

June (Zana) Argyle - L.C. E/4

Interview Outline  
For  
Anita Pardini

\*\*\*\* Write any notes you need on the outline.

I. Introduction-- Name, Birth, Location, Brothers, Sisters

II. What do you know about your mother's (Filamena) family history?

A. Discuss Filamena's connection with Mattie, Italy.

1. Focus on Rosa and Ceaser.-- 4 children

2. Describe Rosa and <sup>Josephine</sup>~~Cesar~~ home-construction, layout, water sewer etc., one window, barn as a heat source

3. Focus on education and occupational skills-- why <sup>Joe/home</sup>~~Cesar~~ works in France.

4. Focus on the family struggle with poverty.

B. Describe the city of Mattie.

- ✓ 1. What did you see in your 1973 visit?
  - a. Farming methods--- strip, renting cow, sell goat milk, cheese making.
  - ✓ b. Industry and trade-- tile factory
  - ✓ c. Transportation and streets-- narrow
  - d. Homes and business activity-- Stone/brick with 2nd story walkways.
  - e. Geography and climate.

2. When you returned to Mattie in 1993, describe how Mattie has changed or not changed.

3. What events changed Mattie -- Wars

II. What do you know about your father's family history (Morris Lawrence Tonda)? Born 1878, had 3 brothers

A. Discuss the Tonda connection to Mattie, Italy.

1. Focus on education and occupational skills.

2. Focus on his home and family. Who is Anna?

3. Focus on how he met Filamena and marriage.

B. Discuss Morris's immigration to America.

✓ 1. Focus on reason to leave Mattie- brother in Renton.

✓ 2. Focus on the trip over and arrival at Ellis Island. c. 1912. Also on his return c. 1914 to marry Filamena.

✓ a. Who is Danubio? - Morris and Danubio were brick masons.

✓ b. What did Filamena say about the trip?

✓ 3. Focus on why some Italians return to old country . (Steve's sister Marion moves back)

C. Discuss Morris's occupational development in America.

✓ 1. Working at the Waldorf Astoria.

✓ 2. Working in Pennsylvania.

- ✓ 3. Filamena and Morris arrive in Cle Elum c. 1914  
--Morris works for the Milwaukee R.R.

III. Describe Morris's coal mining activities.

- A. Discuss his Independent Mine work
- B. Discuss his No. 5 pension mine work.
- C. Discuss his work at No. 7 mine.
- D. Discuss working conditions.
1. Paying fees to get a job
  2. Morris has mine accident,

- ✓ 3. Western Miner's strike c. 1934- what happens if you lose your job? (Murphy/Nichols/Hunter/Weber)

IV. Describe life in an Italian family in the Cle Elum-Roslyn area.

- A. Discuss family life at Casland 1918-1923. (Cle Elum Fire)
1. Where you live; what Morris did for living.

- ✓ 2. Why move to Cle Elum in 1928?

B. Discuss family life in Cle Elum.

- ✓ 1. Describe your home on the east end of Cle Elum. ( selling cheese/cut hay)

a. Focus on Czech families--Plesko/  
Chicklisnski/Walulus/Dedo/Bresko/  
Lawrence/Fudaz/Audo

b. Who is Pete Laska? - peddles bills; track  
inspector. Casper tracks

2. Describe why your parents move near the Miller saw mill. 1931

3. Italian traditions at home- Italian vs English, recipes (Teanaway cheese, wine, mushrooming) music, dance, songs

4. What events were important to Italian families?

✓ a. Focus -- cards/visitors/ keeping in touch with old country.

✓ b. Focus on Bocce ball events ( where you play/ top players-Prizo/Gasperil/Sandretto /food and drink *mettie Courti?*)

✓ c. Focus on Christmas- Anita's doll and tin dishes.

✓ d. Focus on New Years and 1st footing

✓ e. Focus on Easter

*start Feb 20  
at 10:00*

f. Focus on 4th July/Labor Day/May day

*Sicle*

g. Focus on Italian weddings- Anita married in 1940.

h. Focus on burial customs and lodge activities

5. Discuss educational values in the family.

a. Focus on your school years at Hazelwood  
*12 Italian kids*

b. Focus on your school years at Cle Elum.

c. Morris and Filamena obtain citizenship.



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6. Discuss how the Great Depression affected Italian families.

a. Focus on the money shortage and frugality (no money for school play/ Anita has 2 sets of clothing/Filamena picks coal along tracks)

7. Discuss what Italian children did to amuse themselves? (games/skiing/movies/bands-Diro/Bertello/Zacaroni/Akerlund/bikes)

8. Discuss how the prohibition era affected Italian families. (Ignazzi Genati/

a. Ronald still in 1928

b. The Italian Corner

c. Tony <sup>Bollone</sup>~~Ballony~~ and Mikes Tavern

d. Torino Saloon where Astor Motel is.

9. Discuss Italian business activity in the upper valley.

a. Trucano Grocery - See Mary Annand; at Elmwood,

b. Cle Elum Bakery -

c. Chado and Dalle dairy

d. Cassasa- Golf Course

e. Louis & Steve Pardini's shoe shop and 1918 fire (Henry Richards); Pardini and Sandona Dept Store (Golden Rule-Pennys and Hartz); Electra Motel and Ernie Miller trade (1960s)

f. Cavellini Restaurant (C.J. Bryer store)

g. Fassero and Musso Grocery

h. Rooming houses- Anita learns to iron from Mrs Crespi.

i. Other---

10. Discuss non-Italian business operations in the upper valley.

a. Service Stations-- Simpsons; Norris; Teanaway.

b. Car dealers-- Cox Motors and Louis Livero (1st car 1927 Ford. Filamena's 1st driving lesson)

c. Grocery stores -- Hazelwood and the Schobers; Safeway; Fairway

d. Motels and Cabins-- Mizpah (Anita works here in c. 1935) River Side Cabins

e. Other-- Balmer Green House; Cottage Cafe; Post Office behind Golden Rule then to Trib bldg; 1st airplane in Stiner's field c. 1920.

V. Who is Steve Pardini and what do you know about his family ancestry?

A. Discuss Italian connections- Tuscany, Italy

B. Discuss immigration and locating in Cle Elum.

1. Louis works for NP RR --Nelson Siding; shoe business and 1918 fire.)

C. Discuss Steve Pardini (Born 1917 on RR Str.)

1. Schooling - Hazelwood; CHS track & football.
2. Occupations-- Working in No. 9 mine; Miller Saw Mill; Shoe shop
3. Old Country customs--
  - a. Lodges/mushrooming/wine making
4. Marriage and family --1940

VI. Closing-- What advice would you give a young person to cope with the future? What should a person new to the area know about our local heritage?



Anita Pardini, the 2013 Pioneer Days Queen, surrounded by family, poses for a photo. (Mary Swift / for the Daily Record)

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