

SHAMLIAN FAMILY GENEALOGY

(“Shamlia,” one who raises silk worms)

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1. **George SHAMLIAN**, raised silk worms and harvested the cocoons, which were shipped to a clearing house that belonged to a Turkish man; this man was known to the family, and during the Turkish uprising against the Armenians, Luther Shamlia (brother of Edward Shamlia) and his cousins ran from the city and hid, eventually making their way to this man who had done business with their father; asking for help to escape to America, the man told them that their father had a large sum of money on credit; this money made it possible for them to emigrate; later they sent for their mother and brothers and sisters. Shamlia married Mary (Marey) Garabedian, born in Turkey 1862, immigrated to America in 1910; seven children.

Children of George Shamlia and Mary Garabedian:

- i. Arossaig Shamlia, died in Armenian massacres.
- ii. Osanna (or Asana) Shamlia, born in Turkey, 1880, died 1963, immigrated in 1907, married 1897, Jacob Gulian, born in Turkey, 1871, immigrated in 1905; in the early 1920s, they lived in Newton, Massachusetts, with their three children, where Aram Baghdikian and his family first stayed when they arrived in Boston in June 1920 (see Lydia’s *Memoir*, p. 247; and Baghdikian genealogy); divorced, three children.

Children of Osanna Shamlia and Jacob Gulian:

- i. Noritza (“Nora”) Gulian, born in Turkey, 15 September 1898, died age 89, 15 August 1988; immigrated in 1905, became a stenographer for an insurance company (probably established by her brother Mian); last known address Newton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts; unmarried, no issue.
- ii. Mian or Mean (“Mike”) Gulian, born in Marash (Kahramanmaraş), Turkey, 29 July 1900, died age 69, 10 January 1970, Newton, Massachusetts; immigrated in 1905; attended South High School, Newton, Massachusetts; football player at Brown University: “played four years of varsity football and served as captain of the 1922 team. During Gulian’s years, Brown was 22-12-3. Coach Robinson once said that he never saw Gulian moved out by an opposing lineman. A 60-minute performer, Gulian was known as a rough, tough, but sportsmanlike athlete. The “Armenian Prince” was selected by Walter Camp to his third All-American team in 1922, becoming the first man of his nationality to be so honored. The bruising tackle played professional football with the Buffalo All-Americans in 1923, the Philadelphia Yellow Jackets in 1924, and the Providence Steam

Rollers the next three seasons”; inducted into the Brown University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1971; became an insurance salesman; last known address Newton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts; unmarried, no issue.

Obituary: One of Brown’s finest football players is dead. Mian “Mike” Gulian, Class of ‘23, who was named to the All-American third team by Walter Camp in 1922, died Jan. 10 at his home, 130 Nonantoum Rd., Newton, MA. Known as the “Armenian Prince,” Gulian played four years of varsity football under Coach Edward North Robinson and served as captain of the 1922 team. The Bruins had an accumulative record of 22-12-3 during those years.

Coach Robinson once said that he never saw Gulian moved out by an opposing lineman. His marvelous line play was largely responsible for Brown’s 3-0 victory over Harvard in 1922, and the next week he played himself into exhaustion against Dartmouth before being carried from the field. This was one of the few times in his career that Gulian didn’t play the full 60 minutes.

The late Bill Cunningham, nationally famous columnist, played against the Bruin tackle in that 1922 Brown-Dartmouth game. He later recalled the meeting. “We knew this swarthy, impassive guy was good from the press clips we had on the Brown team, but I didn’t realize exactly how good he was until the first play from scrimmage when I tried to clear him out on a trap off his tackle. “I smashed into Gulian with all I had and bounced back a full yard, landing flat on my back. He was the roughest, toughest, but finest and most sportsmanlike athlete I have ever met. During that game, he gave me everything he had but he’d invariably help me to my feet after the play had been spent.”

Gulian was born in Marash (renamed Kahramanmaraş in 1978), western Turkey, on July 29, 1900, and came to this country with his parents at an early age. He was the first Armenian to make Camp’s All-American team and also the first man of his nationality to play National League football. The bruising tackle was with the Buffalo All-Americans in 1923, the Philadelphia Yellow Jackets in 1924, and the Providence Steam Rollers the next three seasons. He then gave up football and joined Equitable Life Assurance Company in Boston.

When World War II broke out, Gulian was already 41 years of age and had a successful insurance business. But he wanted a piece of the action. The Navy turned him down twice and the Army said it wasn’t interested unless he lost 40 pounds. By Herculean efforts, which included triweekly heat and massage treatments, he finally got down to 212 pounds, which was what he weighed when he played football. He served in the Army for 10 months, until his age ended his military career. Gulian then signed with the American Red Cross for service in India. He joined the corps in the BBI theater in 1943 and was made a field director in 1944, serving until the end of the war. He later described the three years with the Red Cross as “the most satisfying and productive” of his career. The former Bruin All-American was involved in a controversy in the fall of 1937 when he wrote a series of articles for the Providence Bulletin in which he blamed Coach Tuss McLaughry and his staff for the decline and fall of Brown football during the previous three or four seasons. The articles prompted many other former Brown football players to rally to McLaughry’s defense.

During his undergraduate days, Gulian was a member of the Cammarian Club and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. As an alumnus, he served as a member of the Boston Brown Club and as a decade chairman for the Brown Housing and Development Fund during the post-World War II years. A bachelor, Gulian leaves no immediate survivors. (*Brown Alumni Monthly*, March 1970)

- iii. Grasse Gulian, born in Turkey, 29 May 1902, died 15 November 1983, age 81; became a rug dealer; last known address Falmouth, Cumberland County, Maine; married 1924, Dorothy Young (daughter of Clifford and Gertrude Young), born 8 March 1900, died age 90, 5 February 1991; four daughters, and a son brought into the family by marriage.

Children of Grasse Gulian and Dorothy Young:

- i. Robert Grasse Gulian, born 4 June 1925, died age 56, 2 December 1981, buried near Portland, Maine; married 1951, Martha W. Murray, born 5 November 1928, still alive in February 2012; four children:

Children of Robert Grasse Gulian and Martha W. Murray

- i. Robert Gulian Jr.
- ii. Graham Young Gulian, born 7 April 1960, married 1987, Ann S. Epstein.
- iii. Caroline Gulian, born 9 October 1963, married Moret, divorced, two children.
- iv. Robin Gulian, had a son, Jacob.
- ii. Mary Lou Gulian, born about 1928, apparently killed in a car accident when she was only about eight years old.
- iii. Barbara Gulian, born about 1933; as of August 2013, alive and living in Falmouth, Maine; married Thomas Sawyer; one son, Andrew Sawyer.
- iv. Judith Gulian, born December 1934, died August 2012; married Switzer, two children: Kate Switzer of Plymouth, New Hampshire; and Stephen Switzer, married Lesley, living in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, with sons Max and Ian.
- v. Patricia Gulian, born New Jersey, about 1939; married North Canaan, Litchfield, 23 June 1961, Stanley H. Cahill; as of August 2013, living in South Portland, Maine.

- iii. Walter (Vahan) Shamlian, born in Turkey 1886, died 31 October 1945; immigrated in 1910, but went back to Turkey during the 1920s to find a wife; he found and married Elizabeth (“Betty”) Kelloyan (born 10 October 1904, died 2 December 1998), but she later divorced so she could marry Walter’s brother Jacob Simon Kamborian, two children.

Children of Walter Shamlian and Elizabeth Kelloyan

- i. Eunice Shamlian, born Watertown, Massachusetts, 5 September 1923, died 7 October 2006; a prominent figure in publishing and political circles, as editor and publisher of *Equal Times*, a newspaper for women that appeared biweekly in Boston for several years in the late 1970s and early 1980s; married Thomas Anthony (“Tony”) Weisz, born Ohio, 27 September 1921, died Cambridge, Massachusetts, 21 November 2001 (son of Bernard Henry Weisz, born 1892, died 1944, and Ellen Elizabeth Wangler, born 1895, died 1989); family name changed to “West,” following divorce; three children.

Children of Eunice Shamlian and Thomas Anthony Weisz:

- i. Andrea Weisz (latter changed her name to Sterling), born January 1949; as of August 2013, lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with partner David Haughawout.
 - ii. Mark Weisz, born 1951, married Karen, as of August 2013, lived in Watertown, Massachusetts; two daughters, Ericka and Kasey.
 - iii. Gregory Jay Weisz, born June 1952, married Dr. Paula Fang; as of August 2013, lived in Belmont, Massachusetts; three children, two sons, one daughter: Maximillian (“Max”), born February 1985; Alexander (“Alex”), born February 1988; and Ricki, born October 1995.
- ii. Venus Shamlian, born 22 October 1921, died 3 December 2004; first marriage, 1941, to Zaven (“Bucky”) Garabed Yardumian (later shortened to Yardume), born 13 April 1922 (son of Manoug [or Manong?] Garabed Yardumian and Leah M.), died April 1985, divorced 1962; second marriage, 1963, to Louis Peril, lived in Las Vegas; two children.

Children of second marriage of Venus Shamlian and Louis Peril:

- i. Pamela Peril, born May 1944; name change by legal adoption; retired, as of July 2013, living in Florida.
- ii. Scott Peril, born January 1951; name change by legal adoption; as of July 2013, living in Las Vegas.

- iv. Naomi Shamlian, born 1878, immigrated 1910; first marriage to Semerdjian, second marriage to Kamborian; in 1920, living in Middlesex, Massachusetts; at least three children by first marriage.

Children of Naomi Shamlian and Semerdjian

- i. Semerdjian, killed by Turks.
- ii. Jacob (“Jake”) Simon Semerdjian (later changed his name to Kamborian, after his stepfather), born 25 December 1902, died September 1971, immigrated in 1913; a shoe manufacturer (worked for the United Shoe Machinery Corporation, where he became wealthy through his invention of a way to stitch soles and uppers by automatic machinery, holding patents, dated 26 March 1940, for machines used in the manufacture of shoes; in 1948, he won a law suit for infringement of property by a rival company; see *United Shoe Machinery Corporation, Petitioner, V. Jacob S. Kamborian and International Shoe Machine Corporation, U.S. Supreme Court Transcript of Record with Supporting Pleadings*, Richard F. Walker, U.S. Supreme Court, Records and Briefs, 1832–1978); in 1920, lived in Middlesex, Massachusetts; an avid fisherman, he had a 47-foot yacht called the *Jaskam*; married Elizabeth “Betty” Kelloyan (or Torigian? Betty was brought over from Turkey to marry Walter Shamlian, one of the Shamlian brothers, but after the marriage she fell in love with Jacob Kamborian, so she divorced Walter and married Jacob—a big scandal at the time); two children.

Children of Jacob Simon Kamborian and Elizabeth Kelloyan

- i. Jacob (“Jackie”) Kamborian, Jr.
- ii. Elizabeth (“Betsy” or “Lizbeth”) Kamborian
- iii. Albert Semerdjian (later changed his name to Kamborian, after his stepfather), born 1907, immigrated 1910; an inventor, held a number of patents with his brother Jacob, issued in 1953, 1963, 1965, etc., for various methods related to shoe manufacturing; in 1920, lived in Middlesex, Massachusetts.
- v. Levon (“Leo”) Shamlian, born 20 March 1888, in Marash (Kahramanmaraş), Turkey; died 18 June 1968, in Fresno, California; immigrated to America in 1908, became a shoe-maker; said to have known many languages, played various instruments, and lived in Fresno on a farm; married Flora Samikian, born in Turkey, 28 June 1893, died 23 February 1981, immigrated in 1913, a very gentle woman who spoke only Turkish, and who also made great Turkish style food; it is said that after leaving Turkey (together or separately?) they stayed a brief time in

Germany where they married (perhaps arranged?) at an orphanage (?), but this doesn't make sense if he immigrated in 1908 and she in 1913; two children.

Children of Levon Shamlian and Flora Samikian:

- i. Matilda ("Tillie") Shamlian, born 12 July 1914, died 2 July 1994; married briefly, but no children.
- ii. Rose ("Rosie") Shamlian, born February 1917, died 26 April 2005; married Joseph T. Conti (born 14 July 1914 in New York to Sicilian immigrants, his father thought to be Giuseppe Contino, born in Cantania, Sicily; died 9 October 2010) sometime during WW II; lived all their lives in Watertown, Massachusetts; four or five children.

Rose Conti of Watertown, died peacefully with her family by her side on April 26, 2005. Devoted wife of 60 years to Joseph T. Conti and mother of Connie Foster and her husband Warren of Woburn, Gail Whitehouse and her husband Raymond of Cohasset, Jay Conti and his wife Heidi of Hyannis and Vanessa Rose of Watertown. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. A private Funeral Service will be held in the Phillips Congregational Church, 111 Mount Auburn St., Watertown with burial in Ridgelawn Cemetery. Donations may be made in her memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by the Nardone Funeral Home, Watertown.

Joseph T. Conti passed away peacefully with his family by his side Oct. 9, 2010, at 96 years of age. Prior to his passing in Hyannis, Joe had lived for 5 years at Southwood Nursing Home in Norwell. Although blind and confined to a wheelchair, Joe enjoyed his many friends and participated in many activities. He will be fondly remembered for his sharp mind, firm handshake, zest for life and amazing courage. Joe was born July 14, 1914, in New York City to Italian immigrants. When his naval military service ended, he moved to Waltham, then on to Watertown, to raise his four children with Rose, his dear, late wife of 60 years. Joe will be greatly missed by his children, Connie Foster and her husband Warren of Burlington, Gail Whitehouse and her husband Ray of Cohasset, Jay Conti and his wife Heidi of Hyannis and Vanessa Rose of Watertown. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren. His little great-grandbaby Luke was very special to Joe. A private funeral service was held by Nardone Funeral Home in Watertown.

Children of Rose Shamlian and Joseph T. Conti:

- i. Todd Conti, died young.
- ii. Constance ("Connie") Conti, married Warren Foster.
- iii. Gail Conti, married Ray Whitehouse.
- iv. Jay Conti, married Heidi.

v. Vanessa Rose Conti.

- vi. Luther Shamlian (“Uncle Luther,” “Big Lou”), born Marash (Kahramanmaraş), Turkey, 18 April 1896 (1894?); died in his sleep on 6 May 1979, immigrated 1910; lived in Arlington, Massachusetts, from at least the mid-1950s until his death; married four times, with second wife Aznive (or Aznife, but apparently called Helen) he had three children; fourth wife Loosaper Margosian; buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Boston (see the *Boston Globe*, 8 May 1979, p. 46).

Children of Luther Shamlian and Aznife (Helen):

- i. Gregory Shamlian, born 18 February 1922, died 18 August 1986; married Beulah Jane E. Burgess, born 30 October 1911, died 14 July 2009; buried together at Mont Meta Memorial Park, San Benito, Texas, plot F, lot 323.
- ii. Calvin Humark Shamlian, born Boston, 30 September 1923; died Harlingen, Texas, Monday, 3 April 2012; served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; ship’s cook on the USS *Yorktown* from 1942 to 1946; received the WW II Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; moved in 1946 to the Rio Grande Valley; retired in 1986 after working in the non-food wholesale business; a member of the American Legion and the C.A.F.; buried Mont Meta Memorial Park, San Benito, Texas; married Cameron, Texas, 11 February 1950, Mattie Bernice Wyrick; four children, 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; preceded in death by brothers Gregory and Aram Shamlian (see *Valley Morning Star*, 5 April 2012).

Children of Calvin Humark Shamlian and Mattie Bernice Wyrick:

- i. Steve Shamlian, Harlingen, Texas.
- ii. Carey Shamlian, Harlingen, Texas.
- iii. Sherry Shamlian, New Branufels, Texas; married McElwraith.
- iv. Kenneth Shamlian, Victoria, Texas.
- iii. Aram Shamlian, born 1925, lived in Westwood, Massachusetts; died of a massive coronary on 6 February 1988; married Araxi (Roxie) Movsesian, died 1 September 1994, daughter of Moses A. Movsesian of Bradford; three children.

Children of Aram Shamlian and Araxi (Roxie) Movsesian:

- i. Alison Lee Shamlian, born 29 November 1954, married Bradley W. Barr, one child.

Child of Alison Lee Shamlian and Bradley W. Barr:

- i. Benjamin Alexander Barr, born 10 August 1986.
- ii. Douglas Shamlian, born 16 May 1958, married, 26 September 1992, Nicole Bronski, born 3 December 1963; one child.

Child of Douglas Shamlian and Nicole Bronski

- i. Siobhan Ara Shamlian, born 28 December 1997
 - iii. Jennifer Amy Shamlian, born November 1962, married Mike Hozempa, no children.
- vii. Edward George Shamlian, born 15 October 1884 in Marash (now Kahramanmaraş), Turkey, died 6 September 1960 in Sanger, Fresno County, California; emigrated from Le Havre, France, on 20 June 1901, arrived in New York on 29 June 1901; became a U.S. citizen on 27 June 1921 (“I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiances and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Mehmed the Emperor of the Ottomans”); a skilled jeweler and watch repairman, he worked for Waltham Watch Company in Boston; prior to World War I, lived in Brighton, a suburb of Boston; to avoid being drafted into the army, he bought an apple farm in Marlboro (Keen?), New Hampshire (Hanscom & Lundberg report the sale of an estate in Marlboro, New Hampshire, consisting of homestead, barns and 200 acres of farm and timber lands to Edward G. Shamlian of Watertown; it is one of the finest in that section and was owned by Elizabeth Hortter; a large amount of personal property was included in the sale; see *Boston Evening Globe* for Wednesday, 10 October 1917), and moved his family there in 1917; in 1918, went back to Brighton, where he rented a third-floor flat at 36 Brackett Street (later, in 1920, the house was shared with the Bagdikians; see Bagdikian genealogy); shortly after 1924, he moved his family to Davenport, Iowa, where he graduated, 16 February 1926 (having taken the 18-month course of study), from the Palmer College of Chiropractic (then the Palmer School of Chiropractic); in about 1928, moved to Highland Park (rented a house on Lincoln Street), a suburb of Detroit, where his brother-in-law Uncle Paul Baghdikian and other Armenian relatives lived; had trouble as a chiropractor, so went back to watch repair, opening a small shop in downtown Detroit (904 Metropolitan Building, 33 John R. Street); after the children were married, moved to Fresno, California, in 1940 or 1941, living at 2992 Hammond St. First marriage, 15 September 1910, at Boston, Esther R. Baghdikian, born 9 (6?) September 1893 (1892?) in Tarsus, Turkey, died 27 March 1943 at Fresno, California; listed together in 1925 Iowa State Census, Davenport Ward 4; both buried at Ararat Massis Armenian Cemetery, Fresno;

four children. Second marriage, date unknown, Louise, born 1901, no children (see **Baghdikian Family Genealogy**).

Funeral services for Edward G. Shamlian, 75, of 2992 Hammond Avenue will be conducted tomorrow at 2 PM in the Armenian Evangelical Brethren Church. Burial will be in Ararat Cemetery. Shamlian, a native of Turkey, died yesterday in a local hospital. A watchmaker, he was the operator of Edward's Watch Repair, which is located in the Mason Building. He is survived by his widow, Louise; a son, Edwin R. of Santa Cruz; three daughters, Mrs. Priscilla Slocum and Mrs. Gladys Russell, both of Downey, Los Angeles County, and Mrs. Louise Pietsch of South Bend, Indiana; two brothers, Leo Shamlian of Fresno and Luther Shamlian of Boston; a sister, Mrs. Osanna Gulian of Boston, and 11 grandchildren. The Lisle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements (*The Fresno Bee*, Wednesday, 7 September 1960, p. 50).

Mrs. Esther Shamlian Dies in Family Home. 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 Baghdikian, 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).

Children of Edward George Shamlian and Esther Baghdikian:

- i. Priscilla Esther Shamlian, born 8 September 1911 at Brighton, Massachusetts, died April 6 1983 at Fresno, California (pre-stroke symptoms sent her to the hospital for an angiogram during which she suffered a basilar stroke involving both sides of her body; rendered comatose, she lived in a nursing home for 6 months before she died); worked as a sales person at J. L. Hudson Company; later became involved in selling used books from her home; first marriage, Detroit, Michigan, 2 June 1934, to Haig Kaprielian of Highland Park, Michigan, born 13 October 1903, died March 1983, divorced in about 1946 (?), no children; second marriage, 27 March 1948, to Gordon Keith Slocum, born 5 August 1914, died age 88, 15 July 2003, an engineer; in 1967 lived in Downey, California; two children, both adopted.

Adopted children of Priscilla Esther Shamlian and Gordon Keith Slocum:

- i. Keith Carl Slocum, born in Los Angeles, 8 June 1950. Married, with three children: Brian, Anna, and Stephanie.

- ii. Lee Gordon Slocum, born in Los Angeles, 2 October 1955, died Spokane Valley, Washington, 9 August 2013, cirrhosis of the liver; adopted at the South Gate Courthouse in South Gate, California, original parentage unknown; first marriage to Darla Hickman, divorced, one child; second marriage, Diane Terese Himebaugh, born 25 October 1954, divorced in late 1990s, two children:

SLOCUM, Lee Gordon: Went to be with his eternal father on August 9th, 2013 in Spokane Valley, Washington. Lee is survived by his three children Angela Bahr, Bree Brix, Daniel Slocum; and six grandchildren. Originally from California, Lee loved the ocean. Lee was a friend to many, and was loved for his unique spirit. He always wanted to help someone. Lee touched many people in his life and will be missed immensely. Services will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 14111 E. 16th in the Spokane Valley. The family would like to thank Hospice and Lesley Simmons Adult Family Home for their outstanding and compassionate care (*The Spokesman Review*, Sunday, 25 August 2013).

Child of Lee Gordon Slocum and Darla Hickman:

- i. Angela Slocum, born 19 January 1975, married Bahr, divorced; as of January 2013, lives in Florida; three children: Julia, Genevive, and Jared Bahr.

Children of Lee Gordon Slocum and Diane Terese Himebaugh:

- i. Bree Danielle Slocum, born 19 February 1985, Spirit Lake, Idaho; married 2006, Harley Brix, divorced; as of January 2013, engaged to Michael Colajezzi; two children.

Child of Bree Danielle Slocum and Harley Brix:

- i. Noah Daniel Brix, born 8 July 2006 in Spokane Valley, Washington.

Child of Bree Danielle Slocum and Michael Colajezzi:

- i. Shylah Aurora Colajezzi, born 2 December 2011.
- ii. Daniel Gordon Slocum, born 18 July 1986, Spirit Lake, Idaho; married May 2011, Tasha Clements, one child.

Child of Daniel Gordon Slocum and Tasha Clements:

- i. Wyatt Casey Slocum, born 8 August 2013.
- ii. Louise Mary Shamlian (birth certificate reads “May Mary Shamlian”), born 1 December 1914 at Watertown, Massachusetts, died 15 January 1987, 9:30

a.m. (metastatic carcinoma of the breast, a recurrence of breast cancer and a mastectomy in May 1956, when she was only 42; Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana), at Seal Beach, California; trained as an occupational therapist; married, Saturday, 24 June 1938, at Detroit, Michigan (honeymooned in Sturgis, Michigan), to Theodore W. Pietsch, Jr., born 23 September 1912, at Baltimore, died at Everett, Washington, 24 August 1993; their first residence was a two-room attic apartment in the house of Mrs. Howard at 1229 Tyler Street, Highland Park, Michigan; three children (see **Pietsch Family Genealogy**).

- iii. Gladys Aurora Shamlian, born 23 August 1917 at Watertown, Massachusetts, died 4 October 1991; worked as a maid for a wealthy family, George Gough Booth (1864–1949); who, with his two brothers, started *The Detroit News* and later founded the independent Booth Newspapers, a chain spanning the southern half of Michigan) and wife Ellen Scripps Booth (who together, in 1904, founded the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, a suburb of Detroit); moved with her husband, in June 1938, to Los Angeles, California; after her three children were born, she started to take college courses at home and acquired enough credits to go to night school; eventually graduated with a degree in mathematics and got a job as a computer programmer for TRW in southern California; bought a house in Manhattan Beach, California, which she later sold for \$200,000 and moved to Marina Del Rey; married, April 1938, at Highland Park, Michigan, to William Alexander Russell, born 6 August 1911, died 12 September 1987; separated in late 1960 or early 1961, later divorced; three children:

Children of Gladys Aurora Shamlian and William Alexander Russell:

- i. Christopher Richard Russell, born 6 January 1939; first marriage, 19 March 1967, to Galena Sinkevitch, born c. 1949, divorced 1 June 1970, no children; second marriage, 19 December 1970, to Marita Claire Turcott, born 18 November 1944 (she bringing a child from a former marriage, Daniel Edward Holochwost, born 28 August 1964); as of June 2006, living at 2242 Rocklyn Street, Camarillo, California; one child.

Child of Christopher Richard Russell and Marita Claire Turcott:

- i. Jeramy Christopher Russell, born 25 June 1981.
- ii. Gary Alexander Russell, born 17 September 1944; married April 1978, Lynda Russo, born 20 September 1951 (she bringing a child into the marriage, Anna Sarafina Crowley, born 5 May 1970); as of

June 2006, living at 4907 Maytime, Culver City, California; one additional child.

Child of Gary Alexander Russell and Lynda Russo:

1. Mickel Paul Russell, born 31 August 1979.
- iii. Bruce Alexander Russell, born 21 November 1947, a realtor (Pinnacle Estate Properties, Inc.); as of June 2011, living at 10831 Bismark Avenue, Northridge, California; first marriage, June (July?) 1966, Cynthia Holliman, born 7 December 1946, one child; second marriage, c. 1970, Judy Hamilton, born c. 1941 (she bringing five children into the marriage: twin daughters, Kim and Karin, two additional daughters, Robin and Samantha, and one son, Lee); third marriage, 5 April 1980, Sue Marie Porter, born 13 July 1954, a school teacher; two children.

Child of Bruce Alexander Russell and Cynthia Holliman:

- i. Lori Lynn Russell, born 14 July 1968.

Children of Bruce Lynn Russell and Sue Marie Porter:

- i. Cody Alexander Russell, born 13 August 1982, graduated 2005 from California State University at Northridge with a B.A. in Communication Studies; working toward a B.S. in Environmental Biology as of November 2012.
- ii. Kate Elizabeth Russell, born 30 April 1986, a registered nurse working in hospice care; married 18 September 2010, Theo Edwards, former captain of the California State University at Northridge men's volleyball team, now Assistant Men's Volleyball coach at Cal State Northridge.

Child of Kate Elizabeth Russell and Theo Edwards:

- i. Oliver William Edwards, born 9 April 2012
- iv. Edwin ("Eddie") Richard Shamlian, born Boston, 17 November 1923, died 8 April 2010; after graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School, Fresno, California (see *Nautilus*, class yearbook for 1943, not pictured), he was drafted into the army tank corps division (inducted 3 March 1943, release date 18 October 1945) and sent to Europe, bombed in a foxhole during the invasion of Normandy, his buddy next to him killed; suffered a severe neck injury, was hospitalized for months afterward, and later awarded the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation; for a short time after

the war, he drove a taxicab in Pasadena, and later worked for the U.S. Postal Service; married in Pasadena, California, 2 August 1947 Mona Wynita Drake, a native of Taunton, Somerset, England (see *Metropolitan Star-News*, Pasadena, 3 August 1947, p. 1; but she later claimed the marriage was illegal because she had been married before but not divorced), separated in mid-1948; second marriage 17 June 1951 at Los Angeles to Mary Jean Barr (who always went by "Jean"), born Los Angeles 12 July 1918, died 29 November 2003, daughter of Ralph E. Barr and Gladys B. Daniel (maiden name Barclay), at least two, perhaps three prior marriages (first to Hildebrandt, then to Osterhout or Howerton or both); three children, two brought to the marriage by Jean, each from a different husband; one child with Edwin (Mark); Edwin and Jean apparently filed for divorce twice, in August 1966 and again in November 1977 but apparently never followed through, remained together; lived at 925 Pine Tree Lane, Aptos, California.

WINS PURPLE HEART. Edward Shamlian of 2922 Hammond Street has received a Purple Heart decoration which was awarded to his son, Private Edwin Shamlian, 21, who was wounded in action in France in July. The youth is a member of a tank destroyer battalion which went into combat soon after D Day [6 June 1944]. In a recent letter to his father, he said his wounds were not serious and he hopes to return to active service soon. Shamlian entered the army in March, 1943, and has been overseas five months. He attended the Roosevelt High School and was employed in his father's watch repair shop prior to his army service (*The Fresno Bee*, 24 August 1944, p. 15).

Children of Edwin Richard Shamlian and Mary Jean Barr:

- i. Brian Charles (Hildebrandt) Shamlian, born 23 October 1942, died Santa Cruz, California, 2008; attended Santa Cruz High School; changed his name to Todd, gay, a movie star of sorts.
- ii. Ralph B. (Osterhout) Shamlian, born January 1946, married at least three times: 29 January 1967, at Santa Cruz, California, Ricky B. Elkins, born 1944 (divorced August 1968); 1 December 1969, at Santa Cruz, Beverly Jo Amrine, born 1947 (divorced December 1971); 16 March 1973, San Francisco, Denise M. (Dawn?) Scanlon, born 1946 (divorced September 1973).
- iii. Mark E. Shamlian, born 19 June 1959, at Santa Cruz, California; from 1993 to at least 2002, he lived at 1040 Fiesta Way, Watsonville, California.