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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 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 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