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Moore Photograph Collection, 1892-1902

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: Ph:FTM:1892-1902:1-80

Library Catalog ID: [b13678747](#)

Record Creator: Franklin T. Moore.

Collection Title: Moore Collection, 1892-1902.

Collection Dates: 1892-1902

Physical Description: 80 photographs: black and white contact prints from original negative glass plates; prints are 13 x 18 cm.

Abstract: Franklin T. Moore was physician and Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Hygiene at the Syrian Protestant College, the former name of the current American University of Beirut between 1894 and 1915. Moore previously held the position of instructor of English, Physiology and Geometry (1891-1893). He practiced photography seriously as a hobby, and tried, during his vacations, to document life in Lebanon and at the Syrian Protestant College at the turn of the 19th and early 20th century. Most of the photos exist as glass plate negatives and are currently held at the AUB Medical Photography Department.

Language(s): N/A

Administrative Information

Source: This collection of black and white photographs passed through various peripheries before it ended in Jafet Library at the American University of Beirut.

Dr. Franklin Moore taught medicine (Obstetrics, Gynecology, Hygiene and Medical Jurisprudence) at the Syrian Protestant College (SPC) (which later became American University of Beirut) between 1891 and 1915. In his free time, he took many photographs of SPC' campus, the various activities on campus, as well as in various parts of Lebanon and Syria. Moore left the negatives glass plates with a faculty member, who had to leave the country due to the Second World War. The negatives were placed in the attic of Van Dyck Hall. In the 1960s, while cleaning the attic for expansion and renovation purposes, the negatives glass plates were rediscovered. They were cleaned, repaired, and identified by Dr. Raif Nassif, Director of the School of Medicine and the Medical Center, who made a set of contact prints of the original negative glass plates and presented them to the Library.

Access Restrictions: The collection can be used within the premises of the Archives and Special Collections Department, Jafet Memorial Library, American University of Beirut.

Photocopying Restriction: No photocopying restriction except for fragile material.

Preferred Citation: Franklin Moore Collection, 1892-1902, Ph:FTM:1892-1902:1-80, Series no., drawer no. -, envelope no., American University of Beirut/Library Archives

Scope and Content

Most of the photographs in this collection were taken between 1892 and 1902. The collection constitutes a historical record of great importance to Lebanon and the American University of Beirut. The bulk of the images are of the AUB campus, and of faculty and students; the remaining are images of sites in Lebanon and its mountains (Ba'labakk, the cedars, and Nahr Ibrahim), as well as some parts of Syria, including Ma'lūlā and Palmyra. The collection is of value to researchers interested in urban planning, archaeology, social sciences, the history of missionaries in the Middle East, the history of education in the region, as well as the history of AUB.

Arrangement

The Collection is arranged in five series as classified in the following book published by the AUB Press:
Moore, F. T., (2006). *The Moore collection: Franklin T. Moore photographs, 1892-1902*.

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- Series I:** AUB Campus
- Series II:** Medicine and the Sciences
- Series III:** Faculty and Staff
- Series IV:** Scenes from Lebanon
- Series V:** Scenes from Syria

Biographical Sketch

Franklin T. Moore was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, in 1868. He graduated from Princeton University with a BA. in 1891. He came to Lebanon in 1891 at the age of 23, to assume a teaching position at the Syrian Protestant College (now AUB). In 1894, after completing his three-year tenure as an instructor of English and Physiology, he returned to the United States to earn an M.D. degree from Jefferson Medical College. Once his degree was completed, Moore rejoined the Syrian Protestant College as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In addition to his teaching commitments, Moore had medical responsibilities as a physician and surgeon at the Johanniter Hospital (the Prussian Hospital), where the College maintained its medical training unit. He oversaw planning, designing, and directing a 40-bed women patients' pavilion. He was also a member of the Lebanon Hospital for Mental Disease (known as the Asfurieh) and served as its secretary for five years. Moore married Ethel H. Jessup, daughter of the American missionary, Dr. Henry Jessup, with whom he had five children. Dr. Franklin Moore died on January 13, 1915, in Beirut at the age of 46.

It is worth noting, too that Moore's son, Dr. Leonard Moore, a specialist in pediatrics, served as a member of the AUB faculty for almost 20 years (from 1927 to 1946). He founded the AUB Department of Pediatrics and helped establish public health programs in the rural areas of Lebanon.

Subject Headings

- Moore, Franklin T. 1868-1915.
- Syrian Protestant College -- Pictorial works.
- Syrian Protestant College -- Faculty.
- Syrian Protestant College -- Students.
- Syrian Protestant College -- Buildings.
- Syria -- Pictorial works.
- Lebanon -- Pictorial works.
- Nahr Ibrahim (Lebanon).
- Archaeological sites -- Lebanon -- Ba'labakk -- 1890-1920.
- Cedar trees -- Lebanon -- 1890-1920.
- Universities & colleges -- Lebanon -- Beirut -- 1890-1920.
- Educational facilities -- Lebanon -- Beirut -- 1890-1920.

Genre/Form

Glass negatives -- 1890-1920.

Photographic prints -- 1900-1970 -- Reproductions -- 1960-1970.

Container List

For full listing and digital copy of the collection, follow the links:

[Moore Collection of Photographs at the American University of Beirut Library](#)

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Related Material at AUB

Publications

- Moore, F. T., & American University of Beirut. Art Center. (2002). *The Moore collection, AUB photographs, 1892-1902: Portfolio of campus photographs*. Beirut: American University of Beirut. [CALF:AUB:779.0956:M821m](#)
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- AUB Calendar 2006: *Looking Back at Campus*. American University of Beirut. Office of Information and Public relations.
- American University of Beirut. (1963). *Annual reports of the Board of Managers of the Syrian Protestant College* [1st-36th], 1866-67--1901-02. Beirut: A.U.B. [LEB W 19.5 A615 1963 LEB](#)

Archival Material

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- Howard Bliss Collection: AUB President 1902-1920. [AA2.3.2](#) Box 11, File 1
- Mansur Hanna Jurdak Collection: AUB Faculty 1901-1964. ARCHIVE [AA:6.2.10](#) Box 3, File 6: Tribute to the Memory of Franklin Moore, 1915
- Buildings and Grounds, 1866. ARCHIVE AA: 2.5.3.3.2. Box2, File2: Model in stone of Campus in Moore Collection, 1892, 1894, 1895
- Students Awards, -File13: FM: Franklin Thomas Moore ARCHIVE AA:1.9.1.2
- Students 1900s. ARCHIVE AA: 4.3.2 Box 1, File 11: Report of Remarks made subsequent to a paper read by Dr. Franklin Moore
- John Waterbury Collection: AUB President 1998-2008 ARCHIVE AA: 2.3.25 Box 12, File 8: Exhibition: "The Moore Collection, AUB Photographs 1892-1902", 9-20 December 2002
- School of Medicine 1867-1909 ARCHIVE AA:3.9.2
- Personnel Department, 1924- 2005 ARCHIVE AA: 2.5.0.3(4-5) Box 4 (cont.):1930-1931 File3:H-M: Leonard Moore objection to administrative decisions; Leonard Moore letter to University. Box 6: File 5:M-R: Letter from Bayard Dodge to Leonard Moore describing the situation at Beirut with details on the number of students wishing to enter Medical School.

- George Edward Post ARCHIVE [AA:6.2.16](#)

Articles by or about Franklin Moore

- Moore, F. Death of Dr. H.H. Jesup, Al-Kulliyah, v. I, no. 8, May 1910
- Editorial, Al-Kulliyah, v. II, no. 2, December 1910 p. 59
- Moore, F. Medical Notes. Al-Kulliyah, v. II, no. 5, March 1911, p. 181
- The Medical Congress, Al-Kulliyah, v. II, no.6, April 1911, p. 203-205
- College Notes. Al-Kulliyah, v. III, no. 3, January 1912, p. 97
- The Special Meetings. Al-Kulliyah, v. III, no. 4, February 1912, p. 97
- Flower of Culture open meeting. Al-Kulliyah, v. III, no. 4, February 1912, p. 128
- Hygiene Lectures. Al-Kulliyah, v. III, no. 6, April 1912, p. 200
- Moore, F. Medical Notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. III, no. 6, April 1912, p. 205
- The first lecture in the Public Lecture Course of the College. Al-Kulliyah. v. IV, no. 1, November 1912, p. 22
- College notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. IV, no. 2, December 1912. p. 60
- College notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. IV, no. 4, February 1913. p:116, 118-119
- College notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. IV, no. 5, March 1913. p, 148
- The Second Medical Alumni Conference. Al-Kulliyah. v. IV, no. 6, April 1913. p:161-164, 177
- Medical notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. IV, no. 7, May 1913. p:227-228
- Moore, F. Robert H. West. Al-Kulliyah. v. V, no. 5, March 1914. p.127
- The senior class of arts and sciences. Al-Kulliyah. v. V, no. 7, May 1914. p. 236
- Commencement week. Al-Kulliyah. v. V, no. 7, May 1914. p. 251
- Adams, W. Professor Franklin T. Moore. Al-Kulliyah. v. VI, no. 1, November 1914. p: 20-26
- College notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. VI, no. 1, November 1914. p. 36
- College notes. Al-Kulliyah. v. VI, no. 1, January 1920. p. 2-3
- War annals of the College. Al-Kulliyah. v. VI, no. 1, January 1920 part 2. p: 21-22
- War annals of the College. Al-Kulliyah. v. VI, no. 6, March 31. 1920 part 2. p. 43

Photographs

- Portrait of Franklin Thomas Moore [Ph:SPC-AUB:1891-1915:01:26](#)
- Daniel Bliss with Faculty and Students [Ph:SPC-AUB:1866-1902\(03\):1-3:31](#)
- Faculty of the Syrian Protestant College, 1893-1894; [Ph:SPC-AUB:1893-1894:01:32](#)
- Missionaries, 1891 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1891\(01\):01:32](#)
- Medical Faculty with Daniel Bliss, 1897 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1897\(01\):01:32](#)
- Faculty, Syrian Protestant College, 1898 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1898:01:32](#)
- Faculty and staff, Syrian Protestant College, 1901-1902 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1901-1902\(01\):01:32](#)
- Faculty and Medical Class portraits, 1900 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1900\(04\):01:32](#)
- Medical Faculty with Imperial Commissioners from Istanbul, 1903
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- Group of Professors at the Syrian Protestant College, 1905

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- Faculty and staff, Syrian Protestant College, 1904-1905
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- Graduating Class of Pharmacy School, 1904 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1904\(01\):1-2:34](#)
- Visit of Imperial Commissioners to the Syrian Protestant College, 1906
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- Visit of Imperial Commissioners to the Syrian Protestant College, 1910
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- Medical faculty and Imperial Commissioners at Commencement, 1912
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- Visit of Imperial Commissioners to Syrian Protestant College, 1913
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- Syrian Protestant College Faculty and staff, 1913-1914 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1914\(09\):01:37](#)
- Wartime faculty: Mrs. Franklin Moore, 1917 [Ph:SPC-AUB:1917\(05\):1-3:38](#)
- Exhibition on Moore Photography Collection, 2002 [Ph:AUB:2002/12/09\(08\):1-12:74](#)
- President John Waterbury presented with reproductions from Moore collection, 2003
[Ph:AUB:2003/02/04:1-4:74](#)
- Exhibition on Moore Photography Collection, 2006 [Ph:AUB:2006/12/04\(05\):1-5:83](#)
- Exhibition on Moore Collection and AUB Early Postcards, 2011
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