

Tirana Hospital,
Tirana Albania
May 17, 1924

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Dear Dr. Gillet -

Your letter has been
travelling three months in
search of my address.

At first - I was in Bulgaria
then Macedonia & now
in Albania.

Thank you for the
sympathy in our bereave-
ment & sorrow. Now

as to the facts you request.

In 1900, May 30th we left U.S. for Kortscha Albania. Here my husband worked under the A.B. F. M. He was engaged both in missionary & educational work & even in political, as the necessity presented itself. He had to fight the Turkish authority many a time because they wanted to close our school & hinder in every way the educational & Christian work.

In 1911. The Board decided to open a second mission field in Elberan & for that purpose chose my husband, leaving in Kortscha a new man just come from America. We had just settled in Elberan & planning the work, when in 1913 the Balkan war broke out.

The Servians invaded Albania. Understanding that my husband was a protestant & a devout patriot - for the Albanian cause they put him in prison for six months. After that he was never the same man in

health. He suffered much.
From 1913 + 1914, Albania was
left independent, that
is, the European powers
gave her, her independ-
ence.

In 1914 - 1915 - the great
war broke out. People were
driven hither + thither.

We happened to be in
Sofia, Bulgaria at that
time, for a visit - to my
parents. The roads closed
& we were obliged to stay
in Bulgaria until the
end of the war which
was in Oct. 1918.

Just - when we were

about-to return to Albania
my husband contracted
the Spanish fever (epidemic
then) & died in five days
illness.

In his pocket-note book
among other jottings were
the following.

"The world needs the
belief in the After life, or it goes
to the dogs."

"Real morality, impossible
without-the belief in Immor-
tality."

Mr Seilka has left behind
him two daughters & two
sons. Ellenché the first
daughter, now married

to Mr C. Minor of Virginia
connected here with the
American Consulate.

The second daughter
is Aferdita 17 years old
& the two boys Skender &
Stefan. 15 & 13 years of age.

I would very much
like to have a history book
of the students of Union
Seminary. We had many
friends among them.
Especially the classmates
of my husband.

Thanking you in advance

I remain most sincerely
yours
Katerina G. Tsilka
over

Friends may be interested to know just what I am doing.

This is the second year since I have taken charge of the State hospital here which at the time of the war was started by the American Red Cross.

Love

Republika Popullore e Shqipërisë
Komiteti Ekzekutiv i KP të Rrethit _____

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Zyra e Gjendjes Civile
1952

Tiranë më 29.4.1952

CERTIFIKATË

Në bazë të regjistrimit të vitit 1952 vërtetohet përbërja si më poshtë:
Ic shtet udhëzues J. Gj. Civile Nr. 830

| GJENERALITETET | |
|------------------------|--|
| Emri e mblesmri | Katerina Cilla |
| Emri i atit | Alimuter |
| Emri i nënës | Elena |
| Datëlindja | 1871 |
| Vendlindja | Banaka |
| Fshati, qyteti, rrethi | Dullgan |
| Seksi | Femer |
| Gjendja civile | e ve |
| Kombësia | — |
| Shtetësia | Shqiptare |
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| Vendimi Nr. datë | |
| Mbledhësi pas | |