

Najmabadi Family Papers

1906-1956 [1324-1375 AH]

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Descriptive Summary

Abstract: A collection of eight family letters and the registries of Shaykh Baqir Najmabadi (12 volumes) and Shaykh Mahdi Najmabadi (15 volumes).

Creator: Najmabadi Family

Title: Najmabadi Family Papers

Dates: 1906-1956 [1324-1375 AH]

Quantity: 38 digital objects of letters, legal and financial documents and bound register volumes.

Repository: Private collection of Najmabadi family

Restrictions: No restrictions on publication.

Acquisition Information

Digital facsimiles of the registries were provided by the Najmabadi family in Tehran and digitized in Qum. Other source materials for the Najmabadi Family Papers were provided from Afsaneh Najmabadi in 2010.

Scope and Content

This collection spans several generations of the Najmabadi family and consists of family letters and the complete registries of Shaykh Baqir Najmabadi and Shaykh Mahdi Najmabadi.

The letters were found in two envelopes (included in the collection) and marked as belonging to the holder's sister. They primarily concern testimonials and powers of attorney given to family members in order to deal with issues of inheritance and other property transactions involving women in the family.

These letters were found in the papers of 'Abbas Najmabadi (1911-1986). They most likely belonged to his father (who is named in some of the documents), Shaykh Husayn Najmabadi (d. 1947), son of Shaykh Sadiq Najmabadi (1894-1935) and his first wife Zahra Yuna Arab.

The complete registries of Shaykh Baqir Najmabadi and Shaykh Mahdi Najmabadi contain a vast number of transactions that concern inheritance disputes, often between sisters and brothers, as well as registered marriage contracts that

include such details as itemized list of what the bride took to her matrimonial home. They constitute an invaluable source for socio-cultural history of the Najmabadi neighborhood in Tehran, Iran.

Shaykh Baqir Najmabadi (1847 or 48-1928) is the son of Mulla Mahdi Najmabadi and his fourth wife Zahra Khanum, and half-brother of Shaykh Hadi Najmabadi. The registers of Shaykh Baqir Najmabadi cover transactions from 18 March 1910 to 27 December 1931.

Shaykh Mahdi Najmabadi (1867-1957) is the son of Shaykh Hadi Najmabadi and his first wife Galin Baji Rahguzar. His registers cover transactions from 1910 to 1956.

List of Collection Items

I. Letters and legal and financial documents of the Najmabadi Family

1. Power of attorney of Zahra Sultan, 1 May 1906
2. Property sale receipt, undated
3. Receipt, undated
4. List of items belonging to Zahra Sultan, 24 March 1917
5. Property sale agreement, ca. 1908 or 1909
6. Debt settlement of Rubabah Khanum, 25 December 1920
7. Inheritance settlement of Rubabah Khanum, 4 November 1920
8. Ahmad Tabatabai Qumi to unidentified, undated
9. Envelope ["My sister's papers"]
10. Envelope: ["Papers belonging to late sister, that should be kept"]

II. Registers of Shaykh Baqir Namjmabadi

11. Volume 1, 18 March 1910-April 1912
12. Volume 2, 18 April 1912 - 5 May 1913
13. Volume 3, May 1913-14 October 1914
14. Volume 4, 24 July 1914-19 March 1916
15. Volume 5, 21 March 1916-October 1917
16. Volume 6, 17 October 1917-28 July 1919
17. Volume 7, August 1919-June 1921
18. Volume 8, 8 June 1921-16 January 1923
19. Volume 9, 16 January 1923-29 June 1924
20. Volume 10, 29 June 1924-4 June 1926
21. Volume 11, June 1926-11 August 1928
22. Volume 12, 12 August 1928-27 December 1931
23. Index, 18 March 1910-27 December 1931

III. Registers of Shaykh Mahdi Najmabadi

24. Volume 1, October 1910-23 February 1917
25. Volume 2, 22 September 1912-20 September 1914
26. Volume 3, September 1914-22 February 1916
27. Volume 4, 24 February 1916-12 September 1917
28. Volume 5, 13 September 1917-March or April 1920
29. Volume 6, 11 April 1920-18 June 1921
30. Volume 7, 23 June 1921-1 July 1922

31. Volume 8, 1 July 1922-29 August 1923
32. Volume 9, 30 August 1923-9 June 1924
33. Volume 10, 9 June 1924-2 February 1926
34. Volume 11, 3 February 1926-16 March 1928
35. Volume 12, 3 February 1926-24 October 1929
36. Volume 13, 5 November 1929-3 July 1956
37. Index 1, 1910-1956
38. Index 2, 1910-1956