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Images 5.1 and 5.2. On the left: Hebron sharia-court document recording a land sale. Dated 29 Jumādi II 1255 / 9 September 1839. On the right: *Tapu kushān* (*sened-i khākāni*). Dated 27 Safar 1317 / 7 July 1899.

source: the private papers of Hajj 'Amr 'Ali 'Aliyan al-Natsheh. Photographs by the author.

The document in the photo on the left was issued by the Hebron sharia court in September 1839 (29 Jumādī II 1255). It records a sale that had taken place ten years previously. The sale