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ARMENIANS PURCHASE LAND FOR CHURCH PURPOSES
 Left to right, T. A. O'Hara, Edward J. Mooradian, Leo Dardarian
 and Jack O'Hara.

GROUP PURCHASES PROPOSED SITE OF ARMENIAN CHURCH

**Property at Southwest
 Corner of Niagara and
 Ninth Streets Is Secured**

Location of an Armenian church within the confines of Niagara Falls drew another step toward reality yesterday with the purchase of a piece of property at the southwest corner of Niagara and Ninth streets by the board of trustees of the church.

The land, which embraces 99 feet on Ninth street and 132 feet on Niagara street, was purchased from the Josephine Stricker estate.

Trustees To Meet

Present at the transaction for the church were Edward J. Mooradian, chairman of the board of trustees, and Leo Dardarian, treasurer of the board of trustees for the building fund. T. A. O'Hara and Jack O'Hara represented the Stricker

estate. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Mooradian announced today that he is calling a meeting of the trustees next week to discuss architectural plans and to map details for the building fund campaign.

The church will be affiliated with the Armenian churches within the diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Expressing pleasure and approval of the interest in the erection of the Armenian church here was Bishop Tiran Nersoyan, primate of the Armenian Church of America, New York City, who was consulted when the project was first discussed here.

Bishop Cites Need

"There is a new interest manifested by our young boys and girls in our heritage, in our church and tradition, and generally in things Armenian," Bishop Nersoyan remarked.

"These young people are the first generation of Armenians rooted in this great, free and fortunate country. They desire earnestly and strongly, good and excellent American citizens as they are, to possess, preserve and develop the values of their Armenian ancestral heritage and culture while taking an active part and proving their value in the life of this country.

"We need, then, at the start of this new postwar period, in order to carry on our life into the future, a church and community center which could be the headquarters of our spiritual, cultural, educational, benevolent, social and communal activities."

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

Sireli Surpazan :

Just these few lines to acquaint you with the fact that we have finally completed the transaction of procuring the ground for our Church. The enclosed article is in that regard. I had the reporter insert several paragraphs of your address that appeared in the Cathedral pamphlet.

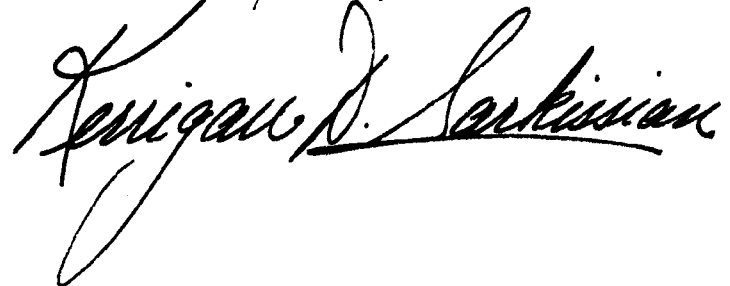
I visited Mr. Obenhack, our architect, and asked him to forward you two copies of the drawings of the Church Plans. I hope you have received them.

We attend to have a meeting of our Board of Trustees next week in order to iron out some of the difficulties which beset us.

Mr. Ghougasian and I expect to be in New York for the April 17th affair if we can manage to get away. I trust I will be seeing Your Grace then.

With my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kerrigan D. Sarkissian". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and the closing "Sincerely Yours,".