

paths into a number of bitter ends, classified into five main sections as follows: Awqaf with unknown outcomes. Some Awqaf ended up residential homes or warehouses for the public. Some Awqaf were turned into public facilities by the government. Some Awqaf were turned into new waqf entities or affiliated with another Awqaf. Some Awqaf were found damaged or burnt and turned into ruins. Finally, certain Awqaf were turned into graves or shrines.

Reasons for disappearance tackled in the research are varied, the most prominent of which are: Corruption of superintendents of some disappeared Awqaf; demise of superintendents within one or two generations without successors; and manipulation of waqf documents towards seizure. The main reason found is the intervention of the French colonizer in Islamic Awqaf management. Some Awqaf disappeared due to the long-term lease, i.e. (Monopoly). Moreover, a major reason is the lack of urbanization in some towns and villages which caused the disappearance of their Awqaf such as mosques, schools, places for the poor or ribats, etc.

Outcomes of Disappeared Awqaf and Reasons for Disappearance

Analytical study in the Book of Al Sham Plans

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Study Abstract

Awqaf have witnessed periods of growth and prosperity in which they attracted admiration; not only because of their proliferation among classes of society but also by durability and the permanence of Waqf benefits. This permanence has become one of the basics of charitable and humanitarian works at the current time. This research aims to highlight the Awqaf that departed from this rule which is (permanence); the disappeared Awqaf mentioned by Muhammad Kurd Ali (may Allah have mercy on him) in his encyclopedic famous book (Al-Sham Plans). The research also aims to recognize the outcomes to which these Awqaf have ended and to determine some reasons that led to the disappearance of Awqaf in Syria. The objectives of this research can be generalized on the similar circumstances of the research problems. By following the outcomes of the disappeared Awqaf, we can classify the outcome