

AYOUB
Interview in Tadem September 1993
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Ayoub age 87, was born and still living in Tadem in 1993. His father's name was Shukru and his family was Yousef Bey. Ayoub is the oldest living person in the village. Ayoub refers to two families in Tadem. He said that the other family was Haji Bego and his son Hafiz. We are separate families. We were neighbors.

The following is transcribed from a video of Ayoub:

“There were a lot of Armenians here. The government hit them twice; twice hit them. Now they are all gone, now they are killing Turks, don't you see?”

There were two Turkish families here. But the land didn't belong to the Armenians; it belonged to Turkish Aghas and Begg.

I don't remember any Armenian families or Armenian words from that time. There were 2 Armenian churches next to each other, one for the Catholics and the other for the Armenians. There was a fortress and a monastery which was about a half-hour away or about 10-15 minutes by wagon from the city road.

There was an Armenian school, the Armenians were teaching in the church. The Turks did not have one at the time the relationship of Armenians with the Turks they were living together nicely.

The name of the other family was Bego, the grandson is that one. We were 2 families.

There was a Chatal fountain and 4 grinding mills. They have all been destroyed, no stones are left from the mills.

From my family I had boys who are everywhere and have higher positions, they are civil servants, official employees. My brothers are dead but my nephews are alive and have food jobs.”