
Guide to the Islamic manuscripts collection Mss 207

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Title: Islamic manuscripts collection

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Language of Material: Arabic

Physical Description: 4.59 linear feet(5 oversize boxes)

Date (inclusive): circa 1122-late 19th century

Abstract: The collection contains single and double leaves from previously disbound Islamic texts, written in many parts of the Islamic world, including Afghanistan, China, Egypt, Gulf States [Qajar], India, North Africa [Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia], Pakistan, Persia [Iran], Syria, and Turkey, from the 12th to the 19th centuries A.D.

Physical Location: Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara Library

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Acquisition Information

Multiple purchases, 2003-2004 and in hand.

Scope and Content

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Special Collections also has bound copies of manuscript and printed Korans and other Islamic texts.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Koran--Manuscripts

Manuscripts--Islamic countries

Persian poetry

History

- Box-folder 1: 1 **Shahnameh (Persian Book of the Kings), A.D. 1500s. [#6298]**
- Box-folder 1: 1 **Shahnamah (Persian Book of the Kings), A.H. 1228/A.D. 1810. Decorated Persian manuscript on paper. [#5028]**
- Box-folder 1: 1 **Shanama, ca. A.D. late 1700s or early 1800s. Single leaf, Persian miniature, from the chapter Kay Ka'us - the story of Siyavash, illustrating Siyavash's ordeal by fire. [#15890]**
- Box-folder 1: 1 **Shahnameh, A.D. 1852-1853. Two leaves, scribed by Baba Khalil Allah in Kashmir; written in Persian in the nasta'liq script. [#3770 and 3771]**

Koran

- Box-folder 2: 1 **Koran, A.H. 500/A.D. 1122. Single leaf from a Koran, Cairo, Egypt. [HBS23213].**
- Box-folder 1: 3 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1200. Single leaf from a Koran, produced in Mamluk, Syria [#19305]**
- Box-folder 2: 1 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1200. Single leaf from a Koran, possibly Persian, ca. 1200. Written in Cufic characters on recto and verso. The style of calligraphy suggests Mashad (Persia), although possibly from Arabia or Egypt. Description accompanying leaf notes that a few leaves from this manuscript are in the Oriental Collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston [HBS22173]**

- Box-folder 4: 8 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1200s. Single leaf from Koran, produced in Mamluk, Syria, Khafif al-Muhaqqaq script. [#19308]**
- Box-folder 1: 5 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1425. Single leaf from a Koran, India, state of Bihar, bihari script. [#17781]**
- Box-folder 4: 7 **Koran, ca. A.D. late 1400s. Single leaf from Koran, India, bihari script. [#32558]**
- Box-folder 1: 3 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1553-1558. Single leaf from a Koran, Persia. [#2110]**
- Box-folder 1: 3 **Koran, ca. A.D. late 1500s. Single leaf from a Koran, probably Heart or Bokhara [Uzbekistan]; surah headings are written in thuluth script. [#17205]**
- Box-folder 4: 5 **Koran, ca. A.D. late 1500s. Single leaf from a Koran, probably Heart or Bokhara [Uzbekistan]; muhaqqaq script (in gold) and nakshi script (in black ink). [#17104]**
- Box-folder 1: 2 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1600. Single leaf from a Koran, Turkey. [#15255]**
- Box-folder 1: 4 **Koran, A.D. 1616. Single leaf from a Koran, India. [#18750]**
- Box-folder 4: 2 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1600s. Single leaf from a Koran, Turkey. [#7323657297]**
- Box-folder 4: 6 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1600s/1700s. Single leaf from Koran, Sini script, probably China, Khanbalq (Beijing). [#33527]**
- Box-folder 4:12 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1665. Two leaves, North Africa, written in Maghrebi script. [#7345040362 and #7328085476]**
- Box-folder 1: 2 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1700. Single leaf from a Koran, Meghribi script, Morocco. [#19125]**
- Box-folder 1: 2 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1700. Single leaf from a Koran, Meghribi script, Morocco. [#19214]**
- Box-folder 1: 2 **Koran, ca. A.D. 1700. Single leaf from a Koran, Persia. [#6266]**
- Box-folder 4: 9 **Koran, ca. A.D. mid-1700s. Single leaf from a Koran, nakshi script, Kashmir. [#7345078257]**
- Box-folder 1: 4 **Koran, ca. A.D. late 1700s. Single leaf from a Koran, Sini script, China. [#21402]**
- Box-folder 1: 2 **Koran, ca. A.D. mid-1800s. Two leaves from a Koran, scribed in Qajar [Gulf States], in Naskhi. [5356/5358]**
- Box-folder 4:11 **Koranic commentary [?], 1 leaf, North Africa, written in Maghrebi script.**
- Poetry**
- Box-folder 2: 2 **Dewan, A.H. 879/A.D.1474-1475. Single leaf of the Dewan, written by Mohammed Shams od-Din Hafez [A.D. 1325-1399], a Sufi Muslim lyrical poet. [#18037]**
- Box-folder 2: 2 **Kamseh, A.D. 1553. Single leaf of the Kamseh, written by Elyan Usuf Nezami Ganjavy, Persian romantic poet [A.D. 1141-1209], in nasta'liq script. [#18016]**
- Box-folder 2: 2 **Diwin, A.D. late 1500s. Two leaves of the Diwin by Shahi Subzuwari, Persian Sufi Muslim poet, in nasta'liq script. [#3792]**
- Box-folder 2: 2 **Kuliyat, ca. A.D. 1610. Single leaf from an edition of Sa'adi's works, compiled as a Kulliyat, in the Islamic Sufi tradition. [#2197]**
- Box-folder 2: 3 **Haft Awrang, A.D. 1614. Single leaf from the Haft Awrang or 'Seven Thorns', the didactic and romantic poems of Abd al-Rahman Jami, either India or Afghanistan, written in Persian, in nasta'liq script. [#2126]**
- Box-folder 2: 3 **Mathnawi of Jalalu'ddin Rumi, A.D. 1724. Single leaf, in Persian, Mughal India, probably Lucknow, nasta'liq script. [#17961]**
- Box-folder 2: 3 **Divan'l-Nawai, ca. A.D. 1750. Single leaf from a book of love lyrics by the 15th century poet Mir'Ali Shir Nawai, Kashmir or northern India, in Turki nasta'liq script. [#3792]**
- Box-folder 2: 3 **[Persian Epic Poetry genre], ca. A.D. mid-1700s. Single leaf, scribed in Persia or perhaps Afghanistan, nasta'liq script. [#6628]**
- Box-folder 4: 4 **[Persian Epic Poetry genre], ca. A.D. mid-1700s. Single leaf, scribed in Persia or perhaps Afghanistan, nasta'liq script. [#6629]**
- Box-folder 3: 1 **[Persian Epic Poetry genre], ca. A.D. mid-1700s. Single leaf, scribed in Persia or perhaps Afghanistan, nasta'liq script. [#18438]**
- Box-folder 4: 10 **[Poetry]. ca. A.D. mid-1700s. Single leaf, Afghanistan. [#7345249105]**
- Box-folder 3: 1 **[Anthology or Collection of Poems], ca. 1760. Single leaf, in nasta'liq script, of poems by Sa'di, amir Khusrao, Jami, and others. [#22650]**
- Box-folder 3: 1 **Farsi Poetry, ca. A.D. late-1700s. Single leaf, Safavid period, nasta'liq script. [#22114]**
- Prayers**

Box-folder 2: 4	Book of Prayers, A.D. 1689. Single leaf from the Al-Kamilat Al-Sajjadiyah, Prayers, composed by Zayn Al-Abidin 'Ali ibn al Husayn [#18721]
Box-folder 2: 4	Al-Juzuli, Da ..., A.D. early 1700s. Single leaf from Al-Juzuli, Da; A'il Al-Khayrat and other prayers in Arabic, Meghribi script, (Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria). [#19215]
Box-folder 2: 5	Prayer Book, ca. A.D. 1740. Single leaf, written in India, naskh and nasta'liq scripts. [#2121]
Box-folder 2: 5	Dala'il al-Khayrat, A.D. 1778. Pair of leaves from a devotional prayer book composed by Muhammad ibn Sulayman al-Jazuli, in Arabic nasta'liq, with Persian translation. [#6583/6584]
Box-folder 3: 2	Dala'il al-Kharat, ca. A.D. 1790. Single leaf, North Africa, written by bin Suleyman bin Yacoub al-Najjar at Talmasan in Maghribi script. [#24786]
Box-folder 4: 1	Dala'il al-Khayrat, A.D. 1791. Three leaves, Morocco, written in Maghrebi script. [#7326602748, #7328305322 and #7328308747].
Box-folder 2: 5	Book of Prayers, A.D. early 1800s. Two leaves, written during the Ottoman Empire in Turkey, in naskh script. [#17540 and 17541]
Box-folder 3: 2	Dala'il al-Khayrat, A.D. 1878. Single leaf, India, written in Naskhi script. [#6277]
	Miscellany
Box-folder 4: 3	Persian [?] Manuscript, ca. A.D. 1600s [?]. Five leaves with illustrations.
Box-folder 3: 3	Persian Manuscript, ca. A.D. 1800s. Two leaves with water color paintings, polo game. [HBS49159]
Box-folder 3: 3	Persian Manuscript, ca. A.D. 1800s. Two leaves with water color paintings, wrestling scene. [HBS49159]
Box-folder 3: 4	Unidentified
Box 5	Unidentified. Single leaf in gilt frame.