

**1933 Nov 19 George Farhat to Suleiman – berating KF**  
**Letter from George Farhat in Ramallah to his father Soloman in California**  
**Translated by Elias Karraa**

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My Dear Father,

I kiss your hands, and ask for your blessings. We are the same as you saw us last. I want to let you know, father, what happens here every hour. I still go to school.

My mother curses my town, and only when she goes to Bethlehem when she gives gifts of clothes to her sister's children is she happy. When she comes home she is unhappy, and then calls you the 'uncle of dogs' (*literal translation*). When I go to see my grandfather, she criticizes me. She said that you have no feeling for her, and that she has found this out through the years.

But we are happy with my grandfather. When we go there, we eat and drink everything on the table. And they want me to go to America to be with you, Mary and Freddie.

Sidi (*grandfather*) and his friends went to Bethlehem to try and bring Fred and Mary, but they were unable to get them.

My grandfather was worried about her taking care of your properties. He was worried she would put one-third of the land into her and the children's names.

When it was time to pick the olives, she gave the workers a hard time. It was so bad that they were crying. I did not say a word, ya baba (*father*).

She goes out from 10 in the morning until dark. She is always thinking about money. She says she has none. She goes to my grandfather to lend her money. She tells him to lend her the money and take it from the land, and she would then give him a receipt.

Please answer me. May God keep you! Send it to my grandfather, not my mother, and please don't blame me for the poor writing.

*(It looks as if a different person is writing the last paragraph. In the body of the letter, the handwriting was not clear and words misspelled, not so in the last paragraph, which is as follows.)*

She wants the family to put her on a rocking chair (*literal translation*). What do you think can be done? She went to two consulates to arrange her travel. She wants \$120 to complete her trip. Please don't criticize my handwriting.

Love, Georgie