

Interview of Chrysoula Bilionis by Christine Wright, 11/30/02

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Ok, this is July 30th, and this is Christine Wright interviewing Priscilla Bilionis at Mr. Gure's. And my first question for you is, what is your Greek name?

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Chrysoula Bilionis.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Ok. What was life like in Greece? What would you like to tell us about what you remember of Greece and how it was different?

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Um... Growing up as a young child, um, I think it was very good. Of course, we didn't have everything that young kids have today.

(CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Uh-huh.) But still I remember being happy, content, safe.

(CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Uh-huh.)

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Ah, why did you come to America? But you didn't come to the United States. You came to Canada.

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Yes, I came to Canada on a student visa. (CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Ok.) And when to school there. Finished high school and then, got married and moved to America.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Ah ha. So you married somebody who was from Greece? George was from Greece but he was living in the United States. And he brought you back here.

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Right.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Ok. Um, did you come to Canada by ship, or...

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Airplane.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: Airplane. Ok. (Overlaid, laughing.) Ok. And you flew into Toronto directly? (CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Yes.) Did you remember what the plane was on that?

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Ah, June something. And I believe 26, 1976.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT: 1976. And did you, were you sponsored by somebody? Where did you get passage money from?

CHRYSOULAX BILIONIS: Um, I was on a student visa, I wasn't sponsored by anybody at all.

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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

- Last Names: Bilionis - Village/City: Crahidisahori (spelling?) - Sites/Neighborhoods (in Greece): Olympia - Region/Areas: - Transportation: Airplane - Occupations (in Greece): farming - Occupations (in US): grocery store; Co-owner, Assistant Manager, restaurant; - Sites/Neighborhoods (in US): - Historic Events: - Church/Parish: St. George in Greece; Annunciation Church in Benton Harbor; St. Andrews in South Bend - Locations (point of entry): Toronto, Canada - Locations (the "spread"): Berrien County, Michigan; Benton Harbor; St. Joe - Residences ("current"): - Year/Decade of migration: 1946 - Organizations/Affiliations: The Hubbard School

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