Joe and Hassnie George
The Early Days of George’s Restaurant
FOREWORD

George’s Restaurant started out as a family-owned corner market in Gloucester, MA, in the early 1900’s. Through the years the owners added counter space, then transformed it into a restaurant, and now (2022) it is both a restaurant and a bar. The founders, Joe and Hassnie George, came from Lebanon to America and are truly an example of the American dream. They welcomed all into their market/restaurant to share a meal, a cup of coffee, and conversation. The restaurant has now been managed by three generations of the George family.

Joe and Hassnie George left a legacy behind: a spirit of community and belonging, an example of hospitality, and a love for Gloucester.

NOTES

This scrapbook contains links to video interviews featuring Joe and Hassnie’s son - Bill George; Senator Bruce E. Tarr; and Ringo Tarr. Be sure to check them out!

DEDICATION

Dedicated to the entire George family who maintained an amazing establishment for over 100 years and the community of people who came through its doors.
Joseph and Hassnie George, 1942.

Joe George, Sr., cooking Lebanese-style chicken at his family camp in Gloucester. Circa 1950s.

Joseph and Hassnie George, 1948.
One of Joe and Hassnie’s children: Bill George, in 1938.

Watch an interview with Bill George from 2022.
Hassnie’s famous recipes!
Gloucester Daily Times, May 28, 1986

Hassnie George, circa 1987.
Photo Credit: Louise Welch
This article about Hassnie George turning 100 in 1995 gives a great overview of the George's family history.

Thank you to a fantastic writer, Gail McCarthy of the Gloucester Daily Times.
Circa 1975,
That’s Joe Junior, sitting in the window.
Joe George, Jr., who was also called “George” was the leader of rowdy discussions at George’s as described in an unknown newspaper, probably the Gloucester Daily Times. Circa 1958.
Alice George Salah and Eddie Salah dish about business, 1993.

Gloucester Daily Times, Cape Ann Summer.
THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND HASSNIE GEORGE

Joseph Jr. aka “George”
Herbert, aka “Herbie”
James aka “Jimmy”
William aka “Billy”

Helen
Sarah
Alice
Barbara
Rose
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LINKS

Bill George - Memories of Joe and Hassnie George and George’s Restaurant
https://www.gloucesterma400.org/georges-restaurant-videos#bill

Ringo Tarr - Memories of George’s Restaurant
https://www.gloucesterma400.org/georges-restaurant-videos#ringo

Senator Bruce E. Tarr - Memories of George’s Restaurant
https://www.gloucesterma400.org/georges-restaurant-videos#bruce