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**BAGALOFF FAMILY
PHOTO ALBUM, CA. 1924–1934**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Bagaloff family came from the village of Dambeni (also spelled as D'mbeni or Dembeny), Macedonia, choosing to leave their home after the Balkan Wars of 1912–1913.

Numo Tarpo Bagaloff (30 November 1882–1 August 1955) worked a variety of jobs for the Pullman Railroad Company and John Androff & Company; he also worked as a real estate dealer. In 1925, shortly after becoming naturalized as a U.S. citizen, Numo took a trip back to visit family and friends still in Macedonia and Bulgaria.

Yagna 'Agnes' Preshlencoff Bagaloff (14 June 1892–23 June 1965) was married to Numo Bagaloff before the couple left Macedonia for the United States. Their young family left for the United States from Naples, Italy in 1913. They had four children together: Celia, Costa, Lewis, and Christine.

Celia Bagaloff (1909–1929) was the Bagaloff's oldest child. She attended high school at Hammond Technical-Vocational High School.

Costa Bagaloff (12 October 1912–30 October 1990) attended Hammond High School and Indiana University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Eventually, he and his wife Mary left Northwest Indiana, eventually settling in San Diego, California.

Lewis Bagaloff (13 March 1914–30 April 2004) attended Maywood School, Hammond High School, and Indiana University. He married Angeline Vidakovich on 5 May 1941, and shortly after served as a Navy officer in the Philippines during World War II. Lewis worked a variety of jobs and was an entrepreneur. He was an accountant for the railroad company, worked as a real estate broker, had an apparel manufacturing company, and opened the Mutual Savings & Loan Association in Lowell, Indiana.

Christine Bagaloff Wilson (12 August 1923–18 February 2005) was born in Hammond, Indiana. At an early age, she showed interest in Macedonian folk music and dancing. After high school, while working various typist jobs, she auditioned for roles in musicals. Her first success in the theatre world came when she was cast as the understudy for Mary Martin in the touring cast of *Annie Get Your Gun*. After the tour, Christine set her sights on Broadway, where she was cast in *Texas Lil' Darlin* and sang at the Number One Club in New York City. While in New York, she met and married C. Philip Wilson, a psychoanalyst noted for his techniques in treating eating disorders. The couple had three children and split their time between New York City and Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This family photo album contains a variety of different images and postcards. Some of the pictures were taken by Numo Bagaloff on his 1925 trip back to Macedonia via Bulgaria and Turkey to visit his mother and other family members still living in the area. These pictures show scenes of rural and city life in Macedonia at the time. Other images show the Bagaloff family, possibly with other family members or friends, most likely around their home in Hammond, Indiana. There are also some formal studio portraits as well as postcards, some written by Numo on his 1925 trip, some written by Lewis's future wife Angelina, and some that are blank. Most of the images are not identified, or the writing is in Macedonian, but members of the immediate Bagaloff family can be assumed by cross referencing with a passport photo of Numo and yearbook photos of Costa and Lewis found on Ancestry.com

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