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Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Gatti

[0:00:00]

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language].

Interviewer: [Foreign language] So the priest was talking to this woman who was about to marry [inaudible] [0:00:16].

Mr. Gatti: He talked to this girl and said, "Look," he said, "you're not on the road." Not lost, but just like lost, you know.

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:00:30]. You've got to figure it out yourself. But then you don't.

Interviewer: In other words, he told you...

Mr. Gatti: But then, you know, you know it by yourself [inaudible] [0:00:43].

Interviewer: Right.

Mr. Gatti: Six people in the money [inaudible] [0:00:51]. You know what I mean?

Interviewer: Right.

Mr. Gatti: That's in your hands [inaudible] [0:00:58]. You're the boss.

Interviewer: So she did marry this man...

Mr. Gatti: Oh, yeah. That's right.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, yeah.

Interviewer: How old was this man now? Do you have any idea how old he was? She was 33, right?

Mrs. Gatti: She said she was 33, and the man now is about 45, something like that. Yeah, I'm not so sure.

Mr. Gatti: Yeah, he was 33 years old. That's right.
Mrs. Gatti: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: That man is 45, something like that.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, 45. He was a nice man. But [inaudible] [0:01:35].

Mr. Gatti: Well, after [inaudible] [0:01:40] everybody go home.

Interviewer: Where did you go after you got married, did you get right back to Baltimore?

Mr. Gatti: No.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:01:48]

Mr. Gatti: We went to West Philadelphia.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, yeah.

Mr. Gatti: But after the man was [inaudible] [0:01:58].

Mrs. Gatti: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:02:04]

Interviewer: Right.

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mr. Gatti: And while we had [inaudible] [0:02:11] anything he wants [inaudible] [0:02:28] went down the station. We went down the station. But it was later we understand [inaudible] [0:02:37] 2 o'clock in the morning when he get off the station. When I go home, when I was aboard [inaudible] [0:02:50].

Mrs. Gatti: [Inaudible] [0:02:52].

Interviewer: Oh, you had a -- when you get back to Baltimore?

Mr. Gatti: Yeah.

Interviewer: You had [inaudible] [0:02:59].
Mr. Gatti: When I go back to Baltimore, it was me and my wife [inaudible] [0:03:04].

Interviewer: Okay.

Mr. Gatti: And when I went here, when I come to this country, [inaudible] [0:03:28].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:03:31].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:03:34].

Interviewer: That's all you had.

Mr. Gatti: That's all I have.

Mrs. Gatti: Well, we have [inaudible] [0:03:39].

Mr. Gatti: And then I work. In the morning when I get up, you know, there's a man in the house, you know, rent the house, his wife become [inaudible] [0:03:53].

Mrs. Gatti: Oh, yeah.

Mr. Gatti: The same [inaudible] [0:03:56] I used to board before. You know, they don't understand you buy that stuff yourself, you know, everything is need and [inaudible] [0:04:16].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:04:27].

Mr. Gatti: They went to the store and [inaudible] [0:04:32] bought a few chair, no cash money because I don't have enough money [inaudible] [0:04:42] dish, pot, and...

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:04:55].

Mr. Gatti: I start, I start...

Interviewer: So you've got all the things that were necessary [inaudible] [0:05:01].

[0:05:03]

Mr. Gatti: To start, no money. And then I get paid once a month. Every month in our [inaudible] [0:05:14].
Interviewer: How much -- now, how much do you have to pay the rent?

Mrs. Gatti: The house that they find was $12.

Interviewer: How much?

Mrs. Gatti: $12.

Interviewer: $12 a month you pay the rent. And how much did you make a month? How much money did you earn?

Mr. Gatti: I've got to work every day to make $42, $44, $47.

Interviewer: You have to work 7 days a week?

Mr. Gatti: Yes.

Interviewer: Six.

Mr. Gatti: Six. Sometimes that's really for -- in 31 you make, maybe 26, 27 work, you know. I work six days a week. You know what I mean?

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: When the payroll come, maybe it's 44 or 47 [inaudible] [0:05:55] overtime. Sometimes [inaudible] [0:06:00] you have to go.

Interviewer: If there's [inaudible] [0:06:03].

Mr. Gatti: Well, you know, you have to go because he needs you. And maybe you make the money sometimes, whether you make a few dollar [inaudible] [0:06:13]. You've got to work four hours to make a dollar because I'm only paid -- how much was I paid, 15, 14 cents a night, 15, 16 cents an hour.

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: Fifteen cents an hour -- I've got to work four hours to make -- how much do I make?

Interviewer: Well, for four hours you're making 60 cents.

Mr. Gatti: Sixty cents [inaudible] [0:06:35].
Interviewer: So you made -- in 10-hour a day you make dollar and a half.

Mr. Gatti: That's all, you know -- it's [inaudible] [0:06:41]. Well, I make out all right. Thanks to god, you know. [inaudible] [0:06:46].

Interviewer: Now, how many rooms this house that you rented?

Mrs. Gatti: Six rooms.

Mr. Gatti: Six rooms.

Interviewer: There are six rooms?

Mrs. Gatti: Yes, three up and three down.

Interviewer: There upstairs and there downstairs.

Mr. Gatti: That's right. Yeah.

Interviewer: Did you have any electricity in the house at all?

Mrs. Gatti: We have -- no.

Mr. Gatti: No.

Interviewer: No electricity.

Mr. Gatti: No electricity [inaudible] [0:07:16].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:07:16] that's what you have in the house?

Mr. Gatti: That's right. That's right.

Interviewer: Did you have water in the house?

Mrs. Gatti: Inside or outside?

Mr. Gatti: Yeah, we have water inside.

Interviewer: What was it, a pump in the house?

Mr. Gatti: No, it comes with [inaudible] [0:07:28].
Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:07:31].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:07:38].

Interviewer: Right. Did you take any boarders when you have the house?

Mr. Gatti: That was the right way. After a while we boarder because people can -- you know, a lot of single people come in this country that woud...

Mrs. Gatti: A lot of single man, yes.

Mr. Gatti: Me and my wife [inaudible] [0:07:52].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, [inaudible] [0:08:02].

Mr. Gatti: That's right. all have boarder, everybody have a boarder.

Interviewer: Right.

Mr. Gatti: You know, this people have boarder in Baltimore [inaudible] [0:08:10] box card.

Interviewer: Right.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:08:23] a couple of week after we got the house and it come [inaudible] [0:08:29]. But it's just all right. I got the room, but I got no bed.

Interviewer: You got no bed? You got room and you got not bed?

Mrs. Gatti: Well, they said, "You pay me advance," you know, I paid myself and [inaudible] [0:08:50]. So they paid the months, he went down and he [inaudible] [0:08:57].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:09:04]?

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:09:05].

Mr. Gatti: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: Three dollars [inaudible] [0:09:13] you've got to fix the back, you pay the room and wash, everything, $3 in a month.
Interviewer: Did you have to buy the food [inaudible] [0:09:20]?

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:09:22].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:09:22].

Interviewer: Oh.

Mrs. Gatti: I have to cook.

Interviewer: And you wash for them and paint the room...

Mrs. Gatti: Wash the floor, paint on [inaudible] [0:09:30] we have to do really work.

Interviewer: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: We painted the room clean, $3 a month, what are we going to do?

Interviewer: That's right. That's what you have to do. Right. You have to do that.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:09:42]

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:09:49] sleep all in one room and maybe [inaudible] [0:09:55].

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: You have to be able to get it, you know what I mean? That's when he came in and asked me. He said [inaudible] [0:10:03] and got the money.

[0:10:05]

Mrs. Gatti: All...

Mr. Gatti: He got the money and [inaudible] [0:10:10].

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Interviewer: [Foreign language]

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language]
Interviewer: And this is what you eat everyday? Now, [inaudible] [0:10:23] is what?

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:10:25] macaroon, you know.

Interviewer: Just macaroon and tomatoes. Is that right?

Mr. Gatti: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:10:30].

Interviewer: Right, the beans and the macaroni.

Mrs. Gatti: Yes, like [inaudible] [0:10:36].

Interviewer: Yes, I know what it is, I just want to get it down to the river so I know what it is.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:10:45]

Interviewer: Not me.

Mr. Gatti: No?

Interviewer: No.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:10:47].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:10:53].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:10:55] You know what's wrong with that? [inaudible] [0:10:58]. That's enough. [inaudible] [0:11:04].

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language] Oh, my brother.

Interviewer: Your brother...

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:11:12] months. [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Now, your brother, was he there with this wife?

Mrs. Gatti: You know, he has no wife, but...

Interviewer: But your brother -- and he pay you $12 a month but he got food and everything.
Mr. Gatti: Everything, everything, that's right.

Mrs. Gatti: Everything, everything, yeah.

Interviewer: All right.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] smoke and a beer.

Interviewer: That's all he buys. Okay. Fine. Tobacco and beer, that's all he bought for himself.

Mrs. Gatti: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: Nowadays, yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Interviewer: The food was very inexpensive then.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] a loaf of bread there was five, six cents a loaf, you know what I mean? It's -- we spend most to the grocery [inaudible] $15 a month.

Interviewer: That's all you pay for food, maybe $15 a month?

Mrs. Gatti: It's the main thing, you know, it's something to buy, you know what I mean.

Interviewer: Yeah. But the main -- your main food...

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] 14, 15, $16 a month. We are three people to eat.

Interviewer: Yeah. Well, that wasn't bad at all.

Mr. Gatti: No, not bad.

Mrs. Gatti: That wasn't bad.

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language] We don't eat meat and everything. We don't understand. But then [inaudible].

Interviewer: Right. Exactly. You just have to know how to [inaudible].
Mrs. Gatti: Yes, yes.

Mr. Gatti: I make [inaudible] [0:12:32] work with my right hand.

Interviewer: Okay.

Mr. Gatti: People will kind of leave -- if they make a lot of money, they kind of leave [inaudible] [0:12:46] dollar before in my pocket in work, day and night. Now, as soon as I [inaudible] [0:12:48].

Interviewer: Yeah, yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: Your [inaudible] [0:12:54] family come around by one. And the [inaudible] [0:12:58] the same.

Interviewer: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: And then we needed clothes, we needed shoes, we need everything, you know.

Mr. Gatti: That's a big difference.

Mrs. Gatti: The expenses, they grow, but they come just the same.

Interviewer: The income is always the same.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:13:12].

Interviewer: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:13:19]

Interviewer: Okay. Now, before we get into this, I would to know how long did you stay down there in Baltimore?

Mrs. Gatti: Oh, yeah, [inaudible] [0:13:27].

Mr. Gatti: You're asking me?

Interviewer: Yeah. Well, both of you.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, 20 months.

Interviewer: You stayed there about 20 months?
Mrs. Gatti: Uh-hmm.

Interviewer: And you're always working for the railroad?

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Interviewer: Now, when you left the railroad, did you just quit the railroad and go to work somewhere else? Or did you just move?

Mr. Gatti: No. We move right into...

Interviewer: You move here to New Castle?

Mr. Gatti: New Castle [inaudible] [0:13:50].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:13:51].

Mr. Gatti: That's when we got a house.

Interviewer: Well, why did you come up here? Why did you leave Baltimore?

Mr. Gatti: I've got this question [inaudible] [0:13:58]. When he went back into [inaudible] [0:14:12]. He said I go home and eat right. I don't come back anymore. Now, [inaudible] [0:14:37], and know this man. The only time [inaudible] [0:14:44] because I don't come back.

[0:15:09]

I did not come back no more. I didn't go back anymore. That's the reason I'm [inaudible] [0:15:12] in Baltimore I still want to go back in railroad work because I used to like to work in railroad. That's my job. I don't like to work in ditch. One thing that [inaudible] [0:15:25] close to the river.

Interviewer: The old defense [inaudible] [0:15:45]?

Mr. Gatti: Yeah, that's right. The old defense [inaudible] [0:15:46].

Interviewer: What was there before, steel mill or...?

Mr. Gatti: Steel mill, yeah, sure. It was too far, and we are going to the steel mill.
Interviewer: Now, what year was this that you left Baltimore?

Mr. Gatti: 19...

Mrs. Gatti: Two day after Christmas, 1915, but [inaudible] [0:16:09] 1916.

Mr. Gatti: Yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:16:16].

Interviewer: Okay. Now, I want to ask you another question. In 1915 First World War started.

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Interviewer: How did this affect you? The start of the First World War, how did this affect you?

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:16:23] everybody -- they call it black in Italy, everybody call it black.

Interviewer: [Foreign language]

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mr. Gatti: Okay. Well, you think you like during the war?

Interviewer: Why do they -- well, nobody likes it. But what -- how did it changed your life?

Mr. Gatti: It changed my life ever since [inaudible] [0:17:02].

Interviewer: No, when the war started you were in Baltimore.

Mr. Gatti: No, when the war...

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. When it started, we were not affected. When were in Baltimore...

Interviewer: Right. I mean, it didn't affect United States then. United States wasn't in the war then.
Mr. Gatti: No.

Interviewer: But Italy was.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, yeah.

Mr. Gatti: I wasn't in America. I was in...

Interviewer: Well -- but you still had ties in Italy and you still had friends here who may have gone back to Italy...

Mr. Gatti: No, no. I was lucky I was out.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:17:35] go back, go back. They want to go back [inaudible] [0:17:40].

Interviewer: There were young men who left Baltimore and go back...

Mrs. Gatti: Left the Baltimore...

Mr. Gatti: That's right. [inaudible] [0:17:51].

Interviewer: You didn't go back.

Mr. Gatti: Big form.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:17:57].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:17:58].

Interviewer: That's true. Oh, wait a minute, get this. You mean these boys went back, they fight for it, they -- during First World War, you say that some -- lot of the ship didn't get through. There were torpedoes before they got there.

Mrs. Gatti: That's right. That's right.

Interviewer: So, actually the, they were lost at sea?

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:18:19].

Interviewer: Yes, it was [inaudible] [0:18:20].
Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. We have a [inaudible] three young boy. And as I said, you know, leave the family in Italy there. So, they called back, they said, "Come home. Come home. If you don't come home [inaudible]," thing like that, you know. And the poor boy [inaudible].

Interviewer: Who sent in this letters, their family?

Mrs. Gatti: The family because [inaudible].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible].

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible]. So I don't know how many boys because [inaudible].

Mr. Gatti: Yeah. Let's talk something else.

Interviewer: Okay. Fine. And then you came to New Castle, right?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, we come in New Castle.

Mr. Gatti: Yeah, [inaudible].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, don't [inaudible].

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Interviewer: You discussed in here quickly [inaudible] move up here to New Castle.

Mr. Gatti: New Castle. That's right.

Interviewer: You move in [inaudible].

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]
Interviewer: Yeah, the boy.

Mr. Gatti: The boy, that's right.

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

[0:20:06]

[inaudible] [0:20:07] went back to Italy too to fight.

Mr. Gatti: My daddy, yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:20:11] go back too. Yeah.

Interviewer: How about [inaudible] [0:20:16]? He went back too.

Mr. Gatti: He went back.

Mrs. Gatti: That's right. Yeah, [inaudible] [0:20:20]. He send a letter, this man, he send a letter. And then we got to go [inaudible] [0:20:34] took care to them. I have two children.

Interviewer: Yes, you have two children [inaudible] [0:20:42].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:20:43].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:20:53].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:20:53].

Interviewer: The United States government sent you...

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: Because when I go back, I don't go back, I have to fight [inaudible] [0:21:04].

Interviewer: Right. If you have to go in the army, you've got to be American.

Mr. Gatti: That's right, like my cousin [inaudible] [0:21:15].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.
Mr. Gatti: He was a singer. He can't go back in Ireland. He went with his American friend [inaudible] what are we going to do about it?

Interviewer: Okay. Now, you went to work for steel mill here in New Castle, right?

Mr. Gatti: That's right. It was my job.

Interviewer: The old steel works.

Mrs. Gatti: It was later became the New Castle defense plant during World War II.

Interviewer: Okay. Now, how long did you work there?

Mr. Gatti: Not very long,[inaudible] Manganese.

Interviewer: The Manganese...


Mr. Gatti: Not very long I work there,[inaudible].

Interviewer: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Mr. Gatti: I went to work in there.

Mrs. Gatti: It makes part work there.

Mr. Gatti: It makes a part work. And they close up.

Interviewer: When did they close up?

Mr. Gatti: When they close -- well, when it was the end.

Interviewer: At the end of the war.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible]. That's right. Yeah.

Interviewer: Now, did you buy a house here in New Castle when you came here?

Mrs. Gatti: Not then, not then.

Mr. Gatti: Not right away.
Mrs. Gatti: Not then.

Interviewer: You did not rent it.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:22:27].

Interviewer: Oh, you are renting the house.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, rent the house.

Interviewer: Do you have boarders here too?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, [inaudible] [0:22:32] people who work.

Interviewer: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:22:40].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:22:43].

Interviewer: Oh. Were they -- did you have Italian boarders then too?

Mr. Gatti: One time, [inaudible] [0:22:51].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:22:51].

Interviewer: You had a group too?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, at one time, two Greek and one Turkey.

Interviewer: How are they? Did you have to cook for them too?

Mr. Gatti: Just [inaudible] [0:23:03].

Interviewer: Okay.

Mr. Gatti: So, when they got to Turkey, you know what happened? One man who wasn't a Greek, they [inaudible] [0:23:10].

Interviewer: Right.

Mr. Gatti: They sleep [inaudible] [0:23:11]. When I look around, I look around, I started [inaudible] [0:23:42]. And this man, somebody said [inaudible] [0:23:49]. And he come down and [inaudible] [0:24:01]. And I asked if he
Understand me, he told me he's been sleeping three nights on the ground [inaudible] [0:24:08].

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:24:22].

[0:25:00]

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:25:01].

Interviewer: And then this man slept outside, under the three for three days before he found a room.

Mr. Gatti: He found a room [inaudible] [0:25:21]. All right. All my boarders got dismissed.

Interviewer: All your borders are Italian...

Mr. Gatti: Because [inaudible] [0:25:31] Greek.

Interviewer: Because he was Greek, all the Italians were pretty upset.

Mr. Gatti: All [inaudible] [0:25:38].

Mrs. Gatti: They left, three -- forty left.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:25:49].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:25:56].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, yeah, four.

Mr. Gatti: Okay. That man slept in the third floor [inaudible] [0:26:06].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:26:10]

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:26:14]. You have to hide the boarder because of investigation [inaudible] [0:26:42].

Interviewer: Yes.
Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:26:45] first time as he went up, when he woke up in the morning when I call they're going to work. I said, "What time do you go to work?" He just got up, so [inaudible] [0:27:10]. I said, "Why?" He said, [inaudible] [0:27:12] you need a place to sleep and a bed like the rest of them. He said [inaudible] [0:27:39].

Mrs. Gatti: Well, that's two Greek.

Mr. Gatti: Two Greek. One were...

Interviewer: One Turk.

Mr. Gatti: One Turk.

Interviewer: Right.

Mr. Gatti: He came aboard. We have empty bed [inaudible] [0:28:02].

Mrs. Gatti: Oh, they [inaudible] [0:28:06].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:28:10].

Interviewer: A lot of boys got all upset too, huh?

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:28:16].

Mrs. Gatti: They don't bother me much because I have to watch. Yeah. They wanted [inaudible] [0:28:21].

Mr. Gatti: They do everything you [inaudible] [0:28:26].

Interviewer: Which [inaudible] [0:28:29] was that?

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:28:27].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:28:30].

Interviewer: Oh, really?

Mr. Gatti: Yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:28:35].

Mr. Gatti: It can cook.
Interviewer: Everything he cook [inaudible] [0:28:42].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:28:44].

Mrs. Gatti: After he cook, he bring them upstairs. They have [inaudible] [0:28:51].

Interviewer: Yes, [inaudible] [0:29:05].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:29:07].

Interviewer: Yeah, like a bucket a day.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, something like that [inaudible] [0:29:13]. So he just come down once a day, bring the dish down, he wash them. He'd bring it upstairs.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:29:21].

Interviewer: Right. They wash their own dishes, they wash...

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:29:25].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:29:28] I was the clothes myself.

Interviewer: You just wash [inaudible] [0:29:33].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:29:37].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:29:43] when he come home after work, he start all [inaudible] [0:29:54].

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Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:30:01]. And after that, Jimmy asked me, I said, "Tony," "Boss?" I said, "Look, did you cook downstairs?" [inaudible] [0:30:32] maybe nobody will discuss to you. He said, [inaudible] [0:30:37]. When he's done, all clean up, shine, take them down the stairs, [inaudible] [0:31:20] too much with my wife.

Mrs. Gatti: Oh, [inaudible] [0:31:25].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:31:26] too much work. It wasn't right [inaudible] [0:31:32].
Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:31:34] my family.

Interviewer: What you're saying then, these three Greek boarders were very considerate, whereas your Italian borders were ill considerate, were not considerate of you and your family.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:31:52].

Mr. Gatti: And this boy, he talk about [inaudible] [0:31:58].

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:32:36] about $300. He said he was afraid. He said, "I have $300 here [inaudible] [0:32:47]. I said, "No, no, not here, not this place." You can have million dollar in this house, nobody take it away to you because I know, everyone know, I know I have one couple of sneak one time [inaudible] [0:33:02]

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:33:04].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:33:07].

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: That's right, understanding [inaudible] [0:33:11].

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:33:35] my life was -- it was bad. My life [inaudible] [0:33:50] pretty close. Thanks God that skip off.

Interviewer: You mean the [inaudible] [0:33:57] explosion?

Mr. Gatti: Yeah, the explosion [inaudible] [0:34:01].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: I was lucky.

Interviewer: This was during the First World War.
Mr. Gatti: That's right. I was lucky. All right. When it comes [inaudible] [0:34:11]. I've been one year sick. I do [inaudible] [0:34:31] and they pay. I don't work for nothing.

Interviewer: Where was this Jew? Where did...?

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:34:45].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:34:45].

Mr. Gatti: When the Jew and I [inaudible] [0:34:47].

[0:35:00]

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:35:01]. He had a store himself. When I got sick [inaudible] [0:35:07]. Every morning he says, "How are you feeling?" I say, "Oh, it's the same thing, you know" [inaudible] [0:35:24]. "I come down here to help you." "What are you going to help me with?" he said. When I come here in New Castle, I started to work down in Manganese [inaudible] [0:35:45].

Interviewer: This is the Jewish man?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, [inaudible] [0:36:15].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:36:16].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:36:18]. I quit my work in Manganese [inaudible] [0:36:30]. I started to make out pretty good. Understand? [inaudible] [0:37:12] other people start to come down here straight to business [inaudible] [0:37:27]. When the customers split, it started to pick up. Not at all once, a little by little, same way [inaudible] [0:37:39].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:37:54].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:37:58].

Interviewer: Then he helped you very, very much.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:38:11] because no work, Manganese close, [inaudible] [0:38:25].
Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:38:30].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:38:35]

Mrs. Gatti: And we left [inaudible] [0:39:05].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:39:13]

Interviewer: Then the man...

Mrs. Gatti: We don't have nothing left then, you know.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:39:14].

Interviewer: What do you [inaudible] [0:39:18]? What year was this?

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:39:23]. What year was it when [inaudible] [0:39:25]?

Mrs. Gatti: Oh, it was 1918.

Mr. Gatti: 1918.

Mrs. Gatti: No, no, no, when you start the work. 1890 -- 1990.

Interviewer: 1990 you went to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. He [inaudible] [0:39:47].

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Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:40:01].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:40:09] the other side, the left hand. I get down to the [inaudible] [0:40:27]. I don't know maybe they gave me $10 or -- they gave me something.

Mrs. Gatti: They gave you something. Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: And so, we paid the bill [inaudible] [0:41:26]. It looks bad. Nobody work. Everybody move every day. They don't know what they're going to do [inaudible] [0:41:36] try to steal bread to somebody else. And I don't know, you know, it was [inaudible] [0:41:46]. I don't know. He said, "Oh, come one," he said, "I'll pay you pretty good with $27 a week." He got
the work. $27 is all right [inaudible] [0:42:22]. He said, "Well, you can come in anytime." Well, [inaudible] [0:43:04].

Interviewer: How many years did you work in Philadelphia?

Mr. Gatti: Three years.

Interviewer: And then what did you do, come back in New Castle?

Mr. Gatti: Well, little by little, I come back in New Castle. I think I came back in New Castle [inaudible] [0:43:54].

Mrs. Gatti: Oh, probably about...

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:43:56].

Interviewer: So you leave about six years in Philadelphia and you live that long?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Interviewer: And after you finish the job, where did you work?

Mr. Gatti: I work at -- I went to work in -- I went to work and I really don't understand -- my name is not the [inaudible] [0:44:11].

Interviewer: Right. They made a mistake when they put your name down...

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:44:15].

Interviewer: Right. Yes. I understand that.

Mr. Gatti: But it's all right. I told them. Oh, what's the difference? You get to pay. As soon [inaudible] [0:44:25] rheumatism and I was in bad shape. That year never do me good when he run it [inaudible] [0:45:00].

[0:45:01] I went home [inaudible] [0:45:01] just inflammation in the stomach [inaudible] [0:45:39] caused the inflammation, right? I found it out to the doctor [inaudible] [0:45:49].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:46:01].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:46:03].
Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:46:48].

Mr. Gatti: That's right. I miss it a lot [inaudible] [0:46:52].

Interviewer: That plaster straightened you out, right, it took care of you?

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:47:09].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, it helped him out.

Interviewer: It helped him out, huh?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. Once a day...

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:47:15].

Interviewer: You went back to ice cream the third day, right?

Mr. Gatti: I did once a day. I went back [inaudible] [0:47:36].

Interviewer: Okay. Now, right, you worked about three years, right?

Mr. Gatti: For three years.

Interviewer: Where did you go after you left [inaudible] [0:47:43]?

Mr. Gatti: Well, I fly like a black bird. I fly the country.

Interviewer: You went to the country?

Mr. Gatti: That's right. I went in a farm. No, wait a minute [inaudible] [0:47:58].

Mrs. Gatti: You can't work no more, but because...

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:48:02].

Mrs. Gatti: He's sick all the time.

Interviewer: With this rheumatism, he was sick, [inaudible] [0:48:10] winter time.

Mrs. Gatti: In the winter time. But for three years, no one day, for three years.

Mr. Gatti: Right, for three years of his life.
Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. No money [inaudible] [0:48:20].

Interviewer: It was a little bit difficult. Yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: Well, the [inaudible] [0:48:30] ice cream and [inaudible] [0:48:35].

Interviewer: So you started [inaudible] [0:48:38].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:48:44].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:48:44]

Mrs. Gatti: So, it was about [inaudible] [0:48:48].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:49:05].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:49:06].

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:49:08].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:49:09] I give a dollar a day, so.

Mr. Gatti: I gave him more than that.

Mrs. Gatti: And then [inaudible] [0:49:35].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:49:42]

[0:50:01]

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:50:05] wash your face, you'll be all right [inaudible] [0:50:11].

Interviewer: How long were you sick now with this pneumonia?

Mr. Gatti: Well, pneumonia...

Interviewer: How long are you sick you with it?

Mr. Gatti: Just -- I've been sick and I got well. Well, they take me to the hospital -- I don't want to go to the hospital [inaudible] [0:51:22].
Mrs. Gatti: Well, it was -- you got sick on a Friday night and on Saturday morning [inaudible] [0:51:54]. He talked and talked he don't know what he says [inaudible] [0:52:00] I was there. So, we called the doctor. Six o'clock in the morning I went to the doctor myself [inaudible] [0:52:06]. And the doctor came, he came right away. So they [inaudible] [0:52:20].

Interviewer: They put lasers on him?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. But they're not really good [inaudible] [0:52:26].

Interviewer: You know what it is?

Mr. Gatti: Yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: Some [inaudible] [0:52:33].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:52:37].

Interviewer: And take him blood...

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:52:40] you know.

Mr. Gatti: And [inaudible] [0:52:39].

Mrs. Gatti: So, the doctor said [inaudible] [0:52:47]. But he don't want to hear, the hospital don't want to hear.

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:52:54].

Mrs. Gatti: One across [inaudible] [0:52:57] [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Right, right, but did he go to the hospital to see?

Mrs. Gatti: And then on the Sunday, finally, [inaudible] [0:53:24] [Foreign language]

Interviewer: [inaudible] [0:53:27] come to your house everyday?

Mrs. Gatti: He came to my house and talk to Tony [inaudible] [0:53:33].

Interviewer: Okay. Look, after he got finished with the pneumonia when he was cured with pneumonia, what did he do then?

Mrs. Gatti: They got him in the hospital...
Interviewer: After he got back, he's better?

Mr. Gatti: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: Wait a minute now, [Foreign language].

Interviewer: Okay.

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Interviewer: In other words, the hemorrhage from his nose...

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:54:08].

Interviewer: Yeah, they thought he was dying.

Mrs. Gatti: But the pharmacist called me because they got [inaudible] [0:54:20]. [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Yeah, so they couldn’t get you out of the house and that's because [inaudible] [0:54:28].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:54:32].

Interviewer: Okay. In other words, about six months, it took about six months to recover from pneumonia.

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Did it amount in two weeks?

Mrs. Gatti: For two weeks, [inaudible] [0:54:45].

Interviewer: He went to a lot of [inaudible] [0:54:48].

Mrs. Gatti: And then he got another one, an old man.

Interviewer: And then he recovered completely at the farm?

Mrs. Gatti: He did recover.

Interviewer: Okay. Now, after you worked on the farm, how long did you stay on the farm?
Mrs. Gatti: Well, on [inaudible] [0:55:04].

Interviewer: In the winter time [inaudible] [0:55:18].

Mrs. Gatti: In May, the first of May we go in the farm [inaudible] [0:55:22].

Mr. Gatti: Yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: And it was for nine years.

Interviewer: Oh really, nine years?

Mrs. Gatti: He worked for nine years in the farm. That's what [inaudible] [0:55:29], 1926.

Interviewer: In 1926 you came back here in New Castle.

Mrs. Gatti: We came back here. Yeah, 1926 we came back here and [inaudible] [0:55:40].

Interviewer: And you've been working here ever since? Where did your husband work when he come back to New Castle?

Mrs. Gatti: When we came back [inaudible] [0:55:47].

Interviewer: The old [inaudible] [0:55:55].

Mr. Gatti: Oh, I see.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, they work [inaudible] [0:56:01], so they have a chance [inaudible] [0:56:07].

Interviewer: You go back to New Jersey every summer [inaudible] [0:56:13].

Mrs. Gatti: After nine years. And then 1931, it was another disaster. The [inaudible] [0:56:22].

Mr. Gatti: Yes.

Mrs. Gatti: But then one night, 1921, one night, they come back with [inaudible] [0:56:35]. It was the right leg I think, or left. [Foreign language]
Interviewer: You called the doctor about his leg.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, his legs. So, I don't understand [inaudible] [0:56:54].

Interviewer: His leg was abscessed.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, [inaudible] [0:56:59].

Interviewer: It took a year for his leg to heal.

Mr. Gatti: Yeah.

Mrs. Gatti: A year.

Interviewer: And he doesn't have work that whole time.

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:57:11].

Interviewer: Well, how did you live during that time?

Mrs. Gatti: Well, my daughter work.

Interviewer: Your daughter work?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, she only get $9 a week [inaudible] [0:57:27]. But she has a good friend that [inaudible] [0:57:37] [Foreign language]

Interviewer: In other words, the grocery store, one of them [inaudible] [0:57:57].

Mrs. Gatti: And they quit on me, yeah.

Interviewer: Right. And the other one went up to 169.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, [inaudible] [0:58:04].

Interviewer: A thousand...

Mr. Gatti: 1,001 bread.

Interviewer: 1,001 [inaudible] [0:58:14].

Mr. Gatti: 100.10.
Mrs. Gatti: Yeah. So after that, when we started doing [inaudible] [0:58:21]. Buy something better today. Buy something better today. No worry. No worry [inaudible] [0:58:39]. [Foreign language]

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:58:47].

Mrs. Gatti: Not all times, but buy something better today, you know. So we pay that [inaudible] [0:58:58].

Interviewer: What about your garden, you had a garden too, didn't you?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, we have a garden [inaudible] [0:59:22].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:59:25].

Mrs. Gatti: There was a nice [inaudible] [0:59:28].

Mr. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Right, right you had a garden that you work too for free, right?

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Interviewer: Okay. Now, after you recovered, where did you go to work?

Mrs. Gatti: [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Still work [inaudible] [0:59:44]?

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:59:45].

Interviewer: Did you still work there until you retire?

Mr. Gatti: No.

Mrs. Gatti: No.

Mr. Gatti: Somebody pulled me out [inaudible] [0:59:52].

Interviewer: Oh really, you were bumped out of the job?

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [0:59:59].
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Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] [1:00:06].

Interviewer: Where did you go to work after you left?

Mr. Gatti: I got somebody dragging me out [inaudible] [1:00:14].

Mrs. Gatti: [inaudible] [1:00:18].

Interviewer: Oh really?

Mr. Gatti: I said [inaudible] [1:00:21].

Interviewer: [inaudible] [1:00:25] in New Castle. How long did you work there?

Mr. Gatti: About a little over eight years.

Interviewer: About eight years?

Mrs. Gatti: 1946 he quit.

Interviewer: And where did you go to work after you...

Mrs. Gatti: He retired.

Interviewer: Oh, you retired?

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, yeah.

Mr. Gatti: I did at that time. I can't keep hard work [inaudible] [1:00:46].

Interviewer: So when -- what happened now in 1941 when World War II started, how did this affect you? Now, certainly, I knew you're an American citizen and everything, but still, you came from Italy and I supposed you still have relatives in Italy. When war started between the United States and Italy, how did this affect you?

Mr. Gatti: It didn't affect me, you know.

Interviewer: It didn't affect you at all?

Mr. Gatti: No.
Interviewer: What did you think when Mussolini, when he came to power in Italy?

Mr. Gatti: Mussolini?

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: Good man.

Interviewer: You thought he was a good man?

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Interviewer: Right. Now, he did a lot of things...

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] Mussolini, he work for the people.

Interviewer: Right, this one is really [inaudible].

Mr. Gatti: [inaudible] This people over here find somebody else [inaudible]. You never cut nothing, you never get nothing. They come in [inaudible].

Interviewer: Who did you give those things to the [inaudible]?

Mr. Gatti: Right. That's right.

Interviewer: And then you have to give them turkey every Christmas.

Mr. Gatti: That's right. [Foreign language]

Interviewer: Yes.

Mr. Gatti: Today, farmer gets a 60 and you're [inaudible].

Interviewer: Fifty-eight...

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