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William A. West Collection, 1941-1962

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: AA: 6.2.23

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Record Creator: West, William A., 1894-1980.

Collection Title: William A. West Collection, 1941-1962.

Collection Dates: 1870-1962, bulk 1941-1962

Physical Description: 1 box, around 0.3 linear foot

Abstract: Born in Beirut in 1894, Professor William West graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1912, Princeton University in 1916, and later returned to Princeton to receive his Ph.D. in 1929. Professor West spent his entire teaching career at AUB, 1918-1959.

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Language(s): English

Administrative Information

Source: David West, William West's son, donated the collection to the AUB Libraries Archives Department on April 17, 2014.

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Scope and Content

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series:

Series I: Personal letters from William A. West mainly to his wife and children, August 8, 1941 - August 13, 1946 (165 letters)

Series II: Information about William West

Series III: Photos, slides and 2 postcards

Biographical Sketch

Born in Beirut in 1894 to Robert Haldane West, Professor William West spent his entire teaching career at AUB, retiring in 1959 as Head of the Department of Chemistry. His mother was the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. John Crawford. Professor West spent his early years in Beirut until 1909 when he travelled back to the U.S. to join school there. He graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1912, Princeton University in 1916, and later returned to Princeton to receive his Ph.D. degree in 1929. During the First World War, Lt. West served in the U.S. Army, Coast Artillery Corps in Panama. When Dr. West retired in 1959, the Lebanese Government decorated him with the Order of the Cedar.

Quite apart from his dedication as a teacher, the AUB community is indebted to Professor West for the results of his lifelong interest in the preservation of the wildlife of Lebanon. An avid botanist, he, together with Mohammad Abu Abass Hajj, AUB's chief gardener for over a quarter of a century, worked for years to transform AUB into the horticultural showpiece it is today. Dr. West was a member of the British Iris Society and the Appalachian Trail Conference. He died on September 4, 1980.

Subject Headings

West, William A., 1894-1980.
American University of Beirut -- Faculty.
World War II -- Middle East -- Personal Narratives.
American University of Beirut -- Correspondence.
American University of Beirut. Campus.
Flowers.

Container List

Series I: Personal letters from William A. West, August 8, 1941- August 13, 1946 (165 letters)

File 1: 1941-1942, 63 letters

[August 8 – December 25, 1941], 18 letters

- Letter from William A. West to Dot. No. 1 Beirut, August 8, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.2. A.U.B. Beirut, August 24, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.3. Beirut, Syria, September 2, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.4. A.U.B. Beirut, September 7, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.5. A.U.B. Beirut, Syria. September 14, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.6. A.U.B. Beirut, September 21, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.7. A.U.B. Beirut, September 28, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.8. Beirut, October 1, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.9. A.U.B. Beirut, October 7, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.10. A.U.B. Beirut, October 15, 1941
- Letter from William A. West. No.11. A.U.B. Beirut, October 25, 1941
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.14. A.U.B. Beirut, November 16, 1941
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.15. A.U.B. Beirut, November 24, 1941
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.16. A.U.B. Beirut, December 2, 1941

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.17. A.U.B. Beirut, December 6, 1941
- Letter from William A. West to Miss Elisabeth H. West. Beirut, December 7, 1941
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.18. A.U.B. Beirut, December 22, 1941
- Letter from William A. West to David A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 25, 1941

[January 1 – December 26, 1942], 45 letters

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.1. A.U.B. Beirut, January 1, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.2. A.U.B. Beirut, January 5, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.3. A.U.B. Beirut, January 12, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.4. A.U.B. Beirut, January 18, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.5. A.U.B. Beirut, January 25, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.6. A.U.B. Beirut, February 1, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.7. A.U.B. Beirut, February 8, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.8. A.U.B. Beirut, February 15, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.9. A.U.B. Beirut, February 22, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.10. A.U.B. Beirut, March 2, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.11. A.U.B. Beirut, March 8, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.12. A.U.B. Beirut, March 15, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.13. A.U.B. Beirut, March 22, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.14. A.U.B. Beirut, March 26, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to David A. West. No.15. A.U.B. Beirut, April 9, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to David A. West. No.16. A.U.B. Beirut, April 15, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.17. A.U.B. Beirut, April 26, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.18. A.U.B. Beirut, May 3, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.19. A.U.B. Beirut, May 8, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.20. A.U.B. Beirut, May 17, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.21. A.U.B. Beirut, May 22, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.22. A.U.B. Beirut, June 5, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West No.23. A.U.B. Beirut, June 13, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.24. A.U.B. Beirut, June 19, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.25. A.U.B. Beirut, July 1, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.26. A.U.B. Beirut, July 17, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.27. A.U.B. Beirut, July 24, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Miss Elisabeth H. West. A.U.B. Beirut, July 30, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.28. A.U.B. Beirut, July 31, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.29. A.U.B. Beirut, August 11, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.30. A.U.B. Beirut, August 14, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mr. Allen C. West. A.U.B. Beirut, August 31, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.31. A.U.B. Beirut, September 3, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.32. A.U.B. Beirut, September 12, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.33. A.U.B. Beirut, September 18, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.34. A.U.B. Beirut, September 25, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.34 (35?). A.U.B. Beirut, October 2, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.36. A.U.B. Beirut, October 11, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.37. A.U.B. Beirut, October 18, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.38. A.U.B. Beirut, October 30, 1942

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.38 (39?). A.U.B. Beirut, November 7, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.40. A.U.B. Beirut, November 25, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.41. A.U.B. Beirut, December 9, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.42. A.U.B. Beirut, December 11, 1942
- Letter from William A. West to David A. West. No. 43. A.U.B. Beirut, December 26, 1942

File 2: [January 5 – December 30, 1943], 35 letters

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.1. A.U.B. Beirut, January 5, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Miss Elisabeth H. West. Beirut, January 6, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.3. A.U.B. Beirut, January 18, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.4. A.U.B. Beirut, January 29, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.5. A.U.B. Beirut, February 10, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 14, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.6. A.U.B. Beirut, February 19, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.7. A.U.B. Beirut, March 6, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.8. A.U.B. Beirut, March 19, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.9. A.U.B. Beirut, April 9, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to David A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, April 9, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.10. A.U.B. Beirut, April 19, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.11. A.U.B. Beirut, May 5, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.12. A.U.B. Beirut, May 28, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.13. A.U.B. Beirut, June 8, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.14. A.U.B. Beirut, June 14, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.15. A.U.B. Beirut, June 25, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.17. A.U.B. Beirut, July 13, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.18. A.U.B. Beirut, July 24, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Miss Elisabeth H. West. Beirut, July 30, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.19. A.U.B. Beirut, August 6, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Allen C. West. A.U.B. Beirut, August 31, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.20. A.U.B. Beirut, September 3, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.21. A.U.B. Beirut, September 8, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.22. A.U.B. Beirut, September 29, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. No.23. A.U.B. Beirut, October 8, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 17, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 24, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 29, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, November 5, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, November 19, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 1, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 9, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 17, 1943
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 20, 1943

File 3: [January 5 – June 26, 1944], 17 letters

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 5, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 19, 1944

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 27, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 14, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 20, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 23, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, March 1, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, March 21, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, April 5, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, April 12, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, April 20, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, May 11, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, May 18, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, May 25, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, June 7, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, June 21, 1944
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, June 26, 1944

File 4: [September 19- December 27, 1945], 16 letters

- Letter from William A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, September 19, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, September 27, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 4, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 11, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 17, 1945
- Letter from William A. West (dad) to David. A.U.B. Beirut, October 23, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, October 25, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, November 1, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, November 8, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, November 14, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, November 28, 1945
- Letter from William A. West (dad) to Elisabeth. A.U.B. Beirut, December 5, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 5, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 12, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 19, 1945
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, December 27, 1945

File 5: [January 2 – August 13, 1946], 35 letters

- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 2, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 9, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 15, 1946
- Letter from William A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 16, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 23, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, January 31, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 6, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 13, 1946
- Letter from William A. West (dad) to Elisabeth. A.U.B. Beirut, February 21, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, February 27, 1946
- Letter from William A. West. Beirut, March 6, 1946
- Letter from William A. West to Mrs. W. A. West. A.U.B. Beirut, March 13, 1946

- Letter from William A. West (dad) to David. A.U.B. Beirut, March 19, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West). A.U.B. Beirut, March 24, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West). A.U.B. Beirut, March 30, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, April 8, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B. Beirut, April 13, 1946
- Copy of letter from Bill (William A. West.) to Margaret. A.U.B. Beirut, April 17, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). April 17, 1946
- *Abdul Wur-wur Jabbur by Henry Glockler (poem)*
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, April 27, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, April 30, 1946
- Letter from William A. West (dad) to Elisabeth. A.U.B. Beirut, May 2, 1946
- Letter from William A. West (dad) to David. A.U.B. Beirut, May 3, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, May 3, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, May 17, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, June 4, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, June 11, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, June 18, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, June 25, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, July 1, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, July 9, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). A.U.B Beirut, July 16, 1946
- Letter from Bill (William A. West.). Egypt, July 26, 1946
- Letter from William A. West (dad) to Elisabeth. A.U.B. Beirut, August 13, 1946

Series II: Information about William West

- Information about William A. West from AUB Directory of Faculty, Staff and Officers (degrees and job positions)
- Articles about William A. West:
 - (April 6, 1959). What's blooming? *AUB Faculty Bulletin*. Vol. II no. 19 p.3
 - (June 1, 1959). Professors S. Hamadeh and W. West retiring. *AUB Faculty Bulletin*. Vol. II no.27 p.2
 - (January 19, 1959). Bird watchers take Christmas bird census. *AUB Faculty Bulletin*. Vol. II no. 11 p.1-2
 - (February 20, 1965). Emeritus professor West gives account to AUB campus tree. *AUB Faculty Bulletin*. p.3-4
 - (October 13, 1980). Professor emeritus W. A. West dies. *AUB Bulletin*. Vol. 28 no.1 p.3
 - Obituaries – William A. West
 - قصيدة من حفلة تكريم استاذ الكيمياء وليم وست واستاذ التجارة والاقتصاد سعيد حمادة بمناسبة تقاعدهما من الجامعة الاميركية في ٧ حزيران ١٩٥٩. مرهج، ج. (٢٠١٠). *قصائد*. لبنان: دار نلسن ص. ١٢٩-١٣٠

Copies of Photos

- William West at AUB + one photo for the West reunion in the Sates
- Dr. William A. West with Quantitative Analysis Class, 1944.
SC Ph:AUB:1944(04):01:43
- Men's Varsity Soccer Team, 1940. SC Ph:AUB:1940(04):1-2:43

- Faculty at Commencement, 1948. SC Ph:AUB:1948(03):01:43
- Children of Robert H. West and Mary Alice Crawford West at a family reunion, 1950. SC Ph:AUB:1950/05:01:44
- Farid Hanania, Said Himadeh and William A. West on the Jafet Memorial Library balcony, 1959. SC Ph:AUB:1959(32):01:48
- Commencement 1959. SC Ph:AUB:1959/06/22:1-14:48
- William A. West, professor of chemistry. From Yearbook of the school of Arts and Sciences 1959 p. 55
- Palm trees planted by Dr. William West, Professor of Chemistry and son Robert Haldane West, in the late 1940s and early 1950s:
 - Green Oval, 1955. SC Ph:AUB:1955(18):01:46
 - Green Oval, 1970. SC Ph:AUB:1970(43):01:52
 - Green Oval, 1980. SC Ph:AUB:1980(07):01:55
 - Palm trees, 2006. SC Ph:AUB:2006/02/14(01):01:81

Series III: Photos, slides and postcards

Photos (26 photos, 1870-1952)

Family photo (4 photos)

- Photos of William A. West and his children Elizabeth, Allen, and David at Baruk cedars-summer 1952. Photos taken by Elizabeth West. [4 photos; black and white; 8.5 x 6.5 cm]

AUB: (16 photos + 2 postcards)

Campus views (11 photos)

- View of Beirut from the Syrian Protestant College, 1870.
[SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1800s\(02\):01:29](#)
- College Hall, 1900. [SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1900\(02\):01:32](#)
- Lee Observatory, 1913. [SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1913\(16\):01:36](#)
- Panoramic view of College Hall, Dodge Hall with extension, and West Hall, 1914.
[SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1914\(02\):01:37](#)
- AUB Campus in snow. Feb 11, 1920 [6 photos; black and white; 11 x 6.5 cm]
- Department of Chemistry faculty and students, 1930s
[SC Ph:AUB:1930s\(05\):01:42](#)
- Campus of the American University of Beirut, 1940s.
[SC Ph:AUB:1940s\(04\):1-23:43](#)
- Master of Arts and Sciences Class, 1941-1942 [SC Ph:AUB:1942/05/25:01:43](#)
- Dr. William A. West with Quantitative Analysis Class, 1944
[SC Ph:AUB:1944\(04\):01:43](#)
- AUB, Athletic field 1950-51. 1 photo; black and white; 18 x 13 cm
- Farid Hanania, Said Himadeh and William A. West on the Jafet Memorial Library balcony, 1959 [SC Ph:AUB:1959\(32\):01:48](#)
- 2 postcards of AUB Campus

Faculty and Students (5 photos)

- Charles Webster photos, (3 photos)
 - Charles Webster with wife Annie and daughter, 1896.
[SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1896\(01\):01:32](#)
 - Portrait of Charles Webster, 1900s. [SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1900s\(06\):01:32](#)

- Charles Webster with wife Annie and daughter Marjorie, 1913.

[SC Ph:SPC-AUB:1913/10/13:01:36](#)

- Group of Staffites, 1921. [SC Ph:AUB:1921\(05\):01:39](#)
- Student hike to Antelias and Beirut River Valley, 1930s, [Ph:AUB:1930s\(03\):1-5:42](#)

Lebanon (3 photos)

- Part of sacred grove of Cedars-Valley of the Kadiseh (*Franklin Moore photos*)
- View of Bsharri Cedars
- Baruk Cedars. September 29, 1920 [4 photos; Sepia and black and white; 11 x 8.5 cm, 11 x 6.5 cm, 11 x 7.5 cm and 10.5 x 7 cm

Syria (3 photos)

- View in Syria (*Franklin Moore photos*)
- View above Bludan
- Anti-Liban. Vue generale de Zebdani by Bonfils #813 (1 photo) (*added to Blatchford Collection*)

Slides (126 slides of AUB, Countryside and Flowers)

● AUB & Countryside 1950's (67 slides)

AUB:

Athletic field

- Athletic field: sailboat, summer 1949; color; 5x5cm
- AUB Athletic field; color; 5x5cm

Campus

- Campus views
- Sailboat from AUB, early 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- View west from College Hall tower, AUB, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Campus; color; 5x5cm
- AUB; color; 5x5cm
- AUB, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- AUB; color; 5x5cm

College Hall

- AUB: College Hall; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Library & college hall; color; 5x5cm
- College Hall from William A. West's office, Chemistry Building; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: College Hall Tower; color; 5x5cm
- AUB College Hall; color; 5x5cm

Chapel

- AUB Chapel; color; 5x5cm

Campus Flowers

- AUB – red Aloes; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Laurustinus & Cercis; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Laurustinus; color; 5x5cm

Campus Trees

- AUB: Judas trees & courts, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Judas trees & Cypresses, 1950s; color; 5x5cm

- Campus: oleanders & Judas tree, spring 1949; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Gorse & Judas trees, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: oleanders & Marquand House; color; 5x5cm
- AUB Oleanders below Marquand house; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Flame tree 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Petra Aloes (brought back 1949); color; 5x5cm
- View west from college hall tower: Jacaranda; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Jacaranda, etc. below Marquand house; color; 5x5cm
- AUB: Jacaranda, 1950s; color; 5x5cm

Countryside:

Lebanon:

Mountains

- Panorama III Kneisseh; color; 5x5cm
- Keniseh (Iris place), July; color; 5x5cm
- Belfort (Beaufort); color; 5x5cm
- Zgharta; color; 5x5cm
- Bsherreh, July 1952; color; 5x5cm
- Terraces, Ghosta 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Hammana 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Laklouk (trip with W. O. Douglas), June 1949; color; 5x5cm
- Wine Press 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Aabadiyyah 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Miksi, west side of Beka'a: Hermon, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Zahleh & Bekaa from Sunnin; color; 5x5cm
- Hermon from 'Arni, July 1953; color; 5x5cm
- Jezzín 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Abu-Zad 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Biskinta, June 1949 (W. Douglas trip); color; 5x5cm
- Achkout 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Feitrun, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Akoura Valley, June 1949 (W.O. Douglas trip); color; 5x5cm
- Above ghazir; color; 5x5cm
- Neba'a al Asal, 195s; color; 5x5cm
- Ras Kifa (Kadischa); color; 5x5cm

Rivers/Springs

- Beirut River Valley Bridge, EHW & Jim Sutton, February 1951; color; 5x5cm
- Beirut River Valley Bridge, 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Beirut River Valley (sarcophagus) early 1950s, March 11, 1951; color; 5x5cm
- El Bourge (Beirut River Valley); early 1950s (probably February 11, 1951); color; 5x5cm
- Beirut river aqueduct 1950s; color; 5x5cm
- Mill, Hakil; color; 5x5cm
- Kala'at Fakra spring; color; 5x5cm

Cedars

- Hadeth Cedars- saddle looking east; color; 5x5cm
- Hadeth Cedars; color; 5x5cm

- Ummu'a (Akkar); color; 5x5cm
 - Baruk cedars, 1952; color; 5x5cm
 - Baruk cedars; color; 5x5cm
 - Jaj Cedars; color; 5x5cm
- Bays
- Jounieh Bay 1950s; color; 5x5cm
 - Jounieh beach 1950s; color; 5x5cm
 - Above Jounieh: terraces; color; 5x5cm

Syria:

- Spindler, Amrit October 1, 1954; color; 5x5cm

● **Flowers, Lebanon 1950s** (35 slides)

- Anacamptis Pyramidalis flower; 4 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Aceras Anthropophorum; 2 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Cephalanthera; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm
- Orchis Anatolica; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm
- Orchis Comperiana flower; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm
- Orchis Incanarta "Angustifolia"; 2 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Orchis Longicruris (Orchis Italica); 6 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Orchis Morio; 1 slide; colored; 5x5cm
- Orchis Sancta; 2 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Orchis Sulfurea (Dactylorhiza Romana); 4 slides; colored; 5x5cm
- Orchis tridentata; 2 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Ophrys Sp.; 5 slides; color; 5x5cm
- Unidentified flowers; 4 slides; color; 5x5cm

● **David A West & Lindsay B. West, Lebanon/Flowers and Cedars, May 6-14, 1962** (24 slides)

- Kneisseh: (9 slides)
 - Kneisseh: I. Sofarana, May 6, 1962; 8 slides; color; 5x5cm
 - Kneisseh: I. Sofarana and asphodel, May 6, 1962; color; 5x5cm
- Nebaa Leban, May 10 1962; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm
- Wadi Salib, May 10, 1962; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm

Cedars

- Barouk Cedars: (11 slides)
 - Barouk Cedars: Red Tulips, May 11, 1962; color; 5x5cm
 - Barouk Cedars: Pink Tulips, May 11, 1962; 4 slides; color; 5x5cm
 - Barouk Cedars: Yellow flowers, May 11, 1962; 2 slides; color; 5x5cm
 - Barouk Cedars: young trees, May 11, 1962; 2 slides; color; 5x5cm
 - Barouk Cedars: one old tree & young ones, May 11, 1962; color; 5x5cm
 - Barouk Cedars: looking north across top of grove, May 11, 1962; color; 5x5cm
- Laklouk: Candytuft, May 14, 1962; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm
- N. Slopes at Sunnine (Sannine) from rocky area above Qartaba, May 14, 1962; 1 slide; color; 5x5cm

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