

## Samu'<sup>290</sup>

Samu' village's population was somewhat larger than Shuyūkh. There were 64 structures in the village, including three caves (each valued at 250 kuruş) and four courtyards (*'arşa*) that were each valued at 125 kuruş. The highest valued residence was assessed at 1,250 kuruş. Samu' is unique among Hebron villages with *musha* in that villagers registered all of their agricultural land, 14,457 dunams, as *musha*. This was recorded in thirty-five different parcels in different locations, named, for example, Khallat al-Farā, Arḍ al-Khirāba, and Qiṭat Khālid. Each of them was registered to "the people" (*umūm ahali-ye mahsus*). These land parcels varied in size from four dunams to 1,750 dunams. Eight of the parcels were 1,000 dunams or larger. Thirteen plots were between 100-1000 dunams, the smallest being 150 dunams and the largest 515. Most of their sizes are precise numbers, for example, 254 and 276 dunams. One plot was recorded as being 70 dunams, another 60 dunams, and a third, 50 dunams. The size of the eleven smallest plots, all smaller than fifty dunams, were not all rounded numbers. There were plots 4, 19, 26, and 32 dunams in size, as well as plots of 25, 30, and 45 dunams, for example.

Forty percent of the parcels were the highest grade of land, Grade 1. Almost the same proportion, 37 percent, was Grade 2, which was the category of the majority of lands in the Hebron district. Just eight percent of the lands were assessed as Grade 3 properties. The Grade

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Today, Route 60, the principal, West Bank north-south road, passes through this area about one kilometer north of Ard Wardan. Arḍ Wardān is just south of Arroub refugee camp, the border of which abuts Route 60.

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