UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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PREFATORY NOTE

A comprehensive survey of collections of Islamic manuscripts was carried out by Martin in 1977 (see Union catalogues and Surveys below) and the information describing collections has not been duplicated here. Reference is made to his survey under the relevant collections.

UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS


Notes Arabic MSS & lists most important MSS in uncatalogued collections.


Abbreviated version of Jauła fi dūr al-kutub al-Amīrīkīya above.


America, pp. 69–70.

1962. Muslim miniature paintings from the XIII to the XIX century in collections in the United States and Canada: catalogue of the exhibition. By Ernst
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J. Grube. Venice: Pozza (Cataloghi di Mostre, 10).
Catalogue of MSS & single leaves from various collections.


Amrika—Iyālat Muttaḥidah, pp. 23–53. 117 Ferdowsi MSS in 17 collections.

Inventory of collections.


Part of a series of articles containing descriptions of Islamic MSS in various collections. Articles describing a single collection only are listed under the relevant institution below. Six collections are listed here.

United States of America, pp. 311–313.

Five collections.

Four collections.

Three collections.

Prospectus.

Four collections.

The United States and Canada, pp. 208–247.

Unpublished catalogues:

1942. Survey report of holdings of a number of American libraries.
Available at the Oriental Division of the Research Department of the Library of Congress.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX

Farid Sami Haddad

4332 East Piccadilly Phoenix, AZ 85018

Dr. Farid Haddad has retained a few MSS from the collection of his father, Sami Haddad. Most of this collection of medical MSS is now in the Wellcome Institute in London.

Published catalogue:

A catalogue of Sami Haddad’s collection shortly before it was broken up.

CALIFORNIA

BERKELEY

The Bancroft Library

University of California at Berkeley
Berkeley, CA 94720

Total number of Islamic MSS: 63 (3 Arabic; 15 Persian; 45 uncatalogued Arabic, Persian & Eastern Turkic).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogue:


Unpublished catalogues:
Card inventories.

Uncatalogued MSS:
45 MSS are apparently uncatalogued.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (1 Arabic; 3 Persian; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: Includes the NASLI M. HEERAMANECK Collection of Islamic art bought for the Museum by JOAN PALEVSKY in 1973. The collection includes specimens of painting and calligraphy. See


See also the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogues:

1975. Union catalogue by Rūḥānī.

Unpublished catalogues:
All items are registered on cards.
University of California at Los Angeles

University Research Library
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Total number of Islamic MSS: 7,374 (2,878 Arabic; 1,197 Persian; ca.
3,000 Turkish).
Description of collection: The collection is described in Roman (1990
Union catalogue), pp. 237–239. A handlist with indexes is being
prepared. See also the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
1978. Persian medical manuscripts at the University of California, Los
Angeles: a descriptive catalogue. By Lutz Richter-Bernburg. Malibu:
Undena (Humana Civilitas, 4). 297pp.

1980. Turkish collections in the U.S. The UCLA Research
Library. By D.S. Wilson. *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 4 ii,
1980, p. 17.
Includes descriptions of 2 MSS recently added to the collection.

Muhammad Taqi Dânishpazhûch. *Nuskhahâ-yi Khâtât* 11–12, 1362,
pp. 1–112.

1983. Arabic medical manuscripts at the University of California, Los
Angeles. By Nancy Elizabeth Gallagher. Malibu: Undena (Aids
and Research Tools in Middle East Studies, 1). 24pp.

1983. Fihrist li-l-makhtûtât al-‘Arabiya bi-Maktubat al-Bahh al-


1984. A descriptive list of Arabic manuscripts on medicine and science at the
University of California, Los Angeles. By A.Z. Iskandar. Leiden: Brill,
118pp.

1989. Qâ‘imat al-makhtûtât al-‘Arabiya bi-Majmu‘at ‘Aynâli bi-
Maktubat al-Bahh al-‘Ilmi bi-Jâmi‘at Kâlibawraniyya. By Ahmad

PALO ALTO

Lane Medical Library

Stanford University Medical Center
300 Pasteur Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94305
Total number of Islamic MSS: 40 (15 Arabic; 12 Persian; 4 Turkish;
9 Urdu) + 10 unidentified.
Description of collection: See the following:

1925. The Historical Collection of the Lane Medical Library. By
Louise Ophule. *California and Western Medicine* 25, 1925, pp. 576–
579.

1951. The Barkan Library of the History of Medicine and Natural
Sciences. By Charles D. O’Malley. *Stanford Medical Bulletin* 9,
1951, pp. 145–155.


Unpublished catalogues:
Holdings are partially identified on catalogue cards.

SAN MARINO

Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery

1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA 91108
Total number of Islamic MSS: 18 (14 Arabic; 4 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).
Unpublished catalogues: 
Collection inventoried on cards from booksellers’ and donors’ descriptions.

COLORADO
DENVER

Denver Public Library

1357 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

Three Christian Arabic MSS are described in


See also

1951. Awwâd (under Union catalogues above: *Sumer* article, p. 245).

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD

Case Memorial Library

Hartford Seminary Foundation
55 Elizabeth Street
Hartford, CT 06105

*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 1,324 (1,297 Arabic; 36 Persian; 91 Turkish) + 10 unidentified.

*Description of collection*: See


*Published catalogues*:


1951. See Awwâd’s publications under Union catalogues above.

*Unpublished catalogues*:


A typewritten catalogue covers 1,239 of the Arabic MSS.

Trinity College

Watkinson Library
Hartford, CT 06106

Five Qurʾān MSS. See the union survey by Martin (1977).

*Published catalogue*:


Wadsworth Atheneum

600 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

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

See the union survey by Martin (1977).
Unpublished catalogue:
There is an acquisition card for the MS.

NEW HAVEN

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Yale University
1603A Yale Station
New Haven, CT 06520

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,730 (1,793 Arabic; 303 Persian; 415 Turkish; 219 other).


Published catalogues:
Most of Hodgson’s library passed to the Telfair Academy of Arts & Sciences in Savannah, Georgia, and thence to the American Oriental Society in 1965.

Description of MSS which were put into the possession of the American Oriental Society “by R.P. Waters”.

Description of the collection with a listing of some of the MSS.

Includes the Islamic MSS.


1951. See ‘Awwān’s publications under Union catalogues above.


1984. Union survey by BIRNBAUM.


Unpublished catalogue:
The Beinecke maintains a card catalogue of its MSS which, however, does not include additions made since 1956.

Historical Library

Yale Medical School
Yale University
333 Cedar Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (10 Arabic; 4 Persian; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogues:
1943. The HARVEY CUSHING collection of books and manuscripts. By
Hans Schaltenbrand et al. New York (Publication Number 1, Historical Library, Yale Medical School).
Includes the Islamic MSS. This collection is in the Yale Medical School Historical Library.

1951. See 'Awwâd’s publications under Union catalogues above.

Sterling Library
Yale University
New Haven, CT 06520
Tel.: (203) 432-1775
Date of establishment: 1701
Status: University library
Description of collection: This library holds a collection of microfilms of Arabic MSS in Mali, assembled as a result of the Malian Arabic Manuscript Microfilming Project.

Unpublished catalogues:
Hand-woven check-lists are available in the library.
[Source: Arabic Literature in Africa 1, 1983, p. 17.]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON
Freer Gallery of Art
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560
Total number of Islamic MSS: 42 (18 Arabic; 20 Persian; 4 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
1951. See 'Awâd (Jasul) under Union catalogues above.

Exhibition catalogue.

Exhibition catalogue.

Exhibition catalogue.

1975. Union survey by Rûhânî.

Catalogue of the Gallery’s paintings.

Includes full descriptions of MSS & separate leaves. Exhibition catalogue.

Unpublished catalogue:
The holdings are listed in a card catalogue in the Gallery library.

Institute of Christian Oriental Research
Catholic University of America
620 Michigan Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20064
Total number of Islamic MSS: 73 (40 Arabic; 23 Persian; 10 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
1952. See 'Awâd’s publications under Union catalogues above.

Unpublished catalogue:
The holdings are listed in a bound notebook.
Lainger Library

Georgetown University
37th & O Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20057

_total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (5 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

The Library of Congress

African and Middle Eastern Division
Washington, D.C. 20540

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 2,000 (1,700 Arabic; 2,000 Persian & Turkish; a few Malay & Urdu).
Description of collection: The collection is described in Roman (1990 Union catalogue), pp. 214–217. See also the union survey by Martin (1977), and


Published catalogues:
1938. Union catalogue by Poleman (4 Malay MSS).
1931. See ʿĀwwādp’s publications under Union catalogues above.
1958. See Lanyon-Orgill under Union catalogues above.


Unpublished catalogues:
There is a preliminary handlist on cards for the MSS in the Mansuri collection.

An agreement has been signed with the King Faisal Center for Islamic Research and Studies to have the Arabic MSS catalogued & microfilmed.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

Smithsonian Institution
1050 Independence Ave. SW
Washington D.C. 20560
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: nearly 500 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish), including leaves.

*Published catalogues*:


   Exhibition catalogue.

**FLORIDA**

**MIAMI**

Miami University Libraries

The Walter Hovinghurt Special Collections
University of Miami
Coral Gables, FL 33124
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).

*Published catalogue*:
1986. Described by Krek in *MELA Notes 37*.

**GEORGIA**

**ATLANTA**

Georgia State Library

301 Judicial Building
Atlanta, GA
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 1 (Arabic).

*Description of collection*: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

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Published catalogue:

   Describes the MS. & its text.

Unpublished catalogue:
Inventoried in the list of the Goulding Memorial Gift.

**Woodruff Library**

Emory University
Atlanta, GA 30322
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 1 (Arabic).

*Description of collection*: A Qur’ān. See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**ILLINOIS**

**CHICAGO**

**The Archibald Church Medical Library**

Northwestern University
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 6 (Arabic).

*Description of collection*: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Descriptions in the card catalogue in the library.

**The Newberry Library**

60 West Walton Street
Chicago, IL 60610
*Total number of Islamic MSS*: 48 (34 Arabic; 8 Persian; 4 Turkish; 2 Urdu).

Published catalogues:
Rather full descriptions of 18 MSS.

1938. Union catalogue by Poleman (Urdu).

1951. See ‘Awwān’s publications under Union catalogues above.

Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are described on catalogue cards.

Oriental Institute Museum

University of Chicago
1155 East 58th Street
Chicago, IL 60637
Total number of Islamic MSS: 142 (107 Arabic; 26 Persian; 9 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
Full descriptions of the Qur’ān MSS (nos. 1–32).


29 MSS.

Unpublished catalogue:
The Museum maintains a title/subject listing of Persian and Turkish MSS.

Uncatalogued MSS:
The Persian and Turkish MSS have not been fully catalogued.

Joseph Regenstein Library

University of Chicago
1100 East 57th Street
Chicago, IL 60637
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (2 Arabic; 2 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
Qur’ān in Arabic, p. 113.

Evanston

Northwestern University Library

1935 Sheridan Road
Evanston, IL 60201
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (4 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogues:
The collection is described on acquisition cards.
Northwestern University: Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies

Evanston, IL 60208
Description of collection: Arabic MSS obtained in northern Nigeria between 1968 and 1988. There are two important collections: the 'Umar Falke collection and the John Paden collection.

Published catalogues:


Unpublished catalogues:
Computerised catalogue of 4,000 Arabic MSS and other items. A printed version, with indexes, is planned. [See Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara 6, 1992, pp. 160–161.]
Card catalogues of the Paden collection: alphabetical and numerical listings.

URBANA

University of Illinois

Urbana, IL 61801
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (1 Arabic; 5 Persian).
Published catalogues:

INDIANA

BLOOMINGTON

The Lilly Library

Manuscript Department

Indian University
Bloomington, IN 47405-3301
Total number of Islamic MSS: 31 (16 Arabic; 3 Persian; 12 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogue:
1984. See BRINBAUM under Union catalogues above.

Unpublished catalogue:
The manuscript department maintains a card catalogue with full description of its holdings.

University of Notre Dame

The Frank M. Folson Ambrosiana Microfilm & Photographic Collection, University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556
This library holds microfilms of Arabic MSS in the Ambrosiana Library, Milan, Italy (q.v. in Vol. II, pp. 85–87). See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogues:
1968. A summary catalogue of microfilms of one thousand scientific manuscripts in the Ambrosiana Library, Milan. By ASTRIK LADISLAS GABRIEL.
Notre Dame: University Mediaeval Institute.
Includes 29 Arabic MSS.


ST. MEINRAD

Archabbey Library

St. Meinrad’s College
St. Meinrad, IN 47577
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).
IOWA

DAVENPORT

Davenport Public Library

Davenport, IA

PEARSON, 1971 (see Bibliographical Appendix below) states that the library has 5 Qur'āns, 3 other Arabic MSS & 3 Persian MSS.

IOWA CITY

The University Libraries

University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA 52242

Total number of Islamic MSS: 10 (8 Arabic; 2 Persian).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
The holdings are catalogued on acquisition cards.

KANSAS

KANSAS CITY

Logan Clendening History of Medicine Library

University of Kansas Medical Center

Rainbow Boulevard at 39th Street

Kansas City, KS 66103

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Item is listed on a card.

LAWRENCE

Spencer Library

Department of Special Collection

University of Kansas

Lawrence, KS 66045

Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (4 Arabic; 10 Persian; 1 Turkish).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Holdings described on cards from information on slips in the MSS.

KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON

Frances Carrick Thomas Library

Transylvania College

Lexington, KY 40508

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Identification in manuscript form on fly-leaf of MS.

University of Kentucky

Lexington, KY 40506

Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (14 Arabic; 1 Arabic/Persian; 6 Persian; 2 Persian/Turkish).

Published catalogue:

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS

Tulane University of Louisiana

Howard-Tilton Memorial Library

University of New Orleans

New Orleans, LA 70118

Total number of Islamic MSS: 11 (9 Arabic; 2 Persian).

Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Identification in manuscript form on fly-leaf of MS.
Tulane University
Audubon Place at Freret Street
New Orleans, LA 70118
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: A Bible. See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:

MAINE
BRUNSWICK
Bowdoin College
Hawthorne-Longfellow Library
Brunswick, ME 04011
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (5 Arabic; 1 Turkish).

Published catalogue:
4 Qur’ān MSS, 1 further Arabic MS., 1 Turkish decree.

MARYLAND
Baltimore
The Milton S. Eisenhower Library
Johns Hopkins University
Charles and 34th Street
Baltimore, MD 21218
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (1 Arabic; 2 Persian; 1 mixed Urdu/Persian/Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Holdings are listed on catalogue cards.

Institute of the History of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University
1900 East Monument Street
Baltimore, MD 21205
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Items are listed on catalogue cards.

Walters Art Gallery
600 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201-5185
Total number of Islamic MSS: 116 (41 Arabic; 65 Persian; 10 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
   Includes 1 Arabic MS. given from the Garrett Collection & deposited in the Walters Art Gallery.

   Includes 1 Persian MS. given from the Garrett Collection & deposited in the Walters Art Gallery.

1951. See ʿAwwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.

1975. See Union catalogue by Rūghāni.

Unpublished catalogues:
Inventoried on catalogue cards.
A catalogue of non-Western MSS will be published eventually.

BETHESDA
National Library of Medicine

History of Medicine Division
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 129 (92 Arabic; 28 Persian; 9 Turkish & a few more uncatalogued).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:


Includes the Arabic, Persian & Turkish MSS.

1951. See 'Awâd’s article in Samer under Union catalogues above.


Unpublished catalogues:
The Library keeps an annotated copy of Schullian’s catalogue showing additions to the MSS collections since 1950.

Uncatalogued MSS:
A few recently acquired MSS are not fully catalogued.

MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST
Amherst College Library

Amherst College
Amherst, MA 01002
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (3 Arabic; 3 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:
1983. Described by Krek in MELA Notes 28 (see under Union catalogues above).

Unpublished catalogue:
Descriptive information on cards.

BOSTON
Boston Athenæum

The Library
10 1/2 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108
Total number of Islamic MSS: 8 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
1984. Described by Krek in MELA Notes 31 (see under Union catalogues above).
Unpublished catalogue:
A list of contents was prepared by an unnamed professor at the
Semitic Museum of Harvard University.

Boston Public Library

Copley Square
Boston, MA 02117
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (3 Arabic; 2 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:
1951. See ‘Awwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.

Unpublished catalogue:
MSS described on cards.

Boston University

Mugar Library
147 Bay State Rd.
Boston, MA 02215
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 10 (Arabic).

Published catalogue:
1984. Described by Kree in MELA Notes 31 (see under Union cata-
logues above).
3 Qur’āns & some Christian Arabic MSS.

Francis A. Countway Library

Harvard University Medical Center
10 Shattuck Street
Boston, MA 02113
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 10 (Arabic; Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

280 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).

Published catalogues:

1987. Described by Kree in MELA Notes 42 (see under Union cata-
logues above).

Massachusetts Historical Society Library

Massachusetts Historical Society
1154 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02215
Description of collection: See article by Kree in MELA Notes 35 (under
Union catalogues above). This collection contains a few miscellaneous
Arabic & Turkish MSS, letters & documents.
**Museum of Fine Arts**

Asiatic Department, 465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

*Total number of Islamic MSS: 13 (8 Arabic; 5 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).*

*Published catalogues:*


1927. See Martinovich under Union catalogues above.


1951. See ʿAwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.


1975. Union catalogue by Rūḥānī.

*Unpublished catalogue:*

The MSS are catalogued on cards.

**BROOKLINE**

Edwin Binney

*Status: Private art collection*

*Published catalogues:*


**CAMBRIDGE**

Fogg Art Museum

32 Quincy Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

*Total number of Islamic MSS: 9 (5 Arabic; 2 Persian; 2 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).*

*Published catalogues:*


Unpublished catalogue: There is a card registry of acquisitions which includes the MSS.

The Houghton Library

Harvard University
Cambridge, MA 02138
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 910 (800 Arabic; 65 Persian; 37 + a few more Turkish; a few Urdu).
Description of collection: The collection is described in Roman (1990 Union catalogue), pp. 228–229, and in the union survey by Martin (1977). Montefi notes that ‘la bibliothèque de Harvard’ has 5 or 6 MSS in Arabic written by African slaves in the early 19th century but is not more specific: see

For the Turkish collection, see


Published catalogues:
The Semitic Museum’s MSS are now housed in the Library.

1938. Union catalogue by Poleman (Urdu).

1951. See ‘Awwad’s article in Sumer, pp. 266–267 (under Union catalogues above).


Unpublished catalogues:

For Persian MSS—a card catalogue.
For Turkish MSS—a typescript checklist.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Library
MIT
Cambridge, MA 02138
See Krik’s article in MELA Notes 42 (see under Union catalogues above) describes 1 Persian MS.

Widener Memorial Library

Harvard University
Cambridge, MA 02138
Total number of Islamic MSS: 306 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).
For the Turkish collection, see

Mentions the Widener Collection.

**Published catalogues:**


Lists 174 items.

**Uncatalogued MSS:**
The MSS have not been properly catalogued.

**FITCHBURG**

**Fitchburg Art Museum**

Merriam Parkway
Fitchburg, MA 01420

**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 1 Arabic leaf & 2 Persian MSS, all unidentified.

**Description of collection:** See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**NORTHAMPTON**

**Smith College Library**

Smith College
Northampton, MA 01063

**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 11 (7 Arabic; 2 Persian; 1 Turkish).

**Published catalogue:**

1983. Described by Kerek in *MELA Notes* 28 (see under Union catalogues above).

3 Qur′āns, 5 further Arabic MSS, 2 Persian MSS, 1 Turkish commentary on the Qur′ān.

**SALEM**

**Peabody Museum**

East India Marine Hall
Salem, MA 01970

**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 23 (Arabic).

**Description of collection:** See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**Published catalogue:**


Describes 12 MSS belonging to the American Antiquarian Society which are believed to have come with that collection to the Museum.

**SPRINGFIELD**

**Museum of Fine Arts**

Springfield, MA 01103

**Description of collection:** A collection of over 150 miniature paintings, calligraphic leaves and books were given to the Museum.

**Published catalogue:**


Exhibition catalogue containing descriptions of 2 Qur′āns, 1 Turkish & 1 Persian MSS, as well as many calligraphic leaves & paintings.

**WALTHAM**

**Brandeis University Library**

Brandeis University
Waltham, MA 02154

**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 10 (4 Arabic; 6 Persian).
Published catalogue:

Unpublished catalogue:
List available within the library.

WELLESLEY
Wellesley College Library

Wellesley, MA 02181
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (4 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Published catalogues:
1983. Described by Krek in MELA Notes 28 (see under Union catalogues above).

WILLIAMSTOWN
Williams College

Chapin Library & Williamsiana Collection
Williams College
Williamstown, MA 01267
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic) + 1 Persian leaf & some Arabic letters.

Published catalogues:
1984. Described by Krek in MELA Notes 31 (see under Union catalogues above).

WORCESTER
Clark University Library

Clark University
950 Main St.

Worcester, MA 01610
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (2 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Published catalogue:
1985. Described by Krek in MELA Notes 35 (see under Union catalogues above).

Worcester Art Museum

Worcester Art Museum
55 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian) + miniatures.
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:


Unpublished catalogue:
Holdings are listed on acquisition cards.

MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR

University of Michigan Library

Department of Rare Books and Special Collections
University Library, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,047 (750 Arabic; 175 Persian; 90 Turkish; 32 mixed languages).


1984. See Birnbaum’s Union survey.

Unpublished catalogue:
851 MSS have been described on cards.

University of Michigan Museum of Art
Alumni Memorial Hall
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
1975. Union catalogue by Rūḥānī.

At the end of this article, on pp. 226–227, are listed MSS at the Museum.

Unpublished catalogue:
Description of MS. is included in the collection’s catalogue of registry cards.

DETOUR
The Detroit Institute of Art
5200 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202
Total number of Islamic MSS: 14 (8 Arabic; 3 Persian; 3 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:

1951. See ‘Awwās under Union catalogues above (Samār article).


Unpublished catalogue:
All items are described on registry cards.

MINNESOTA
COLLEGEVILLE
Hill Monastic Manuscript Library
Saint John’s University, Collegeville, MN 56321
Holds microfilms of collections of Islamic MSS. See the union survey by Martin (1977).

MINNEAPOLIS
Ames Library of South Asia
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Total number of Islamic MSS: 13 (12 Persian; 1 Urdu).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).
Unpublished catalogue:
Internal card file.

The Minneapolis Institute of Art

2400 Third Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:

Unpublished catalogue:
The MSS are described on cards.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY

William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art

Atkins Museum of Fine Arts
4525 Oak Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic), plus many Persian leaves.
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:
1975. Union catalogue by Rūhani.

Unpublished catalogue:
The Arabic MS. is described from seller’s notes on a registry card.

ST LOUIS

The St Louis Museum of Art

Department of Oriental Art

6665 Delmar Boulevard
St Louis, MO 63103
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

Published catalogue:

Unpublished catalogue:
MS. is described on an acquisition card.

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN

University of Nebraska at Lincoln

The University Library
Lincoln, NE 68508
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue of holdings.

OMAHA

Gene Eppley Library

University of Nebraska at Omaha
PO Box 688
Omaha, NE 68101
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977). Not catalogued.

Joslyn Art Museum

2200 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (2 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
MSS are described on cards from information provided by donors/sellers.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HANOVER

Dartmouth College Library

Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH 03755
Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (19 Arabic; 1 Persian; 3 Turkish).

Published catalogue:
Full descriptions of the MSS.

NEW JERSEY

NEW BRUNSWICK

Gardner A. Sage Library

New Brunswick Theological Seminary
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Total number of Islamic MSS: 11 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
Some of the MSS are catalogued in the card catalogues of either the main library or the Rare Book Room.

NEWARK

Newark Museum
Oriental Collections
Newark Museum
43–49 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07101
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
MS. is described on card in registry file.

PRINCETON

Princeton Theological Seminary

Princeton, NJ 0854
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Qur’aṅs.

Published catalogue:
1983. Described by Kree in MELA Notes 28 (see under Union catalogues above).

Princeton University Library

Princeton University
Princeton, NJ 08544
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 9,300 (ca. 8,600 Arabic; 1 Pashto; 370 Persian; 336 Turkish; 10 Urdu).
Description of collection: Described in Roman (1990 Union catalogue) pp. 219–224 and in the union survey by Martin (1977). See also

Published catalogues:


Describes 700 MSS of which 440 came to Princeton University Library.


1927. Union catalogue by Martinovitch.


Full descriptions of 2,225 MSS.


Full descriptions of 213 MSS.

1951. Union catalogue by 'Awwād in Sumer.


Full descriptions of 5,275 MSS.


Concise descriptions of 1,626 Arabic MSS acquired since publication of the Garrett and Yahuda Collections.


Appendix, pp. 95–104, lists MSS under locations, including Princeton.

TRENTON

New Jersey State Museum

205 W. State St.
CN 530
Trenton, NJ 08625-0530

Description of collection: The collection includes some Persian manuscripts. See

1968. Ulbert Welke: his writings and collections of calligraphies. [Trenton: New Jersey State Museum. 4pp.]
NEW YORK

BINGHAMTON

State University of New York at Binghamton

Binghamton, NY 13901
Description of collection: Holds microfilm copies of 1,679 Arabic MSS in the Vatican Library; see the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:


BUFFALO

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (3 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Published catalogue:

Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society

Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (3 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

ITHACA

Cornell University Library

Department of Rare Books
Cornell University Library
Ithaca, NY 14853
Total number of Islamic MSS: 21 (11 Arabic; 7 Persian; 3 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:
Inventoried on cards; some volumes bear tentative identifications pencilled inside covers.

NEW YORK

Brooklyn Museum

Middle Eastern Art and Archaeology Department
The Brooklyn Museum
Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11238
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (3 Persian; 2 Turkish).

Published catalogues:


Unpublished catalogue:
MSS are listed on cards.

City University of New York

535 East 80th Street
New York, NY 10021
No recent information is available, but see

**Elmer Holmes Bobst Library**

70 Washington Square South
New York, NY 10012
*Total number of Islamic MSS: 1* (Persian) plus possibly some Qur’ans.

**Published catalogue:**
1983. Persian MS. described by Kreik in *MELA Notes* 28 (see under Union catalogues above).

**Columbia University**

Rare Book and Manuscript Library
801 Butler Library
Columbia University
New York City, NY 10027
*Total number of Islamic MSS: 524* (388 Arabic; 104 Persian; 32 Turkish).
*Description of collection:* Described by Roman (1990 Union catalogue), pp. 230–231 and by Martin (Union surveys 1977). See also


**Published catalogues:**

1951. See ‘Awwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.


**Unpublished catalogues:**
5 Arabic MSS & a Hebrew-Persian dictionary are described in the unpublished Descriptive catalogue of Semitic manuscripts (mostly Hebrew) in the libraries of Columbia University, by Isaac Mendelsohn. 2 vols. Available in the Library.

**Uncatalogued MSS:**
A few MSS have been added to the collection since the catalogues were done.

**Jewish Theological Seminary of America**

3080 Broadway
New York City, NY 10027
*Total number of Islamic MSS: over 250* (250 Arabic; unspecified number of Persian MSS (about four shelves)).
*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**Published catalogues:**
Includes descriptions of several Arabic MSS.

1951. See ‘Awwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.

**Unpublished catalogues:**
A handwritten catalogue of Arabic MSS is available in the library.
Metropolitan Museum of Art

Department of Islamic Art
Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street
New York City, NY 10028

Total number of Islamic MSS: 37 (11 Arabic; 24 Persian; 2 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:

Very detailed catalogue of 24 MS. volumes (20 Persian, 2 Eastern Turkish, & 1 Arabic).


1951. See ʿAwwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.


1975. Union catalogue by Rūhānī.

Incl. descriptions & illustrations of a number of MSS and leaves in the Museum.

Unpublished catalogue:
The department maintains a complete registry file for all acquisitions.

New York Public Library

The Research Libraries
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street
New York City, NY 10018

Total number of Islamic MSS: 385 (248 Arabic; 100 Persian; 34 Turkish; 3 Urdu).

Published catalogues:

1951. See ʿAwwād’s publications under Union catalogues above.

1958. See Lanyon-Ogilv (under Union catalogues above).

Includes the Islamic MSS, but under title only. Reproduction of the card catalogue.


   Full descriptions of 412 Arabic MSS, 176 Persian MSS, 42 Turkish MSS, & 3 Urdu MSS.

Published catalogue:
The card catalogues for the Islamic MSS holdings have been reproduced as published "dictionary" catalogues (see 1960 & 1971 above).

The Pierpont Morgan Library

29 East 36th Street
New York City, NY 10016
Total number of Islamic MSS: 26 (4 Arabic; 20 Persian; 2 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogues:
1951. See ‘Awād’s publications under Union catalogues above.

   Catalogue; two Islamic MSS are described (nos. 19–20).

1962. Union catalogue by GRUBE.

Published catalogues:
The main holdings are listed in the library’s card catalogue of manuscripts.
A catalogue of the Islamic manuscripts is being prepared by BARBARA SCHMITZ.

Union Theological Seminary

The Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway at Reinhold Niebuhr Place
New York City, NY 10027
Total number of Islamic MSS: 26 (18 Arabic; 8 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by MARTIN (1977).

Published catalogue:
   Descriptions of 18 Arabic MSS.

Published catalogue:
Preliminary list in typescript of some of the MSS.

OLEAN

St Bonaventure University

St Bonaventure, NY 14778
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 10 (4 Arabic; a few Persian).

Published catalogues:
   Descriptions of Christian Arabic MSS; notes that the Library has also some Persian MSS.

POUGHKEEPSIE

Vassar College

Department of Special Collections
The Library
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (2 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

ROCHESTER
Memorial Art Gallery
Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester
490 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

NORTH CAROLINA
Medical Center Library
Medical Center Library
Duke University
Durham, NC 27706
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

OHIO
CINCINNATI
Cincinnati Art Museum
Near Eastern and Far Eastern Art
Cincinnati Art Museum
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (2 Arabic; 3 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:

Unpublished catalogue:
MSS are catalogued on cards in the department.

University of Cincinnati
610 Main Library
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH 45221
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (3 Arabic; 2 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
MSS are catalogued on cards in the department.

CLEVELAND
Cleveland Public Library
John G. White Department of Folklore, Orientalia and Chess
Cleveland Public Library
325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 225 (92 Arabic; a few Malay; 96 Persian; 37 Turkish; a few Urdu).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
1938. Union catalogue by Poleman (Urdu).

1938. See Lanyon-Orgill (under Union catalogues above).

Includes Islamic MSS.


1976. Handlist of the Arabic manuscripts in the John G. White
Describes 53 Arabic MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:
Typed.
All items are fully catalogued in the department's files under author, title, subject and series entries.

DAYTON

The Dayton Art Institute

Forest and Riverview Avenues
PO Box 941
Dayton, OH 45401
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
The MS. is identified on a registry card.

OBERLIN

Oberlin College Library

Oberlin College
Oberlin, OH 44074
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (5 Arabic; 1 Persian).

Published catalogue:
Describes 5 Qurʾān MSS & 1 Persian MS. This entry is repeated in MELA Notes 42 at the beginning of part 9 (see Union catalogues 1987).

OXFORD

Miami University Library
Special Collections
Miami University Library
Oxford, OH 45056
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

TOLEDO

Toledo Museum of Art

Monroe Street at Scottwood Ave.
PO Box 1013
Toledo, OH 43697
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
The MSS are recorded on registry cards.

OREGON

EUGENE

University of Oregon Library
Special Collections
University of Oregon Library
Eugene, OR 97403
Total number of Islamic MSS: 8 (Arabic).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

PORTLAND

Portland Art Museum

Southwest Park and Madison
Portland, OR 97205
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
The MSS are identified on registry cards.

Portland State University: Middle East Studies Center
PO Box 751
Portland, OR 97207
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Unpublished catalogue:
The MSS are described on registry cards.

PENNSYLVANIA

BETHLEHEM

Linderman Library
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).

EASTON

Skillman Library
Lafayette College
Easton, PA 18042
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:
1934. A Djami’s manuscript in the Lafayette College Library. By N.N. Martinovitch. Ars Islamica 1, 1934, pp. 128–129.

HAVERTHORD

Magill Library
Haverford College
Haverford, PA 19041
Total number of Islamic MSS: 13 (10 Arabic; 3 Persian).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogue:

Unpublished catalogue:
The MSS are listed in a bound booklet.

PHILADELPHIA

Droop's University
The Library
Droop's University
Broad and York Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19132
Total number of Islamic MSS: 86 (71 Arabic; 9 Persian; 6 Turkish).
Description of collection: See the union survey by Martin (1977).

Published catalogues:
These MSS are thought to be at Droop's University.

1951. See ‘Awwān’s article in Sumer (under Union catalogues above).

Unpublished catalogues:
A list of MSS in Droop's College Library. By J. Reider.
Remains unpublished. Pearson (1971) says that it describes the Arabic, Persian & Turkish MSS. Martin (1977) reports that all the MSS at Dropside are being recatalogued.

**Free Library of Philadelphia**

Rare Book Department
The Free Library of Philadelphia
Logan Square
Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 108 (39 Arabic; 55 Persian; 11 Turkish; 3 Urdu).

*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**Published catalogues:**


Describes 1 Turkish & 2 Persian MSS.


Full descriptions of 35 Arabic, 52 Persian, 10 Turkish and 3 Urdu MSS.

1938. Union catalogue by Poleman (Urdu).

**Uncatalogued MSS:**

4 Arabic, 3 Persian & 1 Turkish MSS have not been catalogued.

**The Library Company of Philadelphia**

1314 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 2 (1 Arabic & 1 Persian).

*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**Charles Patterson Van Pelt Library**

Special collections
The Charles Patterson Van Pelt Library
University of Pennsylvania
34th and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19174

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 44 (43 Arabic; 1 Persian).

*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**University of Pennsylvania Museum**

33rd and Spruce Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19104

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 17 (12 Arabic; 5 Persian).

*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

**RHODE ISLAND**

**PROVIDENCE**

**The John Hay Library**

Brown University
Providence, RI 02912

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 5 (4 Arabic; 1 Persian).

*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).
Published catalogue:
1951. See ‘Awād’s article in *Sumer* (under Union catalogues above).

*Unpublished catalogue:*
The MSS are listed in the Special Collections card catalogue.

**Museum of Art**
Rhode Island School of Design
Providence, RI 02903
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 4 (1 Arabic; 3 Persian).
*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

*Unpublished catalogue:*
The MSS are listed in a card file.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**
**CHARLESTON**
Charleston Library Society

164 King Street
Charleston, SC 29401
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 1 (Persian).
*Description of collection:* Item remain unidentified. See the union survey by Martin (1977).

*Published catalogues:*
1985. See article by Krek in *MELA Notes* 35 (under Union catalogues above).

**TEXAS**
**AUSTIN**
Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center

University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX 78713-7219
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 23 (10 Arabic; 13 Persian).
*Description of collection:* See the union survey by Martin (1977).

*Unpublished catalogue:*
There is an abbreviated handlist of the MSS, but no catalogue.

**HOUSTON**
Art and History Trust Collection
Houston, TX
See

Includes Persian illuminated MSS.

**UTAH**
**SALT LAKE CITY**
University of Utah: Middle East Studies Library

University Libraries
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 129 (116 Arabic; 8 Persian; 5 Turkish).
*Description of collection:* In addition to the MSS, the library possesses microfilm copies of over 2,000 Arabic MSS. See the union survey by Martin (1977) and the description of the special collections in


*Published catalogues:*
1955. *The Arabic manuscripts of Mount Sinai: a hand-list of the Arabic manuscripts and scrolls microfilmed at the library of the Monastery of St*
Copies of these microfilms are held in the library.

Catalogue.

Uncatalogued MSS:
There is a temporary listing of the MSS.

Published catalogue:
In 1985 the librarian reported that 240 Arabic MSS were not catalogued.

VERMONT
MIDDLEBURY
Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT 05753
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: A Qur‘ān.

Published catalogue:
1983. Described by KREK in MELA Notes 35 (see under Union catalogues above).

VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE
University of Virginia

Manuscript Department, Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 22903-2498
Total number of Islamic MSS: 8 (6 Arabic; 2 Persian).
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