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Materiality on written sources. The analysis of archival documentation of Saint-Germain-en-Laye for the study of the first archaeological research at Ras Shamra and Minet el Beida.

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Abstract

In 1928, eight years after the establishment of the French Mandate over Syria and Lebanon and the creation of the Service of Antiquities, the sites of Minet el Beida and Ras Shamra were identified. The archaeological works were entrusted to Claude Schaeffer and his colleague Georges Chenet. Both carried out the first archaeological research and they made the major advances in the knowledge of ancient Ugarit. The archaeologists recorded their research in reports published annually, but they also recorded their advances in numerous unpublished documents that are now in the custody of several institutions involved in the management of archaeology in Syria during the Mandate. The aim of this contribution is therefore to study the documentation of one of these institutions, le Musée de Saint-Germain-en-Laye, an institution to which C. Schaeffer belonged since 1933. These documents contain interesting information about the analysis of materials found at Ras Sahrma and Minet el Beida, mainly metals, but also ceramics and lithics. Thanks to this documentation, we can understand the innovations that may have taken place in the study of materials at the dawn of archaeological research at Ugarit.

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