

comprised the Hebron district at that time, and the authors excluded *mezra's* (farmlands that were not permanently settled) from their published analysis.

One does find, however, counted among the late-sixteenth century settlements, the villages of Tarqumiya and Idhna, which border Jamrūra to the south. They were home to seventeen and sixty-eight hanes (households), respectively.<sup>310</sup> By the end of the nineteenth century, Tarqumiya and Idhna would be much closer in terms of size. In Tarqumiya, we find in 1876 eighty-three registered residences, while Idhna registered eighty-seven residences. Thirty years subsequently, when the population was counted in 1905, Tarqumiyya would have 182 households of varying sizes, while in Idhna 83 households were registered.<sup>311</sup> (See Table 4.1, below.)

Al-Bakhit and al-Sawariyyah (2007) did include *mezra's* in their study of an early-sixteenth century tapu register for the Jerusalem *liwa*; their findings inform us further about this area. In the 1520s, Bayt Kāḥil and Taffuḥ themselves were recorded as being *mezra's*, although Taffuḥ appears to have had some recognized permanent settlement.<sup>312</sup> It may be

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<sup>310</sup> Ibid., 123-124.

<sup>311</sup> On the distinction between residences and households, see Table 4.1, below.

<sup>312</sup> Adnan al-Bakhit and Noufan Raja al-Sawariyyah, *Liwā' al-Quds al-Sharīf min Daftar Tahrīr TD 131*, 932-938AH / 1525-1531/32 (London: al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation, 2007): 76, 77, 151, 223, 224. The Taffuḥ *mezra'* was one of five properties in the Hebron region owned by the Darānī (al-Dārī) children. The authors note that in tapu defter #427 (1525/6), which they also studied in-depth, Taffuḥ is recorded as a village. It may also be noted that on the maps accompanying Bakhit and Sawariyyah's study, in the area of Jamrūra there is identified a *khirbe* named Ḥajrūra which possibly could be a misreading of Jamrūra, since Ottoman accounting registers were recorded in undotted, shorthand *siyakat* script, and the difference