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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Title:	The Arab American community in Grand Rapids collection
ID:	Collection 353
Date [inclusive]:	1905-2005
Physical Description:	1.1 Linear Feet Six boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection was built by James Goode, a faculty member in the History Department at Grand Valley State University, with the periodic assistance of some of his students. The main contents are select oral histories and the Arab American / Syrian Clipping Index of Grand Rapids Press and Grand Rapids Herald Newspaper Articles. The index was done by students from one of Goode's courses.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

James Goode, Grand Valley State University, accession number 2005.071

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Related Materials

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Coll. 340, Hattem Family records. Copies of original photos and documents included in the Hattem Collection provide additional information to support the Hattem family oral history included in Coll. 353.

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Controlled Access Headings

- oral histories
- Immigrants -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Arab Americans -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Collection Inventory

Series I. Biographical and Historical Information

Photos

Title/Description	Instances	
Della Azkoul, 1919	Box 3	Folder 3
Marie Azkoul, Latife Hattem, Yamna Assaley, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 4
Board of Trustees of St. Nicholas Church, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 5
Romley Family, Assaley Family, Neuman Az, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 6
Interior of Dabakey store with Hannah Dabakey, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 7
Himandrite Jarasimus Ghareeb, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 8
Hattem's Store and Hattem, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 9
Aitha El Fakhar, 1890	Box 3	Folder 10
Actors in Costume - Edward ellis, Nicholas Ghareeb, George Karrip, John Missad, Mr. Nejim, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 11

Salem Gareeb, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 12
St. George Communion Service with Naif Bashara, Salem ghareeb, George Bashara, Nicolas Ghareeb, Edward Ellis, Mike Davis, Salem Missad, Nellie Ellis, Aboullah Razook, Michael Howard, Phillip Ghareeb, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 13
Five Men in Lebanon , n.d.	Box 3	Folder 14
Hannah Ghareeb and Donald Ghareeb, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 15
A.C.E.S Convention Committee, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 16
The Ghareeb Family, 1948	Box 3	Folder 17
Celebration Dinner, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 18
Salom, Sleyman, Salami, Salem, and Ferris Nicola, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 19
St. Nicholas Ladies Guild , 1950	Box 3	Folder 20
Azkoul Family, 1950	Box 3	Folder 21
Family Portrait, 1950	Box 3	Folder 22
Neuman Azkoul, Joe Hajj, Alex Malick, 1950	Box 3	Folder 23
Edward Ellis Wedding Photo, 1950	Box 3	Folder 24
St. Nicholas Church with Congergation with Fr. Zein, Elias Bendegy, Abdou Yaned, 1950	Box 3	Folder 25
Shakespeare Company, 1950	Box 3	Folder 26
Funeral of Aboa Assaley, 1950	Box 3	Folder 27
Jamiel Ayoub and A. Malloley, 1950	Box 3	Folder 28
Family Photo / Mike Jazzar, Deeb Hattem, Moses Hattem, Sam Maloley, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 29
Funeral / Moses Howard, Assad Dabakey, Slayman Slayman, Ed Dahroog, Nimey Ghareeb, Sam Karris, Dalem Missad, Mike Davis, Catherin Simon (Shalhoup) , n.d.	Box 3	Folder 30
Nuemann Azkoul Photo and Obit, 1930	Box 3	Folder 31
Rashayya Photos, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 32
Former Sligh Furniture Company Factory, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 33
Grave Markers / Salih Abdo Gorley and Fatima M. Abraham, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 34
Church Choir , n.d.	Box 3	Folder 35
Nicola Family Photos / Salom Nicola, George Nicola, Nazira Nicola, Nick Nicola, Ferris Nicola, Adel Nicola, Joe Nicola, Nabila Nicola, Annie Nicola, Barbara Nicola, Nick Nicola, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 36
Women baking / Eleanor Heikel and Nora Corey, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 37

Bill Azkoul, 1956	Box 3	Folder 38
Therese Azkoul and Grandmother, 1955	Box 3	Folder 39
N. Azkoul and Mrs. Azkoul, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 40
Edward Askoul and Michael Azkoul, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 41
Unidentified Photographs, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 42
Oversized unidentified group photos, n.d.	Box 5	

Declaration of Intent and Petition for Naturalization

Title/Description	Instances	
A-B, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 50
C-D, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 51
E-F, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 52
G-H, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 53
I-K, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 54
L-M, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 55
N-R, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 56
S1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 57
T-Z, 1910-1920	Box 3	Folder 58

Project Documents

Title/Description	Instances	
Sample Release form	Box 1	
Newspaper Index, unedited	Box 1	
Demographic Database List, Alphabetical by last name	Box 1	
List of Participants	Box 1	
Notes on Jim Goode's Book / William Azkoul, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 45

Genealogy

Title/Description	Instances	
Genealogy of Abbasse and Ghareeb Families, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 48
City Commission Proceedings Notes, 1896-1898	Box 3	Folder 46
Police Identification Sheet for Mohammed Yeggie, 1944-03-17	Box 3	Folder 49

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Series II. Reference materials

Title/Description	Instances
Arab Women, Dispelling the Myths / Karen Henry. Grand Rapids Valley Review, v. 12, 1995, p. 26	Box 3
Syro-Palestinian Folk Art : Costume and Jewelry from the De Vries Collection / Calvin College Center Art Gallery, October 2-November 6, 1980. Introduction to the Exhibition by Sally De Vries. 2003.xxx, added 10/14/2005	Box 3

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Series III. Oral History documents

Summaries

Title/Description	Instances
Jacqueline Deeb	Box 2
Ghassan Ghareeb	Box 2
A. Raymond Kalliel	Box 2
Adele Wise	Box 2

Transcriptions

Title/Description	Instances
Ahmed and Helen Abasse; Selma Obermeyer	Box 2
Jad Abou Maarouf	Box 2
William Azkoul	Box 2
Eddie, George and Josephine Cassis	Box 2
Edward and Josephine Ellis	Box 2
Bertha, Sam and David George	Box 2
Donald Ghareeb	Box 2
<u>Restricted:</u> Restricted	
See oral history release form.	
Margaret Haggai	Box 2

Moses, Maxine, Donna and Deeb Hattem	Box 2
Mary and Karen Henry. June 24, 2003	Box 2
Joe Nicola	Box 2
Rosemary Sears and Mary Martin	Box 2
Mike Wawee	Box 2

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Series IV. Audio Tapes

Scope and Contents

Interviews

- 1 Abbasse, Ahmed and Helen
- 2 Abou-Maarouf, Jad
- 3 Azkoul, William
- 4 Deeb, Jacqueline
- 5 Ghareeb, Donald
- 6 Ghareeb, Ghassan
- 7 Ghareeb, Salem and Elaine
- 8 George, Bertha; George, Sam; George, David
- 9 Haggai, Margret
- 10 Hattem, Mose; Hattem, Maxine; Hattem, Donna; Obermeyer, Selma
- 11 Henry, Mary and Henry, Karen
- 12 Martin, Mary; Sears, Rosemary
- 13 Nicola, Joseph
- 14 Rukieh, Layla (Toledo, OH)
- 15 Wawee, Mike
- 16 Wise, Adele

Master Tapes (microcassette format)

Title/Description	Instances
Abbasse, Ahmed and Helen, 2004-04-16	Box 4
Abou-Maarouf, Jad, 2004-10-31	Box 4
Azkoul, William, 2004-05-04	Box 4
Deeb, Jacqueline, 2004-09	Box 4
Ellis, Edward, 2003-10-02	Box 4
Ghareeb, Donald, 2003-09-09	Box 4
Ghareeb, Ghassan, 2003-11-27	Box 4
Ghareeb, Salem and Elaine, 2003-09-18	Box 4
George, Bertha; George, Sam; George, David, 2004-02-12	Box 4

Haggai, Margret, 2004-02-25	Box 4
Hattem, Mose; Hattem, Maxine; Hattem, Donna; Obermeyer, Selma, 2003-05-21	Box 4
Henry, Mary and Henry, Karen, 2003-06-24	Box 4
Martin, Mary; Sears, Rosemary, 2003-06-24	Box 4
Nicola, Joseph, 2003-03-25	Box 4
Rukieh, Layla, 2004-04-19	Box 4
Wawee, Mike, 2003-05-27	Box 4
Wise, Adele, 2004-10-04	Box 4
DVDs	Box 4

General

The microcassettes were digitized in 2015. The DVDs contain the project files (Audacity files), lossless AIFF files and MP3 files.

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Series V. Videotapes

Title/Description	Instances	
An Interview with Aunt Bud, 1996-02	Box 5	Cassette MT #1
An Interview with Wilson Yared, 1996-04	Box 5	Cassette MT #2
An Interview with Woodrow Yared , 1996-04	Box 5	Cassette MT #3

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