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## INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

### BAKU

#### Azerbaijan Academy of Sciences, Institute of Manuscripts

Kommunisticheskaya ul. 8

370001 Baku

*Date of establishment:* 1987; successor to the Republic Manuscripts Collection, founded 1950

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* More than 15,000 (ca. 7000 Arabic; ca. 5000 Persian; ca. 3000 Turkish, incl. Azeri, Chaghatay/Uzbek, Ottoman Turkish & others).

*Description of collection:* The collecting of these MSS was begun in 1928 by the State Historical Museum. The fields covered are Qurʾān, Qurʾanic Studies, *Hadīth*, *fiqh*, sects, Sufism, history, hagiography, biography, geography, cosmology, mathematics, astronomy, astrology, occult sciences, divination, medicine, logic, grammar, stylistics, literature (poetry and prose), folklore, warfare, poetics and metrics.

Among remarkable Arabic MSS are 2 volumes of IBN SĪNĀ's *al-Qānūn fī'l-tibb*, dating from 6th/12th century; a chapter on surgical instruments from the work on medicine by ABŪ'L-QĀSIM AL-ZAHRĀWĪ (d. 1036); and 2 vols. of *Ṣiḥāh* AL-JAWHARĪ copied and corrected in Baghdad in 510/1117. There are also autographs of several poets of Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkey, 16th–19th centuries.

A small collection of Islamic MSS was in the Library at Azerbaijan State University: 24 units in 1925 (see 1925 BARTOL'D below). It is thought that these have been transferred to the Institute.

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**1976.** Collections of Muslim manuscripts in Moscow and Baku. By BO UTAS. *Annual Newsletter of the Scandinavian Institute of Asian Studies*, 10, 1976, pp. 24–27.

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**1925.** Sobraniya vostochnykh rukopiseĭ v Baku. By V.V. BARTOL'D. *Izvestiya Akademii Nauk*, VI/19, 1925, pp. 946–951. Reprinted in his *Sochineniya*, vol. 8, Moscow 1973, pp. 435–440.

16 Arabic and Persian MSS.

**1958.** Redkie rukopisi klassikov narodov Blizhnego i Srednego Vostoka v rukopisnom fonde AN AzSSR. By M.S. SULTANOV. *Materialy Vsesoyuznoĭ Konferentsii Vostokovedov*, Tashkent, pp. 928–933.

Arabic, Persian and Turkish MSS.

**1959.** *Al-makhtūāt al-ʿArabīya fī Bākū*. By ḤUSAYN ʿALĪ MAḤFŪZ. *Al-Muʿallim al-Jadīd*, 22, pp. 610–618.

**1960.** *Avtoġrafy i unikalʹnye rukopisi proizvedeniĭ klassikov narodov Vostoka v Respublikanskom Fonde Akademii Nauk Azerbaĭdzhanskoĭ SSR*. By M.S. SULTANOV. Moscow. 10pp.

**1961.** *Tarikhā dair ālġazmalary*. By F. SEĪDOV. *Trudy Respubliġanskogo Fonda AN AzSSR*, 1961, pp. 9–29.

Systematic catalogue of 1 Arabic, 22 Persian & 16 Turkish MSS on historical subjects.

**1963.** *Ālġazmalary katalogu*. I jild (*Tarikh, joghrafiya, ādābiyyat nāzārīyyasi, tāzkirālār, bādiġ ādābiyyat vā munshāat*). By M.S. SULTANOV. Baku: Azārbaġjan SSR Elmlār Akademiiyasy, Respublika Ālġazmalary Fondu.

Describes 1281 MSS in 1149 vols.: 697 Persian, 334 Turkish and 118 Arabic. Indexes: Authors and titles, Autographs, Names of copyists, Dates and places of copying, Languages, Concordance of the catalogue and inventory numbers.

For a critique of this catalogue see BIRNBAUM's article (details in Bibliographical Appendix below).

**1977.** *Ālġazmalary katalogu*. II jild (*Junklār*). Baku.

Describes 237 collections of poetry in Arabic, Azeri, Persian & Turkish. Indexes of authors, copyists & places of copying.

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Particulars of Persian MSS.

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1002 Arabic MSS in 205 vols. Indexes of authors, titles, copyists & dates.

In addition to the above catalogues, a series of articles about individual MSS or groups of MSS, and notes of recent acquisitions, has appeared in the periodical *Ālġazmalar Khāzināšindā (Āsarlār)*, Baku 1961 – .

*Unpublished catalogues:* All MSS are registered in handwritten inventory-books. There are also card catalogues for Persian and Turkish MSS.

*Uncatalogued collections:* 50% of Arabic MSS remain to be catalogued.

### State Museum of Azerbaijan Literature, named after Nizami

Ul. Karayeva, 24

370005 Baku

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 126 (28 Arabic; 98 Persian).

*Description of collection:* These MSS contain literature (poetry & prose), history & biography.

*Published catalogues:*

**1979.** See article by DĀNISH-PAZHŪH listed in previous entry above.

*Unpublished catalogues:* All MSS are registered in a handwritten inventory-book. There are three card catalogues, arranged by authors, titles and languages.

## NAKHICHEVAN

## Museum of Literature, named after J. Mamedkulizadeh

Lenin Park

179911 Nakhichevan

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10 (3 Arabic; 7 Persian).

Unpublished catalogue: MSS are registered in a general handwritten inventory-book. There are no card catalogues.

## ZAKATALY

## Historical-Ethnographical Museum

Fortress

142566 Zakataly

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 650 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).

Unpublished catalogue: All MSS are registered in a general handwritten inventory-book. There are no card catalogues.

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