

# North American Collections of Islamic Manuscripts

- 1 Catholic Microfilm Center  
Graduate Theological Union Library  
2451 Ridge Road  
Berkeley  
California 94709

Contact:  
John J. Alhadeff, S.J.  
Director

In the spring of 1976, the Catholic Microfilm Center disbanded. The former Director, Father Alhadeff, has informed the author that further information about the final disposition of the some 1200 titles on negative microfilm photographed in Lebanon and Syria can be obtained from Father Harry Corcoran, 1735 Le Ray Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709. The University of Utah has a positive copy of the films.

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- 2 The Bancroft Library  
University of California at Berkeley  
Berkeley  
California 94720

Contact:  
Leslie S. Clarke  
Rare Books Librarian

Arabic: 3 MSS--2 Qur'āns, 1 partial  
Qur'ān  
2 leaves  
Persian: 15 MSS  
28 leaves  
Turkish: 1 leaf  
Plus -- 45 uncatalogued MSS in Arabic, Persian and  
Eastern Turkic

History: No information available on source or  
date of acquisition.

Subjects: Other than the Qur'āns, subjects un-  
specified.

Catalogue: All but the 45 uncatalogued MSS are  
inventoried on cards.

Bibliography: None

- 3 Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
5905 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles  
California 90036

Contact:  
Elaine Poulos Dietsch  
Assistant Registrar

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
58 leaves  
Persian: 3 MSS--2 Khamsa's of Nizāmī, 1  
"Lives of the Muslim Saints"

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Turkish:           145 leaves--primarily miniatures  
                  1 MS--prayer book  
                  7 leaves

History: The holdings are part of a collection of art objects gathered by Nasli and Alice Heeramanek and was donated by Mrs. Joan Palevsky to the Museum in 1973.

Subjects: The Heeramanek Collection includes Islamic miniatures and calligraphy as well as metalwork, ceramics, stone sculpture, glass, etc.

Catalogue: A catalogue of the collection was prepared by Pratapaditya Pal for an exhibition held in 1973/74, see below. In addition, all items are provided with registry cards.

### Bibliography:

1. Binney, Edwin, III. Turkish Miniature Paintings and Manuscripts from the Collection of Edwin Binney 3d. Portland: Portland Art Association, 1962.

2. Grube, Ernst J. Islamic Painting from the 11th to the 18th Century in the Collection of Hans P. Kraus. New York: Hans P. Kraus, 1972. pp. 66-68.

3. Pal, Pratapaditya. Islamic Art: the Nasli M. Heeramanek Collection. New York: Praeger, 1974.

4 University Research Library  
University of California at Los Angeles  
Los Angeles  
California 90024

### Contact:

Dunning S. Wilson  
Near East Bibliographer

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Arabic: 2878 MSS  
Persian: 1197 MSS  
Turkish: 902 MSS  
Uncatalogued: 2397 MSS, mostly Turkish, including fragments

History: Holdings were acquired by purchase or gift during the 1960's. The collection includes groups of manuscripts from Istanbul, Aleppo, Kerman, the Minasian private library of Isfahan, and the Wellcome Institute of Medicine, London (non-medical items).

Catalogue: Dr. Muḥammad Taqī Dānish-pizhūh of Tehran University took notes, during the summer of 1974, on the majority of manuscripts (during the count made by this author in February, 1976, it became clear that those MSS uncatalogued by Dr. Dānish-pizhūh were of little worth, many of them being student notebooks). Final preparation of a handlist, including indices, is in progress by Dr. Dānish-pizhūh. The Aintabi collection from Aleppo is furnished with an alphabetical registry file, prepared by Dr. Salih Alich, which is located in the Department of Special Collections of the Library. Dr. İlhan Başgöz of Indiana University has prepared a checklist and description of contents for 40 of 139 Turkish cönk manuscripts. A catalogue of the Persian medical manuscript collection has been completed by Dr. Lutz Richter-Bernburg of Frankfurt. This catalogue, available in unpublished format, is located in the Department of Special Collections of the Library. Professor Rudolph Gelpke of UCLA made three different purchases of MSS in Kerman (A-84, P-52, T-1) and provided a complete descriptive checklist of the volumes which is available within the Library.

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### Bibliography:

1. Perlmann, Moshe. "A 17th century exhortation concerning al-Aqsa," Israel Oriental Studies, 3(1973), pp. 261-292.

Edition and translation of one of the MSS in the collection.

5 Lane Medical Library  
Stanford University Medical Center  
300 Pasteur Drive  
Palo Alto  
California 94305

### Contact:

Claire Still

History-Reference Librarian

Arabic: 15 MSS--5 medicine, 1 pharmacy, 1 alchemy, 1 grammar, 1 literary, 1 history, 1 law, 2 Qur'āns, 1 religious, 1 prayer book

Persian: 12 MSS--10 medicine, 1 natural history, 1 geography

Turkish: 4 MSS--1 medicine, 1 biography, 1 calligraphy, 1 poetry

Plus -- 1 Syriac, 9 Urdu, 10 unidentified

History: The above are from the collection of Professor E. Seidel of Meissen. Medicine is the primary subject. The acquisition was made in 1921.

Catalogue: Holdings are partially identified on catalogue cards.

### Bibliography:

1. O'Malley, Charles D. "The Barkan Library of the History of Medicine and Natural Sciences," Stanford Medical Bulletin, 9(1951), pp. 145-55.

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A second article describing the collection.

2. Ophuls, Louise. "The Historical Collection of the Lane Medical Library," California and Western Medicine, 23(1925), pp. 576-9.

Description of the Seidel Oriental Collection by the then librarian at Lane Library.

- 6 Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery  
1151 Oxford Road  
San Marino  
California 91108

Contact:  
Jean F. Preston  
Curator of Manuscripts

Arabic: 14 MSS--12 Qur'āns, 2 translations  
from Samaritan (Joshua, Pentateuch)  
Persian: 4 MSS--3 literary, 1 veterinary  
medicine  
Turkish: None

History: Source and date of acquisition unspecified.

Catalogue: Inventoried on cards from booksellers' and donors descriptions.

Bibliography: None

- 7 Case Memorial Library  
Hartford Seminary Foundation  
55 Elizabeth Street  
Hartford  
Connecticut 06105

Contact:  
Nafi M. Donat  
Archivist

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

Arabic:                   1277 MSS  
                              20 incomplete MSS  
                              322 fragments of one or more  
                                      sheets  
                              3 scrolls  
Persian:                   36 MSS  
Turkish:                  91 MSS  
Plus -- 10 unidentified MSS

History: Some of the MSS were gathered by Duncan Black Macdonald in Cairo in 1907-8. Some were gathered by Madiros Harootioon Ananikian and purchased for Case Library by Robert Garrett in 1924. Some were given by Edwin Elliott Calverley, John Kingsley Birge and Fred Field Goodsell.

Catalogue: Dr. Rudolph Mach prepared a catalogue of 1239 of the Arabic MSS in the years 1954-58. This catalogue is typed on sheets and is available for use in the library. Additional figures given above were obtained from a quick inventory conducted by Mr. Donat and the author.

Subjects: All of the traditional Islamic sciences are represented.

### Bibliography:

1. Macdonald, Duncan Black. "(untitled notice)," Journal of the American Oriental Society, 16(1896), pp. lxx-lxxvi.

Eight MSS are described by Macdonald.

2. Randall, William Madison. A Detailed Catalogue of the Arabic Manuscripts in the Ananikian Collection. PhD thesis submitted in 1929 to the Seminary Foundation.

Covers 130 MSS in the collection.

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8 The Watkinson Library  
Trinity College  
Hartford  
Connecticut 06106

Contact:  
Margaret F. Sax  
Assistant Curator

Arabic: 3 MSS--Qur'āns  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: Two of the MSS were given by Mary Turnbull Prime in 1905 who acquired them in Egypt. The third MS was acquired at unknown date.  
Catalogue: None

Bibliography: None

9 Wadsworth Atheneum  
600 Main Street  
Hartford  
Connecticut 06103

Contact:  
Elizabeth G. Hoke  
Librarian

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
3 leaves  
Persian: 5 leaves  
Turkish: None

History: The Qur'ān is a gift of Mrs. Samuel Colt made in 1905; the leaves are a gift of Kirkor Minassian in 1921.

Catalogue: Inventories on acquisition cards from descriptions by the donors.

Bibliography: None



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10 Yale University Art Gallery  
Box 2006, Yale Station  
New Haven  
Connecticut 06520

Contact:  
Jerry Bolas  
Assistant to the Director

Arabic: None  
Persian: 33 leaves--24 miniatures, 5 calligraphy, 4 Mughal paintings  
Turkish: None

History: The collection has grown by donation since 1937. Principal donors include Mrs. William H. Moore, Mrs. Wilson P. Foss, Jr., Allen Wardell, and the Hobart and Edward Small Moore Memorial Collection.

Catalogue: The holdings are listed on cards.

### Bibliography:

1. "A group of seven exquisite Persian miniatures, in beautiful condition," A Collection of Persian and Indo-Iranian Miniatures and Manuscripts, forming part of the collection of Moham-  
medan art exhibited at the gallery of P. Jackson Higgs, 11 East 54th Street, New York. No date or pages given, however, Mr. Bolas indicates that the year is 1925.

11 Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
Yale University  
1603A Yale Station  
New Haven  
Connecticut 06520

Contact:  
Marjorie G. Wynne  
Research Librarian

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

Arabic:	1793 MSS--97 in the Salisbury, 835 in the Landberg, 434 in the open, 38 in the AOS, 7 in the AOS Hodgson, and 382 added, mostly from the Rescher collection
Persian:	303 MSS--234 catalogued on cards, 14 AOS, 5 AOS Hodgson, 50 uncatalogued, mostly from the Rescher collection
Turkish:	415 MSS--188 catalogued, 8 AOS, 13 AOS Hodgson, 206 uncatalogued, mostly Rescher collection
Papyri:	219 Arabic items catalogued on cards

History: The manuscripts belonging to the American Oriental Society (AOS) are housed in the Beinecke Library; the Hodgson collection (not yet transferred to Beinecke) is from the library of William Brown Hodgson, an early 19th century resident of Savannah, Georgia. It was donated to AOS in 1965 by the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences in Savannah.

The Salisbury Collection was presented to Yale in 1870 by Edward Elbridge Salisbury (1814-1901), professor of Arabic at Yale from 1841 to 1856. A number of these manuscripts were once in the collection of Antoine Isaac baron Silvestre de Sacy.

The Landberg Collection is one of several collections assembled by Carlo count Landberg (1848-1924) and presented to Yale in 1900 by Morris Ketchum Jessup.

The open Arabic collection is made up of manuscripts acquired by Yale by gift, purchase, or exchange from various sources. Notably, some 300 manuscripts formerly in the Wellcome Historical Medical Library, London, acquired by

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Hans P. Kraus in New York were sold by him to the library in 1949.

The Rescher Collection was purchased from the library of Oskar Rescher (1883-1972) in 1970.

Catalogue: The holdings of AOS (excepting the Hodgson MSS) are briefly listed in the Catalogue of the Library of the American Oriental Society (see number 3 below); the Beinecke holdings are listed by Leon Nemoj (number 1 below), excepting additions after 1956 such as the Rescher MSS. Nemoj has published a checklist for the Rescher collection in number two below.

Catalogue: In addition to the published catalogues below, the Beinecke maintains a card catalogue of its MSS which, however, does not include additions made since 1956 although it does include Persian and Turkish.

### Bibliography:

1. Nemoj, Leon. "Arabic manuscripts in the Yale University Library," Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Transactions, 40(1956), pp. 1-273. (Reprints are available from Publications Office, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University)
2. \_\_\_\_\_. "The Rescher collection of Arabic, Persian, and Turkish Manuscripts," The Yale University Library Gazette, 47(1972), pp. 57-99.
3. Strout, Elizabeth, ed. Catalogue of the Library of the American Oriental Society. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1930. Arabic, pp. 149-50; Persian, p. 209; Turkish, p. 122.

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12 Historical Library  
Yale Medical Library  
Yale University  
333 Cedar Street  
New Haven  
Connecticut 06510

Contact:  
Ferenc Gyorgyey  
Historical Librarian

Arabic: 10 MSS--medical topics  
1 leaf--from a Qur'ān  
Persian: 4 MSS--3 medical, one mixed medi-  
cal and astrological  
Persian/  
Arabic: 1 MS--3 treatises in each lan-  
guage, on therapy  
Turkish: None

History: The MSS form part of the Harvey Cushing  
collection of books and MSS.

Catalogue: See bibliography

Bibliography:

1. Schaltenbrund, Hans et al. The Harvey Cushing collection of books and manuscripts. New York: Schuman's, 1943 (publication number one, Historical Library, Yale Medical Library).

13 Institute of Christian Oriental Research  
Catholic University of America  
620 Michigan Avenue, N.E.  
Washington  
District of Columbia 20064

Contact:  
Leslie S. B. MacCoull  
Curator

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Arabic: 40 MSS  
Persian: 23 MSS--Nr. 14 in the catalogue  
(see below) is a blank page for  
(as far as can be determined) a  
non-existent MS.  
Turkish: 10 MSS

History: The MSS of ICOR comprise those left by Dr. Henri Hyvernat, the noted Coptic scholar, compiler of much of the Oriental portion of the Pierpont Morgan collection, and founder of ICOR, to that Institute. Aside from bound photographs of the entire Bibliotheque Nationale Coptic collection, the entire Pierpont Morgan Coptic collection, and the Coptic MSS catalogued by Zoega (left by Hyvernat), the Institute has no other holdings.

Catalogue: The holdings are listed in a bound note-book transcribed by C. V. Allen, secretary to Hyvernat.

Bibliography: None

14 Lauinger Library  
Georgetown University  
37th & O Streets, N.W.  
Washington  
District of Columbia 20057

Contact:  
George M. Barringer  
Special Collections Librarian

Arabic: 5 MSS--2 Qur'āns, 1 section of a  
Qur'ān, 1 Coptic/Arabic prayer  
book, 1 travel book  
Persian: 1 MS--sermons and prayers  
Turkish: None

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History: The holdings are mostly donations. The Qur'ān section was possibly given in the late 19th century.

Catalogue: None

Bibliography: None

- 15 The Library of Congress  
Reference Department  
Orientalia Division  
Washington  
District of Columbia 20540

Contact:

George N. Atiyeh

Head, Near East Section

Arabic: 1307 MSS--1208 in the Mansuri collection (see History, below), 99 in the catalogue by al-Munajjid (see Bibliography, below)

Persian: 83 MSS--a catalogue has been prepared by Mr. Pourhadi of the Near East Section, but has not been published

Turkish: 6 MSS--These have been catalogued by Mr. Bodurgil of the Near East Section and recorded on microfilm. The catalogue (in card form) has not been published.

History: The Mansuri collection was inventoried by Dr. Stehle of the Library of Congress shortly after acquisition in 1945. This inventory is on cards in the Near East Section, and Dr. Stehle believes some of the MSS to be unique. The other holdings have been acquired as small donations or purchases from various

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individuals. There are many separate leaves which the Preservation Section of the Library is treating as time and budget allow. Thus far, twenty items have been preserved in Perma-life frames. Calligraphy predominates.

### Bibliography:

1. al-Munajjid, Salah al-Din. Catalogue of Arabic Manuscripts in the Near East Section of the Library of Congress. Beirut: New Book Publishing House, 1969. In Arabic.

16 Freer Gallery of Art  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington  
District of Columbia 20560

Contact:  
Esin Atil  
Curator, Islamica Section

Arabic:	18 MSS
	84 leaves
Persian:	20 MSS
	293 leaves
Turkish:	4 MSS
	9 leaves

History: The collection has grown mainly by purchase.

Catalogue: The holdings are listed in a card catalogue in the Gallery library. Because more than one method was used in compiling the card file, the figures given above represent only the number of cards the author counted in the card file. Dr. Atil notes that individual miniatures of a MS are registered on separate cards.

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### Bibliography:

1. Atil, Esin. Exhibition of 2500 years of Persian art. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1971.
2. \_\_\_\_\_. Turkish art of the Ottoman period. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1973.
3. \_\_\_\_\_. Art of the Arab world. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1975.

17 Woodruff Library  
Emory University  
Atlanta  
Georgia 30322

Contact:  
Linda M. Matthews  
Reference Archivist

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān, eastern Turkey or  
northwest Persia, c. 1500 A.D.  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: Purchased in 1962 by a missionary to the  
Near East.

Catalogue: Entered in rare book and manuscript  
catalogue of the library.

Bibliography: None

18 Georgia State Library  
301 Judicial Building  
Atlanta  
Georgia

Contact:  
Donn L. Odom  
State Librarian



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Arabic: 1 MSS--written by a slave called  
ibn 'Ali; unidentified con-  
tents

Persian: None

Turkish: None

History: "A famous document reputed to have been written in an Arabic dialect by a slave on one of the Great Georgia coastal plantations. Ben ali, the slave himself, gave this little book to the Rev. (Francis Robert) Goulding." From a description of the Goulding collection given in 1933 to the Georgia State Library by Benjamin Lloyd Goulding, grandson of Francis Robert Goulding.

Catalogue: Inventoried in the list of the Goulding Memorial Gift.

### Bibliography:

1. Journal of Negro History, 25(July, 1940)  
no. 3.

19 The Newberry Library  
60 West Walton Street  
Chicago  
Illinois 60610

Contact:  
John Tedeschi  
Head, Special Collections

Arabic: 34 MSS--10 Qur'āns, 8 prayer books,  
4 Islamic law, 3 calligraphy (on  
rolls), 3 biographies, 2 calen-  
dars, 1 ḥadīth, 1 collection  
proverbs, 1 literary, 1 letter  
6 leaves--prayers

Persian: 8 MSS--poetry  
16 miniatures

Turkish: 4 MSS--literary

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History: The bulk of the collection is formed by purchase from Henry Probasco in 1890 and donation by Everett E. Ayer in 1911.

Catalogue: 21 of the MSS were described in 1912 by Duncan Black Macdonald; all of the collection is described on catalogue cards.

### Bibliography:

1. Macdonald, Duncan Black. The Arabic and Turkish Manuscripts in the Newberry Library. Chicago: The Newberry Library, 1912.

- 20 The Archibald Church Medical Library  
Northwestern University  
303 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago  
Illinois 60611

### Contact:

Joan P. Davis  
Medical Reference Libn.

Arabic: 6 MSS--medical  
Persian: 11 leaves--6 miniatures, 5 calligraphy  
Turkish: None

History: The collection was donated by Casey A. Wood between 1930 and 1939 (cf. McGill Univ. collections); the Arabic MSS are described by Giorgio Levi della Vida and are from Max Meyerhof's library in Cairo. The Persian leaves are described by Vladimir Ivanov (cf. McGill Univ. collections).

Catalogue: Descriptions by Giorgio Levi della Vida and Ivanov are indexed in the card catalogue in the library.

Bibliography: None

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21 Oriental Institute Museum  
University of Chicago  
1155 East 58th Street  
Chicago  
Illinois 60637

Contact:  
David Nasgowitz  
Assistant Curator

Arabic: 107 MSS  
431 Papyri  
Persian: 26 MSS  
Turkish: 9 MSS

History: The collection has grown primarily by purchase.

Catalogue: The Arabic MSS and papyri are catalogued in the bibliography below. The Museum maintains a title/subject listing of Persian and Turkish MSS.

### Bibliography:

1. Abbot, Nabia. "Arabic Marriage Contracts among Copts," ZDMG, 95/1(1941), pp. 59-81.
2. \_\_\_\_\_. "A fragment of the Thousand Nights," JNES, viii/3(July, 1949).
3. \_\_\_\_\_. "The monasteries of the Fayyum," AJSL, 53/1(Oct, 1936), pp. 13-33.
4. \_\_\_\_\_. The Rise of North Arabic Script and its Kur'anic Development, with a full description of the Kur'an manuscripts in the Oriental Institute. Oriental Institute Publication #50, n.d.
5. \_\_\_\_\_. Studies in Arabic Literary Papyri I, Historical Texts. Oriental Institute Publication #75, n.d.
6. \_\_\_\_\_. Studies in Arabic Literary Papyri II, Kur'anic Commentary and Tradition. Oriental Institute Publication #76, n.d.

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8. Krek, Miroslav. "A catalogue of Arabic manuscripts in the Oriental Institute of Chicago," American Oriental Series, essay 3, 1961.

22 Joseph Regenstein Library  
University of Chicago  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago  
Illinois 60637

Contact:  
R. W. Allison  
Special Collections

Arabic: 2 MSS--1 section of a Qur'ān, 1  
scroll with Arabic prayers  
Persian: 2 MSS--Rauḍāt al-Ṣafā' by Mīr  
Khwand, Mahbharata in Persian  
translation  
Turkish: None

History: No information on the history of the collection was given. However, the Arabic scroll is reportedly the first half of Pierpont Morgan MS 499.

Catalogue: Unspecified. The MSS are probably listed in the Special Collections catalogue.

Bibliography: None

23 Northwestern University Library  
1935 Sheridan Road  
Evanston  
Illinois 60201

Contact:  
R. Russell Maylone  
Curator

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Arabic: 4 MSS--Qur'ān, 2 prayer books, 1 religious tract  
Persian: 1 MS--Shah-nama  
11 leaves--2 miniatures, 9 calligraphy  
Turkish: None

History: Source and date of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: The collection is described on acquisition cards.

Bibliography: None

24 The Lilly Library  
Indiana University  
Bloomington  
Indiana 47401

Contact:  
Virginia Lowell Mauck  
Assistant Curator of MSS

Arabic: 16 MSS--6 Qur'āns (one now missing),  
3 partial Qur'āns, 5 religious,  
1 Qānūn of Ibn Sīnā, 1 hadīth  
1 leaf--sayings of the Prophet  
8 papyri--some Copto-Arabic, others  
Arabic only  
Persian: 3 MSS--Dīwān and Qaṣā'id of Ḥāfiẓ,  
Yūsuf wa Zulaikha of Jāmī, Haft  
Aurang of Jāmī  
Turkish: 12 MSS--5 legal (fetwah's), 3  
religious, 3 medical, 1 literary  
1 papyrus fragment

History: The collection began with a single Qur'ān (gift, 1955) and has grown since then with the papyri (gift, 1957), and other MSS: 1961--3 (gift), 1962--1 (purchase), 1967--5 (gift 2, pur-

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chase 3), 1969--9 (purchase), 1971--4 (purchase), 1972--3 (gift), 1976--5. The interest in MSS is primarily to show examples of types rather than an effort to acquire particular works.

Catalogue: The manuscript department maintains a card-catalogue with full descriptions of its holdings.

Bibliography: None

- 25 The Frank M. Folsom Ambrosiana Microfilm  
and Photographic Collection  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame  
Indiana 46556

Contact:  
A. L. Gabriel  
Director

Arabic: This collection, a project sponsored in part by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, is a microfilm record of nearly all the Bibliotheca Ambrosiana classical, medieval, renaissance and modern material until 1800. Included are almost all of the Arabic MSS in the library.

Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: This project, to record and make available the holdings of the Ambrosian library, has been carried out over the past several years.

Catalogue: The collection is provided with those catalogues which have been printed and describe the Ambrosian manuscripts by language

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and other groupings. Those describing the Arabic are given below.

### Bibliography:

1. Gabriel, Astrik Ladislas. A Summary Catalogue of Microfilms of One Thousand Scientific Manuscripts in the Ambrosian Library, Milan.

Notre Dame, Indiana: University Mediaeval Institute, 1968.

2. Loeffgran, Oscar and Traini, Renato. Catalogue of the Arabic Manuscripts in the Biblioteca Ambrosiana. Venice: Antico Fondo e Medio Fondo Neri Pozza Editore, 1975.

26 Archabbey Library  
St. Meinrad's College  
St. Meinrad  
Indiana 47577

Contact:  
Simeon Daly  
Librarian

Arabic: 1 MS--partial Qur'ān  
Persian: None  
Turkish: 1 MS--Turkish 19th century visa

History: Source and date of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: None

Bibliography: None

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27 The University Libraries  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City  
Iowa 52242

Contact:  
Frank Paluka  
Head, Special Collections

Arabic: 8 MSS--5 Qur'āns, 2 tafsīr, 1 un-  
identified  
Persian: 2 MSS--1 Shah-nama, 1 Laila wa  
Majnūn  
Turkish: None

History: The collection was formerly in the  
Davenport, Iowa Public Library and belonged  
previously to Charles A. Ficke of Davenport.  
Catalogue: The holdings are catalogued on acqui-  
sition cards.

Bibliography: None

28 Logan Clendening History of Medicine Library  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
Rainbow Boulevard at 39th Street  
Kansas City  
Kansas 66103

Contact:  
Bernice D. Jackson  
Rare Books Librarian

Arabic: None  
Persian: 1 MS--Tasrīh-i Mansur, 17th cen-  
tury anatomy  
7 leaves--4 with miniatures  
Turkish: None



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History: The manuscript is a gift of Mrs. Alfred B. Clark, but source of leaves and dates of both acquisitions unknown.

Catalogue: Both items listed on cards.

Bibliography: None

29 Department of Special Collections  
Spencer Library  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence  
Kansas 66045

Contact:  
Ann Hyde  
Manuscripts Librarian

Arabic: 4 MSS--1 religious, 1 Christian,  
1 calligraphy, 1 Qur'ān  
1 leaf--from a Qur'ān  
Persian: 10 MSS--6 poetry, 1 religious, 1  
archery, 1 literary, 1 Zafar-  
nama  
2 leaves--poetry  
Turkish: 1 MS--history

History: Sources and dates of acquisition are not known, and the collection appears to have grown through gifts made to the University at different times.

Catalogue: Holdings described on cards from information on slips in the MSS.

Bibliography: None

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30 Frances Carrick Thomas Library  
Transylvania College  
Lexington  
Kentucky 40508

Contact:  
Roemel Henry  
Librarian

Arabic: None  
Persian: 1 MS--"probably the second volume  
of Sharif al-Din (Ali Yazdi)'s  
Zafarname..." identified by  
Ananikian of Hartford Seminary  
in 1918  
Turkish: None

History: Date and source of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: Identification in manuscript form on  
fly-leaf of MS.

Bibliography: None

31 Howard-Tilton Memorial Library  
Tulane University  
Audubon Place at Freret Street  
New Orleans  
Louisiana 70118

Contact:  
Ann Gwyn  
Head, Special Collections

Arabic: 1 MS--religious  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: Part of a collection on bookmaking pre-  
sented by Dr. John C. MacKowen to Tulane Uni-  
versity Library in 1897.

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Catalogue: None; inventoried as unidentified old Arabic MS.

Bibliography: None

32 The Milton S. Eisenhower Library  
Johns Hopkins University  
Charles and 34th Street  
Baltimore  
Maryland 21218

Contact:  
Carolyn Smith  
Special Collections

Arabic: 2 MSS--2 Qur'āns, one on loan to Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore (cf. Hitti, Princeton, no. 1156 for a description); the other in Special Collections, Eisenhower Library (an imperfect 18th century Turkish copy)

Persian: 3 MSS--Zafar-nama on loan to Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore (cf. Moghadam, Princeton, no. 54 for a description); one containing Pand 'Aṭṭār and Turkish-Persian lesson and vocabulary; one dīwān by unknown poet

1 MS containing Hindustani, Persian and Arabic intermixed

Turkish: None

History: The two MSS in Walters are Garrett MSS given at an unspecified date. The second Qur'ān is a gift of Miss Eleanor Turnbull at unspecified date. Date and source of remaining MSS unknown.

Catalogue: Holdings are listed on catalogue cards.

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### Bibliography:

1. Hitti, Philip K. Descriptive Catalogue of the Garrett Collection of Arabic Manuscripts in the Princeton University Library. Princeton: Princeton University Press (Princeton Oriental Series, No. 5), 1938.

2. Moghadam, Muhammad E. Descriptive Catalogue of the Garrett Collection of Persian, Turkish and Indic Manuscripts in the Princeton University Library. Princeton: Princeton University Press (Princeton Oriental Series, No. 6), 1939.

33 Institute of the History of Medicine  
Johns Hopkins University  
1900 East Monument Street  
Baltimore  
Maryland 21205

### Contact:

Doris E. Thibodeau  
Librarian

Arabic: 3 MSS--1 Qur'ān, 2 medicine  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: MSS acquired by donation from various individuals at unspecified dates.

Catalogue: Titles ("A specimen and Model of Medicine" by Rhazes and "Ghānī wa Nānī" of Abu Mansur al-Qamarī) written in fly-leaves of the medical MSS. All items listed on catalogue cards.

Bibliography: None

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34 National Library of Medicine  
History of Medicine Division  
8600 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda  
Maryland 20014

Contact:  
John B. Blake  
Head

Arabic: 92 MSS  
Persian: 28 MSS  
Turkish: 9 MSS

History: The Collection was purchased from A. S. Yahuda in the early 1940's. The Army Medical Library collections were transferred to NLM after the latter's formation. Since the catalogue listed below was compiled, some additional purchases were made. These are not reflected in the numbers given above.

Catalogue: See below. The additions to the collection have not been catalogued.

Subjects: Medical.

### Bibliography:

1. Schullian, Dorothy M. and Sommer, Francis E. A catalogue of incunabula and manuscripts in the Army Medical Library. New York, Henry Schuman, (1950).

35 Walters Art Gallery  
600 North Charles Street  
Baltimore  
Maryland 21201

Contact:  
Lilian M. C. Randall  
Curator, Rare Books & MSS

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Arabic: 41 MSS  
Persian: 65 MSS  
Turkish: 10 MSS  
Plus -- 8 albums of miniatures & calligraphy  
Plus -- 83 leaves (Persian, Indian, Turkish)  
Plus -- 2 MSS on indefinite loan from Johns Hopkins University, q.v. supra, entry 33

History: The collection was formed by Henry Walters, noted art connoisseur and bibliophile. A number of additions have been made since his death in 1931.

Catalogue: Inventoried on catalogue cards.

Subjects: Unspecified

### Bibliography:

1. Miner, Dorothy E. "The collecting of Islamic manuscripts in America," Seventh International Congress of Bibliophiles, Acts. New York, 1971.

36 Amherst College Library  
Amherst College  
Amherst  
Massachusetts 01002

### Contact:

J. Richard Phillips  
Special Collections Librarian

Arabic: 3 MSS--1 Qur'ān, 1 grammar, 1  
French-Arabic translation of  
Christian doctrine  
Persian: 3 MSS--1 astronomy, 1 ḥadīth, 1  
calligraphy/grammar  
Turkish: None

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History: Collection has grown from various donations.

Catalogue: Descriptive information on cards.

Bibliography: None

- 37 The Library  
Boston Athenaeum  
10 1/2 Beacon Street  
Boston  
Massachusetts 02108

Contact:  
Ann L. Wadsworth  
Reference Librarian

Arabic: 1 MSS--one volume containing five collections of poetry and literary prose.

Persian: None

Turkish: None

History: Purchased at unknown date.

Catalogue: A list of contents was prepared by an unnamed professor at the Semitic Museum of Harvard University.

Bibliography: None

- 38 Boston Public Library  
Copley Square  
Boston  
Massachusetts 02117

Contact:  
James Lawton  
Rare Books & MSS

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Arabic: 3 MSS--1 Arabic/Spanish treaty,  
1 cosmographia (Qazwīnī), 1  
collection of tracts on  
mathematics

Persian: 2 MSS--1 Khamsa of Niẓāmī, 1  
Lawā'ih of Jāmī

Turkish: None

History: Sources and dates of acquisition un-  
specified.

Catalogue: Described on cards.

Bibliography: None

39 Francis A. Countway Library  
Harvard University Medical Center  
10 Shattuck Street  
Boston  
Massachusetts 02113

Contact:

Richard Wolfe

Head, Rare Books Department

Arabic: 10 MSS--three in Hebrew charac-  
ters

Persian: None

Turkish: None

History: The manuscripts are from various dona-  
tions left to Boston Medical Library which has  
been combined with the Harvard Medical School  
Library in the new Countway Library building.

Catalogue: There is a card catalogue for MSS of  
all languages arranged in alphabetical order  
by title and subject; however, there is no  
separate listing in the catalogue for Arabic,  
Persian or Turkish languages.



## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

### Bibliography:

1. Ballard, James F. A Catalogue of the Medical and Renaissance Manuscripts and Incanabula in the Boston Medical Library. Boston, 1944.

Some of the MSS are described here.

40 Asiatic Department  
Museum of Fine Arts  
465 Huntington Avenue  
Boston  
Massachusetts 02115

### Contact:

Joyce Paulson  
Assistant Curator

Arabic:	8 MSS--mostly Qur'āns 105 leaves--miniatures and calligraphy
Persian:	5 MSS--poetry 187 leaves--miniatures and calligraphy
Turkish:	74 leaves--miniatures and calligraphy

History: The collection is from various funds and donors among whom are Denman W. Ross and John Goelet. The Francis Bartlett Donation largely provided for the acquisition of the Goloubew Collection.

Catalogue: On cards

### Bibliography:

1. Coomaraswamy, Ananda K. "Les miniatures orientales de la collection Goloubew...", Ars Islamica, 13(1929).

The department keeps a registry of publications which refer to or have reproductions of various items in the collection.

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41 Fogg Art Museum  
32 Quincy Street  
Cambridge  
Massachusetts 02138

Contact:  
Stuart Cary Welch  
Curator, Islamic and Indian Art

Arabic:	5 MSS
	64 leaves
Persian:	2 MSS
	289 leaves
Turkish:	2 MSS
	19 leaves

History: The collection has grown from various donations over several years.

Catalogue: There is a card catalogue registry of acquisitions from which the above numbers were derived. It must be remembered that 'leaves' are given one entry card when the acquisition consists of one or more sheets and that the figures above reflect the number of cards. There is a large number of cards for Indian miniatures which include some Mughal and Decan, and therefore Islamic pieces.

## Bibliography:

1. Schroeder, Eric. Persian Miniatures in the Fogg Museum of Art. Cambridge, 1942.

42 The Houghton Library  
Harvard University  
Cambridge  
Massachusetts 02138

Contact:  
Rodney G. Dennis  
Curator of Manuscripts

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Arabic:	800 MSS--722 in the Semitic Museum deposit, 71 in the general collections, 7 uncatalogued
Persian:	65 MSS--31 in the Houghton collection, 34 in the Semitic Museum deposit
Turkish:	37 MSS

History: The manuscripts have been acquired over a number of years from different sources. The deposit from the Semitic Museum, located at 6 Divinity Avenue, is housed temporarily in the Houghton Library.

Catalogue: Arabic--The Arabic MSS of the Semitic Museum were first catalogued by John Orne in 1902 in a descriptive handlist of 334 items. In 1959, these MSS were transferred from the Museum to Houghton Library, and 11 items were discovered missing. Further additions to the deposit brings the current total to 722, and these are briefly noted in a checklist prepared by J. de Somogyi.

Persian--The Houghton Persian MSS are listed in a card catalogue, and 18 of the Persian MSS are catalogued by Rustam Aliyev in a typescript available in Houghton.

Turkish--In 1974, Mrs. Emel Tekin prepared a typescript checklist of the 37 Turkish MSS in Houghton. There are, in addition, four boxes of documents deposited by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions which appear to contain mostly correspondence.

### Bibliography:

1. Nuskhaha-i Khatti, 4(1966), pp. 1-12.  
Iraj Afshar lists 50 MSS in the Houghton Library. Pearson reports this figure, but I have

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been unable to consult the publication to ascertain whether this figure includes MSS from the Semitic Museum deposit.

2. Orne, John. "Proceedings," JAOS, 15(1893), cciii-ccv.

Two MSS of the Semitic Museum are described.

43 Widener Memorial Library  
Harvard University  
Cambridge  
Massachusetts 02138

Contact:

David H. Partington  
Head, Middle Eastern Department

Arabic: 306 MSS volumes; approximately 500 titles

Persian: None

Turkish: None

History: The MSS have been acquired between 1970 and 1977 by gift/purchase from various sources, principally Father Abu Sa'b of Beirut and E. R. Sasson of Netanya.

Catalogue: The volumes are temporarily housed in the Middle Eastern Department of the Harvard College Library, and a catalogue is under preparation as time is available to the Middle Eastern Librarian.

Subjects: Dr. Partington reports that the MSS primarily deal with Islamic sciences such as tafsīr and hadīth.

Bibliography: None

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44 Fitchburg Art Museum  
Merriam Parkway  
Fitchburg  
Massachusetts 01420

Contact:  
Peter Timms  
Director

Arabic: 1 leaf--unidentified  
Persian: 2 MSS--unidentified  
Turkish: None

History: Sources and dates of acquisition un-  
specified.

Catalogue: Nature of catalogue unspecified.

Bibliography: None

45 Peabody Museum  
East India Marine Hall  
Salem  
Massachusetts 01970

Contact:  
Barbara B. Edkins  
Librarian

Arabic: 23 MSS  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: The manuscripts are part of the library  
of Reverend William Bentley (1759-1819) of  
Salem, Massachusetts. Formerly housed in the  
library of the American Antiquarian Society in  
Worcester, Massachusetts, the MSS have been  
housed in the Peabody Museum recently and are  
currently on indefinite loan to the Essex In-  
stitute of Salem, Massachusetts.

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Catalogue: No catalogue has been made; there is a brief list of items held by the Essex Institute.

Bibliography: It is believed that this collection is the one partially described by E. E. Salisbury in "Valuable Arabic Manuscripts at Worcester, Mass.," JAOS, 2(1851), pp. 337-9.

46 The Library  
Brandeis University  
Waltham  
Massachusetts 02154

Contact:  
Miroslav Krek  
Head, Acquisitions Department

Arabic: 4 MSS: 2 Qur'āns, 1 Dalā'il al-khairāt, 1 'Udda al-ḥiṣn al-ḥaṣīn  
Persian: 6 MSS: 1 Laila wa Majnūn, 1 Haft paikar, 1 Makhzan al-asrār, 1 Khusrau wa Shīrīn, 1 Dīwān of Anwarī, 1 Ilāhī-nama of 'Aṭṭār  
4 leaves: Shah-nama  
Turkish: None

History: Acquired through gifts, mainly from Olin D. Sang.

Catalogue: Fully catalogued in a list available within the library.

Bibliography:

1. Krek, Miroslav. Middle Eastern Manuscripts in the Brandeis University Library. To be published in 1977.

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47 Worcester Art Museum  
55 Salisbury Street  
Worcester  
Massachusetts 01608

Contact:  
Penny Mattern  
Librarian

Arabic: None  
Persian: 1 MS--Yūsuf wa Zulaikhā of Jāmī  
and Laila wa Majnūn by Mak-  
tabī, 18th cent.  
35 miniatures  
Turkish: None

History: The collection grew from 2 miniatures from the Kahn collection in 1917 and one from an unidentified source in 1918. In 1935, 19 miniatures from the collection of Georges J. Demotte (see bibliography below) were acquired with the addition of 3 others. In 1962, 9 miniatures were left by bequest of Alexander H. Bullock, and one additional miniature was acquired. There are also 29 Indian paintings acquired as gifts of Alexander H. Bullock and Boris Mirski, bequest of Mrs. Frank E. Heywood and purchase through the Jerome Wheelock Fund. The manuscript was acquired in 1945.

Catalogue: Holdings are listed on acquisition cards, and in the bibliography below many individual items are discussed.

### Bibliography:

1. Cott, Perry B. "Recent accessions of Near Eastern miniature paintings," Worcester Art Museum Annual, 1(1935-6), pp. 32-48.

Acquisitions of 1934 are discussed.

2. Grube, Ernst J. Muslim Miniature Paintings from the XIII to XIX Century in Collections in North America. Venice: N. Pozza, 1962.

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3. Riefstahl, Rudolf M. An Exhibition of Persian and Indian Miniature Paintings from the Collections of Demotte, Inc. New York, 1934.

48 Department of Rare Books and Special Collections  
711 Hatcher Graduate Library  
The University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor  
Michigan 48109

Contact:  
Harriet C. Jameson  
Head

Arabic: 750 MSS--98 in Hamid collection; 158 in Tiflis collection; 215 in Yahuda collection; 134 in McGregor collection; 31 unaccessioned; 105 in Heyworth-Dunne collection; 9 in general collection  
37 leaves--20 items in Mediaeval & Renaissance collection at #117, 121 and 227; 17 items from personal papers of Aḥmad Zakī 'Abū Shādī, late Egyptian poet

Persian: 175 MSS--107 in Hamid collection; 1 in Tiflis collection; 5 in Yahuda collection; 5 in McGregor collection; 6 in general collection; 52 unaccessioned

Turkish: 90 MSS--62 in Hamid collection; 9 in Yahuda collection; 10 in McGregor collection; 6 in general collection; 7 unaccessioned; 1 Chagati

Mixed Langs.: 32 MSS--22 in Hamid collection; 2 in Tiflis collection; 6 in Yahuda collection; 2 in McGregor collection

Papyri: 163 entries in a checklist, some entries for more than one piece



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**History:** The Hamid and Tiflis collections were purchased by an anonymous benefactor in 1924 and described on cards in 1925 by W. H. Worrell. The Yahuda, McGregor and Heyworth-Dunne collections were acquired between 1924 and 1946. The McGregor MSS were acquired with funds from Tracy McGregor of Detroit by Professor Karpinski of Michigan in 1933/34 as part of a "purchase of Arabic and Turkish Books, MSS, and Globes and Instruments" (from an entry in the donor's file in the library). Personal papers of 'Abū Shādī, the late Egyptian poet, were purchased in 1975.

**Catalogue:** In addition to the 450 MSS in the Hamid-Tiflis collections described by Worrell, the Yahuda and McGregor collections plus 15 MSS of the general collections have been described on cards. The total number of MSS on cards is 851. There are apparently many errors on the cards, and in May, 1973, Dr. Moḥammad Taqī Dānish-pizhūh of Tehran took notes on the MSS in hopes of correcting and improving the catalogue. His revisions have not yet been received.

**Subjects:** Most of the Islamic sciences, literature and history are represented. The McGregor collection is entirely astronomy and mathematics.

**Bibliography:** None

49 The University of Michigan Museum of Art  
Alumni Memorial Hall  
Ann Arbor  
Michigan 48104

**Contact:**  
Nesta R. Spink  
Curator of Collections

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Arabic: 6 leaves--5 Qur'āns, 1 Materia Medica  
Persian: 1 MS--Shah-nama  
6 leaves--3 miniatures, 3 calligraphy  
Turkish: 1 leaf--Muslim law

History: The collection has grown from 1957 to date.

Catalogue: All items are described on registry cards.

Bibliography: None

50 The Detroit Institute of Art  
5200 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit  
Michigan 48202

Contact:  
F. Warren Peters, Jr.  
Librarian

Arabic: 8 MSS--4 Qur'āns, 1 list of "Companions at the Battle of Badr,"  
2 prayer books, 1 literary work.  
16 leaves  
Persian: 3 MSS--2 Wahshi's Shīrīn wa Farhād,  
1 Nizāmī Laila wa Majnūn  
10 leaves  
Turkish: 3 leaves

History: Separate leaves are part of two purchases, one in 1925, the other in 1928. 9 MSS were given in 1939, 1 in 1954, another at unspecified date.

Catalogue: All items are described on registry cards. Number two in the bibliography below describes some of the MSS.

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## Bibliography:

1. Grube, Ernst. Muslim Miniature Paintings from the XIII to the XIX Century in Collections in The United States and Canada. Venice: N. Pozza 1962.
2. Gruel, Leon. Bibliothèque de Madame G. Whitney Hoff. Paris, 1939. pp. 114-6.

51 Hill Monastic Manuscript Library  
St. John's University  
Collegeville  
Minnesota 56321

Contact:  
Julian Plante  
Director

Arabic: A large number of the Arabic MSS in the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek have been microfilmed as part of the HMML (formerly the Monastic Manuscript Microfilm Library) project to record monastic and other European library collections on film.

Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: The project of filming all mediaeval manuscripts extant in European libraries began in 1964. To date, all of the Austrian collections have been visited, and those of Malta and Spain are in progress. While the thrust of the project appears to fall mainly in the area of Latin and vernacular MSS, Near Eastern MSS are filmed at the discretion of the field director.

Catalogue: HMML has prepared a checklist of manuscripts which provides project numbers corre-

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sponding to particular manuscripts of each collection. Where a collection is not provided with a readily available catalogue, the checklist gives a brief description.

Bibliography: The works below are catalogues of the Arabic, Persian and Turkish Manuscripts in the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek.

1. Fluegel, Gustav. Die arabischen, persischen und türkischen Handschriften der kaiserlich-königlichen Hofbibliothek in Wien. Wien, 1865-67. 3 vols.

2. Loebenstein, Helene. Katalog der arabischen Handschriften der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek: Neuerwerbungen, 1868-1968, vol. 1 (Wien, 1970).

52 The Minneapolis Institute of Art  
2400 Third Avenue South  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota 55404

Contact:

John W. Ittman  
Curator of Prints and Drawings

Arabic:	1 MS--bound fragment of Qur'ān 4 leaves
Persian:	1 MS-- <u>Baharistān</u> by Mīr Ḥusain al- Ḥusainī 33 leaves
Turkish:	None

History: The holdings have been acquired mostly by purchase, notably with the Katherine Kirtledge McMillan Memorial Fund (a bequest of Mrs. Margaret McMillan Webber in 1951-52).

Catalogue: All items are described on cards.

Bibliography: None

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53 Ames Library of South Asia  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota 55455

Contact:  
Henry Scholberg  
Librarian

Arabic: None  
Persian: 12 MSS  
Turkish: None  
Urdu: 1 MS

History: The MSS are part of a library begun by Charles Lesley Ames, a St. Paul, Minnesota businessman in 1907. Incorporated in 1948, the Ames Library entered into contract with the University of Minnesota in 1952 to become part of its library system on July 1, 1961.  
Catalogue: Internal card file.

Bibliography: None

54 William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art  
Atkins Museum of Fine Arts  
4525 Oak Street  
Kansas City  
Missouri 64111

Contact:  
Janet Dreiling  
Assistant Registrar

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
Persian: 38 leaves--28 miniatures, 4 illuminations, 3 calligraphy, 3 Mughal miniatures  
Turkish: None

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History: The collection was begun in 1931 and has grown over the years primarily by purchase.

Catalogue: All items are described from seller's notes on registry cards.

Bibliography: None

55 Department of Oriental Art  
The St. Louis Museum of Art  
Temporary Offices  
6665 Delmar Boulevard  
St. Louis  
Missouri 63013

Contact:  
Richard S. Cleveland  
Associate Curator

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: MS acquired in 1938 from Mr. Samuel C. Davis of St. Louis.

Catalogue: Described on acquisition card.

Bibliography: None

56 The University Library  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
Lincoln  
Nebraska 68508

Contact:  
G. A. Rudolph  
Dean of Libraries

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Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: Date and source of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: Item is catalogued in card catalogue  
of holdings.

Bibliography: None

57 Joslyn Art Museum  
2200 Dodge Street  
Omaha  
Nebraska 68102

Contact:  
Berneal V. Anderson  
Registrar

Arabic: 2 MSS--1 Qur'ān, 1 scroll almanac  
3 leaves--from Qur'āns  
Persian: 1 MS--Shah-nama of Firdausī  
4 leaves--calligraphy  
Turkish: 2 leaves--1 Ottoman sailing permit,  
1 leaf of calligraphy

History: The sailing permit was part of the Barclay Chadwick collection left in 1933; the Shah-nama, Qur'ān and scroll are a gift of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Jonas made in 1958-59; three leaves were a memorial gift by the children of Mrs. Willard D. Hosford in 1966; four leaves were bought in 1957 from Mrs. Otto E. Ege.  
Catalogue: Items are described on cards from information provided by donors/sellers.

Bibliography: None

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58 Gene Eppley Library  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
P. O. Box 688  
Omaha  
Nebraska 68101

Contact:  
John Christ  
Director of Libraries

Arabic: None  
Persian: 2 MSS--unidentified  
Turkish: None

History: The two manuscripts form part of a collection of some 300 items dealing with Afghanistan recently acquired by the library. Fuller descriptions of the MSS and other material may be available once the collection has been catalogued into the Rare Book Collection.

Catalogue: Pending

Bibliography: None

59 Gardner A. Sage Library  
New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
New Brunswick  
New Jersey 08901

Contact:  
D. L. Engelhardt  
Librarian

Arabic: 11 MSS--4 uncatalogued, 3 Christian, 1 Qur'ān, 1 history, 1 Copto-Arabic, 1 collection of 9 fragments of Christian Arabic mss.

Persian: None  
Turkish: None



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History: The collection has grown during the history of the seminary by donation, primarily from missionary alumni.

Catalogue: The Qur'ān and collection of fragments are part of the main library collection and figure in that collection's catalogue. The remaining manuscripts are housed in the Rare Book Room and of them five are catalogued in that collection's card file.

### Bibliography:

1. Levi della Vida, Giorgio. "Le 'strategème de la vièrge' et la traduction arabe du 'pratum spirituale' de Jean Moschus," Annuaire de l'institut de philologie et d'histoire orientales et slaves, 7 (1939-44), p. 83-126.

The text of the 9 fragments noted above is presented and discussed.

60 Oriental Collections  
Newark Museum  
43-49 Washington Street  
Newark  
New Jersey 07101

Contact:  
Valrae Reynolds  
Curator

Arabic: 1 MS--prayer book  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: Acquired in Algiers by J. C. Dana, 1928.  
Catalogue: Described on card in registry file.

Bibliography: None

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61 Princeton University Library  
Princeton University  
Princeton  
New Jersey 08540

Contact:

Alexander P. Clark  
Curator of Manuscripts

Arabic: 6978 MSS--2225 in the Garrett collection catalogue below, 4753 in the Yahuda section of the Garrett collection catalogue below.

Persian: 370 MSS--154 in the Garrett collection catalogue below, 216 in the Yahuda section of the Garrett collection catalogue below.

Turkish: 336 MSS--35 in the Garrett collection catalogue below, 301 in the Yahuda section of the Garrett collection catalogue below.

In addition, Professor Mach says there are about 2000 additional MSS which are not listed in his recent catalogue and which he hopes to catalogue in the future. These are additions made after the acquisition of the Yahuda collection.

History: The manuscripts in the Garrett collection were previously owned by M. Th. Houtsma, Amin al-Madani, Murad Bey Barudi and A. G. Widgery; the collection of A. S. Yahuda was purchased with Garrett funds and properly belongs with that collection.

Catalogue: See below.

Bibliography:

1. Hitti, Philip K. et al. Descriptive Catalog of the Garrett Collection of Arabic Manu-

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scripts in the Princeton University Library.  
Princeton: Princeton Oriental Texts, 5, 1938.

2. Mach, Rudolph. Catalogue of Arabic Manuscripts (Yahuda Section) in the Garrett Collection Princeton University Library. Princeton: Princeton University Press, forthcoming.

3. Moghadam, Mohammad E. and Armajani, Yahya. Descriptive Catalog of the Garrett Collections of Persian, Turkish and Indic Manuscripts, Including Some Miniatures, in the Princeton University Library. Princeton: Princeton Oriental Texts, 6, 1939.

62 The Library  
State University of New York  
at Binghamton  
Binghamton  
New York 13901

Contact:  
Jalal Zuwiyya  
Near East Librarian

Arabic: 1679 MSS on microfilm--the Islamic  
Arabic MSS of the Vatican.  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: The library has recently acquired this  
large collection of Islamic manuscripts of the  
Vatican.

Catalogue: See below

### Bibliography:

1. Levi della Vida, Giorgio. "Elenco dei  
manoscritti arabi islamici della Biblioteca vati-  
cana," Studi e Testi, 67(1935).

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2. \_\_\_\_\_. "Secondo elenco dei manoscritti arabi islamici della Biblioteca vaticana," Studi e Testi, 242(1965).

63 Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society  
25 Nottingham Court  
Buffalo  
New York 14216

Contact:  
Lisa Kelly  
Manuscript Department

Arabic: 5 MSS  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: All five volumes are a gift of Mrs. George A. Plimpton made in 1924.

Catalogue: Items are catalogued (excepting titles and authors) on registry cards, i.e., Arabic, 14th cent. 12 pages, etc.

Bibliography: None

64 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
Lafayette Square  
Buffalo  
New York 14203

Contact:  
William H. Loos, Curator  
Rare Book Room

Arabic: 3 MSS--descriptions unavailable  
Persian: 1 MS--Kulliyāt of Sa'dī  
Turkish: None

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History: Date and source of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: Unspecified, possibly described on registry cards.

Bibliography: None

65 Department of Rare Books  
Cornell University Library  
Ithaca  
New York 14853

Contact:  
Joan H. Winterkorn  
Assistant Librarian

Arabic: 11 MSS--7 Qur'āns, 1 Christian, 2 religious, 1 word list  
1 inscription on tin plate  
Persian 7 MSS--1 uncatalogued, 5 tentatively identified by Mr. Fiske, first Cornell librarian, 1 Shah-nama  
Turkish: 3 MSS--tentatively identified by Mr. Fiske  
Samaritan-  
Arabic: Dalīl al-sar'wa al-naql wa al-'aql

History: Dates and sources of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: Inventoried on cards; some volumes bearing tentative identification pencilled inside cover.

Bibliography: None

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66 Middle Eastern Art & Archaeology Department  
The Brooklyn Museum  
Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn  
New York 11238

Contact:  
Madeline Noveck  
Hagop Kevorkian Curatorship

Arabic: 9 leaves--calligraphy  
Persian: 3 MSS--1 Khamsa, 1 Il emrulnas-rah(?), 1 manual on style  
94 leaves--59 miniatures, 35 calligraphy  
Turkish: 2 MSS- 1 Hadiqāt al-sa'āda, 1 Dalā'il al-khairāt  
1 leaf--calligraphy

History: The collection has grown from donation over the last forty years, primarily in the mid 1930's and 1960's.

Catalogue: All items are listed on cards.

### Bibliography:

1. Katz, Lois. "A Persian Manuscript of the Fifteenth Century," Brooklyn Museum Annual, 5 (1963-64), pp. 15-48.

67 Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
801 Butler Library  
Columbia University  
New York  
New York 10027

Contact:  
Kenneth A. Lohf  
Rare Books and MSS Librarian

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

- Arabic: 388 MSS--300 in the Smith-Plimpton collection; 41 in the general collection; 47 in the Jeffery collection
- Persian: 104 MSS--102 in the Smith-Plimpton collection; 1 in the general collection; 1 in the Jeffery collection  
7 leaves--Smith-Plimpton collection
- Turkish: 32 MSS--26 in the Smith-Plimpton collection; 5 in the general collection; 1 in the Jeffery collection

History: The Smith-Plimpton collection, acquired in 1931 (Smith) and 1936 (Plimpton), is the gift of David Eugene Smith (1860-1944), former Professor of Mathematics at Columbia University's Teachers College, and George Arthur Plimpton (1885-1930). Mr. Plimpton helped collect MSS for his friend Dr. Smith. Since the original gift, some MSS have been added from other portions of Dr. Smith's donation as well as from other donors. The Jeffery collection, purchased in 1959 from the estate of Arthur Jeffery (1893-1959), a former Professor of Semitic Languages at Columbia University, completes the bulk of the remainder of the holdings. The general collection, built up from various gifts, completes the holdings.

Subjects: Arabic--Smith-Plimpton: 138 Qur'āns, 45 prayer books, 30 mathematics, 21 religious, 18 astronomy, 10 grammar, 8 magic, 5 logic, 5 literary, 5 hadīth, 4 tafsīr, 3 law, 2 poetry, 2 history, 1 philosophy, 1 alchemy, 1 medicine, 1 astrology; general collection: 9 literary, 6 history, 6 grammar, 4 Qur'āns, 4 tafsīr, 4 religious, 2 prayer books, 2 law, 1 logic, 1 astrology, 1 hadīth, 1 rhetoric; Jeffery col-

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lection: 10 grammar, 9 religious, 9 tafsīr, 4 law, 4 literary, 4 Qur'ān readings, 2 logic, 1 poetry, 1 ḥadīth, 1 kalām, 1 Qur'ān, 1 history

Persian--Smith-Plimpton: 34 astronomy, 30 poetry, 8 mathematics, 6 magic, 6 literary, 5 history, 4 religious, 3 grammar, 2 prayer books, 1 tafsīr, 1 philosophy, 1 ḥadīth, 1 medical; general collection: 1 ethics; Jeffery collection: 1 dictionary

Turkish--Smith-Plimpton: 5 astronomy, 5 poetry, 3 grammar, 3 religious, 2 government, 1 mathematics, 1 magic, 1 prayers; general collection: 3 literary, 1 religious, 1 kalām; Jeffery collection: 1 calligraphy

Catalogue: The bulk of the collection has been identified by A. Suheyl Unver during his stay as a visiting scholar at Columbia in 1958-59. The Jeffery collection and remaining uncatalogued items have since been identified. Most of the general collection has been identified by Martinovitch (see number one below).

### Bibliography:

1. Martinovitch, Nicholas N. "Arabic, Persian and Turkish manuscripts in the Columbia University Library," JAOS, 49(1929), pp. 219-33.
2. Mendelsohn, I. "Near East collections at Columbia," Columbia University Quarterly, 32 (1940), pp. 283-99.
3. "Shi'ah prayers, 1831 A.D.," Columbia Library Columns, 10:1(1960), p. 34.
4. Unver, A. Suheyl. "Islamic manuscripts in the Columbia Libraries," Columbia Library Columns, 8:3(1955), pp. 31-5.
5. Yohannan, Abraham. "A manuscript of Gul u Nauruz...", JAOS, 23(1902), pp. 102-8.



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68 Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
3080 Broadway  
New York  
New York 10027

Contact:  
Menachem Schmelzer  
Librarian

Arabic: 250 MSS--approximately 40 in Arabic characters, the remainder in Hebrew characters

Persian: Unspecified number (approximately four shelves) of Judaeo-Persian MSS

Turkish: None

Samaritan: Unspecified number (approximately two shelves)

History: The collection has grown primarily through donation.

Catalogue: There is a catalogue of the Arabic MSS in manuscript form available for use in the library.

Bibliography: None

69 Department of Islamic Art  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street  
New York  
New York 10028

Contact:  
Marie L. Swietochowski  
Manuscript Specialist

Arabic: 11 MSS--Qur'āns, or partial Qur'āns; 1 Dīwān of al-Fārid

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	81 leaves--57 calligraphy, 24 miniatures/illuminations
Persian:	24 MSS--mostly illuminated collections of poetry
	322 leaves--294 miniatures, 23 calligraphy
Turkish:	2 MSS--1 <u>Bustān</u> of Sa'dī, 1 prayer book
	26 leaves--24 miniatures, 2 calligraphy
Papyri:	8 items too fragmented for identification

**History:** The collection has grown through gifts and bequests as well as supplemented by purchases from 1889 to present. Particular donors include Alexander Smith Cochran, Cora Timken Burnett and Arthur A. Houghton, Jr.

**Catalogue:** The department maintains a complete registry file for all acquisitions, and part of the file for each item is a list of publications where reference to or reproductions of the item have been published. Some of the most frequently mentioned are given below.

### Bibliography:

1. Brian, Doris. "A reconstruction of the miniature cycle in the Demotte Shah Namah," Ars Islamica, 7/2(1939), pp. 97-113.
2. Dimand, M. S. Handbook of Mohammedan Decorative Arts. New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1930; second edition, 1944.
3. \_\_\_\_\_. "Dated specimens of Mohammedan Art in the MMA," Metropolitan Museum of Art Studies, 1(1932).
4. \_\_\_\_\_. Persian Miniatures: A Picture Book. New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1944.
5. \_\_\_\_\_. Persian Miniature Painting. Milan, 1956.

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

6. Ettinghausen, Richard. Islamic Art in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1972.

7. Holter, Kurt. "Die Islamischen Miniaturhandschriften vor 1350," Zentralblatt für Bibliothekswesen, 54(1937).

See also Buchtal, Hugo; Kurz, Otto and Ettinghausen, Richard. "Supplementary notes to K. Holter's checklist...", Ars Islamica, 7/2(1940).

8. Jackson, A. V. Williams and Yohannan, Abraham. A Catalogue of the Collection of Persian MSS, including also some Turkish and Arabic, Presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, by Alexander Smith Cochran. New York: Columbia University, Indo-Iranian Series No. 1, 1914.

9. Martin, F. R. The Nizami MS from the Library of the Shah of Persia, now in the Metropolitan Museum at New York. Vienna, 1927.

70 New York Public Library  
Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations  
The Research Libraries  
Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street  
New York  
New York 10018

### Contact:

John Mish, Oriental Division  
Paul Rugen, Manuscripts & Archives Division  
Joseph Rankin, Spencer Collection

Arabic: 248 MSS--246 in MS Division, 2  
in Spencer Collection  
Persian: 100 MSS--19 in MS Division, 81  
in Spencer Collection  
Turkish: 34 MSS--8 in MS Division, 26 in  
Spencer Collection

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History: The manuscripts in the Manuscripts and Archives Division comprise both that division's and the Oriental Division's holdings. Of the manuscripts held there, 217 Arabic, 3 Persian and 4 Turkish have main entry cards in the Oriental Division's catalogue which has been published in number one below. The Schiff Fund has purchased many of the Oriental Division's MSS, while the holdings of the MS Division derive mainly from gifts. The MSS of the Spencer Collection have been acquired since the bequest of Wm. Augustus Spencer in 1913 of his collection of fine French bookbindings using funds of the bequest designated for the purchase of volumes displaying fine illustration or binding.

Catalogue: The Oriental Division's holdings are listed in number one below, and the Spencer Collection's holdings are in number two. Both are reproductions of the card catalogues of each division. The Manuscript and Archives Division has a typescript listing of its MSS.

### Bibliography:

1. Dictionary Catalog of the Oriental Collection, the New York Public Library Reference Department. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1960.
2. New York Public Library Dictionary Catalog and Shelf-list of the Spencer Collection of Illustrated Books, Manuscripts and Fine Bindings. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1971. Two volumes; MSS listed in vol. ii, pp. 901-62.

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

71 The Pierpont Morgan Library  
29 East Thirty-sixth Street  
New York  
New York 10016

Contact:  
John Plummer, Curator  
Mediaeval & Renaissance MSS

Arabic: 4 MSS--2 Qur'āns, 1 Arabic-Persian prayer book, 1 Kitāb manāfī al-Ḥayawān by Ibrahīm b. Bukhtishū  
101 leaves--mostly bound in small gatherings, 2 leaves supposedly from K. manāfī al-Ḥayawān, many leaves from Kufi Qur'āns

Persian: 20 MSS--primarily poetry, many with miniatures  
15 leaves--one collection of 12 leaves of calligraphy, 3 miniatures from a Shah-nama

Turkish: 2 MSS--1 astrology, 1 Mathnāwī of Rūmī

History: Not all of the items were collected by Messrs. Morgan; Sir Cecil Spring-Rice left a number of Persian MSS in 1925, and Belle da Costa Greene left most of the Kufi Qur'ān leaves in 1951. Other holdings have been acquired by further gifts and purchases.

Catalogue: The main holdings are listed in the Library's card catalogue of manuscripts. Many individual items have accumulated their own bibliography which is listed in the catalogue.

### Bibliography:

1. Grube, Ernst. Muslim Miniature Paintings from the XIII to the XIX Century in Collection in the United States. Venice: N. Pozza, 1962.

NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

2. Yohannan, Abraham. "A manuscript of Manafi' al-Haiawan in the library of J. P. Morgan," JAOS, 36(1917), pp. 381-9.

72 The Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
3041 Broadway  
New York  
New York 10027

Contact:  
Robert Maloy  
Director

Arabic: 13 MSS--4 Qur'āns, 6 religious, 3  
Christian

Persian: None

Turkish: 8 MSS--poetry and religious

History: Dates and sources of acquisition of most of the Arabic MSS are unknown. The Turkish items were acquired for UTS by W. W. Rockwell in Istanbul, 1928.

Catalogue: There is no catalogue of the holdings, but an internal list is being planned.

Bibliography: None

73 Department of Special Collections  
The Library  
Vassar College  
Poughkeepsie  
New York 12601

Contact:  
Frances Goudy  
Special Collections Librarian

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Arabic: 2 MSS--both Qur'āns, one with 6 pages of Persian and Turkish poetry added at the end  
2 leaves--1 Kufi prayer, purportedly in the author's blood; 1 illuminated page of a Qur'ān.  
Persian: 1 MS--illuminated and with miniatures  
Turkish: None

History: Dates and sources of acquisitions unspecified.

Catalogue: Unspecified, probably listed in registry file using information supplied by donors/sellers.

Bibliography: None

74 Memorial Art Gallery of the  
University of Rochester  
490 University Avenue  
Rochester  
New York 14607

Contact:  
Renée Beller  
Associate Curator

Arabic: None  
Persian: 2 MSS--Khamsa of Nizāmī, poetry of Sa'dī  
1 leaf--calligraphy  
Turkish: None

History: The MSS are Museum purchases; the leaf is a gift.

Catalogue: Unspecified, possibly listed on acquisition cards.

Bibliography: None.

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75 Medical Center Library  
Duke University  
Durham  
North Carolina 27706

Contact:  
G. S. T. Cavanaugh  
Curator

Arabic: 1 MS--Nafīz b. 'Iwād al-Kirmānī,  
Kitāb Sharḥ al-Asbāb wa al-  
'Alamāt lī'Abū Hamīd M. b. 'Alī  
al-Samarqāndī

Persian: 1 MS--an anatomy by Mansūr b. M. b.  
Aḥmad

Turkish: None

History: Dates and sources of acquisitions un-  
specified.

Catalogue: Unspecified, probably listed on regis-  
try cards using information provided by donors/  
sellers.

Bibliography: None

76 Near Eastern and Far Eastern Art  
Cincinnati Art Museum  
Cincinnati  
Ohio 45202

Contact:  
Daniel S. Walker  
Associate Curator

Arabic: 2 MSS--1 Qur'ān, 1 prayer book  
2 leaves--from Qur'āns

Persian: 3 MSS--Gulistān of Sa'dī, Sa'd  
panj sudmand of Luqmān,  
Andarz-nama of Kayus b. Iskandar



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b. Kapus b. Vushmigir (only  
1/2 of the MS)  
75 leaves--9 Khamsa of Niẓāmī,  
13 Shah-nama, 2 Majmū' al-  
Tawārikh of Haḥfīz-ī Abru, 10  
unidentified, 41 Mughal minia-  
tures

Turkish: 5 leaves

History: The collection has grown primarily by  
donation since 1914.

Catalogue: On cards in the department.

### Bibliography:

1. Frye, Richard N. "The Andarz Nama of Kayus  
b. Iskandar b. Kapus b. Vushmgir," Serta Canta-  
brigiensis (Wiesbaden), 1954, pp. 7-23.

2. Minovi, M. "Kapus-Nama yi Frye," Yaghma  
(Tehran, Bahman), 1355(1957).

3. Various, in A. U. Pope (ed.), Survey of  
Persian Art, vol. XIII, Addendum A, "The Andarz  
Nama," London and New York, 1968. (Proceedings of  
the IVth International Congress of Iranian Art and  
Archaeology, April 24-May 3, 1960.)

77 610 Main Library  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati  
Ohio 45221

### Contact:

Helen W. Slotkin  
Head, Special Collections

Arabic: 3 MSS--all Qur'āns

Persian: 2 MSS--1 Khusrau wa Shīrīn, 1 un-  
identified poetry

Turkish: None

# NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

History: Dates and sources of acquisition unknown.

Catalogue: Items catalogued on cards in the department.

Bibliography: None

78 Jessica Gund Memorial Library  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
11141 East Boulevard  
Cleveland  
Ohio 44106

Contact:

Karen Tschudy  
Librarian

Arabic: 9 leaves

Persian: None

Turkish: None

History: The items form part of a portfolio of leaves presented by Otto F. Ege, former dean of the Institute.

Catalogue: Unspecified

Bibliography: None

79 Department of Ancient Art  
Cleveland Museum of Art  
11150 East Boulevard  
Cleveland  
Ohio 44106

Contact:

Arielle P. Kozloff  
Assistant Curator in Charge

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

Arabic: 16 leaves--from Qur'ans  
Persian: 66 leaves--38 miniatures, 28 calligraphy  
Turkish: 2 leaves--1 calligraphy, 1 miniature

History: The collection has grown from donation/purchase from 1915 to present.

Catalogue: Each item is identified in the Museum's registry.

Bibliography: See the following issues of Cleveland Museum of Art Bulletin where five individual miniatures are discussed: June, 1945; April, 1948; December, 1956; November, 1962; June, 1963.

80 John G. White Department of Folklore,  
Orientalia and Chess  
Cleveland Public Library  
325 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland  
Ohio 44114

Contact:  
Alice N. Loranth  
Head

Arabic: 54 MSS--25 religious, 7 history, 5 folklore, 6 chess, 3 occult, 3 philosophy, 2 grammar, 1 literature, 1 medicine, 1 geography  
38 MS facsimiles--7 chess, 31 history and literature  
Persian: 74 MSS--27 literature, 21 history, 10 folklore, 5 religious, 3 chess, 3 science, 2 medicine, 1 algebra, 1 grammar, 1 occult

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22 MS facsimiles--18 literature,  
4 chess  
Turkish: 27 MSS--12 religious, 5 literature,  
4 chess, 3 history, 3 folklore  
10 MS facsimiles--5 chess, 5 liter-  
ature and history

N.B. Facsimiles are described: chess MSS are mostly photographic reproductions with some hand copied works; non-chess items are mostly printed or lithographed manuscript facsimile editions.

History: The MSS and facsimiles form part of the John Griswold White collection, bequeathed by the collector after his death in 1928. This collection includes the world's most complete chess library.

Catalogue: All items are fully catalogued in the department's files under author, title, subject and series entries. Some of the items appear in the published catalogues mentioned below.

### Bibliography:

1. Catalog of the Chess Collection (including checkers) of the Cleveland Public Library: John G. White Department. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1964. 2 vols.
2. Catalog of Folklore and Folk Songs in the Cleveland Public Library: John G. White Department. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1964. 2 vols.
3. A Collection of Persian and Arabic Manuscripts. Berlin: Paul Gottschalk, 1929. Typed.
4. Das Schachspiel in der Arabischen Literatur von den Anfängen bis zur Zweiten Hälfte des 16. Jahrhunderts, von Richard Wieber. Walldorf-Hessen (Verlag für Orientkunde Dr. H. Vorndan) 1972.

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

81 The Dayton Art Institute  
Forest and Riverview Avenues  
P. O. Box 941  
Dayton  
Ohio 45401

Contact:  
Kathy Kelsey Foley  
Assistant Curator

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
2 leaves--1 Qur'ān, 1 unidentified  
Persian: 15 leaves--10 miniatures, 5 calligraphy  
Turkish: None

History: The collection has grown mainly from gifts of J. Elam Artz, Mrs. H. G. Carnell, and Jefferson Patterson--the former two making gifts in the early 1930's and the latter in 1971. Two miniatures were purchased in 1968 using the Blakeney Fund.

Catalogue: The items are identified on registry cards from owners' or sellers' descriptions. A proposed catalogue of all the Institute's holdings is expected in 1978.

### Bibliography:

1. Miller, Tressa R. "Two sixteenth century Persian miniatures," Bulletin of the Dayton Art Institute, 27(1968), pp. 11-13.

82 Special Collections  
Miami University Library  
Oxford  
Ohio 45056

Contact:  
Helen Ball  
Curator

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

Arabic: None  
Persian: 1 MS--possibly "The History of Babar Shah"  
Turkish: None

History: Date and source of acquisition unknown, but the MS was part of first library and must predate 1841.

Catalogue: Unspecified, but item is probably noted in a registry file.

Bibliography: None

83 Toledo Museum of Art  
Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue  
Box 1013  
Toledo  
Ohio 43697

Contact:  
Pat Whitesides  
Registrar

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
9 leaves  
Persian: 1 MS--unidentified  
3 leaves  
Turkish: None

History: The Qur'ān was a gift of 1923 and the Persian MS a gift of 1951. The leaves were purchased at varying times from varying agents.

Catalogue: All items are recorded on registry cards.

Bibliography: None

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84 Special Collections  
University of Oregon Library  
Eugene  
Oregon 97403

Contact:  
Martin Schmitt  
Special Collections Librarian

Arabic: There are some eight manuscripts described as Near Eastern and housed in the Special Collections library

Persian: Unknown, see above

Turkish: Unknown, see above

History: The manuscripts comprise part of the Burgess Collection of rare books and manuscripts.

Catalogue: Because the Special Collections Library does not have personnel capable of dealing with Near Eastern languages, the manuscripts remain uncatalogued.

Bibliography: None

85 Portland Art Museum  
Southwest Park & Madison  
Portland  
Oregon 97205

Contact:  
Mary Ann Mees  
Librarian

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
3 leaves--from various Qur'āns

Persian: 1 MS--Jamī's Yūsuf wa Zulaikha

Turkish: None

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History: Qur'ān acquired 1939, Jamī in 1972 and leaves in 1970 and 1971.

Catalogue: Items identified on registry cards.

Bibliography: None

86 Middle East Studies Center  
Portland State University  
P. O. Box 751  
Portland  
Oregon 97207

Contact:  
Cressy D. Olivier  
Assistant to the Director

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān with interlinear  
Persian translation  
Persian: 1 MS--Kulliyāt of Sa'dī  
Turkish: None

History: MSS acquired by the Hon. Henry S. Villard during the period 1928-1930 in Tehran and made available to the university in 1964 through the courtesy of the late Myron B. Smith of the Islamic Archives, Washington.

Catalogue: MSS described on registry cards of the Center's holdings.

Bibliography: None



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87 Linderman Library  
Lehigh University  
Bethlehem  
Pennsylvania 18015

Contact:  
James D. Mack  
Director of Libraries

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
Persian: None  
Turkish: None

History: Acquired in 1887 from unknown source.  
Catalogue: Noted in registry file.

Bibliography: None

88 Skillman Library  
Lafayette College  
Easton  
Pennsylvania 18042

Contact:  
Robert G. Gennett  
Assistant Librarian

Arabic: None  
Persian: 1 MS--Dīwān of Jāmī  
Turkish: None

History: The MS was donated by J. L. Scott in  
1877.

Catalogue: MS is identified on Rare Book Room  
catalogue card.

Bibliography:

1. Martinovitch, Nicholas. Ars Islamica, 1  
(1934), pp. 128-9.  
Description of MS.

## NORTH AMERICAN COLLECTIONS OF ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPTS

89 Magill Library  
Haverford College  
Haverford  
Pennsylvania 19041

Contact:  
Diana Alten  
Manuscripts Librarian

Arabic: 10 MSS--1 Qur'ān, 1 partial Qur'ān,  
1 Christian, 1 prayer book, 1  
Arabic-Syriac lexicon, 1 gram-  
mar, 1 kalām, 1 Pentateuch, 1  
Syriac-Arabic lexicon, 1 un-  
identified

Persian: 3 MSS--1 poetry, 1 unidentified,  
1 translation of Arabic dic-  
tionary

Turkish: None

History: The MSS are from the J. Rendel Harris  
collection left in 1887.

Catalogue: Items are listed in a bound booklet.

Bibliography: None.

90 The Library  
Dropsie University  
Broad and York Streets  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania 19132

Contact:  
Yehuda Komlosh  
Director

Arabic: 71 MSS  
Persian: 9 MSS  
Turkish: 6 MSS

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History: No history of the collection is available. All of the MSS at Dropsie are currently being recatalogued, an operation which makes revision of the information in Pearson impossible.

Catalogue: Pearson reported an unpublished catalogue by J. Reider dated 1933.

Bibliography: None

91 Rare Book Department  
The Free Library of Philadelphia  
Logan Square  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania 19103

Contact:  
Howell J. Heaney  
Rare Book Librarian

Arabic: 39 MSS--35 in the Lewis collection,  
4 added (2 Qur'āns, 1 prayer  
book, 1 Gospels)  
27 leaves--calligraphy, many from  
Kufi Qur'āns

Persian: 55 MSS--52 in the Lewis collection,  
3 added (2 poetry, 1 Shah-nama)  
1205 leaves--Lewis collection, 270  
Persian, 500 Mughal, 435 Rajput

Turkish: 11 MSS--10 in Lewis collection, 1  
added (Dīwān of Baqī)  
9 leaves--miniatures from Lewis  
collection

History: The John Frederick Lewis collection was given to the Free Library in 1933 by his widow in memory of her husband, who had been for many years a trustee of the Library. The additional

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MSS have been purchased at various later dates with trust funds left for the purchase of rare books.

Catalogue: The Lewis collection was catalogued by Muhammad A. Simsar in the work listed below. The separate leaves have been described along with photographic reproductions by Simsar in an unpublished catalogue available for use in the Rare Book Department. Later additions have not been catalogued.

### Bibliography:

1. Simsar, Muhammad A. Oriental Manuscripts of the John Frederick Lewis Collection in the Free Library of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, 1937.

92 The Library Company of Philadelphia  
1314 Locust Street  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania 19107

Contact:  
Edwin Wolf, II  
Librarian

Arabic: 1 MS--Unidentified  
Persian: 1 MS--Unidentified  
Turkish: None

History: Source and date of acquisition unknown.  
Catalogue: Not specified

Bibliography: None

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- 93 Special Collections  
The Charles Patterson Van Pelt Library  
University of Pennsylvania  
34th and Walnut Streets  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania 19174

Contact:  
Lyman W. Riley  
Assistant Director of Libraries  
for Special Collections

Arabic: 43 MSS--35 in the Camac collection,  
8 in the Block collection  
Persian: 1 MS--in the Camac collection  
Turkish: None

History: The Camac collection was received in  
1902, and the Block in 1968.

Catalogue: The Camac collection has been cata-  
logued into a Dewey system card-catalogue of  
all of the department's holdings. The Block  
collection is provided with a separate list.

### Bibliography:

1. Simsar, M. A. "A rare Jami manuscript,"  
University of Pennsylvania Library Chronicle, 3  
(1935), pp. 21-5.
2. \_\_\_\_\_. "A rare copy of Baydawi's commen-  
tary," University of Pennsylvania Library Chroni-  
cle, 5(1937), pp. 65-8.

- 94 University of Pennsylvania Museum  
33rd and Spruce Streets  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania 19104

Contact:  
Renata Holod  
Head, Islamic Collection

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Arabic: 12 MSS--3 Qur'āns, 1 partial Qur'ān, 1 prayer book, 7 Maghribian MSS  
2 leaves--from the opening of a Qur'ān

Persian: 5 MSS--all poetry  
1 leaf--illumination

Turkish: None

History: All items, except one donated Qur'ān, purchased; the seven Maghribian MSS were acquired during a Museum expedition in 1897/98. The remaining items were purchased in the 1920's.

Catalogue: All items are identified on registry cards from information from notes made by Nicholas Martinovitch in 1930. The Maghribian MSS, however, are provided only with cards which have been partially completed and which remain uncorroborated.

## Bibliography:

1. Ettinghausen, Richard. "A signed and dated Seljuk Quran," Bulletin of the American Institute for Persian Art and Archaeology, 4(1935), pp. 92-102.

95 The John Hay Library  
Brown University  
Providence  
Rhode Island 02912

Contact:  
David J. Martz, Jr.  
Curator of Manuscripts

Arabic: 4 MSS--3 Qur'āns, 1 prayer book  
1 leaf--from a Qur'ān

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Persian: 1 MS--poetry  
4 leaves--2 possibly from Shah-nama  
of Firdausī, 2 possibly from  
Bustān of Sa'dī

Turkish: 1 leaf

History: All items from the Harry Lyman Koopman collection donated by Professor Philip D. Sherman in 1958.

Catalogue: Listed in Special Collections card catalogue.

Bibliography: None

96 Museum of Art  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Providence  
Rhode Island 02903

Contact:  
Elizabeth T. Casey  
Curator of Oriental Collections

Arabic: 1 MS--Qur'ān  
2 separate leaves--from a Qur'ān

Persian: 3 MSS--Khamsa of Nizāmī, Shah-nama  
and Tarikh-i Guzidah  
32 leaves--28 miniatures, 4 calligraphy

Turkish: 2 separate leaves--miniatures

Indo-Persian: 22 leaves--18 miniatures, 4 calligraphy

History: The collection was begun in 1914 with a donation and has grown, mostly before 1920, through both donation and purchase. The Persian miniatures came in 1944-45.

Catalogue: Items listed in card file.

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## Bibliography:

1. The Turkish miniature "Selim II on a journey" is described in Bulletin of the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, vol. vii, no. 4.

97 Charleston Library Society  
164 King Street  
Charleston  
South Carolina 29401

Contact:  
Virginia Rugheimer  
Librarian

Arabic: None  
Persian: 1 MS--unidentified  
Turkish: None

History: MS brought from Isfahan by Andre Michaux, 1783; presented to the Society by Michaux in 1803.

Catalogue: MS noted in registry file of the Society's library.

Bibliography: None

98 Humanities Research Center  
University of Texas at Austin  
Austin  
Texas 78712

Contact:  
David Farmer  
Assistant Director

Arabic: 10 MSS--3 law, 2 Qur'āns, 1 prayer book, 1 poetry, 1 New Testament, 1 grammar, 1 music  
2 leaves--from a Qur'ān



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Persian: 13 MSS--5 Omar Khayyām, 2 literary, 1 Ḥāfiẓ, 1 Niẓāmī, 1 Jāmī, 1 history, 1 astronomy, 1 unidentified

Turkish: None

History: The manuscripts are from the collection of the Louisiana bibliophile Edward Alexander Parsons who sold his library to the University of Texas at Austin in 1958.

Catalogue: There is an abbreviated handlist of the MSS, but no catalogue.

Bibliography: None

99. Middle East Library  
University Libraries  
University of Utah  
Salt Lake City  
Utah 84112

Contact:  
P. Rashid Wu  
Librarian

Arabic: 116 MSS--primarily history and literature  
1118 reels of microfilm--363 reels (with 363 titles) in the Martin Levy collection; 323 reels (with 323 titles) in the Mt. Sinai collection; 286 reels (with 286 titles) of the Arab League collection; 35 reels (with 35 titles) from the Garrett collection, Princeton; 111 reels (with 1214 titles) in the Catholic Microfilm collection

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1564 fragments--mounted and partially catalogued; 776 papyrus, 10 parchment, 778 paper  
594 gatherings of leaves--contained in 10 binders holding plastic protectors with from one leaf to several sections each; plus 4 boxes of envelopes also containing several sections each.

Persian: 8 MSS  
Turkish: 5 MSS  
12 reels of microfilm--in the Martin Levy collection

History: The MSS and fragments and leaves were given by Aziz Atiya in 1975. The Martin Levy collection of m-f's was acquired in 1972, the Mt. Sinai m-f's in 1969 and the Catholic m-f's in 1973. The Arab League m-f's were acquired in trade for copies of some of Levy's films.

Catalogue: There is a temporary listing of the MSS and papyri. There is a manuscript list of titles for 301 of the Levy films and also the Catholic films. The Princeton MSS are without a list, but there is a temporary list of titles for the 286 Arab League titles. The Mt. Sinai films are catalogued in the book listed below.

### Bibliography:

1. Atiya, Aziz Suryal. The Arabic Manuscripts of Mount Sinai: A Hand-list of Arabic Manuscripts and Scrolls Microfilmed at the Library of the Monastery of St. Catherine, Mount Sinai. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1955.

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100 Roanoke Public Library  
706 South Jefferson Street  
Roanoke  
Virginia 24011

Contact:  
Daniel Jones, Head  
Technical Services

Arabic: 3 MSS--2 Qur'āns, 1 commentary on  
or copy of Dalā'il al-khairāt by  
al-Juzūlī  
Persian: 1 MS--literary  
Turkish: None

History: Collection given to the library in the  
early 1950's by a local patron and used as ex-  
amples of book arts.

Catalogue: The items are not catalogued and are  
provided only with bookdealers' descriptions  
(but not in all cases).

Bibliography: None

101 Seattle Art Museum  
Volunteer Park  
Seattle  
Washington 98112

Contact:  
Ellen F. Clattenburg  
Registrar

Arabic: 2 MSS--1 Qur'ān, 1 literary  
Persian: 24 leaves--20 miniatures, 4 cal-  
ligraphy  
Turkish: None

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History: The Museum was founded in 1933 and the Islamic collection has grown since then with regularity, primarily by donation.

Catalogue: The holdings are listed in a card catalogue.

Bibliography: None

102 University of Washington Libraries  
Seattle  
Washington 98195

Contact:  
Fawzi W. Khoury  
Near East Bibliographer

Arabic: 30 MSS  
Persian: None  
Turkish: 1 MS

History: No information available on the source and growth of the collection.

Subjects: Range is from fetwa's to longer religious works.

Catalogue: A typed list of titles, authors and descriptions of the manuscripts has been prepared.

Bibliography: No published reports

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103 West Asian Department  
Royal Ontario Museum  
100 Queen's Park  
Toronto  
Ontario  
Canada

Contact:  
Lisa Golombeck  
Curator

Arabic: 4 MSS--2 Qur'āns, 1 prayer book,  
1 Companions of the Prophet  
4 leaves--calligraphy  
Persian: 3 MSS--Shah-nama, Futūh al-  
haramain, Khamsa  
16 leaves--14 miniatures, 2 cal-  
ligraphy  
Turkish: 1 leaf--miniature

History: The collection has grown by gift and  
purchase from 1937 to date.

Catalogue: All items are described on registry  
cards from seller's/donor's descriptions.

Bibliography: None

104 Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library  
University of Toronto  
Toronto  
Ontario  
Canada MSS 1A5

Contact:  
Richard Landon  
Librarian

Arabic: 1238 MSS--uncatalogued  
Persian: 5 MSS--mostly poetry  
Turkish: 12 MSS--literature and history

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History: The Arabic MSS have been recently purchased and are as yet without a list. The remaining MSS are from various sources and dates of acquisition.

Catalogue: The Persian and Turkish MSS have been described on catalogue cards.

Subjects: The Arabic MSS apparently deal mainly with law, history, some Sufi works and fetwa's.

Bibliography: None

105 Blacker-Wood Library of Zoology and  
Ornithology  
McGill University  
P. O. Box 6070, Station A  
Montreal  
Quebec  
Canada H3G 3G1

Contact:  
Eleanor MacLean  
Librarian

Arabic: 74 MSS--62 in the Dr. Casey A. Wood collection of 1927; 12 additional MSS gathered later, mainly by Dr. Wood.

Persian: 198 MSS--167 in Dr. Wood's 1927 collection; 31 later additions, mainly by Dr. Wood--plus 6 photostatic copies

Turkish: None

History: Nearly all of the MSS were gathered by or for Dr. Wood and presented to the library, mostly in 1927.

Catalogue: All the MSS have been identified by Vladimir Ivanov, Librarian of the Royal Bengal Society of Calcutta, who gathered the majority of the MSS for Dr. Wood. The 1927 donation is

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provided with a typescript checklist available in the library. The later additions have typed identifications in envelopes in the back of each volume.

**Bibliography:** No published work describes the collection. However, one Persian MS, Nuzhat Nama-i-Elai, with two other titles on natural science, is unique, and there is a typescript translation of portions of it by Ivanov and C. N. Sneddon of Oxford University made in 1928.

**Subjects:** The collection deals with veterinary medicine with many additional titles on falconry and horses.

106 Islamic Studies Library  
McGill University  
P. O. Box 6070, Station A  
Montreal  
Quebec  
Canada H3G 3G1

Contact:  
Librarian

Arabic:	107 titles--mainly philosophy
Persian:	29 titles--mainly philosophy and Shiite writings
Turkish:	24 titles--mainly history
Microfilm:	506 reels--in approximately the same language distribution as the MSS above, acquired for use by students and faculty. In ad- dition, some 100 Xerox copies of MSS.

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**History:** The collection has been built by purchase since the founding of McGill's Institute for Islamic Studies in 1942. However, there is no longer an active acquisition policy.

**Catalogue:** There is a card-file checklist for the MSS and microfilms available for use in the library.

**Bibliography:** None

107 McLennan Library  
McGill University  
P. O. Box 6070, Station A  
Montreal  
Quebec  
Canada H3G 3G1

**Contact:**  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Rare Books Librarian

**Arabic:** 45 MSS--mostly Qur'ans and tracts  
on Sufism and Shiite sects  
28 leaves--19 framed  
**Persian:** 31 MSS--mainly poetry  
73 leaves--60 framed  
**Turkish:** 5 MSS--mostly history  
5 leaves--all framed

**History:** The collection primarily comes from Dr. Casey A. Wood by donation and purchase.

**Catalogue:** There is no catalogue of the collection, although steps are being taken as time and funds allow to identify the MSS.

**Bibliography:** None



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108 Osler Library  
McGill University  
McIntyre Medical Sciences Building  
3655 Drummond Street  
Montreal  
Quebec  
Canada H3G 1Y6

Contact:  
Marilyn Fransiszyn  
Manuscript Librarian

- Arabic: 76 MSS--37 in Dr. Casey A. Wood Ophthalmic Collection, plus one composite with Turkish; 24 in Dr. Casey A. Wood 1927 donation, including 2 composite Arabic and Persian; 9 in the Osler collection; 5 in the general collection.
- Persian: 68 MSS--61 in the Dr. Wood 1927 donation, plus 2 composite Arabic and Persian; 7 in the Dr. Wood Ophthalmic Collection plus 1 composite Persian and Turkish.
- Turkish: 2 MSS--both composite, one with Arabic, one with Persian--see above.

History: Dr. Casey A. Wood Ophthalmic Collection was acquisitioned by the McGill Medical Library in 1947; many volumes come from the library of Max Meyerhof. Dr. Wood presented a number of MSS in 1927 on general medical topics, probably at the same time as the collection in the Blacker-Wood Library was given.

Catalogue: The 1927 Wood collection was provided with a checklist by Vladimir Ivanov who collected these and others in the Blacker-Wood Library for Dr. Wood during the period 1926-27. A form of this checklist is published (see

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below). The Ophthalmic collection was catalogued by Miss Stehle, and a typescript of her cards is available in the Osler Library. The Osler MSS are catalogued below.

### Bibliography:

1. Francis, W. W. et al., eds. Bibliotheca Osleriana. Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, reprint 1969. Cf. #7785, "Persian, Arabic and Hindustani Medical MSS," for 1927 Wood collection. Osler MSS are described at numbers 449, 450, 462, 463, 464, 465, 478, 7508 and 7571.

109 Islamic Art Department  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts  
3400 avenue du Musée  
Montreal  
Quebec  
Canada H3G 1K3

Contact:  
Curator of the Department

Accurate figures for the Museum are currently unavailable. The catalogue, presently arranged chronologically for all acquisitions, is the intended object of a project of revision and completion to be begun when funds and time allow.

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## Introduction

This survey was sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies and funded by the Council on Library Resources. It presents an account of the location and general contents of selected collections of Arabic, Persian, and Turkish manuscripts in North America.

Four earlier surveys have been made. The collections selected for inclusion are basically those listed in the most recent survey, augmented by those developed since its completion. For the earliest survey, the Library of Congress asked a large number of American libraries to report their holdings in 1942. The resulting information was deposited with the Orientalia Division of the Research Department of the Library of Congress.

In 1950 Mortimer Graves undertook for the American Council of Learned Societies a second survey. This effort produced a typed report (dated 15 August 1950) entitled, "Collections of Arabic manuscripts in the United States and Canada: a first report of a rough survey made in July 1950."

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A third survey was carried out by Gurgis Awad, Director of the National Library of Iraq; the results were published in volume 7 (1951) of the journal Sumer. Awad based his findings on visits to several collections in the United States; occasional reference is made to the earlier report by Mortimer Graves. Published listings and catalogues are cited, along with the titles and authors of manuscripts of particular interest to Awad.

The fourth survey formed part of a broader approach taken by Professor James Douglas Pearson of the London University School of Oriental and African Studies. Oriental Manuscripts in Europe and North America (Zug, Switzerland: Inter-Documentation, 1971) treats manuscript collections in all oriental languages on both continents. This work is primarily a listing of publications which cite or itemize collections. For Arabic, Persian, and Turkish manuscripts in North America, Pearson relied on the three previous surveys; he also added observations made during his visits to the United States and information acquired through correspondence.

Although the most recent, and the most complete of the four earlier surveys was published in 1971, much of the information Professor Pearson presented was gathered more than thirty years ago. Collections have changed hands, grown, diminished and even disappeared. The University of California, Los Angeles, for example, purchased in excess of seven thousand manuscripts during the 1960's. The University of Toronto, within the last five years, has acquired some twelve hundred. The Hodgson collection, formerly owned by a small private academy in Georgia, was given in 1965 to the American Oriental Society and is housed in Yale's Sterling Memorial Library; listed some years ago as containing one hundred thirty manuscripts, the collection now numbers twenty-five. Thus there can be no doubt about the present need for an up-to-date survey.

Of particular interest to Islamic scholars and palaeographers are the large-scale microfilming projects of

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foreign holdings which have been undertaken by American institutions. Notre Dame University has completed the microfilming of the manuscript holdings of the Ambrosian Library in Milan. Microfilms of all the Islamic-Arabic manuscripts in the Vatican Library are housed at the State University of New York, Binghamton. St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, has begun microfilming manuscripts in European libraries, especially monastic collections; work in Austria has been completed, and work is now in progress in Malta and Spain. Another project, microfilming the holdings of monastic libraries in Lebanon, has met with financial difficulty; but copies of the results are in the Library of the University of Utah.

For the present survey, letters were mailed to the one hundred fifteen libraries listed by Pearson as holding Arabic, Persian, and Turkish manuscripts. Librarians and curators were asked to verify and bring up to date the information which Pearson set forth. Institutions with relatively large collections, and those whose holdings have increased significantly in recent years, were then visited. Useful information was frequently acquired as a result of discussions with personnel closely identified with the various collections. Visits were made to Yale, Hartford Theological Seminary, Harvard, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, McGill, University of Toronto, University of Michigan, University of Chicago, University of Utah, UCLA, and to twelve libraries in the New York, Washington, and Philadelphia areas.

In the letters, respondents were invited to offer brief comments about the history of their collections, and those who replied did so. The larger collections of several universities and public libraries contain a preponderance of manuscripts of interest for their textual content or their palaeographic importance. On the other hand, art museums have collected miniatures, illuminations, or illustrative calligraphy, usually in separate leaves. Large-scale collecting now seems to have ceased in North America, if not throughout the world, because of

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spiraling prices and diminishing supply. While some continued growth is likely in museum collections, manuscripts containing rare or significant literary texts are not likely to be offered for sale often.

Separate listings for each of the one hundred seven institutions included are arranged alphabetically, by state, in the pages which follow, with Canada entered last. A typical entry is provided with a distinctive number and offers, after the name and address of the institution, a count and a brief description of Arabic, Persian, and Turkish manuscript holdings, in that order. Brief comments on the history of the collection are included, if the curator provided them. Next comes an identification and a short description of the catalogue, if one exists. There follows, under "bibliography", a list of the publications which describe the contents of part or all of the collection. Some of these, it should be noted, are dealer or donor descriptions. Scholars should find particularly useful the identification of the contact for each institution from whom scholars can seek additional information concerning the institution's collection. Even though librarians and curators seem almost as mobile as academics generally, this information should be of assistance during the next few years. An index of titles, subjects and collections associated with an individual is appended.

The reported statistics and the information concerning subject matter, as well as some so-called catalogues, are not in all instances completely reliable. As noted above, identifications and attributions have been taken from the unverified notes of sellers and donors. Even within listings compiled by professionals at various institutions, a varying degree of accuracy is achieved.

Not included in this survey are the sometimes extensive bibliographic records maintained by many museums to indicate use of or citation of their manuscripts in published scholarship.

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### Journal Abbreviations

AJSL	American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures
JAOS	Journal of the American Oriental Society
JNES	Journal of Near East Studies
ZDMG	Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft

