



Archives and Special Collections Department,
American University of Beirut
Beirut, Lebanon
© 2018

Abd al-Salam Shatila Photograph Collection, 1934-1974

A Finding Aid to the Collection in the University Libraries, AUB
Prepared by Mervat Kobeissi

Contact information:

asc@aub.edu.lb

Webpage:

www.aub.edu.lb/Libraries/asc/

Descriptive Summary

Call No: Ph: ASS:1934-1974:1-35

Library Catalog ID: [b22072573](#)

Record Creator: Shātīlā, ‘Abd al-Salām, 1915-2005.

Collection Title: Abd al-Salam Shatila Photograph Collection, 1934-1974.

Collection Dates: 1934-1974

Physical Description: 1 box.

Language(s): Arabic

Administrative Information

Source: Samira Shatila, alumna, Dr. Shatila’s granddaughter.

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access copy.

Photocopying Restriction: No Photocopying restriction except for fragile material.

Preferred Citation: Abd al-Salam Shatila Photograph Collection, 1934-1974, Ph: ASS:1934-1974:1-35, Box no.-, File no.-, American University of Beirut/Library Archives.

Scope and Content

The small collection comprises 35 black and white photographs dating from 1934 to 1974. The collection documents the life and the cultural, social, and philanthropic activities of Dr. Abd al-Salam Shatila as a member of the Municipal Council of the City of Beirut and other associations, as well as his activities in other capacities and functions. There are some photos of Dr. Shatila with Prime Minister Sa’ib Salam and one photo with Prime Minister Abdallah El-Yafi, in addition to a few photos with several mayors, e.g. mayors of Accra, Ghana, and Manchester, UK. Included are also some individual portraits at various stages of his life, and one family group photo.

Biographical Sketch

Abd al-Salam Shatila was born in Beirut, in 1915. He graduated from the School of Dentistry at the American University of Beirut in 1938. He married Aminah Shatila and together they had three boys. Upon his wife passing at a young age, he married Ms. Samirah Shatila, with whom he had four boys.

Dr. Shatila was an active social worker, serving as a member of the Municipal Council of the City of Beirut for 40 years, from 1959 on. In 1994, he founded a family foundation: “*Jāmi‘āt āl-Shātīlā*” and was in charge of its activities until his passing in 2005.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series:

Series I: Personal

- Portraits
- Abd al-Salam Shatila and others
- Business card

Series II: Public Service

- Town Council: Election Campaign and Conferences
- Cultural, Charity, and Social Activities

Series III: Documents

- Abd al-Salam Shatila Degree, 1938

Subject Heading

Shātīlā, ‘Abd al-Salām, 1915-2005.

Dentists -- Lebanon.

American University of Beirut -- Alumni and alumnae.

Lebanon -- City council.

Charity organization -- Lebanon.

Social service -- Lebanon.

Families -- Lebanon -- Beirut.

Format

Group portraits.

Photographic prints.

Portrait photographs.

Container List

Series I: Personal

a) Portraits

- Abd al-Salam Shatila, young age, Photo Walid, 1950s (1 photographic print: black and white; 15 x 10 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila, 2000s (1 photographic print: color; 15 x 10 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila, 2000s (1 photographic print: color; 15 x 10 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila, 2000s (1 photographic print: color; 15 x 10 cm)
- Sketch portrait of Abd al-Salam Shatila by Ming Min Fan, June 3, 1999 (1 drawing: black and white; 29 x 21 cm)

b) Abd al-Salam Shatila and others

- Trip with a friend to Nab' al-Safa and Baruk, September 6, 1934 (2 photographic prints: black and white; 14 x 9 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila with Sa'd al-Din Basha Shatila upon his arrival from Egypt, 20 March 1950, Studio Hollywood (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 12 cm)
- Abd al-Salām Shatila with his second wife Samirah Shatila and his sons Nu'man and Marwān, 21 April 1958 (1 photographic print: black and white; 13 x 8 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila with a jockey on a horse, possibly at Horse Race Track in Beirut (1 photographic print: black and white; 16 x 11 cm)

Series II: Public Service

a) Town Council: Election Campaign and Conferences

- Abd al-Salam Shatila with a group of people, 1950 (1 photographic print: black and white; 13 x 9 cm)
- Municipality Council visiting Prime Minister Ṣa'ib Salam, 1961 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila delivering a speech during municipal elections, 1964 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Conference of Municipalities of Arab States, 1968 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Conference of Municipalities of Arab States, shaking hands with Prime Minister Abdallah el-Yafi, 1968 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)

b) Cultural, Charity, and Social Activities

Cultural Activities:

- Abd al-Salam Shatila with Iraqi Cultural Attaché Mr. Mohamad Hussein, 1951, Photo Paramount (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila attending the opening ceremony of the play "Shahid al-wajib" with others and giving a speech, 13 March, 1951 Photo Antoine Dalati (4 photographic prints: black and white; 17.5 x 11 cm)

Charity Activities:

- Abd al-Salam Shatila, Prime Minister Riyad al-Sulh, al-Amir Majid Arslan and others during a reception at Jāmi'āt al-Shabāb al-Muslimīn, December 1949, Photo Antoine Dalati. (1 photographic print: black and white; 17.5 x 11 cm)

- Reception at Jāmi‘āt al-Shabbāt al-Muslimāt, 1964 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)

Social Activities:

- Reception at the Riviera Hotel, 1961 (1 photographic print: black and white; 17.5 x 11 cm)
- Reception in honor of Mayor of Accra, Ghana, E.C. Quaye, 30 September 1961, photo Antoine Dalati & Nohra (2 photographic prints: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Reception in honor of Mayor of Manchester, Sir Robert Thomas, 14 September 1962 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Reception by AUB Dental Alumni Association in honor of AUB President Norman Burns, 14 April 1962, Photo City (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 12 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila with others attending a reception by Kuwait Prince al-Shaykh Sabah al-Salim al-Subah, 1965 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 12.5 cm)
- Opening ceremony of the Plaza Hotel, [1954], Photo Fantasia (1 photographic print: black and white; 17.5 x 12 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila and his uncle, Abd al-Aziz Shatila with Prime Minister Sa'ib Salam, and others, April 1968 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila and his wife with Sa'ib Salam and others at a reception, Saade Photo (1 photographic print: black and white; 25 x 18 cm)
- Abd al-Salam Shatila with Soviet delegation August 1974 (1 photographic print: black and white; 18 x 13 cm)

Series III: Documents

- Abd al-Salam Shatila Degree, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 1938

(Oversize archives drawer 6)

Related Materials

Archives

- School of Dentistry Archives, [ARCHIVE AA:3.9.5.1](#)

Books

- حلاق، حسان. (٢٠١٠-٢٠١٨). موسوعة العائلات البيروتية: الجذور التاريخية للعائلات البيروتية ذات الأصول العربية واللبنانية والعثمانية مع صور ووثائق ومعلومات نادرة. بيروت، لبنان: دار النهضة العربية. [CA:R956.92:H182mA:v.1-7](#)

- الهاشمي، يوسف بن احمد بن علي الحسيني. (٢٠٠٣). بيروت وعائلاتها السبعة واسرها الحاضرة. عمان، الاردن: دار الرايات. [RLEB:956.92:H968bA:c.1](https://www.daralrayat.com/956.92:H968bA:c.1)

Digital Resources

- [آل شاتيلا... وزمن بيروت الجميل](#)
- [من آل البيت الشريف..إسهامات نضالية واجتماعية وخيرية وسياسية في بيروت المحروسة](#)

Photographs

- Ghandour-Fathallah-Sheikh family digital photo Collection
7 albums (166 photos); black and white; different sizes.

This collection contains digital photos taken mostly in Lebanon and covers a range of years from the mid-nineteenth century up to the year 2007. Information provided about the photos includes names of people photographed, date of photo, location, and events such as weddings, graduation, sports competition, and Eid gathering. The collection is accessible in digital format on-site at the AUB Archives Department. For any subsequent publications, researchers will be responsible for obtaining copyright permission from the owners of the collection.