



Billiris, George

George Billiris
INTERVIEW History Interview
May 28, 2009

80 George (singing, 00:00:00) and I for the first time George Billiris describes how and how they spent it. (Can you give us some idea of how you took part?)

120 George Billiris, 00:00:07 I was born in Tarpon Springs. I was the first generation born here from the Greek immigrants that came from the sponge industry. My father was a sponge trader, he had a community and he was in the water sponge industry, he was made and he was the first generation in 1920. So he was the first generation sponge.

160 George (singing, 00:00:10) water

180 Oh, Billiris's name was (singing) I Billiris. My mother's name was (singing) Billiris (singing).

200 What was the song?

220 Oh, that's a good question. My father said it. It was the song that he did with. But you could hear it. It was the song that he did.

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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

In this interview, George Billiris describes his family and his parent's immigration to Florida. He speaks about the sponge diving industry in Tarpon Springs, Florida, as well as the film making industry.

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