

Genealogy of Kitabjian (Ketabgian-Kitabchyan-Kracerian) Family

Compiled and updated by Gregory Ketabgian, from family trees prepared by Knarig Kitabjian and Harutune (Artin) K. Kitabjian, with input and review by Hagop Kitabjian and present family members.

Harutune Euredjian Kitabjian ... Our forefathers, named Euredjian, emigrated to Hadjin, around 1750s and later to Kayseri in 1850s. Recent genetic studies so far indicate possible origin from Isfahan, Persia after Armenians were forced to immigrate from Julfa in Nakhichevan in 1601 by Shah Abbas. They were three brothers: **Harutune, Sahag and Parsegh.**

The latter two stayed in Hadjin, while Harutune Euredjian migrated to Gesaria, but because he worked as a scribe, wrote books, he was named Kitabjian, kitab meaning book in Turkish, from Arabic roots and kitabji meant the person who kept the books (Apparently the keeper of vital records of the city.)

Note: * before the person's name indicates death during the genocide. Other abbreviations as noted:

B: Birth, D: Death, M: Marriage dates.

Gesaria (Caesarea), Armenian name of present-day Kayseri, a city in central Turkey, north of Ercyas (Archeos) Mountain.

Aintab, Ayntab, Antep, presently known as Gaziantep, in Southeastern Turkey.

Aleppo, also known as Halep, in Northwestern Syria.

HARUTUNE EUREDJIAN KITABJIAN:

B:1810. Hadjin, Turkey.

D: ?

M: Srpuhy Dalgheranian

5 children:

I. GARABED KITABJIAN: Goldsmith.

B:1859. Gesaria, Turkey.

* D: Killed during the Genocide of 1915, after being imprisoned. Stoned to death.

M: Antigon Jamgotchian

4 children:

A. HARUTUNE (ARTIN) G. KITABJIAN:

B:1895. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: Feb.17, 1936. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Nargiz Minassian

6 children:

1. Garbis Kitabjian: Goldsmith.

B: May 21, 1921. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Berjouhi Der Minassian on Feb. 2, 1947.

3 children:

a. Rosine Kitabjian-Gouveia:

B: Dec. 28, 1947. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Clive Gouveia on April 22, 1979.

b. Harutune Kitabjian:

B: Jan. 15, 1951. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Aveda Khantsian on Aug.16, 1975.

c. George Kitabjian:

B: Aug. 3, 1955. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Sandra Ammazzaorsi on Aug.19, 1979.

2. Beatrice Kitabjian

B: 1926. D: 1934.

Note: Between Garbis and Hagop Kitabjian, four girls were born that died in their early infancy. The names of three are unknown.

3. Hagop Kitabjian: Architect.

B: Nov. 24, 1932. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Pamela Joyce Zartarian on April 20, 1963. Nurse.

(B: March 18, 1942. D: March 24, 2006.)

3 children:

a. Sona Kitabjian: Speech communication.

B: Nov. 26, 1965. Philadelphia, PA.

b. David (Tavit) Kitabjian: Electrical & Computer Engineer.

B: Feb. 7, 1967. Phila. PA.

M: Mary Shiminsky on Sept. 7, 1991.

3 children:

1) Autumn Joy Kitabjian:

B: Oct. 20, 2001.

2) Jesse Bryce Kitabjian:

B: Sept. 9, 2003.

3) Elijah Sky Kitabjian:

B: Dec. 7, 2006.

c. Paul (Boghos) Kitabjian: Ph.D.-Material Science Engineer.

B: May 1, 1970.

M: Kristen Gregory on July 1, 1995.

3 children:

1) Ellie Grace Kitabjian:

B: Sept. 24, 1999.

2) Matthew Gregory Kitabjian:

B: Jan. 7, 2002.

3) William Patrick Kitabjian:

B: Dec.10, 2004.

B. ALICE KITABJIAN-ARAKELIAN:

B: 1901. Kayseri, Turkey.

D: Nov. 15, 2005. Samarra, Iraq.

M: Hagop Arakelian

2 children:

1. Lucin Arakelian-Vartkessian:

D: Dec. 25, 2005.

2. Hovsep Arakelian: Dentist.

- a. Hagop Arakelian
- b. Shahan Arakelian
- c. Aris Arakelian

C. NAZAR KITABJIAN: Gas station owner with Harutune (Artin) K. Kitabjian.

B: Jan. 6, 1907. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: May 22, 1980. Beirut, Lebanon.

M: Araksi Sarafian. (B: Aug. 17, 1918. Istanbul. D: July 11, 1995. Beirut)

4 children:

1. Jeanette Kitabjian-Allekian:

B: May 30, 1934. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Hagop Allekian (B: March 16, 1934)

1 child:

Karin Allekian: B: Jan. 27, 1966.

2. Seta Kitabjian:

B: Oct. 10, 1938

3. Garo Kitabjian:

B: May 10, 1942.

M: Rita Papazian (B: Aug. 18, 1950)

2 children:

- a. Juliette Kitabjian. B: May 12, 1984.
- b. Nazo Kitabjian. B: July 12, 1986.

4. Ani Kitabjian-Tossounian:

B: Jan. 1, 1945.

M: Michel Tossounian (B: Dec. 30, 1938. Jabal Mousa)

1 child:

a. Christian Tossounian. B: Dec. 26, 1982.

D. PEROUZ KITABJIAN-TCHOKGARIAN:

B: 1908. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: 1990.

M: Souren Tchokgarian

1 child:

1. Zaven Tchokgarian

II. GULIZAR KITABJIAN-MOURADIAN:

B: 1861. Gesaria, Turkey.

* D: 1915. Killed during the Genocide.

M: Misak Mouradian

4 children:

A. GARABED MOURADIAN: Boston, MA. (Came to US before Genocide.)

B: Sept. 15, 1894.

D: Nov. 1982.

M: Araxy Devellian in 1922. Boston, MA.

2 children:

1. **Michael Mouradian:**

B: 1926.

M: Nancy?, 1958

3 children:

a. **David Mouradian:**

B: 1967.

M: Regina Susan ?

3 children:

1) Michael David Mouradian:

B: 1996.

2) Elena Marie Mouradian:

B: 2000.

3) Lisa Jean Mouradian:

B: 2004.

b. **Carol Mouradian:**

B: 1960.

c. **Lora Mouradian-Burroughs**

B: 1962.

M: Pappas in 1993.

1 child:

Kristina Rose Pappas:

B: 1993.

M: Chad Burroughs, 2001?

2. **Rose Mouradian-Juskalian**

B: 1924.

D: 1980.

M: Richard Juskalian in 1952.

* **B. SERPUHI MOURADIAN:** Killed during the Genocide of 1915.

* **C. ARTIN MOURADIAN:**

* **D. ARSHALUIS MOURADIAN:**

III. **KRIKOR KITABJIAN:** Goldsmith

B: 1863. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: 1928. Aleppo, Syria, from a stroke.

M: Arousiag Benlyan (B:1869. D:1962 Beirut)

6 children:

A. **HARUTUNE (ARTIN) K. KITABJIAN:** Goldsmith & Gas station owner.

B: 1896. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: Sept. 4, 1987. Los Angeles, CA.

M: Beatrice Matossian on Sept. 21, 1925. (B: 1907. D: 2003)

3 children:

1. **Arpiné Kitabjian-Simonian:**

B: July 19, 1926. Aleppo, Syria.

D: Aug. 10, 2016. Mission Hills, CA.

M: Popkin Simonian on Aug. 9, 1953. Chicago, Ill.

2. **Shaké Kitabjian-Balekjian:** Court interpreter. Phone:

B: April 26, 1930. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Garbis Balekjian on Dec. 4, 1960. Los Angeles, CA.

2 children:

a. Arpie Balekjian-Vaisbort: Attorney.

B: Oct. 30, 1961. Pasadena, CA

D: Feb. 21, 2002. Glendale, CA

M: Ed Vaisbort on Aug. 16, 1992.

1 child:

1) Ariel Vaisbort:

B: Feb. 2, 1995. Pasadena, CA

b. Garo Balekjian: Attorney.

B: 1968. Burbank, CA.

M: Jeanette Seed

2 children:

1) Albert Balekjian:

B: Sept. 14, 1999. Santa Monica.

2) Karina Balekjian:

B: Oct. 27, 2002.

3. Gregory (Krikor) Ketabgian: M.D.-Physician. Internal Medicine.

(Note: Spelling of last name changed by Syrian passport officials and during U.S. naturalization.)

B: Feb. 21, 1936. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Alice Odette Lafdjian on Aug. 8, 1965. Pasadena, CA.

3 children:

a. Ani Ketabgian: M.D. - Physician. Internal Medicine.

B: Nov. 19, 1968. Baltimore, MD.

M: Edward Math on 2002. Pasadena, CA

2 children:

1) Noah Artin Math:

B: Aug. 9, 2003. Rancho Mirage. CA

2) Lydia Fay Math:

B: June 10, 2005. Calabassas, CA

b. Tamara Ketabgian: Ph.D.- English Professor.

B: Dec. 31, 1969. Pasadena, CA

M: Daniel Youd on 1999.

1 child:

1) Beatrice Youd

B: Oct. 7, 2002. Beloit, WI.

c. Lena Ketabgian: Urban Planner.

B: Jan. 8, 1973. Pasadena, CA.

B. HRANUSHKITABJIAN:

B: 1899. Gesaria, Turkey.

*D: 1915. Died at At Abu-Harara, Syria during the Genocide of 1915. Buried by the roadside.

C. PARSEGH KITABJIAN: Goldsmith.

B: 1902. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: Aug. 25, 1974. Beirut, Lebanon.

M: Knarig Tcholakian on July 13, 1930. (B: Feb.13, 1912. D: Aug. 30, 2001.)

3 children:

1. **Krikor Kitabjian:**

B: March 29, 1932. Aleppo, Syria.

D: March 22, 2008. Boston, MA.

M: Araksi Kojayan

3 children:

a. **Karekin Kitabjian:**

B: Dec. 5, 1958

M: Irene Sahagian on March 3, 1995. Boston, MA

1 child:

1) Isabel Tamara Kitabjian:

B: April 18, 1999.

b. **Ara Kitabjian:**

B: June 7, 1961.

M: Rhonda Funduklian on June 2, 1996. Boston, MA

3 children.

1) Sophia Araksi Kitabjian:

B: Sept. 9, 1997.

2) Stefan Kitabjian:

B: Feb.13, 2000.

3) Ava Kitabjian:

B: Oct. 10, 2004.

c. **Renia Kitabjian:**

B: 1964.

2. **Arousiag Kitabjian-Palanjian:**

B: Nov. 30, 1938. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Souren Palanjian on Jan. 21, 1959. Beirut, Lebanon.

4 children:

a. **Vasken Palanjian:**

B: Aug. 28, 1960.

M: Janice Gunther on Nov. 30, 1991. Florida.

1 child:

1) Ari Palanjian:

B: June 9, 1993.

b. **Badrig Palanjian:**

B: Sept. 9, 1963.

M: Kim Light on Oct. 6, 1997. Florida.

2 children:

1) Armen Palanjian:

B: Jan. 2, 1999.

2) Alec Palanjian

B: Oct. 6, 2000

c. **Dzovag Palanjian-Hanna:**

B: Jan. 4, 1971. Beirut, Lebanon.

M: Elie Hanna on Sept. 6, 1998. Atlanta, Georgia.
2 children:

- 1) Taleen Hanna:
B: May 23, 2003.
- 2) Bryce Hanna:
B: June 5, 2005.

d. Shoghag Palanjian:
B: Jan. 4, 1971.

3. Harutune (Artin) P. Kitabjian:

B: Sept. 13, 1944. Aleppo, Syria.
M: Rosine Torossian on Feb. 22, 1976. (B: Jan. 25, 1951. Jarablous, Syria)
2 children:

a. Shahe Kitabjian:
B: March 6, 1977. Glendale, CA
M: Angela Karayan on Aug. 6, 2005.
Nora Alice Kitabjian B: Oct. 13, 2011
Natalie Rose Kitabjian B: July 15, 2014

b. Knar Kitabjian: Movie Editor.
B: July 21, 1981. Glendale, CA

D. HAIG KITABJIAN (KITABCHYAN): (All members emigrated to Armenia in 1965 during Nerkaght).

B: 1908. Gesaria, Turkey.
D: 1999. Apovyan, Armenia.
M: Arpine Barsamian on 1945 in Aleppo, Syria.
4 children:

1. Aram Kitabchyan (Kitabjian): Apovyan, Armenia.

B: April 16, 1946. Aleppo, Syria.
M: 1979 to Vanouhi Mahlebashian. (B: May 25, 1950. Meghri, Armenia.)
D: 2018 Abovyan, Armenia.
2 children:

a. Haig Kitabchyan:
B: May 25, 1980. Erevan, Armenia.
M: ? Ani Souren Kyarunts (B. Aug. 19, 1982)

2 children

- 1) Milena Hayk Kitabchyan B: Jan. 28, 2010
- 2) Vanouhi Hayk Kitabchyan B: June 24, 2011

b. Ani Aram Kitabchyan-Simonian: (AKA Ani Qitapchyan)

B: Oct. 4, 1981. Apovyan
M: Vahe Jora Simonian. B: May 22, 1979

2 children:

- 1) Ardak Vahe Simonian:
B: Nov. 11, 2005. Etchmiatzin
- 2) Maneh Vahe Simonian
B: Nov. 19, 2007. Etchmitzin

2. Leon Kitabchyan (Kitabjian): Sculptor.

B: 1952. Aleppo, Syria.

D: Aug, 9, 2016. Abovyan, Republic of Armenia.

3. Krikor Kitabchyan (Kitabjian):

B: 1955. Aleppo, Syria.

M: Narina Alexanian in 1987. (B: 1964. Apovyan, Armenia.)

2 children:

a. Tigran Kitabchyan:

B: 1989. Apovyan, Armenia.

b. Koruyv Kitabchyan:

B: 1991. Apovyan, Armenia.

4. Henry Kitabchyan (Kitabjian): Sculptor.

B: 1958. Aleppo, Syria.

E. PERUZ KITABJIAN:

B: Between 1909 and 1910 but must have died before 1915.

F. ARAM KITABJIAN:

B: 1911. Gesaria, Turkey.

* D: 1915. Died at Tetif, Syria during the Genocide of 1915. Buried by the roadside.

IV. HNAZANT KITABJIAN-ODABACHIAN:

B: 1865. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: 1954. Damascus, Syria.

M: Parsegh Odabashian.

3 children:

A. SHAMMY ODABACHIAN-PASHAIAN:

B:?

M: Alexan Pashaian.

2 children:

1. Araxi Pashaian: Living in Armenia with her children.

a. Ardemis Pashaian

b. Anahid Pashaian

c. Mary Pashaian

d. Ardashes Pashaian

e. Hagop Pashaian

2. Garbis Pashaian

B. HAGOP ODABASHIAN:

B: 1894. Gesaria, Turkey.

D: 1970. Damascus, Syria.

M: Peruz Bakhtiarian

3 children:

1. Parsegh Odabashian: (All Odabashians immigrated to Sidney, Australia)

B:?

M: Arpine'

2 children:

a. Julliette Odabachian

b. Hagop Odabachian

2. Knarig Odabachian

3. Krikor Odabachian

- * **C. EUGENE ODABACHIAN**: Killed during the Genocide of 1915.

V. SETRAK KITABJIAN: Goldsmith.

B: 1867. Gesaria, Turkey.

- * D: Killed during the Genocide of 1915.

M: Prlantin Paglaian

3 children:

A. ARTAKI KITABJIAN: Living in Istanbul.

M: Arpine'

2 children:

1. Setrag Kitabjian

2. Garo Kitabjian

B. MAGAROS KITABJIAN:

M: Shnorok

2 children:

1. Prlantin Kitabjian

2. Shnorig Kitabjian

* **C. VICTORIA KITABJIAN**

B. ?

D. 1915.