Foreign markets for American Coal
Report for Palestine
Department Circular, March 10, 1900.

No American coal is used in this consular district. About 3,500 tons are imported annually, coming from England and Belgium. That which comes from Belgium 3000 tons, is in Bricks. That which comes from Cardiff and New Castle is in bulk. The Jaffa and Jerusalem railroad consumes 1,500 tons annually, which is entirely brick coal. The remaining 2,000 tons is used by the small mills in Jaffa, Jerusalem, and elsewhere. Coal is not used in this country for kitchen or heating purposes either by the hotels or by foreigners in their private residences. Of the two largest of the small flouring mills in Jerusalem, one uses coal and the other uses wood exclusively. The cost of the brick coal is $10 a ton, and the cost of the Cardiff coal is $15 per ton.

(Signed) Selah Merrill
U. S. Consul

Jerusalem, April 27, 1900.

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, May 8, 1900

Hon. Thomas W. Cridler
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

In accordance with Consular Regulations, Paragraph 418, a certificate of marriage between two American citizens residing in Jerusalem, Leroy David Dickinson and Florence May Durgin, aged 31 and 19 respectively, this day solemnized in this consulate, by Rev. Alfred Williams Anthony of Lewiston, Maine, is herewith forwarded to the Department of State. A copy of the same certificate has been given to each of the contracting parties. This is the first marriage in the case of each of these persons.

Respectfully your obedient servant
(Signed) Selah Merrill
United States Consul

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Marriage Certificate

Certificate of Marriage.- Dickinson-Durgin

I, Selah Merrill, Consul of the United States at Jerusalem, hereby certify that on this 8th day of May 1900, in this Consulate, Florence May Durgin, aged nineteen, born in Kittery, Maine, and now residing in Jerusalem, and Leroy David Dickinson, aged thirty one, born in Spencer, Ohio, and now residing in Jerusalem were united in marriage before me and in my presence by Rev. Alfred Williams Anthony of Lewiston, Maine who is authorized by the laws of said State to perform such a ceremony.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of this Consulate this eighth day of May, 1900

fee $1.00 L. S. (Signed) Selah Merrill
U. S. Consul

No. 28

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, May 19, 1900.

Hon. Thomas W. Cridler
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir.

Your despatch No. 33, March 28, 1900, granting leave of absence to Vice Consul Herbert E. Clark, was duly received. As stated in my despatch No. 26, February 24, 1900, Mr. Clark left on the 20th of January and returned to his post on the 23 of April during that time Mr. Clark was at his post for two periods, one of 23 days, and one of 8 days, in all 31 days.

According to your permission granted in No. 33 as above Mr. Clark left for Europe and the United States expecting to return by the middle of August. But the delays occasioned by quarantine are so great and so uncertain that I have granted him leave for 120 days beginning with May 14, 1900. — I will duly report the date of his return

Respectfully your obedient servant
(Signed) Selah Merrill
United States Consul