Khalil A. Totah and Eva Marshall
Totah papers, 1896-1955
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Summary Information

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Title  
Khalil A. Totah and Eva Marshall Totah papers

Date [inclusive]  
1896-1955

Extent  
2.0 Linear feet (4 boxes and 1 oversized box)

Language  
English

Abstract  
The papers revolve around three principals and provide a picture of Quakers in Palestine in the 20th century: Khalil A. Totah, his second wife, Eva Marshall Totah and his first wife, Ermina Jones Totah. Khalil Totah discusses the situation in Palestine, primarily in the 1930s, and speaks of his own life and aspirations, as when he became a Quaker minister. His diaries expand the picture, adding information about Friends Boys School in Ramallah (Palestine) and his understanding of the political situation, again primarily in the 1930s. The photographs add the dimension of
geography, placing Totah at Oak Grove Seminary, Clark College, the Institute of Arab American Affairs, and at the Friends School in Ramallah. The papers of Ermina Jones Totah portray an earnest and dedicated teacher and wife, but carry little detail. Eva Marshall Totah has the largest quantity of correspondence, primarily 1920s and 1930s. These, along with her diaries, provide great detail to the life and work at the Friends School in Ramallah, as well as the character of Khalil Totah, with whom she had a growing relationship. The photographs show her at the Friends School and with her family, both as a child and a mother.

Preferred Citation note

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Khalil Totah

Khalil Totah (1886-1955), son of Abdullah and Azizeh Totah, was born in Ramallah, Palestine. He studied at the Church Mission Society School and Friends Hope Day School in Ramallah (1890-1900), and then New Boys Training School in Ramallah (1901-03), Brummana Friends School in Brummana, Lebanon (1903-04), and Church Mission Society English School, Jerusalem (1904-05). He then taught English at Friends Boys Training School in Ramallah (1905-06). He studied at Friends Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro, ME (1906-8) and Clark College in Worcester, MA, where he received his B.A. (1908-11). He was principal of Friends Boys School, Ramallah, Palestine, in 1912-14 and again from 1927-1944. In 1929, he came to Haverford College to raise money for the Friends School. (Haverford professor Elihu Grant was one of the founders of the school, and a mentor to Khalil Totah). Totah was in compulsory Turkish Military Training Service for 3 months in 1914. He became a minister in the Society of Friends in Massachusetts (1914-16) and taught elementary school there (1916-18). He received his M.A. (thesis: "Friends Secondary Schools in America") and Ph.D. (in education; thesis: "Contributions of the Arabs to Education") from Columbia University in 1917 and 1926 respectively. He served as Y.M.C.A. Director with the 79th Division of the U.S. Army in France (1918-1919). From 1919-25, he was Principal of Governor's Teacher Training College in Jerusalem. In 1937, he was a delegate to the Friends World Conference. He was interim pastor at the Congregational Community Church in Mississippi, 1944-1945. From 1945-50, he was the Executive Director of the Institute of Arab American Affairs, New York. He became an American citizen in 1946. He lived in Whittier, California, from 1950-55 where he was a lecturer and writer. He married Ermina Jones in 1916 in South China, Maine. After her death in 1928, he married Eva Marshall in 1929, and the couple had 3 children. Khalil Totah died in Whittier, California, in 1955. (Information from Eva M. Totah)

Ermina Jones Totah

Ermina Jones Totah (1892-1928) married Khalil A. Totah in South China ME in 1916. She came with him to Ramallah, Palestine, and was a teacher at the Friends Boys School. In the summer of 1923, she left Ramallah and came to her family home in South China. In 1928, in order to help her depression, she went to Italy with Alice Jones, returning to Ramallah after two months and taking up teaching again. But, still in despair, she took her own life.

Eva Marshall Totah
Eva Marshall Totah (c. 1896-1990) was born in South Dakota. She studied at William Penn College and received her B.A. from Penn College and her M.A. from Haverford College in 1919. (A copy of her thesis, "Settlement Music Schools: a Study and Interpretation," is in the college's archives). In 1927, she held a position in drama and expression instructor in the department of speech at Penn College. Later in 1927, she went to Ramallah to teach at the Friends School. She married Khalil A. Totah in 1928 and remained in Palestine. They had three children: Nabil Marshall Totah, Sibyl Belmont and Joy Totah Hilden. In 1937, on a sabbatical, the family came to the United States (including Haverford, PA). They returned and lived in Ramallah, Palestine until 1944, when they emigrated to the United States. Totah taught English, drama, dance, speech, religion and other subjects at Friends schools and elsewhere. Her own interests included a half-way house for women in California and the Crenshaw House for men. At the time of her death, Totah was a member of Whittier First Friends Meeting in California. (Information from Friends Journal 36 (Nov. 1990): 43-4 & Quaker Life 31 (Nov. 1990): 38 & internal evidence)

Scope and Contents note

The papers revolve around three principals and provide a picture of Quakers in Palestine in the 20th century: Khalil A. Totah, his second wife, Eva Marshall Totah and his first wife, Ermina Jones Totah.

The papers are divided into three series. The first, for Khalil Totah, includes correspondence, diaries, notes, manuscripts, publications, official documents, and photographs produced by or concerning Khalil Totah. The correspondence includes material relating to Totah’s resignation as principal of the Friends School in Ramallah in the early 1940s. The diaries, notes, manuscripts, and publication include detail about Totah’s experience and understanding of the situation in Palestine in the 1930s. The photographs cover his time at Oak Grove Seminary, Clark College, the Institute of Arab American Affairs, and the Friends School in Ramallah.

The second series is for Ermina Jones Totah. The material includes correspondence from her time as a teacher at the Friends School in Ramallah, as well as a diary from the same time. There are also photographs, mostly of the Jones family.

The third series is for Eva Marshall Totah. The bulk of the series is correspondence, mostly from the 1920s and 1930s, detailing life and work at the Friends School in Ramallah. Diaries and a small number of manuscripts cover similar material. There are also photographs of the Marshall family and the Totah family, including photographs of Khalil and Eva’s three children, Nabil Marshall Totah, Sibyl Belmont and Joy Totah Hilden.

The majority of the material is in English, though some is in Arabic. Most photographs are captioned in Arabic, but have been given an English caption as well by Eva Marshall Totah.
Arrangement

Series I. Khalil Totah

Subseries I
  Correspondence
Subseries II
  Diaries
Subseries III
  Notes, Manuscripts, and Publications
Subseries IV
  Official Documents
Subseries V
  Photographs

Series II. Ermina Jones Totah

Subseries I
  Correspondence
Subseries II
  Diary
Subseries III
  Photographs

Series III. Eva Marshall Totah

Subseries I
  Correspondence
Subseries II
  Diaries
Subseries III
  Manuscripts
Subseries IV
  Photographs

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Revision Description

Revision included the integration of new materials from the second accession. March, 2015.

Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17)

Acquisition

The Khalil A. Totah and Eva Marshall Totah papers were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 2008 and 2014 by Joy Totah Hilden.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Earlham College in Richmond, IN has many Ramallah materials, including letters and microfilm, which, according to scholar Thomas Ricks is "very interesting."

Books by Khalil Totah to Quaker Collection


Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Friends Boys School. (Ramallah, Palestine).
• Friends Girls School. (Ramallah, Palestine).

Genre(s)

• Correspondence.
• Diaries.
• Manuscripts
• Photographs.

Geographic Name(s)

• Great Britain -- Foreign relations -- 1945
• Israel -- History
• Palestine
• Palestine -- History -- 1917-1948
• Palestine -- Politics and government -- 1917-1948

Personal Name(s)

• Hilden, Joy Totah
• Jones, Rufus Matthew, 1863-1948
• Ly, Juwan Usang, 1888-
• Oliver, Daniel, 1870-1952

Subject(s)

• Arabs
• Quakers - Middle East
• Society of Friends -- Education -- West Bank -- Ram Allah
• Society of Friends -- Missions -- Palestine
Collection Inventory

Series I. Papers of Khalil A. Totah 1896-1955

Information about Khalil Totah

Typed information by the donor about Khalil Totah was placed in PG.

Subseries I. Correspondence 1911-1944

General Correspondence 1911-1936

Description of the letters

The following describes some of the highlights of these letters, dictated by content.

_to Elihu Grant. Jerusalem, 1914 2/26._

Is 3 months into required stint as a soldier. Goes to Ramallah every Sunday. Wants Ermina to finish college before they marry.

to Elihu Grant. New York, 1912 2/1.

No longer has the zest for studying he had when at Brumanna and Oak Grove. The main solution to educational problems is economic -- giving boys with education work to keep them in their homelands. And just teaching them English is not enough.

to Elihu Grant. 1912 7/27.
Confusion in Constantinople not only due to war, but also internal difficulties. Albanians making trouble, last election manipulated by Young Turks, Parliament may be dissolved.

**to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. Haverford, 1929 1/17.**

Would like to visit them and reassure them that he will take good care of their daughter, Eva, and has much in common with her, including music, poetry, art, and books. Has a strenuous life speaking to schools and interviewing people. In the past week, preached at Pres. Elect Hoover's (Quaker) Meeting in Washington. Eva is happy in Ramallah.

**Jones, Ida to KAT. South China, ME, [1923?] 4/28.**

is grateful that Totah is sending her daughter (Ermina) to visit them; mentions his trip, including to Switzerland and that travel is an education.

Correspondence re: Friends Mission in Ramallah. Friends Schools in Ramallah 1927-1935

Correspondence re: Palestine 1936

**Description of the Letters**

The following describes some of the highlights of these letters, dictated by content.


The fence set up by Britain between Palestine and Syria should be taken down. The creation of an Arab Union would aid settlement of the Arab world. Many returning from Iraq found pro-Nazi sentiment was due to Zionism. When asked about a German ascendancy, some said better that which they do not know than that which they have known for 20 years. Arab public would prefer the British to the French in Syria. The
British must show their good faith to the Arab world and this would aid pacification of Palestine and consequently the Arab World. (draft letter)

**Wauchope, Arthur to K.A.T. Jerusalem, 1936 5/?**

Hopes for lasting peace and brotherhood in the Holy Land. Knows he can count on support of the Quakers in achieving this.

to Palestine Watching Committee, Friends House London. 1936 5/11.

Palestine has been suffering from a strike for 3 weeks, though initial bloodshed has ceased. Arab transportation has stopped, though Jewish buses are running with police escort, and school life is disturbed; even at Ramallah they were forced to send pupils home due to food shortage. Arab demands are stopping Jewish immigration and sale of land and the formation of a legislative council, which the Jews oppose. Arabs resent the British policy of filling Palestine with Jews. Palestinians see negotiation with British in Syria, Iraq and Egypt, so why not Palestine. The High Commissioner Arthur Wauchope is committed to establishment of a legislative council. Feels Friends -- Watching Committee -- could help and approach Jewish leaders in London

**Robson, John H. to K.A.T. London, 1936 5/26.**

Asks Totah if it is entirely fair to speak of the British policy as filling Palestine with Jews, since Arab population is increasing even more than Jewish. Agrees that opposition to legislative council is a mistake. Speaking for other members of the [Palestine] Committee, feels it would be most helpful if Totah worked for peace and better understanding while in Palestine.

to Arthur Wauchope. 1936 6/1.

In the present turmoil, some have said that the Arabs understand nothing but military force, but the satisfactory settlement of the Iraq question disproves that. Gives a variety of reasons for present unrest. One is sorry
for the Jews and sympathizes with their desire to have a homeland, but they have not been happy in Palestine for 16 years, and require British military support.

**to Arthur Wauchope. 1936 6/27.**

State of war in Palestine. There are over 10,000 British troops and over 2,000 police. Much description of current situation. Their school has been closed and they have not the funds to pay teachers and other workers.

**to Arthur Wauchope. 1936 7/8.**

Reports on the killings of 8 unarmed people by soldiers and other political issues. Includes a list of incidents.

**to Grand Mufti. Jerusalem, 1936 7/20.**

Together with Daniel Oliver, trusts that the Higher Arab Committee and the Grand Mufti will help to bring the present strike to an end.

Correspondence re: KT's resignation from Friends School 1940-1942

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Correspondence re: KT's resignation from Friends School 1943

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Correspondence re: KT's resignation from Friends School January-March, 1944

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Correspondence re: KT's resignation from Friends School April-December, 1944

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Correspondence re: KT's resignation from Friends School, from Daniel Oliver 1944

| 1 | 8 |
Subseries II. Diaries 1908-1942

The diaries

The 1908 and 1914 diaries are small separate books; the 1930 diary is contained on some loose pages; a larger red book with the date "1935" on the cover is actually for the dates 1938 and 1941, with a few entries for 1942; the larger brown book with the date "1939" on the cover is for the dates 1939-40 and 1942-43.

In 1908, Khalil Totah kept a diary while studying at Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro, ME. The 1914 diary commences: "First diary I ever kept in Palestine." The 1930s pages are titled "Biographical, Friends Boys School," and reports on his work and life at the school in Ramallah. The "1935" diary with its entries from 1938 and 1941 deals with Palestine, including Ramallah, and political issues. The "1939" diary with entries from 1939-40 and 1942-43 is primarily political, but also some on Friends Boys School at Ramallah.

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"Journal of Khalil Abdallah Tota[h] aiming to put on record a descrip[tion] of the different phases of life in Palestine - social, religious, educational, economical, and political."

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Scope and Contents note

Includes notes on history, the Bible, politics, etc.

| Ramallah Friends Schools Publications                  | 2 | 10 |
### Subseries IV. Official Documents

**Includes:**


Photo brochure, with photos of Eva Marshall Totah.

Essays on state of Friends School, 1934.

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**Includes:**

United States passport, 1949.

Road passes, 1938.

Certificate of Naturalization, 1946.

Birth Certificate, 1886. (in Turkish)

Certificate of Death for Ermina Jones Totah, 1928.

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### Subseries V. Photographs 1896-1955

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### Scope and Contents note

Four childhood photographs of Khalil Totah, ca. 10 years old to mid-teens, including a school group photograph taken at Friends Boarding School at Ramallah.

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### Scope and Contents note

Includes photographs of Friends Schools buildings, student life, classes, sports, special events, teachers and teachers' families.

| Institute of Arab-American Affairs 1944-1955 | 3 | 6 |

### Series II. Papers of Ermina Jones Totah 1896-1928

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Description of letters

Not all the letters are described here, but those that are are based on content or tone. In general, they are loving letters to her husband, KAT, which give details of her visit to family in South China, ME in the summer of 1923.

**to KAT. South China, ME, 1923 7/26.**

cannot be forced to love living in Jerusalem but will try.

**to KAT. South China, ME, 1923 7/18.**

At Yearly Meeting, Rufus Jones spoke of the important work Khalil and she were doing in Palestine

**to KAT. South China ME, 1923 5/19.**

observations of her surroundings.

**to KAT. South China, ME, 1923 6/3.**

Tells Khalil not to worry about Selim and offers advice and suggests he be a loving brother. Asks about Khalil's impressions of London Yearly Meeting. Wonders if she behaves better with her parents than she does with him. Thinks it might help if they prayed together, for themselves and those whom they would help

**Swift, Sarah to Ermina Jones Totah. Worcester, MA, 1923 7/18.**
mentions reckoning of a debt for Ermina and Khalil, and how well Rufus Jones spoke of Khalil Totah at Yearly Meeting and is glad that they are both her friends.

to KAT. n.d.

working on business issues, such as buying and selling liberty bonds

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**Ermina Jones Totah diary for 1923-28**

The dates were assigned by the donor. Includes sea voyage from Haifa (Israel) to Naples (Italy) and visit in Italy. In July 1925, left Ramallah for U.S. and much of following content is in NY. There are many empty pages. Most of the entries are undated.

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**Contents of the photographs**

Photographs show Ermina as a child, with Khalil in ca. 1910, in Jerusalem in 1919, her certificate of Palestinian nationality photo in 1925, in Palestinian costume in ca. 1927, on a camel at the Dead Sea, possibly with her mother and another woman, likely in South China, ME, and a
small portrait photo. In addition, there is a photo of Mary Hoxie Jones (1904-2003), a relative of Ermina's through her father, Rufus M. Jones.

There are also 3 photographs of a piece of trench art bearing Ermina's name. "Emina J. Totah", "St. Miheil 1918" are written on the shell as well as the name "E. Ricard" (possibly the artist). It is believed that this trench art was commissioned by Khalil for his first wife.

Series III. Papers of Eva Marshall Totah 1927-1944

Subseries I. Correspondence 1927-1943

Descriptions of Letters

There is a total of approximately 200 letters by Eva Marshall Totah. They are not all detailed here. In general, the letters are all very descriptive - about Friends Girls and Boys Schools in Ramallah, general descriptions of Ramallah, Palestine (now Israel) and people in the school, locally and visitors, about religious holidays and visiting religious sites as well as vacations in Jordan, Syria and other countries, assistance to the needy and political issues. Some of her letters were published in the American Friend.

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to classmates. Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1927 1/22.

writes to her classmates of the class of 1918 at Penn College, suggesting they make donations and offering information about various class members and about the college in 1927.

to family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1927 8/6.
Arrived in Jaffa, attended a wedding, then traveled to Ramallah. Continues with the trip prior to Jaffa, which was through Athens.

to family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1927 9/14.

describes a poor Muslim village and the custom of women wearing a face covering as well as a black outfit and several customs of the people. Mentions Khalil and Ermina Totah and several other Friends; a very descriptive letter.


Describes how women have to go for water; Girls School 10 minutes' walk from Boys School and Mission House.

to Family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1927 10/2.

Reports on her schedule: teaching Bible, History-Ancient and Medieval, Hygiene, Rhythmics, English, sports


continued description of life at the school, what is taught, what life there consists of.


describes all the activities surrounding a roofing party for a new house, including the food, which is meant to be accompanied by strong drink, but as the people are Quakers, they substitute lemonade. Also attended a Greek wedding and a YWCA bazaar, and includes some political discussion of China.

to Family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1927 12/10.

Palestine is under the rule of the British which is a "good colonizing country" and they are raising the standard of education, though natives are
quite discontent, and some think the poor people are more downtrodden than during Turkish rule.

to family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1927 12/28.

tells of Christmas pageant in Bethlehem. Reports on all the things she appreciates in Ramallah, including the head of school, Miss Jones.

January-June, 1928

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extensive description of her trip to Egypt with two other people.

to Family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1928 1/22.

reports that Mildred White was offered the principalship of the Girls School and that the current head, Miss Jones, was very disappointed it was not offered to Eva, but she (Eva) is also waiting to hear about a position at Penn.

to Family. 1928 1/?

mentions that family is having her letters printed in the Independent and the Republic; is sending a copy of her record of her trip to Egypt (not present); a description of Palestine by James Nichols does not give the whole story.

to family. Ram Allah, Palestine, 1928 2/5.

description of life at the school now that Miss Jones has departed on vacation, and of a Greek Orthodox wedding of one of the pupils.


J. Usang Ly is to arrive on his way on a trip around the world.

earthquake on Feb. 23 and impact on students. Dr. Grant has arrived.


gives a very detailed description of a tour of Jerusalem provided by "one of the best guides" Dr. Totah


the Silcoxes (missionaries in China) have arrived to attend a big missionary conference in Jerusalem.

to Family. Ramallah, 1928 5/27.

Has reached decision to stay in Palestine and is waiting for letter from Penn College to say they are releasing her from previous commitment to come back there to work.


Tells of the suicide of Ermina Totah who was concerned not to hamper her husband's (Khalil Totah's) life in having to care for her

July-December, 1928

1928 8/?

Hand-drawn map of Friends Boys School, Ramallah


explains all the good characteristics of Khalil Totah and that they are to be married

to parents. Ramallah, 1929 1/2.

impact on local people by British mandate over Palestine, including jobs and class division and resulting poverty of most Palestinians


architects looking at ground where new school building will be located

to family. Ramallah, 1929 10/17.

school children of the government school in Nablus went on a strike of protest relating to situation in Palestine. Government officials had some of them beaten, resulting in a Palestine-wide school strike, and only Khalil Totah's efforts kept their boys from striking.

1930-1936

to classmates. Ramallah, 1/17/30.

reports on her wedding to Khalil and political situation in Palestine.


Several cities are under martial law, railroads are patrolled, Jewish colonies guarded with large forces, most of the Arabic press is suspended. There is revolution in Nablus and Gaza.

There are more than 12,000 British troops in the country, but the Arab strike continues

Daniel Oliver has had many conversations with Khalil

1937-1939

on the death of her father.

description of Arab village life

to family. Ramallah, 1938 9/27.
describes conditions in Palestine which is "now in a state of revolt" and the world on the brink of war

re continued chaos, military and economic issues. "With war clouding Europe, America looks like heaven."

1940-1943

Subseries II. Diaries 1932-1944
Scope and Contents note

The diary opens with the announcement of the birth of Eva's daughter, Sybil, in 1932 in Whittier hospital. On the same page, for 1943, Sibyl entertains and Nabil helps someone who is ill in 1944. The diary primarily reports on life in Palestine, from domestic to school and other issues.

Diary 1937-1942

Scope and Contents note

The diary represents time spent in the U.S. (Philadelphia area) as well as Palestine. Some political comments.

Diary 1939

Scope and Contents note

Includes comments on events during World War II.

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Scope and Contents note

Manuscript titles include: Azizeh; Getting Ferns from Bethel Caves; An Interlude in the Office, Boys School; The Jordan River; May we have Pictures Today?; The Opening Day of School; Sea of Galilee; The Search for God; A Week-End in a Greek Monastery; Wedding Customs in Palestine; We Like our School.

There is also a report on Sunday School conference, n.d. and 2 other pieces, along with 3 items written by others.
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#### English College, Jerusalem, group photograph 1904

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