

### Some Methodological Considerations

Data used in this study have been compiled through a combination of a number of sociological methods. A large part of the data was drawn by historical research of archival material. The following is a list of the major documents consulted:

- 1) British government reports. Three reports were particularly significant here; one, *Palestine: Report on Immigration, Land Settlement and Development*, by John Hope Simpson (Cmd. 3686, 1930); two, *The Royal Commission Report, 1937*; and three, *Report of a Committee on the Economic Conditions of Agriculturists in Palestine and Fiscal Measures of Government Thereto*, by Johnson and Crosbie, 1930. (Hereafter, "Johnson-Crosbie's Report").
- 2) Correspondence between the Administration of Palestine, the Colonial and the Foreign Offices in London.
- 3) Petitions and peasant complaints found particularly in the Foreign Office files.
- 4) Documents on 'land sale' obtained from the archival library at Beit Shturman (Israel).
- 5) Palestinian Archives kept at the Arab Studies Institute in Jerusalem.

Additional historical data, in the form of rare manuscripts, were also obtained from the private libraries of A. Taha (the West Bank) and B. Sabah (Israel).

Non-historical data were also gathered. During my stay in Israel and the West Bank I interviewed a number of people, including, ex-landowners, Lawyers specialized in land cases and elderly Palestinian peasants. The technique of 'family live history' was used with