

The Canadian Macedonian Historical Society

Presents

Let Me Tell You a Story Symposium

Jugloff Family

Immigration

To Canada

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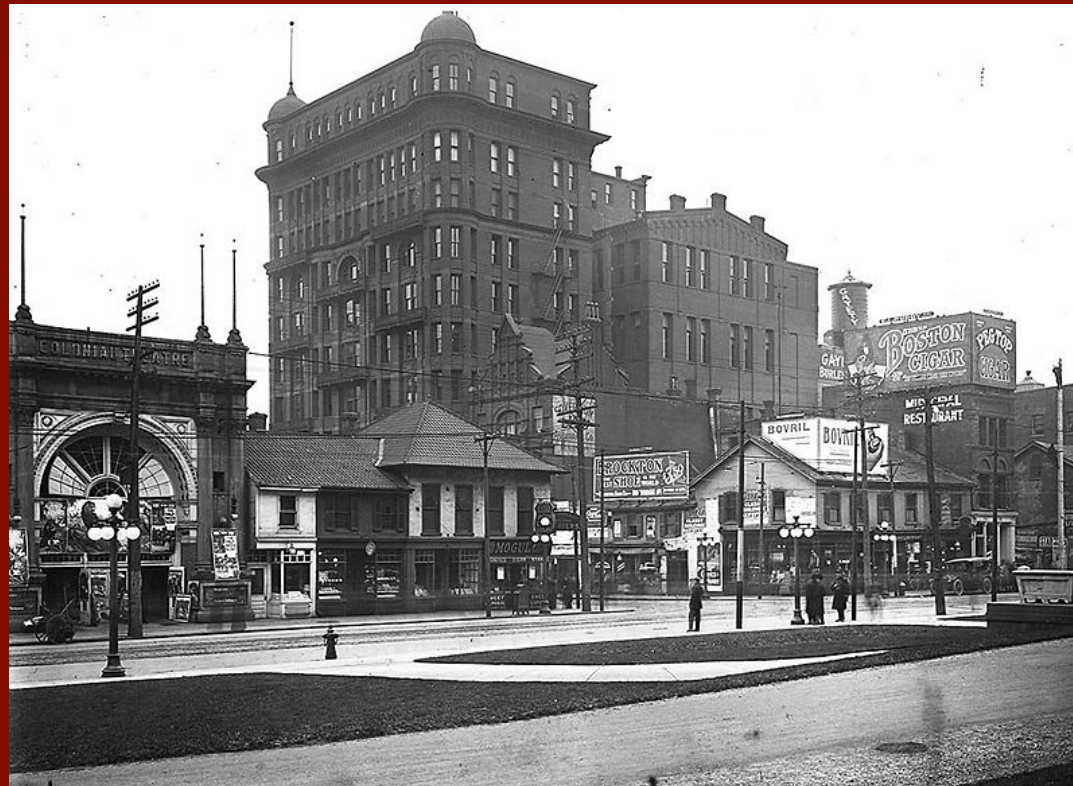
Macedonian Origins



Map of Macedonia

It was the 1920s...

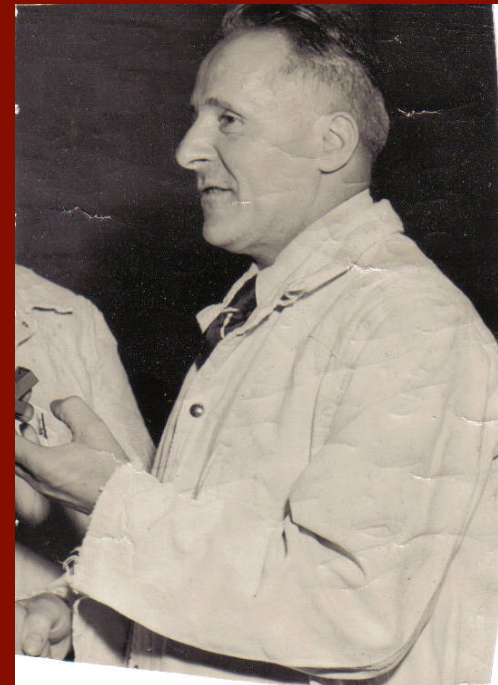
It was a difficult time in Aegean Macedonia. Although it was far away, there was a small, but significant Macedonian community in Toronto, Ontario.



Reasons for Leaving Macedonia

By the 1920s, life had become increasingly bleak in the selo. My dedo often identified Greek oppression as the main reason why he left Macedonia for a better life. He was preceded by brother Spiro, Naum and Naco.

Spiro Thomas (Zugloff)



Immigration

In 1927, dedo Vangel left V'mbel and eventually made it to Paris, France by train. From there, he boarded a ship at Le Havre and sailed to Gander, Newfoundland.



Vangel Thomas (Jugloff)



Reasons for Immigrating

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My dedo left also for economic reasons. He was 24 years old at the time and had a young wife whom he left behind in V'mbel.

Toronto seemed the obvious destination because his brothers preceded them and were gainfully employed.

Toronto, 1930



First Settlement in Toronto

Upon arrival in Toronto, he lived with his brothers whom had by that time, married. They all lived in the Dundas Street West and Keele Street area, close to work. The brothers got him a job at Swift meat packers.



An Business Opportunity Opened Up...

Less than a year after working for Swift, my dedo went into the shoe shine business with his brother, Naco. He took this over when Naco returned to Macedonia in the early 1930s.



Restaurant Business

Like many Macedonians, my dedo Vangel entered the restaurant business with his brothers in the early 1930s after selling the shoe shine. The first restaurant, "The Queens" was located at Jarvis and Dundas Streets. It would be followed by another restaurant of the same name in the Beaches area.

Dedo at the Queens Restaurant



What's in a name?

Before he could leave Greece, Dedo had to change his name to something Greek. Therefore, the name Zouglas appears on his Greek passport.

Despite arriving and presenting himself as Vangel Jugloff to the community upon his arrival, based on advice, he and his brothers changed their name to **Thomas** in the early 1930s – although probably not legally. Subsequent immigrants from the same family in the 1950s retained the name Jugloff.

Meeting Baba

Sadly, dedo's first wife died from appendicitis in V'mbel before he had a chance to bring her over.

In the summer of 1937, dedo met Helene Chirs (Christoff), a Canadian born woman of Macedonian and Austrian parents.



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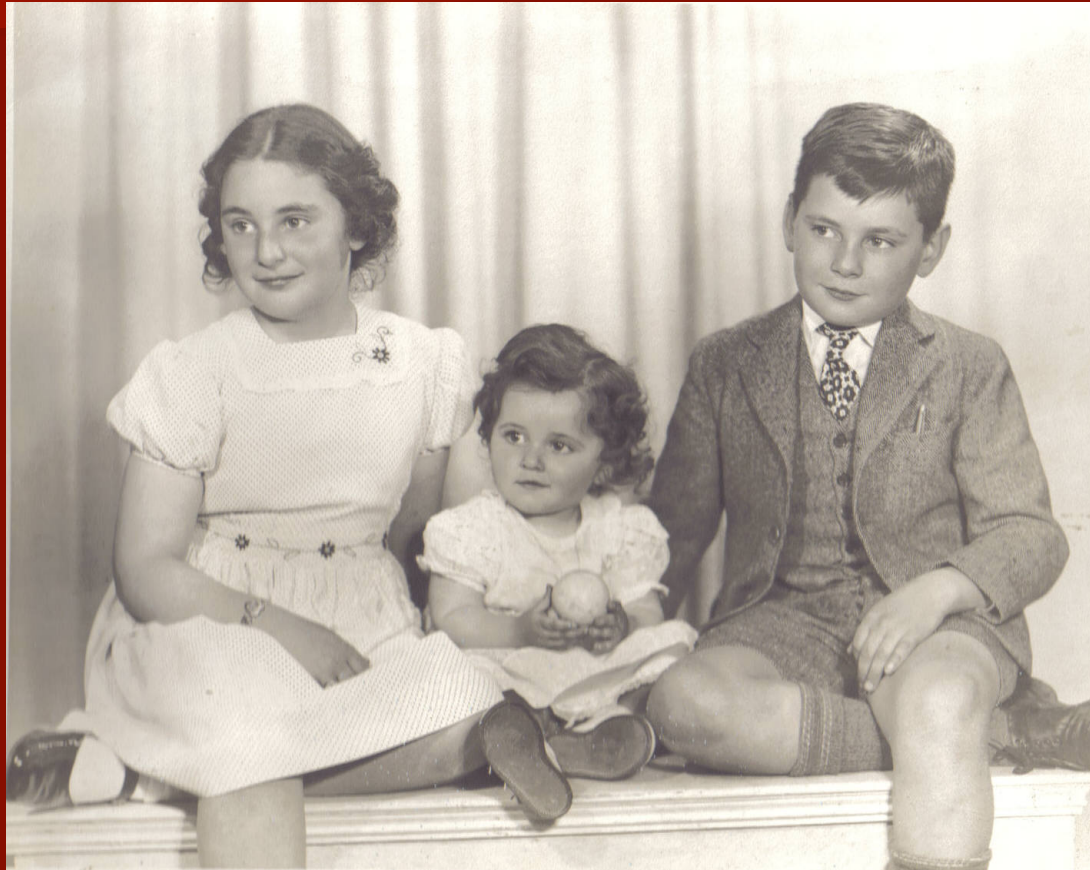
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Communal Living

After years of living on Claxton Boulevard with his brothers and their families, Baba and Dedo moved to a house on their own on Verbena Avenue in the villiage of Swansea, just west of High Park.



Children Come Along



Kathryn, Janet and Jimmy Thomas (ca. 1949)

Expectations of Girls and Boys

According to my Baba Helene:

“The girls did everything. The boys did nothing – but were allowed to do everything.”

Maintaining Macedonian Culture

Despite the fact than Baba wasn't born in Macedonia, culture was maintained by both both parents in several ways.

- Involvement with the Macedonian church
- Virtually all attendance at social gatherings such as picnics, weddings and name day celebration revolved around the Macedonian community
- Sending our Jimmy and Kathryn to Macedonian (Bulgarian) school

Macedonian Community Involvement in Canada

Most of the involvement was through St. Cyril and Metody church.

Other community involvements were numerous.

My father, James Thomas, was the first Canadian born president of St. Clements of Ohrid church.

Priorities

It was important for the kids to:

- Respect parental authority
- Work hard at school and at home
- Get an education
- Help in the family restaurants



Baba and Dedo (ca. 1992)

Later Jugloff Arrivals

In the midst of the Greek Civil War, the rest of the Jugloff family left V'mbel.

Many were refugees in different parts of Europe.
They were reunited in Canada over several years in the 1950s.

My grandparents were instrumental in bringing many Juglovski to Canada as well as many other Macedonians.