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Guide to the Fereydoun Safizdeh films of Iran, circa 1970-1984

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Fereydoun Safizdeh films of Iran
Date:	circa 1970-1984
Identifier:	HSFA.1985.06
Creator:	Safizadeh, Fereydoun
Extent:	Film reels (color silent sound; 14,000 feet; 16mm)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Arlene Dallalgar and Fereydoun Safizadeh in 1985.

Processing Information

Titles are supplied by the archivist for untitled films.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of a full film record documenting agricultural subsistence activities in Liqvan, a small mountain village in northern Iran, and an edited film tracing the seasonal migration of the Shahsavan pastoral nomads of northwestern Iran.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or Anthropology Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Agriculture
Families

Types of Materials:

Sound films
silent films

Places:

Iran
Middle East

Container Listing

Liqvan, A Village in Iran, circa 1970-1978
7 Film reels (6 hours; color silent; 13,000 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Full film record documents agricultural subsistence activities in Liqvan, a small mountain village in northern Iran. Footage documents cash crop agriculture with particular attention on the wheat cycle and the use of traditional labor-intensive methods.
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Shahsavan Nomads of Iran, 1984
Film reels (color sound; 1000 feet)

Notes: Edited film traces the seasonal migration of the Shahsavan pastoral nomads of northwestern Iran. Footage was shot during fieldwork between 1977-1979 and depicts day-to-day subsistence activities such as herding and cooking as well as various ceremonial gatherings. From their winter quarters in the Mughan Steppe, the filmmakers trace the spring migration route of the Shahsavan to their summer quarters on Mt. Sabalan. Special attention is given to the gendered division of labor in this nomadic society and to the importance of womens' work in its traditional economy. Arlene Dallalfar, filmmaker.
HSFA 1985.12.1