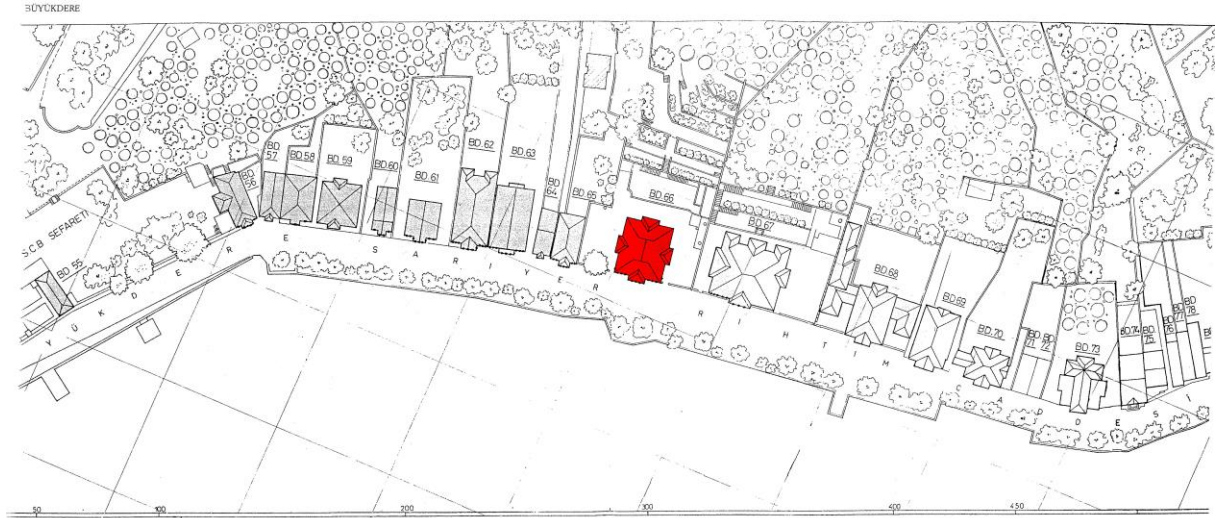


THE RESIDENCE OF JACQUES ALLEON ON THE BOSPHORUS

THE SUMMER PALACE OF THE ALLEONS IN BÜYÜKDERE

Situation of the yalı

In his book: “The yalı of the Bosphorus”¹, the Stamboulia architect Sedad Hakki Eldem reconstructed the cadastral history of the Bosphorus. He thus informs us that the Alléon had a yalı in the bay. It was located within the current commune of Sariyer, which adjoins Büyükdere from the north.



LOCATION PLAN

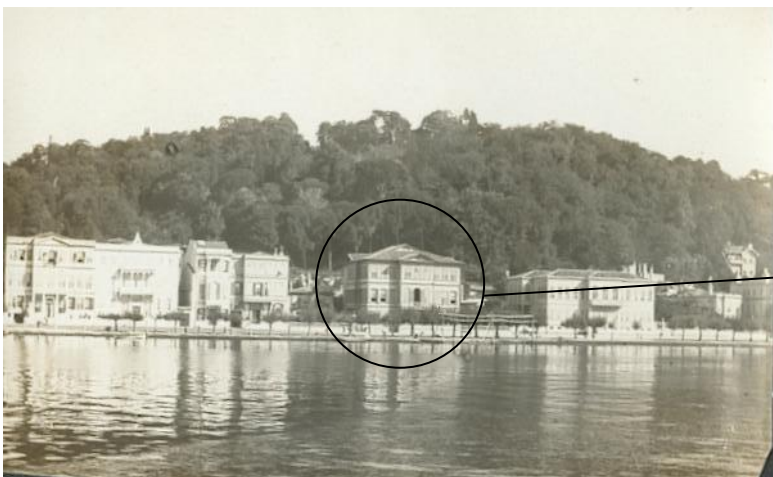
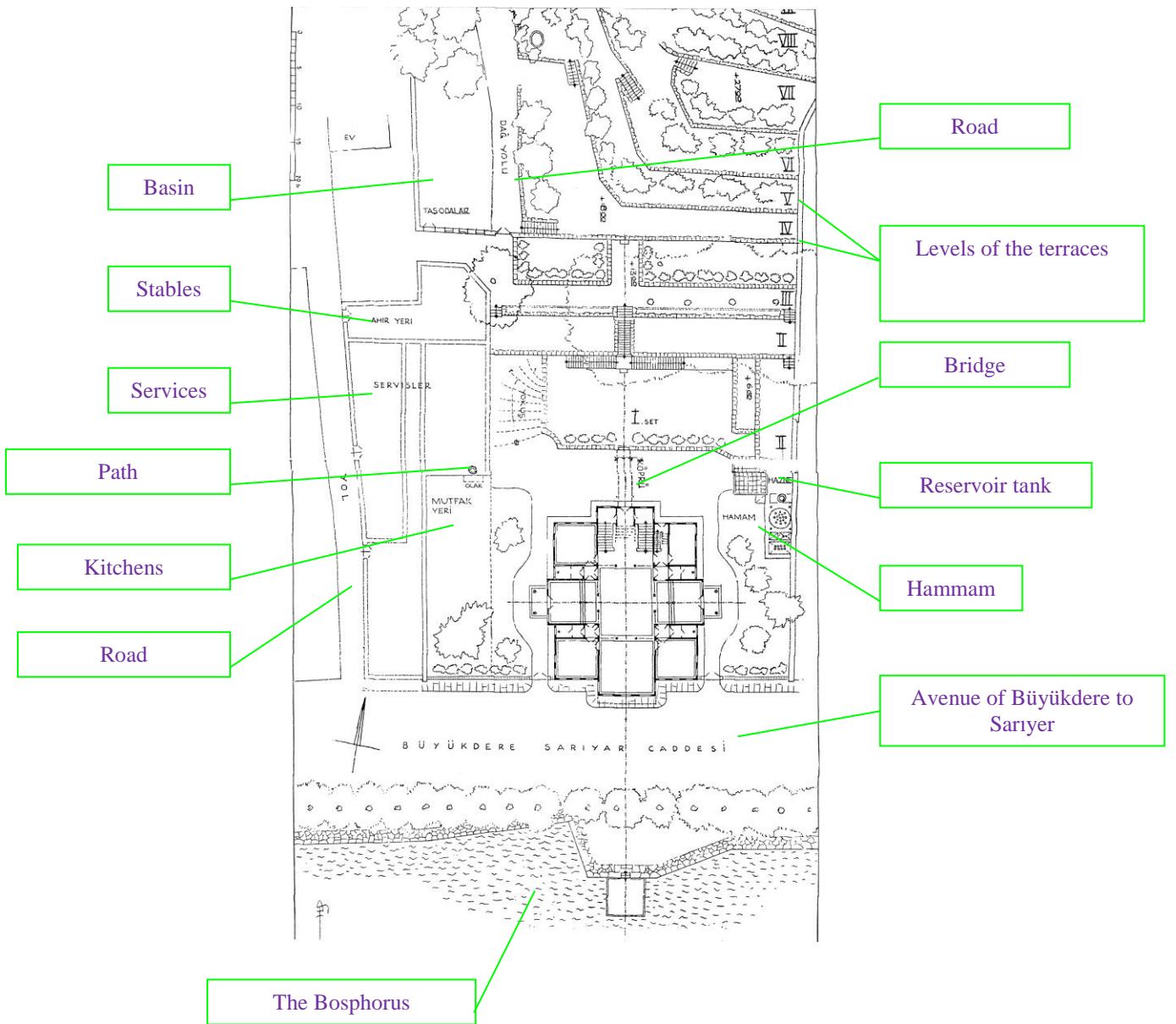
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1 Sedad Hakki Eldem : The yalis of the Bosphorus. Tome 1, European side, page 313. Istanbul 2003.

Description of the val

GROUND PLAN



Picture taken by Amédée Alléon (1906-1965) at the beginning of the 20th century.

The occupation of the yalı

From the moment they acquire the yalı, the Alléon regularly take their summer quarters on the banks of the Bosphorus. They are surrounded by many other wealthy families of Constantinople with whom they are sometimes related, such as the Salzani, the Hübsch...

They also receive their compatriots passing through Constantinople, which is always an opportunity to organize a reception.

Let us quote for example the testimony of Count Jaubert, passing through the Orient in the spring of 1839² : *“We have just had a charming game with Mr. Alléon, a highly regarded French banker, who is at the head of the best of Constantinople's trading houses. After passing to Büyükdere, where his main dwelling is, we went to the more modest one he owns in the middle of the forest of Belgrade, two or three places from the Bosphorus.”*³

Lamartine (1790-1869), poet and French Minister of Foreign Affairs, also stayed at Jacques' house in 1833: *“Hospitality received there at M. and Madame Aléon (sic), French bankers established from father to son in Constantinople, who owned a delightful villa in Büyükdere and a hunting house in the village of Belgrade [...] I have seen such and such a salon in Péra, Thérapia and Büyükdere, or we would have thought we were in one of the most distinguished salons of our great European cities, if we had not looked out over the Bosphorus, or over the Golden Horn that sparkled at the foot of the gardens, between the leaves of the trees.”*⁴

Of course, the maintenance is entrusted to an army of domestics. 24 cooks and no less than 38 gardeners took care of the yalı and its gardens.



² In the spring of 1839, Pierre Amédée Jaubert (1779-1847), a French orientalist, translator, and traveller, undertook a trip to the Orient for scientific purposes.

³ Revue des deux mondes, tome 29 : lettres écrites d'Orient, de Pierre Amédée Jaubert. Page 376. Paris 1842.

⁴ A. de Lamartine : Souvenirs, impressions, pensées et paysages pendant un voyage en Orient (1832-1833), page 228. Paris 1858.

This yalı no longer exists in 2007.

