

Hebron-district villages in 1945 *Village Statistics* or in Palestinian Authority statistics of the present day.¹⁵¹

The conclusion to be drawn from this examination of Rihyya and Khirbat al-Asad is that one must proceed with caution when quantitatively interpreting Ottoman data which was not gathered in order to be a statistical resource. As stated in the Introduction to this study, this is one reason I have chosen a socio-historical methodology for this study.

Table 2.1 on the following pages compares the population and village data provided in the 1871 *salname* with the corresponding data provided in the 1876 *emlak* register.

Appendix Two of this study offers comparison between the number of residences in villages as *per* the 1876 *Emlak* registration with the number of households (*hanes*) counted in the villages during the district's first comprehensive population registration in 1905. I argue that the overall correlation over time between relative population indicators in these three types of documents is an indication that the *emlak* registration is a reliable reflection of the size and population of the villages in 1876.

¹⁵¹ Village Statistics, Table 1 and PA CBS, 61-63.