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# The Sālīm Bin Ya‘qūb Ibāḍī Manuscript Library in Jerba, Tunisia

## *A Preliminary Survey & Inventory\**

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### Abstract

This article offers a summary of a recent project aimed at the conservation and preliminary inventory of the Bin Ya‘qūb (Ben Yaqoub) family library in the village of Guīzin (Guezin) on the island of Jerba, Tunisia. The inventory, carried out from September to December 2015 with generous funding from a Collection Care and Emergency Response Grant from *The Islamic Manuscript Association* (TIMA), sought to insure the long-term protection of this collection as well as to compile a preliminary inventory of its contents. This article provides an overview of the survey, including its stated goals and the extent to which it realized those objectives. The second half of the article provides a preliminary inventory of the library's contents.

### Keywords

Ibāḍī – Ibāḍiyya – Ibaḍite – Jerba – Djerba – Tunisia – private library – conservation – inventory

### Introduction

Maghribi Ibāḍī manuscript libraries represent rich archives for both the history of the Ibāḍī Muslim community and broader history of Northern Africa. Alongside the better-known manuscript collections of the Mزاب valley in Algeria, a

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