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(addenda & corrigenda)

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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BAUCHI STATE

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Ahmad Tura

Mal. Ahmadu’s Residence, Behind Emir’s palace
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 172 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection contains rare Islamic manuscripts, of literary and artistic significance. It was acquired several decades ago through purchases. Currently, it is being enriched through the copying of rare MSS, borrowed from friends of the owner.

The collection is kept in the owner’s apartment. Its condition is fair, though some MSS have lost their covers. The texts are on the following subjects: fiqh (16), tawhid (30), Sufism (4), ṭarīq (90), grammar (30), and Hadith (2).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Ali Tsafe

Anguwar Doya
Bauchi Town
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 86 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The collection is poorly preserved in the owner’s private room, and as a result the majority of the MSS have been partially destroyed by damp and termites. Some have lost their bindings.

According to the owner, the collection originates from various sources, as he bought some of its holdings from visiting scholars, and had inherited some from his late parents. The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (20), tawhid (15), Sufism (30), and poetry (21).
Alh. Muhammad Babban Inna

Deputy Chief Imam
Bauchi Central Mosque
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 279 (Arabic; Fulbe).
Description of collection: The collection contains MSS on fiqh (90), Sufism (60), tawhid (18), Hadith (5), Holy Qurʾān (16), astronomy (1), philosophy (20), logic (3), ṣarūḥ (2), usūl (4), medicine (1), grammar (8), correspondence (19) and poetry (32).
Most of the MSS were either copied or authored by the owner, whilst the rest were inherited from his late father. The collection is well preserved and in fine condition. It is kept in a box in the owner’s study. Some MSS have excellent bindings, and are of artistic significance.
The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Umar

Behind Emir’s palace
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 115 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MSS in this collection originate over seventy years ago, when the owner took it upon himself to copy religious texts as a devotion to God. They are well kept on a table in the owner’s room and are in good condition.
They cover the following subjects: Holy Qurʾān (9), prayers (5), grammar (4), poetry (70), fiqh (7), Sufism (12) and tawhid (8).
The collection is not catalogued.

Mal. Inuwa Jahun

Chief Imam
Bauchi Central Mosque
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 235 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: The collection originates from various sources, both within Nigeria and outside. The majority was inherited from his parents, who had travelled widely round West Africa in pursuit of Islamic education. The owner’s original works are also preserved in this collection.
The MSS are well preserved and in good condition. They cover the following subjects: fiqh (39), ʿaqīda (20), Qurʾān (16), sermons (40), Sufism (13), grammar (7), politics (15), history (5) and poetry (80).
The collection contains rarities and MSS of artistic quality. It is uncatalogued.

Muhammad Mai Babban Buzu

Mai Babban Buzu’s Residence
Blanga – Dam
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the late owner’s family.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 450 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).
Description of collection: According to his son, the late MAI BABBAN BUZU personally copied most of the MSS in his youth, and probably bought the rest from individuals.
The collection is poorly preserved and is scattered both in the late owner’s residence and that of his children. Most of the MSS have been partially destroyed by bookworms and termites. Some have lost their pagination and covers. If the collection is not restored, it will be destroyed completely before long. The poor preservation and fragmentation of the MSS make it impossible to identify their subject-matter. A random inspection, however, reveals that most of them are the works of great scholars like SHEHU USMAN DAN FODIO and MUHAMMAD BELLO, and texts of the Holy Qurʾān, fiqh and tawhid.
The collection is not catalogued.

Mal. Abdul Qadir

Mal. Abdul Qadir’s Residence
Jahun.
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).
Description of collection: All the holdings of the collection were copied by the owner from printed Arabic texts on Islamic theology. They are well preserved in a carton, and are in good condition. They are uncatalogued.

Shaykh Tahir Uthman Bauchi

Kobi Street
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By special appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 453 (Arabic; Fulbe).
Description of collection: Shaykh Tahir Bauchi, a prominent Islamic scholar based in Kaduna, copied the bulk of the collection from printed Islamic books in his student days. Other MSS were donated to him by individuals, whilst the rest are his original works on various Islamic subjects. They are well preserved in glass-fronted bookcases in the owner’s private apartment, and are in excellent condition. The collection contains some rarities, and some MSS with good calligraphy and bindings.

The subjects of the texts are as follows: tafsir (40), Hadith (60), fiqh (100), Qur’ân (19), philosophy (32), logic (12), fatawa (81), poetry (76), astronomy (6), usul (14) and grammar (13).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued or not.

GOMBE

Alh. Abdullahi Jami

Bakin Kasuwa
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 60 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The collection is preserved in the living room of the owner. It was bequeathed to him following the death of his father, Mal. Jami. The MSS are in fine condition. Subjects covered by the collection are: poetry (4), fiqh (26), grammar (9), Qur’ân (1), astronomy (2), Hadith (7) and sermons (11).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Abdu Baba

Sabon Layi
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The manuscripts in the collection were copied by the owner in his student days from famous books on the Islamic religion. They are well preserved and in fine condition. The texts are on fiqh (19) and grammar (4).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Ali bin Said

Angwari Doya
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 20 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This is a collection of the original works of the owner, written over the last three decades. The MSS are well preserved in the owner’s study. The collection covers adab, Sufism, sermons and fiqh. It is uncatalogued.

Imam Usman Bafata

Chief Imam,
Gombe Central Mosque
Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection was inherited from the Imam’s late father. Most of it has been lent out to scholars and researchers, and is yet to be returned. The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (9), Qur’ân (2), and Sufism (4).

The collection is well preserved in the late owner’s apartment.

Mal. Muhammad

Shamaki Bajoga,
Tudun Wada
Mal. Ibrahim Alkali

Tudun Wada K

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 43 (Arabic, Fulbe).

Description of collection: The bulk of this collection was inherited from the owner’s late father. The collection is poorly preserved in a sack. Most of the MSS have been damaged by damp and bookworms, and have lost pages and bindings. They cover the following subjects: Qur’an (3), fiqh (1), Sufism (21), philosophy (1) and poetry (17). The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Salihu Abubakar

Tudun Wada C

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection consists of texts of the Holy Qur’an copied by the owner. Though in fragments, they are well preserved. The collection is uncatalogued.

KUMO

Alh. Babikir

Imam, Izala Jumu’a Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 21 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This collection is well preserved in the owner’s study. It was acquired through purchases and copying. The subjects covered are: fiqh (9), taufi‘id (3), Hadith (4) and poetry (16). The collection is uncatalogued.

Alb. Gurama Abbaje

Anguwar Sarkin Yaki

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 6,093 (Arabic; Fulbe).

Description of collection: According to the owner, most of the MSS in the collection have been lost to borrowers and other biological agents. The surviving MSS are well preserved on bookshelves and are in excellent condition. The collection possesses some rare items and fine bindings. The collection deals with the following subjects: fiqh (240), Hadith (60), medicine (20), mathematics (2), Sufism (38), grammar (21), sermon (1), theology (40), fatawā (90) and poetry (168).

Unpublished catalogue: A handlist describes about 500 MSS in the collection.

Alb. Shuaibu Muhammad

Chief Imam

Kumo Central Mosque

Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 800 (Arabic, Fulbe).

Description of collection: The collection is well preserved on bookshelves in the apartment of the owner, who inherited it from his late father some 10 years ago. He enriched the collection through acquisition and copying.
The collection deals with the following subjects: fiqh (350), aqida (250), philosophy (40), Sufism (70), Hadith (8), fatwas (11), grammar (10), tasvir (16) and poetry (43).

Unpublished catalogue:
A handwritten register lists all the MSS in the collection.

Mal. Abubakar

Deputy Imam
Kumo Central Mosque
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 270 (Arabic, Fulbe).
Description of collection: This is a collection of rare MSS of great literary significance. Most are the owner’s own works; the rest were copied from the collections of his teachers and relations. The collection covers a variety of subjects, including: fiqh (92), grammar (18), poetry (19), sermons (21), aqida (33), astronomy (6), correspondence (9), mantiq (12), philosophy (4), Quranic (2) and fatwas (54).

The MSS are well kept in the owner’s room, and are in fair condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

NAFADA

Mal. Adamu Na-Fada

c/o Central Mosque
Date of establishment: 1986
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 364 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection is well arranged and preserved in the private library of the owner. It was acquired through donations, purchases, and copying. All the MSS are in perfect condition. The collection possesses some rarities and fine bindings.

Subjects covered by the MSS are: fiqh (81), taushid (21), Hadith (30), Sufism (16), adab (8), fatwas (90), philosophy (2), poetry (41) and correspondence (75).

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued or not.

BORNO STATE

MAIDUGURI

Alhaji Abubakar Misken

c/o Tijani El Misken
Dept. of Islamic Studies
University of Maiduguri
Description of collection: Full information is not available at present, but it is certain that this collection contains invaluable material that is unique to Borno’s historical and cultural milieu. Some MSS also contain texts on the history of the Western and Central Sudan from the 14th century, as well as great literary works of ‘ilma of Borno on various aspects of religion and socio-political conditions in Borno and other parts of the Muslim world since early times.

Awacha Bukar

Shehu Umar Garbai Road
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 101 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: The collection is kept on bookshelves in the owner’s apartment. It is well preserved, and is in excellent condition.

The MSS cover the following subjects: Holy Quran (8), fiqh (6), grammar (2), Hadith (4), taushid (7), fatwas (21), medicine (40) and poetry (13).

The collection is not catalogued.

Bukar Goni

Bolori
Date of establishment: 1950
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 50 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Very little is known about this collection, as the owner refused to allow access to it. He hinted, however, that it covers fiqh, Qurʾān, Hadith, medicine, history, fatwas, and poetry.
It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Bukar Gonikoro
Near Lamisala Police Station
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 72 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: This collection consists of the original works of the owner, which he wrote over a period of forty years.
The collection is well preserved in the owner’s apartment, and is in perfect condition. Subjects represented are: Qurʾāns (15), fiqh (20), grammar (6), logic (1), taṣawwuf (4) and poetry (26). The collection contains MSS of rare literary significance and fine bindings.
It is not known whether it has been catalogued or not.

Centre for Trans-Saharan Studies
University of Maiduguri
P.M.B. 1069
Date of establishment: 1986
Status: Academic research library
Conditions of access: By permission of the Curator of Islamic MSS of the Centre.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 565 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa; Kanuri).
Description of collection: The bulk of the holdings of this collection was acquired through donations from private individuals and micro-filming.
The MSS are well arranged and preserved in cabinets, in a spacious hall. They are in excellent condition. There are some old MSS which date back to the 16th century.
Subjects covered by the collection are as follows: Islamic knowledge (100), history (16), biography (10), grammar (8), correspondence (4), literature (20), administration (86), Hadith sciences (2), ascetism (8), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (60), jurisprudence (71), medicine (3), mysticism (1), mathematics (45), astronomy (4), theology (90), lexigraphy (1) and genealogy (36).
The collection contains some valuable MSS with fine calligraphy.

Unpublished catalogue:
A register lists all the MSS in the collection.

Ibrahim Ahmad
Chief Imam
Maiduguri Central Mosque
Date of establishment: 1948
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 98 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: This is a collection of valuable MSS dating from the 17th century and later. The core of it was inherited from the parents of the owner, whilst the rest were copied or bought by him.
The collection is well preserved in the owner’s apartment, and is in excellent condition. It covers the following subjects: fiqh (7), sermons (16), medicine (48), ṣuṣūl (1), history (9), grammar (6), correspondence (5) and poetry (6).
Some MSS are of artistic significance.
The collection is uncatalogued.

Mustapha al-Qadi Abani
(see Vol. II, p. 411, where the name is wrongly given as “Alkali”)
Shehuri North,
House No. 13
Date of establishment: 1970
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 53 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the owner by his parents, and he later enriched it through purchases.
The MSS are undated. They are well preserved in the owner’s library and are in excellent condition. The subjects covered by the collection are: Qur’ān (2), fatwās (17), Shāfī‘a (21), grammar (4), medicine (5), fiqh (5) and poetry (1).

Unpublished catalogue:
A handwritten register lists all the MSS in the collection.

Shaykh Ahmad Abdul Fathi
PO Box 191
Maiduguri
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 33 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: This collection of old MSS (18th-century and later) was bequeathed to the owner by his late parents. He later enriched it with MSS he had himself copied. They consist of 7 Qur’āns, 5 volumes of poetry and works on grammar (2), fiqh (6) and medicine (13).

The MSS are kept in an animal-hide bag in the owner’s study. They are in perfect condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Sharif Ibrahim Saleh
(see Vol. II, p. 412)
Gwanje,
PO Box 3
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 85 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: The core of the collection was purchased by the owner, and the rest were written or copied by him.

The MSS are well preserved in a box in the owner’s private library. They are in excellent condition. Some contain fine Islamic calligraphy; most are beautifully bound.

The collection covers the following subjects: Holy Qur’ān (4), Sufism (5), fiqh (18), grammar (9), uṣūl (6), waqf (3), fatwās (21), medicine (2) and poetry (17).

Unpublished catalogue:
A register describes all the MSS in the collection.

Shaykh Tijjani
Limeri Awasulum
Date of establishment: 1970
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 19 (Arabic).
Description of collection: All the MSS in this collection contain sûras of the Holy Qur’ān. They are well preserved in the owner’s study. With the exception of very few, which have been wormed, they are in excellent physical condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

NGALA
Goni Mindil
Anguwar Masallaci, Gamboru Ngala
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the late owner’s son.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 38 (Arabic; Kanuri).
Description of collection: According to his son, the late owner acquired the MSS several decades ago, but he does not know their provenance. Most of the MSS are undated, whilst the rest have 18th-century dates.

The MSS are well preserved in the late owner’s residence, although some are in fragments and have been affected by damp. They cover the following subjects: Qur’ān (2), fiqh (12), medicine (10), sermons (6), grammar (4), correspondence (1), waqf (2) and history (1). There are some important texts on Islamic jurisprudence.
Mal. Babba

Anguwar Ghana, Gambaru Ngala
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 23 (Arabic; Fulbe).
Description of collection: This collection was acquired in Sokoto several decades ago by the owner from his teachers. The MSS are bound together and safely preserved in a box in the apartment of his wife. They are in perfect physical condition. Some of them are undated, but appear to have been written in the 19th and 20th centuries. They cover the following subjects: Qur'ān (7), fiqh (4), medicine (5), tashīḥ (4), logic (1) and poetry (2).
The collection is not catalogued.

Shaykh Gona Saina

Ladari, Gambaru Ngala
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection contains valuable MSS of great artistic significance. Almost all are in the hand of the owner, and are written in beautiful calligraphy. They are kept in a box in his guest-room. They cover the following subjects: Qur'ān (3), tajwīd (1), fiqh (6), grammar (2) and poetry (3).
The collection is not catalogued.

Shaykh Muhammad Bashir

Anguwar Zawiyah, Gambaru Ngala
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This small collection is solely on the Holy Qur'ān, and was copied by the owner when he was a student. It is well preserved in a spacious room in his private residence. The MSS are in perfect condition. They are uncatalogued.

KADUNA STATE
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Alh. Ibrahim Arab

Tudun Ilu, Tudun Wada
Date of establishment: 1955
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 176 (Arabic).
Description of collection: These MSS originate from various West African countries. About half of them were inherited by the owner, whilst the rest were purchased from various sources.
The collection contains rare scholarly material dating from the 17th century onwards.
All the MSS are in excellent condition and are well preserved in a glass-fronted wooden bookcase in the owner's private apartment.
The subjects covered by the collection are: fiqh (50), ḥadīth (30), tashīḥ (30), history (30), Qur'ān (15), tasfiīr (5), sermons (11) and literature (5). Some of the MSS have been beautifully decorated. Important MSS exist in the collection.
The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Lawal Abubakar

(see Vol. II, p. 427)
62 Maiduguri Road
Date of establishment: 1965
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Hausa).
Description of collection: The MS. is a volume of the owner’s sermons.
It is well preserved, and in good physical condition.

Mal. Umaru Balarabe

Hayin Banki,
Kawo
Date of establishment: 1960
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 47 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The collection is properly kept in adequate conditions in the owner’s apartment. The MSS are in satisfactory condition. The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (6), hadith (1), grammar (1), Shari’ah (1), poetry (2), sermons (3), education (1), history (1), politics (1), Hadith (29) and Qur’ān (1). Some MSS are of artistic and literary significance.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Umar Sanda

Anguwar Kanawa
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Description of collection: Shaykh Umar Sanda, a prominent scholar in Kaduna, is believed to be the owner of a number of rare Islamic MSS. A full description of this collection is currently not available, owing to the absence of the owner from Kaduna at the time of the survey.

Mal. Zakariya’u Yawale

No. 43 Lagos/Ahbasrai Road
Abakwa
Tel.: 062-214299
Date of establishment: 1968
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 15 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The owner, a widely travelled scholar, acquired 10 of the MSS from various sources outside Nigeria. The rest were either purchased or copied in Nigeria by him.

The dates and places of authorship of the MSS are rarely specified. A thorough examination reveals that some of them are very old, and could date as far back as the 17th century.

The collection deals with the following subjects: tafsir (10), history (2), grammar (2) and fiqh (1).

Some of the MSS are of calligraphic quality.

Unpublished catalogue:
A hand-list describes 11 MSS of the collection.

Shaykh Awwal Sirajo

C49 Sirajo Road,
K/Chanchangi,
Tudun Wada
Date of establishment: 1959
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 6 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This is a small collection which contains rare scholarly material. It was inherited by the owner from his father, Mal. Sirajo. The MSS date from the 17th century onwards.

The collection is in good condition and well kept on bookshelves in the owner’s sitting room.

The texts cover the following subjects: fiqh (1), Qur’ān (3), Hadith (1) and literature (1).

The important MSS in the collection are: Maqāmät Al-Harith, anonymous and undated; Tuhfat al-Hukkam, copied by Mal. Sirajo, undated; and Kanz al-Dīn (15 volumes) by ʿAlāʾ al-Dīn ʿAlī al-Muttaqī al-Hindi.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Zubairu Sirajo

GC 42, Sirajo Road,
Tudun Wada
Tel.: 062-212452
Date of establishment: 1947
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 280 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Most of this collection was inherited from the owner’s father and grandfather. The rest were either written by him or purchased from private sources.

The collection is well preserved in a glass-fronted bookcase in the owner’s apartment. The MSS are in good physical condition.
The subjects covered by the collection are: fiqh (50), Hadith (30), tafsir (100), history (20), Sufism (20), poetry (10) and grammar (30). The collection contains rarities and fine decorated bindings.

The collection is uncatalogued.

LERE
Mal. Musa Mahmud
Dan Alhaji 1 Village,
Unguwar Sarki,
Lere
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic; Hausa).
Description of collection: There are three rare MSS of literary significance in the collection. Two are original works of the owner, whilst the other is anonymous. They are on modern technology, Hadith and the Holy Qur’an.

The collection is very well preserved, and in good physical condition.

It is uncatalogued.

ZARIA
Abdul Hakam Muntaqa Coomasie
(see Vol. II, pp. 427–428)
House No. 20, Ang. Alkali
Main Street, near Paradise Cinema
Tel.: 069-32737
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 14 (Arabic; Hausa).
Description of collection: The collection was bequeathed to the present owner following the death of his father, Alh. Muntaqa Coomasie in Saudi Arabia, some two years ago.

Some of the MSS are original works by the late Muntaqa Coomasie, while some are copies of works by other scholars. The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (10), Hadith (2), tafsir (1) and fatwah (1).

The collection is in excellent condition and is kept in a glass-fronted bookcase in the owner’s apartment.

Two of the MSS have fine calligraphy and bindings.

Unpublished catalogue:
A hand-list describes some MSS in the collection.

Aliyu Ibrahim Liman Kona
No. 39, Anguwar Limancin Kona
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 26 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The collection was bequeathed to the owner by his grandfather. He later enriched it by purchasing more MSS from individuals.

There are some old and rare MSS in the collection, from the 17th century onwards, but most of them are undated. The MSS are beautifully bound, but not properly titled.

The collection is preserved in a box. A few MSS have been partially destroyed by damp, but the rest are in good condition.

The subjects covered by the collection are: Hadith (10), fiqh (10), literature (2) and grammar (4).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Ibn Mu’az
(see Vol. II, pp. 415–416)
Anguwar Dan Dutse,
No. 76, T/Wada
Tel.: 069-34007
Date of establishment: 1957
Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 21 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Most of the MSS are works of the owner. Some, however, were inherited from his father.

They are undated.

The collection is kept in satisfactory conditions in the owner’s
apartment. The general condition of the MSS is fair. A few, however, require repairs. The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (3), poetry (10), *Hadith* (3) and grammar (5).

The MSS have suitable bindings and artistic decorations.

The collection is uncatalogued.

**Alh. Imam Sani**

Imam of Kongo’s residence

Kongo Campus

*Date of establishment:* 1978

*Status:* Private

*Conditions of access:* By appointment with the owner.

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 305 (Arabic).

*Description of collection:* Most of the MSS in this collection originate from diverse sources outside Nigeria, where the owner acquired his Islamic education.

The collection covers the following subjects: poetry (1), *fiqh* (3), sermons (300) and *tafsir* (1).

The MSS are well preserved in the owner’s study. They are in good physical condition. Three MSS are of artistic significance.

*Unpublished catalogue:* A handwritten list describes 15 MSS in the collection.

**Alh. Kasimu Muhammad Yaro**

Anguwar Juma,

Zaria City

*Date of establishment:* 1938

*Status:* Private

*Conditions of access:* By permission of the owner.

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 47 (Arabic).

*Description of collection:* The collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather. He enriched it in subsequent years through purchases and copying.

The collection is poorly preserved in a box, and some of the MSS have been destroyed by damp and bookworms; but a fair number are in good physical condition.

The subjects covered by the texts are: *tauhid* (1), *Hadith* (1), poetry (15) and *khisas* (30).

The MSS date from the 19th and 20th centuries. MSS of great artistic and literary significance abound in the collection.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

**Alh. Shu’ayb Usman**

Anguwar Alkali

No. 11, Kofar Fada

*Date of establishment:* 1955

*Status:* Private

*Conditions of access:* By appointment with the owner.

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 4 (Arabic).

*Description of collection:* A very small collection of rare manuscripts, which were written by the owner between 1955 and 1972. They are in perfect condition and are preserved in a box in the owner’s apartment.

The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (2), *tauhid* (1) and *lugha* (1).

*Unpublished catalogue:* A register describes all the MSS.

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T/Wada

Tel.: 069-33155

*Date of establishment:* 1961

*Status:* Private

*Conditions of access:* By permission of the owner.

*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 14 (Arabic).

*Description of collection:* The collection originates from several countries, where the owner worked as a diplomat some years ago.

The condition of these MSS is satisfactory, and they are well kept in the owner’s study. They are mostly of the 20th century. They cover the following subjects: history (2), *fiqh* (4), *Hadith* (7) and
education (1). A copy of Ḥujjat al-ṣaltain by Abu Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī is among the important MSS. The collection is uncatalogued.

Dr Mukhtar Abdur Rahman

New Jos Road,
Kofar Doka,
PO Box 863,
Zaria
Tel.: 069-392705
Date of establishment: 1954
Status: Private

Conditions of access: Limited to researchers and scholars, and by appointment with the late owner's children.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,500 (Arabic; Hausa).

Description of collection: The collection was created some two hundred years ago by the late owner's forefather, Malam Ridaun, who was a famous calligrapher in his time. The late Ahi. Mukhtar became the sole inheritor of the collection in 1954 following the death of his father, after which he arranged it in its present form. He began to enrich the collection in 1966. Between that period and the time of his death on 18th October 1993, he collected several hundred manuscripts from various sources, both within Nigeria and abroad.

About 200 MSS from the collection were taken to Egypt in the course of his doctoral studies at Al-Azhar University in 1975, and are still kept in a private house in Cairo.

About 60% of the collection are writings of the Sokoto Jihād leaders, and 40% are writings of famous early scholars of Islam. 42% of the MSS are on jurisprudence (fiqh), 27% on history (tārīkh), 20% on theology (ṣaḥīḥ) and 11% on Arabic literature (adab).

Most of the MSS in the collection were written in the 18th and 19th centuries—a period when scholars and rulers of this part of the world undertook the task of copying elegantly the Holy Qur'ān and other religious works as a form of meditation and piety.

The MSS are well preserved, and kept on shelves in a spacious room. They are arranged according to subject-matter, and to some extent chronologically.

The collection contains hundreds of manuscripts of rare significance and artistic quality. The flowing quality and artistic magnificence of the regional scripts (Naskhīt al-Ṣudūr and Naskhīt al-Ṣahārā), in which all the manuscripts are written, are manifested in this collection. The fine bindings, which still remain in their original form, are themselves superb expressions of the Islamic binding craft.

The collection is, however, uncatalogued.

Malam Adamu Bafillace

59, Kofar Doka
Zaria City
Status: Private

Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The manuscripts in this collection are the works of the owner.

The MSS are in perfect condition, and are kept in the owner's private apartment. They cover the following subjects: fiqh (2), Hadīth (1) and Qur'ān (1).

Some MSS are of artistic significance.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Malam Mu'azu

Anguwar dan Dutse,
No. 88, T/Wada
Date of establishment: 1950
Status: Private

Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 41 (Arabic).

Description of collection: The bulk of the collection was inherited from the owner's father. Other MSS were bought from private sources.

There are some old MSS in the collection, though most are not dated. It is satisfactorily preserved in a box in the owner's apartment. The physical condition of the MSS is generally fair.

The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (10), Hadīth (6), literature (10), grammar (10) and Sufism (5).

The collection is not catalogued.
Mal. Muhammad Galu na Malam Yahuza

Limanci Iya,
Zaria City
Date of establishment: 1941
Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 24 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The owner inherited this collection from his father, Mal. Yahuza, who was a prolific scholar.
The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (10), taqhid (4) and poetry (10).
The MSS date from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Some have been damaged by bookworms, and some have lost their covers. The collection possesses MSS with fine calligraphy. Most of the MSS are anonymous.
It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Sani Muhammad

123 Ang. Karfe
Zaria City
Date of establishment: 1979
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 12 (Arabic; Hausa).
Description of collection: Most of the MSS in this collection were inherited from the owner’s grandfather, who is said to have acquired them from sources outside Nigeria.
The collection is poorly preserved in the owner’s private apartment. The MSS have been partially destroyed by various biological factors, and are in urgent need of restoration. They deal with the following subjects: poetry (3), Sufism (1), sermon (1), astronomy (1), theology (2) and grammar (2).
It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Shehu Tasi Kusfa

No. 11, Kusfa 1,
Zaria City

Tel.: 069-32281
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 607 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his father, who had inherited it from his grandfather, Mal. Ibn Abur Ra’uf, the founder of Kusfa suburb in Zaria. Mal. Abur Ra’uf was a prolific scholar who lived in the 18th century, before the outbreak of the Jihād of Shehu Usman Dan Fodio.
The collection has some old MSS, though most are not dated. The majority of them are in good condition, but some have been damaged by biological factors. They are kept in the owner’s apartment.
The subjects covered by the MSS are: fiqh (97), Hadith (105), poetry (305), Sufism (40), grammar (10), history (15), Qur’ān (20), and tafsir (15).
It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Ummara Ibn Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim

Kofar Fada
No. 33, Zaria City
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 54 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The bulk of this collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather, who is reported to have acquired the MSS from Sarkin Zazzau Abdulkarim. They are undated.
The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (9), Hadith (31), fatawā (1), Shari‘ah (1), poetry (1), sermons (3), education (1), history (1), politics (1), Qur’ān (4) and grammar (1).
The collection contains some MSS of artistic significance.
The MSS are in perfect condition and are well kept in a wooden box.

Shaykh Abdul Qadir bin Ali

No. 11, Limanci Iya,
Zaria City
Tel.: 069-32305
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the late owner’s khalifah.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 33 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The core of this collection is the works of the late owner. The MSS are well preserved in the late owner’s family residence and are in good condition. They are of 19th- and 20th-century origin.
The MSS cover the following: *fiqh* (8), *tauhid* (5), Sufism (10), poetry (6), *fatawa* (2) and eulogies of the Holy Prophet (2).
The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Muhammad al-Amin
No. 14, Anguwar Alkali,
Zaria City
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Both MSS were written by the owner himself, and are on *tauhid* and Sufism respectively. They are in excellent condition and are kept on a table in the owner’s study. They are uncatalogued.

Usman Malam Na Iya
No. 48, Anguwar Mele,
Zaria City
Tel.: 069-33018
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 17 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The core of the MSS in this collection was donated to the owner by a former Emir of Zaria, Sarkin Kwarar, but he also purchased some from commercial booksellers. Two MSS were inherited from his late father.
The MSS date from the 18th and 19th centuries. They are well preserved in glass-fronted bookcases. All are in perfect condition.
The collection covers the following subjects: *fiqh* (10), Sufism (1), *tauhid* (1), *tajdid* (1) and poetry (4).
The collection is uncatalogued.

Shaykh M. Halilu
Shafi’i Road,
T/Wada, Zaria
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MSS in the collection were copied by the owner over the last two decades. They are in excellent condition and well preserved in the owner’s study.
Subjects covered by the collection are: poetry (1), grammar (3) and history (1).
The collection is uncatalogued.

The Open Press
Opp. College of Aviation,
Sokoto Road
Zaria
Tel.: 069-51961
Date of establishment: 1989
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the Managing Director.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,961 (Arabic; Fulbe, Hausa), including photocopies.
Description of collection: Most of this collection consists of photocopies of 19th- and 20th-century manuscripts—in particular those in the collections of Mukhtar Abdur Rahman and NHRS, Zaria. But some MSS were also acquired by the MD of the company in the course of his research trips to West African countries, and are preserved in the collection.
The collection is housed in the official residence of the Managing Director, and it is well preserved in a large wooden book container. The physical condition of the MSS can be said to be excellent, though some of the original MSS have been partially damaged by bookworms and damp.
The subjects covered by the MSS include: philosophy, Hadith, fiqh, 'aqiqa, exegesis, medicine, litanies, Sufism, geomancy and other literary subjects.

Unpublished catalogue:
A register lists about 1,460 MSS of the collection.

KANO STATE

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Bayero University of Kano: History Research Bureau

(see Vol. II, p. 416)

P.M.B. 3011, Kano

*Status: University library

*Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,297 (Arabic; Hausa).

*Description of collection: The majority of the MSS are original works by scholars of Nigeria and other West African countries. They were written in the 18th and 19th centuries.

  The collection covers the following subjects: Sufism (59), fiqh (120), 'uṣūl (400), poetry (169), astronomy (19), logic (4), 'aqiqa (138), grammar (16), Hadith (19), tafsīr (3), 'arḍa (5), correspondence (128), adab (2), history (19), jihād (86) and philosophy (110).

  The collection is well preserved, on bookshelves, and well protected. There are no traces of damage. Some of the MSS are of artistic significance and there are some fine bindings.

Unpublished catalogue:
A card index lists all the MSS in the collection.

Alhaji Garba Mai Sallah

Dakata Quarters,
Dakata

*Date of establishment: 1977

*Status: Private

*Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Alh. Muhammad Murtala

(see Vol. II, p. 418)

Masallacin Alkali

Jallin

*Date of establishment: 1981

*Status: Private

*Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.

*Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (Arabic).

*Description of collection: The owner claims to have acquired the MSS from his teachers.

  The collection is well preserved in his study, and all are in perfect condition, in their original bindings.

  The subjects covered by the collection are: fiqh (3), khatba (1), and grammar (1).

  The collection is uncatalogued.

Dr. Umar Faruq M/Fashi

Dept. of Islamic Studies
Bayero University
Kano

Tel.: 064-66602

*Date of establishment: 1983

*Status: Private

*Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

*Total number of Islamic MSS: 110 (Arabic; Hausa).

*Description of collection: This collection consists entirely of photocopies
of the holdings of some collections in Kano and its environs. The
originals are of the 19th and 20th centuries, and cover the following
subjects: fiqh (30), politics (20), Sufism (8), tafsir (1), Hadith (2), cor-
respondence (19), astronomy (2), grammar (3) and fatwás (22).

They are uncatalogued.

Baban Malam

Malaba Quarters,
Kano City
Date of establishment: 1936
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the son of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 59 (Arabic).
Description of collection: According to family sources, the late owner in-
erited the collection from his father. Although some have been
slightly damaged by humidity and bookworms, the majority of the
MSS appear to be in good condition. They are well preserved in the
apartment of the late owner’s son.

Most of them are undated. The definiteness of some MSS makes it
difficult to identify their titles. They cover the following subjects:
sermons (6), fiqh (12), grammar (2), tafsir (1), Hadith (2), politics (9),
astronomy (2), Holy Qur’ân (2), wâlû (4), fatwás (15), history (5),
mandiq (1) and correspondence (4).

Some of the MSS have original bindings and traditional orna-
mentation.

It is not known whether this collection has been catalogued.

Shaykh Ismaila Khalifa

Darun,
Kasuwar Kurmi
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with students of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 165 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Most of the MSS were copied by the owner’s
students, and are the works of SHENU DAN FONTO and other jihâd
leaders in West Africa.

The MSS are well preserved, and are mostly in fine condition,
though some are slightly damaged. Repair work on the damaged
MSS is currently in progress. They are of the 18th, 19th and 20th
centuries.

The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (28), waqîda (60),
Sufism (12), correspondence (11), grammar (3), Hadith (2), Hadith
sciences (1), sermons (3), fatwás (20), poetry (7), jihâd (6) and history
(10).

The collection contains some rare items. It is uncatalogued.

Shaykh Nasimu Kabara

(see Vol. II, p. 417)

Kabara,
Kano City
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the sons of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 286 (Arabic; Hausa).
Description of collection: The collection covers the following subjects:
Sufism (59), history (34), poetry (60), fiqh (48), Hadith (16), tafsir (2),
correspondence (21), fatwás (37), grammar (7) and waqîda (2).

The MSS are in excellent condition and are preserved in the pri-
ivate apartment of the owner. There are some very old MSS in the
collection, though most are not dated.

The collection is uncatalogued.

WUDIL

Emir Muhammad Sanusi

Muhammad Sanusi Residence
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the late Emir’s family.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 467 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).
Description of collection: The collection originates from various sources,
within Nigeria and outside. According to the son of the late owner,
some were donated by individuals and foreign visitors to the
Emirate. The late owner might have written some works himself.
Most of the MSS are of the 17th century or later.

The collection covers the following subjects: correspondence (49),
politics (27), Sufism (70), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (32), fatwas (99), poetry (14), tafsir (2), 'aqida (88), grammar (17), usul (1), astronomy (37), history (6), jihad (6), mantiq (8), philosophy (1) and fiqh (56).

The collection contains MSS of considerable artistic significance. It is well preserved in glass-fronted bookcases. It is in good condition. Important MSS in the collection include Kifayat qu'rub al-Sudan fi tafsir al-Qur'an by Abdulahi Dan Fodio, undated.

The collection is uncatalogued.

KATSINA STATE

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Abdul Wahab Ladan

(see Vol. II, p. 419)

Late Ladan’s Residence
Kofar-Soro
Katsina
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 31 (Arabic; Hausa).
Description of collection: This collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his father. Though not properly dated, some of the MSS seem to be quite old, probably from the 18th century. They are well preserved in the owner’s room and in good physical condition.

They cover the following subjects: Qur'an (1), fiqh (10), Hadith science (1), fatwas (5), grammar (3), ta'wil (2), poetry (8) and history (1).

The collection contains a few MSS with fine bindings and artistic merit.

The collection is not catalogued.

Alh. Hussaini Ibrahim

(see Vol. II, p. 418)

20 Wali street
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 14 (Arabic).

Description of collection: These MSS were bequeathed to the present owner by his grandfather. They are poorly preserved: some have lost leaves and covers. Restoration work is required. The collection is kept in the apartment of the owner.

Some of the MSS date from the 19th century. They contain works of fiqh (8) and grammar (6).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Alh. Hamza Issa

(see Vol. II, p. 418)

Halilu Road
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 24 (Arabic).
Description of collection: These MSS are well preserved in the owner’s apartment and are in excellent condition.

The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (14), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (6), grammar (3) and ta'wil (1). The MSS are undated.

It is not known whether the collection has been catalogued.

Mal. Usman Jari Kurfi

(see Vol. II, p. 419)

IB, Staff Quarters,
Arabic Teachers’ College
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 36 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The bulk of this collection is in fragments. Some of them have been partially destroyed by damp. The collection was bequeathed to the present owner by his late father. He enriched the collection with his personal works on various Islamic subjects.

There are some old MSS in the collection, dating from the 17th century onwards.

The following subjects are represented: poetry (27), grammar (7), and fiqh (2).

The most important item is Mukhtasar Khalil by Khalil Ibn Ismail.

The collection is uncatalogued.
Katsina State Library Board

P.M.B. 2064,
Katsina
Date of establishment: 1980
Status: Public
Conditions of access: By permission of the Deputy Director.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Hausa).
Description of collection: The collection is well preserved and is in perfect condition. The texts consist of a sermon and works on Islamic civilization and doctrine.
The collection is uncatalogued.

Katsina State History Bureau

P.M.B. 2140,
Katsina
Tel.: 31239, 31408
Date of establishment: 1991
Status: Public
Conditions of access: By appointment with the Director.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: A Qur'an, beautifully written and bound. It is well preserved and in perfect condition.

Mal. Muhammad Siyudi Usman

(see Vol. II, pp. 419-420)
Cikin Gida,
Saulawa
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The collection is preserved in the owner’s private study. Some of the MSS have been damaged by damp and require restoration.
The collection covers the following subjects: fiqh (4), eulogies of the Holy Prophet (2) and methodology (1). The MSS are undated and uncatalogued.

KEBBI STATE

RAHA

Limam Haidara
The Imam of Raha,
c/o Central Mosque,
Raha
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment.
Description of collection: Not much is presently known about this collection. There is, however, reliable information that volumes of valuable material are located at the residence of the Imam.

SOKOTO STATE

GWANDU

Alh. Umaru Nasara

Wazirin Gwandu’s Residence
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment.
Description of collection: Volumes of MSS of great literary and historical importance are believed to be in the possession of Alh. UMARU NASARA, the Wazirin Gwandu. No full description of the collection is currently available.

SOKOTO

Alh. Yahya Alkali collection

Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment.
Description of collection: An unspecified number of MSS are believed to be preserved in the residence of Alh. YAHYA. Not much information about the collection is readily available.
Mal. Isah Talata Mafara

Deputy Director,
Sokoto State History Bureau
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,030 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).
Description of collection: The bulk of this collection consists of MSS microfilmed from the holdings of the State History Bureau collection (q.v., Vol. II, p. 426), where the owner works. The rest have been acquired through donations from individuals.

The collection contains MSS which date from the 18th century. Most of the authors are from different historical and intellectual backgrounds both within Nigeria and outside.

The collection covers a wide range of Islamic subjects such as *taṣḥīḥ, fiqh, tafsīr, Ḥadīth, astronomy, fatwās, sermons, manāqī, literature, medicine, poetry, methodology, Qur’ānic sciences and history.*

The collection is well preserved in some wooden boxes in the owner’s private apartment. MSS of artistic quality abound in the collection.

The MSS are uncatalogued.

Usman Dan Fodio University: Centre for Islamic Studies

P.M.B. 2346,
Tel.: 060-232134

Date of establishment: 1983
Status: Academic research library
Conditions of access: By permission of the Curator of Islamic and Arabic Manuscripts of the Centre.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,600 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: This collection has old Islamic manuscripts dating back to the pre-jiḥād days of the Sokoto Caliphate. The authors of the MSS in this collection come from various intellectual and cultural backgrounds, both within Nigeria and outside.

The significance of the collection lies in its wide coverage of different Islamic subjects: *taṣḥīḥ, fiqh, tafsīr, Ḥadīth, manāqī, correspondence, astronomy, medicine, sermons, poetry and fatwās.*

The collection is well preserved and is in perfect condition. The library is clean and orderly, and equipped with air-conditioning and humidity controls.

The collection possesses MSS of rare artistic and scholarly significance. Some of the rarities are: *Ḍīrār al-Siyāsah* by Abdullahi Dan Fodio, undated; *Najm al-Ilkwrin* by Abdullahi Dan Fodio, undated; *Inṣāf al-Maysūr* by Muḥammad Bello, undated.

Unpublished catalogue:
A card-index describes all the manuscripts in the collection.

Wazir Junaidu

(see Vol. II, p. 425)

Wazir Junaidu Research Centre,
Gidanawa-Sokoto

Date of establishment: 1973

Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,100 (Arabic; Fulbe; Hausa).

Description of collection: This is probably the largest and the best organised private collection in the city. It dates back to the 19th century when Gidado bin Laima assumed the office of Wazir. The significance of this collection lies in the fact that the various Wazirs were themselves prolific writers who in course of time developed a great interest in the preservation of the jiḥād heritage. The present Wazir, Junaidu, has himself written about 80 rare works, which are preserved in this collection. The collection also contains original MSS of Sheikh Usman Dan Fodio and other Sokoto jiḥād leaders.

The collection covers a wide range of subjects, such as Sufism, literature, politics, economics, medicine, correspondence, history, *Sharī‘a, fiqh, taṣḥīḥ, Ḥadīth, etc.* Some MSS are of great artistic and scholarly significance.

The collection is well preserved in card boxes in a spacious apartment at the residence of the owner, which has been designated the Wazir Junaidu Research Centre.

Unpublished catalogue:
About 1,350 MSS in the collection have been described in the owner’s private catalogue.
Yobe State
Potiskum

Alh. Inuwa Na’ibi

Deputy Chief Imam
Potiskum Central Mosque
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 38 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Most of the MSS are in the hand of the owner, who has meticulously copied the whole text of the Holy Qur’an. The subjects covered by the collection are: Hadith (2), poetry (8) and Qur’ans (28).

The collection is well preserved in the owner’s study and is in fair physical condition. The MSS are undated and uncatalogued.

Mal. Dalibi

Anguwar Mal. Dalibi
Date of establishment: 1950
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 146 (Arabic).
Description of collection: All the MSS are of the 18th and 19th centuries and were purchased from private sources. Presently, the collection is being enriched with MSS copied by the owner. The following subjects are covered: history (42), Qur’an in separate sûras (68), fiqh (17) and poetry (19).

The MSS are in perfect physical shape and are well preserved in the owner’s apartment.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Hassan Mai Wa’azi

Dogon—Zare
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4 (Arabic).

Description of collection: This is a small collection which consists only of some sûras of the Holy Qur’an, which the owner has copied over the last two decades. It is well preserved and in excellent condition.

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Imam Kaffi

Chief Imam
Potiskum Central Mosque
Date of establishment: 1955
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By appointment with the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 102 (Arabic).
Description of collection: Most of the collection is kept together in a room in the residence of the owner. Some MSS are in fragments and their pages are lost or scattered.

The MSS, which are from the 18th century and later, are on history (58), Qur’an (13), fiqh (12) and poetry (19).

The collection is uncatalogued.

Mal. Ibrahim Mai Gafaka

Kofar Mai Durumi
Status: Private
Conditions of access: By permission of the owner.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 40 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection is poorly preserved. The MSS are affected by humidity, fragmented and scattered in the rooms of the owner’s wives. According to the owner, the MSS were bequeathed to him by his late father. They are mostly undated. Some, however, are beautifully calligraphed. Subjects covered are Qur’an (8), ‘azídà (6), fatwas (18), fiqh (2), wànl (1) and poetry (5).

The collection is uncatalogued.