Genealogy of Kitabjian (Ketabgian-Kitabchyan-Kracerian) Family

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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 Haleb, in Northwestern Syria.

HARUTUNE EUREDJIAN KITABJIAN:
B:1810. Hadjin, Turkey.
D: ?
M: Sruhuy Dalgheranian
5 children:

1. 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.
   M: Nargiz Minassian
   6 children:
      B: May 21, 1921. Aleppo, Syria.
3 children:

a. **Rosine Kitabjian-Gouveia**:

b. **Harutune Kitabjian**:

c. **George Kitabjian**:

2. **Beatrice Kitabjian**

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.
     - (B: March 18, 1942. D: March 24, 2006.)
   - 3 children:
     a. **Sona Kitabjian**: Speech communication.
     b. **David (Tavit) Kitabjian**: Electrical & Computer Engineer.
        - 3 children:
          1) Autumn Joy Kitabjian:
          2) Jesse Bryce Kitabjian:
          3) Elijah Sky Kitabjian:
     c. **Paul (Boghos) Kitabjian**: Ph.D. - Material Science Engineer.
        - B: May 1, 1970.
        - 3 children:
          1) Ellie Grace Kitabjian:
          2) Matthew Gregory Kitabjian:
          3) William Patrick Kitabjian:

**B. Alice Kitabjian-Arakelian**:
   - B: 1901. Kayseri, Turkey.
   - M: Hagop Arakelian
2 children:

1. **Lucin Arakelian-Vartkessian:**

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.
4 children:

1. **Jeanette Kitabjian-Allekian:**
   M: Hagop Allekian (B: March 16, 1934)
   1 child:

2. **Seta Kitabjian:**
   B: Oct. 10, 1938

3. **Garo Kitabjian:**
   B: May 10, 1942.
   M: Rita Papazian (B: Aug. 18, 1950)
   2 children:

4. **Ani Kitabjian-Tossounian:**
   B: Jan. 1, 1945.
   M: Michel Tossounian (B: Dec. 30, 1938. Jabal Mousa)
   1 child:

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.
   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. **Carol Mouradian:**  
      B: 1960.  
   c. **Lora Mouradian-Burroughs:**  
      B: 1962.  
      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.  
      M: Beatrice Matossian on Sept. 21, 1925. (B: 1907. D: 2003)  
      3 children:  
      1. **Arpiné Kitabjian-Simonian:**  
         B: July 19, 1926. Aleppo, Syria.  
      2. **Shaké Kitabjian-Balekjian:** Court interpreter. Phone:
B: April 26, 1930. Aleppo, Syria.
2 children:
      D: Feb. 21, 2002. Glendale, CA
      1 child:
         1) Ariel Vaisbort:
      B: 1968. Burbank, CA.
      M: Jeanette Seed
      2 children:
         1) Albert Balekjian:
         2) Karina Balekjian:

   (Note: Spelling of last name changed by Syrian passport
   officials and during U.S. naturalization.)
   3 children:
         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
         1 child:
            1) Beatrice Youd

B. HRANUSH KITABJIAN:
   B: 1899. Gesaria, Turkey.

C. PARSEGH KITABJIAN: Goldsmith.
   B: 1902. Gesaria, Turkey.
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
      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:
      3) Ava Kitabjian:
   c. Renia Kitabjian:
      B: 1964.

2. Arousiag Kitabjian-Palanjian:
   B: Nov. 30, 1938. Aleppo, Syria.
   4 children:
   a. Vasken Palanjian:
      1 child:
      1) Ari Palanjian:
         B: June 9, 1993.
   b. Badrig Palanjian:
      B: Sept. 9, 1963.
      2 children:
      1) Armen Palanjian:
      2) Alec Palanjian
         B: Oct. 6, 2000
   c. Dzovag Palanjian-Hanna:
2 children:
1) Taleen Hanna:
2) Bryce Hanna:
   B: June 5, 2005.
d. Shoghag Palanjian:
3. **Harutune (Artin) P. Kitabjian:**
   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 Nerkaht).
   B: 1908. Gesaria, Turkey.
   M: Arpine Barsamian on 1945 in Aleppo, Syria.
   4 children:
   1. **Aram Kitabchyan (Kitabjian):** Apovyan, Armenia.
      M: 1979 to Vanouhi Mahlebashian. (B: May 25, 1950. Meghri, Armenia.)
      D: 2018 Abovyan, Armenia.
      2 children:
      a. Haig Kitabchyan:
         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) Arda Vahe Simonian:
            B: Nov. 11, 2005. Etchmiatzin
         2) Maneh Vahe Simonian
            B: Nov, 19, 2007. Etchmitzin
   2. **Leon Kitabchyan (Kitabjian):** Sculptor.
3. **Krikor Kitabchyan (Kitabjian):**
   2 children:
   a. **Tigran Kitabchyan:**
   b. **Koruyn Kitabchyan:**

4. **Henry Kitabchyan (Kitabjian):** Sculptor.

**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.
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.
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.