

K Harris Family Collection, 1914-1959
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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains personal documents pertaining to the Harris family, as well as papers referencing the local Syrian-Catholic community. In addition, there are numerous local and national Syrian-American publications of interest to the Harris family.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Jack Henry on August 8, 1992 (Accession No. KA0708).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Edward Harris was born in 1873 in Baalbek, Syria. Eventually he moved to Missouri where he settled in Kansas City. He became a professional in the importing business and opened a linen store for infants in 1896. Edward married Minnie E. Harris and remained in the linen business for thirty-two years. Edward Harris died in 1938. The business was taken over by Fred Harris, who is often referred to in the documents as "Fouad," the Syrian transliteration of his name. Fred Harris married Adele Harris in 1934. It is unknown whether Fred and Adele Harris had any children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Personal Papers **Syrian Organization Publications** **Oversize Newspapers**

The **Personal Papers** series contains various biographical documents related to the Harris family. Collected here are obituaries and a funeral book pertaining to the death of Edward Harris. In addition, there are insurance documents and travel papers collected by Fred Harris, along with newspaper clippings referencing other members of the family. Also contained is a selection of correspondence in both Arabic and English written to and from members of the Harris family, as well as a few unlabeled photographs. Additionally, there are documents pertaining to Catholicism and local Catholic institutions of which the Harris family were members.

The **Syrian Organization Publications** series contains programs and pamphlets released by the Syrian American Club of Kansas City, as well as numerous monthly issues of *The Syrian Ark*, and *The Federation Herald*, both Syrian American magazines.

The **Oversize Newspapers** series is comprised of various Syrian and Lebanese newspapers from around the country and a newspaper published in Arabic.

PREFERRED CITATION

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Harris Family Collection (K0300)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

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