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Habib Salim Collection, 1896-1922

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Descriptive Summary

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Administrative Information

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of twelve registry deeds of lands mainly of the Salim, Abs, and Abou Musallem families in Nablus during the Ottoman period, 1896-1899 (1314-1317 H.), in addition to the Habib Medical Degree, death certificate, and three digital photos as well as seven Arabic handwritten notebooks on pregnancy, breastfeeding, infant development and care. The documents offer a rare and valuable glimpse into land ownership in Ottoman Palestine, specifically Nablus.¹

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in four series:

Series I: Registry Deeds of Lands in Nablus [1314-1317]

Series II: Degree and Death Certificate, 1905, 1921

Series III: Photos, 1920

Series IV: Handwritten notebooks and an article about Dr. Salim

Subject Headings

Landowners.

Land deeds -- General -- Nablus.

Physicians -- Palestine -- History -- 20th century.

Nablus.

Pregnancy.

Breastfeeding.

Infant development.

Infants (Newborn) -- Care.

¹The Habib Salim collection is placed in the oversize archives drawer 6

Biographical Sketch

Habib Salim was a physician who graduated from the American University of Beirut, M.D. in 1905. Born in January 1876 in Nusf Jbeil, Nablus, Palestine, he studied at the Bishop Gobat Boarding School in Jerusalem. Then moved to the Preparandi Institution, which was a training class for teachers. After his father retired from Church Missionary Society (CMS), he was appointed a teacher in his own village. Later he taught in Nazareth and Haifa. A lady helped him join the Syrian Protestant College (SPC) in Beirut. After graduating from SPC in 1905, he pursued special medical studies in London around 1910. He occasionally worked with CMS in Es Salt Hospital, until he started work in his own clinic in Nablus.

In 1909, he married the daughter of Reverend Christian Fallsheer of Nablus. He served for 3 years in the Turkish Army and at the close of the war, he devoted himself to help the sick and poor in Nablus. When the CMS reopened the Nablus Hospital in 1918, he was in charge of its administration for 2 years. He also founded a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), which flourished under his leadership.

Dr. Salim was appointed by the British High Commissioner a member of the Consultancy Council in Palestine formed of ten members. He was awarded the M.B.C. for his services in this council. Dr. Salim made an earnest plea for the teaching of hygiene in the public schools in Palestine, his last position was as a private practitioner in Nablus. Dr. Habib Salim died of pneumonia on November 9, 1921.

Container List

Series I: Registry Deeds of Lands in Nablus, [1314-1317 H.] (1896-1899)

12 Registry Deeds of Lands in Nisf Jubeil-Nablus during the Ottoman Rule of Palestine

- ١٢ سند خاقاني عثماني لملكية أراضي
- سند خاقاني رقم ٥: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ شجر... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ٦: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ زيتون اشجار... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ١٢: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ شجر زيتون... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ١٤: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ شجر زيتون... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ١٨: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ شجر... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ١٩: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ زيتون اشجار... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ٢١: قضا: نابلس؛ القرية: نصف جبيل؛ شجر... صاحب اولي: خليل ابو مسلم (ملحم)؛ متصرف: عيس وسالم.
 - سند خاقاني رقم ٢٥: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ زيتون اشجار... صاحب اولي خليل بن عودة؛ متصرف: سالم بن سلامه ابو مسلم (ملحم).
 - سند خاقاني رقم ٤٢: قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ متصرف: سالم بن سلامه.

- سند خاقاني رقم ٤٨ : قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ صاحب اولي: صالح بن موسى الغص؛ متصرف: عبد بن موسى خليل.
- سند خاقاني رقم ٤٩ : قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ زيتون اشجار... صاحب اولي خليل بن عبد..؛ متصرف: خليل أبو مسلم (ملحم)
- سند خاقاني رقم ٥٠ : قضا: نابلس؛ قرية: نصف جبيل؛ صاحب اولي: ميخائيل بن سليمه؛ متصرف: صالح بن عبس الخليل.

Series II: Degree and Certificate, 1905, 1921

- Degree of Doctor of Medicine & Surgery to Mr. Habib Salim from the American School of Medicine of the Syrian Protestant College June 28, 1905. (Original and a copy)
- Death Certificate, Nablus 9-11-1921 (Digital)

Series III: Photos (3 Digital photos), 1920

- Photo1: Habib Salim Family, Nablus, 1920. Present in photo: Dr. Habib Salim, wife, Lydia Fallscheer, and their children.
- Photo 2: Portrait of Lydia Fallscheer Salim, David Saboungi, Jaffa, undated
- Photo 3: Portrait of Dr. Habib Salim, Krikorian & Mitry, Jerusalem, undated

Series IV: Handwritten notebooks and an article about Dr. Salim, 1922

- Seven Handwritten notebooks in Arabic, no.2-8 p.32-263 (no.1 is missing)
٧ كتيبات بخط اليد تتناول مراحل الحمل، الرضاعة ومراحل نمو الطفل (العوامل الادبية والانفعالات النفسانية، ايقاف سير الحمل...؛ التدابير الصحية، اللباس، والنوم في زمن الرضاعة والطفولية، الصراخ والبكاء، الخروج بالطفل للنزهة، التلقيح بالمادة الواقية للجدرى، الختان، الحواس الخمس، دماغ الطفل وجهازه العصبي، الرياضة البدنية زمن الطفولية، ازدياد وزن الطفل، الرضاعة الطبيعية، ممارسة الرضاعة الصناعية، الرضاعة المختلطة، نظام الارضاع عموماً،...؛ التدابير الصحية أثناء العام الثاني وبعده من زمن الطفولية، الحركة والمشي، طعام الطفل من السنة الثالثة الى السادسة من العمر، ازدياد قامة الطفل، شكل بروز الاسنان...)
- One Article (3 pages): Dr. Habib Salim of Nablus. An Appreciation. The record. January 5, 1922. (Digital)

Related Material

Archival Collection

- Al-Sahli Family Collection, 1841-1947. [A:956.94](#)

Book

- Yazbak, M. (1998). *Haifa in the late Ottoman period, 1864-1914: a Muslim town in transition*. Leiden: Brill. [J 956.946:Y35h](#)
- [Directory of Alumni 1870-1952](#)
Salim, Habib, physician; M.D. 1905; married; last position: Private Practitioner in Nablus, Palestine, Deceased 1921. (Class of 1905- school of medicine, p.56)

Periodicals

[Al Kulliyah](#)

- Dr. Habib Salim has been pursuing special medical studies in London. *Al Kulliyah*, Feb – July 1910, p.32.
- Dr. Habib Salim of Nablus followed with an eloquent plea for "The Necessity of Teaching of Hygiene in Public Schools". *Al Kulliyah*, 1912-1913, p.163
- Dr. Habib Salim of Nusf-ul-Jabil made an earnest plea for the teaching of hygiene in the public schools. *Al Kulliyah* would call its readers' attention to the fact that much is accomplished in some cities in Asia Minor by the physicians once a month on Sunday afternoon giving, in turn, public free lectures on matters of health and hygiene. *Al Kulliyah*, 1912-1913, p.174
- News of our Alumni: With great regret we publish the news of the death of Dr. Habib Salim at Nablus, Palestine. *Al Kulliyah*, Dec. 1921, p: 31

Photographs

- Arab National Hospital Album, [1948]. [Ph:ANH:1948](#)

Thesis

- Abu-Hudayb, K. A. (2007). *The Arab elite of Palestine on the eve of the British Mandate, 1918-1922: social origins and political attitudes: Nablus as a case study*. [T:3234](#)