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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] [0:11:28]** 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] [0:11:41]** 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] [0:11:55]** \$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] [0:12:07]** 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] [0:12:23]**.

Interviewer: Right. Exactly. You just have to know how to **[inaudible] [0:12:27]**.

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]* **[0:18:42]** 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]* **[0:18:44]**," thing like that, you know. And the poor boy *[inaudible]* **[0:18:46]**.

Interviewer: Who sent in this letters, their family?

Mrs. Gatti: The family because *[inaudible]* **[0:18:54]**.

Mr. Gatti: *[inaudible]* **[0:18:57]**.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mr. Gatti: *[inaudible]* **[0:19:00]**.

Mrs. Gatti: *[inaudible]* **[0:19:01]**. So I don't know how many boys because *[inaudible]* **[0:19:21]**.

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]* **[0:19:39]**.

Mrs. Gatti: Yeah, don't *[inaudible]* **[0:19:40]**.

Mr. Gatti: That's right.

Interviewer: You discussed in here quickly *[inaudible]* **[0:19:45]** move up here to New Castle.

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

Interviewer: You move in *[inaudible]* **[0:19:48]**.

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]

Interviewer: **[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]* **[0:21:21]** 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]* **[0:21:46]** Manganese.

Interviewer: The Manganese...

Mrs. Gatti: American *[inaudible]* **[0:21:51]** of Apex.

Mr. Gatti: Not very long I work there, *[inaudible]* **[0:21:57]**.

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]* **[0:22:17]**. 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].

[0:30:00]

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].

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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?

[0:55:02]

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] [1:01:23]** Mussolini, he work for the people.

Interviewer: Right, this one is really **[inaudible] [1:01:33]**.

Mr. Gatti: **[inaudible] [1:01:36]** This people over here find somebody else **[inaudible] [1:01:52]**. You never cut nothing, you never get nothing. They come in **[inaudible] [1:01:59]**.

Interviewer: Who did you give those things to the **[inaudible] [1:02:17]**?

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] [1:02:33]**.

Interviewer: Fifty-eight...

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