-asrār*, by MÜRṬAZA EFENDİZADE (d. 1123/1720). A Turkish book, translated more than once into Arabic, containing the biographies of 184 saints. A valuable copy from the author's lifetime.
- 2) *Al-Miṣbāḥ fī 'l-naḥw*, by NĀṢİR AL-DĪN IBN ʿABD AL-SAYYID IBN ABĪ AL-MAKĀRİM AL-MUṬARRIZĪ (d. 610/1213). A fine copy from the 11th/17th century.

ʿAbd al-Azīz Ibrāhīm ʿUthmān

Masjid ʿAllāllaw, Sūq al-Qūrīya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5.

Description of collection: Two notable MSS are:

- 1) *Tashrīḥ al-aflāk*, by BAHĀʾ AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤASAN IBN ʿABD AL-ŞAMAD AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 1031/1622), written by ṬĀHĀ IBN ŞĀLIḤ SHAQLĀWĪ in 1214 [1799].
- 2) *Tuḥfat al-Sultān fī ṣ̣sharḥ al-Burhān fī 'l-mantiq*, by ISMĀʿİL IBN MUŞṬAFĀ 'L-KALANBAWĪ (d. 1205/1790), written by ʿABD AL-QĀDIR IBN AḤMAD KHAMAKĪ in two volumes.

MOSUL

Rāfiʿ Muḥammad Amīn

Maʿmal Simant Bādūsh

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 57 (53 Arabic; 1 Persian; 3 Turkish).

Description of collection: An inherited collection covering Qurʾanic sciences, *fiqh* and *ʿaqāʾid*. Most of the MSS were copied during the 12th/18th century. The oldest is dated 938 [1531]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Tārīkh al-Khulafāʾ*, by JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-SUYŪṬĪ (d. 911/1505), written in 993 [1585].
- 2) *Niṣāb al-iḥtisāb*, by ʿUMAR IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿUMAR AL-MAQDISĪ IBN ʿAWAḌ (d. 696/1297). A fine copy written in 1143 [1730].

Awqāf Library (Maktabat al-Awqāf al-ʿĀmma)

(see Vol. II, pp. 34–36)

Description of collection: The library's holdings include the following former public, mosque and *madrasa* collections:

Maktabat Ḥasan Bāshā al-Jalīlī	Jāmiʿ al-Nabī Jirjīs
Al-Madrasa al-Islāmiya	Madrasat Ḥusayn Bek
Madrasat al-ʿArākida	Madrasat ʿAbd Allāh Bek
(ʿArāqida)	Madrasat Ḥammū al-Qaddū
Maktabat al-Nabī Yūnus	Al-Madrasa al-Muḥammadiya
Maktabat Jāmiʿ Bāb al-Ṭūb	Madrasat al-Ṣāʿigh
Al-Jāmiʿ al-Kabīr	Al-Madrasa al-Nuʿmāniya
Maktabat al-Ḥajjīyat	Madrasat Bakr Afandī
Al-Madrasa al-Amīniya	Madrasat Maryam Khātūn
Jāmiʿ al-Khayyāt	Madrasat al-Yūnisiya
Al-Maktaba al-Aḥmadīya	Al-Madrasa al-Riḍwāniya
Al-Madrasa al-Rābiʿiya	Madrasat al-Ḥājī Zakar

Dayr Mār Bahnām

36 km. S. of Mosul

Status: Christian (Syrian Catholic) monastic library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 107 (Arabic; Persian; Kurdish; Turkish).

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS contain Christian religious texts, but others are on Arabic language and literature, medicine and astronomy. Notable items include:

- 1) *Tazyīn al-aswāq bi-tafḍīl aswāq al-ʿushshāq*, possibly by ABŪ BAKR MUḤAMMAD IBN ḤANĪFA AL-BAGHDĀDĪ AL-SARRĀJ (*fl.* 972/1564). A fine copy written by IBRĀHĪM IBN SULAYMAN AL-SHIBĪNĪ (?) in 1076 [1664].
- 2) *Wiqāyat al-riwāya fī masāʾil al-hidāya*, by MAḤMŪD IBN ʿUBAYD ALLĀH BURHĀN AL-SHARĪʿA (d. ca. 673/1274). A fine copy written by MUṢṬAFĀ IBN MİLḤ AL-DĪN IBN BURQĀN in 852 [1448].

Published catalogue:

1976. Al-makhtūṭāt al-ʿArabiya fī Dayr Mār Bahnām. By SUHAYL QĀSHĀ. *Al-Mawrid* 5 iv, 1976, pp. 223–236.

Jāmi'at al-Mawṣil: al-Maktaba al-Markaziya (Mosul University Library)

Status: University library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 68 (60 Arabic; 1 Kurdish; 3 Persian; 4 Turkish).

Description of collection: The MSS were acquired by donation or purchase and cover various branches of Islamic and Arabic knowledge and sciences. They are mostly of the 11th/17th century and later. The oldest is dated 860 [1455]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Mufradāt fī 'ilm al-qirā'āt*, possible by 'ABD AL-BĀRĪ IBN 'ABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN 'ABD AL-KARĪM AL-ṢA'ĪDĪ (d. 650/1252), written by FATH ALLĀH AL-MAWṢILĪ in 1141 [1728].
- 2) *Sharḥ al-'aqā'id al-Nasafīya*, by MAS'ŪD IBN 'UMAR AL-TAFTĀZĀNĪ (d. 791/1388), written in 860 [1455].

'Abd al-Jabbār Ḥasan al-Jubūrī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15.

Description of collection: An inherited collection, the contents of which are mainly on Ḥanafī, *fiqh* and language. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Īnṣāf fī ma'rīfat al-rājiḥ min al-khilāf fī 'l-fiqh al-Ḥanbalī*, by 'ALĀ' AL-DĪN 'ALĪ IBN SULAYMĀN IBN AḤMAD AL-MAQDISĪ (d. 885/1480). A fine copy written in 885 [1480].
- 2) *Ramz al-ḥaqā'iq: sharḥ Kanz al-daqa'iq* of Al-Nasafī, by MAḤMŪD IBN AḤMAD AL-'AYNĪ AL-'AYNTĀBĪ AL-ḤANAFĪ (d. 855/1451), copied in the 11th/17th century.

'Abd al-Wāḥid Majīd al-Ṣālīḥ

Dīwān al-Muḥāfaẓa

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 29.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are on Qur'anic studies, Arabic language and literature. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-'Uqūd al-mujawhara wa-'l-la'ālī' al-mubtakara*, by SULTĀN IBN NĀṢIR IBN AḤMAD AL-JUBŪRĪ AL-SHĀFĪ'Ī (d. 1138/1726), a

- commentary on *Al-Baqariya fī usūl al-qirāʾāt al-sabʿa*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN QĀSIM AL-BAQARĪ (d. 1111/1699). A fine copy from the end of the 12th/18th century.
- 2) *Al-Faraj baʿd al-shidda*, by MUḤASSIN IBN ʿALĪ AL-TANŪKHĪ (d. 384/994), dating from the 12th/18th century.

Nāzim al-ʿUmarī

Muʿāwiya Nāzim al-ʿUmarī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 27 (24 Arabic; 2 Persian; 1 Turkish).
Description of collection: An inherited collection of the ʿUmarī family, managed and enlarged by the late NĀZIM AL-ʿUMARĪ, then inherited by his son MUʿĀWIYA. Most of the MSS relate to literature, history and language. The majority were copied after the 12th/18th century. Notable items include:

- 1) *Majmūʿa* containing
 - a) *Sarḥ al-ʿuyūn fī sharḥ Risālat IBN ZAYDŪN*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN NUBĀTA AL-MIṢRĪ (d. 768/1366).
 - b) *Tamām al-mutūn fī sharḥ Risālat IBN ZAYDŪN*, by ṢALĀḤ AL-DĪN KHALĪL IBN AYBAK AL-ṢAFADĪ (d. 764/1362). The *majmūʿa* was written in 1270 [1853].
- 2) *Kitāb al-Bahja*, by ḤUSAYN IBN MANṢŪR AL-ḤALLĀJ. A fine recent copy.

NAJAF

Maktabat al-Ākhund al-Kubrā

Madrasat al-Ākhund al-Kubrā al-Dīniya

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 53 (48 Arabic; 5 Persian).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are on Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh*, language, logic and *kalām*. The majority were written recently. The oldest was written in 957 [1550]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Rawḍa al-bahīya: sharḥ al-Lumʿa al-Dimashqīya*, by ZAYN AL-DĪN IBN ʿALĪ AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 966/1558). Written by the author in 957 [1550].

- 2) *Kashf al-āyāt*, by MUḤAMMAD ʿALĪ AL-KARBALĀʿĪ. A valuable copy dated 1244 [1828].

Maktabat al-Ākhund al-Wuṣṭá

Madrasat al-Ākhund al-Wuṣṭá 'l-Ibtidāʿīya, Shāriʿ al-Imām al-Šādiq

Status: School library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 213 (204 Arabic; 9 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are part of a large library of donated books. The majority are on Imāmī *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, language, *kalām* and logic. Most were written after the 11th/17th century. The oldest is dated 748 [1347]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Muntakhab fi jamʿ al-marāthī wa-ʿl-khuṭab*, by FAKHR AL-DĪN IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿALĪ AL-ṬURAYḤĪ AL-NAJAFĪ (d. 1085/1674). A fine copy written by MUḤAMMAD ʿALĪ IBN MUḤAMMAD AMĪN in 1154 [1741].
- 2) *Miftāḥ al-karāma fi sharḥ qawāʿid al-ʿallāma*, by MUḤAMMAD JAWĀD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ḤUSAYNĪ AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 1226/1811), written by KḤALĪL IBN MUḤĀMILĪ ḤASAN in 1199 [1784], in 4 volumes.

Amīr al-Muʾminīn Library (Maktabat Amīr al-Muʾminīn)

(see Vol. II, pp. 38–39)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 409–419.

Muḥammad Šādiq Baḥr al-ʿUlūm

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 65.

Description of collection: The MSS are part of the family library of Āl Baḥr al-ʿUlūm. Most contain poetry and other literary texts. Notable items include:

- 1) *Makārim al-akhlāq*, by AL-ḤASAN IBN AL-FADL IBN AL-ḤASAN AL-ṬABARSĪ (548/1153). A fine copy written in 924 [1518].

- 2) *Risāla fī tafsīr gharīb al-Qurʿān*, an essay on *Kitāb Nuzhat al-qulūb fī tafsīr al-Qurʿān al-ʿAzīm* by ABŪ BAKR MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿAZĪZ AL-SIJISTĀNĪ, written in 1245 [1829].

Bayt al-Ḥikma Library (Maktabat Bayt al-Ḥikma)

(see Vol. II, pp. 39–40)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 429–431.

Al-Bukhārāʿī Library

Madrasat al-Bukhārāʿī al-Dīniya

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 59.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are on Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh*, language sciences and *kalām*. Notable items include:

- 1) *Jāmiʿ al-saʿādat*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ABĪ DHARR AL-NARĀQĪ AL-KĀSHĀNĪ (d. 1209/1794), copied by MUḤAMMAD AL-ḤASANĪ in 1298 [1880].
- 2) *Al-Ishārāt wa-ʿl-tanbīhāt fī ʿl-mantiq wa-ʿl-ḥikma*, by IBN SĪNĀ. A fine copy from the 10th/16th century, with marginal notes.

Al-Imām al-Ḥakīm Public Library (Maktabat al-Imām al-Ḥakīm al-ʿĀmma)

(see Vol. II, pp. 40–42)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, pp. 420–428.

Jāmiʿat al-Najaf al-Dīniya (Najaf Religious University)

(see Vol. II, p. 43)

Published catalogue:

1967. See Union catalogue by DĀNISHPAZHŪH, p. 433.

Ḥusayn al-Kalidār

Al-Rawḍa al-Ḥaydariya

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 87 (78 Arabic; 9 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS are on scientific and other subjects.

Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Kharāʾij wa-ʾl-Jarāʾij*, by SAʿĪD IBN HIBBAT ALLĀH AL-RĀWANDĪ (d. 573/1177), on the miracles of the Prophet and the Imāms. A fine copy written by IBRĀHĪM IBN ʿABD ALLĀH IBN IBRĀHĪM in 1230 [1814].
- 2) *Mashriq al-shamsayn wa-iksīr al-saʿādatayn*, by BAHĀʾ AL-DĪN MUḤAMMAD IBN AL-ḤASAN AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 1030/1620), on Qurʾān and Sunna. Written by DARWĪSH IBN ʿABD ALLĀH in 1087 [1676].

Al-Khalīlī Library

Madrasat al-Khalīlī al-Dīniya

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 80 (70 Arabic; 10 Persian).

Description of collection: The MSS contain Shīʿī and Arabic philological texts. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Bayān fī ʾl-fiqh al-Imāmī*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN MAKKĪ AL-ʿĀMILĪ (d. 786/1384). A fine copy written by DĀʾŪD IBN ʿABD AL-ḤUSAYN AL-JAZĀʾIRĪ in 983 [1575].
- 2) *Sharḥ Uṣūl al-kāfī* of AL-KULAYNĪ, by KHALĪL IBN AL-GHĀZĪ AL-FĀDIL AL-QAZWĪNĪ, written in 1078 [1667].

Al-Sharbyānī Library

Madrasat al-Sharbyānī al-Dīniya

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 30.

Description of collection: The MSS are on language sciences, Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh* and *tafsīr*. Most are from the 13th/19th century. The oldest was written in 957 [1550]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Anwār al-faṣāḥa wa-asrār al-balāgha*, by NIZĀM AL-DĪN ʿALĪ IBN AL-ḤASAN AL-JĪLĀNĪ called Ḥakīm al-Mulk (fl. 1053/1643), a

- commentary on *Nahj al-balāgha*. Written by ḤUSAYN IBN MUḤAMMAD ABŪ 'L-QĀSIM in 1269 [1852]; volume four only.
- 2) *Al-Shawāhid fi 'l-manāhij al-sulūkīya*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ṢADR AL-DĪN IBRĀHĪM AL-SHĪRĀZĪ (d. 1050/1640). A fine copy from the 12th/18th century.

‘Ammār Sumaysim

Near Al-Ṣaḥn al-Ḥaydarī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 17.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are by AḤMAD SUMAYSIM and in his own handwriting. Some are on language sciences, logic and Imāmī (Shī‘ī) *fiqh*. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-‘Urwa al-wuthqā fi aṣḥāb Ahl al-Kisā*, by ḤUSAYN IBN ISMĀ‘ĪL ZAYNĪ. A fine copy from the 11th/17th century, with marginal notes.
- 2) *Sharḥ Qaṭr al-nadā wa-ball al-ṣadā*, by ṢĀDIQ IBN ‘ALĪ IBN AL-ḤUSAYN IBN HISHĀM AL-ḤASANĪ. A fine copy from the 12th/18th century.

Muḥammad ‘Alī al-Ya‘qūbī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 20.

Description of collection: This collection was transferred after the death of its owner in 1965 to his son MŪSĀ 'L-YA‘QŪBĪ. Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Al-Lum‘a al-Muḥammadīya fi madḥ khayr al-barīya*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ‘ABD AL-ḤAMĪD IBN ‘ABD AL-QĀDIR AL-BAGHDĀDĪ (*fl.* 11th/17th century), a *badī‘īya* rhyming in *mīm*. Written in 1301 [1883].
- 2) *Dīwān al-Ghazzī*, by ABŪ ISḤĀQ IBRĀHĪM IBN YAḤYĀ 'L-GHAZZĪ (d. 524/1130), written in 1269 [1852].

Published catalogue:

1958. See Union catalogue by ḤUSAYN ‘ALĪ MAḤFŪZ, pp. 214–215.

Maktabat al-Yazdī al-Kubrā

Madrasat al-Yazdī al-Kubrā al-Dīnīya

Status: College library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 181 (166 Arabic; 15 Persian).

Description of collection: This well-known Najaf library, which is part of the Yazdī Religious College, contains some valuable MSS. The majority are on Imāmī (Shīʿī) *fiqh*, Qurʾanic sciences, logic and language. Most were copied after the 12th/18th century. The oldest was written in 916 [1510]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Muhadhdhab al-bārīʿ fī sharḥ al-Mukhtaṣar al-nāfiʿ*, by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ḤILLĪ (d. 841/1437), written by ʿABBĀS IBN FAḌL AL-ʿIBĀDĪ in 969 [1561].
- 2) *Al-Wajīz fī tafsīr al-Qurʾān*, by ʿALĪ IBN AḤMAD AL-WĀḤIDĪ AL-NĪSĀBŪRĪ (d. 468/1076), written by ʿALĪ IBN ṢĀLIH IBN MUḤAMMAD in 1020 [1611], in two volumes.

NASIRIYA

Shākir al-Gharbāwī al-Muḥāmī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 12.

Description of collection: Notable MSS include:

- 1) *Nihāyat al-wuṣūl ilā ʿilm al-uṣūl*, by AL-ḤASAN IBN YŪSUF AL-ʿALLĀMA AL-ḤILLĪ (d. 725/1325), written by AḤMAD IBN AWḤAD in Damascus.
- 2) *Hāshīya ʿalā sharḥ Hikmat al-ʿayn*, by MĪRZĀ JĀN ḤABĪB ALLĀH AL-SHĪRĀZĪ (d. 994/1585). A gloss on the commentary of AL-SAYYID AL-SHARĪF on *Hikmat al-ʿayn*, by AL-KĀTĪB AL-QAZWĪNĪ. A fine copy from the 11th/17th century.

Maktabat al-Imām al-Bāqir

Status: Public library, administered by the *Awqāf* offices of the Governorate of Dhī Qār.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are on *fiqh* and language. Notable items include:

- 1) *Man lā yaḥḍarahu 'l-faqīh*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ʿALĪ IBN AL-ḤUSAYN IBN BĀBĀWAYH AL-QUMMĪ (d. 331/942). A fine copy written by MUḤAMMAD AKBAR in 1102 [1690], comprising vols. 1 and 2.
- 2) *Majmaʿ al-baḥrayn wa-maṭlaʿ al-nahrayn*, by FAKHR AL-DĪN IBN MUḤAMMAD ʿALĪ IBN ṬURAYḤ AL-NAJAFĪ (d. 1085/1674). A fine copy from the 12th/18th century.

SĀMARRĀʾ

Maktabat al-Shaykh Aḥmad al-Rāwī

Al-Madrasa al-ʿIlmiya al-Dīniya

Total number of Islamic MSS: 35.

Description of collection: KAMĀL AḤMAD AL-RĀWĪ endowed by *waqf* all the MSS to this library, but they remained in his name. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Kāfiya fī 'l-naḥw*, by ʿUTHMAN IBN ʿUMAR IBN AL-ḤĀJIB (d. 646/1249). A fine copy written in 999 [1590].
- 2) *Ghunyat al-mutamallī: sharḥ Munyat al-muṣallī*, by IBRĀHĪM IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN IBRĀHĪM AL-ḤĀLABĪ AL-ḤANAFĪ (d. 906/1549), copied in the 12th/18th century.

Published catalogue:

1973. *Tārīkh Madīnat Sāmarrāʾ*. By YŪNIS IBRĀHĪM AL-SĀMARRĀʾĪ. Al-juzʾ al-thālīth. Baghdad, 1393/1973.

Makḥṭūṭāt Sāmarrāʾ: 1- Makḥṭūṭāt Maktabat al-Shaykh AḤMAD AL-RĀWĪ al-ʿĀmma, pp. 231–233. A cursory list, with many titles not properly identified.

Maktabat Sāmarrāʾ al-ʿĀmma (Sāmarrāʾ Public Library)

Date of establishment: 1956

Status: Public library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6.

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are on *fiqh* and they include:

- 1) *Kanz al-rāghibīn: sharḥ Minhāj al-ṭālibīn* of AL-NAWAWĪ, by JALĀL AL-DĪN AL-MAḤALLĪ (d. 864/1459). A fine copy written by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ʿAZZĀWĪ in 916 [1510].

- 2) *Al-Jāmi' al-ṣaghīr min ḥadīth al-Bashīr al-Nadhīr*, by Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī (d. 911/1505), written in 971 [1511].

Published catalogue:

1973. *Tārīkh Madīnat Sāmarrā'*. By YŪNIS IBRĀHĪM AL-SĀMARRĀ'Ī, Al-juz' al-thālith. Baghdad, 1393/1973.

Makhtūṭāt Madīnat Sāmarrā': 4- Makhtūṭāt Maktabat Sāmarrā' al-Āmma al-tābi'a li-Muḥāfazat Baghdād, p. 243. A cursory list, with some titles not properly identified.

AL-SAMĀWA

Maktabat al-Ḥusayn al-Āmma

Status: Public

Total number of Islamic MSS: 11.

Description of collection: The MSS are recent copies. Most of them are on Imāmī (Shī'ī) *fiqh*, but some are on medicine. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Iqbāl bi-ṣāliḥ al-ʿamal*, by ʿALĪ IBN MŪSĀ IBN JAʿFAR AL-ṬĀWŪS AL-ḤASANĪ (d. 664/1265), being volume three of *Al-tatimmāt wa-l-māhimmāt*, copied in 1346 [1927].
- 2) *Sharḥ al-asbāb wa-l-ʿalāmāt*, by NAFĪS IBN ʿAWĀḌ AL-KIRMĀNĪ (*fl.* 841/1438), and *Al-asbāb wa-l-ʿalāmāt fī l-ṭibb*, by AL-SAMARQANDĪ (d. 619/1222). A valuable copy from the 11th/17th century.

SULAYMANIYA

Awqāf Library (Maktabat al-Awqāf al-Āmma)

(see Vol. II, pp. 47–48)

Description of collection: The library's holdings include the following former private collections:

Al-Maktaba al-Bābāniya
Maktabat Bayyāra
Maktabat Ṭawīla
Maktabat Khūrmāl

Maktabat MULLĀ ʿABD AL-SALĀM
Maktabat Mullā JALĀL AL-MAḤAWĪ

TIKRĪT

Jāmi'at Tikrīt: al-Maktaba al-Markazīya (Tikrit University Library)

Date of establishment: 1991

Status: University library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 28.

Description of collection: The MSS were purchased. Most are on *fiqh* and language sciences. Notable items include:

- 1) *Al-Lu'lu' al-naẓīm fī rawm al-ta'allum wa-'l-ta'lim*, by ZAKARĪYĀ IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN AḤMAD AL-ANṢĀRĪ (d. 926/1520). A fine copy written in 1226 [1811].
- 2) *Al-'Aqā'id al-Nasafīya*, by NAJM AL-DĪN 'UMAR IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-NASAFĪ (d. 537/1142), written in 1226 [1811].

AL-ZUBAYR

Maktabat al-Zubayr al-Āmma (Zubayr Public Library)

Date of establishment: 1921

Status: Public library (subject to Jam'iyat al-Zubayr al-Ahlīya al-Āmma)

Total number of Islamic MSS: 25.

Description of collection: The MSS are on *fiqh*, language and related subjects. The oldest was written in 765 [1363]. Notable items include:

- 1) *Qabas al-anwār wa-jāmi' al-asār*, by YŪSUF IBN QŪRQAMĀZ AL-QADRŪMĪ (d. 807/1404), on *'ilm al-ḥurūf*. A fine copy from the 11th/17th century.
- 2) *Ḥilyat al-abrār wa-shi'ār al-akhyār fī talkhīṣ al-da'awāt wa-'l-adhkār*, by YAḤYĀ IBN SHARAF AL-NAWAWĪ (d. 676/1277). A fine copy, written in 765 [1363].

IRELAND

(corrigenda & addenda)

1994

CORK

Honner Collection

(see Vol. II, p. 53)

This collection, formerly in the Cork Royal Institution, passed from HONNER to FRANCIS HODDER, and was given to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; it is now deposited in Cambridge University Library (*q.v.* in the United Kingdom survey in Volume III). See

1988. A dictionary of Oriental collections in Cambridge University Library. By A. DALBY. *Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society* 9 iii, 1988, p. 265.

DUBLIN

Chester Beatty Library & Gallery of Oriental Art

(see Vol. II, pp. 53ⁱ–51)

Tel.: 353-1-2692386 & 2695187 Fax: 353-1-2830983

NB: The Irish Government is at present (March 1994) evaluating a request to relocate the Library in central Dublin.

Conditions of access: Open to readers Tuesday – Friday, 10.00 – 12.45 & 14.15 – 16.45; Saturday 14.15 – 16.45. Closed Sundays and Mondays; also Tuesdays following Bank Holidays. Intending researchers should check in advance, as arrangements for readers are liable to change in the near future.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,510 (3,118 Arabic; 298 Persian; 94 Turkish).

Description of collection: The Library is housed in three buildings: an Exhibition Gallery, the original Library building (also used for exhibitions), and a third building housing the administration, reference library and reading room.

The Chester Beatty Archive is currently being listed in detail and is stored in a dedicated room in the Library building.

Unpublished catalogue:

A pilot scheme is in hand to catalogue the Arabic MSS on computer. Descriptions will be to the same standards as in *Verzeichnis der Orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland* (see Vol. I, pp. 317–318). This will eventually replace the existing printed catalogues.

Trinity College Library

(see Vol. II, pp. 62–65)

Conditions of access: The manuscripts room is open Monday–Friday, 10.00–17.00 and Saturday, 10.00–13.00. The issue of MSS three at a time is not an invariable rule.

Description of collection: The present manuscripts areas in the 18th-century Library building were specially adapted for the storage and consultation of MSS in the early 1970s. They are constructed to the highest standards, and are fully air-conditioned. The Keeper of Manuscripts does not believe any of the MSS to be crumbling, nor in need of urgent treatment.

LIBYA

by

F.M. Shambesh

1992

PREFACE

In addition to the collections listed in the survey there are scores of *zāwīyas* in Libya containing collections which vary in size and value. Many may have been lost or damaged, but there remain collections which need to be recorded and catalogued. It is sad to note that the library of *Zāwīyat al-‘Ālim* in Al-Jabal al-Gharbī was destroyed in a fire. Many families who number among their ancestors a scholar or a scribe may have collections of MSS, even in small villages. Among these families may be mentioned the following: AḤMAD ḌIYĀ’ AL-DĪN AL-MUNTAṢIR; AL-FAQĪH AL-ḤASAN, al-Ḥuḍayrī (in Fezzan), al-Na‘ās, al-Bishtī, al-Ghimārī and al-Turjumān.

In the region of Al-Jabal al-Gharbī, there are *ca.* 3,000 MSS, most of them on *Ibādī fiqh*.

UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1967. *Makḥṭūṭāt al-mūsiqā ’l-‘Arabīya fī ’l-‘ālam*. (Al-ḥalqa al-thānīya:) *Makḥṭūṭāt aqṭār al-Maḡrib al-‘Arabī*. Ed. ZAKARIYĀ YŪSUF. Baghdad. 20pp.

On p. 19, are listed 5 MSS in Maktabat ‘Alī Muṣṭafā al-Miṣrātī and one in the Maktabat al-Awqāf in Tripoli.

1970. A description of new Ibadi manuscripts from North Africa. By A.K. ENNAMI. *Journal of Semitic Studies* 15, 1970, pp. 63–87.

Describes some private collections, and gives catalogue descriptions of some MSS. Mentions private collections in Jādū, Kābāw, and Ruḥaybat in the Jabal Nafusa region of Libya.

1974. Taqrīr ‘an mahammāt istiṭlā‘ al-makḥṭūṭāt fī ’l-Jumhūrīya al-‘Arabīya al-Lībīya. By MUḤAMMAD MURSĪ AL-KHŪLĪ. *Majallat Ma‘had al-Makḥṭūṭāt al-‘Arabīya* 20 i, 1974, pp. 181–189.

Includes lists of MSS in three collections in Libya.

1976. Taqrīr ‘an al-makḥṭūṭāt fī ’l-Jumhūrīya al-‘Arabīya al-Lībīya. *Al-Mawrid* 5 i, 1976, p. 75.

Briefly notes three important repositories of MSS in Libya.

1979. *Fihris al-makhtūṭāt al-ʿilmīya fī ʿl-Jamāhīriya al-ʿArabīya al-Lībīya al-Shaʿbīya al-Ishtirākīya* by ʿAMMĀR JUḤAYDAR. Tripoli: Markaz Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībīyīn.

Limited copies of this catalogue were produced on the occasion of the Second Seminar on the History of Arab Sciences, Aleppo, Syria, 1979. The catalogue is based on the card catalogues of science MSS at the following institutions: Maktabat al-Awqāf in Tripoli; Maktabat Kullīyat al-Tarbīya in Sebha; some libraries in Ghadames, Ṭubqa, and al-Maktaba al-Markazīya in Gār Yūnis (only 25 per cent of the science MSS at this library are mentioned here because the other 75 per cent were not catalogued at that time). The catalogue has no indexes, and the compiler did not follow academic standards of cataloguing.

1986. *Al-makhtūṭāt al-ʿArabīya fī Lībīyā*. By ʿABD ALLĀH AL-SHARĪF. *Al-Nāshir al-ʿArabī* 6, 1986, pp. 75–83.

[Source, Dalīl (see Appendix).]

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BANĪ WALĪD

Approximately 1,000 MSS exist in collections in Banī Walīd.

BENGHAZI

Dār al-Kutub al-Waṭaniya (National Library)

PO Box 9127, Benghazi

Tel.: 97074, 90509. Telex: 97074

Date of establishment: 1970

Status: National library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 125 (105 Arabic; 20 Persian and Turkish).

Description of collection: Although the building was completed in 1978, it has not yet been officially opened—the academic research degrees section is unfinished and technical equipment is still needed for the readers' services section, the information centre and the national bibliographical centre.

The manuscripts have been temporarily placed in the depository of Garyounis Central University Library (*q.v.* below for a description).

Garyounis Central University Library (Al-Maktaba al-Markazīya)

PO Box 1308, Benghazi

Tel.: 29713. Telex: 40175 UNIGAR LY

Date of establishment: 1955

Status: Public

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 4,520 (4,500 Arabic: 3,500 original manuscripts in 2,700 volumes & 1,000 microfilm/paper copies; 20 Turkish/Persian).

Description of collection: Garyounis Central University Library is one of the largest and most important libraries in Libya. A special department has been established for manuscripts, equipped with photocopying facilities, microfilm printers, projectors, viewing rooms and an early warning system to prevent theft.

The manuscripts are generally in good condition (each one is kept in its own box inside the binding workshop of the library), although many will have to be repaired and fumigated. The collection has a variety of sources: (i) Maktabat al-Jaghbūb (see MUḤAMMAD B. ‘UTHMĀN AL-ḤASHĀ’ISHĪ, *Riḥlat al-Ḥashā’ishī ilā Libiyā, 1895*, Beirut: Dār Lubnān, 1965, pp. 151–186), the collections of which are preserved at Garyounis University. Only 900 MSS exist today out of the original 12,000. After the Italian occupation, the manuscripts that remained did not exceed 3,500 (see PHILIP WARD, *A survey of Libyan bibliographical resources / Maṣādir al-kutub fī Lībiyā*, 2nd edition, Tripoli: Dār al-Nashr al-Lībīya, 1965, p. 6); (ii) 734 manuscripts of the Maktabat al-Awqāf of Benghazi entered into the collection after the library was combined with Maktabat al-Jaghbūb (see ‘School and Public Libraries in Libya’, a paper presented at the Conference of the Arab Ministers of Education and Economic Planning in the Arab Countries, Tripoli, 9–14 April 1966, pp. 5–7) and transferred to Garyounis Central University Library; (iii) The MSS from the Libyan Red Crescent Society (which purchased the private collection of one of its employees) are on deposit at the Garyounis University Library to which they have been offered for sale (*ca.* 7 MSS); (iv) A number of original manuscripts and large numbers of

photocopies of manuscripts owned by private individuals, were acquired after a successful campaign inside Libya (especially in al-Jabal al-Gharbī) to photocopy manuscripts in the early 1970s; (v) A large number of manuscripts on microfilm have been obtained from the following sources: Gazi Husrev-Beg library in Sarajevo, the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, the Escorial in Spain, the USA, and the Institute of Arabic Manuscripts.

Most of the manuscripts were copied between the 6th and 7th centuries, and the 9th and 13th centuries AH. Manuscripts dealing with *Ḥadīth*, Sufism, sermons, the biography of the Prophet, sciences of the Arabic language and literature were, with a few exceptions, copied in the lifetime of their authors.

Many manuscripts in this library are rare and precious, such as: (i) *Al-Jawhara fī nasab al-Nabī wa-aṣḥābihi al-ʿashara*, by MUḤAMMAD B. ABĪ BAKR AL-TILIMSĀNĪ, also known as AL-BARRĪ, d. 676 AH/1277 AD. Draft by the author in his own handwriting. Copied in Minorca, Spain, in 645 AH. Written for the private library of SAʿĪD B. AL-ḤAKAM B. ʿUMAR B. AL-ḤAKAM AL-QURASHĪ; (ii) *Tārīkh Dimashq* (History of Damascus) by IBN ʿASĀKIR, eight parts in one volume: a unique *khizāna* copy, the text of which was checked by the author, dated 514 AH, Damascus Mosque (Jāmiʿ Dimashq); (iii) *Āmālī Thaʿlab*, by AḤMAD B. YAḤYĀ AL-SHAYBĀNĪ, also known as THAʿLAB, d. 292 AH/904 AD, copied by ABŪ ʿL ḤASAN ʿALĪ B. MUḤAMMAD B. ABĪ SAʿĪD AL-SHAHRIYĀNĪ in 583 AH, read to MUḤAMMAD B. MŪSĀ AL-ḤĀZIMĪ in the same year and corrected and checked on the basis of the original MS.

The sizes of the manuscripts vary from small tracts to large books. They have much decoration in gold and other embellishments, especially the copies of the Qurʾān.

The manuscripts of **Dār al-Kutub al-Waṭaniya** are temporarily housed in the Garyounis Central University Library where they are carefully looked after—however, most of them need repair and fumigation. Subjects covered include: literature, history, jurisprudence, logic, and sciences of the Arabic language. The manuscripts were copied between the 10th and 13th centuries AH (except for one 8th-century AH manuscript dealing with the laws of descent and distribution—*ʿilm al-Farāʿid*), and are in three styles of script: the Persian, the cursive and the Mashriqī. They come in a variety of shapes and sizes, from small treatises to bound volumes. Rare and precious manuscripts include: 1) *Farah al-rūh*, in three large

volumes, decorated with gold, written in Persian; 2) *Bustān SA‘DĪ*, in Persian; 3) *Al-Munīr fī ḥajar al-tadbīr*, in Arabic, in the author’s handwriting; 4) *Durar al-mukhtār fī sharḥ Tanwīr al-abṣār* by AL-‘ALĀ‘Ī, a copy in good condition, written in Damascus.

Published catalogues:

1974. The Union survey by KHŪLĪ briefly describes the holdings of the Libyan University Library.

1976. The Union survey mentions among important MSS collections the Central University Library.

1982 – . *Fihris al-makhtū‘āt Maktabat Jāmi‘at Qāryūnis al-Markazīya, Bīnghāzī.* By F.M. SHAMBESH. Benghazi: Garyounis University. 2 vols. 182; 300pp. 3rd volume ready for press.

Part one contains 671 titles on the following topics: The Qur’ān and its sciences: copies of the Qur’ān (*Maṣāḥif*), recitation, Qur’anic sciences, Qur’anic exegesis; The Traditions (*Ḥadīth*) and their sciences; Monotheism (*Tawḥīd*) and scholastic theology (*‘Ilm al-Kalām*). The second part of the catalogue covers 795 titles dealing with the following: Jurisprudence and its principles; Laws of descent and distribution; Sufism and sermons; Prayer and invocation; Biography or life of the Prophet.

The third part of the catalogue was ready for press in 1986 but has not yet been published. It will be 338 pages long and will cover 700 titles of manuscripts dealing with the following: General knowledge; logic; Arabic language; alchemy and craftsmanship; astronomy and astrology; arithmetic and algebra; literature; medicine, pharmacology and veterinary medicine; biography and *manāqib*; history, geography and travel.

The catalogue, which contains indexes of titles, subjects and authors, features a bibliography of the most important reference works. Details given are: name of author and the date of his death, AH or AD; source of biography; *incipit* and *explicit*; name of copyist, date of copy and place where copied; length and width of MS. in centimetres; the number of folios and lines; general observations (decorative features, drawings, etc.).

Unpublished catalogue:

For the Dār al-Kutub al-Waṭaniya collection, the depository of Garyounis Central University Library has provided a temporary list of the manuscripts, which mentions the title of each MS., the name of the author and the serial number.

Uncatalogued MSS:

The third part of the catalogue mentions 20 manuscripts (10 Arabic; 6 Turkish; 4 Persian) which, along with 50 recently acquired manuscripts and the Turkish collection, have not yet been catalogued. The library also possesses approximately 1,000 titles on microfilm and in photocopies; only 42 of these titles have been catalogued.

The MS. collection of the Dār al-Kutub al-Waṭaniya has yet to be catalogued.

Markaz Dirāsāt al-Ṭibb al-ʿArabī (Centre for Arabic Medicine Studies—CAMS)

PO Box 4147-18251, Benghazi

Tel.: 22191/5, 87217. Telex: 40204

Date of establishment: 1987. On 17th April 1988, the Centre was attached to the Arab Development Institute. On 1st January 1989, its headquarters were moved to the building of the Arabic Medicine University, Benghazi.

Status: Medical research centre

Description of collection: The Centre is interested in preserving and promoting the Arabic medical heritage by, among other aims, compiling a general and comprehensive survey of the scientific and medical manuscripts in universities and libraries all over the world; and acquiring and photocopying the manuscripts themselves. No further information about its MSS holdings is available.

GARZA

Maktabat Muḥammad al-Na^{cc}ās

In the city of Garza in Nisma, south east of Mazda in the area of Wādī Zamzam, this library has a collection of *ca.* 150 MSS, most of them on Islamic knowledge and language.

GHADAMES

General

The cultural movement in Ghadames produced great libraries which contained large collections of MSS. Unfortunately most of them have been lost as a result of ignorance, irresponsibility and foreign domination. In addition, the American air raid in December 1942 destroyed many buildings and houses causing the loss of many MSS and documents. In Ghadames there is a regional office of the Markaz Buḥūth wa-Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībīyīn (see under Tripoli below), managed by Mr BASHĪR QĀSIM YŪSHA^c, which has produced photographic copies of some of the MSS in private libraries.

In Ghadames and its suburbs, there exist *ca.* 2,000 MSS on all fields of knowledge.

Published catalogues:

1979. JUḤAYDAR (Union catalogues, 1979) describes some MSS from libraries in Ghadames.

1986. *Fihris makhṭūṭāt Ghadāmis.* By BASHĪR QĀSIM YŪSHA^c. [Tripoli?] Markaz Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībīyīn ḍidda 'l-Ghazw al-Īṭālī (Silsilat Fahāris al-Makhṭūṭāt al-Muṣawwara, 1). 199pp.

The catalogue includes descriptions of 400 photographed MSS, collected from 28 private libraries in Ghadames. The compiler does not follow any particular system of classification, and there are many mistakes in the work. Rare MSS mentioned in the catalogue are: (i) *Kifāyat al-Muḥtāj li-ma'rifat man laysa fī 'l-Dībāj*, by AḤMAD IBN AḤMAD AL-TINBUKTĪ, on Mālikī *fiqh*, 209 ff., copied in 1094 AH; (ii) *Talkhīṣ ūlā 'l-albāb fī sharḥ Talkhīṣ a'māl al-ḥisāb* by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN 'UTHMĀN AL-AZDĪ, 83 ff., copied in Tlemcen (Algeria) in 1063; (iii) *Imlā' wathā'iq 'alā jumal min al-fiqh wa-uṣūlihi*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN ABĪ SHU'AYB IBN 'ABD AL-MĀLIK AL-QISHTĀLĪ, 87 ff., copied in 1043 AH; (iv) *Ma'ālim al-Tanzīl*, by AL-ḤUSAYN IBN MAS'ŪD AL-BAGHAWĪ, 199 ff., copied in 721 AH.

Maktabat Muḥammad al-Ḥabīb ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān ibn 'Izz al-Dīn al-Ghadāmisi

Status: Private

Description of collection: Endowed to his family in 1342/1923. The library at present is in the possession of the family in Ghadames.

JADU

Several private collections of MSS in Jadu are mentioned by ENNAMI (Union catalogues, 1970), among them those of Shaykh MUḤAMMAD AL-BĀRŪNĪ, Shaykh ʿUMAR MALLĪW (Qadi of Jadu), Shaykh AYYŪB IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-AYYŪBĪ of Jannawan village, and ṢĀLIḤ AL-MAQṢĪ.

KABAW

ENNAMI (Union catalogues, 1970) mentions a collection of MSS in the hands of Shaykh YŪSUF AḤMAD AL-BĀRŪNĪ in Kabaw.

MISALLATI

Approximately 500 MSS exist in local collections.

MISRATA

Approximately 1,500 MSS exist in private collections.

AL-RAYĀYINA

Maktabat al-Shaykh A-Muḥammad Aḥmad Manī^c al-Rayyānī

The owner died in 1280/1864. He left a valuable collection of *ca.* 800 MSS, but only about 200 have survived. It is kept now in the house of his grandson ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN IBN A-MUḤAMMAD MANĪ^c. The library contains works on Māliki *fiqh* and books on *Ḥadīth*, *farāʿid*, *tafsīr*, etiquette, *mawāʿiz*, Sufism, Arabic language and the life of the Prophet.

RUHAYBAT

ENNAMI (Union catalogues, 1970) mentions a private collection of MSS belonging to Shaykh ʿALĪ MĪLŪD.

SEBHA

Maktabat Kulliyat al-Tarbiya (Education College Library)

JUḤAYDAR (Union catalogues, 1979) includes MSS from this collection.

TRIPOLI**Dār al-Maḥfuẓāt**

The survey by AL-KHŪLĪ (1974) describes a collection of *ca.* 400 MSS and documents in the Dār al-Maḥfuẓāt (pp. 182–183). No further information is available.

Jamʿiyat al-Daʿwa al-Islāmīya

PO Box 2549, Tripoli

Tel.: 315231.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50.

Description of collection: In 1990 during an academic conference the Society arranged an exhibition of MSS in collaboration with Markaz Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībīyīn ʿidda 'l-Ghazw al-Īṭālī. Both Mali and Mauritania participated in this exhibition in which *ca.* 300 MSS on the Islamic West were displayed, in addition to some historical documents. The Society was able, with the help of the Centre, to photograph all the MSS and the photographic copies are now in the possession of the Centre. In addition the Society possesses a small collection of photographed MSS which it has obtained from several countries: they have not been classified and their number does not exceed 50 MSS.

Maktabat al-Awqāf al-ʿĀmma

One of the oldest public libraries in the city of Tripoli, established at the command of the Ottoman governor NĀMIQ PASHA in 1898.

In 1984, the Minister of Education (Secretary of Education Committee) decided to transfer the contents of Maktabat al-Awqāf al-ʿĀmma in Tripoli to the Markaz Buḥūth wa-Dirāsāt fihād al-Lībīyīn ʿidda 'l-Ghazw al-Īṭālī (*q.v.*).

Jāmiʿat al-Fātiḥ: Al-Maktaba al-Markaziya (Fatih University Library)

PO Box 13499, Tripoli

Telex number: 20629

Status: University library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 40.

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are written in the Maghribi style. The collection covers the following: *fiqh*, logic, Arabic language and literature, religious poems. The most important MSS are: (i) *Irshād al-ʿaql al-salīm fī mazāyā ʿl-Kitāb al-Karīm*, by ABŪ ʿL-SUʿŪD MUḤAMMAD AL-ʿIMĀDĪ. Mashriqī style of handwriting; (ii) *Ghayth al-naḡʿ fī ʿl-qirāʿāt al-sabʿ*, by AL-NŪRĪ AL-SAFĀFIS [*sic*], Maghribi style; (iii) *Rawḍ al-adab*, by AḤMAD AL-HIJĀZĪ, Mashriqī style; (iv) *Talkhīṣ Kitāb al-nihāya wa-ʿl-tamām fī maʿrifat al-wathāʿiq wa-ʿl-Aḥkām*, by ABŪ ʿL-ḤASAN ʿALĪ IBN ʿABD ALLĀH IBN IBRĀHĪM IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ʿAJAMĪ, Maghribi style; (v) *Al-Mustaṭraf fī kull khabar mustaṭraf*, by AL-IBSHĪHĪ, Maghribi style.

No catalogues have been compiled for this collection.

Maktabat Maṣlaḥat al-Āthār

The union survey published in *al-Mawrid* (1976) describes this as one of the important libraries containing MSS in Libya. No further information is available.

Markaz Buḥūth wa-Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībīyīn ḍidda ʿl-Ghazw al-Ītālī (Centre for Research and Study of the Holy Struggle of the Libyans against the Italian Aggression)

PO Box 5070, Tripoli

Tel.: 33996-46987. Telex: 20424

Date of establishment: 1978

Status: Public

Conditions of access: ID card required. Open daily 07:30–14:30, except on Fridays and public and religious holidays.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 2,650, including photographic reproductions (mostly Arabic; a few Persian or Turkish).

Description of collection: A Department for MSS was established at the

Centre where the collection of MSS has grown by means of purchase and photographic reproduction from sources in different parts of Libya (such as Tripoli, Ghadames, Daraj, Nisma, Ṭubqa, and al-Rabbāniya in al-Jabal al-Gharbī) and Turkey.

According to the endowments and accessions, nearly all of these MSS belonged to *Maktabat al-Awqāf*, whose MSS were transferred in 1984 to the Centre. The Awqāf collection comprises the following sub-collections: (i) Maktabat AḤMAD PASHA QARAMĀNLĪ and ʿUTHMĀN PASHA, which formed the early nucleus of the collection; (ii) Maktabat MUṢṬAFĀ ʿL-KHŪJA, 500 MSS; (iii) Maktabat AḤMAD AL-NĀʾIB AL-ANṢĀRĪ AL-ṬARĀBLUSĪ from Al-ʿAssūsī family; (iv) MSS donated by ʿulamāʾ and others; (v) Books transferred from Al-Madrassa al-Islamīya al-Kubrā and Al-Nādī al-Adabī; (vi) Books which were purchased through Idārat al-Awqāf. For a description of the Awqāf collection, see:

1930. *Manoscritti e carte orientali nelle biblioteche e negli archivi d'Italia: dati statistici e bibliografici delle collezioni, loro storia e catalogazione*. By G. GABRIELI. Florence: Olschki (Biblioteca di Bibliografia Italiana, X). ix + 89pp.

Tripoli, p. 53.

The subjects covered by the MSS in the Centre include: Qurʾān, ʿulūm al-Qurʾān, *tafsīr*, *fiqh*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, *farāʾid*, Sufism, *mawāʿiz*, Arabic language and its sciences. The MSS are generally in good condition, but some of them need restoration and preservation, especially the Awqāf collection. Although the building is modern, it has no proper rooms for MSS storage. The majority of the MSS—and the ones collected from al-Jabal al-Gharbī and Daraj in particular, which are mostly works of Libyan writers—belong to the period from the 9th to the 14th century AH. Rare items include: (i) Writings on *tafsīr* and *uṣūl al-fiqh* by Shaykh MUḤAMMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD IBN QĀSIM QĀJAH, in the author's handwriting; (ii) *Tadhīl al-Miʿyār*, by ʿABD AL-SALĀM IBN ʿUTHMĀN AL-TĀJŪRĪ. The second volume, ending with *Kitāb al-buyūʿ*, 267 ff., written during the author's life in 1138 AH, MS. number 1582; (iii) *Majmūʿat al-ʿabd al-dhalīl ʿalā rabʿ anwār al-tanzīl*, by MUḤAMMAD IBN MUṢṬAFĀ IBN MAḤMŪD AL-ASHʿARĪ AL-ṬARĀBLUSĪ, volume one starting with *Sūrat Yā Sīn* and ending with *Sūrat al-Zumar*. Autograph copy in Maghribi style, dated 1279 AH, 209 ff.; (iv) *Tārīkh Fazzān*, by MUṢṬAFĀ KHŪJA IBN QĀSIM, 30 ff. (not mentioned in the catalogue); (v) *Sharḥ Majmaʿ al-Bahrayn*,

by ʿABD AL-LAṬĪF ʿABD AL-ʿAZĪZ IBN FARISHTĀT, vol. 1, 280 ff., copied in 774 AH, MS. number 546; vol. 2, 118 ff., copied in 866 AH, MS. number 547; (vi) *Kāshif al-qināʿ wa-ʿl-niqāb bi-izālat al-shubha ʿan qawāʿid al-ʿrāb*, by MUḤAMMAD ʿABD AL-KARĪM AL-BARKALĪ, known as ZULAF NIKĀR. Not mentioned in the catalogue, it is a rare MS. on grammar, never published.

Published catalogues:

1974. See the Union survey by KHŪLĪ, pp. 184–185.

1979. JUḤAYDAR (Union surveys) includes MSS from the Maktabat al-Awqāf collection.

1980. *Makhtūṭāt al-ṭibb wa-ʿl-ṣaydala al-ʿArabīya fi Maktabat al-Awqāf fi Ṭarāblus*. By ʿABD AL-KARĪM ABŪ SHUWAYRIB. *Majallat al-Thaqāfa al-ʿArabīya* 7, 1980, pp. 117–126; 8, 1980, pp. 111–118.

The catalogue provides the following information: (i) MS. title, number, author (with a brief biography); (ii) Name of the scribe, date of copying, number of folios, dimensions in cms, number of lines and the style of handwriting.

1983. Maktabat MUṢṬAFĀ KHŪJA [Lībiyā]. By MUḤAMMAD MUḤAMMAD AL-ṬUWAYRĪ. *Al-Fuṣūl al-ʿArbaʿa* 22, Āb 1983, pp. 23–43.

This library is now in the Centre. [Source, BAKKĀR, see Appendix.]

1985. *Min al-khazāʾin al-ʿilmīya: fihris makhtūṭāt majmūʿat Daraj*. By IBRĀHĪM SĀLIM AL-SHARĪF. *Majallat al-Wathāʾiq wa-ʿl-Makhtūṭāt* 1, 1985, pp. 337–358.

Catalogue of ca. 50 MSS in the library of the late Shaykh DĀWUD AL-KHADRĀWĪ, donated to the Centre in 1984, together with approximately 40 other MSS.

1987. *Fihris al-makhtūṭāt al-muṣawwara bi-Shuʿbat al-Wathāʾiq wa-ʿl-Makhtūṭāt*. By AL-FARJĀNĪ SĀLIM AL-SHARĪF. *Majallat al-Wathāʾiq wa-ʿl-Makhtūṭāt* 2, 1987, pp. 479–530.

Detailed catalogue of 148 MSS on microfilm.

1989. *Fihris makhṭūṭāt Markaz Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībiyīn ʿidda ʿl-Ghazw al-Īṭālī*. By IBRĀHĪM SĀLIM AL-SHARĪF. Volume 1. Tripoli: Markaz Dirāsāt Jihād al-Lībiyīn. 239pp.

Includes 536 titles on the following topics: Qurʿān, ʿulūm al-Qurʿān, *tafsīr*, *uṣūl al-fiqh*, Māliki *fiqh*, Ḥanafī *fiqh* and *farāʿid*. The catalogue has the following indexes: titles; authors; scribes; endowments and accessions; references.

MSS in this catalogue are arranged alphabetically under subject headings.

Unpublished catalogue:

There is a card catalogue for 1,286 MSS which were transferred from Maktabat al-Awqāf (out of a total of 1,610 MSS).

Uncatalogued MSS:

Some 230 MSS from the Maktabat al-Awqāf collection are not yet catalogued.

Al-Ustādh ʿAlī Muṣṭafá ʿl-Miṣrātī

A large collection of photographed MSS and documents from local and foreign libraries. The most important items are: (i) *Tarwīḥ al-arwāḥ wa-miṣṭāḥ al-surūr wa-ʿl-afrah*; (ii) *Safīnat al-afrah*, by ʿABD ALLĀH JAMĀL AL-DĪN AL-MĪLĀDĪ AL-ṬARĀBLUSĪ, d. 1964, in the author's handwriting; (iii) *Risāla fī ʿl-ghināʿ ʿinda ʿl-ṣūfiya*, by MUṢṬAFÁ BĀDĪ AL-MIṢRĀTĪ; (iv) *Al-Qawl al-mustabān fī ʿl-radd ʿalá fatwá MUṢṬAFÁ BĀDĪ AL-MIṢRĀTĪ*, by MIFTĀḤ IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-BAKKŪSH AL-ZULAYṬINĪ, who completed it in 1294 AH.

Three of these MSS are on music.

Al-Ustādh Mukhtār al-Hādī Bin Yūnus

A private collection of ca. 500 MSS, mostly by Libyan authors, belonging to one of the Centre's researchers.

TUBQA

JUḤAYDAR's Union catalogue (1979) included some MSS from a private library in Ṭubqa.

AL-ZĀWIYA

Approximately 1,000 privately owned MSS exist in Al-Zāwiya.

ZLITEN

Many families in this city have private collections which include MSS copied by their forefathers, and some of them are rare works. Among these families are the following: Bin Ganūnū, Andīsha, Juwān, al-Maḥjūb, Bin Mas^ʿūd, Aṭfayyish and al-Ṣāwī.

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Bakkār, Yūsūf Ḥusayn. *Fahāris al-makḥṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya fī ʿl-ʿālam: idāfāt ukhrā. Majallat Ma^ʿhad al-Makḥṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya* 30, 1986, pp. 345–380.

See nos. 33, 95 & 132 for items relating to Libya.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The acronym IMRS used in this survey stands for Institut Mauritanien de Recherche Scientifique (Al-Maḥad al-Mawrītānī li-l-Baḥṯ al-ʿIlmī) in Nouakchott, which since its foundation in 1975 has been carrying out a programme of collecting and microfilming manuscripts all over Mauritania. The Institute has regional centres in Boutilimit, Chinguetti and Tichiti for the same purpose, and the gathering together of MSS collections continues.

PREFACE

This survey is a tentative investigation: it is the result of fieldwork and gives first-hand information about collections which have been seen personally. When information is derived from secondary sources, the source is indicated. Several collections have not been mentioned here because of the difficulty of access and research.

It was possible to conduct this survey because of the cooperation and warm welcome accorded by the high authorities of the Ministère de la Culture et de l'Orientation Islamique, the Secrétariat d'Etat à l'Alphabétisation, the researchers and the tutors of the Faculté de Lettres et Sciences Humaines of Nouakchott and the owners of libraries. I thank them sincerely for their hospitality and cooperation.

UNION CATALOGUES AND SURVEYS

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1965. Les manuscrits historiques arabo-africaines. (Bilan provisoire.) By V. MONTEIL. *Bulletin de l'Institut Français de l'Afrique Noire* série B, 27, 1965, pp. 531–542; 28, 1966, pp. 668–675.

Includes descriptions of 3 MSS copied in Mauritania (pp. 673–674).

1965 – 66. *Catalogue provisoire des manuscrits mauritaniens en langue arabe préservés en Mauritanie: répertoire confectionné à la Bibliothèque nationale de Mauritanie, décembre 1964 / février 1965, xérogaphié à la Bibliothèque royale de Suède.* By MOKHTAR OULD HAMIDOUN & ADAM HEYMOWSKI. Nouakchott & Stockholm, 1965 – 1966. ca. 300pp.

This provisional catalogue in Arabic covers a period of four and a half centuries of learned production and presents a list of nearly 600 names of Mauritanian authors whose best-known works it surveys.

1973. *La généalogie au service de la bibliographie: familles lettrées de Mauritanie et le premier catalogue de manuscrits arabes par des auteurs mauritaniens.* By ADAM HEYMOWSKI. *Otium et negotium: studies in onomatology and library science presented to Olof von Feilitzen.* Ed. F. Sandgren. Stockholm, 1973 (Acta Bibliothecae Regiae Stockholmiensis, 16), pp. 129 – 141.

Describes the catalogue project & authors of Mauritanian MSS.

1981. *Exposición. Mauritania: ciudades y manuscritos. Madrid, 1981.* Madrid: Instituto Hispano-Árabe de Cultura, 1981.

Los manuscritos, pp. 52 – 55: list of 50 MSS in Mauritanian collections, with very brief details and a few colour reproductions.

1987. *Bilād Shinqīṭ: al-manāra wa-'l-ribāṭ.* By AL-KHALĪL AL-NAḤWĪ. Tunis: Al-Munazzama al-‘Arabiya li-l-Thaqāfa wa-'l-‘Ulūm.

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Describes the project led by U. REBSTOCK at Tübingen University to produce a catalogue of Arabic MSS in Mauritania, and lists some of the MSS by noted authors.

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1988. *Katalog der arabischen Handschriften in Mauretania. Fihris al-makḥṭūṭāt al-ʿArabīya fī Mawrītāniyā*. By U. REBSTOCK, R. OSSWALD & A. WULD ABD AL-QADIR. Beirut, in Kommission bei Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart (Beiruter Texte und Studien, 30). 162pp.

Catalogue in Arabic and German of 100 MSS with indexes of names, titles and MSS from collections in Shīnqīt & Nouakchott.

1989. *Sammlung arabischer Handschriften aus Mauretania: Kurzbeschreibungen von 2239 Handschrifteneinheiten mit Indices*. By U. REBSTOCK. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz. 278pp.

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Unpublished:

Fihris al-makḥṭūṭāt al-Mawrītāniya. Introduction by MUḤAMMAD AL-MUKHTĀR WULD ABĀH. 122pp.

Typescript, listing 492 titles.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ABĪR AL-TAWRIS (ABAR AL-ATROUS)**Sīdī Ibn al-Tāh**

Bibbihā & Ḥamdān ibn al-Tāh's residence

Date of establishment: end of 18th century

Status: Private

Conditions of access: On application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 1,000.

Description of collection: The collection was founded by the present owner's great-grandfather, AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD AL-ʿAQIL. Its MSS are mixed up with the library's three thousand-odd printed books. Some of the MSS are kept in Nouakchott, where the owners work.

The MSS are kept in cabinets and boxes in rooms which are used for purposes other than MS. conservation. The collection is in danger of being damaged by rain, as the roof of the building is not sound. Some of the MSS have been encased in worn-out dust-wrappers as a temporary measure. Some are incomplete and have been partially damaged, whilst others are kept together in collections of up to a hundred MSS, ranging from single documents to complete compositions.

Most of the MSS are of local provenance, and reflect various aspects of Mauritanian cultural life in the last three centuries. They cover the following subjects: *fiqh*, *uṣūl*, *Ḥadīth*, biography, literature, astronomy, *fatwās*, logic and correspondence. Their decorated leather bindings and the types of ink used in their preparation are the products of original techniques now lost.

The MSS are written in Arabic, in the Maghribī script. Most of them are easily legible. Some are very carefully and neatly written, whilst others are penned more crudely, and are overlaid with glosses in neater hands.

The oldest MS. in the collection is an autograph collection of *fatwās* on social issues by MUḤANNID (?) IBN AL-MĀḤ IBN AL-MUKHTĀR, an ancestor of the library's present owners. It was written in the middle of the nineteenth century in a good hand, using local (iron-based) ink on thick paper.

Unpublished catalogue:

An incomplete handlist exists for the collection.

AKJOUJT**Ahl Muḥammad wuld Muḥammad Sālīm**

Al-Qāḍī Muḥammad al-Amīn wuld Būlāhī

Tel.: 611 15 Aṭār

Date of establishment: 1863

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 400 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection contains part of the library of the scholar MUḤAMMAD WULD MUḤAMMAD SĀLĪM as well as works acquired by one of the sons of the founder, AL-QĀḌĪ ʿABD AL-QĀDIR. There are original works by North African writers as well as copies; binding was done locally; the works cover all subjects.

ATĀR**Dahḥa wuld Sīdī Aḥmad wuld al-Bashīr**

Al-Qāḍī Dahḥa wuld Sīdī Aḥmad Bashīr

Date of establishment: ¹ca. 1883

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Works available on loan and for photocopying.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10.

Description of collection: The collection for the most part contains MSS of the Qurʾān. There is a commentary, *Sharḥ al-Khalīl*, by AFSHAGH AL-KHAṬṬĀṬ.

Maktabat al-ʿIrfān li-l-Dirāsa al-Islāmiya

Maryam Mint Abaydnā

Hay Touifnda, no. 274

Date of establishment: ca. 1883

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Open to students, teachers and researchers upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 40 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection was established by the father of the present custodian. Some MSS in the collection originate from

Andalusia; there are a few MSS of the Qurʾān; most MSS are in bad condition; there is one autograph copy.

Aḥmadu wuld Sīdī al-Khalīl

Date of establishment: ca. 1922

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50.

Description of collection: The collection contains 32 items which once belonged to the Imām SĪDĪ WULD KHALĪL (d. 1920), who travelled and studied in North Africa and the Middle East.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist.

BOUTILIMIT

Shaykh Sīdīya al-Kabīr

Baba wuld Harun

B.P. 4261

Nouakchott

Date of establishment: ca. 1826

Status: Private

Conditions of access: On application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 2,000 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection covers all fields and includes part of the collection of the Mauritanian scholar and leader of the Qādirīya fraternity, SHAYKH SĪDĪYA AL-KABĪR, who played an important religious and political role during the French penetration. The collection has expanded through the writings and acquisitions of his sons and grandsons. A noteworthy item is a hitherto unedited MS. of 6,150 pages on history by the grandson of Shaykh Sīdīya, father of the present owner of the collection.

Published catalogues:

1909. Une bibliothèque saharienne. By LOUIS MASSIGNON. *Revue du Monde Musulman* 8, 1909, pp. 409–418.

Description and catalogue of the library of SHAYKH SĪDĪYA.

1973. *Islam and social order in Mauritania. A case study from the nineteenth century.* By C.C. STEWART, with E.K. STEWART. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

On pp. 167 – 168 & 182 – 187 is a description and partial catalogue of the collection of literary works and correspondence of SHAYKH SĪDĪYA AL-KABĪR.

1988. Haroun Ould Cheikh Sidia Library, microfilm project. By C.C. STEWART. *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara* 2, 1988, pp. 189 – 191.

Describes the collection and the microfilming project which will entail depositing copies of the microfilms at the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign, USA.

1989. Computer-based Arabic manuscript management. By C.C. STEWART and KAZUMI HATASA. *History in Africa* 16, 1989, pp. 403 – 411.

News of the progress of the microfilming project.

1991* The Haroun Ould Sidia Collection of Arabic manuscripts. By C.C. STEWART. *History in Africa* 18, 1991, pp. 349 – 358. An excerpt from this article appeared in *Sudanic Africa* 1, 1990, pp. 95 – 98.

Unpublished catalogue:

1990. *Catalogue of the Arabic manuscripts among the Ahl Shaykh Sidiyya.* By C.C. STEWART [xerox], Urbana: forthcoming (1991) in a microfiche series with InterDocumentation, Leiden: *Arabic Manuscripts in the Western Muslim World.*

CHINGUETTI (SHINQĪT)

General

1950. *Curiosités et bibliothèques de Chinguetti.* By MOKHTAR OULD HAMIDOUN & A. LERICHE. *Notes Africaines* 48, 1950, pp. 109 – 112.

In an appendix there is a list of libraries of Chinguetti by M. OULD HAMIDOUN which gives the names of owners, number of works, style

of script and remarks. Many of these collections have been gathered at a central location in Chinguetti.

1988. REBSTOCK (see under Union catalogues above) includes MSS from 9 collections in Chinguetti, but some of these collections have been transferred to the IMRS in Nouakchott.

Ahl ʿAbd Ḥamīd

Date of establishment: 1834

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Closed at present.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 200.

Description of collection: The collection, whose proprietor died recently in Hijaz, includes some very old MSS. It is in a very bad state inside metal safes in a locked house.

Ahl Aḥmad Sharīf

Muḥammad wuld Mā al-ʿAynīn

Hôtel du Bien Etre, Chinguetti

Date of establishment: 1863

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 500 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection contains part of the library of Ahl Sharīf belonging to the scholar AḤMAD SHARĪF. It is housed together with the collection of MINNA WULD HAMUNI (q.v.) in the latter's house in Old Chinguetti. The owner of the collection realises the need for preservation of the collection, part of which is in very bad condition. The works are kept in boxes placed on shelves. The collection was listed by M.O. HAMIDOUN (see **General**, 1950, above).

Unpublished catalogue:

Handlist in preparation.

Ahl Muḥammad Ṣāliḥ wuld al-Ḥanshī

ʿAbd al-Raḥmān wuld al-Ḥanshī

Chinguetti*Date of establishment:* 1863*Status:* Private*Conditions of access:* Upon application.*Total number of Islamic MSS:* ca. 150 (Arabic).*Description of collection:* The collection, covering all subjects, is old (8th century AH). It was surveyed by M. WULD HAMIDOUN. Part of the collection may have been microfilmed by the team of the University of Tübingen. It is in the process of being merged with other collections at a common location in Chinguetti.*Published catalogue:***1989.** REBSTOCK (see Union catalogues above) lists some MSS believed to be from this collection. See nos. 1069–1071; 1073–1085.**Ahl Ludā'a**

Wālī wuld Ludā'a

Chinguetti

Date of establishment: 1834*Status:* Private*Conditions of access:* Upon application.*Total number of Islamic MSS:* ca. 60 (Arabic).*Description of collection:* Covers all fields. The collection is in the process of being merged with other collections of Chinguetti.**Ahl Aḥmad Maḥmūd**

Aḥmad wuld Aḥmad Maḥmūd

Chinguetti

Status: Private*Conditions of access:* Upon application.*Total number of Islamic MSS:* ca. 150 (Arabic).*Description of collection:* The collection is in good condition. It covers all subjects. Some MSS of the collection were microfilmed by the University of Tübingen. The collection is in the process of being merged with other collections of Chinguetti. It was surveyed by M.O. HAMIDOUN. See

1950. *Curiosités* . . . under **General** above.

Published catalogue:

1988. REBSTOCK (see under Union catalogues above) lists 4 MSS from this collection.

Shaykh wuld Ḥamūnī

Minna wuld Ḥamūnī

B.P. 1920

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 528 88/522 06

Date of establishment: ca. 1820

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 150 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Collection belonging to the descendants of the scholar SHAYKH WULD ḤAMŪNĪ. It is also rich in archives. All subjects are covered. Several MSS are in bad condition. The collection contains several MSS of the Qurʾān. Among the rare MSS of the collection are the first volume of ABŪ QĀSIM IBN NAJDĪ AL-TANŪKHĪʾs *Maʿālim al-īmān fī maʿrifat rijāl al-Qayrawān*, and BŪZĪDĪ SĪDĪ ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN ABĪ ʿĀLIM AL-ḤAḌARĪʾs *Rawḍat al-azhār fī ʿilm waqt al-layl wa-ʿl-nahār*.

Note: The collection of Ahl Aḥmad Sharīf (q.v.) is housed with this collection.

Unpublished catalogues:

Handwritten catalogue in Arabic compiled by G. SIMON-KHEDIS and MOHAMED OULD TFEIL.

Computerized list in preparation of 78 titles surveyed in June 1992; arranged according to number, giving notes, title, number of volumes, subject, author, copyist, date, pagination, physical condition of the MS., *incipit*, colophon, remarks.

Sīdī Muḥammad wuld Ḥabat

Aḥmad wuld Ḥabat

B.P. 494

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 517 78

Date of establishment: 1782

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 1,000 (Arabic; Persian).

Description of collection: Library of the scholar MUḤAMMAD WULD ḤABAT (1748–1868) who encouraged copying and sent his children abroad to Egypt & al-Ḥijāz. The collection is kept in metal cupboards in a building in Chinguetti. It comprises ca. 1,500 titles covering all fields, and includes illuminated MSS. It gathers together several collections owned by the family. There are rare & old works on astrology, mathematics and traditional medicine. A Foundation was created in 1986 to evaluate the collection and undertake editing, microfilming, etc. Several MSS of the collection were microfilmed by IMRS and the University of Tübingen. Among the rare works in the collection is a 9th-century MS. of *Taṣṣiḥ al-wujūd wa-'l-nazā'ir min Kitāb Allāh* by ABŪ HILĀL AL-^ʿASKARĪ. See

1950. Curiosités . . . under **General** above.

Unpublished catalogue:

Typed catalogues in several volumes arranged alphabetically according to authors. In the list of 1991, one finds in numerical order numbered notes containing title, author, subject, copyist, format, pagination, script and remarks.

Zāwiya of Shaykh Muḥammad al-Ḥāfiz

Conditions of access: On application.

Description of collection: The *zāwiya* houses the collections of Ahl al-Dāḥḥa, Ahl Dīdī and the library of Ahl Ṭulba. This last, which now belongs to MUḤAMMAD WULD ^ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN NA^ʿMĀ AL-DĀḤḤA, was established ca. 1883 and contains about 50 MSS, including Qurʾāns and texts on traditional sciences. It is in the process of being merged with other Cinguetti collections.

Published catalogue:

1950. *Curiosités* . . . under **General** above.

‘ILBĀDRIS

Ahl Aḥmad Fāl

Date of establishment: before 13th century AH

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 700 (Information from IMRS).

MA‘Ṭ MAWLĀNA (TRĀRZA)

Muḥammad wuld ‘Abd Ṣamad wuld ‘Abd al-Malik

Muḥammad wuld ‘Abd Ṣamad

Nouakchott

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 336 (Arabic; Hassaniya).

Description of collection: The collection belongs to the scholar Muḥammad wuld ‘Abd Ṣamad in whose hand some MSS were copied. The collection is in good condition.

Unpublished catalogue:

Handlist of 336 items (which include printed works) arranged according to number giving title, author, copyist, subject and remarks.

MEDERDRA

Ahl al-‘Āqil

Ḥamdān wuld Tah

Conseiller juridique à la BAMIS

B.P. 650

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 513 21

Date of establishment: 1829

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Open to students, teachers and researchers upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50.

Description of collection: The library bears the name of the founder, a religious scholar. More recent copies are separated from old ones. All subjects are represented, with several old and rare works, *fatwās* and *alghāz*. Among the collection is an autograph copy of a work on logic by KHADĪJA BINT ʿĀQIL.

Unpublished catalogue:

Incomplete handwritten list and catalogue cards.

NÉMA

A. wuld Mawlāy

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 39 (IMRS information).

Bābā wuld Qaṣrī

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 34 (IMRS information).

Mawlāy Muḥammad wuld Sidatī—see under NOUAKCHOTT

NOUAKCHOTT

IMRS: Institut Mauritanien de Recherche Scientifique
(Al-Maʿhad al-Mawriṭānī li-l-Baḥth al-ʿIlmī)

Ministère de la Culture et de la Recherche Scientifique

B.P. 5055

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 537 22. Fax: (222-2) 532 44

Date of establishment: 1975

Status: Public

Conditions of access: Open to researchers, students and teachers upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 6,000.

Description of collection: Brings together the collections of 72 libraries of the country, mainly from the Trarza region in the southwest. The collection is very rich in Mauritanian authors, Oriental works in Arabic on all subjects, and works from Andalusia. Of particular interest are ornamented MSS and bindings. The collection includes 2,000 microfilms, of which 600 are preserved in the section. About 500 MSS are uncatalogued. Half the collection is in a dreadful condition. 252 MSS were restored in Spain and one in France.

Library collections housed at IMRS (identified by *nisba* and manuscript record numbers in the catalogue):

Ahl A‘imar [record numbers] 1784–1790

Ahl Abba b. al-Bukhārī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; La‘mam) 1513–1517

Ahl Abī al-Ma‘ālī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; La‘mam) 1458–1469; 1503–1512

Ahl Aḥmad Baya 1761

Ahl Aḥmad al-Māḥī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb) 1652

Ahl Aḥmad b. ‘Abd Allāh 1815–1816

Ahl Aḥmadu Fāl: al-Tandaghī 156–234; 1656–1660

Ahl Agdawbak: al-Kumlaylī (Ikumlaylin) 753–778

Ahl Aghshummumt / Ahl Aḥmad ‘Alī: al-Majlisī (Midlish) 1755; 1809–1814

Ahl Aḥbayb / Ahl Yadmūsī: al-Shamshawī (Idagbahanni; Tashumsha) 1961–1962; 2091–2245

Ahl Amīnu: al-Tandaghī 687–705; 1579–1607; 1817–1846

Ahl ‘Ammī / Muḥammad b. ‘Ammī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; La‘mam) 222; 236–259; 1882–1890; 2227–2282

Ahl al-Bashīr: al-Mālikī (Idagmajik) 1561–1571

Ahl Bazayd: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb) 1076–1199; 2653–2655

Ahl Būkum: al-Kumlaylī (Likumlayline) 1616–1634; 1749–1754

Ahl Buḥubaynī: al-Tandaghī (Rkakna) 221; 235; 855–856; 1532–1560

Ahl Bullāh 1797–1803

Ahl Ghallāwī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb) 1639–1644

Ahl Ḥayllāji: al-Ḥasanī (Idabilhasan; Idawgadshalla) 1250–1264

Ahl Ḥāmdun: al-Daymānī 1265–1280

Ahl Lallā: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; La‘mam) 857–1068; 1282–1431; 1756–1760

Ahl Labbāt: al-Jakanī (Tajakanat; Shurfa) 1527–1531

- Ahl al-Lūh / Muḥammad Yahyā b. Lūh: al-Majlisī (Midlish) 1762–1783; 3071–3081
- Ahl Mbāba: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; La‘mam) 1496
- Ahl Maḥam Bawba: al-Aghlal (al-Tāshdibītī) 1518–1526
- Ahl Muḥammad al-Amīn 1693–1696
- Ahl Muḥammad al-Muṣṭafā: al-Idayjbī 1573–1578; 1804–1808; 2297–2298; 2437–2444
- Ahl Muḥammad Sālim: al-Majlisī (Midlish) 260–268; 1913–1923
- Ahl Muḥammad al-Māmī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; La‘mam) 1791–1796; 2421–2423; 2635–2645
- Ahl Muḥammad b. al-Bukhārī: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb) 779–854; 861; 1647–1650
- Ahl al-Nīh: al-Ya‘qūbī (Idayqūb; Idawdam) 1069–1075
- Ahl Ntafa 1495; 1497–1502
- Ahl al-Rabbānī: al-Tandaghī 2303–2324; 2431–2436; 2476–2479; 2490–2492; 2500–2502; 2596–2634; 3037–3049; 3064
- Ahl al-Šābir: al-Kumlaylī (Ikumlaylin) 706–732
- Ahl al-Saffaḥ: al-Kumlaylī (Ikumlaylin) 635–686; 1651
- Ahl al-Shaykh Muḥammad ‘Askir: al-Aghlal (al-Tāshidbītī) 1–155; 550; 556; 3084–3129
- Ahl al-Shaykh al-Mūsta‘īn: al-Kumlayli (Kumlaylin) 269–634; 733–752; 2488–2489
- Ahl Ūbbutta: al-Majlisī (Midlish) 1697–1723
- Ahl al-Wāthiq: al-Mālikī (Idaghmajik) 1478–1494
- AḤMAD B. ‘ABD AL-‘AZĪZ: AL-ḤASANĪ (IDABILḤASAN) 1608–1615; 1847–1881; 1934–1940; 2257–2264
- AḤMAD B. ABĪ MUḤAMMAD 2738–2740
- AḤMAD B. AL-FAGHA A‘MAR: AL-YA‘QŪBĪ (IDAYQŪB) 1635–1638
- AḤMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-MUKHTĀR 2424–2426
- AḤMAD B. AL-MUJTABĀ: AL-SHAMSHAWĪ (IDAJFAGHA; TASHUMSHA) 1901–1904; 2283–2288; 2456–2475
- AḤMADU BAMBĀ B. AL-ŠŪFĪ: AL-SHAMSHAWĪ (IDAJFAGHA; TASHUMSHA) 1892–1900; 1941–1948
- ‘ABD ALLAH B. BĀBBĀH 3062–3063; 3067–3068; 3132–3133
- ‘ABD AL-ḤAYY B. AL-TĀB: AL-NTĀBĪ 1200–1249; 1281; 1470–1477
- ISMA‘ĪL B. ‘ABD ALLĀH 3018–3036
- MUḤAMMAD AL-AMĪN B. KHLĪFA: AL-MĀLIKĪ (IDAGHMAJIK) 1891; 1991–2057; 2270–2276; 2445–2448
- MUḤAMMAD AL-AMĪN B. MUḤAMMAD AL-ḤĀFIẒ 2299–2300; 2401–2420

- MUḤAMMAD ʿABD ALLĀH B. UMMĪ: AL-MAJLISĪ (MIDLISH) 1572
 MUḤAMMAD IBRĀHĪM B. MUḤAMMAD ʿUMĀRŪ 3069–3070
 MUḤAMMAD FĀDIL B. AFĀ: AL-SHAMSHAWĪ (IDAGBAHANNI; TASHUMSHA) 2542–2595
 MUḤAMMAD FĀL B. ḤABBAD: AL-TANDAGHĪ 1949–1960; 2088–2090; 2493–2499
 MUḤAMMAD FĀL B. AḤMAYID 2246–2256
 MUḤAMMAD LŪLĪ: AL-YAʿQŪBĪ (IDAYQŪB) 1963–1990
 MUḤAMMAD AL-TAQĪ B. BALLAL: AL-ḤASANĪ (IDABILḤASAN) 2265–2269
 MUḤAMMAD B. ABĪ BAKR 1924–1933
 MUḤAMMAD B. AḤMAD BAMBĀ 1905–1912; 2289–2290
 MUḤAMMAD B. MUḤAMMAD AL-ʿAQIB: AL-JAKANĪ (TAJAKANAT) 1448–1457
 MUḤAMMAD B. AL-SHAYKH 2301; 2449–2455
 MUḤAMMAD B. SĪD AḤMAD: AL-MAJLISĪ (MIDLISH) 2058–2087
 MUḤAMMADAN B. ḤMAYNNĀ: YADĀLĪ/IDAWDAY (TASHUMSHA) 2427–2430; 2541; 3057–3061; 3065–3066; 3082–3083; 3134
 AL-MUKHTĀR AL-SĀLIM: AL-ḤASANĪ (IDABILḤASAN) 1645–1646
 AL-MUKHTĀR B. ʿABD AL-ḤAQQ 3050–3056
 MUṢṬAFĀ B. BĀBĀNĀ: AL-MAJLISĪ (MIDLISH) 2296
 AL-RĀJIL B. ABAYĀH: AL-TANDAGHĪ 1724–1748
 AL-SAYYID B. AḤMAD B. ABĀH: AL-ʿALAWĪ (IDAWʿALI) 2291–2295
 SĀLIM B. AL-SĀLIM: AL-ḤASANĪ (IDABILḤASAN) 1661–1692
 AL-SHAYKH B. AḤMAD NĀFIʿ 3130
 AL-SAYYID B. MUḤAMMAD AL-MĀLIK 2302
- Unidentified: Nos. 1432–1448; 2325–2400; 2480–2487; 2502–2540; 2646–2737; 2741–3017.

Published catalogues:

1965–66. *Catalogue provisoire* (see under Union catalogues above) contains many MSS housed at IMRS.

1981. *Exposición . . .* (see under Union catalogues above) includes descriptions of 8 MSS lent by the Institute, p. 58.

1987–88. Union catalogue by AḤMAD IBN MUḤAMMAD YAḤYĀ.

1988. REBSTOCK (see under Union catalogues above) includes the following collections on deposit at the Institute: Ahl al-Sharīf al-Mukhtār (Tichitt); MUḤAMMAD AL-MUKHTĀR B. MAʿRŪF (Mederdra); MUḤAMMAD YAḤYĀ B. SĪDĪ AḤMAD AL-MAJLĪSĪ.

Unpublished catalogues:

A handwritten register notes the original owners of the MSS.

1977. *Fihris al-muʿallafāt al-Mawrītānīya bi-Maktabat al-Mawrītānī li-l-Baḥth al-ʿIlmī, Qism al-Makḥṭūʿāt*. Introduction by MUḤAMMAD AL-MUKHTĀR WULD ABĀH. 57pp.

Typescript containing 288 titles.

1989. *Catalogue of Arabic manuscripts at the Institut Mauritanien de Recherche Scientifique. Fihris al-makḥṭūʿāt al-ʿāmm*. Nouakchott: Qism al-Makḥṭūʿāt, al-Maʿhad al-Mawrītānī li-l-Baḥth al-ʿIlmī, Wizārat al-Thaqāfa wa-ʿl-Tawjīh al-Islāmī. Incomplete, for internal use. 6 vols., unpaginated.

1990. *General Catalogue of Arabic Manuscripts in Mauritania, I. Collection of the Institut Mauritanien de Recherche Scientifique*. By C.C. STEWART, SIDI AḤMED OULD AḤMED SALIM and AḤMAD OULD MUḤAMMAD YAḤYA. Urbana/Nouakchott.

ISERI: Institut Scientifique d'Enseignement et de Recherches Islamiques

Ministère de la Culture et de l'Orientation Islamique

B.P. 53 656

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 536 66

Date of establishment: 1978

Status: Public

Conditions of access: Credentials required.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,975 (Arabic; Hassaniya).

Description of collection: Has acquired numerous collections, on all subjects. Includes works from Andalusia. One MS. dates from 1006

AH [1598]. The collection is in bad condition. The MSS of Zāwīyat Shaykh Sīdī Mukhtār al-Kuntī (*q. v.*) are housed here.

Unpublished catalogue:

Handlist by author and subject giving title, author, copyist, subject and remarks.

Catalogue under preparation.

Ahl Fāl

KABĪR WULD FĀL

Directeur Adjoint à la BMCI

B.P. 522

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 528 26 or (222-2) 516 00

Date of establishment: ca. 1930

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 100.

Description of collection: The library was established by a magistrate of Chinguetti, father of the present owner. Part of the collection has been moved and some MSS have been microfilmed by IMRS and the University of Tübingen.

The collection was surveyed by M. OULD HAMIDOUN. There is in the collection one MS. (of MUTANABBĪ?) from Iraq. See

1950. *Curiosités . . .* under CHINGUETTI—**General.**

Published catalogues:

1965–66. *Catalogue provisoire* (see under Union catalogues above).

1989. REBSTOCK's *Sammlungen* (see under Union catalogues above) contains MSS from this collection: Nos. 1437–1468.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist of 47 titles.

Ahl wuld ʿAddūd

MUḤAMMAD SĀLIM WULD ʿADDŪD

B.P. 5949

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 572 53

Date of establishment: 12th century AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 100.

Description of collection: The library was established by the scholar ʿABD ALLĀH AL-ḤĀJJ WULD AL-MUBĀRAK (in the region of Trārza). Several works were imported; there are autographs & illuminated MSS on traditional subjects. The owner (ex-Minister for Culture and Islamic Orientation, now chairman of the Haut Conseil Islamique) has excellent knowledge of the collection.

Aḥmad Ḥamdān wuld Tah

Nouakchott (Carrefour)

Date of establishment: 1960

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection covers traditional subjects. It is in good condition. There is a copy of MUKHTĀR WULD JINĪK's (1230 AH) *Sharḥ al-Saʿāda Mukhtār wuld Buna*.

Ibrāhīm Sih

Nouakchott

Date of establishment: before 14th century AH

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 300 (information from IMRS sources).

Al-Imām Badāh wuld al-Baṣīrī

Date of establishment: before 14th century AH

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,000 (information from IMRS sources).

Mawlāy Muḥammad wuld Sidatī

Directeur de l'Ecole Schams Eddine

B.P. 519

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 571 73 or (222-2) 542 18

Date of establishment: ca. 1950

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 40 (Arabic).

*Description of collection: The collection is divided between Néma and Nouakchott. Some works are in the hand of Muqaddam M. Muḥammad wuld Sidatī (d. 1978). A large part of the collection is in bad condition. Subjects include *adab*, grammar, *taṣawwuf* and *fatwās*.*

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist.

Muḥammad wuld Muḥammad Sālīm

Qāḍī Dabbā Sālīm wuld Ḥabīb Allāh

B.P. 30015

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 545 71

Date of establishment: 1220 AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 550 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection was established by MUḤAMMAD WULD MUḤAMMAD SĀLĪM (1207 – 1302 AH). It is rich and very significant, containing MSS in large format, and with interesting bindings; numerous photocopies are available for frequent use. The collection is in moderate condition.

Unpublished catalogue:

Incomplete typed lists.

Muḥammad Sīdī ‘Abd al-Ḥayy

E 2-6 El-Sebkha

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 532 21

Date of establishment: 1930

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 70.

Description of collection: The collection is in good condition. It contains some beautiful exemplars including one by a woman copyist. Some MSS have Mauritanian ornamentation and locally made bindings.

Catalogue under preparation.

Al-Maktaba al-Waṭanīya (Bibliothèque Nationale)

B.P. 20

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 518 63

Date of establishment: 1965

Status: National library

Conditions of access: Open to students, teachers and researchers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 47.

Description of collection: The MSS are kept in a metal cupboard in the section for old books in the library. There are also photocopies of MSS.

Unpublished catalogue:

1990. An inventory gives author, title, copyist, script and remarks.

Sīdī Ibn al-Tāh—see under ABĪR AL-TAWRIS above.

Zāwīyat al-Shaykh Muḥammad al-Māmī

Nouadhibou/Nouakchott

Date of establishment: 1983

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 250 (information from IMRS sources).

Zāwīyat al-Shaykh Muḥammad Fāl wuld Mutālī

Date of establishment: 1982

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 200 (information from IMRS sources).

Zāwiyat Shaykh Sīdī Mukhtār al-Kuntī

B.P. 44 36

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 542 14

Date of establishment: 1990

Conditions of access: Open to students, teachers and researchers.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 140 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Currently housed in the buildings of the ISERI (*q.v.*). The famous library bears the name of the religious scholar SHAYKH M. AL-KUNTĪ, contains traditional sciences in Arabic. It includes works by numerous Mauritanian authors. There is a *tafsīr* dated 1247 AH by SHAYKH MUKHTĀR AL-KUNTĪ, *Kashf al-niqāb ʿan asrār Fātiḥat al-Kitāb* (Ref. 165 × , IMRS/Tübingen).

Unpublished catalogue:

An alphabetical author catalogue giving author, title, copyist, date of copying, subject, pagination and remarks.

OUADANE (WĀDĀN)

Ahl Dahi

Sālik wuld al-Imām wuld Dahi

Ouadane

Date of establishment: ca. 12th century AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 60.

Description of collection: The MSS are stored in a metal cupboard in a former grocery. Some were filmed by the University of Tübingen. Fields covered include traditional subjects, and copies of the Qurʾān.

Published catalogue:

1989. REBSTOCK's *Sammlungen* (see under Union catalogues above) includes some of these MSS: Nos. 995–1011.

Ahl al-Kattāb

Muṣṭafā wuld al-Kattāb

Ouadane

Date of establishment: 1340 AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 80 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The library brings together the family collections. All subjects are covered, including copies of the Qurʾān and travel notes. In the collection is a copy of *Riḥlat al-munā wa-l-minna*, a work on *adab* by AL-ṬĀLIB AḤMAD WULD AL-MUṢṬAFĀ WULD ṬUWAYR AL-JANNA AL-ḤĀJJĪ. Some MSS were microfilmed by the University of Tübingen. The MSS are placed in chests and metal cupboards. Ten per cent of them are damaged.

Published catalogue:

1989. REBSTOCK's *Sammlungen* (see under Union catalogues above) contains some of these MSS: Nos. 1012–1024.

Maḵṭabat Dār al-Thaqāfa

Dār al-Thaqāfa buildings (Municipality of Ouadane)

Association Culturelle pour la Sauvegarde et la Rénovation de Ouadane

B.P. 316

Nouakchott

Date of establishment: 1987

Status: Private/public

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 120

Description of collection: The library brings together private collections in one location (the museum). The MSS are placed in glass-fronted wooden cupboards. All fields are covered, but the MSS are in bad condition. One MS. was restored abroad.

OUALATA (WALĀTA)**Maktabat Dār al-Makhṭūṭāt**

Muḥammad Nāh wuld ʿAbd al-Raḥmān

B.P. 679

Nouakchott

Tel.: SMCPP (222-2) 526 51 or 526 61

Fax: (222-2) 525 42

Date of establishment: 1981/1982

Status: Private collective

Conditions of access: Open to students, teachers and researchers upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,000 (Arabic; Hassaniya; Persian).

Description of collection: The library brings together several private collections: Ahl Sīdī Athman; ṬĀLIB BŪBAKAR, DAH WULD DAYDA, ʿABD ALLĀH WULD ʿABD AL-RAḤMĀN. Other collections are constantly being incorporated. The University of Tübingen has started to microfilm some works. The collection covers all subjects. It is very rich and contains MSS from the East, Andalusia and the Maghrib.

Unpublished catalogues:

Computerized list of 1,351 references.

Work on catalogues is in progress.

SHINQĪT—see CHINGUETTI**TICHITT (TĪSHĪT)****Ahl Fāḍil**

Tichitt

Date of establishment: 11th century AH

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,000 (IMRS information).

Ahl al-Imām ʿAbd al-Mūmin

Muḥammad wuld al-Imām al-Sharīf
Tichitt

Date of establishment: 1985

Status: Waqf

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,000 (IMRS information).

Description of collection: Contains several collections, rich in Mauritanian authors & old and rare works. Some works were microfilmed by IMRS and the University of Tübingen. Among interesting works in the collection are: *Mirʿāt al-taʿrīf bi-faḍl al-ʿilm al-sharīf*, by AḤMAD BĀBĀ ʿL-TINBUKTĪ; and *Ikhtisār AḤMAD BĀBĀ li-Manāqib AL-SANŪSĪ*.

Published catalogue:

1989. In REBSTOCK's *Sammlungen* (see under Union catalogues above) some MSS are listed (nos. 333–396; 399).

Maktabat al-Awqāf

Dadāh wuld al-Dayda
Tichitt

Date of establishment: 11th century AH

Status: Private collective

Conditions of access: Upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,000 (IMRS information).

Description of collection: Brings together several collections, rich in Mauritanian authors. All subjects are covered. There is one very old copy of AL-BUKHĀRĪ's *Ḥadīth* collection and the first book of *fiqh* by MUḤAMMAD ABŪ BAKRĪ AL-WADANĪ. There is in the collection a copy of *Kifāyat al-muhtāj fi maʿrifat man laysa fi ʿl-Dībāj* by AḤMAD BĀBĀ ʿL-TINBUKTĪ dated 1102 [1691]. Some works were microfilmed by the University of Tübingen.

Published catalogue:

1989. REBSTOCK's *Sammlungen* (see under Union catalogues above) lists some of these MSS: Nos. 270–288; 306–312; 465–468; 494/5.

TIJIKJA**Sīdī ʿAbd Allāh wuld Ḥājj Ibrāhīm**

Ḥaḍramī wuld Khatrī

Ilôt O / Villa 46

Nouakchott

Tel.: (222-2) 557 69

Date of establishment: 1987 (the Foundation Hadj Brahim)

Status: Private *waqf*

Conditions of access: Open to students, teachers and researchers upon application.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 120.

Description of collection: Preserves the work of the scholar SĪDĪ ʿABD ALLĀH WULD KHATTRĪ (d. 1918) who studied and taught at Al-Azhar, Kairouan, Fez & Meknès, and contains works of jurisprudence, rhetoric, literature, and history. In the collection is a copy of SĪDĪ ʿABD ALLĀH's *Nawāzil*, very much used in law.

TRĀRZA—see **MAʿT MAWLĀNĀ**

WĀDĀN—see **OUADANE**

WALĀTA—see **OUALATA**

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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BAUCHI STATE

BAUCHI

Ahmad Tura

Mal. Ahmadu's Residence, Behind Emir's palace

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 172 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection contains rare Islamic manuscripts, of literary and artistic significance. It was acquired several decades ago through purchases. Currently, it is being enriched through the copying of rare MSS, borrowed from friends of the owner.

The collection is kept in the owner's apartment. Its condition is fair, though some MSS have lost their covers. The texts are on the following subjects: *fiqh* (16), *tawhīd* (30), Sufism (4), *wa'z* (90), grammar (30), and *Ḥadīth* (2).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

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Ali Tsafe

Anguwar Doya

Bauchi Town

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 86 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection is poorly preserved in the owner's private room, and as a result the majority of the MSS have been partially destroyed by damp and termites. Some have lost their bindings.

According to the owner, the collection originates from various sources, as he bought some of its holdings from visiting scholars, and had inherited some from his late parents. The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (20), *tawhīd* (15), Sufism (30), and poetry (21).

Alh. Muhammad Babban Inna

Deputy Chief Imam
Bauchi Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 279 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The collection contains MSS on *fiqh* (90), Sufism (60), *tawhīd* (18), *Ḥadīth* (5), Holy Qurʾān (16), astronomy (1), philosophy (20), logic (3), *ʿarūḍ* (2), *uṣūl* (4), medicine (1), grammar (8), correspondence (19) and poetry (32).

Most of the MSS were either copied or authored by the owner, whilst the rest were inherited from his late father. The collection is well preserved and in fine condition. It is kept in a box in the owner's study. Some MSS have excellent bindings, and are of artistic significance.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Umar

Behind Emir's palace

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 115 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The MSS in this collection originate over seventy years ago, when the owner took it upon himself to copy religious texts as a devotion to God. They are well kept on a table in the owner's room and are in good condition.

They cover the following subjects: Holy Qurʾān (9), prayers (5), grammar (4), poetry (70), *fiqh* (7), Sufism (12) and *tawhīd* (8).

The collection is not catalogued.

Mal. Inuwa Jahun

Chief Imam
Bauchi Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 235 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The collection originates from various sources, both within Nigeria and outside. The majority was inherited from his parents, who had travelled widely round West Africa in pursuit of Islamic education. The owner's original works are also preserved in this collection.

The MSS are well preserved and in good condition. They cover the following subjects: *fiqh* (39), *ʿaqīda* (20), Qurʾāns (16), sermons (40), Sufism (13), grammar (7), politics (15), history (5) and poetry (80).

The collection contains rarities and MSS of artistic quality. It is uncatalogued.

Muhammad Mai Babban Buzu

Mai Babban Buzu's Residence

Blanga – Dam

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the late owner's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 450 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: According to his son, the late MAI BABBAN BUZU personally copied most of the MSS in his youth, and probably bought the rest from individuals.

The collection is poorly preserved and is scattered both in the late owner's residence and that of his children. Most of the MSS have been partially destroyed by bookworms and termites. Some have lost their pagination and covers. If the collection is not restored, it will be destroyed completely before long. The poor preservation and fragmentation of the MSS make it impossible to identify their subject-matter. A random inspection, however, reveals that most of them are the works of great scholars like SHEHU USMAN DAN FODIO and MUHAMMAD BELLO, and texts of the Holy Qurʾān, *fiqh* and *tawhīd*.

The collection is not catalogued.

Mal. Abdul Qadir

Mal. Abdul Qadir's Residence

Jahun.

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).

Description of collection: All the holdings of the collection were copied by the owner from printed Arabic texts on Islamic theology. They are well preserved in a carton, and are in good condition. They are uncatalogued.

Shaykh Tahir Uthman Bauchi

Kobi Street

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By special appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 453 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: Shaykh TAHIR BAUCHI, a prominent Islamic scholar based in Kaduna, copied the bulk of the collection from printed Islamic books in his student days. Other MSS were donated to him by individuals, whilst the rest are his original works on various Islamic subjects. They are well preserved in glass-fronted book-cases in the owner's private apartment, and are in excellent condition. The collection contains some rarities, and some MSS with good calligraphy and bindings.

The subjects of the texts are as follows: *tafsīr* (40), *Ḥadīth* (60), *fiqh* (100), Qurʾān (19), philosophy (32), logic (12), *fatwās* (81), poetry (76), astronomy (6), *uṣūl* (14) and grammar (13).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued or not.

GOMBE

Alh. Abdullahi Jamo

Bakin Kasuwa

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 60 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection is preserved in the living room of the owner. It was bequeathed to him following the death of his father, MAL. JAMO. The MSS are in fine condition. Subjects covered by the collection are: poetry (4), *fiqh* (26), grammar (9), Qurʾān (1), astronomy (2), *Ḥadīth* (7) and sermons (11).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Abdu Baba

Sabon Layi

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts in the collection were copied by the owner in his student days from famous books on the Islamic religion. They are well preserved and in fine condition. The texts are on *fiqh* (19) and grammar (4).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Ali bin Said

Anguwar Doya

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 20 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This is a collection of the original works of the owner, written over the last three decades. The MSS are well preserved in the owner's study. The collection covers *adab*, Sufism, sermons and *fiqh*. It is uncatalogued.

Imam Usman Bafata

Chief Imam,

Gombe Central Mosque

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection was inherited from the Imam's late father. Most of it has been lent out to scholars and researchers, and is yet to be returned. The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (9), Qur'ān (2), and Sufism (4).

The collection is well preserved in the late owner's apartment.

Mal. Muhammad

Shamaki Bajoga,

Tudun Wada

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 31 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: This collection is well preserved in the owner's study. It was acquired through purchases and copying.

The subjects covered are: *fiqh* (9), *tawhīd* (2), *Ḥadīth* (4) and poetry (16).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Ibrahim Alkali

Tudun Wada K

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 43 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The bulk of this collection was inherited from the owner's late father.

The collection is poorly preserved in a sack. Most of the MSS have been damaged by damp and bookworms, and have lost pages and bindings. They cover the following subjects: Qurʾān (3), *fiqh* (1), Sufism (21), philosophy (1) and poetry (17).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Salihu Abubakar

Tudun Wada C

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection consists of texts of the Holy Qurʾān copied by the owner. Though in fragments, they are well preserved.

The collection is uncatalogued.

KUMO

Alh. Babikir

Imam, Izala Jumu'a Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection was acquired from the owner's late father, who had copied some from the texts of his teacher when he was a student. The MSS are on *fiqh* (8) and grammar (2).

The collection is well preserved in the owner's library and is in excellent condition. It is uncatalogued.

Alh. Gurama Abbaje

Anguwar Sarkin Yaki

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 680 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: According to the owner, most of the MSS in the collection have been lost to borrowers and other biological agents. The surviving MSS are well preserved on bookshelves and are in excellent condition. The collection possesses some rare items and fine bindings.

The collection deals with the following subjects: *fiqh* (240), *Ḥadīth* (60), medicine (20), mathematics (2), Sufism (38), grammar (21), sermon (1), theology (40), *fatwās* (90) and poetry (168).

Unpublished catalogue:

A handlist describes about 500 MSS in the collection.

Alh. Shu'aibu Muhammad

Chief Imam

Kumo Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 800 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The collection is well preserved on bookshelves in the apartment of the owner, who inherited it from his late father some 10 years ago. He enriched the collection through acquisition and copying.

The collection deals with the following subjects: *fiqh* (350), *aqīda* (250), philosophy (40), Sufism (70), *Ḥadīth* (8), *fatwās* (11), grammar (10), *tafsīr* (16) and poetry (45).

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten register lists all the MSS in the collection.

Mal. Abubakar

Deputy Imam
Kumo Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 270 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This is a collection of rare MSS of great literary significance. Most are the owner's own works; the rest were copied from the collections of his teachers and relations. The collection covers a variety of subjects, including: *fiqh* (92), grammar (18), poetry (19), sermons (21), *aqīda* (33), astronomy (6), correspondence (9), *manṭiq* (12), philosophy (4), Qur'āns (2) and *fatwās* (54).

The MSS are well kept in the owner's room, and are in fair condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

NAFADA

Mal. Adamu Na-Fada

c/o Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1986

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 364 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection is well arranged and preserved in the private library of the owner. It was acquired through donations, purchases, and copying. All the MSS are in perfect condition. The collection possesses some rarities and fine bindings.

Subjects covered by the MSS are: *fiqh* (81), *tawḥīd* (21), *Ḥadīth*

(30), Sufism (16), *adab* (8), *fatwās* (90), philosophy (2), poetry (41) and correspondence (75).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued or not.

BORNO STATE

MAIDUGURI

Alhaji Abubakar Miskeen

c/o Tijjani El Miskeen
Dept. of Islamic Studies
University of Maiduguri

Description of collection: Full information is not available at present, but it is certain that this collection contains invaluable material that is unique to Borno's historical and cultural milieu. Some MSS also contain texts on the history of the Western and Central Sudan from the 14th century, as well as great literary works of *ʿulamāʾ* of Borno on various aspects of religion and socio-political conditions in Borno and other parts of the Muslim world since early times.

Awāṭha Bukar

Shehu Umar Garbai Road

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 101 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: The collection is kept on bookshelves in the owner's apartment. It is well preserved, and is in excellent condition.

The MSS cover the following subjects: Holy Qurʾān (8), *fiqh* (6), grammar (2), *Ḥadīth* (4), *tawḥīd* (7), *fatwās* (21), medicine (40) and poetry (13).

The collection is not catalogued.

Bukar Gononi

Bolori

Date of establishment: 1950

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 50 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Very little is known about this collection, as the owner refused to allow access to it. He hinted, however, that it covers *fiqh*, Qurʾān, *Ḥadīth*, medicine, history, *fatwās*, and poetry.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Bukar Gonikoro

Near Lamisala Police Station

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 72 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: This collection consists of the original works of the owner, which he wrote over a period of forty years.

The collection is well preserved in the owner's apartment, and is in perfect condition. Subjects represented are: Qurʾāns (15), *fiqh* (20), grammar (6), logic (1), *tawḥīd* (4) and poetry (26). The collection contains MSS of rare literary significance and fine bindings.

It is not known whether it has been catalogued or not.

Centre for Trans-Saharan Studies

University of Maiduguri

P.M.B. 1069

Date of establishment: 1986

Status: Academic research library

Conditions of access: By permission of the Curator of Islamic MSS of the Centre.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 565 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa; Kanuri).

Description of collection: The bulk of the holdings of this collection was acquired through donations from private individuals and micro-filming.

The MSS are well arranged and preserved in cabinets, in a spacious hall. They are in excellent condition. There are some old MSS which date back to the 16th century.

Subjects covered by the collection are as follows: Islamic knowledge (100), history (16), biography (10), grammar (8), correspondence (4), literature (20), administration (86), *Ḥadīth* sciences (2),

ascetism (8), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (60), jurisprudence (71), medicine (3), mysticism (1), mathematics (45), astronomy (4), theology (90), lexicography (1) and genealogy (36).

The collection contains some valuable MSS with fine calligraphy.

Unpublished catalogue:

A register lists all the MSS in the collection.

Ibrahim Ahmad

Chief Imam

Maiduguri Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1948

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 98 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: This is a collection of valuable MSS dating from the 17th century and later. The core of it was inherited from the parents of the owner, whilst the rest were copied or bought by him.

The collection is well preserved in the owner's apartment, and is in excellent condition. It covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (7), sermons (16), medicine (48), *uṣūl* (1), history (9), grammar (6), correspondence (5) and poetry (6).

Some MSS are of artistic significance.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mustapha al-Qadi Abani

(see Vol. II, p. 411, where the name is wrongly given as "Alkali")

Shehuri North,

House No. 13

Date of establishment: 1970

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 53 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the owner by his parents, and he later enriched it through purchases.

The MSS are undated. They are well preserved in the owner's library and are in excellent condition. The subjects covered by the collection are: Qurʾān (2), *fatwās* (17), *Shariʿa* (21), grammar (4), medicine (3), *fiqh* (5) and poetry (1).

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten register lists all the MSS in the collection.

Shaykh Ahmad Abdul Fathi

PO Box 191

Maiduguri

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 33 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: This collection of old MSS (18th-century and later) was bequeathed to the owner by his late parents. He later enriched it with MSS he had himself copied. They consist of 7 Qurʾāns, 5 volumes of poetry and works on grammar (2), *fiqh* (6) and medicine (13).

The MSS are kept in an animal-hide bag in the owner's study. They are in perfect condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Sharif Ibrahim Saleh

(see Vol. II, p. 412)

Gwanje,

PO Box 3

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 85 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: The core of the collection was purchased by the owner, and the rest were written or copied by him.

The MSS are well preserved in a box in the owner's private library. They are in excellent condition. Some contain fine Islamic calligraphy; most are beautifully bound.

The collection covers the following subjects: Holy Qurʾān (4),

Sufism (5), *fiqh* (18), grammar (9), *uṣūl* (6), *ʿaqīda* (3), *fatwās* (21), medicine (2) and poetry (17).

Unpublished catalogue:

A register describes all the MSS in the collection.

Shaykh Tijjani

Limeri Awasulum

Date of establishment: 1970

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 19 (Arabic).

Description of collection: All the MSS in this collection contain *sūras* of the Holy Qurʾān. They are well preserved in the owner's study. With the exception of very few, which have been wormed, they are in excellent physical condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

NGALA

Goni Mindil

Anguwar Masallaci, Gamboru Ngala

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the late owner's son.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 38 (Arabic; Kanuri).

Description of collection: According to his son, the late owner acquired the MSS several decades ago, but he does not know their provenance. Most of the MSS are undated, whilst the rest have 18th-century dates.

The MSS are well preserved in the late owner's residence, although some are in fragments and have been affected by damp. They cover the following subjects: Qurʾāns (2), *fiqh* (12), medicine (10), sermons (6), grammar (4), correspondence (1), *uṣūl* (2) and history (1). There are some important texts on Islamic jurisprudence.

Mal. Babba

Anguwar Ghana, Ganboru Ngala

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: This collection was acquired in Sokoto several decades ago by the owner from his teachers. The MSS are bound together and safely preserved in a box in the apartment of his wife. They are in perfect physical condition. Some of them are undated, but appear to have been written in the 19th and 20th centuries.

They cover the following subjects: Qurʾāns (7), *fiqh* (4), medicine (5), *tawhīd* (4), logic (1) and poetry (2).

The collection is not catalogued.

Shaykh Gona Saina

Ladari, Gamboru Ngala

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection contains valuable MSS of great artistic significance. Almost all are in the hand of the owner, and are written in beautiful calligraphy. They are kept in a box in his guest-room. They cover the following subjects: Qurʾān (3), *tajwīd* (1), *fiqh* (6), grammar (2) and poetry (3).

The collection is not catalogued.

Shaykh Muhammad Bashir

Anguwar Zawiyah, Gamboru Ngala

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This small collection is solely on the Holy Qurʾān, and was copied by the owner when he was a student. It is well preserved in a spacious room in his private residence. The MSS are in perfect condition. They are uncatalogued.

KADUNA STATE**KADUNA****Alh. Ibrahim Arab**

Tudun Ilu, Tudun Wada

Date of establishment: 1955

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 176 (Arabic).

Description of collection: These MSS originate from various West African countries. About half of them were inherited by the owner, whilst the rest were purchased from various sources.

The collection contains rare scholarly material dating from the 17th century onwards.

All the MSS are in excellent condition and are well preserved in a glass-fronted wooden bookcase in the owner's private apartment.

The subjects covered by the collection are: *fiqh* (50), *Ḥadīth* (30), *tawḥīd* (30), history (30), Qurʾāns (15), *tafsīr* (5), sermons (11) and literature (5). Some of the MSS have been beautifully decorated. Important MSS exist in the collection.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal., Lawal Abubakar

(see Vol. II, p. 427)

62 Maiduguri Road

Date of establishment: 1965

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Hausa).

Description of collection: The MS. is a volume of the owner's sermons. It is well preserved, and in good physical condition.

Mal. Umaru Balarabe

Hayin Banki,

Kawo

Date of establishment: 1960

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 47 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection is properly kept in adequate conditions in the owner's apartment. The MSS are in satisfactory condition. The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (6), *fatwá* (1), grammar (1), *Shari'ah* (1), poetry (2), sermons (3), education (1), history (1), politics (1), *Hadīth* (29) and Qur'ān (1). Some MSS are of artistic and literary significance.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Umar Sanda

Anguwar Kanawa

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Description of collection: Shaykh UMAR SANDA, a prominent scholar in Kaduna, is believed to be in possession of a number of rare Islamic MSS. A full description of this collection is currently not available, owing to the absence of the owner from Kaduna at the time of the survey.

Mal. Zakariya³u Yawale

No. 43 Lagos/Abarshi Road

Abakwa

Tel.: 062-214299

Date of establishment: 1968

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The owner, a widely travelled scholar, acquired 10 of the MSS from various sources outside Nigeria. The rest were either purchased or copied in Nigeria by him.

The dates and places of authorship of the MSS are rarely specified. A thorough examination reveals that some of them are very old, and could date as far back as the 17th century.

The collection deals with the following subjects: *tafsīr* (10), history (2), grammar (2) and *fiqh* (1).

Some of the MSS are of calligraphic quality.

Unpublished catalogue:

A hand-list describes 11 MSS of the collection.

Shaykh Awwal Sirajo

C49 Sirajo Road,
K/Chanchangi,
Tudun Wada

Date of establishment: 1959

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This is a small collection which contains rare scholarly material. It was inherited by the owner from his father, MAL. SIRAJO. The MSS date from the 17th century onwards.

The collection is in good condition and well kept on bookshelves in the owner's sitting room.

The texts cover the following subjects: *fiqh* (1), Qur^ʿān (3), *Ḥadīth* (1) and literature (1).

The important MSS in the collection are: *Maqāmāt AL-ḤARĪRĪ*, anonymous and undated; *Tuhfat al-Ḥukkām*, copied by MAL. SIRAJO, undated; and *Kanz al-ʿUmmāl* (15 volumes) by ʿALĀʾ AL-DĪN ʿALĪ AL-MUTTAQĪ AL-HINDĪ.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Zubairu Sirajo

CC 42, Sirajo Road,
Tudun Wada

Tel.: 062-212452

Date of establishment: 1947

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 280 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of this collection was inherited from the owner's father and grandfather. The rest were either written by him or purchased from private sources.

The collection is well preserved in a glass-fronted bookcase in the owner's apartment. The MSS are in good physical condition.

The subjects covered by the collection are: *fiqh* (50), *Ḥadīth* (30), *tafsīr* (100), history (20), Sufism (20), poetry (10) and grammar (50). The collection contains rarities and fine decorated bindings.

The collection is uncatalogued.

LERE

Mal. Musa Mahmud

Dan Alhaji 1 Village,
Unguwar Sarki,
Lere

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: There are three rare MSS of literary significance in the collection. Two are original works of the owner, whilst the other is anonymous. They are on modern technology, *Ḥadīth* and the Holy Qurʾān.

The collection is very well preserved, and in good physical condition.

It is uncatalogued.

ZARIA

Abdul Hakami Muntaqa Coomasie

(see Vol. II, pp. 427–428)

House No. 20, Ang. Alkali
Main Street, near Paradise Cinema
Tel.: 069-32737

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 14 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: The collection was bequeathed to the present owner following the death of his father, ALH. MUNTAQA COOMASIE in Saudi Arabia, some two years ago.

Some of the MSS are original works by the late MUNTAQA COOMASIE, while some are copies of works by other scholars. The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (10), *Ḥadīth* (2), *tafsīr* (1) and *fatwá* (1).

The collection is in excellent condition and is kept in a glass-fronted bookcase in the owner's apartment.

Two of the MSS have fine calligraphy and bindings.

Unpublished catalogue:

A hand-list describes some MSS in the collection.

Aliyu Ibrahim Liman Kona

No. 39, Anguwar Limancin Kona

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 26 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection was bequeathed to the owner by his grandfather. He later enriched it by purchasing more MSS from individuals.

There are some old and rare MSS in the collection, from the 17th century onwards, but most of them are undated. The MSS are beautifully bound, but not properly titled.

The collection is preserved in a box. A few MSS have been partially destroyed by damp, but the rest are in good condition.

The subjects covered by the collection are: *Hadīth* (10), *fiqh* (10), literature (2) and grammar (4).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Ibn Mu'azu

(see Vol. II, pp. 415–416)

Anguwar Dan Dutse,

No. 76, T/Wada

Tel.: 069-34007

Date of establishment: 1957

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 21 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are works of the owner. Some, however, were inherited from his father.

They are undated.

The collection is kept in satisfactory conditions in the owner's

apartment. The general condition of the MSS is fair. A few, however, require repairs. The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (3), poetry (10), *Ḥadīth* (3) and grammar (5).

The MSS have valuable bindings and artistic decorations.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Imam Sani

Imam of Kongo's residence

Kongo Campus

Date of establishment: 1978

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 305 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS in this collection originate from diverse sources outside Nigeria, where the owner acquired his Islamic education.

The collection covers the following subjects: poetry (1), *fiqh* (3), sermons (300) and *tafsīr* (1).

The MSS are well preserved in the owner's study. They are in good physical condition. Three MSS are of artistic significance.

Unpublished catalogue:

A handwritten list describes 15 MSS in the collection.

Alh. Kasimu Muhammad Yaro

Anguwar Juma,

Zaria City

Date of establishment: 1938

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 47 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather. He enriched it in subsequent years through purchases and copying.

The collection is poorly preserved in a box, and some of the MSS have been destroyed by damp and bookworms; but a fair number are in good physical condition.

The subjects covered by the texts are: *tawhīd* (1), *Ḥadīth* (1), poetry (15) and *khuṭbas* (30).

The MSS date from the 19th and 20th centuries. MSS of great artistic and literary significance abound in the collection.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Alh. Shu'aibu Usman

Anguwar Alkali

No. 11, Kofar Fada

Date of establishment: 1955

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A very small collection of rare manuscripts, which were written by the owner between 1955 and 1972. They are in perfect condition and are preserved in a box in the owner's apartment.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (2), *tawhīd* (1) and *lughā* (1).

Unpublished catalogue:

A register describes all the MSS.

Dr Abdur Rahman Mora

23/25, Mora Road,

T/Wada

Tel.: 069-33155

Date of establishment: 1961

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 14 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection originates from several countries, where the owner worked as a diplomat some years ago.

The condition of these MSS is satisfactory, and they are well kept in the owner's study. They are mostly of the 20th century. They cover the following subjects: history (2), *fiqh* (4), *Ḥadīth* (7) and

education (1). A copy of *Ihyāʾ ʿulūm al-dīn* by ABŪ ḤĀMID AL-GHAZĀLĪ is among the important MSS.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Dr Mukhtar Abdur Rahman

New Jos Road,
Kofar Doka,
PO Box 865,
Zaria

Tel.: 069-32705

Date of establishment: 1954

Status: Private

Conditions of access: Limited to researchers and scholars, and by appointment with the late owner's children.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,500 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: The collection was created some two hundred years ago by the late owner's forefather, MALLAM RIDWANU, who was a famous calligrapher in his time. The late Alh. MUKHTAR became the sole inheritor of the collection in 1954 following the death of his father, after which he arranged it in its present form. He began to enrich the collection in 1966. Between that period and the time of his death on 18th October 1993, he collected several hundred manuscripts from various sources, both within Nigeria and abroad.

About 200 MSS from the collection were taken to Egypt in the course of his doctoral studies at Al-Azhar University in 1975, and are still kept in a private house in Cairo.

About 60% of the collection are writings of the Sokoto *Jihād* leaders, and 40% are writings of famous early scholars of Islam. 42% of the MSS are on jurisprudence (*fiqh*), 27% on history (*tarikh*), 20% on theology (*ʿaqīda*) and 11% on Arabic literature (*adab*).

Most of the MSS in the collection were written in the 18th and 19th centuries—a period when scholars and rulers of this part of the world undertook the task of copying elegantly the Holy Qurʾān and other religious works as a form of meditation and piety.

The MSS are well preserved, and kept on shelves in a spacious room. They are arranged according to subject-matter, and to some extent chronologically.

The collection contains hundreds of manuscripts of rare significance and artistic quality. The flowing quality and artistic magnificence of the regional scripts (*Naskhat al-Sūdān* and *Naskhat al-Ṣaḥrāʾ*),

in which all the manuscripts are written, are manifested in this collection. The fine bindings, which still remain in their original form, are themselves superb expressions of the Islamic binding craft.

The collection is, however, uncatalogued.

Malam Adamu Bafillace

59, Kofar Doka

Zaria City

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts in this collection are the works of the owner.

The MSS are in perfect condition, and are kept in the owner's private apartment. They cover the following subjects: *fiqh* (2), *Ḥadīth* (1) and *Qurʾān* (1).

Some MSS are of artistic significance.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Malām Muʾazu

Anguwar dan Dutse,

No. 88, T/Wada

Date of establishment: 1950

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 41 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The bulk of the collection was inherited from the owner's father. Other MSS were bought from private sources.

There are some old MSS in the collection, though most are not dated. It is satisfactorily preserved in a box in the owner's apartment. The physical condition of the MSS is generally fair.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (10), *Ḥadīth* (6), literature (10), grammar (10) and Sufism (5).

The collection is not catalogued.

Mal. Muhammad Gali na Malam Yahuza

Limanci Iya,

Zaria City

Date of establishment: 1941

Status: Private

Total number of Islamic MSS: 24 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The owner inherited this collection from his father, Mal. YAHUZA, who was a prolific scholar.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (10), *tawhīd* (4) and poetry (10).

The MSS date from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Some have been damaged by bookworms, and some have lost their covers. The collection possesses MSS with fine calligraphy. Most of the MSS are anonymous.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Sani Muhammad

123 Ang. Karfe

Zaria City

Date of establishment: 1979

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 12 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS in this collection were inherited from the owner's grandfather, who is said to have acquired them from sources outside Nigeria.

The collection is poorly preserved in the owner's private apartment. The MSS have been partially destroyed by various biological factors, and are in urgent need of restoration. They deal with the following subjects: poetry (5), Sufism (1), sermon (1), astronomy (1), theology (2) and grammar (2).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Shehu Tasi Kusfa

No. 11, Kusfa 1,

Zaria City

Tel.: 069-32281

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 607 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his father, who had inherited it from his grandfather, Mal. IBN ABDUR RAʿUF, the founder of Kusfa suburb in Zaria. Mal. ABDUR RAʿUF was a prolific scholar who lived in the 18th century, before the outbreak of the *Jihād* of SHEHU USMAN DAN FODIO.

The collection has some old MSS, though most are not dated. The majority of them are in good condition, but some have been damaged by biological factors. They are kept in the owner's apartment.

The subjects covered by the MSS are: *fiqh* (97), *Hadīth* (105), poetry (305), Sufism (40), grammar (10), history (15), Qurʾān (20), and *tafsīr* (15).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Ummara Ibn Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim

Kofar.Fada

No. 33, Zaria City

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 54 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The bulk of this collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather, who is reported to have acquired the MSS from SARKIN ZAZZAU ABDULKARIM. They are undated.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (9), *Hadīth* (31), *fatwās* (1), *Sharīʿa* (1), poetry (1), sermons (3), education (1), history (1), politics (1), Qurʾān (4) and grammar (1).

The collection contains some MSS of artistic significance.

The MSS are in perfect condition and are well kept in a wooden box.

Shaykh Abdul Qadir bin Ali

No. 11, Limanci Iya,

Zaria City

Tel.: 069-32305

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner's *khalifa*.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 33 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The core of this collection is the works of the late owner. The MSS are well preserved in the late owner's family residence and are in good condition. They are of 19th- and 20th-century origin.

The MSS cover the following: *fiqh* (8), *tawhīd* (5), Sufism (10), poetry (6), *fatwās* (2) and eulogies of the Holy Prophet (2).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Muhammad al-Amin

No. 14, Anguwar Alkali,

Zaria City

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Both MSS were written by the owner himself, and are on *tawhīd* and Sufism respectively. They are in excellent condition and are kept on a table in the owner's study. They are uncatalogued.

Usman Malam Na Iya

No. 48, Anguwar Mele,

Zaria City

Tel.: 069-33018

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 17 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The core of the MSS in this collection was donated to the owner by a former Emir of Zaria, SARKIN KWASAU, but he also purchased some from commercial booksellers. Two MSS were inherited from his late father.

The MSS date from the 18th and 19th centuries. They are well preserved in glass-fronted bookcases. All are in perfect condition.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (10), Sufism (1), *tawhīd* (1), *tafsīr* (1) and poetry (4).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh M. Halilu

Shafi'i Road,
T/Wada, Zaria

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The MSS in the collection were copied by the owner over the last two decades. They are in excellent condition and well preserved in the owner's study.

Subjects covered by the collection are: poetry (1), grammar (3) and history (1).

The collection is uncatalogued.

The Open Press

Opp. College of Aviation,
Soko Road
Zaria

Tel.: 069-51961

Date of establishment: 1989

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Managing Director.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,961 (Arabic; Fulbe, Hausa), including photocopies.

Description of collection: Most of this collection consists of photocopies of 19th- and 20th-century manuscripts—in particular those in the collections of MUKHTAR ABDUR RAHMAN and NHRS, Zaria. But some MSS were also acquired by the MD of the company in the course of his research trips to West African countries, and are preserved in the collection.

The collection is housed in the official residence of the Managing Director, and it is well preserved in a large wooden book container. The physical condition of the MSS can be said to be excellent, though some of the original MSS have been partially damaged by bookworms and damp.

The subjects covered by the MSS include: philosophy, *Ḥadīth*, *fiqh*, *ʿaqīda*, exegesis, medicine, litanies, Sufism, geomancy and other literary subjects.

Unpublished catalogue:

A register lists about 1,460 MSS of the collection.

KANO STATE

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Bayero University of Kano: History Research Bureau

(see Vol. II, p. 416)

P.M.B. 3011, Kano

Status: University library

Conditions of access: By permission of the Director.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,297 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are original works by scholars of Nigeria and other West African countries. They were written in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The collection covers the following subjects: Sufism (59), *fiqh* (120), *fatwās* (400), poetry (169), astronomy (19), logic (4), *ʿaqīda* (138), grammar (16), *Ḥadīth* (19), *tafsīr* (3), *ʿarūd* (5), correspondence (128), *adab* (2), history (19), *jihād* (86) and philosophy (110).

The collection is well preserved, on bookshelves, and well protected. There are no traces of damage. Some of the MSS are of artistic significance and there are some fine bindings.

Unpublished catalogue:

A card index lists all the MSS in the collection.

Alhaji Garba Mai Sallah

Dakata Quarters,

Dakata

Date of establishment: 1977

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 30 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection was inherited by the present owner from his maternal grandfather. The MSS are well preserved in the owner's apartment, but a few have been damaged, resulting in the loss of pages and covers of some of them.

They are not dated. A random inspection reveals that some of them are old MSS, perhaps from the 18th and 19th centuries.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (8), poetry (3), Sufism (9), grammar (4), *fatwás* (5) and politics (1).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Muhammad Murtala

(see Vol. II, p. 418)

Masallacin Alkali

Jalli

Date of establishment: 1981

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The owner claims to have acquired the MSS from his teachers.

The collection is well preserved in his study, and all are in perfect condition, in their original bindings.

The subjects covered by the collection are: *fiqh* (3), *khutba* (1) and grammar (1).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Dr Umar Faruq M/Fashi

Dept. of Islamic Studies

Bayero University

Kano

Tel.: 064-66602

Date of establishment: 1983

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 110 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: This collection consists entirely of photocopies

of the holdings of some collections in Kano and its environs. The originals are of the 19th and 20th centuries, and cover the following subjects: *fiqh* (30), politics (20), Sufism (8), *tafsīr* (1), *Ḥadīth* (2), correspondence (19), astronomy (2), grammar (5) and *fatwās* (23).

They are uncatalogued.

Baban Malam

Malaba Quarters,
Kano City

Date of establishment: 1936

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the son of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 59 (Arabic).

Description of collection: According to family sources, the late owner inherited the collection from his father. Although some have been slightly damaged by humidity and bookworms, the majority of the MSS appear to be in good condition. They are well preserved in the apartment of the late owner's son.

Most of them are undated. The defectiveness of some MSS makes it difficult to identify their titles. They cover the following subjects: sermons (6), *fiqh* (12), grammar (2), *tafsīr* (1), *Ḥadīth* (2), politics (3), astronomy (2), Holy Qurʾān (2), *uṣūl* (4), *fatwās* (15), history (5), *manṭiq* (1) and correspondence (4).

Some of the MSS have original bindings and traditional ornamentation.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Shaykh Ismaila Khalifa

Darma,
Kasuwar Kurmi

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with students of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 165 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS were copied by the owner's students, and are the works of SHEHU DAN FODIO and other *jihād* leaders in West Africa.

The MSS are well preserved, and are mostly in fine condition,

though some are slightly damaged. Repair work on the damaged MSS is currently in progress. They are of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (28), *ʿaqīda* (60), Sufism (12), correspondence (11), grammar (5), *Ḥadīth* (2), *Ḥadīth* sciences (1), sermons (3), *fatwās* (20), poetry (7), *jihād* (6) and history (10).

The collection contains some rare items. It is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Nasiru Kabara

(see Vol. II, p. 417)

Kabara,

Kano City

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the sons of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 286 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: The collection covers the following subjects: Sufism (59), history (34), poetry (60), *fiqh* (48), *Ḥadīth* (16), *tafsīr* (2), correspondence (21), *fatwās* (37), grammar (7) and *uṣūl* (2).

The MSS are in excellent condition and are preserved in the private apartment of the owner. There are some very old MSS in the collection, though most are not dated.

The collection is uncatalogued.

WUDIL

Emir Muhammad Sanusi

Muhammad Sanusi Residence

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the late Emir's family.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 467 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: The collection originates from various sources, within Nigeria and outside. According to the son of the late owner, some were donated by individuals and foreign visitors to the Emirate. The late owner might have written some works himself. Most of the MSS are of the 17th century or later.

The collection covers the following subjects: correspondence (49),

politics (27), Sufism (70), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (32), *fatwás* (99), poetry (14), *tafsīr* (2), *ʿaqīda* (48), grammar (17), *uṣūl* (1), astronomy (37), history (6), *jihād* (6), *manṭiq* (2), philosophy (1) and *fiqh* (56).

The collection contains MSS of considerable artistic significance. It is well preserved in glass-fronted bookcases. It is in good condition. Important MSS in the collection include *Kifāyat duʿafāʾ al-Sūdān fī tafsīr al-Qurʾān* by ABDULLAHI DAN FODIO, undated.

The collection is uncatalogued.

KATSINA STATE

KATSINA

Abdul Wahab Ladan

(see Vol. II, p. 419)

Late Ladan's Residence
Kofar-Soro,
Katsina

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 31 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his father. Though not properly dated, some of the MSS seem to be quite old, probably from the 18th century. They are well preserved in the owner's room and in good physical condition.

They cover the following subjects: *Qurʾān* (1), *fiqh* (10), *Ḥadīth* science (1), *fatwás* (5), grammar (3), *tawḥīd* (2), poetry (8) and history (1).

The collection contains a few MSS with fine bindings and artistic merit.

The collection is not catalogued.

Alh. Husaini Ibrahim

(see Vol. II, p. 418)

20 Wali street
Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 14 (Arabic).

Description of collection: These MSS were bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather. They are poorly preserved: some have lost leaves and covers. Restoration work is required. The collection is kept in the apartment of the owner.

Some of the MSS date from the 19th century. They contain works of *fiqh* (8) and grammar (6).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Hamza Issa

(see Vol. II, p. 418)

Halilu Road

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 24 (Arabic).

Description of collection: These MSS are well preserved in the owner's apartment and are in excellent condition.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (14), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (6), grammar (3) and *tawhīd* (1). The MSS are undated.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Usman Jari Kurfi

(see Vol. II, p. 419)

IB, Staff Quarters,
Arabic Teachers' College

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 36 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The bulk of this collection is in fragments. Some of them have been partially destroyed by damp. The collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his late father. He enriched the collection with his personal works on various Islamic subjects.

There are some old MSS in the collection, dating from the 17th century onwards.

The following subjects are represented: poetry (27), grammar (7), and *fiqh* (2).

The most important item is *Mukhtaṣar Khalīl* by KHALĪL IBN IṢHĀQ.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Katsina State Library Board

P.M.B. 2064,
Katsina

Date of establishment: 1980

Status: Public

Conditions of access: By permission of the Deputy Director.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Hausa).

Description of collection: The collection is well preserved and is in perfect condition. The texts consist of a sermon and works on Islamic civilization and doctrine.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Katsina State History Bureau

P.M.B. 2140,
Katsina

Tel.: 31239, 31408

Date of establishment: 1991

Status: Public

Conditions of access: By appointment with the Director.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Description of collection: A Qurʾān, beautifully written and bound. It is well preserved and in perfect condition.

Mal. Muhammad Siyudi Usman

(see Vol. II, pp. 419–420)

Cikin Gida,
Saulawa

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The collection is preserved in the owner's private study. Some of the MSS have been damaged by damp and require restoration.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (4), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (2) and methodology (1). The MSS are undated and uncatalogued.

KEBBI STATE**RAHA****Liman Haidara**

The Imam of Raha,
c/o Central Mosque,
Raha

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Description of collection: Not much is presently known about this collection. There is, however, reliable information that volumes of valuable material are located at the residence of the Imam.

SOKOTO STATE**GWANDU****Alh. Umaru Nasarawa**

Wazirin Gwandu's Residence

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Description of collection: Volumes of MSS of great literary and historical importance are believed to be in the possession of Alh. UMARU NASARAWA, the Wazirin Gwandu. No full description of the collection is currently available.

SOKOTO**Alh. Yahya Alkali collection**

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment.

Description of collection: An unspecified number of MSS are believed to be preserved in the residence of Alh. YAHYA. Not much information about the collection is readily available.

Mal. Issah Talata Mafara

Deputy Director,
Sokoto State History Bureau

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,030 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: The bulk of this collection consists of MSS microfilmed from the holdings of the State History Bureau collection (*q.v.*, Vol. II, p. 426), where the owner works. The rest have been acquired through donations from individuals.

The collection contains MSS which date from the 18th century. Most of the authors are from different historical and intellectual backgrounds both within Nigeria and outside.

The collection covers a wide range of Islamic subjects such as *tawhīd*, *fiqh*, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, astronomy, *fatwās*, sermons, *manṭiq*, literature, medicine, poetry, methodology, Qur^ʿanic sciences and history.

The collection is well preserved in some wooden boxes in the owner's private apartment. MSS of artistic quality abound in the collection.

The MSS are uncatalogued.

Usman Dan Fodio University: Centre for Islamic Studies

P.M.B. 2346,

Tel.: 060-232134

Date of establishment: 1983

Status: Academic research library

Conditions of access: By permission of the Curator of Islamic and Arabic Manuscripts of the Centre.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,600 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: This collection has old Islamic manuscripts dating back to the pre-*Jihād* days of the Sokoto Caliphate. The authors of the MSS in this collection come from various intellectual and cultural backgrounds, both within Nigeria and outside.

The significance of the collection lies in its wide coverage of different Islamic subjects: *tawhīd*, *fiqh*, *tafsīr*, *Ḥadīth*, *manṭiq*, correspondence, astronomy, medicine, sermons, poetry and *fatwās*.

The collection is well preserved and is in perfect condition. The

library is clean and orderly, and equipped with air-conditioning and humidity controls.

The collection possesses MSS of rare artistic and scholarly significance. Some of the rarities are: *Ḍiyāʾ al-Siyāsa*, by ABDULLAHI DAN FODIO, undated; *Najm al-Ikhwān*, by ABDULLAHI DAN FODIO, undated; *Infāq al-Maysūr* by MUHAMMAD BELLO, undated.

Unpublished catalogue:

A card-index describes all the manuscripts in the collection.

Waziri Junaidu

(see Vol. II, p. 425)

Waziri Junaidu Research Centre,
Gidadawa-Sokoto

Date of establishment: 1973

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the son of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,100 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: This is probably the largest and the best organised private collection in the city. It dates back to the 19th century when Gidado bin Laima assumed the office of Wazir. The significance of this collection lies in the fact that the various Wazirs were themselves prolific writers who in course of time developed a great interest in the preservation of the *Jihād* heritage. The present Wazir, Junaidu, has himself written about 80 rare works, which are preserved in this collection. The collection also contains original MSS of SHEHU USMAN DAN FODIO and other Sokoto *Jihād* leaders. The collection covers a wide range of subjects, such as Sufism, literature, politics, economics, medicine, correspondence, history, *Sharīʿa*, *fiqh*, *tawḥīd*, *Hadīth*, etc. Some MSS are of great artistic and scholarly significance.

The collection is well preserved in card boxes in a spacious apartment at the residence of the owner, which has been designated the Waziri Junaidu Research Centre.

Unpublished catalogue:

About 1,350 MSS in the collection have been described in the owner's private catalogue.

YOBE STATE**POTISKUM****Alh.. Inuwa Na²ibi**

Deputy Chief Imam
Potiskum Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 38 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are in the hand of the owner, who has meticulously copied the whole text of the Holy Qur²ān. The subjects covered by the collection are: *Hadīth* (2), poetry (8) and Qur²āns (28).

The collection is well preserved in the owner's study and is in fair physical condition. The MSS are undated and uncatalogued.

Mal. Dalibi

Anguwar Mal. Dalibi

Date of establishment: 1950

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 146 (Arabic).

Description of collection: All the MSS are of the 18th and 19th centuries and were purchased from private sources. Presently, the collection is being enriched with MSS copied by the owner. The following subjects are covered: history (42), Qur²ān in separate *sūras* (68), *fiqh* (17) and poetry (19).

The MSS are in perfect physical shape and are well preserved in the owner's apartment.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Hassan Mai Wa²azi

Dogon—Zare

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This is a small collection which consists only of some *sūras* of the Holy Qurʾān, which the owner has copied over the last two decades. It is well preserved and in excellent condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Imam Kalli

Chief Imam

Potiskum Central Mosque

Date of establishment: 1955

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 102 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Most of the collection is kept together in a room in the residence of the owner. Some MSS are in fragments and their pages are lost or scattered.

The MSS, which are from the 18th century and later, are on history (58), Qurʾān (13), *fiqh* (12) and poetry (19).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Ibrahim Mai Gafaka

Kofar Mai Durumi

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 40 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection is poorly preserved. The MSS are affected by humidity, fragmented and scattered in the rooms of the owner's wives. According to the owner, the MSS were bequeathed to him by his late father. They are mostly undated. Some, however, are beautifully calligraphed. Subjects covered are Qurʾān (8), *ʿaqīda* (6), *fatwās* (18), *fiqh* (2), *uṣūl* (1) and poetry (5).

The collection is uncatalogued.

PALESTINE

(corrigenda)

JERUSALEM

General

(see Vol. II, p. 574)

Unfortunately it is still not possible to provide information about the Christian Arabic MSS collections. However, it should be made clear that this omission does not arise from any negligence on the part of the authors of the survey, nor from a lack of cooperation by the custodians of these collections.

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UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS

1894. *Bibliografía de Mindanao*. By WENCESLAO E. RETANA. Madrid.

1970. *Mindanao-Sulu bibliography: a preliminary survey*. By ALFREDO TIAMSON. Davao City: Ateneo de Davao.

This work has incorporated in full [see pp. 312–35] WENCESLAO E. RETANA'S 1894 edition of *Bibliografía de Mindanao*, which contains references to Islamic MSS in the Philippines. Tiamson's list of Islamic MSS contains about 40 entries (pp. 23–25).

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

MANILA

Marcelino and Cresencia Foronda

Merville Park, Paranaque, Metro Manila

Description of collection: It is known that a number of Islamic MSS are kept in this private collection.

Published catalogue:

1981. *A Filipiniana bibliography, 1743–1982 (a classified listing of Philippine materials in the Marcelino A. and Cresencia R. Foronda private collection)*. By MARCELINO A. and CRESENCIA R. FORONDA. Manila: Philippine National Historical Society.

The National Library

Description of collection: The *Tabacalera Collection* in the Filipiniana section of the National Library contains some Islamic MSS, including: (i) a 19th-century Qur^ʿān with several interesting features indigenous to the Muslim culture of Maguindanao Moros; (ii) a few Persian poems from 19th-century Muslim India; (iii) more than half a dozen 19th-century MSS in Malay.

Published catalogue:

1972. *Filipiniana materials in the National Library.* Edited by ISAGANI R. MEDINA. Quezon City: National Library & University of the Philippines Press.

University of the Philippines Library

Filipiniana Section

Description of collection: Number of MSS not known, but among them is to be found a Maguindanao text written in Arabic script in 1905, entitled “The Sulu reader for the public schools of the Moro Province”, prepared by the Provincial Superintendent of Schools, Zamboanga.

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