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Nassib Habib Hammam Collection 1920s, 1960s

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: Ph:NH:1920s, 1960s

Library catalog ID: [b18932289](#)

Record Creator: Hammam, Nassib Habib, 1908-1988.

Collection Title: Nassib Habib Hammam Collection, 1920s, 1960s

Collection Dates: 1920s, 1960s.

Physical Description: 21 prints: black and white; some on cardboard mounts, 42 x 36 cm. or smaller, and 19 correspondence and minutes of meetings of AUB Alumni Association (0.3 linear foot).

Language: Arabic and English.

Administrative Information

Source: Nassib Hammam's son, Habib Hammam, donated the collection to the AUB archives in January 2017.

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

The collection includes 21 photographs and one folder of correspondence, 1960-1966, and minutes of meetings of the AUB Alumni Association Tripoli Branch during the presidency of Dr. Nassib Hammam.

The photographs consist of group portraits of Nassib Hammam with friends and faculty members during his years as student at the AUB from 1927-1932. One photo shows Mr. Hammam with Charles Malik and Shukri Shammas in 1920s. Other photos cover some events during the period of his Presidency of the Tripoli Branch, such as honoring ceremonies of Sheikh Munir Takieddine, Halim Abu Izzeddine and of Bishop Kurban and Patriarch Ignatius Hazim.

Events related to AUB include celebration of the University Founders' Day and AUB Centennial. Several AUB community members, like Mansur Jurdak, Fuad Sarruf, Samuel Kirkwood, Archie Crawford, Shukri Shammas, and Najib Alamuddin, attended these events along with Mrs. Reda Hammam, wife of Dr. Hammam.

Work of several Lebanese photographers can be found in this collection, from Beirut and Tripoli like: Jules Lind, Photo Paris, Frederic Dakouni et Cie, Vahan, Studio Phebus, Photo Dalati & Nohra, Photo Al-Sharq, and Photo Dimo.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series:

Series I: Correspondence of the Alumni Association, 1960-1966

Subseries 1: Correspondence from Nassib Hammam, 1960 and 1962

Subseries 2: Correspondence to Nassib Hammam, 1960, 1964 and 1966

Series II: Photographs

Subseries 1: American University of Beirut, 1920-1930s

Subseries 2: Alumni Association - North Lebanon Branch, 1960s

Series III: Miscellaneous archival documents

Historical Background

Nassib Hammam, 1908-1988, born in Shweir, Lebanon, to Habib Hammam, MD 1888, and Afifi Khairallah, studied medicine at the American University of Beirut and graduated in 1932. Hammam was a physician, writer, poet, orator, philanthropist and avid sportsman. During his enrollment at AUB, he was an active student who participated in several extracurricular activities. He was an athlete and served as a beach patrol, he was an editor of *Hilāl al-Khāmis*, student periodical, in Preparatory School and a member of the West Hall Brotherhood Cabinet between 1928 and 1930. He won second prize speaking contest for an article titled "Setting sails for service".

After graduation, he spend one-year internship in Tripoli at Kennedy Memorial Hospital, then started practicing Medicine at his village, Shweir. He was also a medical officer with I.P.C. in Tripoli. In 1932, he wrote and published a pamphlet in Arabic. From 1960 until 1964, he served as the President of the American University of Beirut Alumni Chapter for North Lebanon during which he organized medical conferences and honored several members of AUB community. The Lebanese government awarded him the Lebanese Golden Order of Merit in 1954, and his Beatitude Alexandrus III decorated him with the golden medal in recognition of his efforts in social service. In 1968, Dr. Hammam relinquished his post as senior medical officer of IPC in Tripoli, Lebanon and established a private clinic in Ras Beirut. Dr. Hammam continued to be a medical advisor to IPC. He married Reda Hammam and had four children Nijad, Habib, Samir and Nada.

Subject Headings

Hammam, Nassib, 1908-1988.

American University of Beirut -- Students.

American University of Beirut -- Alumni and alumnae.

American University of Beirut -- Alumni Association -- North Lebanon Branch.

Genre/Form

Photographic prints --1960-1970.

Correspondence -- Lebanon --1960-1970.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence of the Alumni Association

Subseries 1: Correspondence from Nassib Hammam, 1960 and 1962

- Thank you letter to Dr. Fuad Sarruf regarding attending a dinner party. January 5, 1960.

- Letter to the Council of the Alumni Association to announce the establishment of a Branch of the Alumni Association in Tripoli. February 25, 1960.
- Letter to AUB alumni inviting them to a dinner in honor of President Paul Leonard and Dr. Haddad, April 27, 1960.
- Letter to fellow alumni inviting them to the Alumni Dinner Dance at Manoir, Mejdlaya. June 6, 1960.
- Letter to fellow alumni about the Annual General Meeting, February 23, 1962.
- Letter to alumni inviting them to a dinner in honor of Munir Takydeen, November 14, 1962.

Subseries 2: Correspondence to Nassib Hammam, 1960, 1964 and 1966

- Letter from Farid S. Haddad to the AUB Alumni Association, Tripoli Branch, to designate a representative to the Council meeting. March 8, 1960.
- Thank you letter from Diana Sa'id Takydeen to Dr. Farid S. Haddad, President of the Alumni Association, regarding the Council decision to sponsor her music training abroad, May 14, 1960.
- Letter from Karam G. Karam, General Treasurer, to report on some outstanding items that require action. May 23, 1960.
- Thank you letter from J. Paul Leonard to Nassib Hammam regarding pictures taken at the Tripoli dinner. May 24, 1960.
- Thank you letter from Farid S. Haddad to Nassib Hammam regarding pictures taken at the Tripoli dinner. May 28, 1960.
- Progress Report of Alumni Association by Victor F. Hitti, Director Alumni Office, for the month of May 1960. Dated June 2, 1960.
- Letter from Archie S. Crawford, Acting President, to Nassib Hammam, February 16, 1961.
- Letter from President Rassim Zouk to the Alumni Association about the regular annual meeting and the election of the Executive Committee, March 10, 1964.
- Thank you letter from John L. Wilson, Chairman of Department of Surgery at American University Hospital, to Dr. Nassib Hammam, of Iraq Petroleum Company. December 13, 1966.

Series II: Photographs

Subseries 1: American University of Beirut, 6 photos, 1920-1930s

- Group photos of students 1920s. First row, second from right is Iliyya Jirjis Hammam uncle of Habib Hammam, died at the age of 35 on a skiing hike with AUB colleagues in 1932, Photo Phebus, 1 photo.
- Zoology Class, Nassib Hammam, MD 1932, sitting ^{1st} from right. Frederic Dakouni et Cie – Beyrouth, 1930. 1 photo.
- Nassib Hammam, first row, ^{3rd} right, Shukri Shammas ^{1st} from left, one of the founders of the Contracting and Trading (C.A.T.) Company, and Charles Malek, second row, ^{2nd} left. 1920s. 1 photo.
- Graduating class [1931], Nassib Hammam last row ^{1st} from right, Frederic Dakouni et Cie – Beyrouth, 1 photo.
- Medical faculty with students, 1920s, 1 photo.
- Graduating class of the Preparatory School, 1925, with their Principal William Hall and their teachers. 1 photo.

Subseries 2: Alumni Association – North Lebanon Branch, 15 photos, 1960s

- North Lebanon Alumni honors the new Muhafiz, Mr. Halim Abu Izzeddin, BA 1935, December 29, 1960, 1 photo.
- Reception by the AUB Alumni Association Tripoli Branch in honor of Munir Takieddine, November 30, 1962, 1 photo.
- Reception by the AUB Alumni Association Tripoli Branch in honor of Bishops Kurban and Ignatius Hazim, مصور الشرق, November 11, 1963, 3 photos.
- The AUB Alumni Association Tripoli Branch of the Alumni Association celebrating AUB Centennial, Photo Dimo, December 4, 1966, 3 photos.
- The AUB Alumni Association Tripoli Branch Celebrates University Founders' Day: reunion dinner party at the Muntazah Hotel in Tripoli. President and Mrs. Samuel B. Kirkwood, Association President and Mrs. Najib Alamuddin, Vice-President Robert Crawford, Photo Dimo, January 13, 1968, 4 photos.
- Mansur Jurdak, Nassib Hammam, Archie Crawford and others, Photo Dalati-Nohra, undated, 3 photos.

Series III: Miscellaneous archival documents

- Speech of Ahmed Djemal Pasha delivered to students of the Syrian Protestant College during his visit on January 29, 1917.
- Minutes of the Alumni Council Meeting held on May 16, 1960 at the Alumni Club.
- Menu of the reception dinner in honor of Sheikh Munir Takydeene Mohafez of Northern Lebanon at Hotel Montazah in Tripoli on November 30, 1962.
- Handwritten letter from Farid Haddad to Nassib Hammam about his participation in the Monthly Scientific Lecture on June 1956. Attached also a draft of Nassib Hammam's lecture.
- Telegram from Fuad Sarruf to Dr. Nassib Hammam, undated.
- Draft of-by-laws of the AUB Alumni Association Tripoli Branch, undated.
- List of names of AUB Alumni, Tripoli Branch including degrees and addresses, undated.
- Draft of a speech in Arabic in honor of Dr. Bliss, the grandson, during the celebration of AUB Centennial Anniversary by the Tripoli Branch of the Alumni Association, [1966].
- Draft of a handwritten letter from the Alumni Council to the Alumni Branch in Sao Paulo, Brazil, regarding the University Centennial, dated November 5, 1966.

Related Material

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- Obituary of Habib Hammam, Al-Kulliyah, v. 20, no. 1, November 1, 1933, p. 29.
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- Reorganization in Tripoli, Al-Kulliyah, January and February 1950, p. 40.
- Dr. Nassib Hammam awarded the Lebanese Golden Order of Merit, Al-Kulliyah, v. 29, no. 8, August 1954, p. 33.
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- Four Alumni awarded for services, Al-Kulliyah, May 1956, p. 2.
- Second Annual Medical Conference in Tripoli, Al-Kulliyah, July 1957, p. 7.
- Committee of Five formed in Tripoli to start Branch, Al-Kulliyah, winter 1960, p. 10.
- Dr. Hammam is elected of-New Alumni Branch President in Tripoli, Al-Kulliyah, v. 36, spring 1960, p. 4.
- Tripoli Branch holds Tea Party, Al-Kulliyah, v. 37, no. 2, spring 1961, p. 12.
- Tripoli Branch holds party in honor of Daniel Bliss Junior, Al-Kulliyah, v. 37, no. 3, summer 1961, p. 6.
- Group of alumni give AUH Artificial Kidney Apparatus, Al-Kulliyah, v. 37, no. 3, summer 1961, p. 16.
- Tripoli Alumni honors Norman Burns, Al-Kulliyah, v. 38, winter 1962, p. 4.
- General Secretary and Treasurer submit Year Reports, Al-Kulliyah, v. 38, no. 2, spring 1962, p. 3.
- Highlights of the Reunion Party Pictures, Al-Kulliyah, v. 38, no. 3, summer 1962, p. 4-5.
- Governor of North Lebanon honored at a reception held by Tripoli Alumni Branch, Al-Kulliyah, v. 39, no. 1, winter 1963, p. 7.
- Tripoli Alumni Branch holds a reception in honor of Bishops Kurban and Hazim, Al-Kulliyah, v. 39, no. 4, autumn 1963, p. 7.
- Report of the General Secretary, Al-Kulliyah, v. 40, no. 1, spring 1964, p. 3, 9.
- Tripoli Branch celebrates University Founders' Day, Al-Kulliyah Middle East Forum, winter 1968, p. 23.
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