
Austria is described on page 310. The article describes the Turkish collections and the state of their catalogues, published and unpublished.


A bibliography of published catalogues dealing only with Arabic MSS.


Bibliography of catalogues and surveys of Arabic MSS.


This is a reference work listing known collections and catalogues published and unpublished.


Contains references to published catalogues.


A list of published catalogues of collections of Christian Arabic MSS arranged by town.


General reference work listing published catalogues of Arabic manuscript collections all over the world.
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, Chaghatai/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 Qur'ān, Qur'ānic Studies, Ḥadīth, 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 Ṣāḥib b. ‘Umar, al-Qānūn fī’l-ṭibb, 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 Shihāb al-Jawhari 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 Barrow’s below). It is thought that these have been transferred to the Institute.

For general descriptions, see:


Published catalogues:


1938. Redkie rukopisi klassikov narodov Blizhnego i Srednego Vostoka v rukopisnom fonde AN AZSSR. By M.S. Sultanov. Materialy Vsesoyuznoi Konferentsii Vostokovedov, Tashkent, pp. 928–935. Arabic, Persian and Turkish MSS.


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


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


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 Aləzamalar Khāzināsinda (Astvālur), 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 Azerbaijani 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-Pazhnī 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.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX


Azerbaijan, p. 694.


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