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## **Mary Winifred Bushakra Collection, 1938-1972**

A Finding Aid to the Collection in the University Libraries, AUB  
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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Call No.:** AA:6.2.2.1

**Library Catalog ID:** [b14621125](#)

**Record Creator:** Mary Winifred Bushakra, 1888-1978.

**Collection Title:** Mary Winifred Bushakra Collection, 1938-1972.

**Collection Dates:** 1938-1972

**Physical Description:** 1 box (0.3 linear foot)

**Language:** English

## **Administrative Information**

**Source:** The correspondence was donated to the AUB library Archives by Diane Mather, Cleveland Ohio, in 2006. The letters were written to her grandfather's first cousin Emilie Goodale, a teacher in Newark, New Jersey, USA.

**Access Restrictions:** The collection can be accessed 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 and handwritten material.

**Preferred Citation:** Mary Winifred Bushakra Collection, 1938-1972, AA:6.2.2.1, Series no., Box no., file no., American University of Beirut/Library Archives.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection includes the biography and obituary of Mary Winifred Bushakra as well as some of her correspondence written to Emilie Goodale, a teacher in Newark, New Jersey, USA, between 1938 and 1972. In her letters, Winifred describes her life in Lebanon and the social life and customs of Lebanese Druzes.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in 1 series:

**Series I:** Biography, Correspondence with Emilie Goodale.

## **Biographical information**

Mary Winifred Bushakra, daughter of Deborah Beaver Rennard and Winfield S. Rennard, was born in 1888. She graduated with a B.A. from Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, in 1910. In 1925, she married Fouad Bushakra, whom she met in Spain, later they moved to Lebanon in 1937. The author of "I married an Arab" and another book with her husband Fuad Bushakra, "Arab Tales," that was never published. Winifred donated the transcript to her Alma Mater, Swarthmore College. Mary Winifred served as Head Resident in Yarid Building (Off-campus housing for graduate women students) from 1959 to 1962; and later Head Resident of Laura Bustani Hall, 1963-1967. She died on July 24, 1978, in Amatour, Lebanon, in her 90th year. AUB established the Mary Winifred Rennard Bushakra Scholarship in her memory.

## Subject Headings

American University of Beirut -- Employees.  
American University of Beirut -- Correspondence.  
Druzes.  
Lebanon -- Social life and customs.  
Student housing -- Management.

## Container List

### Series I: Biography, Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 1938-1972

**Box 1:** Biography and Correspondence with Emilie Goodale.

**File 1:** Biography and Obituary.

**File 2:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, March 1938 - 24 June 1945.

**File 3:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 19 April 1946 - 26 October 1949.

**File 4:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 12 April 1950 - 30 November 1953.

**File 5:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 5 June 1954 - 10 December 1956.

**File 6:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 3 March 1957 - 11 November 1959.

**File 7:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 10 February 1960 - 1 November 1964.

**File 8:** Correspondence with Emilie Goodale, 2 February 1955 - 8 February 1972.

## Related Material

### Archival Material

- Genevieve Maxwell Collection: AUB press officer 1957-1959, [AA: 6.2.12](#). Box 1 File 5: Mary Winifred Bushakra: Correspondence, 1970; Obituary, 1978.
- Bushakra M, & Bushakra F. (19--). Arab Tales. Swarthmore College: McCabe Library, Rare Bk Rm, [Swarth LD5199 1910.B8 A73x](#)

### Photo

- Mary Winifred Rennard Bushakra in Amatour, 1960s, [Ph:AUB:1960s\(46\):01:49](#)
- Mary Winifred Bushakra with Angel Hilda (age ten) at Eagles Syria, 1967 [Ph:AUB:1967/05\(01\):01:51](#)
- Portrait of Mary Winifred Rennard Bushakra, 1978, [Ph:AUB:1978/07\(01\):01:55](#)
- Tea Party for Graduate, 1961, Issa Frere, [Ph:AUB:1961\(05\):1-8:49](#)
- Mary Robinson Photo Collection 1960s-1969, [Ph:AUB:1968/11/15\(02\):01:52](#)

### Serials

- "Mrs. Mary Winifred Rennard Boushakra," AUB Bulletin 1978/79 v.22, Dec. 4, 1978.

## Books

- Bushakra, M. W. (1951). *I married an Arab*. New York: John Day.  
[CA 915.69:B98i:c.1](#)
- أبو شقرا، نايل. (١٩٩٩). *التحويلات الاقتصادية والاجتماعية في مجتمع جبل لبنان، ١٥٥٠-١٩٠٠: نموذج عماطور، جزين-اقليم التفاح: دراسة موثقة*. لبنان: دار اشارات. [J 333.309:A529tA](#)