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Albert Jacobs Digital Photo Collection, 1927-1929

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Descriptive Summary

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Record Creator: Albert Jacobs, 1910-1963.

Collection Title: Albert Jacobs Photo Collection, 1927-1929

Collection Dates: 1927-1929

Physical Description: 46 digital photos

Language: N/A

Administrative Information

Source: The digital photo collection was donated by his son Cliff Jacobs, 2016.

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Scope and Content

The Albert Jacobs Photo Collection consists of 46 digital copies of black and white photos, with a short film prepared by Cliff Jacobs, son of Albert, in memory of his father's travel and time at AUB. The collection includes photographs on AUB campus, Beirut, and Jacobs travels to Syria. It documents the life of an international student in the Middle East and his travels across the region. It is important to scholars interested in international students at AUB, as well as description and travel in the Middle East during the 2nd decade of the 20th century.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series:

Series I: Lebanon

Series II: Syria

Series III: Albert Jacobs travels and time at AUB

Biographical Sketch

Albert Jacobs (1910-1963) was born in Brooklyn, New York to Joseph and Afifeh Jacobs, siblings Joseph and Evelyn. He studied at the American High School and Manual Training High School in New York, USA; he later joined the American University of Beirut between 1927 and 1929 as a freshman then a sophomore student. He was involved in extracurricular activities as the Vice President of the Youth Service Club and an active member in the social committee of the AUB Brotherhood. Although Albert Jacobs did not graduate from AUB, the Jacobs family connection with AUB did not stop, as Albert's brother Joseph Jacobs, Jr. was a member of the

American University of Beirut (AUB) Board of Trustees (1982-1987) and a member of the AUB International Advisory Council (1999-2005).

Subject Headings

American University of Beirut -- Students -- Photographs.

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Beirut (Lebanon) -- Pictorial works.

Middle East -- Description and travel.

Universities & colleges -- Lebanon Beirut -- 1900-1920.

Formats

Digital photographs -- 1920-1930.

Group portraits -- 1920-2010.

Portrait photographs -- 1920-1930.

Photographs -- 1920-1930.

Container List

Series I: Lebanon

I.1 Beirut (24 ph)

I.1.1 AUB, (6 ph)

- Albert Jacobs with classmates from Sudan, Palestine, Iraq, Perisa, Scotland, Egypt, USA, at AUB, 1928 (2 ph)
- AUB Campus Cypress grove between College Hall and Marquand House, 1928 (1 ph)
- Full-length portrait of Albert Jacobs wearing a fez on AUB campus, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs wearing a fez with friends on AUB campus, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs with a friend on AUB Campus, 1928 (1 ph)

I.1.2 With friends in Beirut, etc. (6 ph)

- Albert Jacobs with friends at cafés in Beirut, 1928 (2 ph)
- Albert Jacobs in Ras Beirut, old lighthouse tower (manara) in the background 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs with AUB swimming team, Beirut, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs playing backgammon with classmates in Ras Beirut, 1928 (1 ph)
- Lebanon Bourse (stock market), Beirut, 1928 (1 ph)

I.1.3 Miscellaneous (3 ph)

- Lemonade Vendor in Beirut, 1928 (1 ph)
- French soldiers, spahis, in the streets of Beirut, 1928 (1 ph)
- A Bedouin (fakir) street performer, Beirut, 1928 (1 ph)

I.2 Lebanese Mountains (9 ph)

- Village life in Sofar (Arabic: صوفر), Lebanon, 1928 (2 ph) Lebanese valley with Mt. Lebanon in the background, 1928 (3 ph)
- The Beirut – Damascus road, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs with friends on Mount Sannine, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs with friends at Mount Kneisseh near Mount Lebanon (might be near town Aitou (أيطو) (1 ph)
- Fred Saladi, Albert Jacobs' friend, mounted on a horse in Zahle, Lebanon, 1928 (1 ph)

Series II: Syria (22 ph)

II.1 Aleppo (1 ph)

- Street life in Aleppo, Syria, 1928 (1 ph)

II.2. Damascus (1 ph)

- Portrait of Albert Jacobs wearing an Arab headdress (keffiyeh) in front of a mosque in Damascus, Syria, 1928 (1 ph)

II.3 Jaramana (2 ph)

- Albert Jacobs smoking a hooka, nargila, with friends at a restaurant in Jaramana, Syria, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs with friends standing in front of a rock in Jaramana, Syria, 1928 (1 ph)

II.4 Homs (1 ph)

- General view of Citadel of Homs, Syria, 1928 (1 ph)

II.2 Palmyra (ancient capital of Queen Zanobia) (12 ph)

- Albert Jacobs with friends at a courtyard at Palmyra, 1928 (1 ph)
- Tomb at Pamyra, 1928 (1 ph)
- Interior of a Tomb at Palmyra, 1928 (2 ph)
- Ruins of Palmyra, 1928 (4 ph)
- On the way to Palmyra (3 ph)
- Roman aqueduct – Palmyra, 1928 (1 ph)

II.3 Syrian Desert (5 ph)

- A herd of wild camels in the Syrian Desert, 1928 (1 ph)
- Albert Jacobs with friends in the Syrian Desert, 1928 (3 ph)
- Albert Jacob with a bedouin clan, group of Arabs, in the Syrian Desert (1 ph)

Series II: Albert Jacobs travels and time at AUB (video from the photo collection)

Related Material

Archives

- [Yearbook 1928, p: 14](#)

Photograph

- [Collection of photographs of the American University of Beirut, 1920s-1930s.](#)
- [Faculty and students Album, 1920s-1930s.](#)
- [Saul Rosenberg Collection, 1932-1978.](#)

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- [AUB Students' Magazine Collection, 1899-1934. Series III: Magazines of 1923-1928 \(1923-1928 12 titles\); Series IV: Magazines of 1929-1934 \(3 titles\)](#)
- [Al Kulliyah Magazine v. 15, no. 8, June 1929: A Very Successful Year p: 210 and A year of Service, 212](#)

LibGuides

- [Archives and Special Collections Subject Guide: Description and Travel](#)