



HELEN KALPAKIAN

BORN

HAIGOOSHIE KOOLAKSEZIAN

1901-1987

## TURKEY

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**Seminary for Girls**

**Americana**

Founded by The American Board 1884

Herby awards this **Diploma** to certify that -  
Hulgooie A. Y. Koolakseyan has successfully completed the  
prescribed course of study, is in good standing and is entitled to the highest  
honors of the institution.

Given at Oshunur, Turkey, this eleventh day of April. A.D. 1917

Grace Turner  
Stepania Grinakides  
Daudou Daniels





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**DECLARATION OF ALIEN ABOUT TO DEPART FOR THE UNITED STATES.**

Déclaration de l'étranger qui part pour les Etats-Unis.

(See General Instructions No. 746.)

AMERICAN CONSULATE, General, Constantinople, Turkey, June 7, 1923.  
Consulat américain, (Place.) (Date.) (Date.)

I, Harootun Kalpakian, a citizen of Turkey, ressortissant de

bearer of passport No. 674, dated March 26, 1923, issued by Turkish Auth., titulaire du passeport No. en date du émis par Constantinople.

am about to go to the United States of America, accompanied by my wife, Haigouhi, 22 years old and my daughter Angahouhi, 4 years old and Pakradouhi, 1 year old as attached photo.  
suis sur le point d'aller aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, accompagnée de personnes indiquées dans le passeport du déclarant et dont les photographies y sont attachées.) (Names of persons included in declarant's passport, (Noms des personnes consignées dans le passeport du déclarant et dont les photographies y sont attachées.)

I was born 1886, at Afkarsina, Turkey.  
Je suis né le (Date.) (Date.)

My occupation is Merchant. I last resided at Constantinople.  
Je suis de profession marchand. J'ai demeuré en dernier lieu à

Turkey, for 1 month, and I intend to go to Pickering Pleasure Pier, Canada, for the purpose of joining my sister in law who is an American citizen.  
pour rester pendant mois, dans le but de (Address in the United States.) (Adresse aux Etats-Unis.)

Ocean Park, Cal.

to remain for good months, for the purpose of joining my sister in law who is an American citizen.  
pour rester pendant mois, dans le but de (Address in the United States.) (Adresse aux Etats-Unis.)

as shown by letters or affidavits attached hereto, and filed at the Consulate.  
comme il résulte de lettres et de déclarations sous serment ci-jointes et déposées dans le Consulat.

I have previously resided in the United States as follows:  
J'ai demeuré autrefois aux Etats-Unis comme suit:

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(Dates.) (Dates.) (Address.) (Adresse.)

(Object of visit.) (But de la visite.)

My references are: John Vane Boyd, Pickering Pleasure Pier, Ocean Park, Cal.  
Mes références sont: John Vane Boyd, Pickering Pleasure Pier, Ocean Park, Cal.

Vahram Shimshirian, Ananides Han, Stamboul, Consule.

(In the consular district where the declaration is made.) (Dans le district consulaire où la déclaration est faite.)

I rendered military service during the World War in the armies of  
J'ai rendu du service militaire pendant la guerre mondiale dans les armées de

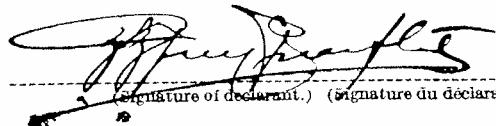
as follows:  
comme suit:

I have informed myself of the provisions of section 3 of the Immigration Act of February 5, 1917, and am convinced that I am eligible for admission into the United States thereunder.  
*Je me suis renseigné sur les dispositions de la Loi d'Immigration du 5 février 1917, article 3, et je suis persuadé que je réunis les conditions pour être admis aux Etats-Unis en vertu de cette loi.*

I realize that if I am one of a class prohibited by law from admission into the United States I will be deported or detained in the United States by immigration authorities, and I am prepared to assume the risk of deportation and of compulsory return in case of my rejection at an American port.

*Je me rends compte que, si je suis d'une classe dont l'admission aux Etats-Unis est interdite par la loi, je serai déporté ou détenu aux Etats-Unis par les autorités d'immigration, et je suis préparé à courir le risque de la déportation ou du retour obligatoire en cas de rejet dans un port américain.*

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I fully intend while in the United States to obey the laws and constituted authorities thereof.  
*Je jure solennellement que les déclarations précédentes sont vraies selon ma connaissance et ma croyance, et que j'ai l'intention bien arrêtée, pendant mon séjour aux Etats-Unis, de me soumettre aux lois et aux autorités constituées du pays.*



\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of declarant.) (signature du déclarant.)*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signée et jurée devant moi ce* \_\_\_\_\_  
*ième*

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 192\_\_\_\_\_  
*jour de* \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
*(American Consul.)*

CONSUL'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

[CONSULAR SEAL.]

Fee No. \_\_\_\_\_

(\$1.00.)

Visa granted \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date.)*

Visa refused \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date.)* 1-1001



AMERICAN CONSULATE	No. 1089
at CONSTANTINOPLE (City)	
SIX MONTHS	
For the journey to the United States	
via	
Date 8 JUNE 1923	
(The visa is good for six months from the date it is issued provided the passport itself continues to be valid for that period.)	

AMERICAN CONSULATE  
 FEE STAMP \$1  
 VICE CONSUL OF THE U.S. OF AMERICA  
 THOMAS MURPHY  
 8 JUNE 1923  
 (The visa is good for six months from the date it is issued provided the passport itself continues to be valid for that period.)

716 TRIPPLICATE.  
Invoice No. issued at  
CONSTANTINOPLE.

Certified - 6 - JULY 1923

Declaration of Manufacturer, or Owner or Duty  
Authorized Agent of Either, Covering  
Goods Shipped Without Sale.

**AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE**

AT

Constantinople  
Date, 5 July 1923  
Consignee, Harroutine Kalfakian  
Consignor, Harroutine Kalfakian

Carrier, S/s Constantino

Port of shipment, Constantinople

Destination of goods, New York

Port of arrival, New York

Port of entry, New York

Amount of invoice. 634.30 Piasters

Kind of goods, Beds, blankets, pillows

rugs, clothing, underclothing

and kitchen things etc. etc.

Harroutine Kalfakian  
of Constantinople  
and truly declare that we are the  
Manufacturer or owner.)  
of the merchandise in the within invoice mentioned and de-  
scribed; that the said invoice is in all respects correct and true,  
and was made at Constantinople  
(Name of place from which the merchandise is to  
be exported to the United States)

whence said merchandise is to be exported to the United States,  
that said invoice contains the actual market value or wholesale  
sale price of the said merchandise at the date hereof in the  
principal market of Turkey  
(Name of country from whence exported)  
that said actual market value is the price at which the mer-  
chandise described in the invoice is freely offered for sale to all  
purchasers in said markets, and that it is the price which  
would have received, and were willing to receive, for such  
merchandise held in the ordinary course of trade in the usual  
wholesale quantities, and that it includes all charges thereon  
and the actual quantity thereof, and that no different invoice  
of the merchandise mentioned in the said invoice has been or  
will be furnished to anyone.

I further declare that the articles mentioned  
herein are intended  
for personal and household  
use and are not going  
to sell them. We take  
them with us.

We further declare that it is intended to make entry of said  
merchandise at the port of New York  
in the United States of America.

Dated at Constantinople, this

5 the day of July 1923  
(Date)

J. J. Duffin, Secy  


**CONSULAR CERTIFICATE.**

I do hereby certify that the invoice described in the indorse-  
ment hereof was this day produced to me by the signer of the  
annexed declaration.

I do further certify that I am satisfied that the person  
making the declaration hereeto annexed is the person he repre-  
sents himself to be, and that the prices given in the invoice  
agree with the actual market value or wholesale price of the  
merchandise described in the said invoice in the principal  
markets of the country at the time of exportation, excepting  
as noted by me upon said invoice, or respecting which I shall  
make special communication to the proper authorities.

I further certify.

E. C. Duffin  
S. C. Duffin

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

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Constantinople 5 July 1923  
 (Place and date.)

Invoice of Household effects rugs and clothing consigned  
 by Haroutune Kalpakian, of Constantinople  
 to Haroutune Kalpakian, of New York  
 to be shipped per S/S Constantinople

MARKS, NUMBERS, AND QUANTITIES.	FULL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS. <small>(N. B.—Always state the cost of packing, and all other costs, charges, and expenses.)</small>	MARKET VALUE PER UNIT.	TOTAL MARKET VALUE.	CONSULAR DECLARATIONS OR REMARKS.
HR No. 1—3	H. K. No. 1 Bale containing Clothing and underclothing of family.		22510	
	H. K. No. 2. Bale containing Beds, blankets, pillows and rugs.		19485	
	H. K. No. 3. Bale containing Beds, blankets, pillows rugs and kitchen things.		1200	
	Total size of the rugs 737.1.8,		20935	
			63430	
H. K.	1 Bale trunk containing	Piasters		
No. 1.	2 Bedstead curtains	250		
	12 Night gowns	1000		
	1 Brilliant bedstead belt	100		
	3 dresses	2500		
	6 Blouses	1000		
	3 skirts	700		

The above invoice is correct and true.

(Signature of manufacturer, or owner or agent of either  
 signing in the name of his principal.)

1<sup>st</sup> Bale

1	Wool overcoat for women
7	Towels
13	Sheets
2	White curtains
3	Petticoats
1	Port baby
3	Neck-ties
1	Blanket covering
1	Fur
9	Baby hats
2	Charfs
6	Pairs of gloves
1	Syringe
7	Handwork cushions
1	Trimming box with combs
4	Pairs of cuffs
4	Suits, gentlemen's clothing
3	Dresses for children
5	Dresses for children
24	Chemises bodies and drawers
4	Cache-corsets
60	Collars for men
1	Table cloth
17	Shirts for men
5	Pairs of drawers for men
14	Pillow cases
1	Piece of sponge
1	Bottle of perfume
1	Bottle of odol
2	Yards of tanjib
4	Hats for men
2	Hats for women
5	Port-moneys
2	Brushes
22	Napkins
* 1	Diploma (American school)
7	Black belts

5550	3	white belts	10
500	2	Big towels	2
300	9	Pieces of cloth	15
1000	75	Iron	20
	200	Some thread for stockings	2
	150	13 Children's chemises + drawers	3
	100	37 Handkerchiefs	8
	300	41 Pairs of stockings	
	300	2 Collars for women	
	350	1 Cap velvet	
	150	25 Flannel shirts	10
	175	12 Cups for tea coffee + water	
	70	2 Lamps	
	1000	2 Paintings	
	70	1 Package of photographs	
	40	8 Little plates	8
	35.00		225

H. K. No. 2. Bale containing

1	Red	12
2	Big spoons	1
800	3 Tepsi	3
200	3 Big towels	
500	3 Pieces of rugs Anatoly (Turkey)	30
20	2 Pieces of rugs Beludj	22
50	1 Rug Chiraz	13
20	3 Kara bagh rags	60
40	4 Curtains	
300	1 Havan	
150	2 Cup, coffee pot	1
100	5 Plates and tasse	
50	4 Pieces of soap	3
300	1 Pair of shoes	3
00	27 Books	
100	1 Package of enveloppes	

2nd Bale"

2	Pantaloons	1516
6	Coats	200
2	Waist coats	800
5	Blankets	60
4	Pillows	1000
1	Impermeable for women	300
1	Mousse-decidee	500
3	Blankets	100
10	Shirts + drawers flannel	400
3	Dresses	500
3	Kelpetin + keser	300
1	Brush	70
1	Piece of Chinese trim for	25
1	Carpet wrapped to the bale	70
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		<u>1200-</u>

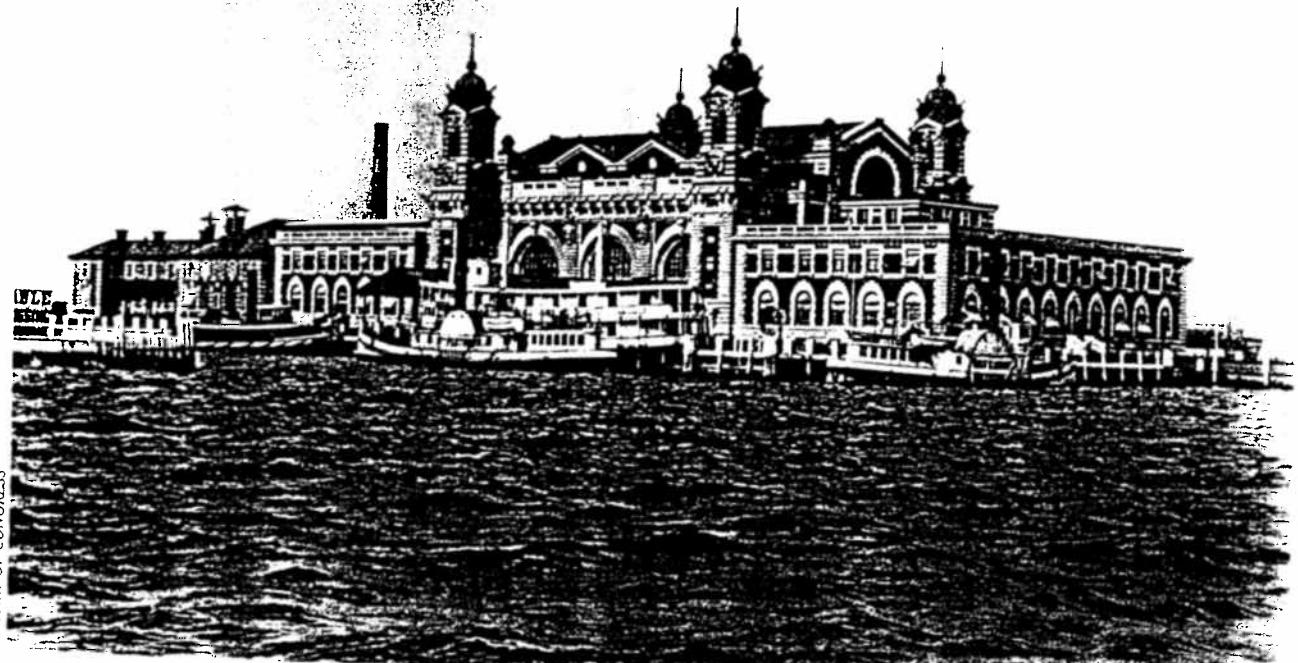
H. K. No. 3. Bale containing

4	Beds	24.00
5	Pillows	500
2	Blankets	500
1	Rug Chiraz	1500
6	Rugs Anatoly (Turkey)	6000
6	Cushions (rugs)	1200
1	Rug Anatoly (Turkey)	6000
3	Umbrellas	150
1	Package of mandals	50
1	Stick	40
17	Plates	300
30	Spoons and forks	100
2	Balls baby's clothing	100
1	Pair of mantillas	50
12	Pairs of stockings	150
1	Box of needles	50
1	Beef machine	70
2	Tenires	100
1	Petrole oil	100
1	Copying machine	60
3	Pairs of shoes	300
		<u>197.00</u>

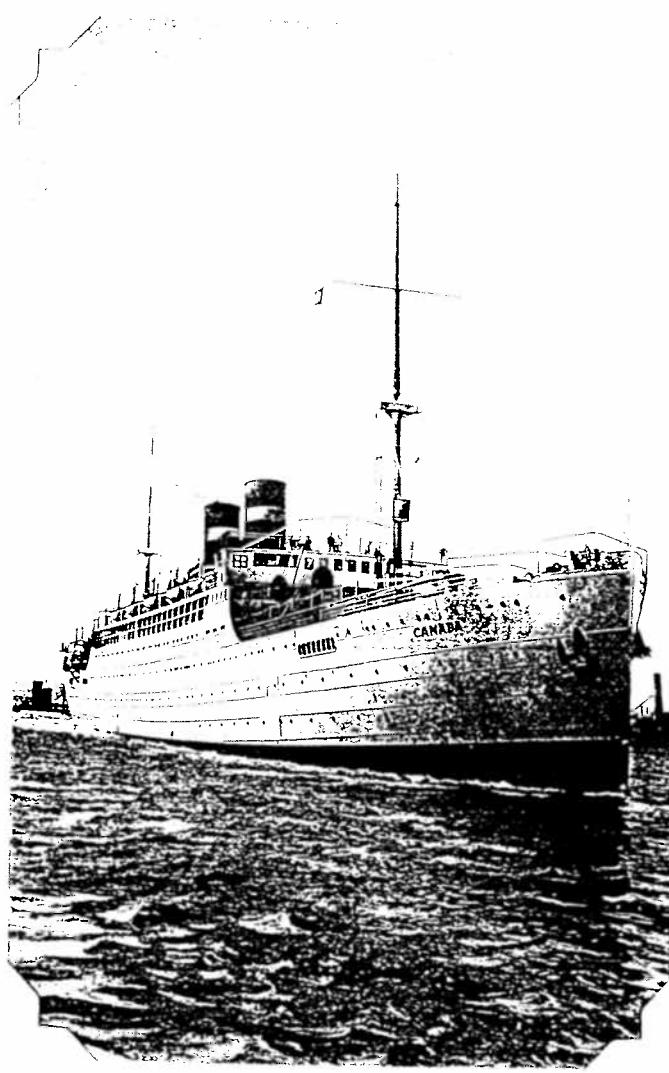
Blankets

2	Brush	197
1	Boxes of powder	13
4	Broom	2€
1	Coat	55
1	Little box of coffee	10
1	Little box of tea	80
1	Kilo Macarone	25
1	Kilo sugar	20
2	Kilos boulgour	20
2	Kilos peas	50
1	Old Carpet wrapped to the bale	50
		40
		<u>20200</u>
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*J. J. Murphy*



N.Y. — MAIN BUILDING OF ELLIS ISLAND



Steamship Canada (French Line) was came to America on the second time. From Greece to Providence, Rhode Island. U. S. A.

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## INSPECTION CARD

(Second Class Passengers)

Port of departure, Piraeus Date of departure 14/9/23Name of steamer CanadaName of Immigrant, Taroutine Kalykan Last residence, Piraeus

Inspected and passed at quarantine port of		Passed by immigration Bureau															
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ATHENS GREECE		(Date)															
(The following to be filled in by ship's surgeon or agent prior to or after embarkation.)																	
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Berth No.	STEAMSHIP INSPECTION	1st day	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TO BE PUNCHED BY SHIPS	SURGEON AT DAILY INSPECTION

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## STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

**Each crew member** must present his/her passport, in whatever class they travel, MUST be fully listed and the master or commanding officer of each vessel carrying such passengers must upon arrival deliver lists thereof to the immigration officer.

*Arriving at Port of -3-3-3-3-3-*

PROVIDENCE

1925  
1st October

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**24**—**Pull** or **part** of **member**—Whether a person who believes in or advocates the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States or of all forms of law, government, or order, or who advocates the assassination of public officials, or who advocates or teaches the unlawful destruction of property, or who advocates or teaches the duty of unlawfully assaulting, abusing, or killing any officer or citizen, is a member of any organization endeavoring to accomplish these objects, or who is affiliated with any organization endeavoring to accomplish these objects.



10 BLOOMSBURG

الطبعة الأولى لعام ١٩٧٠

Petition No. 32765

Personal description of brother of fugitive national: Age 30 years, sex Female, color White, complexion Dark, color of eyes Brown, color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 129 pounds, no distinguishing marks. None



R. H. Field, A. J. Appleby  
*Complete and true signature*

(Complete and sign signature of holder)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SOUTHERN DIST. OF CALIFORNIA

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Monrovia, Calif., Los Angeles, Calif.,  
having been made by the Attorney General of the United States, and at  
the time of his appointment as Attorney General of the United States.

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Thereupon having found that the holder or intender to reside permanently in the  
United States had in all respects complied with the Naturalization Laws of the United  
States in such case as applicable, and was entitled to become a citizen thereof upon  
order of that the said person be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

Further in view of the fact that the court is convened at this 24th day of  
APRIL in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and  
thirty-one and of our Independence the one hundred

Calif. - U.S. District - Court

W. W. D. 1877

These are our  
our citizenship papers - April 24, 1931

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Harry Kalpataru



Helen Kalpataru

# Ellis Island remains etched in memories

By RICHARD MARTINEZ  
The Press-Enterprise

Freedom. Opportunity. Hot water. Escalators.

Those were a few of the things that brought Helen Kalpakian to the United States — via the Ellis Island immigration station — in 1921.

An Armenian, she has never regretted leaving her homeland of Turkey behind.

With Fourth of July festivities at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island tomorrow, Kalpakian and two other residents of the Plymouth Tower retirement home in Riverside reflected on their contact with Ellis Island 60 years ago.

Ellis Island was used as a reception center for immigrants from 1892 until 1924. It then served as a immigration station, as well as a detention center for enemy aliens until it closed in 1954. Some 12 million immigrants passed through



during its 60 years of operation. In 1965 it became part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. Ellis Island was opened to the public in 1976.

To put the Ellis Island experience into a more vivid perspective, the University of California, Riverside's California Museum of Photography provided some photos taken in the early 1900s. The photos are enlargements of stereoscopic negatives in the museum's Keystone-Mast Collection.

For these three Riverside women, Ellis Island was the final hurdle in getting to America. The 60 years since they were there has erased much of that experience from their memories, but some recollections remain vivid.

Hungarian-born Grace Endrud of Plymouth Tower said of her experience in 1920: "I danced all the way to America because there was music on



**Helen Kalpakian**  
No regrets

the boat from morning until night. I was on Ellis Island for only hours and I was only 18. I was young enough to be happy and foolish."

Anna Balbach, 92, a native of Austria, said because she was traveling second-class on her ship in 1913, she did not actually have to set foot on Ellis Island as third-class and

(See ELLIS, Page B-4)

Thursday, July 3, 1986

The Press-Enterprise

Riverside, CA

They let me go to shore  
we are all so happy to be in  
America."

Kalpakian, 85, was pregnant when she arrived at Ellis Island in August 1923 with her husband and two small children after a month-long journey by ship from Istanbul. She spent four days on Ellis Island, then her family was sent away and sent back to Turkey.

"When we came to Ellis Island we came on a Turkish boat," said Kalpakian, who has just the hint of an Armenian accent. "The boat had mechanical problems and we were a day later than we supposed to be there. We had counted the quota and we were left out."

Kalpakian and her family were on a ship to Greece. They

and left some lasting memories.

"When we came to Ellis Island the most amazing thing to me was running hot and cold water," she said. "You know you take it for granted here. When I saw the hot water I said, 'What a country!'"

She remembers Ellis Island as teeming with immigrants. People crowded into rooms, slept on cots and numbers were doled out for physical examinations and interviews.

"I don't remember a lot because I was caring for two small children," she said. "I was pregnant and I couldn't keep anything in my stomach."

Kalpakian does remember why she came. She learned English and learned about

America by attending a Congregational missionary school in Turkey.

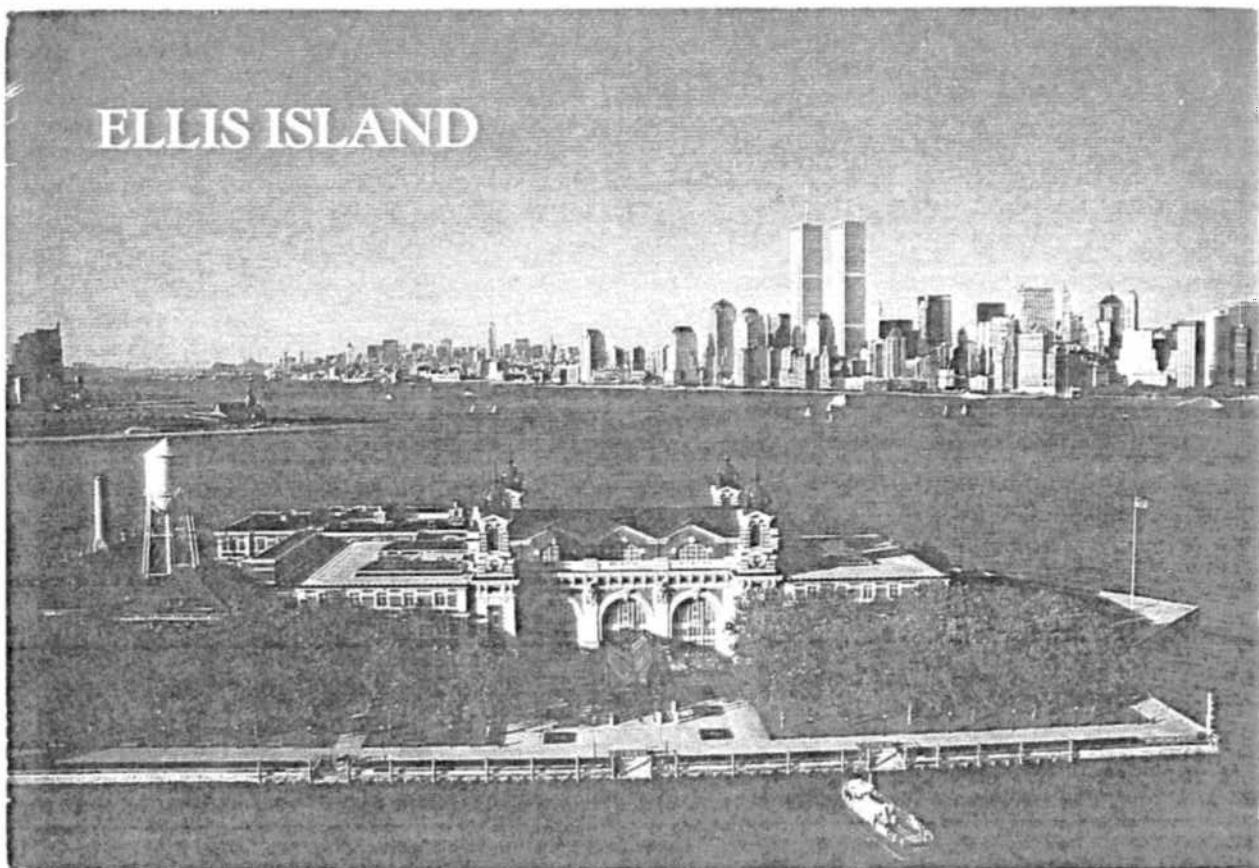
"We all heard so much about America in the missionary school and we all wanted to come to America," Kalpakian said. "I was telling my children the other day that I once had to write a story about America and I wrote about escalators.

"I had never seen an escalator but I could visualize from what my teacher would say. You step on it, it goes up," she recalled. "When I got to America the first thing I told my sister was, 'Now, where's an escalator?' She took me to May Co. that used to be Hamburger's in downtown Los Angeles on 8th Street. She says this is

escalator. I say I used to visualize it this way."

Kalpakian has never regretted coming to America. She and her husband, a grocer, raised four children in West Los Angeles. Kalpakian moved to Riverside in 1963 when her husband died. Her daughter Betty Bown has lived in Riverside 36 years.

\* Of America, Kalpakian says: "Lots of times I say if I can just relay my feelings to the people who are born here, and take it for granted," she said. "You have the opportunity here. You are not tortured here. You are not persecuted. The country is so good to you, gives you everything, so many opportunities. I am so thankful to this country."



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- News release -

1988

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARMENIAN  
STUDENTS ESTABLISHED AT USC

Armenian students who are planning to attend USC may be eligible for financial support provided by the newly created Helen and Harry Kalpakian Memorial Scholarship.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kalpakian of Los Angeles recently contributed a generous gift to the University of Southern California for the purpose of establishing a scholarship endowment for deserving United States citizens of Armenian descent.

Established as a living memorial to their parents, "THE HARRY AND HELEN KALPAKIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP" will be administered by the Dean's Office of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. American students of Armenian or partial Armenian descent who meet the University's admission standards can inquire about this newly established scholarship.

Coming to the United States from Turkish Armenia in 1923, Harry and Helen Kalpakian established their home and grocery business in Los Angeles, which they operated for the next 40 years. They were exemplary American citizens, bringing with them the best of their cultural heritage and incorporating it with that of their new country. They were most grateful for the freedom and opportunity the U.S. offers its citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Kalpakian always venerated education and it was in this spirit that the Kalpakian Endowment was created.

The Kalpakian family has been active in both the St. James Armenian Church in Los Angeles and the United Armenian Congregational Church of Hollywood.

THE LATE  
HARRY  
AND  
HELEN  
KALPAKIAN

