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Joseph and Joyce Stein Photograph Collection, 1896-1930

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: Ph:JJS:1896-1930

Library catalog ID: [b26193760](#)

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Collection Title: Joseph and Joyce Stein Photograph Collection, 1896-1930.

Collection Dates: 1896-1930

Physical Description: 18 photos: black & white, 24 x 18 cm

Physical Description: 1 album containing 14 photos and 53 negatives; negatives were digitized in November 2022

Language: English

Administrative Information

Source: The collection was donated by Joseph and Joyce Stein to AUB President Peter Dorman (2008-2015) and received by his office on October 22, 2012.

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

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Scope and Content

This photographic collection consists of 18 albumin prints and one album of 53 negatives and 18 black and white prints. It shows general views of cities, towns, villages, daily life and archeological sites in Lebanon between 1896-1930 such as cedars, Adonis, Nahr Ibrahim, Afqa, Raouché, Choueifat and others. The images also depict the American University of Beirut buildings, as well as student life between 1920s-1930s. Most of the prints have captions except for those in brackets which were supplied by the archivist.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in four series.

- Series I:** Beirut
- Series II:** Mount Lebanon
- Series III:** Baalbeck-Hermel
- Series IV:** Syrian Protestant College (SPC), later American University of Beirut (AUB)

Biographical Sketch¹

Philanthropists Joyce Philibosian Stein and her husband, Joe Stein have long been affiliated with the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA). Following in her dad's interest in education for Armenians, Joyce went on to be involved with many charitable organizations: the Stephen Philibosian

¹ <https://armenianweekly.com/2017/10/12/distinguished-luminaries-attend-amaa-centennial-banquet/>

Foundation, the Armenian Assembly of America, the AMAA Orphan and Child Care Committee, and the AMAA Foreign Properties Committee.

Subject Headings

Nahr Ibrahim (Lebanon).

Afqa (Lebanon).

Lebanon -- Description and Travel.

Waterfalls -- Lebanon.

Archaeological sites -- Lebanon -- 1890-1900.

Panoramic views -- 1890-1900.

Ba'labakk (Lebanon) -- 1890-1900.

American University of Beirut -- Buildings.

Container List

Note: Items listed between squared brackets [] are supplied by the archivist.

Series I: Beirut

Ain Mraisseh

- [Ain Mraisseh], Neg.4421 (#75); negative also in album, page 75
- [Ain Al-Mraisseh, inverted, Wide shot of Beirut], Neg.4427, Neg.4432 (#89) & Neg.4434 (#85) & Neg.4435 (#88) & Neg.4440 (#94) (5 photos); Neg.4427 also in album, page 81; Neg.4432 also in album, page 89; Neg.4434 also in album, page 85; Neg.4435 also in album, page 88; Neg.4440 also in album, page 94
- [Ain Al-Mraisseh, Wide shot of Beirut]; print in album, page 90 (*similar to Neg.4427, Neg.4432, Neg.4434, Neg.4435, image detail slightly different*)

Beirut

- [Roman statue outside a building, Beirut National Museum], Neg.4396; negative also in album, page 3

Raouché (1 photo)

- The Pigeon Islands (Rocks) from the North Evening View May 11, 1896, 5:25 p.m.

Mar Elias (2 photos)

- Breakers on "Mossay Coast" South of Mar Elias Beach, looking south, May 12, 1896.
- Rocks and Waves, South of Sandy Beach, looking north.

Shuwayfat (Choueifat) (1 photo, duplicate)

- Beirut Environs, Olive trees in Sahra [Shuwayfat] with daisies, Feb. 27, 1898, 4:30p.m.

Series II: Mount Lebanon

Adonis Valley (2 photos)

- Adonis Valley, Buthes Mt. from Mushaban Road.
- Adonis Valley, Mushaban Road, above Shurwan, looking West, Wild pines on Bucher Road with Jebal Mousa.

Afqa (3 photos)

- Natural Bridge Afqa.
- Afqa three falls & Cave.
- Al Shalalat- 3 Falls near Mill.

Cedars (4 photos)

- Cedar Grove behind Chapel, Aug. 1896.
- Goats grazing beneath a Cedar Tree.
- The twin Sentinels from w[est] with Kids I (Directly against sun)
- The twin Sentinels from W. Witt Kids II (Directly against sun)

Nahr Ibrahim (4 photos)

- Nahr Ibrahim Valley, Sept. 26, 1897, 3:15 p.m.
- The Heart of paradise, Nahr Ibrahim.
- Nahr Ibrahim "Still Waters," Jeinneh: the still Beach above "Peace Pool"
- Nahr Ibrahim, Camp at Afqa from Temple, Oct 2nd, 1897, 4:30 pm.

Ain Anub (1 photo)

- Pines at Shghun, Ain Anub.

Series III: Baalbeck-Hermel

1. [Archeological site/castle], Neg.4394; print and negative also in album, page 1
2. [Archeological site/village], Neg.4398; negative also in album, page 38
3. [Man near a wall at an archeological site], Neg.4401; negative also in album, page 11
4. [Group portrait at an archeological site], Neg.4405; negative also in album, page 49
5. Roman Lion's Head (Gargouille), Baalbeck, Neg.4407; negative also in album, page 51
6. Baalbeck archaeological sites, Neg.4413 (#57); negative also in album, page 57

7. Roman columns with Corinthian capitals ornamenting the Temple of Jupiter, Neg.4414; negative also in album, page 56
8. Temple of Jupiter, Baalbeck, Neg.4416 (#58); negative also in album, page 58
9. Temple of Jupiter, Baalbeck, Neg.4409 (#53) & Neg.4410 (#52) (2 *photos*); Neg. 4409 also in album, page 53, Neg. 4410 also in album, page 52
10. [Hajar el Hibla or The Stone of the Pregnant Woman or Stone of the South², Baalbeck], Neg.4411 (#55); print and negative also in album, page 55

Series IV: Syrian Protestant College Campus, [1920s]

1. [Group photo of members of the student music club], Neg.4395, negative also in album, page 4
2. [Field day spectators], Neg.4397; negative also in album, page 6
3. [Field day], Neg.4399; negative also in album, page 8
4. [Students competing in Track race], Neg.4402; negative also in album, page 10
5. [Students competing in Hurdles during Field Day], Neg.4404; negative also in album, page 12
6. [Field day, Green Field, AUB Campus], Neg.4445 (#100); print and negative also in album, page 100
7. [Main Gate, Bliss Street, blurry photo], Neg.4403
8. [Main Gate, Bliss Street], Neg.4439; negative also in album, page 95
9. [Bliss Street], Neg.4430; print and negative in album, page 82
10. [Wide shot of SPC with Sannine Mountain in the background], Neg.4415 (#63)
11. [Wide shot of SPC, College Hall], Neg.4417 (#65) & Neg.4418 (#64) (2 *photos*); Neg.4417 also in album, page 65; Print of Neg.4418 also in album, page 5; Neg.4418 also in album, page 64
12. [Faculty office on campus], Neg.4419 (#69); negative also in album, page 69
13. [Bedroom], Neg.4420 (#66); negative also in album, page 66
14. [AUB campus, taken from Bliss Street], Neg.4422 (#74); negative also in album, page 74
15. [AUB campus with Lee Observatory], Neg.4423 (#77) & Neg.4423mes (2 *photos*); negative also in album, page 77
16. [Shot of SPC campus with Lee Observatory and lower campus], Neg.4424 (#76); negative also in album, page 76
17. [Shot of SPC campus and buildings on Bliss Street], Neg.4426; print and negative also in album, page 78
18. [Wide shot of SPC, College Hall, taken from lower campus], Neg.4425; negative in album, page 79 (*similar to Series IV, Nr. 11, Neg.4417 and Neg.4418, angle slightly different*)
19. [Shot of SPC campus with Marquand House], Neg.4428; negative also in album, page 80

² Referred to as *Hajar el Hibleh*, from the belief that the work of cutting and carrying them had been assigned to female jinns in that condition., Folk-lore of the Holy Land: Moslem, Christian & Jewish

20. [Panoramic shot of SPC], Neg.4429 (#83) & Neg.4443 (#99) (2 photos); print and Neg.4429 also in album, page 83; Neg.4443 also in album, page 99
21. [SPC campus and Assembly Hall], Neg.4431 (#84) & Neg.4444 (2 photos); Neg.4431 also in album, page 84; Neg.4444 also in album, page 98
22. [SPC campus], Neg.4433 (#86); print and negative (2 copies) also in album, page 86
23. [SPC Campus with Bliss Hall], Neg.4437; negative also in album, page 93
24. [SPC upper Campus], Neg.4438; print and negative also in album, page 92
25. [SPC Campus, Green Oval], Neg.4442; negative also in album, page 96
26. [Aerial shot of AUB campus & Bliss Street], Neg.4441 (#97); negative also in album, page 97
27. [Building on AUB campus]; print in album, page 15
28. [Main Gate seen from Bliss Street]; negative in album, page 25
29. [Wide shot of SPC and College Hall]; negative in album, page 79 (similar to Series IV, Nr. 11, Neg.4417 and Neg.4418, angle slightly different)
30. [Aerial shot of AUB campus taken from College Hall]; negative in album, page 96

Series V: Miscellaneous

1. [Men setting up a wooden bridge], Neg.4400; negative also in album, page 7
2. [Man drinking water from a clay jar]; print in album, page 13
3. [Mountain village]; print in album, page 14
4. [Local women head-carrying, part of daily work routine], Neg.4406; negative also in album, page 48
5. [Woman and child at water fountain/river?], Neg.4408; negative also in album, page 50
6. [Woman with her 2 daughters], Neg.4412 (#54); negative also in album, page 54
7. [Residential area, Aerial shot], Neg.4436 (#87); negative also in album, page 87
8. [Donkey carrying water next to a well], Neg; print and negative also in album, page 2

Related Material

Books

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Photos

- Franklin Moore Photograph Collection, 1892-1902. [Ph:AUB:1892-1915:1-80:30](#)
- Robert Black photo album, 1935-1937. [Ph:AUB:1935-1937:1-289:41](#)
- Hiking trip to Nahr Ibrahim by AUB Faculty Members, 2011. [Ph:AUB:2011/06/05:1-9:88](#)
- Students trip to Nahr Ibrahim, 1991. [Ph:AUB:1991\(02\):01:59](#)
- Lecture by Pierre-Louis Gatièr on Les Fouilles de Yanouh: Un sanctuaire Hellenistico-Romain dans la vallee du Nahr Ibrahim, 2003. [Ph:AUB:2003/06/11\(02\):1-5:75](#)
- [Manoug Photographs Collection](#).
- [Three American Sisters Photo Album, ca. 1900s](#)
120 black & white and sepia-toned photographs taken in the Arabic part of Ottoman Empire, mainly Lebanon, by three American Sisters.
- [Ghandour Fathallah El-Sheikh Collection, 1900-2010](#).
154 mainly black-white and sepia low-resolution digital copies of photos. The collection portrays the life of a Muslim Sunni Beirut family during the 20th century, family genealogy, achievements, social life, gatherings, outings around Lebanon, celebrations, wedding ceremonies.
- Nahr Ibrahim Photo Collection, [Ph:NI:1920s](#)
27 black and white photos contains photos of landscapes of regions in Mount Lebanon, particularly Afqa Valley, cave and waterfalls.
- [Saul Rosenberg Collection, 1932-1978](#)

The albums contain 1,432 photographs taken by Dr. Rosenberg himself, mostly during his days at AUB Medical School, between 1932 and 1939, along with forty-nine digital copies of colored photos that portray Saul's later visit to Beirut in 1978.

- [Middle East Photo Album, 1933-1943](#)

86 black and white photos that depict views of towns, daily life, occupations, archeological sites, landscape as well as portraits of Bedouins throughout Iraq, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine, during the period from 1933 to 1943.

- [The Manoug Photo Collection, 1940-1970](#)

463 black and white photographs as well as 20,000 negatives of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Armenia, etc. The collection mainly documents Lebanon between the 1940s to 1970s. The print collection can be checked onsite.

- [Aida Kanafani Zahar Photograph Collection, 1977-1998](#)

228 colored and black and white photos taken in Lebanon, Syria, and United Arab Emirates between 1977 and 1998.

- Syrian Protestant College Album 1907-1913, [Ph:SPC-AUB:1907-1913:1-78:35](#)

The photo album of 77 photographs documents various extracurricular activities and events related to the Syrian Protestant College between the years 1907-1913. Images depict athletes during practices and games sports, plays by students, and important visitors to the College. Also included are some photos of buildings and portraits of Daniel and Howard Bliss.

Digital material

- [Lebanon's Nahr Ibrahim Valley: A Hike across Myth and Faith](#)

- [Abraham River](#)

- [Fleuve Nahr Ibrahim - Janneh – Chouwen](#)

- [River Nahr Ibrahim - Janneh – Shouwen - 1](#)

- [River Nahr Ibrahim - Janneh – Shouwen - 2](#)

- [River Nahr Ibrahim - Janneh – Shouwen - 3](#)

- [River Nahr Ibrahim - Janneh – Shouwen - 4](#)

- [Nahr Ibrahim valley. The Adonis myth, Lebanon](#)

- [The River of Abraham and its impressive waterfalls](#)

- [Afqa](#)

- [Afqa grotto and temple](#)

- [Afqa waterfall](#)

- [From Pagan to Modern Times: Afqa](#)

- [Afqa Grotto \(Spring Cave\)](#)

- [A letter from Gertrude Bell describing Afqa in 1900](#)

- [Bradt Travel Guides – Adonis Valley and Afqa Grotto p.148](#)

- [Jannat Chouwen: A Hidden Gem You Must Explore with Your Friends in Lebanon](#)

Digital Collections

- [Beirut, Byblus and Mt. Lebanon : description, history and touristic guide \(1952\)](#)

- [Travel Books](#)

- [Travelers to the Middle East: Visual Resources, Travel Guides, and Maps](#)

- [The Fouad Debbas Collection \(Sursock Museum\)](#)

"The Fouad Debbas Collection is a photographic collection comprising over 30,000 images from the Middle East – namely Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, and Turkey – from 1830 till the 1960s."

Postcards

- [AUB Postcard Collection](#)
- [Al Mashriq - Postcards](#)

Posters

- Protection du Patrimoine National. [Ps:AUB:1983/05/16-20:02](#)
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Theses

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- Jabbur, N. E. (1957). *Beirut-Tripoli autostrade: residency, Nahr-Ibrahim – Fidar*. [EPsn:278](#)
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