



### L'Esperance

This portrait of an Armenian girl was given to President Wilson as testimonial gratitude from Armenia and Syria. Titled "L'Esperance" it was painted by Hovsep Pushman. It was given to Wilson by Mrs. Hovsep Pushman, the wife of the artist, in recognition of the help the United States gave to Armenia. The girl in the painting was the artist's niece. The flower the girl is holding is called "Antaram" meaning everlasting, which represents hope. It currently hangs in the Woodrow Wilson House.



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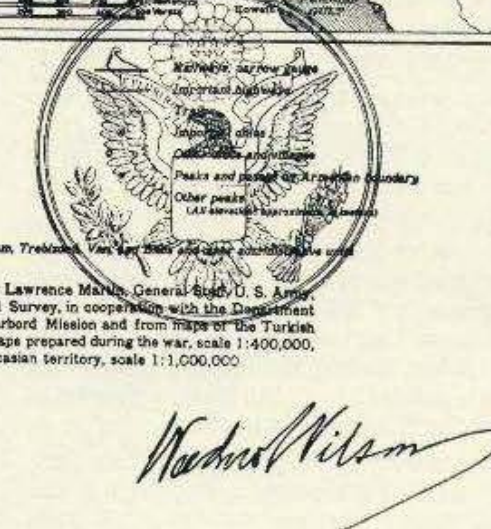
# AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE ARMENIAN QUESTION AND HISTORICAL TREATIES

Map showing the boundaries of Armenia as awarded by PRESIDENT WILSON.



- Turkish-Armenian boundary
- Other international boundaries
- Unmarked international boundaries
- Old Turkish-Russian boundary
- Vilayet boundaries
- Sanjak boundaries
- Kaza boundaries
- Railways, broad gauge

ERZERUM ..... Names of the vilayets of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van, and other cities in the north  
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## Abbreviations

AD	Anno Domini (in the year of the Lord), After Christ, CE (Common Era)		
ASSR	Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic	ANAS	Armenian National Academy of Sciences
BC	Before Christ	YSU	Yerevan State University (YSU)
C.	Century	SU	Soviet Union
CC	Centuries	SEUA	State Engineering University of Armenia
EA	Eastern Armenia		
GA	Greater Armenia		
LA	Lesser Armenia		
RA	Republic of Armenia		
WA	Western Armenia		
WWI	First World War		
WWII	Second World War		

## Armenian Alphabets

Աւ	Aa	as in Part	Փփ	Pp	Put
Բբ	Bb	Boy	Էբ	Kk	Kit
Գգ	Gg	Good	Ել Լ	Yev	
Դդ	Dd	Door	Օօ	Oo	Or
Եե	Yy, Ee	Yard, pet	Ֆֆ	Ff	Foot
Զզ	Zz	Zoo			
Էե	Ee	Egg			
Ըը	e'	as in Turn			
Թթ	Tt	To			
Ժժ	Zh	as in Pleasure			
Իի	Ii, ea	as in Peak			
Լլ	Ll	Look			
Խխ	Kh	as X in Russian			
Ծծ	ds	as in dsar in Armenian meaning Tree			
Կկ	hard k	as in Krak in Armenian meaning Fire			
Հհ	Hh	House			
Ձձ	dz	as in dzoo in Armenian meaning Egg			
Ղղ	gh	as in R in French or german			
Ճճ	tch	Armenian Tchut meaning chicken			
Մմ	Mm	Mom			
Եյ	Yy	Yes			
Նն	Nn	No			
Շշ	Sh	Show			
Ոո	Vo, Oo	More			
Չչ	Ch	Chair			
Պպ	P'	Hard P as in Piti in Armenian meaning Must			
Ջջ	Jj	Jerm			
Ռռ	RR	Rock			
Սս	Ss	Sick			
Վվ	Vv	Verb			
Տտ	Th	Hard T as in Thun in Armenian meaning house			
Րր	Rr	Room			
Յյ	Ts	Hertz			
Ու ու	U in	Urmia			

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## oreword

In 2016, I defined a new project to publish a set of my Encyclopedias in English, which could have a wide audience, these works in 10 volumes are as follows:

- 1- *The Armenian Geographical Encyclopedia*
- 2- *The Armenian Biographical Encyclopedia*
- 3- *The Armenian Diaspora Encyclopedia*
- 4- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Political History*
- 5- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Science and Technology*
- 6- *The Armenian printing and publication Encyclopedia*
- 7- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian cultural monuments*
- 8- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Ethnography*
- 9- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Educational History*
- 10- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Question and Historical Treaties*

Unfortunately Armenian sources in English language are not too many. Fortunately many valuable endeavors have been accomplished in the field of Armenian history in Armenian language since the 5<sup>th</sup> century until now, especially during Soviet era (1920-1990) which is the second Golden Era of the Armenian culture after the first one which was the Fifth century.

Armenia is located between the East and the West, and was always the place of collisions between great empires of antiquity and the Middle Ages. During the more than 3,000 year-old history of Armenia many of these great empires have crossed the country and destroyed the cultural development of Armenia. As a result of these invasions, the political situation of Armenia has been influenced and has undergone many changes. For a period of time the country had been torn apart, which has also left a deep imprint in all aspects of the country. Despite this, Armenians have managed to preserve their culture and traditions, as well as their ethnic identity and independence.

I decided to prepare this book as a brief encyclopedia of the Armenian Question and historical treaties and agreements. Due to limitation of the contents of this book, I have tried to present the articles as brief as

possible, but in the same time I have tried to present the texts of the treaties and explain about agreements, decrees or announcements. By publishing this volume I am finalizing 10 volume encyclopedia series. I hope this much will be enough to achieve my goals and I will not have to add more volumes, although these volumes will be revised constantly for further printing.

Before presenting the main body of the book I thought it would be appropriate to introduce the brief History of Armenia and the Armenian people, Geography, etc. The main sources for writing this book were “Armenia in International diplomacy and Soviet foreign political documents” by Prof. John Giragosian and Dr. Ruben Sahakian Edited by J. Giragosian (Yerevan 1972), “Armenian question and international law” by Shavarsh Torikian (Beirut 1976), my “History of the Armenian State”, History of the Armenian people in 8 volumes published by Academy of Sciences of Armenia, several other editions of the History of Armenia, Armenian Soviet Encyclopedia (13 volumes), Armenian Concise Encyclopedia (4 volumes), multi-volume historical books of the classic Armenian historians (5-21 centuries), valuable works of Hrachia Atcharian, Encyclopedia of Armenian question, Encyclopedia of Armenian Diaspora, Some Greek and Roman classic sources, Persian and Arabic classic works, contemporary literature, travel notes, Armenian websites about Armenians, National Statistical data of Republic of Armenia, Encyclopedia of Britanica and Americana, multi-volume dictionary (encyclopedia) of Persian language by Dehkhoda in 32 volumes, Persian dictionary of Dr. Moien (volumes 5 & 6) Online Encyclopedias such as Wikipedia, Iranica, many other websites, and all Armenian books about Armenian question which I can not list them here of in the bibliography section.

In the Appendices section, there are some complementary sub-sections, so that the reader can have better and deeper understanding of the historical processes occurred in this country and in the lives of Armenian people.

I’d like to appreciate any comments and suggestions to my potential errors for them I need to apologize, I will do my best to improve the quality of this research for the next printings.

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