

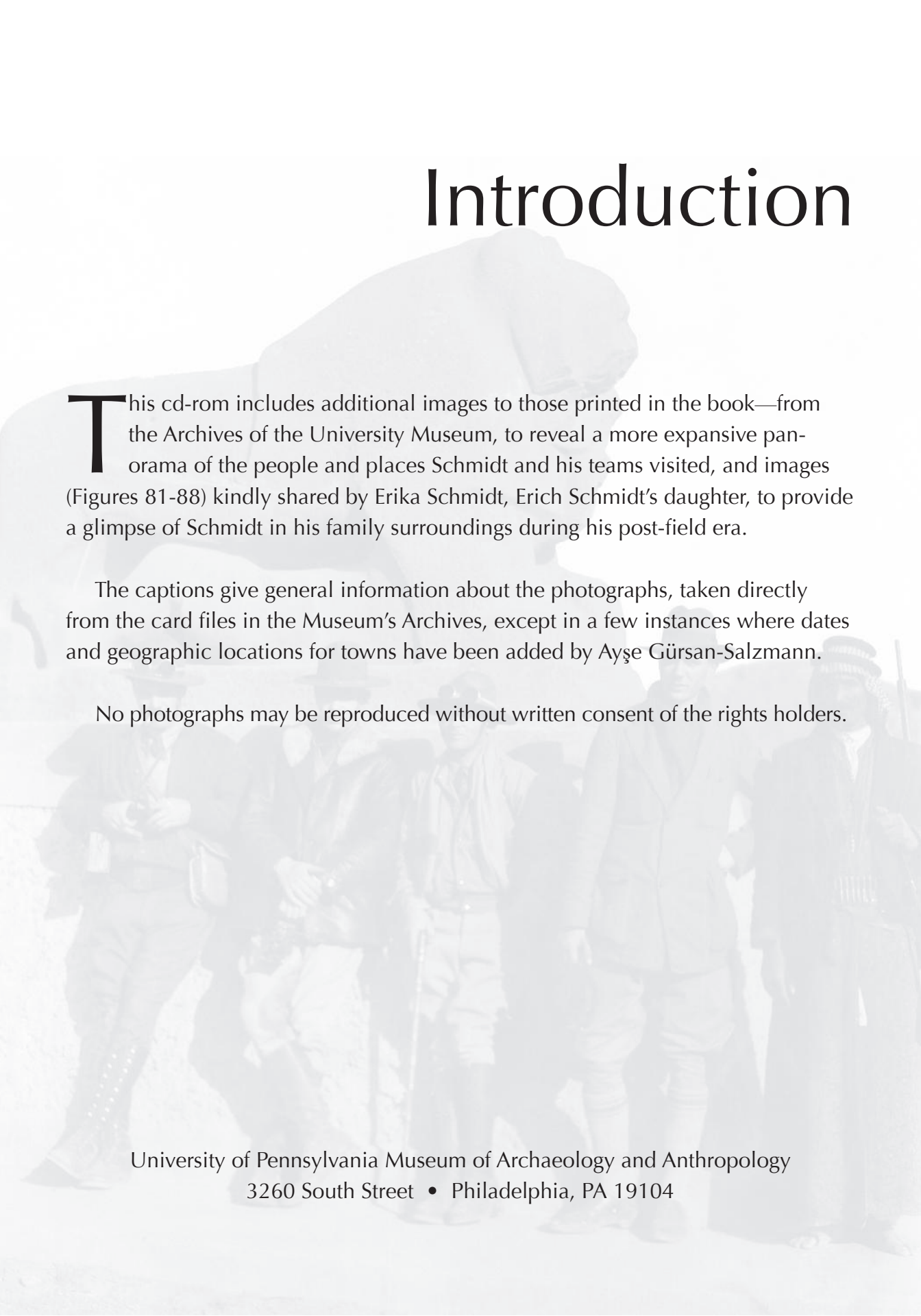
# Exploring Iran

The Photography of  
Erich F. Schmidt, 1930–1940



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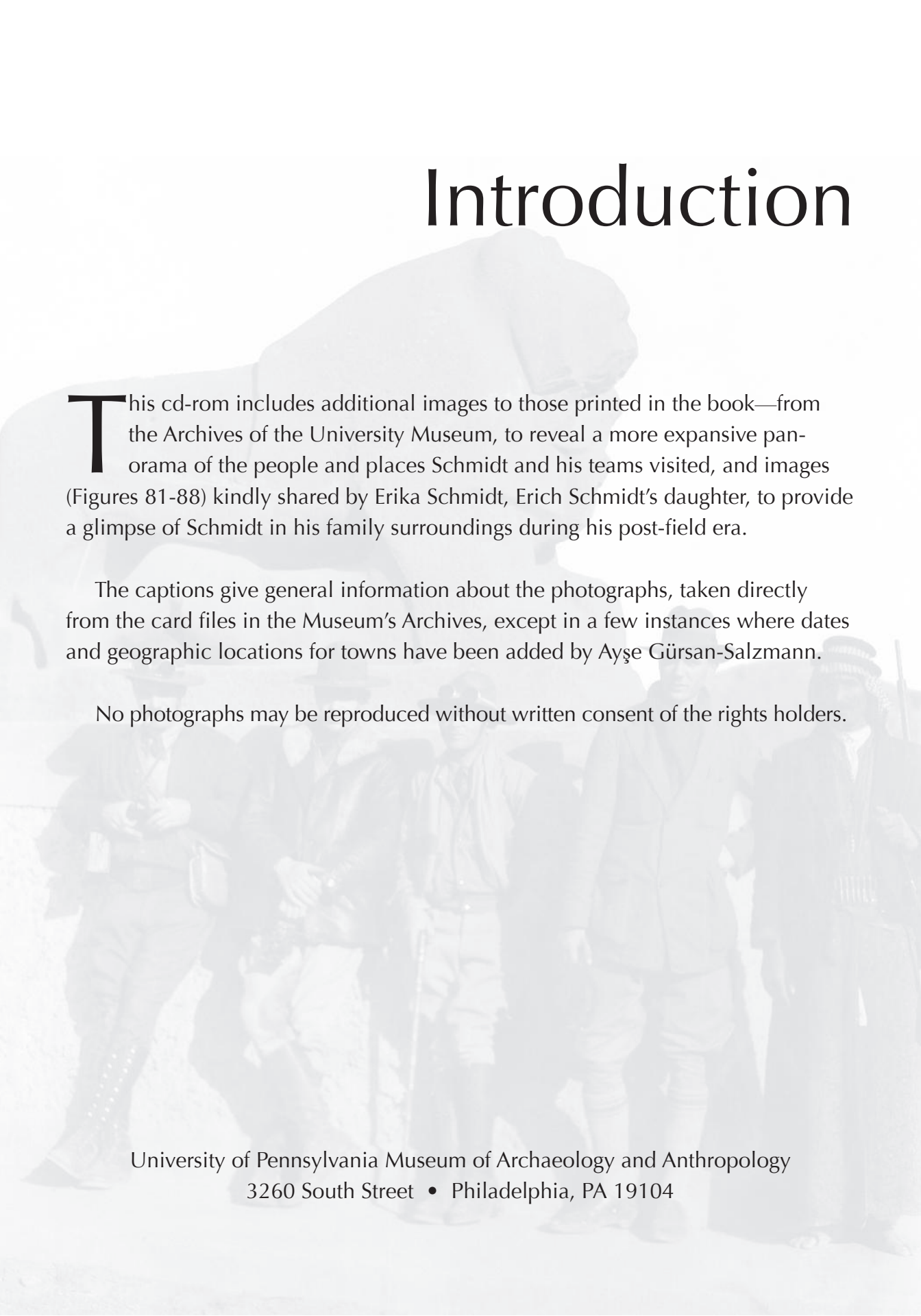
# Introduction



This cd-rom includes additional images to those printed in the book—from the Archives of the University Museum, to reveal a more expansive panorama of the people and places Schmidt and his teams visited, and images (Figures 81-88) kindly shared by Erika Schmidt, Erich Schmidt’s daughter, to provide a glimpse of Schmidt in his family surroundings during his post-field era.

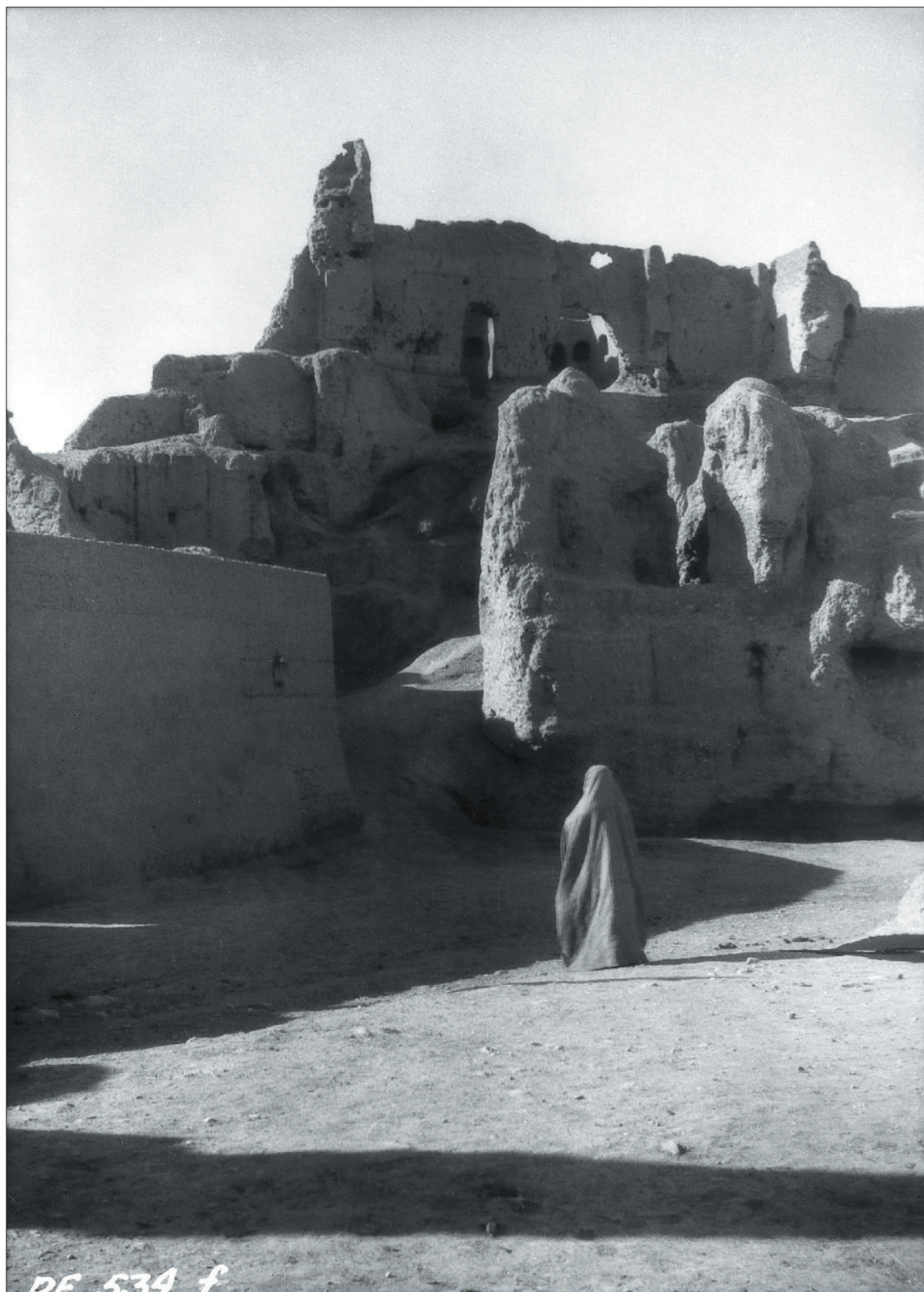
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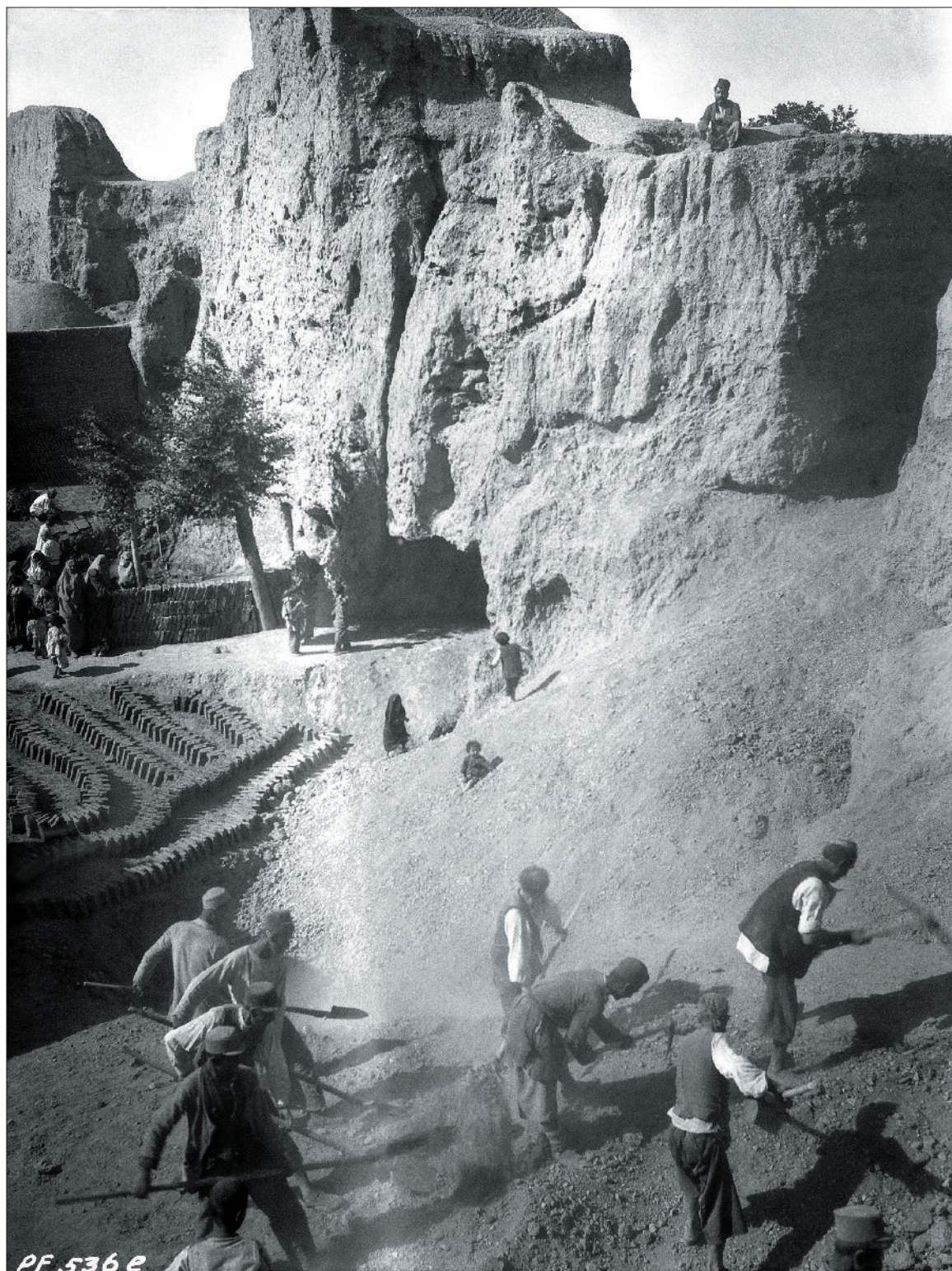
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**Figure 1** Woman exiting the old city gate of the Damghan citadel. Neg. #80957. July 1931.





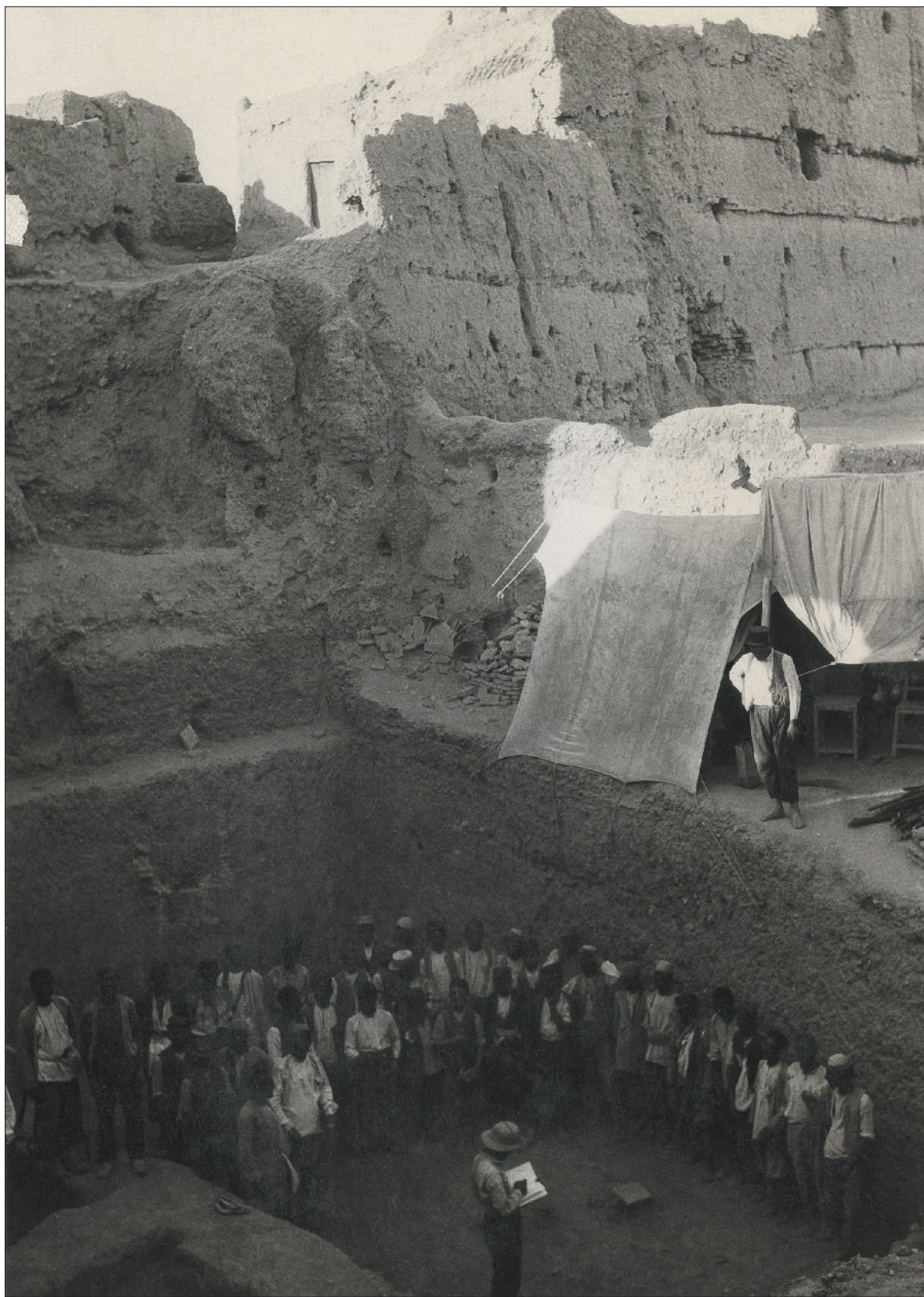
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**Figure 3** "Goat mother" nursing the pet gazelle. Neg. #83381. July 1932.





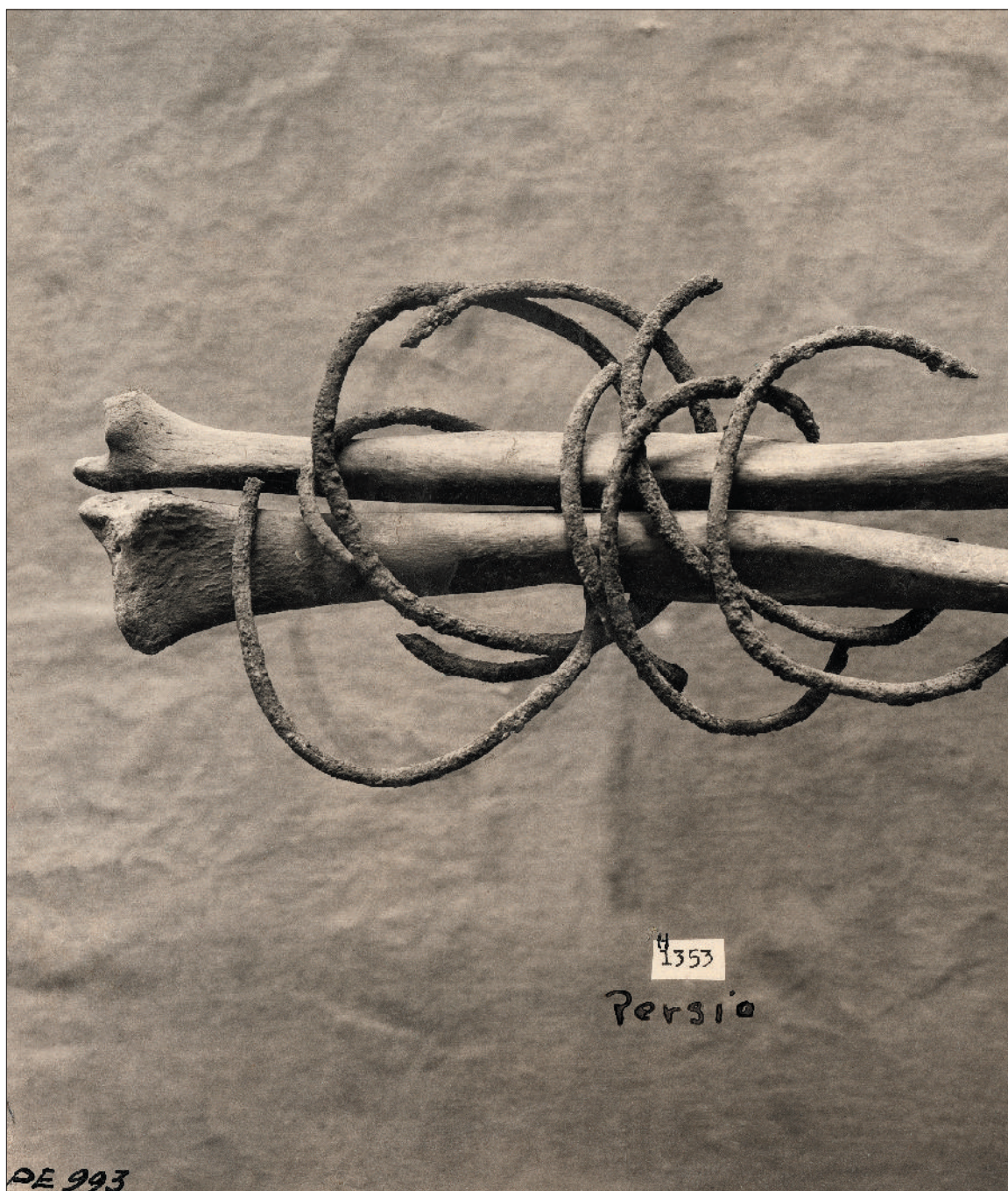
**Figure 4** Excavations at Damghan citadel during early morning roll-call by Schmidt. Neg. #82759. August 1931.





**Figure 5** An efficient system of transporting excavated earth, with wagons on rail-road tracks. Neg. #83058. November 1931.





**Figure 6** Copper bracelets still intact on the arm bones of the “dancer,” c. 2000 BC. Neg. #84688. December 1931.





**Figure 7** A Scarecrow, cow's skull, Damghan. Neg. #83373. July 1932.





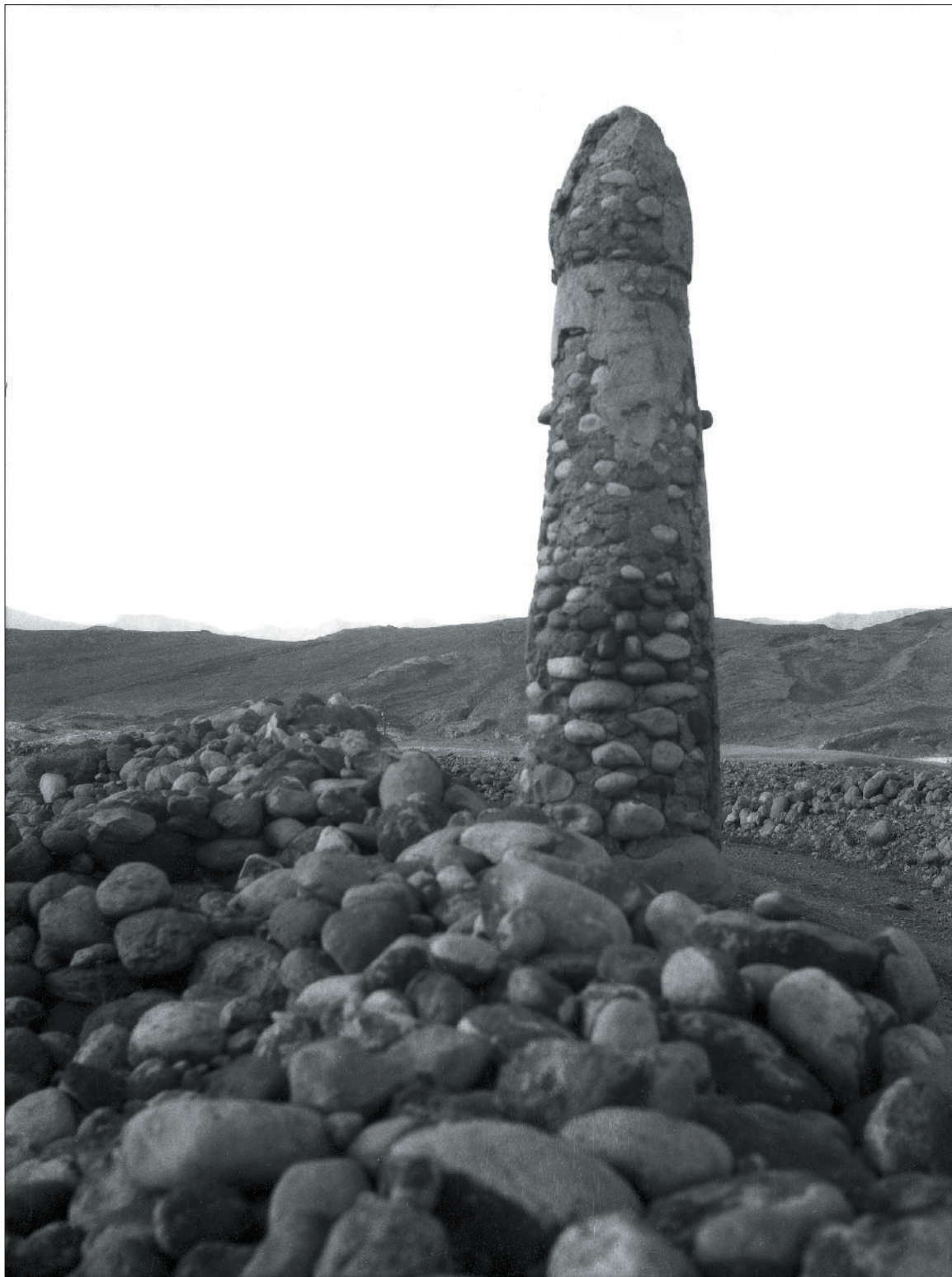
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**Figure 9** Phallic symbol at road near the edge of Khuzistan plain in western Iran.  
Neg. #83406. March 1932.





**Figure 10.** Close-up of phallic symbol at road near the edge of Khuzistan plain in western Iran. March 1932.





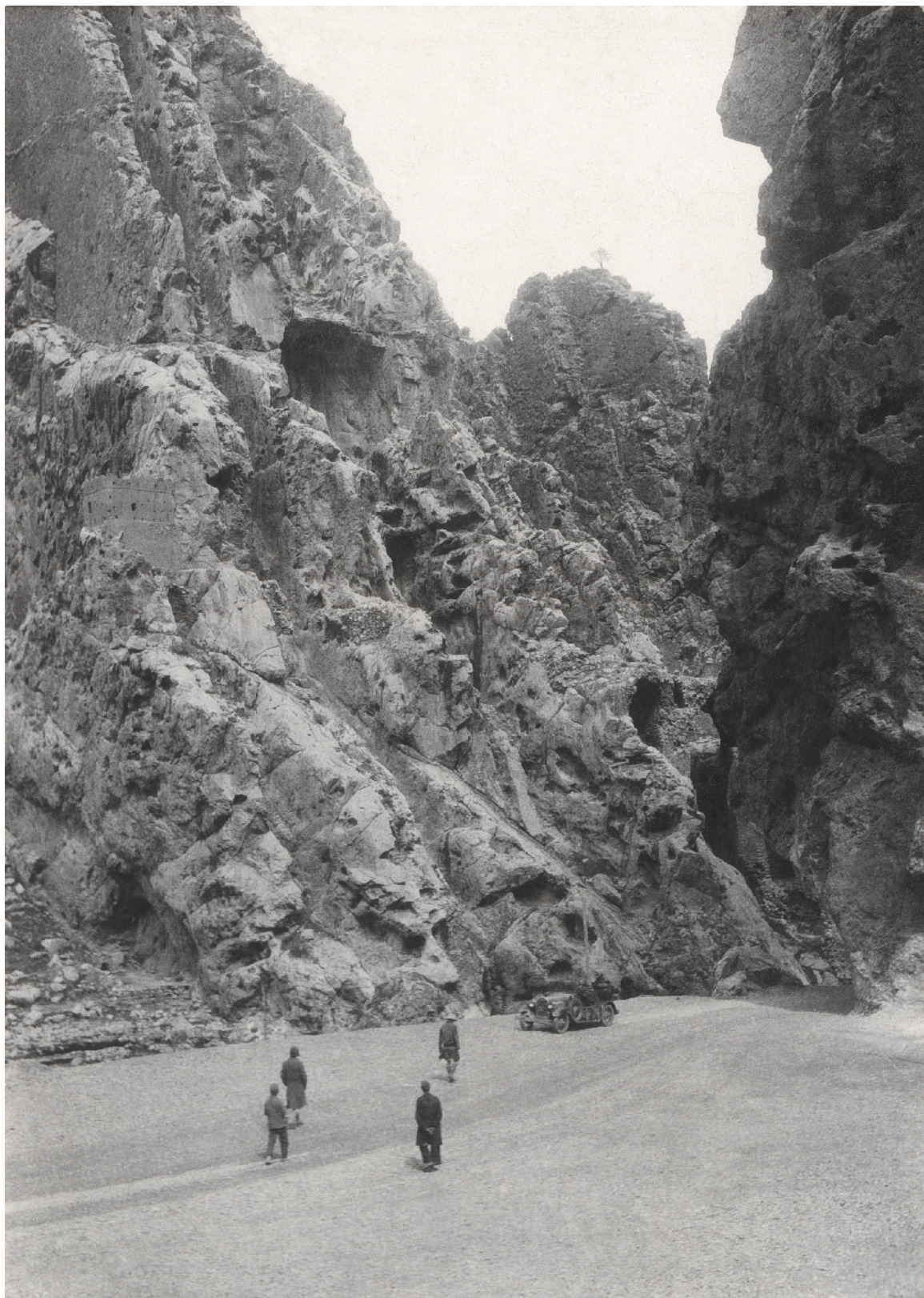
**Figure 11** Cemetery near the city of Shiraz, southern Iran. The lion-shaped Seljuk tombstones in the foreground are dated c. 10th century AD. Neg. #83452. March 1932.





**Figure 12** Mary-Helen Warden Schmidt. 1935.





**Figure 13** View of the ruined bridge, dated AD 985 across the Kashgam River.  
Neg.#83400, March 1932.





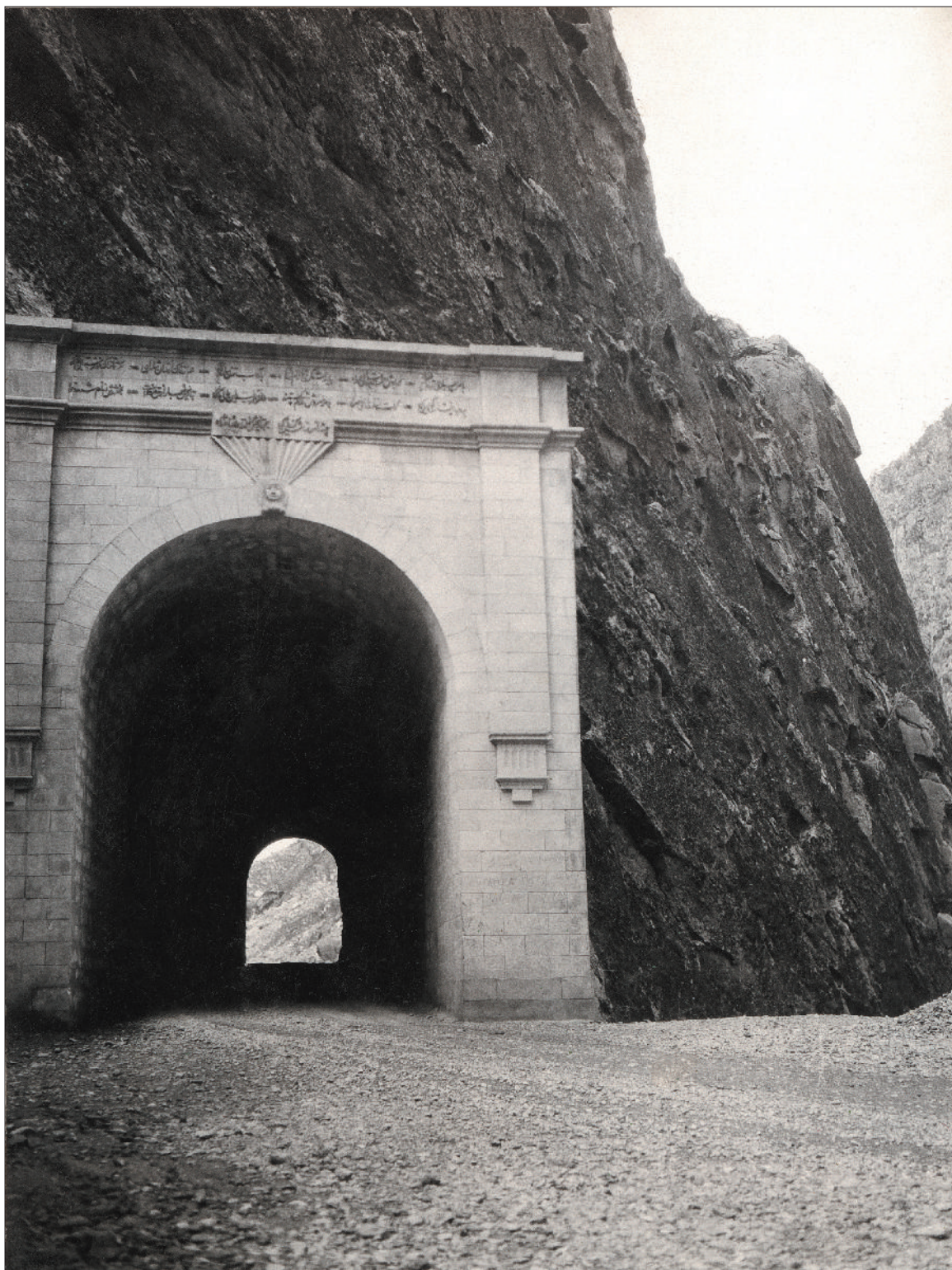
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**Figure 16** Modern tunnel across the Kashgam River. Neg.#83400, March 1932.





**Figure 17** Threshing wheat with poles, a more primitive technology than the use of a threshing board. Neg. #83375. July 1932.





**Figure 18** Harvesting wheat manually, with a sickle, near Damghan. Neg. #83374C. July 1932.



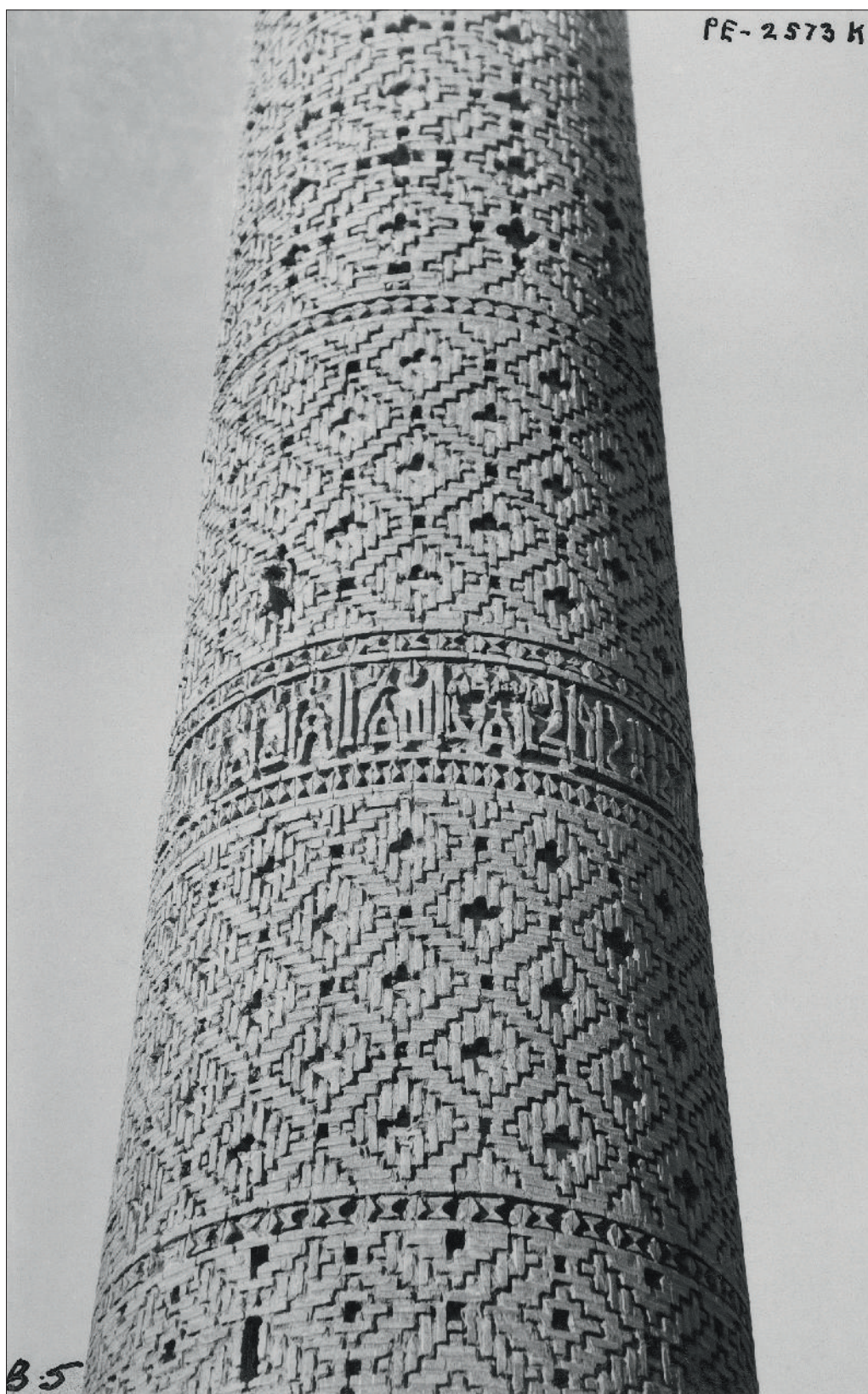
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**Figure 20a** Minaret at Islamic site, Tari-Khaneh (House of God) excavations, near Damghan. 1932.





**Figure 20b** Minaret and inscription at Islamic site, Tari-Khaneh (House of God) excavations, near Damghan. 1932.





**Figure 21a** Fortified citadel of Hassanabad and recently deserted remains of mud-brick village, c. 32 km south of Damghan. Neg. #82504. July 1931.





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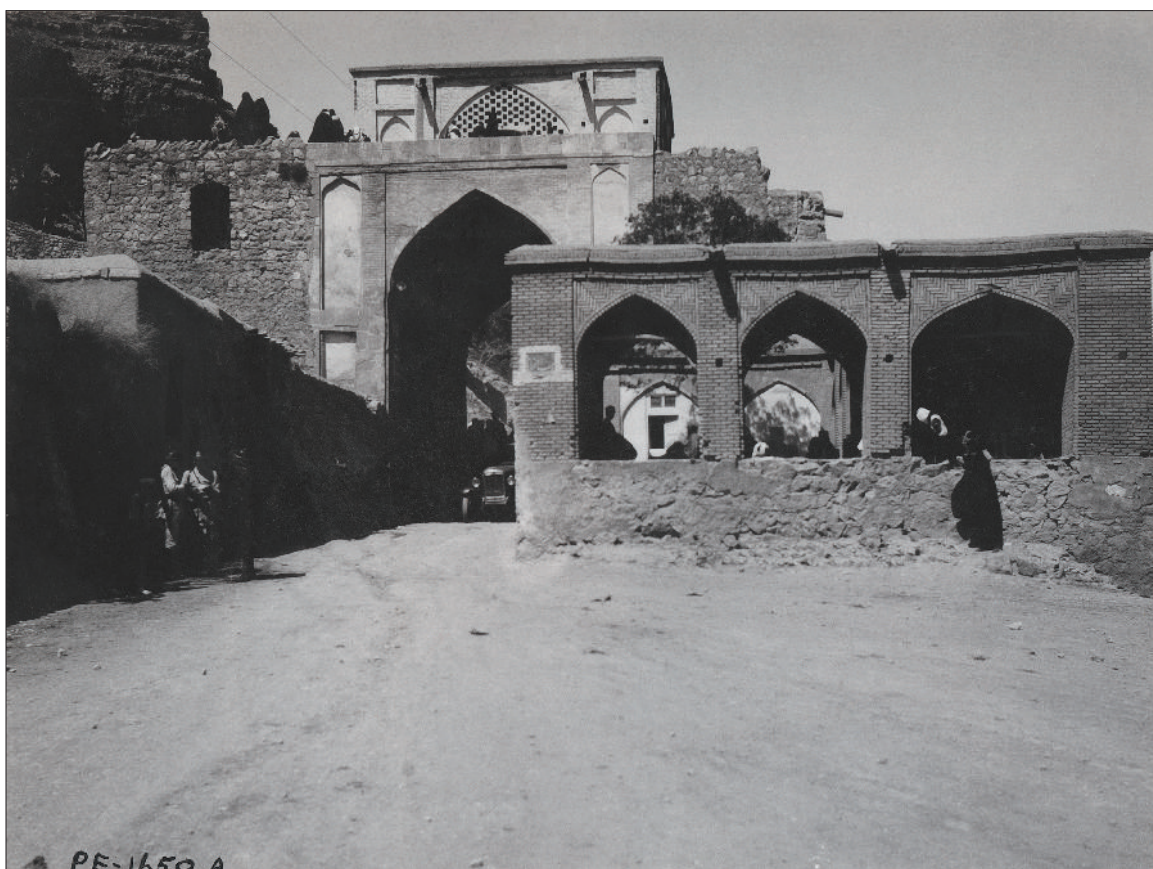
**Figure 22** Visitors from Teheran to Tepe Hissar during a sightseeing trip: Mrs. Streeper, the American Consul's wife, between Mr. Upton (left) and Arthur Richards, American Vice-Consul. Neg. #85318. November 1932.





**Figure 23** Woman walking toward the entrance to bazaar, Dizful, Khuzistan province. 1935.





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**Figure 27** People of Damghan. 1932.





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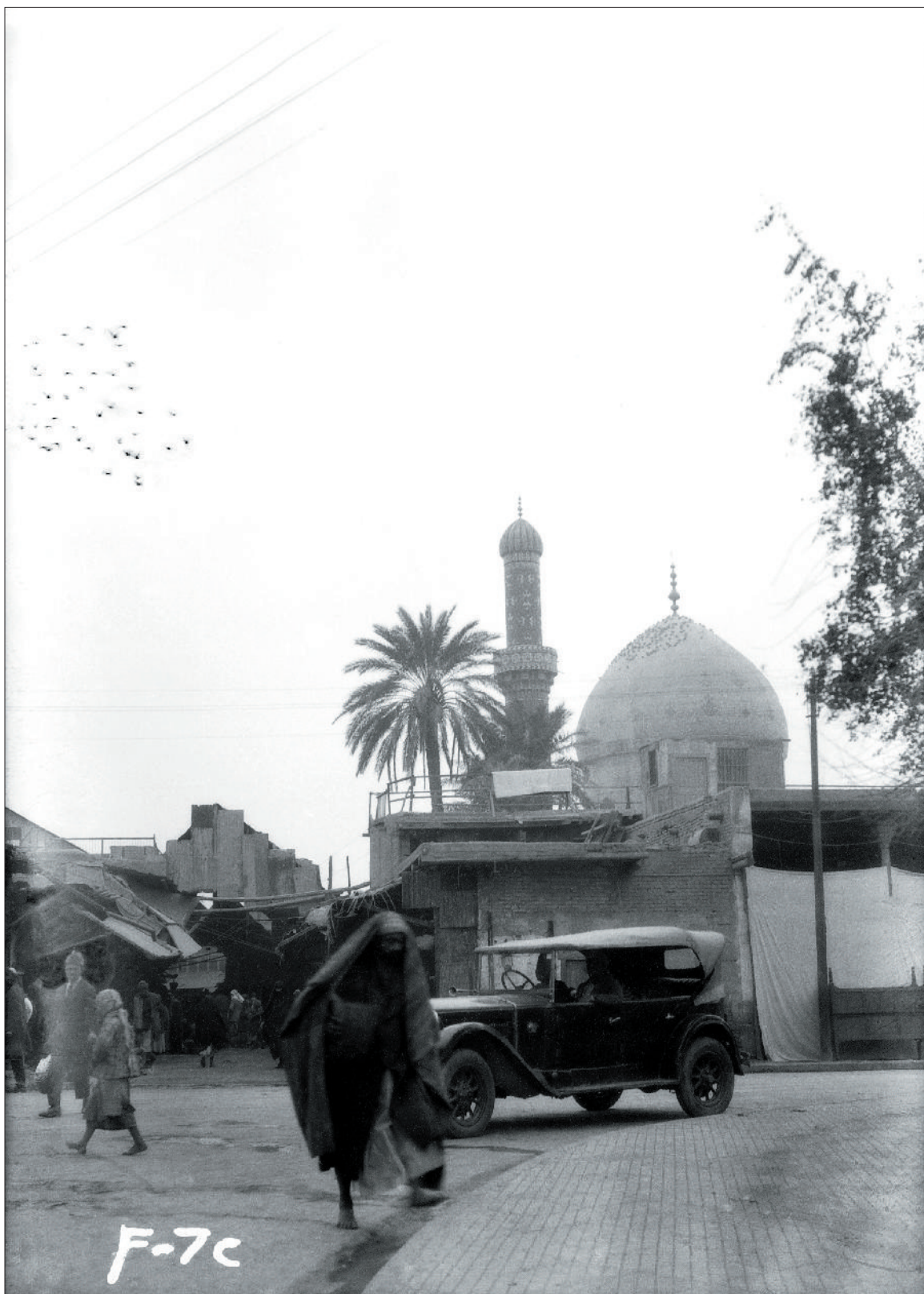


**Figure 29** Cyrus Baldridge sketching natives. Neg. #83362. July 1932.



**Figure 30** Tepe Hissar workmen, sketched by Cyrus Baldridge, Damghan. July 1932.





**Figure 31** Maidan Mosque, Baghdad. Neg. #101208. January 1931.



**Figure 32** Tehran-Semnan road; donkeys carrying poplar trunks. Neg. #82577. June 1931.





**Figure 33** Tower of Silence (taken from above), Rayy, Chashma-Ali (Spring of Ali) mound in background. Neg. #80929. June 1931.



**Figure 34** The sacred precinct: tomb tower of Ghazan Khan (AD 1300), mausoleum of Bustam Mirza and Kazim (with conical dome), Damghan. Neg. #82561-67. July 1931.



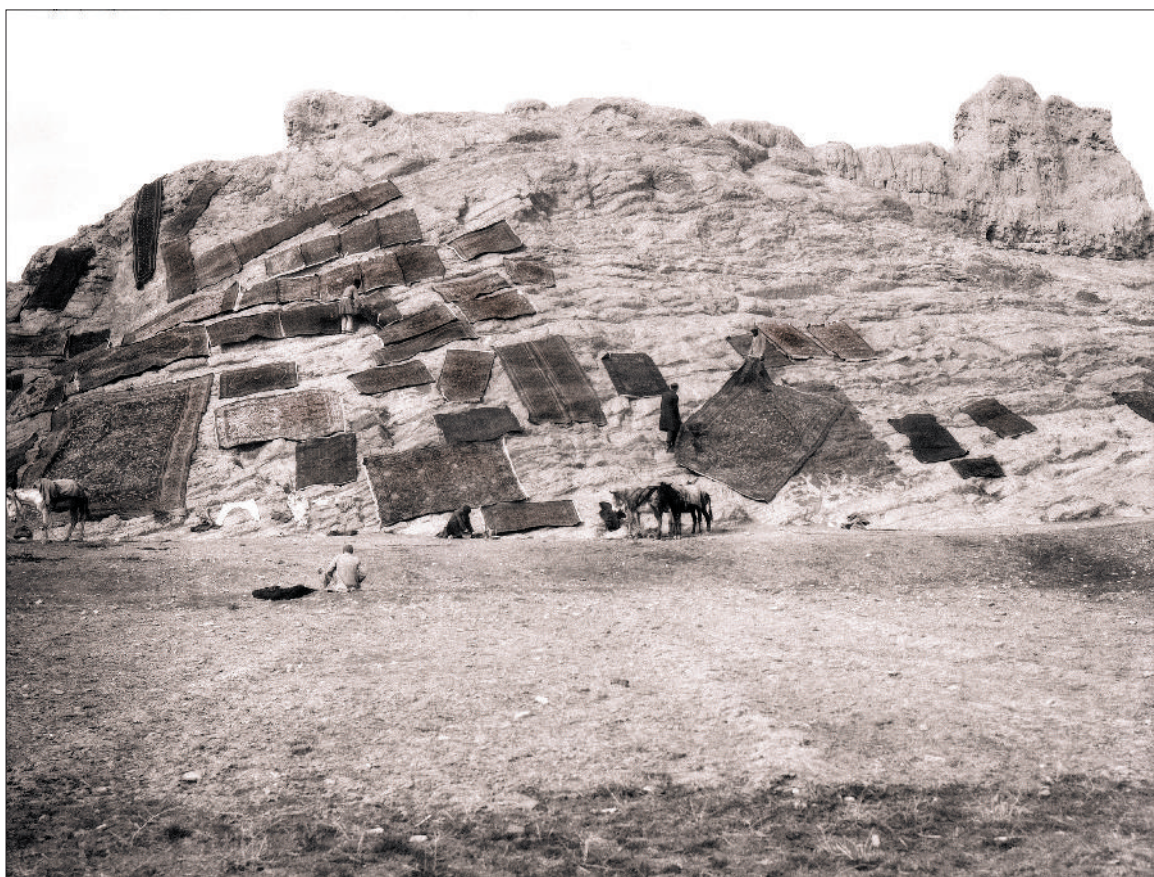


**Figure 35** Islamic caravanserai northwest of Tepe Hissar. Neg. #83063A. November 1931.



**Figure 36** Private Muslim graves near the Tomb of Zobaidah (wife of Harun al-Rashid), Baghdad. Neg. #101210. January 1931.





**Figure 37** Drying rugs in Cheshmeh-Ali (Spring of Ali) near Teheran. Neg. #83697B. Summer 1932.



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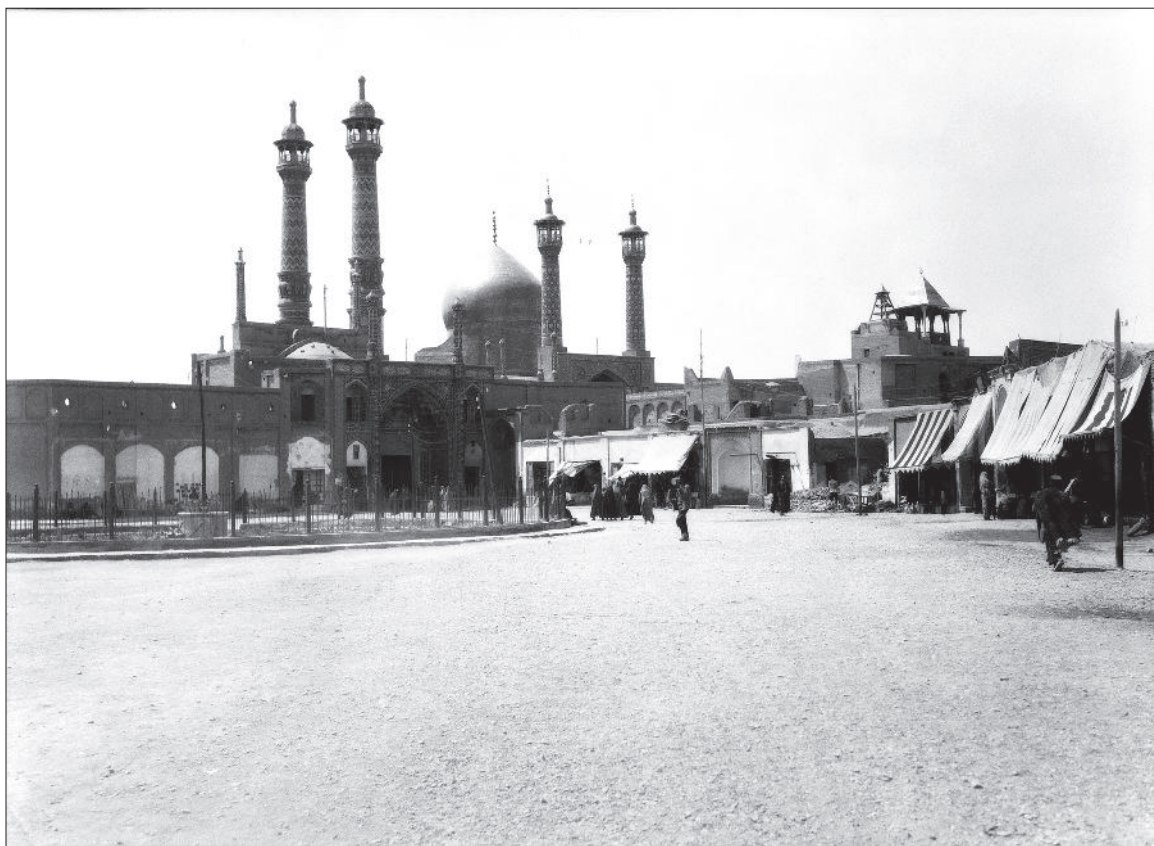


**Figure 39** Truck stuck in low dunes during a trip to Fara–Warka (Uruk). February 1931.



**Figure 40** Cylinder seal, c. 1000-900 BC, from Sorkh-I Dumi excavations, Luristan. 1935.





**Figure 41** Tomb of Fatimah (sister of Imam Riza), Qumm, Iran. Neg. #83390. March 1932.





**Figure 42** Masjid-I Shah, interior details of dome and tile work, Isfahan. Neg. #83490D. April 1932.





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**Figure 44** Erskine White and Erich Schmidt cleaning a burial at Fara. Neg. #101367. February 1931.