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AḤMAD B. ḤOSAYN B. ‘ALĪ KĀTEB, historian of the 9th/15th century born in Yazd, author of the *Tārīk-ejadīd-e Yazd*. Little is known about his life; from his works we learn only that he studied with well-known ‘*olamā*’ and shaikhs, attended the gatherings of prominent religious and political figures, and copied the books of a great number of authors. Having become interested in history, he saw that there was no history of Yazd other than Ja‘farī’s *Tārīk-eYazd*; thus he wrote an updated version in twelve chapters (*maqāla*). Beginning with Alexander’s conquests, the author follows Ja‘farī’s history, quoting it frequently, in the first ten chapters of the work. But in the eleventh and twelfth chapters he tells about contemporary events without relying on any other source. He gives information on ‘Erāq-e ‘Ajam’, Fārs, and Kermān during the last years of the Timurid Šāhroḡ (d. 850/1447), tells about conditions under Qara Qoyunlū rule, and describes the economic and financial situation of Yazd along with its architectural monuments and some of its personalities.

The history concludes with the annexation of Fārs and Kermān by Jahānšāh Qara Qoyunlū in 862/1458.

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