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Finding Your Roots in the Global Village
100 Years in America Book Published

Why immigrants from the same village migrate to the same city or town in America? What motivated them? What was the cause for acceptance of Greek immigrants during the 1940s and their assimilation into the wider America society? What happens to the places and people left behind? What are their hidden histories? Did immigrant banks help foster migration? How important were the Irish immigrants in the development of 19th and early 20th century America?

All these question and more are answered in a new book with seven original essays on various aspects of immigration in general, Greek-America immigration in particular including two essays on the immigration of Greek migrants from the village of Tsamantas in northwest Greece to Worcester, MA. Other essays discuss the importance of Irish immigrants in the development of 19th century Northeast America cities, a statistical profile of Greek-Americans and internal America immigration and its impact on a Maine town.

The book, called *100 Years in America: Tsamantas (Greece) – Worcester, MA (USA) 1908-2008, Historical Determinants and images of the Identity and Culture of Diasporas from Southwestern Europe*, was published by the University of the West of England and is the result of an academic conference of the same name held at Hellenic College, Brookline, MA in October 2008.

The aim of the publication and the conference was two-fold. Both celebrated the centenary of the St. George Hellenic Benefit Society of Tsamantas in Worcester, MA, and acknowledged the Society's philanthropic causes both in Europe and America. Secondly, the conference and the publication developed historical and cultural knowledge about the movement of individuals, ideas and values and also the desire of migrants to preserve their identity and culture during their gradual integration into their adopted societies.

The editors of this new volume are Dr. Dimitrios Konstadakopulos, Senior Research Fellow in European Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol, United Kingdom and Soterios C. Zoulas, Associate Professor and Chair of the Communications Arts Department, Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA USA.

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