

members of the Bahá'í sect, did not commend her socially to her compatriots.

...

Her treks in 1927 and 1928 in Lebanon and Syria had the protective influence of the Protestant mission community behind them. Similarly in Persia in May 1930, when she set out alone from Iraq in quest of the Assassins' lairs, it was Bahá'í introductions in Baghdad who put her in contact with a local landowner in Qasvin; he consigned her to the care of one of his tenants in the Alamut and held him responsible for her well-being.

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2. Text, from Geniesse's book

Note: the following excerpt is from *Passionate Nomad: The Life of Freya Stark*, by Jane Fletcher Geniesse (Random House, 1999), online at Google Books. It is included here because it seemed too short to warrant its own post:

... An Arab friend in Damascus had put Freya in touch with a local member of the Bahá'í movement, an enlightened and rationalist religious sect from Persia, who helped her find three rooms up a steep staircase and behind a stout door that had to be opened with a foot-long latchkey. ...

3. Image scans of Izzard's book (click image for full-size version)

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