

George Booras Family History (Arcadians of Oakland, Skopi #85)

My grandfather on my father's side of the family, George Peter (Bourantanis) Booras, was born in 1886 in Tsipiana, Tripoli, Greece. It is not known when his last name was changed from Bourantanis to Booras. The Ellis Island records show it as Bourantanis. He worked as a trackman on the railroads before arriving in Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1906, where he operated a grocery store. He married Anastasia Manetas in 1916. Anastasia was born in 1897 in Vouno, Tegeas, Tripoli, Greece. She arrived in Chicago in 1914 and moved to Sheridan with her husband George. They had five children (Angeline, Constantine, Peter, Sam, and Theodora). George died in 1965 at the age of 79, and Anastasia died in 1992 at the age of 94.

My grandfather on my mother's side of the family, Theodore Dikeou, was born in 1888 in Paleohorion, Kynourias, Greece. He arrived in Denver, Colorado, in 1900, where he operated the Athens Candy Company along with his father and brother. He married Helen Tsaousis in 1923, and they had four children (Pauline, Esther, Florence, and James). Helen was born in 1902 in Stomion, Corinthias, Greece, and she arrived in the U.S in 1921. Theodore died in 1978 at the age of 90, and Helen died in 1992 at the age of 89.

My father, Sam G. Booras, was born in 1923 in Sheridan, Wyoming. My mother, Pauline (Dikeou) Booras, was born in 1924 in Denver, Colorado. She worked as a secretary and married Sam in 1947 in Denver. They met in Denver while my father was serving in the U.S. Army. They moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, where Sam and his father operated a grocery store (Booras Super Food Mart). They had three children (Anastasia, George, and Elaine). In 1960, the family moved to Denver, where Sam worked as an assistant manager for a major grocery chain. Sam died in 2005, and Pauline moved to Petaluma, California, in 2009, where she lives near her daughter Elaine.

I met my wife, Joanne (Stiliades), at Oakland's Ascension Greek Orthodox Church in 1975. We married on August 21, 1976, have two children (Alexander and Anthie), and currently live in Danville, California. I joined the Arcadians of Oakland, Skopi #85 in 2009. I am currently serving as the Chapter Vice President.



Sam & Pauline Booras with their parents (L to R) Anastasia & George P. Booras, and Theodore & Helen Dikeou



Sam & Pauline Booras with their children (L to R) Elaine, George, and Anastasia



George and Joanne Booras with their children Alexander and Anthie