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## **Robert Black photo album, 1935-1937**

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## Descriptive Summary

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## Administrative Information

**Source:** This collection was donated to the AUB Libraries by Mr. Robert S. Jr. Black through AUB New York Office, May 2002.

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## Scope and Content

The album includes 289 photographs of events and sceneries from Lebanon: Afqa, AUB Campus, Beirut, Baalbek, Broummana, Cedars, Dog River, Saidon, Tyre, and Tripoli; as well as from other countries such as Jordan: Jordan River. Photos of Egypt: Great Pyramids of Giza, Temple of Karnak, Temple of Luxor and Cairo. Photos of Iraq: Baghdad, Najaf, Babylon, and Mosul. Photos of Palestine: Jerusalem. Photos of Syria: Damascus, Homs, Latakia and Palmyra. Photos of Turkey: Antioch (Ben Hur's arena) and Vale of Daphne. Also included a photograph of Lady Hester Stanhope's grave in addition to six Christmas cards of Leavitt family in 1937.

## Arrangement

The Collection is arranged in nine series:

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## Biography sketch

Robert Smallwood Black was born in Zanesville, Ohio on January 13, 1909. Following his higher education at Dartmouth College and Columbia University, he taught for two years at the American

University of Beirut as instructor in English at the International College Elementary, Preparatory and Secondary Sections from 1935/36 until 1937/38; and for five years at the Friends School, Willmington, Delaware. In World War II, he served in the Naval Reserve, overseas at the American Embassy in Quito, Ecuador. After the war, he went into the Foreign Service of the United States Department. He served abroad in Egypt, Japan, Mexico, Indonesia, Canada and Thailand. Mr. and Mrs. Black retired to Cape Neddick, Maine, in 1970. When Mrs. Black died in 1993, Mr. Black moved to Riverwoods at Exeter, New Hampshire. Robert Black died in 2001.

## **Subject Headings**

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- [Photo 19](#): Scouts in front of their camping tent at the pines outside Beirut.
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- [Photo 215](#): Terraced hillsides near Afqa; sepia; 10.5x8cm.
- [Photo 216](#): The Holy Fathers and ladies returning from Afqa; black and white; 10.5x8cm.
- [Photo 217](#): Wheat spread in the sun to dry; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 218](#): Wilma, Luther, Wiss S., Cleo, Mary and Kati en route to Afqa (); black and white; 10.5x8cm.
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- Photo 289: Wilma and Howard on the road; black and white; 7x4.5cm. (p.31)
- [Photo 221](#): A Group on a picnic: front row left to right: Luther and Katie; second row: Miss Stancliff, Mary Leason? and Wilma; also Robert, Elie and Howard; Cles took the photo and missed Mac); black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 222](#): Elie and Howard; black and white; 7x4.5cm.
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## AUB

- Photo 1: Group photo (International College 1935-1936, students & teachers – second row: Leslie Leavit – director (9<sup>th</sup> from the left); Luther B. Cox- English teacher (4<sup>th</sup> from the left); Robert S. Black – English teacher (5<sup>th</sup> from the right); black and white; 28.5 x 21 cm.
- [Photo 6](#): Students' play, black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 21](#): photo of Mohamad Alsagoff (age15) from Singapore standing; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 23](#): Tripos Atheneos on a haskie; black and white; 11x6.5cm.
- [Photo 24](#): Group photo of the ancient history class and the scouts at the aqueduct, March 19th; black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 30](#): Pommir, French soldier stationed in Beirut; black and white; 9x6cm.
- Photo 273: photo of Constantine Cominos, Jacque Abut-lil, Robert Khayyat, Alif Nsouli; black and white; 11x6.5cm (p.5)
- [Photo 35](#): group photo of 3<sup>rd</sup> year – English section May 1936; black and white; 11x6.5cm.
- [Photo 41](#): group photo for the same class on the steps beneath my window; black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 42](#): Prep AUB Athletic field (photo of Abdul-wahid, As-Salman, unidentified person, Jamil from Baghdad); Black and white; 11x6.5cm.
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- [Photo 45](#): in front of the prep buildings: Thomson Hall on the left and athletic field on right; black and white; 9x6cm.
- Photo 278: a scene on the campus when the wild flowers were at their best; black and white; 11x7cm. (p.6)
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- [Photo 231](#): Trees on AUB; black and white; 11.5x7cm.
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- [Photo 239](#): photo of a young man below the dentistry school; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 242](#): AUB Campus; black and white; 11.5x7cm.
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- [Photo 244](#): AUB; black and white; 11.5x7cm.
- [Photo 245](#): sea view; black and white; 9x6.5cm.
- [Photo 246](#): black and white; 11.5x7cm.
- [Photo 247](#): West hall; black and white; 11.5x7cm.



- [Photo 248](#): view of AUB Campus (facing bliss hall and the library in the distance with the town); black and white; 9.5x6cm.
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- [Photo 250](#): Abdi and Sayyid Ahmad standing near west hall; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 251](#): Barghash and Abdi facing the dentistry school; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 252](#): Group photo of Brown family?; black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 253](#): AUB Campus; black and white; 11.5x7cm.
- [Photo 254](#): AUB Campus 9post hall, college in the distance); black and white; 11.5x7cm.
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- [Photo 261](#): Three students sitting on fence; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 262](#): Students' play; black and white; 11x7cm. (same as photo no.6)
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- [Photo 265](#): Musa Beidas, Ali, Fayik Abdi and AlSayyid Ahmad, AUB December 8, 1937; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 266](#): Soccer (football), Spring 1936 [Prep student vs French school, International College]; black and white; 17x11.5cm.
- [Photo 267](#): General view of Beirut from histology lab, American university, November 11, 1936 [the dentistry school with eight windows]; sepia; 16.5x12.5cm.

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- [Photo 268](#): Roman temple - [Baalbeck?]; sepia; 9x7cm.

## Beaufort Castle

- [Photo 29](#): Picnic at Beaufort Castle, left to right: Mac, Jen and Mary on top of the castle; black and white; 9x6cm.

## Beirut

- [Photo 36](#): Beirut aqueduct; black and white; 8.5x6cm
- [Photo 47](#): The public garden- Eucalyptus trees, Beirut 1935; black and white; 8.5x6cm.
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- Photo 275: A dog in The Bekaa plain (between Beirut and Damascus, which shows the snow-capped mountains); black and white; 9x6cm. (p.6)

## Brumanna

- [Photo 25](#): Luther and Katie standing beside typical Lebanon Pines near Brumanna; black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 26](#): American staffites at AUB in a picnic in Brumana; black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 27](#): left to right: Smith, Katie, Luther, Jen and Howard in a grape arbor looking down upon Beirut and the bay of st. Georges (you can just see the shore line); black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 28](#): Katie Nickoley at a porch in Brumanna; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 32](#): The Lurin family plus the nurse (Marie holding the baby and Albert, the three oldest children) standing on stairs next to a house; black and white; 9x6cm.

## Cedars of Lebanon: (last weekend, May 30, 1937)

- [Photo 227](#): Cedars; black and white; 10.5x8cm.
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- [Photo 229](#): A man climbing a cedar tree; black and white; 14x9cm.
- [Photo 230](#): A man climbing a cedar tree; black and white; 10.5x8cm.
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## Dog River [Nahr Ibrahim]

- [Photo 2](#): Group photo at a café at dog river; black and white, 9x6cm
- [Photo 3](#): Two boys sitting on the floor [en route to sandy beach left to right: Fayik Abdi from Haifa and Isaac Murad from Baghdad]; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 4](#): Group photo; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 5](#): A bald eagle chained; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 7](#): Group photo next to the French inscription of General Gouraud at Dog River; black and white; 9x6cm

- [Photo 8](#): Group photo of History class on a Roman bridge at Dog River; black and white; 9x6cm.
- [Photo 223](#): Students on bikes (Bab, Murad, Bawli, Jacob, Yamut, Hamdan, Saadeh and others.. students trip to Dog River, may 1937); black and white; 8.5x6cm.
- [Photo 224](#): Robert Black sitting on rocks – Trip to Dog River, May 1937; black and white; 6.5x4.5cm.
- [Photo 225](#): Jacob Stratiteuitz? (brown shirt) and Schecheter (white shirt) rising bikes, Dog River, 22 May 1937; sepia; 14x9cm.
- [Photo 226](#): Dog River, May 1937; black and white; 8.5x6cm.

### **Ras Beirut**

- [Photo 38](#): Ras Beirut House; black and white; 9x6cm.

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- [Photo 233](#): Tony Sahyun, Robert Black, and Fayik Abdi posing and the Pigeon rocks in distance, April 30, 1937; black and white; 9x6cm.

### **Sidon: Crusader Castles (March 22, 1936)**

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- [Photo 97](#): The sea castle at Sidon from left to right: Robert Black, Majid Rahnema, the little French School boy and a fourth unidentified person; black and white; 11x7cm.
- [Photo 98](#): The sea from the castle at Sidon; black and white; 11x7cm.
- [Photo 99](#): One of the castles at Sidon; black and white; 11x7cm.
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### **Tripoli**

- [Photo 39](#): Group photo in front of the Tripoli boys school (Jen is standing by Robert right arm, the little black boy is Kindy Barsady and beside him is Mr. Sagih, the math teacher who planned the trip), March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1936; black and white; 11x6.5cm.
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- [Photo 209](#): One of the famous Syrian Beehive villages – so called because of the sundried mud, houses; black and white; 9x6cm.
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- Card 3: Merry Christmas from the Millers (from Martha Miller to Mr. Black)
- Card 4: Christmas card from M- Munir (A French who taught in the Prep and French school) to Bob. (Photo on card: view of Beirut)
- Card 5: Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Zeine N. Zeine (teacher in the French school INS), December 1937. (Photo on card: view of Mount Lebanon with snow in the distance)
- Card 6: Christmas card from Bob, 1937. (Photo on card: a couple of camel)

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