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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ADDALAICHENAI

Mowlawi A.L.M. Hassim

Education College 
Addalaichenai

*Status:* Private

*Conditions of access:* By prior appointment.

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 2 (Tamil).

*Description of collection:* The MSS, which were written by the owner 
recently, cover Islamic principles and practices.

M.B. Abdul Jabbar

An-Noor Vidyalaya 
Addalaichenai

*Status:* Private

*Conditions of access:* By prior appointment.

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 1 (Tamil).

*Description of collection:* The MS, which was written by the owner re-
cently, deals with the Qur’ân and science. 400pp.
AKKARAIPATTU

M.A. Kamaldeen

No. 585, A/I. East Road
Akkaraipattu-1

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Tamil).
Description of collection: The MSS were written in 1933 by K. Mohamed Meeraleeb Alim in Tamil in Arabic script and contain the sermons of ‘Id al-Fitr (Ramadan) and ‘Id al-Adha festivals. They are kept in good condition.

Mowlavi M.M.A. Abdul Latif

Jinna Road
Akkaraipattu-4

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Arabic).
Description of collection: 4 MSS were written in 1910 by A.L. Mohamed Meeraleeb Alim and the other 2 by the owner himself in 1966. They cover Islamic mysticism, fiqh, biography of the Prophet and the four Imams. The MSS are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

BENTOTA

Mowlavi B.L. Abdul Bari

Jaleel Manzil
Thunduwa
Bentota

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MSS deal with Hadith, fiqh and Arabic grammar. As the front pages are missing, the names of the authors are unknown. The owner says that they were brought from India by his father a long time ago. They are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

BERUWELA

Shaykh Hamza Alim bin Mahamed Abdullah

(Alaviyul—Khadiji)
Ketchimala Durga Sharreef
Beruwela

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 22 (21 Arabic; 1 Tamil).
Description of collection: 21 MSS were written in Arabic and the other one is in Tamil in Arabic script. 18 MSS deal with Sufism, the others with Arabic grammar and biography of the four Imams. One is an Arabic dictionary. All these MSS were collected from various sources and kept in a library of the above Darga.

Some of them were written by Abl. Falul Yoosuf and Shaykh Cassimul Halabi. It appears that they may all have been written in the 19th century. In certain MSS front and back pages were torn, but all of them are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

M.I.M. Asard

65/A. Arab Road
Maradana
Beruwela

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MS. is a commentary on the Qur’an. As the front pages are missing, the author is not traceable. It appears that this MS. may have been written about 700 years ago. The script is very beautiful, with artistic decoration on several pages. It is kept in good condition.
COLOMBO
Mohamed Kalith Mohamed Athas

No. 41, Edward Lane, Collupitiya, Colombo-3
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Tamil).
Description of collection: A Tamil translation of the book written in Arabic by Muhammad Majmūd al-Ṣawwār which covers rules and regulations of Islamic prayers. The MS. is in good condition.

DEHIWELA
Mowlavi S.M. Arif

President,
All Ceylon Jemiyathul Quran
131, Galle Road, Dehiwela
Tel.: 01-722569
Date of establishment: 1987
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).
Description of collection: All are copies of the Qurʾān. The front and back pages are all missing, and most are incomplete. Mowlavi Arif brought these MSS from Medina in 1968. No catalogue.

HEMMATHAGAMA
Al Haj. M.S.M. Hussain

A. 35/2, Nuzrath Manzil
Dumbuluwewa
Hemmathagama
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 10.
Description of collection: All the MSS, containing about 60 pages each, were written about 40 years ago by the owner’s father, the late Al Haj. M.I.M. Sheriff who was an Arabic teacher and lecturer.

KANDY
Hanafi Mosque

Chief Trustee
61, Kottagodalla Road
Kandy
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).
Description of collection: The MS. deals with Hanafi fiqh. As the front pages are missing the author’s name is not traceable. Though certain pages are torn, the MS. is kept in good condition.

KATTANKUDY
Mowlavi S.M. Aliyar

Jamiyahul Falah Arabic College
Kattankudy-4
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MS. was written by Mohamed Makthum bin Mohamed Ali about 150 years ago and deals with Sufism. The title is Murshid al-tūlūb. It is kept in good condition.

Jamiyahul Falah Arabic College

The Principal
Jamiyahul Falah Arabic College
Kattankudy-4
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MSS in the library of the College were
written by authors Meeran Sahib Mohamed Ibrahim in 1936, Mowlavi M.Y. Sainudeen in 1984 and Ahmed Hassan Kuthooq. They are on mysticism, fiqh and the biography of the Prophet. They are kept in good condition.

Al-Haji al-Hathib al-Alim M.A. Abdul Gafoor

Pulawar Lane, Arabic College Road, Kattankudy-4
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).
Description of collection: All the MSS were written in Arabic by the owner from 1987 onwards. They contain sermons, biography of the Prophet and Imams, and works on Hadith. All remain unpublished.

Mowlavi H.A.M. Mubeen

Principal, Jamiathul Jamaliya Arabic College
Main Street, Kattankudy
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (2 Arabic; 2 Tamil).
Description of collection: Two of the MSS were written about 60 years ago (one in Arabic and the other in Tamil) by Hameedllebee Alim and are on the biography of the Prophet and the duties of Islamic children to their parents. Another was written in 1909 in Arabic by Mustapa Alim and contains Islamic prayers. The fourth, recently written in Tamil by Meeran Mubeen Alim, also deals with prayers. All the MSS are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

MAHARAGAMA

Gafooriya Arabic College

Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 25 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Some MSS have front pages missing. The others must have been copied from originals which may have been published. They cover fiqh, tafsir, Hadith, Islamic history, Arabic grammar, astronomy and tawhid. A few may have been written in the 19th century. There are 2 copies of the Qur'an. All MSS are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

NINTAVUR

Mowlavi S.M.M. Ibrahim

No. 293/A. Alim Road
Nintavur-2
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Tamil).
Description of collection: The MSS, which were written recently by the owner, are on the biography of the Prophet Yusuf and Ahmad Al-Refa'i, Islamic prayers, Hajj ritual, etc. They are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

PERADENIYA

M.I.M. Ameen

Lecturer
Department of Arabic & Islamic Civilization
Sri Lanka University
Peradeniya
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 8 (Tamil).
Description of collection: Two of the MSS were written about 25 years ago by Mowlavi O.L.M. Ibrahim, an Arabic teacher: they are a commentary on the Arba'in Hadithan of Al-Nawawi and a treatise on Islamic laws on rituals. Another is a work on the history and culture of Sri Lankan Muslims, with special reference to the period 1870–1915, by M.I.M. Ameen. Four others are translations of Arabic works on Sufism and prayers. The eighth is a palm-leaf MS, containing a text by an unknown author on the Islamic faith (Iman). All are kept in good condition. No catalogue.
PUTTALAM
Al-Madarasathul Cassimiyya

Library, Mannar Road, Puttalam
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 11 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Five of the MSS, written about 100 years ago, deal with Arabic grammar. Four other 19th-century MSS (one of which is incomplete) contain texts on *fiqh* (2) and ethics (2). The remaining two are a treatise in verse on etymology and a work on dogmatic theology, written 112 years ago.
All the MSS are kept in good condition. No catalogue.

Mowlavi Mohamed Abdul Rahman Mohamed Fuad

18, Udayar Lane
Puttalam
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MS. is *Khuṭṭat Ibn Nabīṣ*, written in 1882, by Yoomuff Alim Sahib, who was the first Principal of Cassimiya Arabic College, Puttalam. It is not in good condition.

RAGGAHAVELE

M.I. 'Abdus Samath

Principal,
Al-Hasaniya Arabic College
Udugoda
Raggahavele
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 30.
Description of collection: All the MSS were written by the owner, formerly President of the All Ceylon Jamiyyathul Ulemma. They are *fatwahs* and works on cosmogony, time and gravitation, calculating prayer times, etc. They were written about 40 years ago and are kept in good condition. No published catalogue.

RATMALANA

B.D.K. Saldin

Chartered Accountant
No. 6, Samagi Mawatha
Off Borupana Road
Ratmalana
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (3 Arabic/Malay; 1 Gundul).
Description of collection: One MS. on cosmogony was written in Gundul (modified Arabic script) in the 19th century. The other three are in Arabic, with commentaries in Malay, and contain verses praising the Prophet. All are kept in good condition. No published catalogue.

VALAICHENAI

E. Ubaithullah

304, Madeena Road
Miravodai
Valaichenai
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MS., on *fiqh*, was written by Mohamed Ali Mohamed Muhyideen in 1854. It is kept in good condition.

WELIGAMA

J.S.K.A.A.H. Mawlna

No. 52, Buhari Masjith Mawatha,
Weligama
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By prior appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (5 Arabic; 1 Arabic/Tamil).

Description of collection: All the MSS are by Jamaliya Seved Yassin Mawlana el-Hashemy (1900 – 1966).

His father was a migrant to Sri Lanka from Iraq. He studied in India and became a Mawlavi at the age of 17. He knew 11 languages and taught for a short period at Matherass Devabandu, India. He also published 5 books in Arabic. The last period of his life was spent in Sri Lanka.

The MSS include an unpublished Arabic-Tamil dictionary of 1940 (256pp.), a commentary on the Sahih of Bukhari, written in 1950 (4 vols., incomplete) and Ihsan al-seajil (a commentary on ‘Abd al-Karim al-Jaylani’s Insiin al-kamiil), written in 1948. They are in good condition and are in the possession of the author’s son.

Mukhtar A. Mohamed

II, Mohamed Lane
Weligama

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By prior appointment.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Tamil).

Description of collection: The MS., which was written by the owner recently, deals with the biography of the Prophet.

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