

In the family footsteps, Mr. Geoffrey Maroun Akiki and family visit LERC

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Another member of the Akiki family again retraced the family footsteps by coming to LERC to see first-hand the Kozhaya Akiki Collection in LERC's electronic archives as well as in the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum.

Mr. Geoffrey Maroun Akiki, son of Mr. Kozhaya Akiki, is currently General Manager of the GLOBALFOUNDRIES in Abu Dhabi. He was accompanied on his visit to LERC by his wife Maria and youngest son Andrew.

Mr. Geoffrey Maroun Akiki, son of Mr. Kozhaya Akiki, received his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University and his MBA from the University of Vermont in the United States. His wife Maria Akiki was born in Ablah in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon and emigrated to the U.S. with her parents Hanna and Madeleine Kerbage when she was young. The couple have two sons, Andrew Christopher (currently a junior at the American Community School in Abu Dhabi) and Stephen Elie (currently a sophomore engineering major at Clarkson University in the U.S.).



The Akikis' with LERC at the Library: (from left to right) Mr. E. Nabhan, Mrs. L. Haddad. Mr. G.M. Akiki, Ms. G. Hourani, Mrs. M. Akiki, Mr. A. Akiki (Nov. 2011).

The family was welcomed by the LERC team and Ms. Guita Hourani LERC's Director. Ms. Hourani recalled her fond personal and professional experiences with Mr. Kozhaya

Akiki and his late wife Nora, donors of the Akiki Internship Grant at LERC, providers of the Kozhaya Akiki Collection and staunch supporters of the Center.

Ms. Hourani discussed LERC's mission with the guests and encouraged Mrs. Maria Akiki to start writing her family's migration history.

The family was given a presentation of LERC's electronic archives. They were delighted with the tour of the Museum.



The Akikis' pictured with the Kozhaya Akiki Collection at the Museum: (from left to right) Mr. A. Akiki, Mrs. M. Akiki, Mr. G.M. Akiki (Nov 2011).