

BAGHDIKIAN FAMILY GENEALOGY

(“Baghdikian,” one who plants vineyards)

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1. (?) BAGHDIKIAN

- i. (?) **Baghdikian**, Aram Toros Baghdikian’s father, shot and killed about 1917 in Marash (present-day Kahramanmaraş) during a massacre of Armenians; married Aram’s mother, lived in Marash, killed by Turks prior to 1920; at least five children.

Children of Aram Toros Baghdikian’s father and mother:

- i. James (?) Baghdikian
- ii. Brother Baghdikian
- iii. Sister Baghdikian, bright red hair, died during WW I, about 1917.
- iv. Sister Baghdikian, bright red hair
- v. Aram Toros (“Theodore”) Baghdikian, professor and later preacher (The Reverend Aram Baghdikian), born 15 August 1882 in Marash, Turkey; died 23 August 1957 (buried in Worcester Cemetery, Worcester, Massachusetts; a conventional marble headstone, about six feet wide and four feet tall, selected by his son, Ben Baghdikian). Missionaries in Marash converted his middle name “Toros” to “Theodore” and removed the “h” from “Baghdikian.” Did post-graduate work at the American University of Beirut; later taught physics and chemistry at St. Paul’s College (run by Americans) in Tarsus, Cilicia, Turkey (about 150 miles from Marash, about 26 miles west of Adana); also studied theology at the seminary in Marash and preached in Mersin but was never ordained there. Fled Marash with family on 9 February 1920 as Turks began to kill all remaining Armenians (see Lydia Bagdikian’s *Memoir*; see also Ben Bagdikian’s *Double Vision*). Came with family to America aboard the *Susquehanna* arriving in New York Harbor on 30 May 1920, registered by authorities on 2 June 1920 (port of departure Patras, Akhaia, Peloponnessos, Greece, 14 May 1920; see www.ellisland.org). In June 1920, went to Boston where grandmother Uvezian (Margaret) and Herant (“Uncle Fred”), Aram’s brother-in-law, lived; stayed initially with the Gulian family (Jacob and Osanna Shamlan and their three children, Mean, Nora, and Grasse) in Newton, Massachusetts; about 1 July 1920, rented a furnished house from a “Mr. P.” on Faneuil Street in Brighton (see Lydia’s *Memoir*, p. 258),

about a 10-minute walk from the Gulians; about 24 August 1920 moved to a three-story house at 36 Brackett Street, just around the corner from the former Brighton place, sharing the house with the Shamlians, Edward and Esther (Baghdikian) and their three daughters, Priscilla, Louise, and Gladys; moved from the Brackett Street house in late August or very early September 1922, to 59 Elm Street in Stoneham, Massachusetts (“I grew up in the house on 59 Elm Street. That porch was a place for which I have fond memories. The corner of the porch around from the front door was where I drew by pencil very exotic looking instruments and I was Captain Nemo in command of a submarine. The Shamlians visited us often and we had great feasts in our house—dolmas, pilaf, kusstuf, and always much fruit. My father always had a large garden and was a genius at making hybrids by grafting, and made a fruit tree by grafting a peach and plum tree. He had a cherry tree with the most gorgeous cherries ever eaten and I spent much time in its upper branches pigging out on sweet cherries”: Ben H. Baghdikian to TWP III, 23 May 2010).

By October 1920, Aram was preacher for two Armenian churches in the Boston area: the Cilician Armenian Congregational Church of Boston (now the Armenian Memorial Church, 32 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown), where he preached in Turkish; became minister of the Armenian Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In about 1940, Aram left the large Cambridge church to become preacher at the smaller Church of the Armenian Martyrs in Worcester, Massachusetts, the oldest Armenian church in America. “He died of a heart attack. He had a small heart ‘incident’ ten years earlier and his doctor told him he must cut back on his physical activities (that was the standard cardiological advice in those days, though now the advice is radically different). Typically, my father ignored any advice to be sedentary. He was, by nature, vigorous and used to physical activity. He was, everywhere he had ever lived during my lifetime, a creator of a huge gardens. Until I was 17, we lived in Stoneham, Massachusetts, where he had a very large garden that produced all the vegetables we ate, all the apples, cherries, peaches, plums—and the fruit he produced by grafting plum and peach. He was a genius at such things. He grafted new varieties of dahlias and other bulbed plants, and grafted varieties of apples on the stalks of unwanted but fast-growing trees of other varieties. He did this even when (for a time after he moved to become pastor of the Church of the Armenian Martyrs in Worcester, Massachusetts) he lived in an apartment without sufficient space for his usual garden. He was a winning man and found the owner of the vacant lot next door and received permission to create a large garden there. He later moved to a larger house where, once more, he created a large garden, built his usual grape arbor on which he grew masses of concord grapes. One could speculate that his famous green thumb (people brought him sick plants to cure) came from the fact that his parents in Marash were peasants. My father went to college and graduate school despite this, but I

think he never gave up a feel for the earth. In addition to this, in this country, he visited his parishioners regularly. It was a scattered parish because Armenians did not live in the neighborhood of their church, as is true in many traditional Roman Catholic Churches. They lived all over Cambridge and Boston, when my father was pastor of the Cambridge Church, and they lived all over greater Worcester when he took over that church. In both cases he walked miles every day visiting sick and dying parishioners, marrying them, burying them, etc. So when the doctor advised cutting back on physical activity, my father ignored him. The doctor warned him that if he did not cut back he'd be dead in six months. My father died ten years later." (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP III, 22 December 1998.)

First married, in 1905, to Dudeh ("Daisy") A. Uvezian, born 13 December 1886 in Marash, died 5 July 1923 at Boston. Attended American college for girls in Marash; diagnosed with tuberculosis shortly after arriving in Boston (hospitalized in July 1920), spent most of the last three years of her life in sanitariums. **See Uvezian genealogy.**

Second marriage, 8 July (6 April?) 1924, to Santookht Tavitian, born 18 May 1891, near Zeitun (or Zeitoun, a town in Kahramanmaraş Province, Turkey), immigrated to America in 1923, died December 1978, buried in Worcester Cemetery, Worcester, Massachusetts, alongside her husband Aram; while hiding in a tree with her sister, she watched while Turks slaughtered her mother and father and brothers; after her marriage to Aram it was forbidden to mention the name of his first wife.

Children by first wife, Aram Toros Bagdikian and Dudeh A. Uvezian:

- i. Tirzah ("Terry") Daisy Bagdikian, born 17 May 1907, died 23 May 1990; in 1930 was working as a stenographer for a clothing manufacturer; trained as a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital; married Andrew Juskalian.
- ii. Lydia Natalie Bagdikian, born 8 January 1909, died 8 June 1993, buried next to her mother at Mt. Hope Cemetery in the Mattapan section of Boston; in 1930 was working as a secretary at a high school; "by far the most elegant" one of the family (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP, 14 March 2011).
- iii. Cynthia Lucille Bagdikian, born 8 January 1911; married Fairburn; as of 22 December 1998, was living in Ojai, California; died in an automobile accident in Ojai, 25 March 2001; "the most ambitious" one of the family, graduated from Radcliffe summa *cum laude* (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP, 14 March 2011).

- iv. Nora Althea Bagdikian, born 7 June 1913; married Armstrong; as of 22 December 1998, living in Lakewood, California; died in a hospital in Spokane, Washington, from injuries sustained in a fall, 12 December 2005.
- v. Ben-Hur (“Haig”) Bagdikian, born Marash, Turkey, 30 January 1920, in the American Hospital; died Berkeley, California, 10 March 2016; came to Boston (via Ellis Island) with family as an infant in 1920; went to Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts; became a journalist, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and many other awards in American journalism; a Washington Bureau Chief and Foreign Correspondent for *The Providence Journal*, and Assistant Managing Editor of *The Washington Post*. Joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942 (enlistment date 2 May 1942). Professor at the Graduate School of Journalism, University of California at Berkeley, 1976-1990; Dean, 1985-1988; Emeritus, 1991 (a). “I received plenty of ribbing about the Ben-Hur from schoolmates, so when I made out the form to get my Massachusetts driving license at age 16, I filled the form with Ben Haig Bagdikian, and that’s the way it’s been ever since (except among my Stoneham public schoolmates who still survive)” (Ben H. Bagdikian to TWP III, 22 December 1998). As of May 2010, living at 25 Stonewall Road, Berkeley, California. Married Elizabeth (“Betty”) Sondra Ogasapian, born Lowell, Massachusetts, 10 January 1913, died Washington, D.C., 23 November 1994, divorced, two children; married a second time, to Betty Medsger, divorced; married a third time, to Marlene Griffith.

Obituary (New York Times, 11 March 2016): Ben H. Bagdikian, a journalist and news media critic who became a celebrated voice of conscience for his profession, calling for tougher standards of integrity and public service in an era of changing tastes and technology, died on Friday at his home in Berkeley, Calif. He was 96.

Over five decades, Mr. Bagdikian was a national and foreign correspondent for newspapers and magazines; a reporter, editor and ombudsman for The Washington Post; the author of eight books; and for many years a professor and the dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley.

Born into an Armenian family that fled from genocide in Ottoman Turkey, he grew up in Depression America with a passion for social justice that shaped his reporting. He became an undercover inmate to expose inhumane prison conditions in Pennsylvania, rode with an Israeli tank crew to write about the 1956 Suez Crisis, and lived with oppressed families in the South to cover the civil rights struggle in the 1960s.

He was the Washington Post’s conduit for the Pentagon Papers, the secret Defense Department study of decades of American duplicity in Indochina that was disclosed by the military analyst

Daniel Ellsberg and published by The Post and The New York Times in 1971 in defiance of the Nixon administration's attempts at suppression as the nation debated its deepening involvement in the war in Vietnam.

But he was perhaps best known as the author of *The Media Monopoly* (1983), which warned that freedom of expression and independent journalism were threatened by the consolidation of news and entertainment outlets in a shrinking circle of corporate owners. A mere 50 companies, he wrote, controlled what most Americans read in newspapers and books and saw on television and at the movies.

By 2004, when he published *The Media Monopoly*, the last of seven sequel editions, the number of corporate giants controlling much of the flow of information and entertainment had dwindled to five. "This gives each of the five corporations and their leaders more communications power than was exercised by any despot or dictatorship in history," Mr. Bagdikian wrote.

Journalists, scholars, corporate officials and the public still debate the drawbacks and merits of limited media ownership. But the Internet and desktop publishing have extended freedom of speech to anyone with a computer. Cable networks and online news and entertainment choices have proliferated, and some observers contend that the Orwellian perils envisioned by Mr. Bagdikian have receded or become moot.

While Mr. Bagdikian was most vociferous against ownership concentrations — calling for limits on the size of newspaper chains, for example, even if the limits ran afoul of the First Amendment — his news media criticism ranged widely. He examined conflicts of interest and journalistic integrity, legal issues affecting the press, the media's responsibility to act in the public interest, and trends in investigative reporting.

He rebuked newspaper publishers who pressed journalists to promote advertisers' interests, breaching the traditional wall between news and business. He was troubled by the wide use of anonymous sources in news reports, and by the credulity of reporters and editors who accepted the "official" accounts of self-serving government spokesmen, especially when facts were being suppressed on national security grounds.

He urged tougher standards of public service for broadcasters seeking renewal of their licenses. He advised Americans not to rely on television networks for news, calling them "one network in triplicate" because of their similarities. And he especially deplored the celebrity status of television network anchors.

"The worst thing that can happen to a journalist is to become a celebrity," he told The Progressive in 1997. "The honest job of the journalist is to observe, to listen, to learn. The job of the celebrity is to be observed, to make sure others learn about him or her, to be the object of attention rather than an observer."

Ben Haig Bagdikian was born on Jan. 30, 1920, in Marash, Turkey, the youngest of five children of Aram Bagdikian, a chemistry teacher, and the former Daisy Uvezian. The family fled the massacre of Armenians when Ben was an infant and made its way to America, settling in

Stoneham, Mass. His mother died when he was 3, and his father became pastor of an Armenian Congregational church in Cambridge.

He graduated from Clark University in 1941 and worked briefly as a reporter for The Springfield Morning Union in Massachusetts. In 1942 he married Elizabeth Ogasapian. They had two sons, Christopher and Frederick, and were divorced in 1972. His second marriage, to Betty Medsger, ended in divorce. In 1983, he married Marlene Griffith. Besides her, he is survived by Frederick. Christopher died in 2015.

After serving as a navigator in World War II, Mr. Bagdikian joined The Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin in Rhode Island in 1947. Over the next 15 years he was a local reporter, a member of a team that won the 1953 Pulitzer Prize for deadline coverage of a bank robbery, a foreign correspondent in the Middle East and a Washington correspondent.

From 1963 to 1967 he was a Washington-based contributing editor of The Saturday Evening Post and wrote freelance articles about politics, poverty, housing, migration and other subjects for The New York Times Magazine and other publications. He also covered the civil rights movement, sometimes as a companion of victims of intimidation and violence.

His first book, *In the Midst of Plenty: The Poor in America*, was published in 1964. His other books included *The Information Machines: Their Impact on Men and the Media* (1971), *The Effete Conspiracy and Other Crimes by the Press* (1972), and a memoir, *Double Vision: Reflections on My Heritage, Life and Profession* (1995).

Frustrated by the “sins and omissions” of reporters and television crews at news events, he began writing media critiques in the 1960s after formulating a Bagdikian Law of Journalism: “The accuracy of news reports of an event is inversely proportional to the number of reporters on the scene.”

Mr. Bagdikian studied the news media for the RAND Corporation from 1967 to 1969. After joining The Washington Post in 1970, he became an assistant managing editor and the ombudsman, representing the newspaper’s readers. From 1972 to 1974, he wrote for The Columbia Journalism Review. He taught journalism at Berkeley from 1976 until retiring in 1990, and was the graduate school’s dean from 1985 to 1988.

“Never forget,” he told his students at the outset, “that your obligation is to the people. It is not, at heart, to those who pay you, or to your editor, or to your sources, or to your friends, or to the advancement of your career. It is to the public.”

Children of Ben-Hur (“Haig”) Bagdikian and Elizabeth Sondra Ogasapian:

- i. Aram Chris Bagdikian, born Monroe, Louisiana 14 September 1944, died 24 March 2015; grew up in Providence, Rhode Island, and Washington, D.C.; married 20 May 1978,

Patricia W. Keller, born 1951; lived in Bakersfield, California.

- ii. Eric (Frederick, Jr.) Bagdikian, born 8 November 1951; married, lived in Longmont, Colorado.

Children by second wife, Aram Toros Bagdikian and Santookht Tavitian:

- i. Aram Theodore (“Ted”) Bagdikian, Jr., born 6 April 1925; as of 22 December 1998, lived on Long Island, New York; died 17 April (21 March?) 1999; buried Hope Cemetery, Worchester, Massachusetts.
 - ii. David Donald Bagdikian, born Stoneham, Massachusetts, March 1930 (9 June 1930?), died 11 November 1994 (15 September 1992?).
- ii. **Garabed (“George”) Baghdikian**, born in Marash, Turkey, seven days journey by horseback from Adana; a preacher; married Mary Boyajian, born in Marash, Turkey, about 1857; she was the daughter of “Mrs. Boyajian” (maiden name unknown), born in Turkey, about 1827, died about 1922; according to Louise Mary Shamlan, who was told by her mother Esther Baghdikian; Esther’s grandmother lived to be over 95, and even when past 90 she walked for miles a day and performed all her own household duties (see old family photos); ten children.

Children of Garabed Baghdikian and Mary Boyajian:

- i. Boy, name unknown, born in Tarsus, Turkey; date of birth unknown, died as a infant; according to Louise Mary Shamlan, her mother Esther Baghdikian (the baby’s sister) was carrying the baby on her back when she was jostled and the baby fell, his soft palate dropped and he choked to death.
- ii. Leah Baghdikian, born in Tarsus, Turkey, died in the Armenian massacres; married, name unknown, lived in Tarsus; at least one child.

Child of Leah Baghdikian, father unknown:

- i. Vergin, born about 1903, married Atalarian, lived in Beirut, Lebanon; three children.

Children of Vergin and Atalarian:

- i. Avedis Atalarian, went to Russian Armenia, married with children.

- ii. George Atalarian, went to Russian Armenia, married with children.
- iii. Marjorie Atalarian, lived near her mother in Beirut; married, two daughters.
- iii. Alexander Baghdikian, born 11 August 1884 (twin of Victoria Baghdikian), in Tarsus, Turkey; a tailor, died in England; unmarried.
- iv. Victoria Baghdikian, born 11 August 1884 (twin of Alexander Baghdikian), in Tarsus, Turkey, died 3 July 1956; first marriage to Samuel Deladarian, died in Tarsus in about mid-1909 (hidden with a large group of Armenians from Adana in a mission school in Tarsus, he left the shelter to find food for his family and was captured and beheaded by Turks; sometime later, Victoria was walking on the street carrying her infant daughter Helen, when a Turk with a large sword grabbed her and tried to take her baby, she refused to give up the child so the Turk began slashing at her cutting her shawl and wounding her shoulder, but then all of a sudden he ran away (see Helen Deladarian's autobiography); a few months after Samuel was murdered, Victoria emigrated to America at age 25, with her 19-month old daughter Helen, her sister Esther, and brother Paul, departing Naples, Italy, on 27 October 1909, and arriving in South Boston aboard an Italian ship, the S.S. *Lazio*, on 10 November 1909 (the ship was supposed to go to Ellis Island but because of lack of moorage space went on to Boston; passage paid for by their father); second marriage to Alexander Garabedian, born in Turkey in 1878, immigrated in 1903, lived in Newton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts; at least four children from a previous marriage, the mother, name unknown, having died in childbirth.

Children of Alexander Garabedian, mother unknown:

- i. Rose Garabedian, born 1906
- ii. Jacob (Jack) Garabedian, born 1908, died 1977; in 1930 was doing office work for a rubber company
- iii. George Garabedian, born 1912
- iv. Margaret Garabedian, born 1913

Child of Victoria Baghdikian and Samuel Deladarian:

- i. Helen Deladarian, born 17 April 1907, at Tarsus, Turkey, died 10 May 1992; after January 1909, lived in Watertown, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston; after 1966, at 13563 Herron Street, Sylmar, California. Married 16 December 1928 to Vahan Daghlilian (son of

Hagop, born about 1874, and Rebecca Parigian, born 1880; brother of George, born 1904, who later had three sons, Hagop Jr., Andrew, and George; and brother of Hymiak (Himayiak?) and Eglantina, both of whom died in Turkey), born 25 January 1906 at Adana, Turkey, arrived at Ellis Island, by way of Piraeus, Greece, on 18 July 1923, aboard the *King Alexander*, with his brother George (traveling under the given name of his deceased brother Hymiak), died 1 July 1976; three children.

Children of Helen Deladarian and Vahan Daghlilian:

- i. Michael Samuel Daghlilian, born 1930, married about 1958 to Mary Ann Riley (one son, Mark, from a previous marriage), two sons.

Children of Michael Samuel Daghlilian and Mary Ann Riley:

- i. Michael Samuel Daghlilian, Jr., born 1961, married Dina L., two children, Clint Michael and Samantha.
- ii. Maria Daghlilian, born 1963, a superior court judge for Los Angeles County, married Hernandez, one child.
- ii. Paul N. Daghlilian, born 1932, never married.
- iii. Roupen (Jack) Daghlilian, born 10 May 1936, married Nancy Jean Martell (born Billerica, Massachusetts, 1939, died 25 March 1999; daughter of Howard Joseph Martell and Catherine Mellissa Loye); lives in Oklahoma, four children.

Children of Roupen Daghlilian and Nancy Martell:

- i. Donna J. Daghlilian, born 1963, married Patrick Borgerding, four children, Katherine, Margaret, Alex, and Matthew.
- ii. Michael Daghlilian, born 29 April 1965, died 2 May 1965; lived only three days.
- iii. Steven M. Daghlilian, born 1968, married Allison, four children, Kayleigh, Nickolas, Brittany, and Jenna.
- iv. Diana Daghlilian, born 1973, married Randy Bedwell, two children, Zachery and Joshua.

- v. Simon Baghdikian, born in Tarsus, Turkey; a tailor, migrated to England from Turkey in about 1910, lived in Newcastle upon Tyne, England; killed during the bombing of England by Germans during World War II; married an English woman, two children.

Children of Simon Baghdikian:

- i. Daughter, married.
- ii. Son, worked as a gardener for the Queen of England; married.
- vi. Miran (“Martin”) Baghdikian, born (twin of Leon Baghdikian) in Tarsus, Turkey, about 1878 (twin brother Leon listed as 32 in 1910 Federal Census); a merchant dyer; inducted into the Turkish Army during World War II and killed in service; married, two children, a son and daughter.
- vii. Leon (“Levon”) G. Baghdikian, born (twin of Miran Baghdikian) in Tarsus, Turkey, about 1878 (listed as 32 in 1910 Federal Census; a carpenter, lived in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, with brother Simon, then came to America from Newcastle (aboard the SS *Umbria*, sailing from Liverpool on 27 December 1902, arriving at the Port of New York on 4 January 1903; the ship’s manifest indicates that he traveled alone, that he could neither read nor write, had only \$10, was going to live with his cousin, Leo Gadson of 307 West 14 St., New York, and that he was in good health); later lived at 82 Dexter Avenue, Watertown, Massachusetts; just before World War II he went back to Adana, Turkey, where he was inducted into the Turkish Army and was killed in service; unmarried.
- viii. Richard Baghdikian, born in Tarsus, Turkey; a tailor, contracted tuberculosis as a result of being gassed while serving in the British Army during World War I; died in Wanganui, New Zealand; unmarried.
- ix. Esther R. Baghdikian**, born 9 September 1893 in Tarsus, Turkey, died 27 March 1943 at her home in Fresno, California; came to America at age 14, with her sister Victoria and brother Paul, departing Naples, Italy, on 27 October 1909, and arriving in South Boston aboard the Italian ship S.S. *Lazio* on 10 November 1909 (passage paid for by their father); moved to Watertown, Massachusetts, soon after arrival; according to 1910 Census, at age 17 was working, along with her brother Paul, in a shoe shop; married, 15 September 1910, at Boston, to Edward George Shamlian, born 15 October 1884 in Marash, Turkey, died 6 September 1960 at Fresno, a watch repairman and doctor of chiropractics; listed together in 1925 Iowa State Census; both buried at Ararat Massis Armenian Cemetery, Fresno; four children (see **Shamlian Family Genealogy**).

Mrs. Esther R. Shamlian, 49, of 2992 Hammond Avenue, died today in her home following a long illness. She was a native of Adana, Armenia, and came to Fresno two years ago from Detroit, Mich., where she lived for 32 years. She is survived by her husband, Edward Shamlian, a watchmaker; three daughters, Mrs. Priscilla Kaprielian and Mrs. T. W. Pietsch, both of Detroit, and Mrs. William A. Russell, Los Angeles; a son, Private Edwin R. Shamlian, United States Army; a brother, Dr. Paul Bagdikian, Bath, Me.; a sister, Mrs. Victoria Garabedian, Boston, Mass., and two grandchildren. Obsequies are planned for Tuesday at 2 P.M. in the Armenian Full Gospel Church of God, Mono and N Streets, with Rev. Charles E. Kalemkarian officiating. Interment will be in the Ararat Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan, Burns & Blair, Funeral Directors (*The Fresno Bee*, Saturday, 27 March 1943, p. 7).

- x. Paul Garabed (“George”) Bagdikian, born in Adana, Turkey, 25 January 1895; died Bath, Maine, 4 September 1981; while a small boy in Tarsus, he remembered running away from a Turkish soldier on horseback, with saber raised ready to strike, but their eyes met, and the soldier backed off (Paul to TWP III, personal communication, mid-1960s); came to America at age 12, with his sisters Victoria and Esther, arriving in Boston aboard the S.S. *Lazio* on 10 November 1909 (passage paid by their father; see Paul Bagdikian letter to TWP III, 1966); according to 1910 Federal Census, was working at age 16 along with his sister Esther in a shoe shop; later worked as a handyman for a family that lived in Maine; wanted to attend medical school but could not afford it; obtained a degree in chiropractics from the Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa, and built a successful practice together with his wife, first in Cambridge, Massachusetts, later in Bath, Maine; married Cambridge, 18 August 1923, 8:00 p.m., at the house of Edward and Esther Shamlian in Brighton, Massachusetts, to Frieda Ehlers (“Aunt Frieda,” daughter of Adolph Ehlers, born 1870, and Emma K., born 1872), born Labadie, Missouri, 14 March 1898, died Bath, Maine, 5 March 1992, age 93, who he met at the Palmer Chiropractic College and from where they both graduated; marriage performed by cousin Rev. Aram Baghdikian (see above); in 1966 lived at 122 Front Street, Bath, Maine; buried together at Woodlawn Cemetery, Wiscasset, Maine; two children, two grandsons, two great-granddaughters.

Obituary: Paul G. Bagdikian, D.C., 85, of 155 Oak St., died Sept. 4 at the hospital in Bath. Dr. Bagdikian, a chiropractor, had a private practice in Bath for 51 years. Dr. Bagdikian was born in Adana, Turkey, Jan. 25, 1896, the son of Garabed and Mary Boyajian Bagdikian. He moved to the United States as a young boy. He graduated from Berwick Academy in South Berwick. Dr. Bagdikian attended Bowdoin College. He later entered Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. He graduated in 1923 and did his post-graduate work at the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Ill. He served in the student’s army training corps at Bowdoin College during World War I. In 1923, Dr. Bagdikian began his private practice in Cambridge, Mass. One year later he moved to Bath where he maintained a private practice until he retired in 1975. Dr. Bagdikian was a member of the Maine State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for 15 years. He served as president of the Maine State Chiropractors’ Association in 1941. He was a

member of the Solar Masonic Lodge of Bath and the Genesta Chapter Order of Eastern Star, serving as a patron of the chapter in 1931. He also was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Bath and the Consistory of Portland. Dr. Bagdikian was a member of Kora Temple Shrine of Lewiston, West Bath Grange and National Grange and the Pomonoa Grange. He was a former of the Colonial Club. Dr. Bagdikian attended the Congregational Church of Bath. Dr. Bagdikian leaves his wife, Frieda Ehlers Bagdikian; a son, Paul G. Bagdikian, Jr. of Warehouse Point, Conn; a daughter, Anita B. Metcalf of Hollis; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Curtics and Hill Funeral Home, 942 Washington St. Visiting hours will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be conducted Sunday at 7:30 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Genesta Chapter Order of Eastern Star, c/o Irma Predle, 77 North St., Bath, Maine 04530.

Obituary: Frieda Bagdikian, 93, of 155 Oak St., died Thursday at a Portland rehabilitation center. She was born in Labadie, Missouri, a daughter of Adolph and Emma Ehlers and graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractics in 1923. In August 1923, she married Dr. Paul Bagdikian in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He died in 1981. She and her husband practiced in Cambridge and Bath for 52 years, retiring in 1975. Dr. Bagdikian was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational and a charter member of the Evangelical Church of Labadie. She was a life member and past matron of Genesta Champte, O.E.S., past president of the Cosmopolitan Club., a member of the Palmer College Chiropractic Society Association Sorority, Pomona Grange, Royal Neighbors of America, and the Society of Bowdoin Women. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Anita) Metcalf of Hollis; a son, Paul G. Bagdikian of East Windsor, Conn.; two grandsons and two great-granddaughters. A funeral and O.E.S. services will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday at the David E. Desmond Funeral Home, 638 High St. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wiscasset.

Children of Paul Garabed Bagdikian and Frieda Ehlers:

- i. Anita Bagdikian, born 1930, married Charles Metcalf; lived in Hollis, Maine.
- ii. Paul Garabed Bagdikian, Jr., born 2 December 1932, died 11 February 2015, age 82; married Prudence ("Prudy") Muise (born Hancock County, Maine, 8 November 1932; died East Windsor, Connecticut, 19 March 2010, age 77; daughter of Joseph M. Muise, born Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, 25 November 1892, died Boothbay Harbor, Maine, 19 April 1975, age 82, and Annie N. Seavey, born Jonesport, Maine, 7 December 1898, died Boothbay Harbor, Maine, 25 September 1976, age 77); lived at 14 Tromley Road, Warehouse Point, Connecticut; both buried at Scantic Cemetery, East Windsor, Connecticut ("Forever In Our Hearts"); had identical twin boys.

Children of Paul G. Bagdikian, Jr. and Prudence Muise:

- i. Joseph Paul Bagdikian, born 2 October 1957; married 20 June 1981, Judith Ann Moule; lived in Enfield, Connecticut, later East Windsor, Harford, Connecticut.
- ii. James R. Bagdikian, born 2 October 1957; married 10 August 1991, Karla A. Theander; lived in Manchester, Hartford, Connecticut, later in Vernon Rockville, Connecticut.