

Document XV

General Description

Title: Land for Banū Wakīl (*Bilād Banī Wakīl*) / concerning a piece of land in al-Ṣaḥīfa (*la-hu ta'alluq bi-bilād al-Ṣaḥīfa*) / deeds for al-Ṣaḥīfa (*rusūm al-Ṣaḥīfa*) / al-Ṣaḥīfa / Ṣaḥīfa⁶⁹

Size: 38×22cm

Number of deeds: 1

Date: 1112/1700

A document drawn up on the occasion of the purchase of farmland (*faddān*) called *al-Raṣīfa* by the sharif 'Amāra b. Aḥmad al-Wakīlī (XV-a1),⁷⁰ from al-'Arabī (XV-b1), Ḥadd (XV-b2), and Maṣṣūr (XV-b3), three sons of 'Abd Allāh al-Ṣadrātī,⁷¹ in 1112/1700. The document consists of only one main purchase deed (XV-1), lacking any related deeds.

Document XV was made by the purchaser 'Amāra al-Wakīlī (XV-a1) and preserved in his hands. Considering the arrangement of the document and the blank space in it, there had been an intention to add some deeds concerning this land. In practice, however, the document remained without any more additions other than two apostilles, each of which were affixed by different qadis. It seems likely that on an unspecified occasion, this purchase deed was needed as evidence (probably for claiming the ownership to that land), or perhaps its contents were copied to another document.

Deed 1 (XV-1)

Date: middle of Jumādā II 1112/November 1700

No. of lines: 11

Notaries: signature XV-S1

signature XV-S2

A deed of purchase of farmland called *al-Raṣīfa*, by the sharif 'Amāra al-Wakīlī

⁶⁹ On the reverse side of this document, several different titles are written in different places. They were probably written on different occasions, judging from the different types of handwriting. The word "al-Ṣaḥīfa" does not appear in the text of this document. It is also mentioned in Document XI and Document XIV as one of their titles, however it is not clear whether there is any relationship between these documents.

⁷⁰ Banū Wakīl was known as a clan of Idrisid sharifs of northern Morocco. It was subdivided into four groups, one of which had lived in the Ḥyāyina region around Tissa city, located beside the Leben river around 50 kilometers northeast of Fès. *Ma'lamat al-Maghrib*, vol. 5, pp. 1593–1594.

⁷¹ There exists in Document XI one person named 'Abd Allāh b. al-'Arabī al-Ṣadrātī (XI-f1, in XI-1-10 dated 1088/1677) and his son al-'Arabī (XI-f3, in XI-10 dated 1137/1725). Although difficult to identify, if these two documents are related, they may be the same person. Concerning the Ṣadrāta tribe, see Note 30.

(XV-a1) from three brothers al-‘Arabī (XV-b1), Ḥadd (XV-b2), and Maṣṣūr (XV-b3), sons of ‘Abd Allāh al-Ṣadrāfī, for 30 *ūqīya darāhim qadīma*.

Below the main text of the deed, two apostilles were affixed during the process of the qadi’s validation of the deed. Since the two original notaries (XV-S1 and XV-S2) were absent on this occasion, another notary testified their handwriting. This was accepted by the qadi (XV-Q1), who then made notification of it (*wa-a ‘lama bi-hi*) to another related qadi with his signature. That qadi applied the deed and made his decision based on it (*a ‘maltu-hu*).

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Families in Document XV

al-Wakīlī a1: ‘Amāra b. Aḥmad

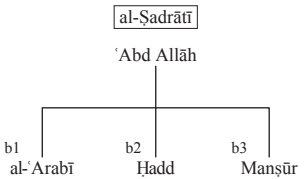


Chart for Document XV

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- purchase of the farmland by a1 from b1, b2, b3

- mid-Jumādā II 1112/Nov. 1700

- S1; S2

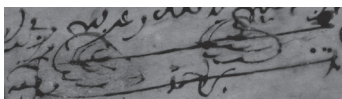
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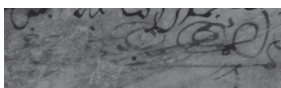
Signatures of Document XV

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(XV-S1)



(XV-S2)



(XV-Q1)

