

# UVEZIAN FAMILY GENEALOGY

1. **UVEZIAN**, born 1860s, probably in Marash, died in a horse-riding accident about 1905, shortly after the marriage of his daughter, Dudeh A. Uvezian. He was nicknamed "The Mosquito" because the Uvezians made their money by running a caravan from Aleppo to Marash (transporting spices, etc., from farther East) and was successful because he learned how to travel across the dessert at night (like mosquitoes) to avoid the bandits that made daytime caravans treacherous (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP III, 11 February 1999). Married Margaret, who left Armenia for Boston about 1912, with her youngest son Herant ("Uncle Fred"), where they joined another son, Stephen; soon thereafter they went to live on a ranch in Helena, Montana, where she married Arthur Kalayjian, born 22 February 1870, died on his birthday in 1932; shortly after she moved back to Beirut, Lebanon, to live with relatives; died a few years after that. As she grew older she became highly short-tempered and unpredictable. Five children from first marriage.

## **Children of Uvezian and Margaret:**

- i. Hagop Uvezian, went to Germany to study music (violin and piano), returned just prior to WW I to live in Aleppo (then under Turkish rule, but part of Syria).
- ii. Stephen Uvezian, left Armenia for America prior to 1905, died prior to 1920. "Uncle Stephen, I was told, came to the U.S. before WWI, worked in the Waltham Watch factor in Waltham, Massachusetts, and helped create the mechanism that by 1918 permitted pilots of U.S. fighter planes in WWI to fire machine guns straight ahead, through the plane's propeller. I was told that Uncle Stephen died in a plane crash near Savin Rock, New Haven—when I do not know, but obviously after 1918 and probably before 1920 because I never met him, he was not part of the surviving family circle who gathered periodically, and I heard the plane crash story when I was very young" (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP III, 29 January 1999).
- iii. Dudeh ("Daisey") A. Uvezian, born 13 December 1886 in Marash, died 5 July 1923, 11:15 pm, at Boston, buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in the Mattapan section of Boston. Attended American college for girls in Marash; diagnosed with pneumonia and then tuberculosis shortly after arriving in Boston, spent most of the last three years of her life in sanitariums. First admitted to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, then, on 17 September 1920, to Rutland Sanitarium in Rutland, Massachusetts, and finally, on 27 January 1923, to Lakeville State Sanitarium in Middleboro. Married 1905 to Aram Toros Bagdikian, five children. **See Bagdikian genealogy.**
- iv. Haig Uvezian, lived in Tarsus, went to St. Paul's College, died of Meningitis in 1912.
- v. Herant ("Uncle Fred") Uvezian, the youngest of the family, born 14 October 1901, died 20 November 1991; in 1912, left Armenian for Boston with his mother (Margaret), and then on to a ranch in Helena, Montana, where the mother

remarried; came back to Boston area about 1920 to live with Aram Bagdikian and family during the time that Duhdeh Bagdikian was in sanitariums, left after Aram remarried in 1924. Married Anna Masserelli of Dedham, Massachusetts. "I remember once staying in their Dedham cottage when I was perhaps eight years old. They lost the cottage with the Crash of 1929 when insurance companies and banks went broke. As a result, they thereafter lived in apartments. My guess is that they married in 1927, 1928, or early 1929. Aunt Anna died sometime in the late 1960s or early 1970s" (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP III, 29 January 1999). At least one child.

**Child of Herant Uvezian and Anna Masserelli:**

i. Frederick A. Uvezian