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Looking for Basset and Deny collections

A research projet on French orientalist scientific archives
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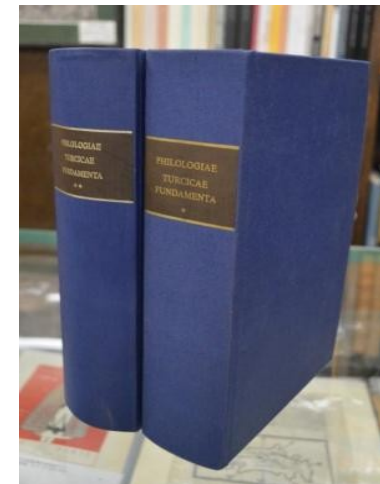


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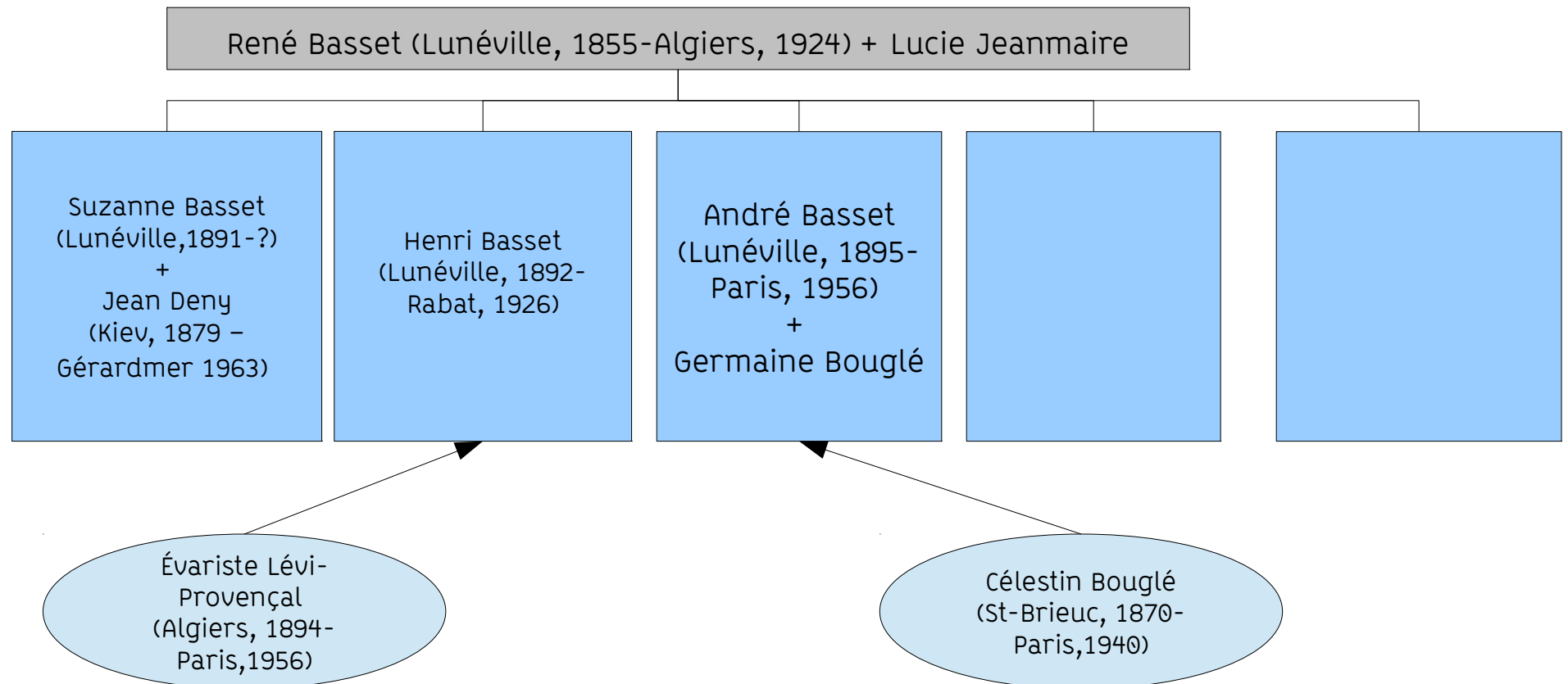
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1. Algiers, Ukraine, Paris & Lorraine : the legacy of an orientalist dynasty

- **René Basset** (1855-1924) : decan of the Faculty of Letters at Algiers ; editor of the French first edition of *Encyclopédie de l'Islam*
- **Jean Deny** (1879-1963) : professor of Turkish language and administrator (1938-1949) of the École des langues orientales vivantes in Paris, editor of *Philologiae turcicae fundamenta*.
- **André Basset** (1895-1956) : professor of Berber at École des langues orientales, editor of Charles de Foucauld's works on Tuareg culture.



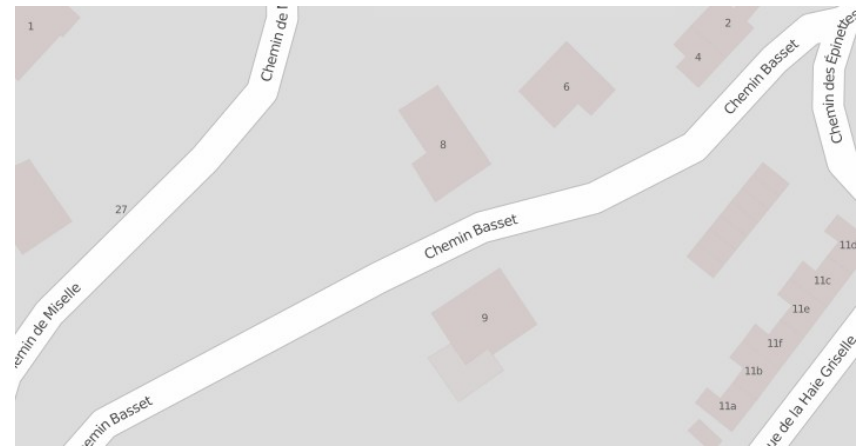
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A dense network of academic positions and workplaces: Algiers university, Rabat school, Sorbonne, École des langues orientales, Georgetown university,...

A family house, for summer gathering, retirement... and work : Wisteria Cabin Gérardmer



2. The archeology of an orientalist lab

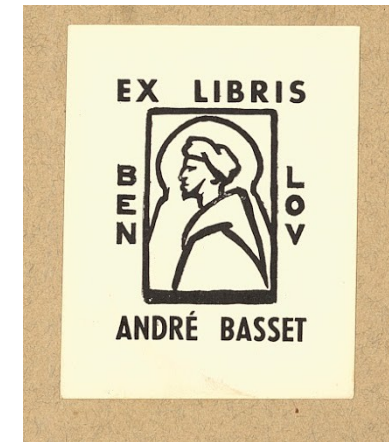


What do we have left?

- Owned books, periodicals, off-prints : about 5.000 books + 41 boxes; 800 off prints, 2.200 issues of periodicals
- Publications and their archive: published materials, proofs, drafts, correspondence with publishers with a special collection of Charles de Foucauld's papers collecte by R. Basset : 50 boxes
- Archives : full correspondance of RB and part of JD's : about 20.000 letters
- Lexicographical index cards : about 200 000 units

2. The archeology of an orientalist lab : layers of donations

- 1965 : Jean Deny's widow sells 4000 books to the Sorbonne ; it becomes the core of the Institute for Turkish studies' library. The books are dispatched with the new acquisitions. Collection transferred to the BULAC with 13 boxes of archives in 2000 and 2016
- 1977 : André Basset's widow makes donation of her husband's books and archives to the Department of Berber studies at INALCO. Transferred to the library from 1980 to 2000.
- 2015 : remaining books and archives in the family house are given to BULAC and Cetobac (EHESS)



3. A collaborative research project

A puzzle whose pieces are just being put back together

A important of documents to evaluate and to curate :

- duplicate monographs and periodicals
- offprints
- archives

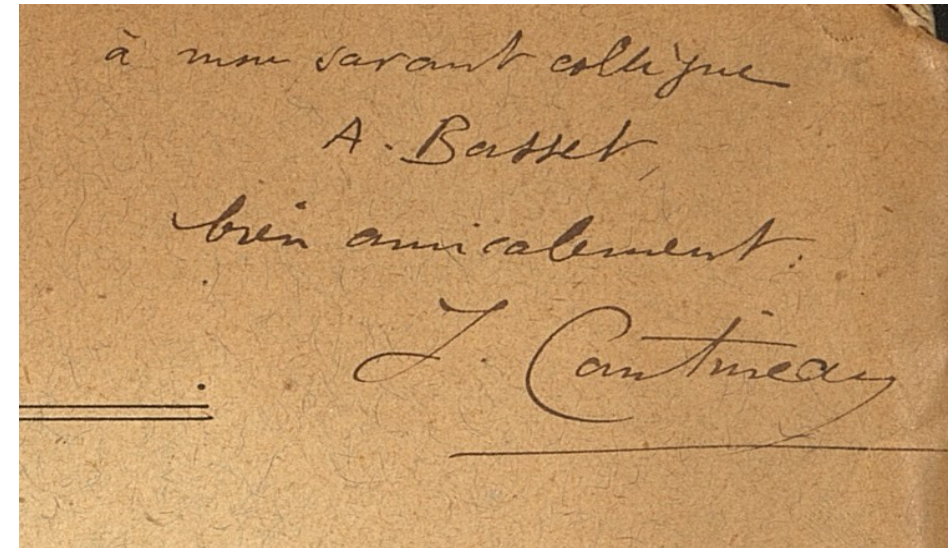
The enthusiasm of three young historians working on the Maghreb (Augustin Jomier, Alain Messaoudi) and Kemalist Turkey (Emmanuel Szurek) : aknowledge these documents as an « orientalist archive »

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Investigating the library role : a will to break the chain from librarian to research work.

Building up the collection working on archives and published materials in parallel

Cataloguing and access are not the main goals : reconstruction of the scientific and personal landscap of an orientalist dynasty.



Next steps

Working with researchers and students : a collective seminar « documents in hands »

Looking for other documents related to the Basset-Deny family in other institutions

Analyzing other similar projects

Thank you for your attention

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