

# RESEARCH REPORT FOR .....

## Part 1

According to information provided by ....., her grandfather, ..... was born in ..... around 1880. He had a brother, ....., a doctor in ....., while their mother's name was ..... Family history has it that ..... was not certain regarding their father's name, however, she assumed it was ....., since that was the name given to ..... first son. .... team started its research based on this information.

In this part of the research, we mainly focused on the ..... Civil Vital Records Collection, which is available on MyHeritage. The collection includes records from the entire island of ..... for the period 1841-1932, however, deaths constitute the majority of the records. Birth and marriage records were less systematically kept and preserved.

Our team managed to find three very important records:

1. A birth record of a daughter of ..... (1903).
2. A marriage record of ..... and ..... (1872).
3. A death record of ..... (1911).

Hereby follows the information extracted from these records and commentary:

1. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1903, ....., son of ....., a doctor in....., aged 26, declared that on ....., at 2pm, his wife, ....., daughter of ....., a native of ....., ..... gave birth to a female child, which was named ..... godfather was .....

**Commentary:** this finding is particularly interesting. We found out that a ....., son of ....., really lived in ..... at that time period. The facts that he was a doctor and was born around 1877, close to when ..... was born, certainly indicate he was ..... brother.

2. On April ....., Fr. .... performed the marriage of ....., son of the late ....., a 22yo blacksmith, native of ....., and ....., daughter of the late ....., a 17yo native of .....

**Commentary:** this is a truly interesting finding. This record confirms that there really was a "..... & ....." couple living in ..... at that time period and is in line with finding #1 that locates the family in ..... Moreover, the record informs us of ..... father's name (.....), ..... occupation (blacksmith), his year of birth (1850), as well as ..... maiden name (.....), her father's name (.....) and her year of birth (1855). According to the record, by 1872, both ..... and ..... fathers had already passed.

3. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1911, the priest of St. Spyridon in ..... certified that on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5a.m., ....., wife of ..... and daughter of ..... and ....., aged 55, died in .....

**Commentary:** this finding is very interesting, although posing a challenge. In this record, ..... is mentioned as “wife of .....” while we would expect her to be “wife of .....” . The fact that she passed in 1911, that she was 55yo (therefore born in 1856) and that her father’s name was ..... could lead us to believe that “.....” was just an error on the certificate and that “.....” should have been listed instead. However, we did find a 1923 death record of an ....., son of ....., aged 76, in ..... Perhaps further research will shed light on this.

**Recommended next steps:**

We recommend further research through the Vital Records collection in order to find more information on the family of ..... Voter List records could also reveal interesting information and complement the vital records.

## Part 2

In the second phase of this research, our team dug further into the ..... Civil Vital Records Collection whose information we complemented with that of ..... Voter Lists of 1865-1875.

Hereby follow the findings and commentary:

**Voter Lists of .....**

Year	S.N.	Surname	First Name	Father’s Name	Age	Occupation
1865	24	.....	Ioannis	Nikolaos	21	Blacksmith
1865	25	.....	Nikolaos	Ioannis	46	Blacksmith
1865	151	.....	Georgios	(late) Konstantinos	46	Wine-seller
1865	152	.....	Ioannis	(late) Konstantinos	48	Butcher
1871	28	.....	Georgios	(late) Nikolaos	29	Blacksmith
1871	29	.....	Ioannis	(late) Nikolaos	26	Blacksmith
1875	28	.....	Georgios	(late) Nikolaos	31	Blacksmith
1875	30	.....	Ioannis	(late) Nikolaos	28	Blacksmith

**Commentary:** all the information provided by the voter lists confirms the findings below. Interestingly, the voter lists also reveal the names of some other family members (in orange). ..... had a brother, ....., some years younger than him; ..... had a brother, ....., as well, who was two years older than him.

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4. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1850, Fr. .... performed the marriage of ....., son of the late ....., 32yo, born and residing in ....., and ....., daughter of the late ....., 27yo, born and residing in .....

**Commentary:** This finding is of great importance. First of all, this was the only ..... we found living in ..... at that time period, which confirms he was the father of ....., as indicated by record #2. Secondly, the finding proves the theory that ..... death certificate (record #3, 1911) had her husband mentioned by the wrong name and that it really is your great-grandmother's certificate. Why? Because according to ..... death certificate (#3), her parents' names were ..... and ....., No other ..... couple was found by those names.

5. On ....., passed ....., a merchant, born and residing in ....., aged 52, son of the late ..... and of ....., and husband of .....

**Commentary:** Another very important record, as it confirms the information provided by records #2 & 4..... was indeed son of ..... and husband of ..... And he was already dead before his daughter married ..... in 1872. Moreover, the record informs us of ..... mother's name, ..... As ..... was born around 1816, his father, ....., would have been born around 1786.

6. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1868, passed ..... a coppersmith born in ....., and residing in ....., aged 50, son of the late ..... and of .....

**Commentary:** If the previous records were interesting, this one is exceptional: not only does it confirm that ..... was dead by 1872, as mentioned in record #2, but also it gives us his mother's name. Most interestingly, it informs us that he was not born in ....., but in ....., a then thriving town on the coast of .....! Since ..... was born about 1818, his father, ....., would have been born around 1788.

### Part 3

In the third phase of this research, ..... team looked through much older records from ..... These were local birth, marriage and death records, some of which date back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. They have been digitized by FamilySearch (Film 1172424), however, are not available online and are not name-searchable. Research was very successful again and very interesting information was discovered! Hereby follow the findings and commentary:

7. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1820, rested ....., daughter of ..... of ....., son of the late ....., and was buried at the St. Spyridon church in ....., and she was only 5 months old, according to her father, and she was buried at the aforementioned monastery. Fr. ....., priest of St. Spyridon church in .....

**Commentary:** This finding is extraordinary! It not only informs us of a daughter of ....., sister of ....., but also confirms the information that the family was originally from ..... At the same time, it also provides us with ..... father's name, .....

8. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1820, I, Fr. ...., baptized a daughter of ....., son of the late ....., born by his legal wife, called ....., daughter of the late ..... She was baptized ..... and her godfather was ..... and she was less than 3 months old. Fr....., priest of St. Spyridon church in .....

**Commentary:** Another great finding! This record informs us of a daughter of ..... Most importantly, it provides us with ..... father's name, ....., dead by then, and confirms ..... wife's name, ..... was the daughter of the late .....

9. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1828, died ....., wife of the late ..... The death was confirmed by Dr. .... She was 85yo.

**Commentary:** We believe this was the wife of ....., father of ..... Her age matches the approximate time frame.

10. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1836, died ....., son of the late ....., from ..... The death was confirmed by Dr. .... He was 60yo.

**Commentary:** Very interesting finding, as it gives us a better picture of ..... birth year. Regarding the time when the ..... family moved from ....., to ....., we can make the following assumption. According to ..... death certificate [#6, 1868], ..... was born in ..... between 1818 and 1819, while, his sister, ..... [#7, 1820] died in ..... in 1820. Therefore, we can assume that their father, ....., moved from ..... to ..... between 1818/1819 and 1820

## Part 4

In this phase of the research our goal is to expand the ....., ..... & ..... family trees, believing that new information will add interesting details to the families' history in .....

11. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1858, passed ....., born and residing in ....., 15 days old, daughter of ..... and of .....

12. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1883, the priest of ....., conducted the marriage of ..... and ....., the former aged 21, the latter aged 20.
13. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1863, passed ....., born and residing in ....., aged 4, son of ..... and of .....
14. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1895, passed ....., born and residing in ....., aged 45, daughter of the late ..... and of ..... . ..... was the wife of .....
15. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1866, passed ....., born and residing in ....., aged 3, daughter of the late ..... and of .....
16. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1890, passed ....., a landowner, born and residing in ....., aged 28, son of the late ..... and of .....

**Commentary:** All the aforementioned, ....., ....., ....., ..... and ..... were siblings of ..... ..... was the oldest of the 6 siblings, while ....., born in 1855, was the second child born to the family, according to surviving records. When ..... was about 3yo, her sister ..... was born, but died a few days later. .... followed in 1859, but he died in 1863. .... was about 8yo at that time. In the same year, ..... mother gave birth to another daughter, ....., who died three years later. In 1890, passed ..... brother, ....., aged 28, while her older sister, ....., died in 1895 at the age of 45. Based on these facts, it looks like ..... had lost all her siblings by the time ..... Perhaps these multiple family tragedies shed light into ..... past and psychological burden.

17. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866, the priest of ....., conducted the marriage of ..... and ....., the former aged 47, the latter aged 38. ....., was the daughter of the late ..... and had been born in .....

**Voter Lists of .....**

Year	S.N.	Surname	First Name	Father's Name	Age	Occupation
1865	96	.....	Fotios	Alexios	50	Blacksmith

**Commentary:** ..... of the Voter List and ..... of record #17 were siblings of ..... As ..... was the only ..... appearing in the 1865 voter list, and as we were not able to find more members of this family, we may assume all or some of the following: that the family was very small, that it was not native, that it was part of a larger family but had its name changed. For instance, there is a big ..... family in ....., which could be related to the .....

## Part 5

This part of the research focuses on the ..... family, which left Smyrna, Ottoman Empire, in 1922/1923 and settled in ....., Greece. According to information provided by .....

....., husband of ....., died in ..... around 1925. His wife passed a couple of years later, at the end of 1927. Our team searched through the ..... Death Indexes between 1924 and 1931.

Interestingly, we found the death certificate of ....., but not that of his wife. Moreover, according to this record, ..... died in 1927 and not in 1925. Hereby follows all the information, as extracted from the death certificate (#1927, H.99):

#18: ....., an 80yo private employee, born in ..... and residing in ....., son of the late ..... and ....., and husband of ....., passed on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1927, at 4a.m. at the Refugee Hospital, on ..... The death, confirmed by Dr. ....., was due to senile decay.

**Commentary:** This death record provides us with amazingly interesting information! Not only does it refer to an Asia Minor refugee, but also it gives us his parents' names, his age & occupation. .... father was ....., which was the name of one of ..... sons, following Greek name-giving tradition. Based on this, we may assume ..... was ..... first son. Moreover, since ..... was born, according to the record, around 1847, we may assume that his father, ....., was born around 1817!

It is interesting that ..... wife's, ....., record was not found in the death index of ....., despite a thorough search through the records from 1924 to 1931. Perhaps she died later or was not registered in ....., but in .....

