Nasseef House is one of Jeddah's architectural highlights, and a favorite with tourists and visitors. Its entrance is on the north, through a flight of stairs leading to a wooden carved door to the west. Nasseef House "Bayt Nassif" is situated in the old town of Jeddah on al– Alawi street. It was built between 1872 and 1881 by Sheikh Omar Effendi al–Nassif, a notable of the city of Jeddah. The house is also known as "the house with the tree" for it opens onto a square with a neem tree, the only tree in Jeddah until the 1920s. The house was designed by a Turkish architect, and is therefore unusual when compared with other historic Jeddah residences.