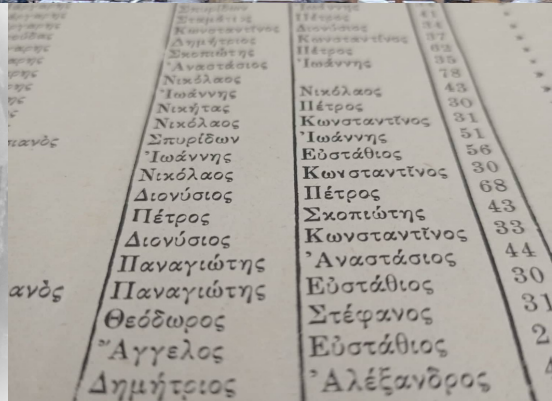




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## Monthly Newsletter

December 2021



### INTERVIEW ABOUT AMYKLES VILLAGES PROJECT

In early December, Carol Kostakos Petranek had the pleasure of interviewing Paula Antonakos-Boswell and Diane Gotses Jackson, who run the "Amykles Villages History Project" and were awarded the VHPI grant back in October. Click [here](#) to read more about their wonderful project, which aims at preserving this local Laconian history and strengthening ancestral and community bonds.

### INT'L GREEK ANCESTRY CONFERENCE AGENDA

The 2nd International Greek Ancestry Conference will run next month from January 29th to the 30th. We are happy to release our conference agenda, which can be found [here](#). This year, we are excited to be joined by Greek author and journalist, Nicholas Gage, who will be our keynote speaker. In addition, for the first time, we will hear presentations on the topics of Ottoman sources and Venetian Archives

### NEW RECORDS FOR VOLOS, MAGNISIA

This month, Greek Ancestry published 2,500 new city directory records from 1911 for Volos, Magnisia. These records typically include the business owner's name, occupation, the business's location, and sometimes the initial of the business owner's father. You can use these records to help you discover your ancestor's occupation. Search for them today on [GreekAncestry.net](https://GreekAncestry.net).





# TRADITIONAL GREEK DANCES

AN INTERVIEW WITH NIKOS BARIAMIS

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*We do discern some locality in dances. Apart from the “pan-hellenic” dances, the “syrtos” and the “chasapia,” there are many dances which are found in larger geographical areas, such as the Cyclades dance “balos, the Dodecanese dance “sousta”...*

Read this conversation between Alexandra Kiritsy and Nikos Bariamis on [GreekAncestry.net](http://GreekAncestry.net)!



## GREG'S CORNER

by Gregory Kontos



Genealogy is not about completing a chapter; it's all about opening a new one. Any newly found ancestor comes with many more to be traced: parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins... While any discovery is exciting for the solutions it gives to family mysteries, it always comes with new questions that await answers.

In 2021, Greek Ancestry's team worked hard to publish the Greek Genealogy Guide, to index over 200,000 records from all over Greece, to organize the 1st International Greek Ancestry Conference, to sponsor the Village History Projects Initiative (VHPI), to host webinars, articles and contests. But joy for these fascinating developments cannot be compared with the enthusiasm for what is coming next! What new chapter is opened for Greek Ancestry in the new year?

The truth is that this question can really only be answered by the interests and needs of all the Greek family historians and genealogists out there. The VHPI, an initiative that in just one year encouraged and embraced 22 projects, was conceived exactly in order to support people interested in preserving not only the history of their own Greek family, but also that of their entire ancestral village.

## GREEK ANCESTRY'S PHOTO CONTEST



### Greek-Owned Fruit Store, Worcester, MA

**GOT AN OLD PHOTO YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GREEK GENEALOGY GUIDE COUPON?**

Submit an old family photo to Greek Ancestry to participate in our photo contest! If chosen, your photo will be featured in next month's newsletter and you will be awarded a discount coupon for Greek Ancestry's online [Greek Genealogy Guide](http://GreekGenealogyGuide)!

Submit photos to [info@greekancestry.net](mailto:info@greekancestry.net)



*Greg's Corner Continued:*

Considering its great success, the VHPI will continue to expand, in 2022, by including more projects and offering support to their sponsors.

Accordingly, the 2nd International Greek Ancestry Conference, a free, live, virtual event to be held on January 29th-30th, is expected to inspire and boost Greek genealogy research, as speakers from all over the world will introduce new research fields and methodologies. We will learn about untold stories and forgotten records from the Second World War, about Ottoman and Venetian archives, about Greeks in Egypt, about digitization projects, statistics and more!

Last but not least, our efforts to preserve Greek family records will further boost in the coming year. By the end of 2022, at least 1 million records will have been added to the over 780,000 currently available on Greek Ancestry's database. While I am not going to reveal the identity of these new collections, I can guarantee that they will be of huge genealogical and historical value. Their release will enhance and refresh Greek research with new types of records and geographical areas that have been left in the darkness... until now!

So, get ready my fellow genealogy geeks! Review this year's discoveries and prepare for the next ones. 2022 will be remembered as a landmark year in the chronicles of Greek genealogy!



## Did you know?

From antiquity until 1893, the Peloponnese was connected with Central Greece by a strip of land near Corinth. To reach the Ionian Sea, ships had to sail below the Peloponnese.



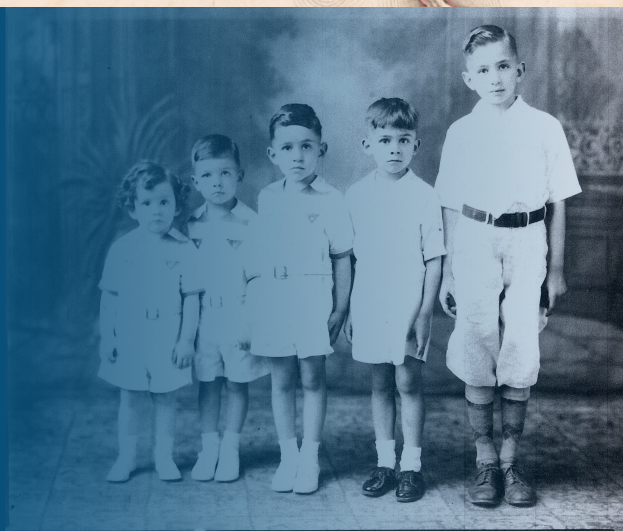
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Greek Ancestry Conference

January 29 - 30, 2022  
More details to come!



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