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Rose Ewald Photograph Collection, 1929-1931

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: Ph:RE:1929-1931

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Collection Title: Rose Ewald Photograph Collection, 1929-1931.

Collection Dates: 1929-1931

Record Creator: Mainly Near East College Association (New York, N.Y.), Photographer.

Physical Description: 1 box.

Language(s): English

Administrative Information

Source: Received from AUB New York Office, October 24, 2002.

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 Rose Ewald photograph collection includes approximately 81 black and white photographic prints, and 53 film negatives. The bulk of the photographs are related to the American University of Beirut while five of the photographs are related to Robert College of Istanbul.

There are also four photos of Sidon Sea Castle in Lebanon, two photos of Smyrna, one photo of the Bosphorus in Istanbul, Turkey and one of Bregana in Croatia.

Few photographs are dated the majority have been assigned the date 1929-1931.

Titles for prints were transcribed from the inscription on verso of photographs when present and assigned by the cataloger when unavailable.

Major subjects in the negatives include, The American University of Beirut, Archeological sites in Lebanon and others.

Biographical Information

Rose Ewald, 1884-1960, was associated with Near East Relief, an American humanitarian organization created to help Armenians, Greeks and other minorities in the Near East who were forced from their homes following violent upheavals in the Ottoman Empire at the outbreak of World War I, as a worker in Constantinople 1922 and later Syria.

Rose Ewald of Yonkers, New York, had spent six years as a NER worker in various locations. Ewald traveled to other NER centers in Turkey and Syria. When Ewald returned to the United States, she agreed to serve as the American director of Near East Industries.

As the director, Rose Ewald handled all aspects of Near East Industries business stateside. This included the operation of the flagship Near East Industries store at 151 Fifth Avenue in

Manhattan, which was advertised as “a corner of old Stamboul” in reference to the picturesque area in Constantinople. Ewald also supervised a collection of smaller shops in other U.S. cities, including Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia. She organized seasonal bazaars and special events in New York City. Under the guidance of Ewald, Near East Industries, which operated as a NER subsidiary, became a successful business. Annual profits from American sales alone exceeded \$100,000 per year.

Ewald continued to operate Near East Industries in the United States on a progressively smaller scale until her retirement from NEF in 1952.¹ She died on October 29, 1960, at the John E. Andrus Memorial, a nursing home, New York State.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged in two series:

Series I: Photographs.

Series II: Negatives.

Subject Headings

Near East Relief (Organization) -- 1920-1930.
Robert College (Istanbul, Turkey) -- 1920-1930.
American University of Beirut -- Pictorial works.
American University of Beirut -- Students.
American University of Beirut -- Buildings.
Visitors, Foreign.

Format

Photographic prints -- 1910-1950.
Negatives -- 1910-1950.

Container List

Series I: Photographs, 81 photos

Subseries I.1. Croatia, 1 photo

A woman from Bregana, Croatia, 1929-1931, 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 12 cm.

Subseries I.2. Lebanon, 71 photos and 6 negatives

American University of Beirut, 67 photos, 6 negatives

- **Athletics – 11 photos and 2 negatives**
 - Athletic coaches with Director Harry William Foot, 1929. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929\(04\):01:40](#)

¹ [A-Lasting-Impact-The-Near-East-Relief-Foundation-Celebrates-a-Century-of-Service.pdf](#)

- Boy scouts of Preparatory School, 1929-1931. 5 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1931\(11\):1-5:41](#)
 - Preparatory School football team, 1929-1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1931\(10\):01:41](#)
 - Soccer Game between AUB and Egyptian University. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1930\(11\):1-2:41](#)
 - [Annual Field Day, 800-meter run, May 2, 1931](#). 1 photograph: black and white; 8 x 11 cm.; 2 negatives
 - Visiting scouts of Damascus and Beirut troops at AUB with Professors Tabet, Leavitt, Dorman, Leary, Dickerman with AUB Scout Masters. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1930\(19\):01:41](#)
- **Buildings and Grounds – 12 photos**
 - Groundbreaking ceremony for the new medical buildings, 1929. 3 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929\(05\):1-3:41](#)
 - View of palms at entrance to Dodge Hall, 1929-1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 8.5 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1931\(06\):01:41](#)
 - Roman column at entrance of Post Hall; presented to AUB by Emir Taufik Khalil Arslan, 1929-1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1930\(04\):01:41](#)
 - Campus views: Post Hall and Assembly Hall, panoramic view of Beirut, and the Beirut tramway on John Kennedy Street from roof of School of Dentistry, 1929-1931. 3 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1931\(09\):1-3:41](#)
 - New Medical Building site: Outpatient Clinic and New Chemistry Laboratory. May 1, 1930. 4 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1930/06/30\(01\):1-2:42](#); [Ph:AUB:1930/05/01\(01\):1-2:41](#)
- **Faculty – 1 photo**
 - Faculty on a ski trip, standing l-r: Van Muys, Dr. Bennet Franklin Avery, and George Morrow Kahrl. Seated l-r: Richard Merrill Saunders, Skule and Mrs. Avery, 1929-1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. https://libraries.aub.edu.lb/sp/public/photos/1929/Ph_AUB_1929-1930_32_1.jpg
- **School of Nursing – 18 photos**
 - Faridah and Linda Abdul-Masih, from Omdurman, Sudan, first students to enter the Nurses Training School at the American University of Beirut, 1929. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929\(06\):1-2:41](#)
 - Home Nursing classes by AUB Nursing Faculty at the Girls National School, June 14, 1929. 10 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929/06/14\(27\):1-10:40](#)
 - Nurses in AUB Training School, 1929-1931. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1931\(05\):1-2:41](#)

- [Nursing students and faculty at AUB, 1930](#). 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
- [Russian and Polish nursing students in costumes of their native countries at the Mary Bliss Dale Home, 1931](#). 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
- **Students – 18 photos and 2 negatives**
 - [Portrait of Zeine Nouredine Zeine, Class of 1929, supported by Mrs. Estey Scholarship, 1929-1931](#). 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 7 cm.
 - [Dental students from the American University of Beirut attending the 7th Medical Conference, May 17, 1929](#). 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
 - T.M. Ughbaber (Ogbagabar) and his son (Ayalin Michael) a student in the Preparatory School at the American University of Beirut, May 31, 1929. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. 2 negatives; 3.5 x 4.5 in.
 - AUB co-eds on chapel steps, 1929-1931. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. *click here for [photo 1](#), [photo 2](#)*.
 - [International students at preparatory school in native dresses, 1929-1931](#). 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
 - [Students using typewriters in Short Course Commerce, 1929-1931](#). 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
 - Graduates of American University of Beirut Preparatory School, June 1930. 1 photograph: black and white; 26 x 20 cm.
 - Prep Form Classes Juniors and Scouts at the American University of Beirut, Near East College Association, 1930. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. [Ph:AUB:1930\(14\):1-2:41](#)
 - Portrait of Iliyya Khalaf, Class of School of Dentistry, 1930. 1 photograph: black and white; 5.5 x 8 cm. [Ph:AUB:1929-1931\(04\):01:41](#)
 - David (Daud) Bulus with his six sons, 1930. 3 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. *click here for [photo 1](#), [photo 2](#), [photo 3](#)*
 - International commerce graduates of the American University of Beirut, 1930. Standing l-r: Hampartsum Der-Hagopian (Sudan), Michel Ilyas Fayyad (Syria), and Zaki Jurjus Darwish (Lebanon); seated l-r: Hafiz Tawfiq Dajani (Palestine), Jubran Faris Kanaan (Lebanon), Muhammad Uthman Mirghani (Sudan), Mustafa Tawfiq Nusuli (Lebanon), Hasan Ahmad Lutfi (Egypt), and Gregory Constantine Syrmakessides (Greece). 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. *click here for [photo 1](#), [photo 2](#)*
- **Visitors – 7 photos and 2 negatives**
 - Visit of Syriac Catholic Church delegation to American University of Beirut, 1929 Archbishop of Harista (Iraq) and Vicar Patriarch of Beirut, T. Joseph Georgi, accompanied by Reverend Joseph Stambouli and Dr. Albert Karam of Beirut – representing Syriac Catholic Church. May 1929. 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm. *click here for [photo 1](#), [photo 2](#)*

- [Visit of Professor and Mrs. Ellsworth Huntington, Professor of Anthro-Geography at Yale University, 1929-1931.](#) 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
- [Portrait of Musa Mujaddie, known as “The Bible Man” from Bloudan, Syria a frequent visitor to the American University of Beirut, 1929-1931.](#) 2 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.
- Unidentified clergymen on AUB campus, 1929-1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 8.5 x 11 cm; 1 negative; 3 x 4.5 in.
- [Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb \(Board of Trustees\) to campus, 1930.](#) 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 11 cm; 1 negative; 3 x 4.5 in.
- **Sidon - 4 photos**
- Sidon Sea Castle and view of the old city of Sidon from top of inner Castle walls, 1930s. 4 photographs: black and white; 9 x 11 cm.

Subseries I.3. Turkey, 9 photos

The Bosphorus, Istanbul, 1 photo

- Bird's eye view of the Bosphorus, 1929-1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 8.5 x 11.5 cm.

The American Robert College of Istanbul, (Robert College), 6 photos

- **Athletics**

- Track meet. H.E. Kazim Rasa, Governor General of Smyrna, on his right are Professor Barnum and Dean Vronman of Robert College and President Reed of Robert College, May 22, 1929. 1 photograph: black and white; 8.5 x 12 cm.

- **Students**

- A Bulgarian female student wearing a traditional costume, Robert College. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 14 cm.

- **Visitors**

- Visit of Mr. John Masefield, Poet Laureate of England, to Robert College, April 6, 1931. 1 photograph: black and white; 8.5 x 11 cm.
- Visit of Admiral and Mrs. Marc Lambert Bristol to Robert College. 1 photograph: black and white; 7 x 11 cm.
- Unidentified guests at Robert College, 1 photograph: black and white; 8.5 x 11 cm.
- Dr. Peck and Charles Crane (1858-1939) at Robert College. 1 photograph: black and white; 6.5 x 11 cm.

- **Smyrna, 2 photos**

- A seller of beads at Hisar Cami (Great Mosque), Smyrna. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 12 cm.
- A fig sorter in a fig factory, Smyrna. 1 photograph: black and white; 9 x 12 cm.

Series II: Negatives, 47 negatives and 1 photo

Subseries II.1 American University of Beirut, 9 negatives

- **Faculty – 1 negative**

- Dr. Mostafa Khalidy in the camp with two female patients, 1929. photo by Lucy Shawhans. 1 negative; 2.5 x 4 in.

- **Students – 5 negatives**

- Home Nursing Class of the Health Center, AUB, June 1929. 1 negative; 3.5 x 4 in.
- Abdallah Al-Khalifah, cousin of King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifah with two nephews of King Hamad, 2 negatives; 5 x 4.5 in.
- Two students in Arabic clothes on AUB ground. 1 negative; 3.5 x 4.5 in.
- Two brothers from Zanzibar, Sulayman and Salem Ahmad al-Busaydi, 1 negative; 3.5 x 4.5 in.

- **Visitors – 3 negatives**

- President Bayard Dodge (1923-1948) with Bishop W. P. Thirkield, March 1929. 1 negative; 4 x 5 in.
- President Bayard Dodge (1923-1948) with Mr. & Mrs. William Fellowes Morgan, Trustee of the American University of Beirut, on AUB campus, 1930. 1 negative; 3.5 x 4.5 in.
- From right to left: Visit of Sayid Zayn; Head of the Shiyat Religious Court of Lebanon, As-Sayid Hibatuddin Shahrestani (1884-1967), Ex-minister of Education of Iraq and Head of the Higher Court of Appeal of the Shiyat faith, an Iraqi Sheikh, and the Editor of the Alumni Monthly to AUB. [1930]. 1 negative; 3.5 x 4.5 in.

Subseries II.2 Miscellaneous, 38 negatives and 1 photo

- **Miscellaneous negatives of Touristic sites in Lebanon, Syria, and France**

- Baalbek columns, Near East Foundation, 1 negative; 3 x 4 in.
- Beirut, Armistice Day Services, 3 negatives; 3 x 4 in.
- Jbeil (Byblos), Crusader Castle and columns, 3 negatives; 3.5 x 4.5 in.
- Nahr al-Jawz and Kadisha River (Abou Ali River), 7 negatives; 2 x 2.5 in; 1 photograph; 6 x 5 cm.
- Paris, the cedar tree from Lebanon planted by Josephine for Napoleon at Château de Malmaison, 1 negative; 3 x 4 in.
- Tripoli (Anfeh) salt pans, 1 negative; 3 x 5 in.
- Sidon Krak des Chevaliers and Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, 14 negatives; 3.5 x 5 in.

- **Miscellaneous negatives of people...**

- Three women wearing hats, 1 negative; 3 x 4.5 in.
- Miscellaneous negatives of people, daily life, animals, and other subjects probably in Lebanon, 7 negatives; 2.5 x 3.5 in.

Related Materials

Archival Material

- Bayard Dodge Collection, [AA.2.3.4](#)
- Near East College Association (NECA) Collection, 1920-1947, [AA:7.6.2](#)
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- [Dr. Daniel Bliss and Dr. George Washburn, 1910], [Ph:SPC-AUB:1910\(05\):01:35](#)
- [Faculty and students Album, 1920s-1930s], [Ph:AUB:1920s-1930s\(04\):1-161:38](#)

Related Collections

- [Near East College Association records](#), 1928 – 1943, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.