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Mr. and Mrs. Morris Salus

INTERVIEWER: This is a recording of the Oral History Program. We're interviewing Mr. and Mrs. Morris Salus, and the interviewer is Myron Lazarus. Where did you say you were born, Mr. Salus?

MR. SALUS: I was born in South Russia, which is part of Romania.

INTERVIEWER: South Russia. And what year was that?

MRS. SALUS: 1897.

MR. SALUS: 1897

INTERVIEWER: 1897. Was it near, or was it in a city?

MR. SALUS: Yeah, there was a city, full city, it was alongside of a larger city, with a (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: What's that?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: And what was the name of the small city that you...

MR. SALUS: Well, (unintelligible) very small town. Smaller than a city. (unintelligible) We lived in a small town (unintelligible) When you're in a family, a big, big family with not much income (unintelligible) goes to work before the age of nine (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: What business (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: Ride in to town, yes. My father was a Hebrew teacher.

INTERVIEWER: He was a Hebrew teacher?

MR. SALUS: Yeah. That's all he had (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: No, no, he had the (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: He had a regular (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: Regular sized people came to him. And different, uh, children (unintelligible), different group.

INTERVIEWER: Well, she makes a good point, though. Many times, the teacher used to go from house to house.

MR. SALUS: ...house to house. That was here. That was here.

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) In their home, they had different classes for different children.

INTERVIEWER: Did he do anything else?

MR. SALUS: No. Nothing else. That was (unintelligible). Someone gave him a quarter a week, and another one gave him half a dollar a week, and sometimes some didn't pay anything and (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: It must have been a poor family...

MR. SALUS: Yes, it is, a very poor family. (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: Other relatives in your family; what were they...?

MR. SALUS: Well, they were doing different, different kind of work. (unintelligible) different countries to (unintelligible) or driving people from one city to another. And they were the ones to (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: Well, what were they doing specifically?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) some of them went peddling from one country to another.

INTERVIEWER: Peddler?

MR. SALUS: From one city to another. Some of them had transportation, like, a little cart or horse and wagon, taking people from one place to another.

MRS. SALUS: You only had one brother...

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) We talk about the family, the entire thing, my oldest brother, he came here when he was eighteen. He went away (unintelligible) and he came to Philadelphia direct, and he was the one who brought us over.

INTERVIEWER: I see. What year did he come to this country?

MR. SALUS: Oh, I would say that he came here about seven years before me. In 1892. No, in 1890. (unintelligible) When we came in, we settled down with (unintelligible). They were a respectable person, they make a nice (unintelligible) and raise a family.

INTERVIEWER: Uh, what do you remember of life...?

MR. SALUS: Ah, the life, the life itself, I think, in the little country that I came from, is a good many cultural things that...

INTERVIEWER: How far was it from Odessa?

MR. SALUS: To get there from Odessa was, I would say, about fifty miles.

INTERVIEWER: Fifty?

MR. SALUS: Fifty.

INTERVIEWER: Fifty miles.

MR. SALUS: Yes. Then we had a smaller town which we used to call "Belt." (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: That's not Belt.

MR. SALUS: ...that was twenty-five miles away. It was very seldom out there that (unintelligible). The first time I was there was when I had to go find out what day I was born, and they couldn't find that out (laughter).

MRS. SALUS: At a certain holiday, or before a certain holiday, (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) I come to this country, I make my own date. In fact, I made my own date because I didn't really know. The holidays we don't remember here, and...

MRS. SALUS: Between the holidays, it sort of picking up.

MR. SALUS: I just have to get up (unintelligible) my mother would tell me, "You were born on this and this day." (unintelligible) that particular day came out the nineteenth. And I made it April the nineteenth.

INTERVIEWER: What else do you remember of the small town? Dirt streets, or...?

MR. SALUS: Oh, yes, we had very dirty streets. We didn't have any pavement at all (unintelligible) especially before the easter. There used to be a, how would you call it, a mushing (unintelligible). Mud, up to the knees.

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: We didn't have any floors in the house at all. (unintelligible) Just mud.

INTERVIEWER: How did most people make their living?

MR. SALUS: Different ways. I mean, some of them had stores, some of them had (unintelligible) stores, some of them had milk stores (unintelligible) groceries. You could tell almost everything by the (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Now, are you talking about Jews?

MR. SALUS: I'm talking about the town, the entire thing.

INTERVIEWER: The whole population.

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: Yes, yes. (unintelligible) But, they made their living different ways. They didn't just, uh...

INTERVIEWER: How many Jews were in the family?

MR. SALUS: I would say we had about, maybe, a hundred family. I wouldn't say any more. (unintelligible) And in Rome, (unintelligible) together we had two Synagogues and a Jewish Center. (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Any other family?

MR. SALUS: No other family. (unintelligible) Don't forget we lived in different times and (unintelligible) little villages around us and three miles, four miles (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: But did the small town serve mainly farming communities?

MR. SALUS: Farming. Farming.

INTERVIEWER: No big industries, then.

MR. SALUS: No, no. (Unintelligible) great garden. But most of our (unintelligible) made in summertime and pure vegetables (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: Why? Why (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: Well, they weren't allowed to have certain businesses.

INTERVIEWER: Were they allowed to own land in that area?

MR. SALUS: Just a house. And in some places (unintelligible) they could use the home land (unintelligible). We didn't go around from town to town because, first of all, we couldn't afford it...

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) they owned their own homes...

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) Not everybody, but the most of the people owned their own homes. In this country, the only time we had troubles was when the city government asked for taxes that we didn't have, and...

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: No, no, they didn't sell him. The government was so (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: No. (unintelligible) the city was all Semitic. The best part of the day (unintelligible) Friday late in the afternoon. And you can take (unintelligible). And they didn't pick any other thing (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Were you subject to any other persecution?

MR. SALUS: No, not (unintelligible). Some people were (unintelligible), they had that. (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: This is, this is a different time. They, uh, we had the, what do you call it, the...

INTERVIEWER: Well, you can go a little later than that. The Cossacks...

MR. SALUS: We used to have (unintelligible) to get rid of the Russian army. Used to be transport...

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

MR. SALUS: ...To different places. And their transportation was on horseback. When they, when (unintelligible), they tell everybody to stay outside. You know, watching. Well, when the Cossacks used to come out, (unintelligible) to the ground to hide themselves.

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: Do...do you remember this?

MR. SALUS: Oh, yeah.

INTERVIEWER: The Cossacks going through the town?

MR. SALUS: Oh, yeah, sure I do. They went right in front of our house.

INTERVIEWER: What did they do?

MR. SALUS: Well, they... You could hear them many times (unintelligible) you're a Jew. If you ask him if there's any Jews around the town. **[10:00]** (Unintelligible) say some of them were there. I wasn't even acknowledgment that (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: Oh, we have plenty of space (laughter).

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) When I was about the age of fifteen, sixteen, the first World War was the main object of the (unintelligible). People decided that I should better leave. I go up to my brother, and my brother's hand and say (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Mainly, you came to avoid the fighting.

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) nothing else had (unintelligible). It used to bother me. (unintelligible) They really didn't want me to go to service (unintelligible) because it's hard or anything. And protecting my (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: You came over what date now?

MR. SALUS: I came over here, I think it was January the fourth, 1912. (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: Mrs. Salus, let's hear something about you. You say you're from Latvia.

MRS. SALUS: Yes.

INTERVIEWER: What do you remember about Latvia?

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible) I wouldn't say we struggled.

INTERVIEWER: Your, your circumstances were a little better than your husband's.

MRS. SALUS: Yeah. I'm (unintelligible). I'm in a baker's job.

INTERVIEWER: A bakery.

MRS. SALUS: Uh huh, a bakery. The money went by and we had a big house. (unintelligible) We had a water canal or what do you call it...

INTERVIEWER: A stream.

MRS. SALUS: No, a canal that ran through and they were driving woods...

INTERVIEWER: Lumber.

MRS. SALUS: Lumber. (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: What town was this? Do you know?

MRS. SALUS: We were (unintelligible). It's between (unintelligible). But this was more like a (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) just like up here, you used to have houses and (unintelligible) right in the middle of the woods (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Way station.

MR. SALUS: and MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: It's more like a guest house. More like a guest house (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) ...used to call them the guest houses.

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible) used to stop in for food.

INTERVIEWER: (unintelligible) in those days (laughter).

MR. SALUS: We didn't have any (unintelligible) when I come here.

INTERVIEWER: But you said your family was more (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: No, we had a store first. We called it a general store.

INTERVIEWER: A general store.

MRS. SALUS: Everything. Groceries, and a little bit of clothing, whatever the farmers required. And the factories too with trade. And their products (unintelligible) and things like that the farmers used to bring. And (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: What was your education like in...

MR. SALUS: My education? My education wasn't very much (unintelligible). The only education I had really had was what I'd found here, but (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: He taught himself a little bit.

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) some education.

INTERVIEWER: Mainly your education was from your father.

MR. SALUS: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER: Right.

MR. SALUS: The education we had over there was taught to me from my father.

INTERVIEWER: (unintelligible) regular public school.

MR. SALUS: No, no public school.

INTERVIEWER: How about Russian? You spoke Russian.

MR. SALUS: No. In fact, I knew (unintelligible) Romanian (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: He knew but he forgot it.

EVERYONE: (laughter)

MR. SALUS: I knew some of it, but, I really didn't know it that well cause I wasn't (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Now, your passage here was financed by your brother who was already here?

MR. SALUS: By my brother, yeah.

INTERVIEWER: He was living where in the United States?

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible) sister at the time.

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: I had two sisters and a brother when I got here.

INTERVIEWER: Did you have any trouble getting to the United States from Russia?

MR. SALUS: Oh, yes, we had troubles. We had troubles.

INTERVIEWER: Did you have a passport?

MR. SALUS: No.

MRS. SALUS: No.

INTERVIEWER: Stow aboard?

EVERYONE: (laughter)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: (unintelligible) ...in the interest, I had the mice in my (unintelligible). That was the water...water...

MRS. SALUS: Water line.

MR. SALUS: And I had some distance (unintelligible) he said, he said to my father, "I'm gonna see that he should go over on the boat. Someone will take him on over, you know, and he'll be safe." And then my father asked him (unintelligible) at that particular point. When I got there, this relative arranged with the guards, with the guard, that this (unintelligible) boat is gonna be there, and not many people gonna be on it, and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Where was this, now?

MR. SALUS: That was in, uh, (unintelligible), not far from (unintelligible), near the German border.

INTERVIEWER: How did you get from Russia to Germany across the border there?

MR. SALUS: Now, from Russia to (unintelligible/tape break), I don't have to tell you, you have to cross over, see, water...

INTERVIEWER: Oh, I see...

MR. SALUS: A water border. A water, lake, between (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (unintelligible) on the bridge (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: See, we didn't have a bridge at that time, but you could go by (unintelligible) if you had a passport. But we didn't, I couldn't get a passport (unintelligible) cause we couldn't find (unintelligible). I wasn't even registered as alive.

**[Laughter]**

MR. SALUS: But anyway...

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible)

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible) someone to take you across this river.

MR. SALUS: Then we (unintelligible) the bay, but when we got in the river, the other (unintelligible), they changed guards. We had a half a day layover (unintelligible). But the change of guard went over, the one that left, he had forgot to tell this fella that this, this boat (unintelligible) cross or whatever, but he didn't say it and they began shooting at us.

INTERVIEWER: Oh my!

MR. SALUS: Then we have to get into that lake.

INTERVIEWER: You jumped into the lake?

MR. SALUS: Yeah. Jumped in the lake. And we all (unintelligible) until we got across. We got across and came out of (unintelligible) in December. We were cold (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

**[Laughter]**

MR. SALUS: And then we had to drive about (unintelligible) and they took the (unintelligible) and took our clothes off and sort it out and then we struggled across and (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible)

MR. SALUS: Then we come to (unintelligible) Germany to wait for the boat, and we had trouble there. Oh, yeah. We had (unintelligible), I had to wait, places around there, nobody didn't want to recognize me. (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: You said Graymen (phonetic)?

MR. SALUS: Graymen, yeah (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: You went from Graymen to the United States or did you go through England?

MR. SALUS: No. We went through (unintelligible) then took a boat that was sunk (unintelligible) going back it was (unintelligible) the Graymen, the (unintelligible), they call it. It was supposed to take us over.

INTERVIEWER: It sunk going back.

MR. SALUS: Sunk coming back, yeah.

INTERVIEWER: What kind of a boat was it?

MR. SALUS: Just a passenger boat. And you didn't go on the (unintelligible) all the way down the (unintelligible) didn't get the worst thing of it. But when we got across (unintelligible). It worked out all right.

INTERVIEWER: And did you land in Philadelphia?

MR. SALUS: Oh, no. We landed in Washington Avenue.

INTERVIEWER: And did you stay in Philadelphia or did you go to Wilmington?

MR. SALUS: Uh, no. I was in Philadelphia for four weeks. And my brother worked in Wilmington. He brought me over here (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: He taught him a trade.

MR. SALUS: He taught me the trade (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: What were the circumstances of your coming over? Did you come over with family?

MRS. SALUS: No. All by myself.

INTERVIEWER: You did?

MRS. SALUS: I didn't even know where I was going (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Sixteen years old, and you came by yourself.

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) when I was sixteen years old.

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible). You were a little girl.

MRS. SALUS: That's right. (Unintelligible) had a brother and sister...

INTERVIEWER: Why did you come over?

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) We were three children from my first mother (unintelligible) father remarried, had a family, and my brother didn't want to be there, he went over to the United States and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: And then he sent for my older sister, and (unintelligible) sent for me. My father didn't like that. He didn't want to see me go away. But it's also the same thing my brother had to come (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) military service. He was in there. So they find, found, find my (unintelligible), which for some reason, he didn't (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) age of sixteen (unintelligible). Don't forget, a boy of sixteen isn't (unintelligible). After waiting for everything [20:03] (unintelligible). Wherever pop said, we went. And when he told me, when he said we had to get to America, didn't even know what it's all about (unintelligible) (laughter). But he went here on his own. You grow up so fast.

INTERVIEWER: You have to (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: He grow up so fast he was only nineteen then.

INTERVIEWER: Where did you first live when you were in Wilmington?

MR. SALUS: I lived at Twelve and (unintelligible) on the corner.

INTERVIEWER: Twelve and (unintelligible). Did you live with your, your uncle out there?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) somebody else that he know. (Unintelligible), and we were there.

INTERVIEWER: And he taught you to be a paper hanger.

MR. SALUS: He taught me to be a paper hanger. I didn't like the (unintelligible). Everybody wanted the (unintelligible), and I didn't like it. I didn't like the (unintelligible) for this or that.

INTERVIEWER: Did you go on your own then?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) on my own and (unintelligible) on my own. The only one really who give me a good lesson was the lady from (unintelligible). That was a city in (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: Tell me exactly what to do, how to do it, and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible) how you get started (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) just the way I should get along, I should do this thing right, that thing right (unintelligible). I didn't have nobody else there.

INTERVIEWER: How did you know them?

MR. SALUS: Though the city. I made (unintelligible) down Thirty-Ninth and (unintelligible) Second Street (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: It was a regular community.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Second street between Market (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) between Orange? Between Orange and Tatnall.

INTERVIEWER: Between Orange and Tatnall.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) store, right next to Delaware Avenue (unintelligible), and then there's a butcher across the street, and there was a fire house, and then there was all the (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) in Wilmington?

INTERVIEWER: All my life. (Laughter).

MRS. SALUS: All right (unintelligible) family from (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) brother was (unintelligible) between Twenty-Fifth and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

MR. SALUS: (Tape skip?) (Unintelligible). And we had two bakers there...

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Jewish bakers.

MR. SALUS: Yes.

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) it was two bakers...three bakers in there... Three baker shop. And everything (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Well, did you see much change in the Jewish community over these years?

MR. SALUS: Oh, I did. Big change.

INTERVIEWER: What is the change?

MR. SALUS: The changes that, that...look different now than they used to. It's a different country entirely than (unintelligible) at least forty per cent of the newcomers of Jewish people. You were a newcomer and don't even know (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) work (unintelligible) people (unintelligible) and doctors (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) I remember tons of lazy afternoons (unintelligible) Wednesday. Wednesday.

INTERVIEWER: Why Wednesday?

MR. SALUS: Well, it was simply the day picked for a lazy afternoon stroll. I'd been (unintelligible) week from (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Laughter) (Unintelligible) the travels.

MR. SALUS: That's right. It was (unintelligible) beautiful setting. Of course, it's a beautiful setting now. It was (unintelligible) than we have now.

INTERVIEWER: Now, where was your first business?

MR. SALUS: Madison Street. 839 Madison Street, for thirty-one years.

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: Yes, back in (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Where did you first live?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Oh, I see.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) rent an apartment. (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Did you, um, were (unintelligible) the first couple you joined?

MR. SALUS: Uh, no. I was in the (unintelligible) for about a year. Then I transferred upward to (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Why did...

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: This was the oddest (unintelligible) what, seven?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) Sixth Street.

INTERVIEWER: Sixth Street.

MR. SALUS: Sixth and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: In fact he, he run the summer program (unintelligible) and just come in November.

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Have you enjoyed actors in the (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: Yeah, (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Where (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: Well, I was the House Chairman for eleven years. And I'm still active in (unintelligible). I'm active in the Jewish community (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: He's a good worker.

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: There could be a lot of activity when you were younger, but I (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: He was a good worker and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Laughter).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: We did the best thing, you know? (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: You what?

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Laughter). Was there any other groups that you were active in?

MR. SALUS: Well, that's the thing. At the time, there weren't many guilds (unintelligible) and I'll tell you why. I'm not a wild mixer. I don't like places that require a card that they (unintelligible) not quite twenty years old and if we worked together, we did the same thing, we don't (unintelligible). And if we go, we go the same place (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: How is it that you came to Wilmington?

MRS. SALUS: Well, my sister (unintelligible). I lived in New York for awhile. (Unintelligible) I had a brother there, and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: And you lived with your brother. Did you work in New York?

MRS. SALUS: For awhile, yes.

INTERVIEWER: What did you do?

MRS. SALUS: Clock factory (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: No, (unintelligible) she would take good care of me.

INTERVIEWER: In Wilmington.

MR. SALUS: She would, she would make sure I'd get a ride (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Laughter). When did you meet your husband?

MRS. SALUS: Uh...

INTERVIEWER: Did you have (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Did you know her sister?

MRS. SALUS: He was afraid to come to the house.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) everybody knew of one another and (unintelligible) from my brother who (unintelligible) to get together and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Did you work when you were in Wilmington?

MRS. SALUS: Yes, I did.

INTERVIEWER: What did you do?

MRS. SALUS: I worked in the... Do you remember the (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Oh, yes. (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible). And I also worked in a cigar factory (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: In Wilmington?

MR. SALUS: Ninth and Walnut.

INTERVIEWER: Ninth and Walnut. Remember the name?

MR. SALUS: No. I (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Did you (unintelligible) wrap cigars?

MRS. SALUS: I just (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Oh, I see. You wrapped the fillings together.

MRS. SALUS: Yeah.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) all kinds of (unintelligible)

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) so strong is used to (unintelligible) my hand every time I had to (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: And then you, then you met your (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) in 1916.

INTERVIEWER: How many children do you have?

MR. SALUS: Three sons.

MRS. SALUS: We have three sons.

INTERVIEWER: Three sons.

MRS. SALUS: And seven grandchildren. That's nine grandchildren (unintelligible) two married (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) in 1928. This is a family (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) my father came (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) out here to visit.

INTERVIEWER: From Russia?

MR. SALUS: Yeah. (Unintelligible) country, yeah.

MRS. SALUS: This is my sister and this is my brother.

INTERVIEWER: Is this your father?

MR. SALUS: Yes.

MRS. SALUS: That's mine.

INTERVIEWER: He came over from Russia.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: When did he come over?

MR. SALUS: 1928.

MRS. SALUS: 1928. He said he had a dream and was (unintelligible) reality for him (unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible) every child's married and (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible) Norman (unintelligible) married son and (unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Then he returned to Russia.

MR. SALUS: and MRS. SALUS: Oh yeah.

MRS. SALUS: He had a family of five children there.

INTERVIEWER: What happened to that family?

MRS. SALUS: What happened to their family?

MR. SALUS: Nobody knows. Beautiful family.

MRS. SALUS: Everything is gone.

MR. SALUS: We don't even know where they are or (unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: This is my brother-in-law, and this is my sister. I don't know why they separated. Only after (unintelligible). This is my family. (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

INTERVIEWER: Yes. I've heard of it.

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MRS. SALUS: (Unintelligible).

MR. SALUS: Now, this picture was taken in 1928.

MRS. SALUS: And this one here has three children.

INTERVIEWER: Well, I want to thank you very much and...

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