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Let me tell you a story...

A Symposium of Immigration Stories to Canada
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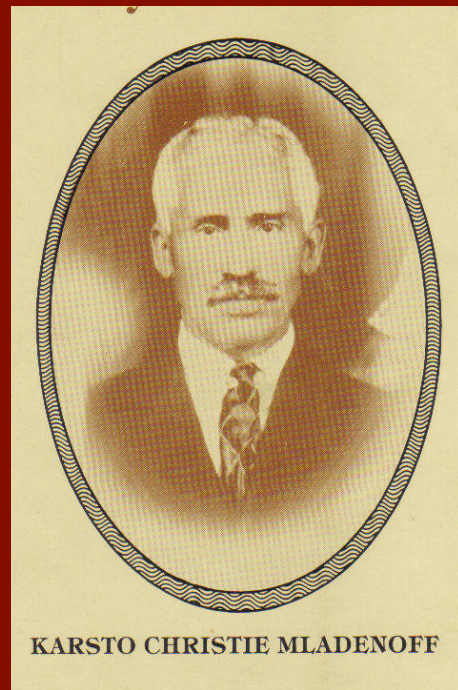
The Story of the

**Mladen Family
Immigration
To Canada**

Presented by: Virginia Mladen

It was the turn of the century...

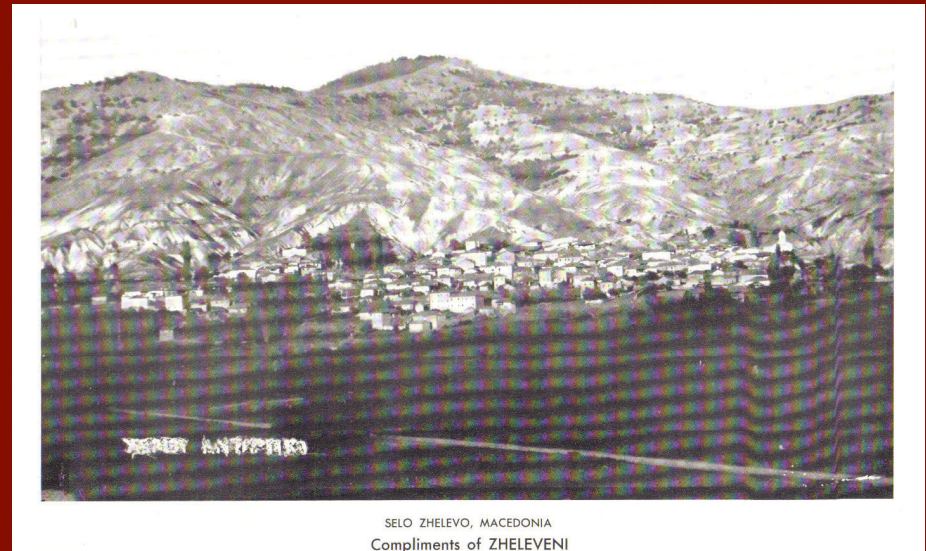
The first member of my family to come to Canada was my paternal grandfather, Karsto Mladenoff. He arrived in 1905. He returned to his selo in 1907. His final crossing was in 1911.



Karsto Christie Mladenoff

Macedonian Origins

Dedo Karsto, born in 1880, came from Oschima. Baba Dafina, born in 1888, was from Zhelevo.



Oschima and Zhelevo

My Great Grandmothers



Baba Stoyna from Oschima



Baba Sofia from Zhelevo



Reasons for Coming to Canada

Dedo Karsto wanted to provide a better future for the family. Canada was a place where there was:

- Greater opportunity
- Potential to make more money
- Small, but established community of Macedonians

Documents from Baba's Journey in 1916

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RANSATLANTICA ITALIANA
 SOCIETÀ DI NAVIGAZIONE
 NAPOLI - Via Guglielmo Sanfelice N. 8 - NAPOLI **403**

BIGLIETTO D'IMBARCO DI 3.^a CLASSE
 Nolo Lire **205** per posto

Piroscalo **DANTE ALIGHIERI** di tonnellate nette 5809,6
 velocità miglia marine **17, 1/2** all'ora, di bandiera italiana, partirà da **NAPOLI**
 per **NEW-YORK** facendo scalo a
 porto di **PALESMO** **AZZORRE** viaggio in giorni **14**

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 e il bagaglio per persona eccedere i 100 Kg. per ogni posto.

Napoli *10/10* 1916 Il Rappresentante
 o il Procuratore

Transatlantic Ticket on the
Dante Alighieri

R. SERVIZIO SANITARIO DELL'EMIGRAZIONE
 Si attesta che *1353* Sig. *Dafina*
Costantinides di anni *nat*
 a *proveniente da Sirco*
 è stat. *trattenut.* in osservazione nel locale di
 isolamento *CASA* nel
 porto di *NAPOLI* dal giorno
9 APR 1916 al giorno *9 APR 1916*

Durante questo periodo non ha presentato alcun
 sintomo di infezione colerica o sospetta.

Si attesta inoltre che sono state fatte le più
 scrupolose disinfezioni di tutti gli oggetti a
 appartenenti.

Dato a *NAPOLI* il *9 APR 1916*
 1911
 Il Maggiore medico della R. Marina
 Direttore del servizio di profilassi

Transatlantica Italiana
Manifest Sheet
214
 Name
Costantinides Dafina
 List Number **11**

Certificate of being asymptomatic of
cholera and ship manifest sheet,
April 1916

Living in Cabbagetown

- Dedo Karsto settled in the Parliament and King Street area of Toronto, living on St. Paul's Street, Bright Street and Blevins Place



St. Paul's Street, 1930s

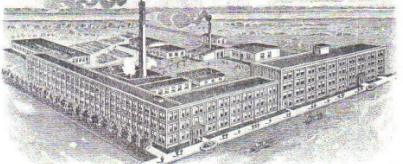
Dedo Karsto's employment after arriving in Canada

Dedo was first employed at a barber shop.

He worked at A.R. Clarke & Co. where he was known as "Chris Mott".

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To Whom It May Concern:

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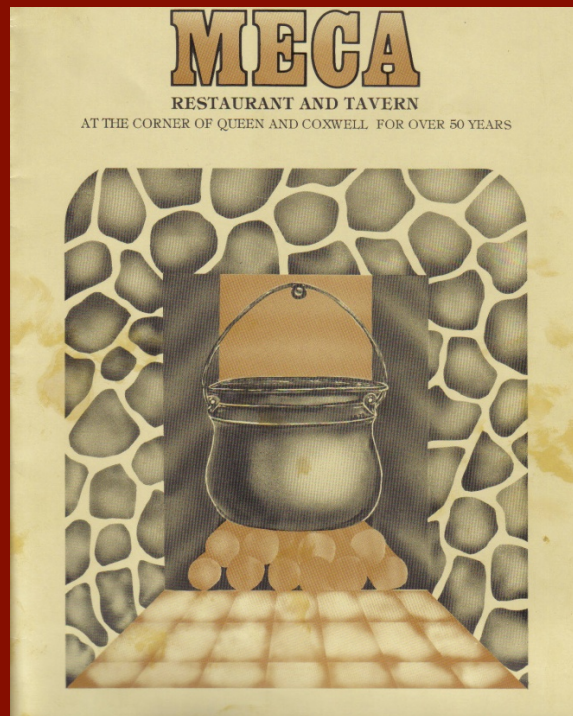
Yours very truly,

A. R. CLARKE & CO. LIMITED.
Per *[Signature]*
Accountant

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The Meca Grill

Around 1927, Dedo Karsto opened a small "take-out" at the corner of Coxwell Avenue and Queen Street, selling sandwiches and other light items. This eventually grew into the Meca Grill restaurant.



Front of the Meca Menu



Baba Dafina worked in the restaurant for years but her main focus was caring for the family and home, cooking and cleaning for the many "boarders". She also became a local mid-wife.



The Meca Grill continued as a family business until 1982, run by my father, Louis (Ilia) with his brothers Alex and George.



My father's wedding, 1933

Louis (Ilia) Mladenoff married Christina Georev from Bouf.

Baba and Dedo with Grandchildren 1941



Challenges My Family Faced

- Homesickness
- Health issues
- Staving off poverty
- Finding employment
- Maintaining cultural and religious traditions
- Dealing with prejudice
- Learning how to speak English

Responsibilities

As soon as children were old enough to work, they were expected to contribute to the household income. The family home was eventually next to the restaurant on Coxwell Avenue.

All family members worked hard.

Values

Putting food on the table was the number one priority.



Family members were expected to:

- Work hard
- Marry a Macedonian
- Attend church and social events
- Go to Macedonian (Bulgarian) language classes



Dedo passed away in 1946



Baba passed away in 1983

12 Grandchildren, 1983



Mladen Family



Mladen Contributions to the Community

Continued involvement includes being part of the Board at St. Cyril's and Metody Cathedral.

PROTOCOL

For the election of church committee, to this end, a meeting was held by the village delegates 31 in number of the following villages:

Smerdesh, Zhelevo, Oschtima, Ternava, Roula, Verbnik, Gabresh, Besvina, Nevoleni, Konomladi, Pozdivishta, Statitsa, Tersie, City of Lerin, Ermensko, Kotori, Banitsa, Debretz and Zagoricheni.

Kuzo Temelkoff, presided.

Upon the opening of the meeting, the proper prayer to Almighty God was given by Father Theophilact.

The following members were elected to the committee:

Name	City or Village	Age	Votes
1. Apostol Kalavasoff	Varna	27	31
2. Grigor Stoyanoff	Tersie	26	31
3. Stavre Nikoloff	Verbnik	25	31
4. Laki Macrieff	Smerdesh	24	31
5. Stato Traikoff	Ternava	28	31
6. Done Panjaroff	Konomladi	25	31
7. Nikola Velkoff	Debretz	29	31
8. Dimitar Hadjieff	Zhelevo	32	31
9. Mitsu Michailoff	Nevoleni	28	31
10. Nikola Pop Lazaroff	Bouf	36	31
11. Dine Nanchoff	Kotori	50	31
12. Karsto Mladenoff	Oschima	29	31
13. Stavro Zolumoff	Gabresh	24	31
14. Kiro Naumoff	Besvina	25	31
15. Nikola Elieff	Roula	21	31
16. Simo Velianoff	Ermensko	30	31
17. Constantine Stanchoff	Zagorecheni	35	31
18. Georgi Evanoff	Pozdivishta	30	31
19. Anastas Stoycheff	Prekopana	30	31
20. Georgi Dineff	Gornichevo	30	31

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Auditing Committee

1. George Arsoff	Ochrid	24	31
2. Christo Kiroff	Lerin	55	31
3. Dimitar Peroff Hadjiata	Banitsa	53	31

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Dedo's name appears in the minutes of 1911 protocol when the church was being built.

More Contributions

- Board of Directors, Canadian Macedonian Place
- Executive of the Daughters of Macedonia
- Delegate to the MPO Annual Meeting
- Representative on International Human Rights for Macedonia
- Macedonian Golf Tournament