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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Arabic manuscripts collection
<b>ID:</b>	SC119
<b>Date:</b>	ca. 1000-1790 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	1 item ; 9.5 x 12.5 cm, original leather binding ; illuminated in colour + 391 slides made from the mss and other material
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	See also: Medieval and Early Modern Manuscripts Collection <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/library/locations/home/spcoll/collections/medieval/inventory.php#islamic">http://www.uvic.ca/library/locations/home/spcoll/collections/medieval/inventory.php#islamic</a>

## Custodial history

Since the 1980's the University of Victoria has been collecting Islamic manuscripts to serve the interests of History in Art. The provenance of the manuscripts is unknown.

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## Scope and content

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The collection consists of six items:

- 1) En'am-i Serif [Turkish calligraphic manuscript].- consists of several chapters of the Qur'an, Arabic and Ottoman and Turkish prayers, calligraphic rondels and seals, hilyes, and miniature paintings of the Kaba, the Prophet's Mosque at Medina, his personal belongings such as his cloak, prayer beads etc., his hand and foot print and similar images. Special Collections had slides made of this manuscript. A second set of these slides is available in the Slide Library (History in Art Dept.).
- 2) al-Jazri, Mohammed. - consists of a single leaf from an 18th century religious manuscript, "Hassi Hasin" (Prayer and Contemplation). It is written in Arabic (probably in Turkey) in the Nashki hand. It may be an Ishmaeli text. It is illuminated, gilded and decorated with a floral motif.
- 3) Firdawsi. Shah Nameh. consists of a single leaf from an 18th century copy.
- 4) Koran. India. 17th -18th century?
- 5) Koran. China. 17th -18th century?
- 6) Maghribi Qur'an (Koran) Bifolium. Late 10th or 11th century. Kufic script.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

Restricted access to Turkish Calligraphic mss, due to extreme fragility of item. Slides available for viewing.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** arabic-manuscripts-collection
- **Physical description:** Includes 1 leaf + 2 leaf mss translation, 1 leaf, 1 v. ; 18 x 29 cm, original leather binding (damaged)

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## Access points

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- Muh#ammad, Prophet, d. 632 (subject)
- illuminated manuscripts (documentary form)
- Korans (documentary form)
- leaves (gathered matter) (documentary form)
- manuscripts (documents) (documentary form)
- slides (photographs) (documentary form)
- Firdawsi. Shahnamah. Selections (subject)
- Illumination of books and manuscripts, Turkish (subject)
- Islamic Calligraphy (subject)
- Islamic illumination of books and manuscripts (subject)
- Koran--Manuscripts (subject)
- Manuscripts, Turkish (subject)
- Miniature painting, Islamic--Turkey (subject)
- Miniature painting, Turkish (subject)
- Theology (subject)
- Medina (Saudi Arabia) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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**Series: SC119-1981-003 - Muhammad al-Gazari, Fragment**

Title: Muhammad al-Gazari, Fragment

ID: SC119-1981-003

Date: 1751 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of a single leaf from an 18th century religious manuscript, "Hassi Hasin" (Prayer and Contemplation). It is written in Arabic (probably in Turkey) in the Nashki hand. It may be an Ishmaeli text. It is illuminated, gilded and decorated with a floral motif.

Physical description: 1 file.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: SC119-1995-014 - An'am-i Sharif, Manuscript**

Title: An'am-i Sharif, Manuscript

ID: SC119-1995-014

Date: 1790 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of En'am-i Serif [Turkish calligraphic manuscript]. Manuscript consists of several chapters of the Qur'an, Arabic and Ottoman and Turkish prayers, calligraphic rondels and seals, hilyes, and miniature paintings of the Kaba, the Prophet's Mosque at Medina, his personal belongings such as his cloak, prayer beads etc., his hand and foot print and similar images. Special Collections had slides made of this mss. See Acc. 2002-006. A second set of these slides is available in the Slide Library (History in Art Dept.). Turkish mss: 412 pp.; calligrapher: Mustapha Eyyub Efendi. Thesis by Aleandra Bain available.1205 [1790]. Date in accordance with the Islamic calendar.

Physical description: 1 item.

Restrictions on access:

Access to Turkish Calligraphic mss restricted due to extreme fragility of item. Slides/digital images available for viewing.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: SC119-1998-034 - Abu al-Qasim Ahmad, Fragment**

Title: Abu al-Qasim Ahmad, Fragment

ID: SC119-1998-034

Date: 18th century? (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of a single leaf from an 18th century copy.

Physical description: 1 file.

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: SC119-2000-003 - Qur'an, Surat al-Fatiha, Manuscript**

Title: Qur'an, Surat al-Fatiha, Manuscript

ID: SC119-2000-003

Date: ca. 1700? (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of a leather-bound Koran in very poor condition.

Physical description: 1 doc.

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: SC119-2002-006 - An'am-i Sharif, Manuscript [slides]**

Title: An'am-i Sharif, Manuscript [slides]

ID: SC119-2002-006

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of slides made of the manuscript in Acc. 1995-014.

Physical description: 3 boxes.

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: SC119-2005-010 - Qur'an, showing Surat Yusuf, Fragment**

Title: Qur'an, showing Surat Yusuf, Fragment

ID: SC119-2005-010

Date: ca. 1700? (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of a leaf from Koran (Western China) in Sini script.

Physical description: 1 file.

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: SC119-2005-032 - Qur'an, Maghrib or Andalusia, Fragment**

Title: Qur'an, Maghrib or Andalusia, Fragment

ID: SC119-2005-032

Date: ca. 1000? (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of a bifolium leaf from a Maghribi Koran (Western North Africa) in Kufic script, probably dating to the late 10th or 11th century.

Physical description: 1 file.

Publication status:

Published

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