

## The Torosian family

Bernard (Haroutyoum) Torosian was born in Everek-Fenese in 1858.

**Married** Miriam B. Jerahian (date unknown). She was born in Jerusalem in 1858, she may have immigrated in 1912 since she came with John's wife to be and they were married in 1912. Died in Turlock CA in 1924. She was called Haji due to her connection with Jerusalem.

**Children** - besides Yesia

*Harry*

**Born** on May 2, 1878 in Kayseri/Gesaria. When his father died, he was sent to live with an uncle in Constantinople. After living there 5 years he and his friend Krikor Baltaian decided to leave based on reports of young Armenian men prosecuted.

**Immigrated:** left Constantinople on August 14, 1896, arrived in NY on September 24, 1896. When they first boarded the ship, Turkish police wanted to come on board for inspection, but the French captain refused to let them on. Harry and Krikor hid on the ship until it was on its way. Krikor had an uncle who worked in a grocery-meat store in NY. This is where they stayed while they looked for jobs. Before moving to Milford MA, he worked in a shoe factory in Farmington MA.

He moved to Milford MA in 1900 and worked in several grocery stores. He eventually purchased his own grocery store. He worked there for 50 years.

Eventually his son, Harry Jr. sold it and it burned in 1970-71.

He set Yesia up with a fruit stand business in Woonsocket RI, but it only lasted one year (1908-09).

He was a deacon in the Congregational Church. Winter or summer, he always wore a straw hat.

**Married** Valentine Peshdimaljian (born on October 10, 1886 – died on March 18, 1947 in Turlock CA?). Her siblings are: Valhelnag, Herant, Benjamin.

As of 1973, the Torosian house address in Milford MA was 40 Congress Street.

**Children:**

Harry B Junior.

Born in 1903.

Never married.

Died in 1975.

Bernard, known as Benny the Bookie.

Born in 1907.

Never married.

Worked at his father's fruit stand; served in the Army in WWII.

Died in 1954.

George

Born in 1908.

Married Katherine Shangrow in December 1928.

Children:

George Jr.  
Born on July 2, 1929.  
Married Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick.  
Children

David born on October 7, 1959.  
Married Terri Barcellos on June 6, 1987.  
Children

Michelle Katherine born on September 24, 1988.  
Alexander David born on February 25, 1991.

David Bernard born on April 10, 1936 – died on October 22, 1952 in  
an elevator accident.

Died in 1982.

**Died** on February 6, 1969 at the age of 90.

John

**Born** in 1879 (1882?)

**Immigrated:** to the US in around 1900 with Harry's help. He worked in shoe factory  
in Farmington, MA. Moved to Turlock in 1921, raised cantaloupes and grapes

**Married** Paros Takoushian (born on February 16, 1893 – died on March 22, 1978)  
in 1912. She came to the US with John's mother when she was 14 as she had been  
promised to marry John at birth.

Moved to Turlock in 1919. Paros had two brothers in the US at the time she died,  
Hodji Takoushian of New York and Roupén Takoushian of Hollywood. John  
purchased a farm in 1921 where he raised cantaloupes and grapes. Mariam came to  
live with them in Turlock for health reasons.

**Children:**

Rouben Joseph

Born in Milford MA May 23, 1913

After high school, Rudy went to LA where he worked in a grocery store for  
"Uncle" John Goode. Then he moved to Fresno to work in Tony Justinsen's  
grocery store. Then he moved back to Turlock to manage a grocery store. He  
purchased his own grocery store "Rudy's Market" in 1945. He sold it in 1978.  
He also served in the Army during WWII in Alaska.

Married Viola Anderson (born on March 24, 1915 in NB - died on April 2,  
1994) in 1937.

Children

Richard

Born on April 19, 1938.

Served two years in the Navy. Worked at his father's market until it  
closed. Then bought a Hoe Manufacturing Company called "The  
Organic Company."

Married Eileen Wymar (born on October 2, 1942) in 1960.

## Children

Tami

Born on July 24, 1962.

Attended San Diego State University.

Studied in Copenhagen Denmark, and worked in Germany.

Returned to Turlock to run "The Organic Company" when Richard died.

Married Marc Stocks on March 20, 1993

Children

Adam, from Marc's previous marriage born on May 28, 1984

Colby Alesander born on August 30, 1994.

Christiana born on November 19, 1997.

Brian

Born on September 30, 1967.

Works as a partner with Tami at "The Organic Company".

Married Dawn Barbee on May 11, 1996.

Children

Daniel, from Dawn's previous marriage, born in January 1993.

Brittany Jenee born on March 6, 1998.

Died on September 8, 1987.

Jonette

Born on September 6, 1945.

Worked at Rudy's Market.

Married Michael Crowell (born on October 12, 1942) on June 20, 1965. He is a dairy farmer and partner in the family business with his father and brother.

Children

Michael Adam

Born on April 4, 1969.

Married Vicki Tyson (Dec 21, 1969) on July 19, 1994.

Zackery

Born on May 2, 1971.

Graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1993. Travelled in Europe.

Returned to Turlock.

Works as a teacher.

Rose

Born on October 25, 1914 in Milford MA.

Married Malcom Narlian (born in the Ottoman Empire on July 17, 1906 – died on September 16, 1994) on August 13, 1940. Farmed in Fresno. Owned a farm in Fresno where they grew grapes and peaches

#### Children

Marilyn

Born on June 28, 1942.

Attended Fresno State.

Married Curt McMains (born on February 3, 1944 in ID – died on February 2, 1996) on August 19, 1967.

Lived in Los Altos CA where he was a partner in a plastics business; now lives in Fresno.

Helen

Born on December 24, 1944.

Attended Fresno State

Married Bill Owens (born on December 12, 1946 in Bethesda MD) on February 20, 1971.

Helen teaches, she's an artist and craftswoman; Bill is a probation officer in Fresno.

#### Children

Danielle

Born on October 7, 1975.

Attended Fresno State.

Lives in Fresno and works as an occupational therapist.

Derek

Born on August 8, 1978.

Arlene

Born on August 4, 1946.

Attended Fresno State.

Married Bill Finley (born on May 5, 1940 in OR) on April 26, 1977.

Bill is a financial business executive in Silicon Valley.

They reside in Saratoga CA.

Malcom John

Born on June 19, 1952.

Attended Fresno State.

Married Sandy Torres on September 20, 1990.

They reside in Sanger CA.

Died in Easter 2012.

Sylvia

Born on February 16, 1917 in Milford MA.

Married Aram Iskendarian 1945.

Farmed in Visalia.

Children

John

Born on July 7, 1945.

Served in the Army three years.

Settled in MA and opened a machine shop.

Married Rose Mary Corrales (born on September 29, 1947) on June 12, 1971.

Reside in Natcheloches LA.

Children

Amy Sylvia born on May 5,1978

Sally Ann born on September 25, 1981

Stacy Marie born on February 12,1983

James

Born on April 4, 1947

Married Carol (born on October 15, 1948 in Visalia CA) on November 29, 1969.

Works as a beverage distributor in Visalia CA.

Children

Ryan born on April 15, 1974.

Allison born on September 2, 1976.

Died on June 8, 1965.

Arthur Joseph

Born on September 25, 1924 in Turlock.

Served in the Navy for 7 years during WWII in Cambodia and Vietnam; USS Corregidor Aircraft Carrier 57, USS Sproston Destroyer.

Worked for Rudy at Rudy's Market.

Married Ruby Viola Frey (born on June 15, 1926 in Tripp SD) on April 19, 1952.

Children

Theresa Ann

Born on July 2, 1954.

Attended Chico State.

Works as a charge nurse in the Trauma unit at Enloe Hospital in Chico.

Cheryl Rae

Born on November 10, 1956.

Attended Fresno State.

Resides in San Bruno CA; owns her own graphic design business.

Died on March 4, 1958

***Mariam***

**Born** in 1880.

**Married** Garabed Noorjanian (he escaped from the Turks and came to Milford MA in 1907; Mariam and their 5 children came in 1913).

**Children**

Zarohie, teacher/librarian in Milford MA. Lived with her uncle Harry. She donated 100,000 to Armenian organizations when she died.

Zurke

Mark

Harry

Levon

Gaspar?

Syruk?

Baldasar?

Zarog?

Anessa?

Died in 1916.

***Arousyag***

Born in 1886.

***Roupen***

## The Shakargian family

Khatchadur Shakargian married Helene Shamegian, they had 7 children.

### Children

Stepan Shakargian born in 1851, in the village of Hayrabad in Erzincan/Yerznga - died in 1923, buried in Fresno.

**Married** Lucien Donegian (born in 1849 probably in Kemah- died in 1927 and buried in Fresno).

Father's name is Mourad Donegian; his siblings are: Hagop, Sarig, and Isgouhy.

**Immigration:** according to notes from Arsh taken on August 13, 1988, in 1902 Stepan took his family to Fresno. They intended to go to Cairo but the ship was quarantined in Marseilles so they went to the US. Stepan may have been following a certain Ohanessian who had gone to Fresno previously (1893?).

**Children**, besides Agnes

Arshag born in 1884 – died in 1942.

According to notes from Arsh taken on August 13, 1988, between 1890 and 1900, Arshag and his father Stepan were in Bulgaria. They may have had a coffee shop where they also sold sweets.

He married Nartouhi Pojajian (Nartoo Pazozian, born in 1884 – died in 1949) in February/March 1901 in the Ottoman Empire. Immigrated to Fresno in the summer of 1902

Children

Arsh born in 1901 in the Ottoman Empire.

Arsh went to Kirk School in Fresno. They worked on after weekends on a 20-acre ranch on Belmont Ave.

Arsh went to high school in Fresno via bicycle and street car walking ½ mile between. Finished high school in 1922.

Married Harry Stone.

Children

Carol

Married Dokouzian

Dennis Harry Stone born on January 11, 1940, died on July 8, 2015.

He attended San Leandro High School and graduated from the University of Pacific. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1959-1961.

But his life's work was Stone's Cyclery. Besides being a bike collector and cyclist, Dennis loved to play handball and golf. He was an avid reader of history, loved cooking, great wine, and traveling. Married Ingrid Samuelsson on September 18,

1966

Children

Erik Stone (Dianna),

Kris Stone (Tricia),  
Two grandsons.

Armen  
Married Jack Daughterty.

Araxy (Big Roxy)  
Married James Phinney.

Leo 1901-1969  
Married Dolores.

Eva

Born in 1885.

Married Mardiros Kapigian (born in 1875 – died in 1924), killed by a car as he was walking to church in Fresno.

His relatives were: Mary Gergoodian Kapigian (born in 1888 – died in 1923), Esther Kapigian (born in 1899 – died in 1977), and John Kapigian (born in 1903 – died in 1966). His father was Alex Kapigian and his mother was Maritsa.

Immigrated to Fresno in 1913. She came after Stepan, because she was already married. She came with her four children but after Mardiros who came in July 1912. Later in life, she lived with Esther in Berkeley CA and died there.

Children

Esther born in 1903  
Married Nartor Pazazian

Johnny born in 1905  
Married Alice Disley

Children

Ronny  
Carol

Ed born in 1907  
Marred Ruth

Rose born in 1910  
Married Sark Kalashian

Children (Source: Shirley Kalashian - cousin to Sark's children-  
Baxter (Rose died giving birth to him)

Married Sylvia Soghmonian

Children

Kristian May Kalashian

Sark's second wife \_\_\_\_\_



## Children

Mary Kay  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: none

Vergene  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: none

Richard  
Married/Divorced \_\_\_\_\_  
Children:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Died on August 6, 1963.

Monig

Garabed  
Married Sarah Morjig  
Children

Miriam  
Married \_\_\_\_\_

He was murdered along with her brother Kevork by Kurds as they were trying to escape the Turks. They had left Erzincan/Yerznga hoping to flee to America carrying quite a bit of money.

Haigasoon  
Nashan  
Satenig  
Krikor

Kevork  
Married Bizar  
Murdered by Kurds along with Miriam's husband.

Hampartsoon

Sark

Setrak (used Shakarian as last name)  
He was also in the candy business and made it into shapes like the flower in the photo of his niece.

Immigrated to Cairo, Egypt.  
Married Mariam Kapigian.  
Children (total of 6: four boys and two girls)

Vehazoun (born on February 20 or 2, 1907 - died on October 10, 1970  
Montreal, Canada at 63).

Married Zabel Kutchukian.

We are not sure if Ann Margaret Hovespian is Nancy Thmpson's cousin Hasmig's  
daughter, we don't know for sure, but we found it in the family tree

here: [http://www.guzelimiantree.com/wc01/wc01\\_317.htm](http://www.guzelimiantree.com/wc01/wc01_317.htm)

Hasmig is one of five sisters. Their mother is Nancy Thompson's mother's first  
cousin, although she was much older. Nancy's mother and the oldest of the five girls  
are the same age...so even though, Hasmig is technically Nancy's second cousin, she's  
about her parents' age. Four of the sisters are still in Montreal and one is in Toledo,  
Ohio.

#### Children

Pailig born on July 2, 1935.  
Married Sarkis Hanenian.

Asdghig born on March 15, 1937.  
Married Ed Tutelian.

Hasmig born on April 13, 1941.

Married Hovsep Hovsepian.

#### Children

Ann Margaret Hovespian, from Montreal, who has information  
on genealogy.

Marie born on August 6, 1943.  
Married John Arsenian (divorced).

Elise born January 10, 1947.  
Married Bedros Guekguezian.

Tzolak (nickname Shakar - meaning sugar in Armenian - referring to his last  
name and his temperament) born on August 22, 1901.

Immigrated in his late teens, when he was 18 or 19 years old, to San  
Francisco where he worked as an engraver.

Married Victoria Ballassian.

#### Children

Joyce born on September 15, 1927.  
Married Ernest Muncherian at the Armenian Evangelical Church.

#### Children

Steven Muncherian born on August 4, 1960. Pastor, at one point he pastored the Armenian Evangelical Church; currently (2015) Pastor of Evangelical Free Church in Merced CA. Married Karen Niksarian.

Vergine  
Married Avedis Tchakedjian.

Armenouhi born on March 5, 1915.  
Married Kevork Bakerdjian.

Haig born on January 3, 1921.  
Married Yvonne Aouad.

Eternana  
Married Morjigian  
Children

Haig  
Married Parig  
Children  
Ed  
Married Agnes  
Children  
Judy  
Jean  
Eddie  
Joan

Bud  
Married Marty  
Children  
Kenneth  
Kathryn

Al  
Married Florence  
Children  
Sharon  
Tom  
Nancy

Ben  
Married Barbara  
Children  
Frances  
Steve

Haiganoush  
Married Boranian  
Children  
    Sherman  
    Married Agnes  
    Children  
        Bob  
        Eleanor  
        Michael

Daughter  
Married Terzian  
Children  
    Casper  
    Peggy  
    Leo  
    Haig  
    Khoren

Mardiros  
Married Yeritigen, the word “yeretzgeen” means wife of a pastor in Armenian.