

## 1<sup>st</sup> Levantine Heritage Foundation social networking event invitation

In helping to reconstruct the life and times of the past, we have to use what tools the vagaries of time have provided us with. In Levantine studies, the displacement in time and space over generations often means the family heirlooms, photographs and documents can be scant and sometimes the text can be in foreign languages, adding to the challenge. This event is intended to provide ideas and inspiration to our community through bringing and sharing these mementos and items of conversation to help in our communal quest to better understand the ways of our fore-bears, and perhaps better understand our own culture.

### The schedule:

6.30 Arrival & Reception – wine / soft-drinks no food - ice-breaker

7.00 Sit down at round tables with drink service. 10 minute talk on LHF information available on website (Craig Encer)

7.15 Introduce discussion topics. Each table would have a main discussion topic with an LHF host/facilitator (e.g. Dutch ancestors, French, etc. and/or cities Izmir, Beirut, Alexandria). People could start and later move around - we shall take a survey beforehand of the themes people would like to discuss and request them to bring an object / family tree to facilitate discussion. Need to make notes of highlights of connections/discovery/wants.

8.00 Buffet dinner - less formal - go back to whichever table you want

9.00 - 9.30 Quick reports on what connections people have made and what connections/info they want. Record 2 minute video testimonies from a few volunteers.



Members of the Weber and McVittie families in a house garden in Boudja, Smyrna, early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

29 June 2017, 6.30 pm start

Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London

Booking is essential: <https://1st-lhf-networking-evening.eventbrite.co.uk>