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 Banum 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.

YAOUNDE

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.
ONTARIO
TORONTO
Royal Ontario Museum
West Asian Department, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen Park, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 7 (4 Arabic; 3 Persian).
*Unpublished catalogue*: The MSS are described on registry cards from seller’s or donor’s descriptions.

Toronto Public Library
Pearson (see bibliographical appendix) reports that there are 4 Arabic MSS and 1 Persian MS. in the Public Library.

University of Toronto
Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A5
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 1,255 (1,238 Arabic; 5 Persian; 12 Turkish).
*Description of collection*: See Martin, 1977 (in bibliographical appendix).
*Unpublished catalogue*: The Persian and Turkish MSS have been described on catalogue cards.
QUEBEC

MONTREAL

General


Includes a description of 21 early Qur’anic leaves preserved at McGill University.


Full codicological details. Indexes of titles, texts subject to glosses or commentaries, authors, copyists & owners, incipits, subjects, shelf nos., dates, watermarks, traditional codicological features. 78 facsimiles. Qur’âns are excluded: for them, see 1990 article above and 1991 article under McLennan Library below.

Professor E. Birnbaum

Professor Birnbaum, of the Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Toronto, has a private collection of Islamic MSS: approximately 108 (2 Arabic; 3 Chaghatai; 3 Persian; 100 Turkish). A handlist is intended to be prepared.

Blacker-Wood Library, McGill University

Blacker-Wood Library of Zoology and Ornithology, McGill University, 3459 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1Y1

Total number of Islamic MSS: 282 (74 Arabic; 198 Persian; 10 Urdu). Description of collection: See Martin, 1977 (in bibliographical appendix).

Published catalogues:
1991. For the Arabic MSS, see Union Catalogue under General above.

Unpublished catalogues:

An unpublished handwritten catalogue describing 62 Arabic; 167 Persian and 8 Urdu MSS. A copy is available in the library. The Islamic MSS acquired since are described on cards.

Islamic Studies Library, McGill University

Islamic Studies Library, McGill University, 3459 McTavish Street, Montreal, PQ, Canada H3A 1Y1

Total number of Islamic MSS: 160 (107 Arabic; 29 Persian; 24 Turkish).

Description of collection: See Martin, 1977 (in bibliographical appendix).

Published catalogues:
1990. For one Qur’ân leaf, see the article listed under General above.

1991. For the other Arabic MSS, see Union Catalogue under General above.

Unpublished catalogues:
A handlist of Arabic Manuscripts in the Islamic Studies Library, McGill University. By Adam Gacek. A copy is available for consultation in the library.

There is a card-file checklist for the MSS available for use in the library.

McLennan Library, McGill University

McLennan Library, McGill University, 3459 McTavish Street, Montreal, PQ, Canada H3A 1Y1

Total number of Islamic MSS: 81 (45 Arabic; 31 Persian; 5 Turkish). Description of collection: See Martin, 1977 (in bibliographical appendix).
Published catalogues:

1990. 20 Qur'an leaves are described in the article listed under General above.


1991. For the other Arabic MSS, see Union Catalogue under General above.

Osler Library, McGill University

Osler Library, McGill University, 3655 Drummond Street, Montreal, PQ, Canada H3G 1Y6

Total number of Islamic MSS: 146 (76 Arabic; 68 Persian; 2 Turkish).

Description of collection: The Library consists of literature illustrating the history of medicine and science, collected with a definite educational purpose by the late Sir William Osler, and bequeathed by him to the Medical Faculty of McGill University, Montreal. See Martin, 1977 (in bibliographical appendix).

Published catalogues:


The original Islamic manuscripts in this collection are included under “The Arabians: Rhazes, Avicenna, Averroes” pp. 445–498. Further Islamic MSS acquired since are listed in the appendix of the 1969 edition.

1991. For the Arabic MSS, see Union Catalogue under General above.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX


Lists catalogues and publications about Arabic manuscripts all over the world.