

## *Lebanese Descendant, Mrs. Beverly Haddad, seeks out LERC in search of her family trace in Lebanon*

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*Mrs. Beverly Haddad*

Mrs. Beverly Haddad visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 after she arrived from South Africa for a brief visit to Lebanon, with the intention of conducting research on her Lebanese grandfather's family. Mrs. Haddad was received by Dr. Guita Hourani, LERC Director and Ms. Liliane Haddad, Senior Indexer and Archivist, who assisted Ms. B. Haddad in her quest with the material she had brought along with her.

Mrs. Beverly is a descendant of Lebanese grandparents; she was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. Her family lived in the Free State Province in South Africa, and then her parents moved to Johannesburg after they got married.

Ms. B. Haddad held little details about her ancestors, but she knew that both her paternal and maternal grandparents were from the village of Beit Mery in Lebanon. She also knew that her

late maternal grandfather's surname is Srouer and her late maternal grandmother's surname is Fadel. She further explained that they were all Greek Orthodox and that they took up membership with the Anglican Church in Southern Africa as there were no Greek Orthodox churches in the area.

During her recent visit to Lebanon, and in the context of her research, Ms. B. Haddad had the opportunity of meeting a few members of the "Sourour" and "Fadel" family, the surname of her maternal grandfather and grandmother who aided her in supplying information that proved helpful in her family history project.

Ms. L. Haddad offered information about the families she has conducted research on and also supplied Ms. B. Haddad with archival material and books which would assist her in her research quest.