



RESEARCH CONCERNING ALGERIA

For Algeria the Archives National d'Outre-Mer keep:

- **ministerial archives** from Paris
- **local archives** from the General Government of Algeria, from some prefectures and mixed communes
- **private collections** may also be consulted.

Before undertaking more advanced research, you may consult the following work:

“Guide des sources de l’histoire de l’Afrique du Nord et du Proche-Orient dans les archives françaises” [Guide to sources for the history of North Africa and the Middle East in French archives] (3 volumes)

or

ANOM website: See IREL (On-line Research Tools) for the status of collections and online inventories

<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/>

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- So-called **management** archives from technical and specialised administrations (equipment, health, work, social security, education, finance, land registry, justice (civil), etc.) have remained in Algeria, as have the archives for town halls, ports, chambers of commerce, notaries, hospitals, theatres, etc.

- **Ecclesiastical** and private archives have also remained in Algeria. However, a copy of the catholicity acts is accessible from some religious orders (Diocese of Algiers = Clarisses in Nîmes, Diocese of Constantine = Clarisses in Aix-en-Provence, Diocese of Oran = Dominicans in Taulignan).

- **Military** archives are kept in the following departments:

- . Defence History Department in the Chateau de Vincennes (see *Guide des sources* [Guide to sources] Volume 2)
- . Defence History Department in Toulon (see *Guide des sources* [Guide to sources] Volume 2)
- . Centre for Military Personnel Archives (CAPM, ex-BCAAM in Pau)

- **Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths** for less than 100 years is kept by the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs – Central Department for Births, Marriages and Deaths - 44941 NANTES Cedex 9, France

MINSTERIAL ARCHIVES

These documents come from:

1) **The Department of Algerian Affairs** (part of the Ministries for War, Algeria and the Colonies, and the Interior in succession). It is Series **F80**, which is very rich. It is necessary

to consult this to study Algeria in the XIXth Century. It could be useful to consult the collection of the Ministry for the Colonies, then France d'Outre-mer [French Overseas Departments]: political and economic affairs, Guernut commission, relations with Sub-Saharan Africa, etc.

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Documents relating to Algeria from other ministries and departments (agriculture, religions, etc.) are kept at the French National Archives site in Paris or Fontainebleau.

See *Guide des sources* [*Guide to sources*], Volume 1.

2) **The Ministry of Algerian Affairs** (online directory, Series 81F)

LOCAL ARCHIVES

Before 1830

- French consulates in Algiers, Bône, Oran, Series A (1686-1835)
(Part of the collection is in the Centre des archives diplomatiques [Centre for Diplomatic Archives] in Nantes.)
- Agencies of Marseilles commercial companies in Africa, Series B
- Copies of Spanish and Vatican archives (XIIth, XVIIIth Centuries), Series C
- The Ottoman archives, kept in Algeria, may be consulted in the form of microfilms, Series 1 and 15 MIOM

After 1830

General Government of Algeria

- Political correspondence of the governors; Bugeaud and Gueydon collections (Series E and EE – microfilms)
- Legislation, councils, Algerian Assembly, Series F
- Personnel, general administration, Department for Jewish Questions, Department for North African Links, National Security, Prison Service, Series G
- Muslim Affairs and Southern Territories, Series H
(*Very important series for its richness and variety*)
- Arab offices: Region of Algiers, Series I and II
Region of Oran, Series J and JJ
Region of Constantine, Series K and KK
(*Due to the many activities of the officers responsible for the Arab offices, this series is extremely interesting for studying the XIXth Century.*)
- Land colonisation, creation of villages, Series L
- Files of those demanding colonisation plots, Sub-series 51L (card index)
- Indigenous property, execution of the senatus consultum of 22 April 1863, Series M (*much information on the tribes*): general surveys, partial surveys (*lists of names*); sequestration
- Public Works (alignments, buildings, electricity, mines, hydrocarbons, roads, forts, aviation, railways), Series N
- Economic services, Series O
- Forests, Series P
- War contributions and compensation, Sub-series 3 Q
- Education and Fine Arts, Series S
- Files of colonisation doctors, Sub-series 1 U
- Justice, Series T (1871 insurrection, judicial administration)
- 1946 communal action plan (Series Y)

- Various acquisitions: Collection of private papers and documents of multiple origins, built up before 1962, Series X
- Civil Office of the Governor General, Series CAB
- Military Office of the Governor General, Series CM, Series R

Departments in the regions of Algiers, Oran and Constantine

Department of the Oases

- Departmental personnel, Series C (card index)
- Political elections, Series E
- Police, general administration, Series F
- Population, censuses, statistics, Series G
- Agriculture, Series H
- Administration of Muslims, Series I (particularly Department of North African Links)
- Prefectorial offices, Series K
- Councils of the Prefecture (Sub-series 7 K)
- Land colonisation: Files for those demanding colonisation plots, property titles, creation of villages, Series M
- Indigenous property, Series N
- Water and forests, Series O
- Public domain, Series P
- Militia, military affairs, councils of war, offices specialising in National Defence, Series Q
- Education, Fine Arts, archive documentation, Series S
- Religions, Series U
- Department for Jewish Questions (Vichy regime)
- Police departments
 - Department of National Security in Algeria
 - General Intelligence Department of Algiers, Oran, Constantine
 - Central Commissariat of Algiers; Police Commissariat of Tebessa
 - Algerian D.S.T. (Counter-intelligence agency)
 - S.R.P.J (Regional Department of Criminal Police) of Algiers, Oran and Constantine

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The collections for the departments of Oran, Constantine, and the Oases include important "continuous series" for which the boxes are stored in numerical order and not separated into subject series*

Sub-prefectures

Aflou, Constantine, Tiaret, Batna, Tebessa.

Mixed communes

The collections for the mixed communes of Aïn Temouchent, Aïn Touta, Aïn M'lila, Remchi, Sedrata, La Calle, La Séfia, Marnia, and Aseffoun may currently be consulted.

Specialised administrative sections (S.A.S.)

The archives for this administrative organisation set up from 1955 concern the regions of Algiers and Constantine (region of Oran is missing). Series S.A.A.

Registers of military service numbers

- These registers come from the recruitment offices of Algiers, Oran and Constantine, from 1864 to 1940 at the moment (further additions expected), Series RM
- Alphabetical tables, Series TAB

* Contact the Room President for information

Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths for more than 100 years

NB: **The registers have remained in Algiers.** A large part of these registers was microfilmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 1967 and 1972. The microfilms are kept in Nantes in the Service Central de l'Etat Civil [Central Department for Births, Marriages and Deaths]. These have been used for the digitisation of acts put online on the ANOM website.

Consult:

- the series of microfilms 77 MIOM (ten-year tables)

- digitised acts on the ANOM website:

<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/caomec2/recherche.php?territoire=ALGERIE>

Banque d'Algérie et de Tunisie

Archives of the Head Office and branches

For company archives, contact the Archives nationales du monde du travail, A.N.M.T [Archives of the world of work], in Roubaix (59)

<http://www.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/camt/index.html>

Private archives

Reminder: Series X of the General Government of Algeria

Also consult Series APOM, APC, EVEOM, Comité français pour l'Outre-mer (French Committee for Overseas Territories), as well as Series AQ, devoted to company archives (Trans-saharan railway, A.Berthelot papers, 10AQ; Bône–Guelma railway, 156 AQ).

Private archives have seen regular growth thanks to donations from individuals (contact the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer if you would like to donate documents).

Iconography

Postcards, photographs, engravings, cards, posters on Algeria before and after 1830: can be consulted on the Ulysse image database on the ANOM website. Iconography is put on line as the digitisation campaigns progress:

<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/sdx/ulyse/index>

RESEARCH CONCERNING MOROCCO AND TUNISIA

Archives for the French Protectorates of Tunisia and Morocco are kept in the Centre des archives diplomatiques (Diplomatic Archives Centre) in Nantes:

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere/archives-et-patrimoine/colonne-droite-5491/salles-de-lecture/article/nantes>

Those of the responsible ministerial departments are kept by the Archive Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in La Courneuve. See *Guide des sources* [Guide to sources], Volume 2.

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere/archives-et-patrimoine/colonne-droite-5491/salles-de-lecture/article/la-courneuve>

Only certain documents kept in the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer relate to these countries (questions of borders, contraband, political affairs): Consult the Sub-series 22H, 25-27H, 30-32H, the Series I, II, K, KK, and the collection of the Ministry of French Overseas Territories, Department of Political Affairs, SLOTFOM (Service de Liaison avec les Originaires des Territoires Français d'Outre-mer –Liaison Department for those Originating in French Overseas Territories), Guernut commission, etc. Inventories FM 21-28