



A Night With Bedros

Please join us for this special event celebrating the publishing of a new book about one of Minnesota's oldest Armenian families!

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Keljik's Oriental Rug Store—4255 Byrant Avenue South, Minneapolis

Refreshments will be available



AN ARMENIAN ODYSSEY: FROM THE EUPHRATES TO THE MISSISSIPPI
by Mark and Thomas Keljik

This is the story of our grandfather, Bedros Arakel Keljik (1874–1959), an Armenian born in Harput province in the Ottoman Empire. He emigrated to the United States with an older brother in 1890, and in 1899 established an Oriental rug business in Minnesota that has lasted for over 117 years.

Bedros started his new life in New York, followed by Boston, New York, school and work in Chicago, before settling in St. Paul, where he became a successful businessman. He lived in an era of dramatic upheavals: the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the economic Panic of 1893, World War I, Prohibition, the women's suffrage movement, the economic prosperity and social and cultural changes of the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II, and the Cold War. It was a full life, one about which we knew only a little.