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**Manuscript Group 137
Maher Shower Collection**

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Maher Shawer Collection, Manuscript Group 137
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Special Collections and University Archives
3 boxes, 3 linear feet

Biographical Note

Dr. Maher Y. Shawer was a professor of mathematics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) for more than 33 years. He has always been interested in the contribution of different civilizations in the development of mathematics.

Scope and Content

The books, artifacts, and items in this collection were donated by Dr. Maher Shawer. The collection includes replicas of an Egyptian statue, a map of the known world, and the Rosetta Stone. The collection also reflects Islamic culture and descriptive research materials donated by Dr. Shawer.

Provenance

Collection was donated and researched by Dr. Maher Shawer.

Restrictions

None

Processor

Collection was processed by Harrison Wick.

Contents List

Box 1 (6 folders and 2 items)

1. Research documenting the Tabula Rogeriana map of the Known World by cartographer al-Syarif al-Idrisi (ca. 1100-1166) commissioned in 1154 by King Roger II of Sicily. (See Box 3 for 1951 facsimile and new print of the map). Includes DVD-Rom of the map.
2. Microfiche
 - a. Holy Quran (Arabic)
 - b. Description de L'Egypte
3. Rand McNally War Map of the French Front Northern Section: A Strategic Map of the Battle Ground in France from St. Quentin to St. Mihiel. Showing the Farthest Advance of the Germans in 1914 and the Battle Line in 1918. World War I, 1918.
4. Papyrus Research by Maher Shawer. (See Box 2 for papyrus sheets).
5. Rosetta Stone Research and descriptive material used in library display. (See Box 2 for replica of the Rosetta Stone).
6. Research: Ancient Egyptian Scribe statue
7. Replica statue of an Ancient Egyptian scribe (2)

Box 2 (3 items)

1. Replica of the Rosetta Stone and descriptive material used in Library display.
2. Papyrus Sheets

- a. Painting: Heiroglyphics on Papyrus, 2007.
- b. Painting: Pharoah's Hunting Scene on Papyrus, 2007.
- c. Copy of Papyrus Research by Maher Shower, 2007.

Box 3 (2 items)

1. 1951 copy of the Tabula Rogeriana map of the Known World by cartographer al-Syarif al-Idrisi (ca. 1100-1166) commissioned in 1154 by King Roger II of Sicily. Published in Iraq in 1951. A facsimile of this map is on permanent display on the first floor of the Stapleton Library.
2. Scanned print of the above map with title corrections, 2010.



[Tabula Rogeriana, Map of the Known World \(1154\) by Syarif al-Idrisi](#)

Books donated by Maher Shower and cataloged as part of the IUP Libraries:

The Holy Qur-an: English translation of the meanings, and commentary. (1989). Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah: King Fahd Holy Qur-an Print.
Call Number: BP109 1989b (Special Collections)

Shawer, Maher Y. (2017). *Ancient Egyptian Mathematical Papyri*.