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Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Papers

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Location: Special Collections Department, Morrow Library

Corporate Name: Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.

Date: 1932-2017

Extent: 1 cubic foot

System of Arrangement: Materials in this collection were organized by the donor and have been kept in the order in which they were received.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The first Kfeirian Reunion was an informal event held in Huntington, WV in 1932 for descendants from the Lebanese town of Kfeir. Here, it was decided that an annual gathering should be held for those of Kfeirian ancestry living in the United States to meet and socialize. The Kfeirian Brotherhood of Toledo, Ohio, offered to host the 1933 event, where the name *Kfeirian Reunion* was established. The Kfeirian Foundation, Inc. was established in 1949 to handle the business and legal matters of the group. The group is dedicated to cultivating relationships among Kfeirian people in the United States, and also to helping those who still live in Kfeir. Over the years, the organization has helped provide electricity to Kfeir, and offered physical, educational, cultural, and material support to those living in Kfeir and to Kfeirians throughout the world. The website of the foundation can be found at www.kfeir.com, where many of the items in this collection have been digitally uploaded.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF COLLECTION

The majority of this collection consists of various printed media, including booklets, pamphlets, directories, and other materials focusing on the annual Kfeirian Reunion. Items date from the 4th Annual Reunion in 1936 to the 2017 85th Annual Reunion. The collection also contains pictures from various reunions, awards, name badges and other items related to the organization and its activities. The collection was donated by the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation

and was organized into a number of manila envelopes. This order has been kept, and although some items had to be separated to fit into folders, the order of the items was maintained. Inventories which were pinned to the original envelopes were placed in the folders with the materials.

I. Box 1

Folder 1: Photographs from various Kfeirian Reunions

Folder 2: Kfeirian Reunion News Articles, Pamphlets, Memorabilia

Folder 3: Slide Shows from Annual Meetings, 2011-2017

Folder 4: Newsletters, 1990-1999

Folder 5: Newsletters, 2000-2014

Folder 6: Directories, 1993, 1997, 1998

Folder 7: Annual Reunion Programs, Welcome Booklets; 1936-1969

*non-continuous

Folder 8: Annual Reunion Programs, Welcome Booklets, Agendas; 1977-2016

*non-continuous

Folder 9: Commemorative Book, 50th Annual Reunion, 1982

Folder 10: Commemorative Book, 60th Annual Reunion, 1992

Folder 11: Commemorative Book, 70th Annual Reunion, 2002

Folder 12: Commemorative Book, 75th Annual Reunion, 2007

Folder 13: Commemorative Book, 80th Annual Reunion, 2012

Folder 14: Reunion Planning Material, 2009

Folder 15: Various Name Tags, Commemorative Pins, and Ribbons

*kept in manila envelope for storage

Folder 16: 50th Anniversary City Key, 60th Anniversary Paper Weight

II. Box 2

Framed Letter of Resolution from the Toledo City Council in recognition of the 77th Reunion