**Elisa:** Good afternoon. This is Elisa Martins for the National Park Service. Today is the 17th of September 1994 and I'm in the home of Mr. Seymour Abrams who came from Russia in 1923 when he was 9 years old.

Mr. Abrams, can you start by giving me your full name and your date of birth?

**Seymour:** My name is Seymour Abrams and I am 80 years of age and my name has been changed coming to America. My original name was Seymourmour Zibritosky and when I came to this country I was adopted by an aunt and uncle and we changed our names, I took their name on.

**Elisa:** When were you born?

**Seymour:** I was born February 12th, 1914.

**Elisa:** Do you remember the town that you came from? Do you remember what it looked like?

**Seymour:** Somewhat, it maybe a little hazy but it was really a village. It’s a city now but it was a village at that time and most of the things I remember was actually the backyard.

**Elisa:** Tell me about the backyard.

**Seymour:** Because me being the youngest boy and very active, they always shot me in the backyard to play, wanting to get me out of the house. So the things I remember in that area was they had a lot of community work. They'd bake bread and when they bake bread it was for the community and there a lot of the certain amount of bread for each family based on how many people in the family.

I remember about the house, that we had the dark furniture in the living room that had little holes in it and I thought it was a decoration but it most likely was termites or something that ate the wood up.

**Elisa:** Do you remember what your house was made out of -the outside?

**Seymour:** It was made out.....