



Diaspora Stories

Ancestor's Name: Bridget Mary Balfe Edwards
 Place of birth (if known): Enniscathy, Wexford
 Your Name: Elizabeth Edwards Tufankjian
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Michael W. Balfe (uncle)
composer

Nicholas Balfe (lamp lighter in Boston)

Mary MAY

Bridget Mary
b. 1850
d. 1968

Joseph (electrician)

m. ~~Thomas~~ Harry Edwards (electrician) Joseph (phone co.) James Edward (disabled)

William James

Ellen Mary

James Patrick

b. 1909
d. 1979
m. Elizabeth

Maod Reagan

William James
b. 1941

Elizabeth Anne
b. 1946

John Thomas
b. 1949

Thomas Joseph

James Patrick
b. 1945

Kathleen Mary
b. 1947
d. 2017

d. 1999

Robert Augustin
b. 1952

m. Allan H Tufankjian

Elizabeth-Rose Tufankjian

b. 11/3/77

m. Nathaniel Schenckan 2010

Bridget arrived at age 3 to Boston where she lived until the 1960's when she moved to Milton, MA. She played the mandolin and her children were all musical. Her husband died when she was pregnant with her son James Patrick.

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William James Edwards became an architect, Ellen went into business, & James was an accountant for the Navy. She was fortunate that her ship building husband (S. Boston is where his boat yard was) bought life insurance. My father William was beneficiary at age 5 but they could pay off their home. Bridget ~~talk~~ taught Sunday school and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy was one of her students. When the family got together there was always music.

Elizabeth-Rose (Scout) Tufankjian spent 4 years as a photojournalist in Ireland, especially in Belfast and Derry. After the Good Friday agreement she moved to Israel with the negotiators. After 4 years there, off & on, she began following Sen. B. Obama before declared and was the only journalist to follow him from the beginning to the election. She wrote a best selling book "Yes We Can" about the experience. From there she traveled getting material for her own diaspora project visiting 22 countries. Her book "There is only the Earth: The Armenian Diaspora Project" showing how the Armenians are thriving around the world.

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