



Collection Title: Robert Schick Collection

Dates: 1958 – 1999 (bulks 1980s-1990s)

Extent: 5 linear feet

Creators: Schick, Robert, 1957-; Schick, Edwin A.; Schick, Barbara A.

Language (s): Materials are in English

Repository: American Center of Research

Biographical Note:

Robert Schick is an archaeologist and a historian of the Byzantine and Islamic periods with a special interest in the city of Jerusalem during the Islamic periods. He has worked on excavation projects in Jordan since the 1980s.

Born in 1957, Robert Schick first visited the Middle East in 1970 with his family while his father—Edwin Schick—took a sabbatical year at the Albright Institute. Robert Schick returned to the region to participate in the 1974 Caesarea excavation. In 1979 Edwin and Barbara Schick were at ACOR has Edwin served as the ACOR Annual Professor while Robert participated in the CASA program in Cairo.

After earning his Ph.D. from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization at the University of Chicago, he taught at the Institute of Islamic Archaeology of the Palestinian al-Quds University in Jerusalem (1994-1998), Islamic history and archaeology at the Henry Martyn Institute in Hyderabad, India (2000-2006). In 2007 he was a visiting professor at the University of Bamberg and then served as a research associate at the University of Mainz for the "The Rise and Decline of Christianity in South Jordan. A Case Study of Religious Change in Late Antiquity from the 4th to the 9th Century", a Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft project.

Over his career, Dr. Schick was part of numerous archaeological projects in Jordan, including Humeima, Lejjun, Petra Church, and Ghor el-Safi, among several others. His interests were in Byzantine and early Islamic archaeology and history, particularly in the Kerak Plateau.

Publications by Robert Schick include: *The Christian communities of Palestine from Byzantine to Islamic rule: a historical and archaeological study*, *Arabic for archaeologists* and numerous articles such as “Christianity in Southern Jordan in the Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods” and “Southern Jordan in the Fatimid and Seljuq Periods”

Scope and Content:



The Robert Schick Collection is largely comprised of 35mm slides depicting various sites and cities throughout the Middle East, with a particular focus on Jordan. The earliest photographs are from his parents during the family's time in Jerusalem in 1970-71 and in the late 1970s when Edwin Schick served as the ACOR Annual Professor for 1978-79. Some photos were taken by Edwin and Barbara Schick during their travels around the region in the late 1970s.

Later photographs document archaeological sites and excavations throughout Jordan and Palestine from 1980 to early 2000s. Notable sites documented include: Humayma, Petra, el-Quweisma, Umm el-Jimal, Umm er-Rasas, Caesarea, and Lejjun as well as a 1999 helicopter tour of the Jordan Valley.

In addition to the 35mm slides, a document written by Barbara Schick documenting the family's stay at the Albright Institute in 1970-71 is included as well as lecture notes used by Robert.

Arrangement: The digitized slides have been rehoused in the order they were received. A significant portion of the slides have been digitized and are available online.

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Associated Materials: The ACOR Library collection includes works about, written by, and featuring the work of Robert Schick. The Audio-visual collection also include lectures by Robert Schick given at ACOR in the 1980s: "[Christianity in Southern Jordan in the Byzantine and early Islamic Period](#)", "[Monothelitism: Christian theological disputes and the Muslim conquest of Syria and Palestine](#)", "[Iconoclasm in 8th century A.D. Palestine](#)"



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Subjects (Persons)

Schick, Robert, 1957-
Schick, Edwin A.
Schick, Barbara

Subjects

Archaeology – Jordan
Archaeology – Palestine
Archaeological sites
Archaeology (Excavations)
Byzantine archaeology
Islamic archaeology
Landscapes
Aerial photographs

Geographic

Middle East
Jordan--History
Jordan--History--20th Century
Palestine--History
Karak (Jordan : Province)
Petra (Extinct city)

Document Types

35mm slides
Postcards
Photographs

Inventory

Series 1: Photos from Edwin Schick, 1947-1963

Locations include: Qumran, Bethlehem, Ramet Rahel, Jericho, Tel Nagila, Capernaum, Masada, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo, Tel Hazor, Samaria, Balata, Shiloh, Bet Shean, Tel Sheva, Haifa, Acre, Jerusalem, Mount of Beatitudes, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea, Ein Feshkha, Dead Sea, Baptism Site, Wadi Qelt



Series 2: Photos from 1970-1971

Jordan and Palestine

Acre, Ashkelon, At-Tur, Avdat, Balata, Beit Netofa Valley, Bet Shean, Bethlehem, Caesarea, Capernaum, Dan, Dead Sea, Eilat, Ein Feshkha, Ein Gedi, Gezer, Haifa, Herodion, Jericho, Jerusalem, Kafr Lam, Kawkab al-Hawa, Khirbat Iqbala, Khirbat Jiddin, Khirbet el-Qom, Masada, Metula, Mount of Beatitudes, Nabi Musa, Nabi Samwil, Nablus, Nahal Kziv Nature Reserve, Nazareth, Netanya, Neve Yam, Nitzana, Qubeiba, Qumran, Rosh HaNikra, Sakhne, Samaria, Shiloh, Shivta, Tel Dan, Tel Hazor, Tel Megiddo, Tel Sheva, Tell Arad, Tell el-Ful, Tell en-Nasbeh, Ti'inik, Tiberias, Timna Valley, Tiran Straits, Wadi es-Sunt, Wadi Qelt

Egypt

Sinai, Taba, Pharaoh's Island, Wadi Feiran

Greece

Argos-Mykines, Delphi, Olympia

Turkey

Bergama, Bursa, Canakkale, Ephesus, Hisarlik, Canakkale Province, Istanbul, Izmir, Manisa

Series 3: Photos from 1973-1974 (bulk Caesarea dig)

Locations include: Masada, Ephesus (Turkey), Qumran, Sinai (Egypt), an-Nabi Salih, Caesarea, Azekah, Tel Tanach, Maresha, Kfar Giladi, Gath, Wadi Rum (Jordan)

Series 4: Photos from 1978-1980

Jordan

Ayn Gharandal, Ajlun, Al-Husn, al-Lisan Peninsula, Amman, Azraq, Bab edh-Dhra, Baq'ah Valley, Dead Sea, Deir Alla, Deir el-Kattar el-Byzanti - al-Lisan Peninsula, Feynan, Ghor es-Safi, Iraq al-Amir, Jalul, Jerash, Karak, Khirbat en-Nahas, Lahun, Machaerus, Medeineh, Petra, Qasr Al-Kharanah, Qasr Tuba, Qusayr Amra, Rajef, Shoubak, Tabaqet Fahel, Tall Hesban, Umm el-Jimal, Umm Qais, Wadi Rum, Wadi Zarqa Ma'in

Syria

Ras Shamra, Apamea, Qal'at Sim'an, Bosra, Hama, Maaloula, Al-Humayrat, Aleppo, Tell Mardikh, Damascus, Palmyra, Al-Husn, Qarqur

Egypt

Saqqara, Luxor, Cairo, Deir el-Bahari, Giza, Esna, Edfu, Abu Simbel, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Mit Rahina, Philae, Dahshur



Lebanon

Baalbek, Beirut, Byblos

Series 5: Photos from 1981-1989

Locations: Ajlun, Amman, Aqaba, Ayn ez Zara, Ayoun Musa, Azraq, Bab edh-Dhra, Dead Sea, Dhat Ras, el-Quweisma, Feynan, Hammam as-Sarakh, Humayma, Jerash, Jericho, Karak, Karak governorate, Kherbet es-Suq, Khirbat al-Fityan, Khirbat Faris, Khirbet el-Qirana, Khirbet es-Sar, Lejjun, Lajjun, Machaerus, Madaba, Mahayy, Mount Nebo, Mreigha (Karak : Jordan), Mutrab, Maan governorate, Nakhl, Nitr, Nusraniya - Tafila, Petra, Qasr al-Hallabat, Qasr Al-Kharanah, Qasr Burqu', Qusayr Amra, Qweilbeh, Rabbah (Karak : Jordan), Rashadiah (Tafilah - Jordan), RashadiahÂ (Tafilah - Jordan), Sela', Shoubak, Tabaqet Fahel, Tall Hesban, Udhruh, Umm el Walid, Umm el-Jimal, Umm el-Jimal, Umm el-Surab, Umm er-Rasas, Umm Qais, Wadi Mujib, Wadi Rum, Wadi Zarqa Ma'in

Series 6, Photos from 1990-

Locations: Ay ad-Duk, Ayn Gharandal, Acre, ad-Dhahiriya, Ajloun Governorate, Ajlun, Al-Jweideh, Al-Khader, al-Lisan Peninsula, Al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya, Al-Maniya, Amman, Aqaba, Ar Rashadayah, Ar Rusayfah (Karak : Jordan), ar-Ramleh, Ashkelon, At-Tuwana, Ayn al-Bayda, Ayn ez Zara, Bab edh-Dhra, Balata, Bani Na'im, Baniyas, Baptism Site, Bayt 'Aynun, Beit Guvrin-Maresha National Park, Beit Ummar, Beitin, Bet Shean, Bet Shearim, Bethany, Bethlehem, Birzeit, Caesarea, Capernaum, Dayr al Kahf, Dead Sea, Deir (Karak : Jordan), Deir Ain Abata, Deir Alla, Denneh (Karak : Jordan), Dhat Ras, Dimna (Karak : Jordan), Dirar, Ein Karem, el-Quweisma, Feynan, Ghor al-Mazra, Ghor es-Safi, Haifa, Halhul, Hammam as-Sarakh, Hammath Tiberias, Hayyan al Mushrif, Hebron, Humayma, Iraq al-Amir, Jadet al Jabur, Jaljulia, Jawzah (Karak : Jordan), Jenin, Jerash, Jericho, Jerusalem, Mount Zion (Jerusalem), Jerusalem, Jisr Banat Ya'qub, Jubb Yusuf, Kafr Saba, Karak, Karak governorate, Khanq en-Nesara, Khilda, Khirbat al-Mafjar, Khirbat al-Minya, Khirbat et-Tannur, Khirbet Bayt 'Aynun, Khirbet Beit Lei, Khirbet ed-Dharih, Khirbet el-Murassas, Latrun, Lejjun, Lod, Madaba, Madaba Governorate, Mafraq, Mahayy, Mount Nebo, Mount Scopus (Jerusalem), Mount Zion (Jerusalem), Mreigha (Karak : Jordan), Nablus, Nahal Kziv Nature Reserve, Nakhl, Nitr, Nitzana, Numeira, Nusraniya - Tafila, Petra, Petra area, Qabu (Karak : Jordan), Qal'at Dab'a, Qarn Sartaba, Qasr al-Hallabat, Qasr al-Mushatta, Qatrana Castle, Qumran, Rabbah (Karak : Jordan), Rajef, Safad, Salfit, Samaria, Samra (Karak : Jordan), Sela', Sepphoris, Shefa-Amr, Shiloh, Shunah Esh-Shemali, Tabaqet Fahel, Tafila, Tall el Khalifi, Tel Arad, Tel Hazor, Tell es-Saidiyeh, Udhruh, Umm el Walid, Umm el-Jimal, Umm el-Surab, Umm er-Rasas, Umm Hamat (Karak : Jordan), Umm Kharuf (Karak : Jordan), Umm Qais, Wadi al-Hasa, Wadi Kharrar, Wadi Mujib, Wadi Qelt, Wadi Rum, Zarqa Governorate,