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**Catalogue of photographs relating to the  
Atiyah family**

**Date range of material: [c. 1898-1930]**

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## Preface

Creation of catalogue

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Atiyah family

*Reference code:* GB-0033-SAD

*Dates of creation:* [c. 1898-1930]

*Extent:* 5 photographs

*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections: Sudan Archive

*Creator:* Atiyah family

*Language of material:* English

### The Atiyah Family

A prominent Syrian family, three generations of which served in the Sudan. The photographs in this collection were donated by Mrs. Najla Shami, daughter of Dr. Salim Atiyah who served as a medical doctor in the Sudan from 1898 to 1920, and sister of Edward Atiyah who was an official of the Intelligence Department and author of *An Arab tells his story* (London, 1946) and *Black Vanguard* (London, 1952)

### Accession details

Presented by Mrs Najla Shami, 1960

### Arrangement

1. Photographic Material

### Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

Printed references should take the form: SAD.*reference number*.

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

## 1. Photographic Material

- SAD.2/20/1 [c. 1930]  
Portrait photograph of Samwil Bey Atiyah, one of the early officials of the Intelligence Department, being appointed in 1899, and where he was later succeeded by his nephew, Edward Atiyah. He was a graduate of the Syrian Protestant College (American University, Beirut). He died in one of Nasser's gaols, having been accused of spying for the British during the Suez crisis. Prior to his imprisonment he had been working at the Sudan Agency in Cairo where he translated Arabic papers
- SAD.2/20/2 [c. 1898-1904]  
Portrait photograph of Salim Bey Yusuf Atiyah (1878-1925), Syrian physician, in the uniform of Major in the Egyptian Army Medical Corps. He was educated at the American University in Beirut and the USA and later served in the Egyptian Army until 1904. He transferred to Sudan Government service where he was medical officer in charge of the hospitals at Wadi Halfa and Omdurman from 1905 to 1920, when he retired. He was the father of Edward Atiyah
- SAD.2/20/3 [c. 1930]  
Portrait photograph of Farid Bey Atiyah, husband of Selma Atiyah and uncle by marriage of Edward Atiyah (died c. 1954)
- SAD.2/20/4 [n.d.]  
Portrait photograph of Bashir Izzeddine
- SAD.2/20/5 [n.d.]  
Portrait photograph of Yusuf Bey Najjar in masonic dress