



# Palestine Exploration Fund

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**Organization Overview:** The Palestine Exploration Fund is an institute dedicated to studies of the Levant since 1865. Their geographic scope focuses primarily on the area closely surrounding Palestine, but also widely including the entire Eastern Mediterranean region of Western Asia and even Egypt. Their office in London acts as an archive, small museum, and space for lectures.

### Tasks:

- Indexed their archive of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem (sorted through 60 boxes of documents and objects to create a master list of what all was in the archive)
- Assist visiting researchers by supplying information and finding resources

### Skills Acquired:

- How to handle and maintain archival materials
- Reading comprehension and deductive reasoning

### My Experience at PEF:

- "...but more about what the experience was like commuting and working in a different part of London where I spent quality time with a small office of British adults."
- "My favorite day was not when I was doing my designated archival task, but instead helping and talking to a History PhD researcher from Brighton and learning about the preservation materials and conservation practices used."

