

The documentary sources relating to members of our generation and in general of all families in Mani are scarce, as in Mani there was almost exclusively only oral tradition and very few written documents.

Yet some members of our family from the village of Nomia are mentioned in the years 1720 and 1727 in the Code #214 of the Library of the Historical and Ethnological Society of Athens.

This manuscript code has fifty leaves of which the first four are missing. It was the diary of a practical physician, called Papadakis from the village of Lagia in Mani.

Papadakis was a “pachtonaris” physician i.e. “doctor for an indefinite period”. This meant that he was paid for the entire year in cash or in kind and with a certain amount from each village or family. He was then obliged, whenever and as often he was called, to take care or to treat the injured and only them, not the ill. He was a practical physician and surgeon, not a pathologist.

At the time, there were a lot of fights and vendettas between the different families in Mani, but also numerous fights with the Turks who always wanted to subjugate Mani but never succeeded.

The diary of Papadakis is very accurate in names, villages, battles and description of injuries, but not in spelling!

In the leaves #20 and #21 it is mentioned the name “**Giorgakis Patzouros**” in the village of Riganochora (eastern Mani), August 10th, **1720** and in the leaves #23 and #24 the name “**Patzouros**” in the village of Kavalos (near the village of Nomia), May 21st, **1727**.

