

GEORGE L. COUPIAN, KPHS science faculty (1930-46). Born Gabriel Kupjian of Armenian parents in Turkey; emigrated to the United States in 1911. Courses taken at Washington Missionary College, a 7th Day Adventists institution, led to a Masters degree from George Washington University in 1921. Taught general science, chemistry and physics at KPHS. Left in October 1946 to join the science faculty at Sampson College, newly created to serve returning veterans in the Finger Lakes area upstate. Tragically, he perished in an auto accident during a snowstorm while heading home for Christmas. At KPHS, mentored such Science Hall of Fame inductees as Anthony Giuglianotti, Russell and Richard Young, and Victor Silberstein.