

I came to this country as thousand and thousand others. when i left my home and country I was sad. I did not want leave my mother (....) I was the only daughter. I had feeling I should stay home though my mother was really at the time and up to that time she didn't want me to go (....) my genuous father (...) was (...) me over saying i should do more for mother in America than at home finally decided to leave she send sent me 2000 for trip

On the way to Harve harbor their I met lot more young people the most young man. Coming to Harve some of us had to wait 6 days before our ship arrived some of them went 3 day earlier or fritz ship poor condition are ship was passenger we came the same time to New York Ellis Island. There they dump us all on fritz ship perked up we waited another 8 days. How very much I was scared when two day scion was very rough how worried i was what if we'd drown then my mother would have to pay back 200 dollars it will ruin her living or modesty income she was dressmaker and midwife my father died when I was 9 years old brother seven my father was in America (..) first time he was working like horse and saved every pony he could with merely pay he got second time he was for some months in hospital his sisters helped him when he came home he had to (text off of page) to pay his sister that was the reason I was so afraid if I drown my father aspect of America this way doing it better in America but poor emigrant is modern slave working too hard on the jobs Americans would not take or do. Women the same he observed how they worked having up to laaities getting up at 4 am and 9 more got up before 8 am. That all I saw before my eyes all my trip.

Finally we came to Cleveland where my relative lived oh how unwillingly i loaded the streetcar that took to destination then what. 1 year 21 was poor year I often wondered why did American government load us here our life was very miserable. Some of them were even worse off some were complaining they don't get enough to eat, that was not my case yet living like on charity try people who lived modestly was more than i could take, end started to get impotion would say such I don't try hard enough to get the job, but how could I get employment not knowing language I thought dictionary first work and alone evening school but it takes time to learn yet I tried hard to get school then after i did get job here or there 25 an hour on hotel housework 1 dollar a day it took me 2 years to pay what i owed.

Like so many girls hardly waiting to get married I was more interested in other things I was ambitious but very shy no courage to stand [up for] something did not have anybody to encourage me to push me ahead so I never got anywhere beside was very [self conscious]? With broken English.

Was here almost 5 years before I decided to marry. Married man who came to this country 3 years later he was good worker but no nerve to afford something we were both the same. The next year we purchased a small house lived in 8 years depression came 1930 1934 went out of the house lost it another emigrant backlash my husband was working few hours a week our daughter was born had little bit saved so we could pay rent and eat