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Local History in the Making: Tarikh Nigari at Qasbah Amroha (1878-1934)

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Abstract:

The article is divided into three sections. The first section provides an overview of the development of *tarikh nigari* in Urdu. The second section covers the period of 1878-1917; a period in which several family histories were written, but this was also the period which saw the first social history of Amroha, the *Tarikh-e Asghar*, as well as the *Mirat-ul Ansab*, a text on genealogy and lineage. The third section covers the period of 1917-1934; a period of contestation and polemics, during which Mahmud Ahmad Abbasi's three volume *Tarikh-e Amroha* was published and subsequently several critiques of the work that focused on the genealogy of specific families and *qaum tarikhs* were written in response to Abbasi's work.

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