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Edward F. Nickoley Collection, 1917-1937

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: AA: 2.3.3

Bib record: b14618096

Record Creator: Nickoley, Edward Frederick, 1873-1937.

Collection Title: Edward F. Nickoley Collection, 1917-1937.

Collection Dates: Bulk of the collection 1917-1937

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: Edward Nickoley was an educator, Acting President of AUB then Acting Principal of International College. He oversaw AUB in an overly critical post-war period of readjustment.

Language(s): English

Administrative Information

Source: Unidentified

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Preferred Citation: Edward Nickoley Collection, 1917-1937, AA: 2.3.3 Box no.-, File no.-, American University of Beirut/Library Archives.

Scope and Content

The collection contains correspondence of Edward Frederick Nickoley with AUB community and other prominent coordinates like commander of French forces Gouraud and Prince Faysal. It also documents land purchase, faculty appointments, salaries; and most important of all it documents Nickoley's diary during WWI that describes an American faculty experience with famine during WWI.

Arrangement

The Collection is arranged in two series:

Series I: Correspondence and Visitors

Series II: Correspondence and Johanniter Hospital

Historical Sketch

Edward Frederick Nickoley was born at Long Grove, Illinois, on May 29, 1873. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.A. degree in 1898. Subsequently, he received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the same University. In the year 1900, he was called to Beirut to organize the School of Commerce.

During the later years of his being a principal of the School of Commerce, he served as Professor of Economics in the College. In January 1919, when President Howard Bliss was unexpectedly called away from Beirut, he asked Professor Nickoley to serve as Acting President during his absence. President Bliss was never to return to Beirut again, so that the Acting President found himself obliged to serve in an exceedingly difficult position during one of the most critical periods in the history of the institution. After guiding the University with great skill and faith through the difficult post-war period of readjustment, Professor Nickoley became Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 1924. He laid the foundations for modern university work of a high grade. During the latter years of his life, he was chairman of a committee to supervise the lower classes. He became

Acting Principal to the international College in 1936-1937. During the entire period of his connection with the University, he took an active part in developing and furthering athletics. He died on March 13, 1937. (Excerpts from Al-Kulliyah Review, v. 4, March 20, 1937, p: 1-4).

Subject Headings

American University of Beirut -- Presidents.
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Mandates -- Lebanon.
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Land tenure -- Lebanon.
Paris Peace Conference (1919-1920).

Container List

Series I: Correspondence and Visitors

Box 1: Barudi's Coin Collection, Land deal, School of Dentistry; Arrival of Gouraud, commander of French forces, and Emir Faisal to Beirut.

File 1: General, 1920-1972.

File 2: Historic diary written during the year 1917.

File 3: Correspondence of Edward Nickoley with Howard Bliss and David Stuart Dodge concerning Raudah Brothers; Barudi's Collection of coins; Manuscript; Specimen of Mosaic; Cleaning woman Nazira's incident; Salary of the Syrian Staff; Land deal; Faculty Meeting; Salaries; Commencement Exercises; Transport facilities; Religious, Educational and Social Work Committee, 9 February- 31 August 1919.

File 4: Correspondence between Edward Nickoley and Bayard Dodge regarding the appointment of new faculty members, 14 July 1919- 27 March 1920; List of new faculty members of 1919.

File 5: Correspondence of Edward Nickoley with Howard Bliss and David S. Dodge concerning New members in the medical department; Student on waiting list; French teacher; School of Dentistry; Extension of the library; Students enrollment; Recommendation to establish a Chair of Arab History of the Near East and a Chair of Zoology; Bubonic plague; Athletic rally; Salary adjustment; Joint Committee; Al- Kulliyah; Arrival of Gouraud Commander of French forces to Beirut; Luncheon with Gouraud, 25-30 September 1919.

File 6: Correspondence of Edward Nickoley with Howard Bliss and David S. Dodge concerning physical director; General Gouraud visit to the College; Transfer of Van Dyck to the

Department of Zoology; Emir Faysal visit to Beirut; Johanniter Property; Field Day; Books from the American Library Association; School of Archeology; School of Commerce; Inflated cost of living in Beirut; Emigration movement, 2 January- 29 April 1920.

Series II: Correspondence and Johanniter Hospital

Box 2: Johanniter Property, Salaries, Faculty meetings, Emma Nickoley, Letter from General Gouraud.

File 1: Correspondence between Edward Nickoley and Bayard Dodge, 1 April- 10 August 1920.

File 2: Correspondence with Edward Nickoley with Howard Bliss and David Stuart Dodge; Death of Howard Bliss; Successor to Dr. Bliss; Salary of Adjunct Professor; Summer School; Library Committee; Hospital Committee, Finance Committee; Johanniter Property; Ras Beirut Boys School; School of Commerce; Commencement; The opportunity to purchase the Palm Grove Land; Cost of living, 1 May- 25 October 1920.

File 3: Correspondence between Edward Nickoley and Bayard Dodge regarding faculty meetings minutes; Searching for a French teacher; Land purchase of Khurshid Bey and others; The Ras Beirut Boys School; Preparation for the Commencement and Inauguration of Bayard Dodge; Speech of the Inauguration; Honorary Degrees, Recipients and other issues, 3 January- 30 March 1923.

File 4: Letter from William Kingsley to the Board of Trustees of AUB, 2 February 1923; Letter from General Gouraud, 21 May 1923; Letters from members of the faculty of AUB, 29 May 1923.

File 5: Correspondence between Edward Nickoley and Bayard Dodge regarding the French teacher; Professor Dorman and Shuman issues; Faculty meetings minutes; AUB joining the American University Union; The Joy house making over, 5 April -26 May 1923; Report by Edward Nickoley to Bayard Dodge the President, August 1923.

File 6: Inscriptions Palmyréniennes.

File 7: Letter from Emma F. Nickoley to Vice President Crawford about a garden, 1963; Article by Emma F. Nickoley regarding the WW I and the admission of a young Turkish lady to AUB or coeducation dated 1967.

Related Material

Publications

- Al Kulliyah
 - v. 2, May 1911, p:235-238
 - v. 3, Jan. 1912, P:77-82
 - v. 7, Feb. 1921, p: 49-52
 - v. 8, Nov. 1921, p: 1-3; p: 26-27; Jun. 1922, p: 119-121
 - v. 9, Oct. 1922, p: 1-3
 - v. 13, April 1927, p: 156-159; May 1927, p: 197-198; p: 189-192; Jul. 1933, p: 188-190
 - v. 17, Feb. 1931, p: 59
 - v. 19, Feb. 1933, p: 89-90; Nov. 1932, p: 23
 - v. 20, Jul. 1934, p: 187
 - v. 21, Jul. 1935, p: 191
- Al Kulliyah Review Memorial Edition
 - v. 4, March 20, 1937, p: 1-4

Archival Material

- Albert W. Staub [AA:7.6.2](#)
- Howard Bliss Collection AUB President 1902-1920 [AA:2.3.2](#)
- Personnel Department, 1924- 2005 [AA:2.5.0.3](#)
- History of Syrian Protestant College/American University of Beirut: General 1866 [AA:1.6.1](#)
- Students 1900s [AA:4.3.2](#)

Photographs

- Portrait of Edward Frederick Nickoley Ph:SPC-AUB:1900-1937:1-2:26
- Faculty and staff, 1901-1902 Ph:SPC-AUB:1901-1902:(1):1-7:32; Ph:SPC-AUB:1901-1902:(2):1-4:32
- Imperial guests with faculty, 1904 Ph:SPC-AUB:1904(7):1:34
- Faculty and staff, 1904-1905 Ph:SPC-AUB:1905(5):1-5:34
- Class of 1911 with Faculty Ph:SPC-AUB:1911(5):1:36
- Faculty, 1913 Ph:SPC-AUB:1913(3):1-4:36
- Students' Union, 1912-1913 Ph:SPC-AUB:1913(7):1:36
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- Medical football team, 1920 Ph:SPC-AUB:1920(3):1:38
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- Graduating Class in Commerce, 1924-25 Ph:AUB:1925(4):1:39
- Students, 1925 Ph:AUB:1925(5):1:39
- Arts and Sciences Faculty members, 1926 Ph:AUB:1926/06:1-2:40
- Summer School, 1935 Ph:AUB:1935(2):1-2:41
- SPC [Syrian Protestant College] Faculty in Brummana Ph:SPC-AUB:1902-1904(3):1-2:33
- SPC [Syrian Protestant College] American Staff, 1903 Ph:SPC-AUB:1903(4):1-2:33

Books

- Himadeh, Said. (ed.). (1936). *Economic organization of Syria*. Beirut: American Press. [CA:AUB 330.956:E19e:c.1](#)
- Nickoley, E. F. (1939). *Introductory psychology a textbook for one semester of the first-year course in citizenship*. Beirut: American University of Beirut. [CA:AUB 150:N63i](#)
- *Social survey of Syria compiled under the auspices of The Near East Relief, The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine, the American University of Beirut*. (1925). Beirut: American University of Beirut [CA:AUB 956.9:S678s:c.1](#)

Digital Resources

- [Daily Star: In a grave state of neglect by Sandra Simpson](#)
- [Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections; Daily Illini; 4 March 1914: Mrs. Edward Nickoley '99 Enters Graduate School](#)

- [American University of Beirut Libraries Historical Background](#)
- [The Syrian Protestant College and the Great War \(1914-18\)](#)