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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BOGO
Al-Hajji Usmanu Modibbo

Bogo, Djamaré, northern Cameroon
See the notice by Vincent Monthe in a collection of MSS (10 in Arabic and 10 in Fulbe) microfilmed by the Centre Fédéral Linguistique et Culturel, Yaoundé, in Bulletin de l'Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, série B, Sciences Humaines, 28 iii–iv (1966), p. 670, under "Les manuscrits historiques arabo-africains".

FOUMBAN

Bibliothèque du "Mfon-Mom", Sultan of Foumban's Library

Sultan’s Palace, Foumban, Bamum, Western Province, Cameroon.
Access: Free
Total number of Islamic MSS: 84 (in the Bamum language).
Description of collection: As a result of the restoration of the Palace with UNESCO funds a library was created in the palace in 1985. It is a small library. Mr Ghomsi and two others made a catalogue of all the manuscripts in the Palace. A trilingual catalogue of the library was compiled in Arabic, French and King Njolla’s language. It contains manuscripts and books on all aspects of life of the Bamums. Included are: The King’s agenda for work; Expenditure on the construction of the palace in 1917–1921; list of people who participated in the construction; school report and a list of children who went to professional schools in 1920 etc. Scribes continue to write up to the present day, on all aspects of life of the Bamum people. The main library had 550 books when visited on August 14th 1990.

Documents are well kept; nevertheless, a user needs help to use the library. Documents, books, journals and Islamic manuscripts are in a room with dimensions of about 5 by 5 yards. Scribes continue to write up to the present day.

Fields covered are: history, sociology, education, architecture,
travel, law. The manuscripts are in good physical condition. Although the area is generally very wet and cold in the rainy season, it gets very dry in the heart of the dry season. However the nature of the building, which is heat and moisture resistant, enables them to remain in good condition.

Published catalogues:


This catalogue includes 84 titles of MSS all in Shii-Mom or Bamum language, but all on Islam. It will remain for a long time to come the most comprehensive on this library. The catalogue is in Arabic, French & Njoya’s language.

The present catalogue was made with aid from UNESCO. The manuscripts are all in microform. One copy of each is in the Sultan’s library, one in the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the last in the Institute of Human Sciences, Yaoundé.

**YAOUNDÉ**

**Institut of Human Sciences**

Copies of the microfilmed MSS from the Sultan of Foumban’s library are kept in the Institute, and also in the Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research.