**Elisa**: Good morning? This is Elisa Mattson for the National Park Service. Today is the 15th of September, 1994 and I am in the home of Mrs. Wilhelmina and Grey Rogers. Rogers came from the Netherlands in 1923 when she was 15years old.

Rogers, can you give me your full name and your date of birth to start?

**Rogers**: My full name, Wilhelmina Catherina Vandergwore. You wanted to spell it?

**Elisa**: If you could spell Vandergwore?

**Rogers**: Vandergwore, V-A-N-D-E-R-G-W-O-R-E

**Elisa**: Okay and when were you born?

**Rogers**: At Koewacht in zee land.

**Elisa**: But what was the date?

**Rogers**: 1908

**Elisa**: 1908. Can you tell me what your town looked like?

**Rogers**: It wasn’t much of a town, it was more of- they called them [unclear 00:01:14] there was just no town at that time. It was close to the dykes. That’s where I was born that’s where I lived.

**Elisa**: Do you remember what your house looked like?

**Rogers**: Where I was born? I don’t remember ever knowing anything about that, the only thing I remember, there were a lot of thatched roofs. That’s the only thing I - coz it was that small a town.

**Elisa**: Can you spell the name of your town for me, just spell it so that-

**Rogers**: The name of the town?

**Elisa:** Yes.

**Rogers:** K-O-E-W-A- give me a pen its Koewacht- just the way it sounds.

**Elisa**: Lets go on, we'll go back to that. Tell me what was your father’s name?

**Rogers:** Let me see, Jacobas.

**Elisa:** Can you spell that?

**Rogers:** Jacobas isn’t- I don’t know, I have to write It-

**Elisa:** Is that a name like Jacob?

**Rogers:** Most of the names are Spanish names.

**Elisa:** Oh, okay.

**Mr. Rogers**: Jacobas.

**Elisa**: J-A-C-O-B-A-S.

**Rogers**: Yeah.

**Elisa**: Okay, what did he look like; can you tell me for the tape what he looked like?

**Rogers:** What he looked like?

**Elisa:** Yes.

**Rogers:** He was tall and dark; he was handsome, brown eyes. And he shaved his hair, because he worked in a coal mine, but I wrote to him and I told him If you come to America you better have some hair because they think you from a jail, you’re a convict.

**Elisa:** Could you tell me what his personality was like?

**Rogers:** My father?

**Elisa**: Yes.

**Rogers**: uhmm

**Elisa:** Or can you remember a story being a small child-

**Rogers:** No, no, he was kind, he was kind.

**Elisa**: Any stories when you were growing up that you can remember about your father?

**Rogers**: I beg your pardon?

**Elisa**: A story with you and your father In It, that you can remember growing up?

**Rogers**: No.

**Elisa**: Okay, tell me what your mother’s name was?

**Rogers**: My mother?

**Elisa**: Yes

**Rogers**: She was- I don’t remember, the only thing I remember she had a baby every year.

**Elisa**: What was her name?

**Rogers**: Maria, Mary Luis.

**Elisa**: Okay, do you remember doing the chores in your house? Did your mother do the chaos, the cooking?

**Rogers**: Oh, I never did, my mother done all the cooking.

**Elisa**: How about your brothers and sisters, can you tell me their names and a little about them?

**Rogers**: [laughter] you want names for all them?

**Elisa**: Yeah, or what you can remember.

**Rogers**: 10 of them.

**Elisa**: Okay, tell me.

**Rogers**: Okay, I will start with myself, and I was Wilhelmina, Augusta, no, Peter, Augusta, Madeleine, Mary, Frank, Antony, Jake, Albert and Henry, 10 of them.

**Elisa**: Terrific! That’s a large family, very large family. Do you remember having a garden?

**Rogers**: Having what?

**Elisa**: A garden, do you remember a garden growing up? Did you have a garden, a vegetable garden?

**Rogers**: Yes, we had to have a vegetable garden with that many people-

**Elisa**: What did it look like?

**Rogers**: It wasn’t by our house, at that time, ground was real scarce in Holland, and when they found a little plot some place, somebody had a big garden there, but it wasn’t near the house.

**Elisa**: Do you remember what you would grow in the garden?

**Rogers**: Oh. Beans and potatoes. Just vegetables in general.

**Elisa**: How about a flower garden, did you have flowers?

**Rogers**: No. we tried but-

**Elisa**: Do you remember what type of furniture was in your house? Do you remember the Inside what It looked like?

**Rogers**: We had a lot of beds. [Laughter] we had a four bedroom house. In fact, after all this time, the house is still there like it was built yesterday. It was a colony. The house was brick and the roof was tile.

**Elisa**: Who did the cooking in your house?

**Rogers**: Huh?

**Elisa**: Who did the cooking?

**Rogers**: My mother.

**Elisa**: Do you remember some of the things she used to make for dinner? Can you tell me what a dinner would be like? What would she make?

**Rogers**: No, I think our main meals were meat and potatoes and things like that. There was no baking done.

**Elisa**: No breads or baking? What was your favorite thing that she would make?

**Rogers**: The favorite?

**Elisa**: Yeah,

**Rogers**: That she made?

**Elisa**: Mmmmh

**Rogers**: I don’t think I had any favorite.

**Elisa**: You didn’t have any. Do you remember you grandparents?

**Rogers**: Yes I do.

**Elisa**: What were their names?

**Rogers**: My mother's folks, I don’t know the first name It was Dewvoss. I have t, I have the whole thing some place here but I don’t know where It-

**Elisa**: Do you know how to spell the last name?

**Rogers**: Dewvoss and [Inaudible 00:07:07] my mother’s side. My father was- I don’t even know their first name it’s just Vandergwore.

**Elisa**: How about the last name on your mother side, do you remember how to spell that name?

**Rogers**: Dewvoss? D-E-W-V-O-S-S.

**Elisa**: Great, thank you. Can you describe a holiday for me, what was Christmas like in your house?

**Rogers**: Christmas? We have Christmas yes, we don’t have Santa clause, but we do have Christmas.

**Elisa**: Did you have a tree in your house?

**Rogers**: No, we never did have a tree. I don’t know why, the neighbors had trees. See, it was the Germans that really celebrated Christmas and they had Christmas trees.

We got Christmas presents for Santa clause and that was in December I think the 6th, but Christmas didn’t mean anything except going to church.

**Elisa**: Can you tell me about going to church Christmas time do you remember?

**Rogers**: No, we went to a Catholic school, we were Catholics and they had Christmas but nothing like here, it wasn’t anything like it’s like here.

**Elisa**: Do you remember special music or food? Did you have special food in your house during Christmas time?

**Rogers**: At Christmas time?

**Elisa**: Mmmmh

**Rogers**: Yes they do, they have something they call- no that’s on New Year’s.

**Elisa**: Well, tell me about New Year’s then.

**Rogers**: Only they call it Oliebollen.

**Elisa**: What’s that?

**Rogers**: It’s a [unclear 00:08:54] in oil, and that’s-

**Elisa**: Made with potatoes, made with?-

**Rogers**: It was almost like a doughnut. It was boiled in oil and with sugar round it.

**Elisa**: They would have it New Years?

**Rogers**: They would what?

**Elisa**: They would have that at New York, New Year’s?

**Rogers**: Yes, but we did Santa Claus, we did put our wooden shoes out, put straw in it and carrots for his horse and wake up to toys and fruit. We got an orange and some candy in our wooden shoes.

**Elisa**: And you put those outside?

**Rogers**: Beg your pardon?

**Elisa**: You would put them outside at the door?

**Rogers**: No, you put them inside, no not outside.

**Elisa**: Can you describe for me going to school when you were in Holland?

**Rogers**: We went to a private school. It was a convent.

**Elisa**: Do you remember your teachers? Do you remember the nuns? Can you tell me any stories about going to school?

**Rogers**: No, I remember some things but- no. It was a, they call It the [unclear 00:10:18] where they have rich girls. They lived there. And every once in a while they’d pick on a favorite one to come and play with the girls and I was one of them.

**Elisa**: They picked you out to go and play with the girls who lived there?

**Rogers**: That lived there. Yes, aha. Because they were lonesome and they like to have some- they had quite a playground.

**Elisa**: And you would play in the playground, do you remember any games you played as a child?

**Rogers**: No.

**Elisa**: Any of the games?

**Rogers**: We just- you mean did we stay there?

**Elisa**: When you went to play with these children, what games did you play?

**Rogers**: We didn’t play any games because they had a large merry-go-round and they had swings and we really didn’t play any games.

**Elisa**: You would play in the merry go round then?

**Rogers**: Yes, [laughter] see, I must have been about 12 or 13 at that time, because I was 15 when I came but I was still a child.

**Elisa**: Tell me about coming to America, can you tell me who decided that you would go to America and why you decided to come to America?

**Rogers**: Because my- I had aunts and uncles in South Dakota and they wanted my father to come. I think he was their only brother to come to America because he was working in the coal mines in Holland. And they sent for us but they couldn’t get a visa, but they could get one for three of us because, we had to go to school here. So, the three of us came to this country.

**Elisa**: Now who were the three, It was you and?

**Rogers**: Me, and Peter and Augustine and we came by ourselves.

**Elisa**: Do you remember the name of the ship?

**Rogers**: Belgium land. I think it’s written down there, Belgium land.

**Elisa**: Do you remember what it looked like the boat? Do you remember seeing it what it looked like?

**Rogers**: Yes, I remember. I had a picture of it, but I think I gave a lot of those this little guy.

**Elisa**: What did it look like, could you describe it for then tape?

**Rogers**: You mean the boat?

**Elisa**: Yes?

**Rogers**: The boat was so enormous that you can’t believe. It’s like it was almost as big as the Queen Mary. It was that big. And we were just kids.

**Elisa**: Were you scared?

**Rogers**: Scared to death, because my sister was 13, no, yes. My brother was 14 and I was15 I was the big sister and yes I was scared and how my mother ever let us come I never know.

**Elisa**: Do you remember where you left? Which port you left from?

**Rogers**: Antwerp.

**Elisa**: And how did you get there from where you were living?

**Rogers**: Oh, I have got a map here. I imagine it is about 500-

**Elisa**: Did you take a train?

**Mrs.** Roger: Oh, [unclear00:13:27] train

**Elisa**: Train?

**Rogers**: Yes, aha.

**Elisa**: Who brought you to the train station?

**Rogers**: It was quite a race from the train station, but I don’t remember how we got with our luggage and everything and when we came, my father had a sore back, and he walked way stooped over and he took as to the boat.

**Elisa**: Do you remember seeing him off.

**Rogers**: I don’t know how we ever got there.

**Elisa**: Do you remember what you took with you? Do you remember packing to come?

**Rogers**: To what?

**Elisa**: Packing your luggage, do you remember what you took with you?

**Rogers**: No.

**Elisa**: Do you remember what you were wearing the clothes you were wearing?

**Rogers**: I didn’t wear wooden shoes, I left them home, but I wore- it was a dress something like this. A plain dress. I had long hair. I had braids that were short ones.

**Elisa**: What can you tell me about the voyage, being on the ship, once you left the port and you were on the ship, what was that like?

**Rogers**: It wasn’t a very- we came steerage I think you noticed that.

**Elisa**: Mmmmh

**Rogers**: We came with an uncle and he was a doctor. While he left us there, we met him when we came on the boat but we never saw him again because he was in second class and we were in steerage. It was crowded.

**Elisa**: Do you remember where you slept on the boat?

**Rogers**: Yes. We had a cabin. But we shared with another couple

**Elisa**: Where were they from?

**Rogers**: I don’t know. There were some people were from all countries. There were from all over- I don’t remember where they were from but it was exciting because they had a lot of activities like, you wouldn’t believe the way- they'd had a good time aboard ship.

**Elisa**: What would they do at a party? Can you describe one?

**Rogers**: Oh they played accordions and they played music and they just danced. They had a good time but we just sat there because we were kids and we had nobody.

**Elisa**: Did you speak English at all?

**Rogers**: Beg your pardon?

**Elisa**: Did you speak any English?

**Rogers**: No, no, no. We didn’t but when I came to this country It didn’t take me very long because I think I was reading before I was here a month, I was reading on the book of knowledge, anything I could get a hold of because before I came to this country I loved to read.

And they told me when I got here, you can’t read, you can’t read the books. So I didn’t want that to happen. I wanted to read.

**Elisa**: So you learned very quickly?

**Rogers**: Yes, I learned.

**Elisa**: How long were you on this boat? Do you remember?

**Rogers**: I think it must have been about 10days.

**Elisa**: And do you remember eating? Do you remember going to meals?

**Rogers**: Yes.

**Elisa**: What did you have?

**Rogers**: It was served- what would you say- big tables, a lot of people ate there.

**Elisa**: What would they serve you for dinner? Let’s say, or what would you have for lunch? Do you remember any meals?-

**Rogers:**  No. I don’t anything, the only thing I know that they served peaches, and my brother’s name is Pete and we called him Peachen. Well, we thought that was funny, because he said peaches.

But you didn’t dare take anything with you. A slice of bread, a cookie or anything when you were eating. They took it away from you. You couldn’t take it but there was plenty food.

**Elisa**: Do you remember if the boat was- If the sea was rough or smooth sailing?

**Rogers**: I didn’t get that one.

**Elisa**: Was there any storms? Were you sea sick? When you were on the boat were you sea sick?

**Rogers**: I wasn’t but my sister was really sea sick. She was sick.

**Elisa**: Do you remember going out on deck and looking?

**Rogers**: Oh yes, I remember sitting on the deck when the waves was so high. They swept over the bench and we had no business sitting out here but we were- It got rough and you had to walk up instead of straight. It all seemed so far away.

**Elisa**: Do you remember seeing land for the first time?

**Rogers**: Yes. That’s the first thing we saw was Ellis Island.

**Elisa**: Do you remember seeing the Statue of Liberty?

**Rogers**: What?

**Elisa**: The Statue of Liberty?

**Rogers**: [laughter] okay.

**Elisa**: I think there is a story to tell here.

**Rogers**: Well, I was 15 years old, and I never paid much attention to boys because- I never not one never paid any attention.

But there was a young sailor there and he brought me a half of water melon. I had never seen a water melon. I thought it was some kind of fish so my sister and I threw it over board.

**Elisa**: [laughter] oh, what a great story.

**Rogers**: We wouldn’t eat it.

**Elisa**: Because you just didn’t know what it was.

**Rogers**: Didn’t know what it was. I think that was the first time I tasted America Ice-cream too.

**Elisa**: And what did you think of that?

**Rogers**: Which was real good? He brought it to me. But I was-like I said- I was still a little girl.

**Elisa**: Do you remember the Statue, Statue of Liberty?

**Rogers**: Yes, I do but then we didn’t pay much attention to It. we knew It was there and that was it.

**Elisa**: And what did you think when you arrived at Ellis Island, where there doctors that came on the boat to see you? Did you get right off the boat? How long did you have to stay?

**Rogers**: I don’t remember so much about It, I do remember we got off the boat, and got on Ellis Island and I remember landing there. You see, nobody paid any attention to us. We had money, but it was Dutch and French money.

So when we landed, here we were with our luggage, nobody to take our luggage. We didn’t have any money to pay to have it taken away. So someone felt sorry for us and had it put on a ferry. I think it was a ferry to Ellis Island, and then once we got [unclear 00:20: 29] we got in trouble because aboard ship we were supposed to have shots which we didn’t get.

So when we get at [unclear 00:20:41] we were supposed to show it. but when we got to Ellis Island, we didn’t have the card stamped. So they kept as there.

**Elisa**: How long did you stay?

**Rogers**: Seven days. While somebody was waiting in New York to take as back to South Dakota and Ellis Island was another thing a lot like on a boat. There was so many people there from foreign countries and they all had a good time. They all celebrated and danced.

But I remember there was great big windows and they were high up, you couldn’t look out. I used to stand on my brothers back. He stood on my back, so we could look out of the windows to see America.

**Elisa**: Did the doctors on Ellis Island- do you remember seeing doctors when you were on Ellis Island?

**Rogers**: Yes, we had to have the shots.

**Elisa**: So you remember that, were the doctors nice to you-

**Rogers**: No, I don’t remember, we had to stay there. It was about six or seven days. I know it was a week or saw that we could-

**Elisa**: What did you do during the day when you were staying In Ellis Island?

**Rogers**: Just there. Nothing to do.

**Elisa**: Where did you sleep?

**Rogers**: Well they had- this sounds funny maybe I was dreaming I don’t know- there rooms, I saw pictures of it already. It was a great big dormitory but there weren’t beds like these, they were stacked. But they were wired, like cages almost there was a big room full of those beds and that’s where we stayed.

**Elisa**: Do you remember playing on Elis Island going outside? Did you stay inside most of the time?

**Rogers**: No, we never were let out of the room, we never come outside. It was almost like being in jail, I guess but we didn’t know any better.

**Elisa**: Do you remember meeting any people at Ellis Island?

**Rogers**: No

**Elisa**: How about eating at Ellis Island? Do you remember going and having food there, lunch or dinner?

**Rogers**: No, you mean on Ellis Island?

**Elisa**: Yes.

**Rogers**: You know we were shy we didn’t even dare talk to anybody. I think that was it and scared too.

**Elisa**: What can you tell me about when you were allowed to leave Ellis Island?

**Rogers**: When I what?

**Elisa**: When you were allowed to leave Ellis Island, tell me about that. They came in and told you-

**Rogers**: Honey I didn’t get that.

**Elisa**: Tell me about leaving Elis Island, leaving Ellis Island?

**Rogers**: Yeah,

**Elisa**: Who came to pick you up?

**Rogers**: My uncle, he didn’t come pick us up at Ellis Island, we took the ferry again to New York, and he picked as up there and we stayed in a hotel for a couple of days I think. The name of the hotel was [unclear 00:24:02] and he took as to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**Elisa**: Do you remember- what did you think of New York?

**Rogers**: It was just too big to imagine coming from a little tiny country. It was really something.

**Elisa**: How did you get to Sioux Falls?

**Rogers**: By train, by train and we had a booth on the train. But guessing I slept together and you could imagine two of them sleeping in the same tiny booth and fighting because we were just kids.

And we had meals, beautiful meals, and I remember eating corn on the comb which I never had before and it had two little things on the side, didn’t know how to eat them [laughter].

**Elisa**: What else did you have to eat on the train? Do you remember?

**Rogers**: No, I don’t.

**Elisa**: Just the corn on the comb. And who was in Sioux Falls when you got there?

**Rogers**: My father's two sisters lived in Sioux Falls.

**Elisa**: Now what were their names?

**Rogers**: Shelmit and Billion, Mary shelmit and- they took as in but we didn’t stay with them. My brother stayed with them. My sister and I had to go to school but we went to school in the afternoon.

I went to live with the doctor and my sister went to work with this uncle that come to get us. She went to stay with him while I stayed with this doctor for five years.

His wife died right after I got there and I kept house for him and I was 16years old and for five years took care of his little boy.

**Elisa**: What was his name?

**Rogers**: Donahue, Dr. Harry Donahue.

**Elisa**: So you were his house keeper? Baby sister?

**Rogers**: Yes, huh, yes, a large big house but I was the house keeper.

**Elisa**: Did you do the cooking there?

**Rogers**: Oh yes, I done everything. I took care of the little boy.

**Elisa**: What can you tell me about school in America?

**Rogers**: Well, went to America season school It was some kind of a college, I can’t think of the name of the college now, but It was for people to learn the language and we went there for quite a while.

Schools in America were a pleasure because they all had swings and slides. We thought that was wonderful, but we didn’t get to go there, we went to this school.

**Elisa**: And did you stay at that school or did you eventually go to another American school?

**Rogers**: No, no, no, I stayed there until I got married and then come to California.

**Elisa**: And what can you tell me about the town that you lived in when you came to America? What was that like?

**Rogers**: What?

**Elisa**: The town.

**Rogers**: The town? Sioux Falls? Well, we thought it was a big town at that time compared to what we- but now it’s enormous. Isn’t it honey?

**Mr**. **Rogers**: Pretty big, about 200,000-

**Rogers**: It was a beautiful town. It was a city.

**Elisa**: A big house, the house where you lived in it was a big house?

**Rogers**: The house?

**Elisa**: The doctor's house?

**Rogers**: Where I lived?

**Elisa**: Yes.

**Rogers**: Yes, It was a big- oh, was a two story house.

**Elisa**: What was it made of? Could you tell me what it looked like?

**Rogers**: What it looked like?

**Elisa**: Mmmh.

**Rogers**: The house the inside? The only thing I know it had about one, two, three four, four bedrooms, only one bath. It was an old house at that time, but was a beautiful house because the people I worked for were rich.

**Elisa**: And your sister, where was she staying? Your sister?

**Rogers**: What?

**Elisa**: Where was your sister staying?

**Rogers**: She was staying with Dr. Billion. That was, it was relatives, and she was staying there.

**Elisa**: And your uncle who picked you up, what was his name?

**Rogers**: Dr. Billion.

**Elisa**: That was your uncle who came to get you?

**Rogers**: He was a- what was he? What did you say?

**Elisa**: Was he who came to get you on Ellis Island?

**Rogers**: Dr. Billion but not the Dr. Billion she went to work for, was his father.

**Elisa**: Oh. Okay

**Rogers**: He was retired at that time.

**Elisa**: Do you remember any kind of entertainment? Do you remember doing anything for fun when you lived there? Any entertainment?

**Rogers**: You mean at Ellis Island?

**Elisa**: No, no.

**Rogers**: Sioux Falls?

**Elisa**: Yes.

**Rogers**: Oh yes, no. the only thing I remember was this school, the school entertain- we didn’t do much because my aunts kept [Inaudible 00:29:44].

**Elisa**: How did you meet your husband? How did you meet your husband?

**Rogers**: We haven’t been married very long.

**Elisa**: Oh!

**Mr.** **Rogers**: Not me, you’re first-

**Rogers**: You mean my first husband?

**Elisa**: Yes, your first husband.

**Rogers**: Oh, that’s- I don’t know I guess I knew so many. By that time I was so popular. Know so many boys but he was just one of them. And I went with him for four years before I married him. I want to show you something.

**Elisa**: No wait one second.

**Rogers**: Oh, I can’t.

**Elisa**: When we are finished you can show me.

**Rogers**: Okay, after a while.

**Elisa**: When we are finished you can show me. When did you move to California?

**Rogers**: No. I went to Chicago first.

**Elisa**: Oh. Okay.

**Rogers**: I moved from South Dakota, I went to Chicago to marry someone else, not the one I was going with, someone else.

He was a German and we were gone to Germany on honeymoon but I changed my mind when we got to Chicago and I didn’t want to marry him.

My boyfriend was in California at that time and he sent all the letters to my folks and when I got the letters I decided to come to California but it took me a year before I got to California and that was in 1929. I came to California.

**Elisa**: Where in California? Where?

**Rogers**: Yes, Uhuh

**Elisa**: Where in California?

**Rogers**: In Santa Anna.

**Elisa**: Santa Anna.

**Rogers**: And we were married for 54 years

**Elisa**: Once you came to America, were there any family tragedies that you can remember?

**Rogers**: No, my father died in 1935. My folks came in three years after we did. In 1928. My father died about 7 years later I think.

**Elisa**: Now did you go live with your parents once they moved?

**Rogers**: South Dakota.

**Elisa**: You went and lived with your parents then or did you stay where you were in the doctor's house?

**Rogers**: No, no, they had a house. When my folks came to this country after three years, the three of us children, had a house for them, completely furnished. When my folks come off of the train, they moved right into this house and a house of their own.

**Elisa**: So you did not live with your parents then?

**Rogers**: No, no, I still stayed with the doctor all that time.

**Elisa**: Okay. Are you happy that you came to America?

**Rogers**: You mean hobbies?

**Elisa**: Are you happy that you came here?

**Rogers**: Oh yes, huh. At first when we got here, I wasn’t. We were homesick, we wanted to go back and my aunts kept saying "You better behave because if you get sick we'll send you back." We tried everything to get sick because we wanted to go back. We didn’t like it because our folks weren’t here.

**Elisa**: And then when they came, it was better?

**Rogers**: Yes, when they came here. My mother was- must have been about 42 years old at that time. She had dark hair when we left, by three years, she had turned snow white. So it must have been a big worry for her.

**Elisa**: What can you tell me about your brothers and sisters? What did they do? Where did they go?

**Rogers**: Well, I had four brothers in military service. My youngest brother was killed in Pearl Harbor. Let me see, I can’t see, which one is it? This one here turned out to be lieutenant commander in the navy.

**Elisa**: What was his name?

**Rogers**: That was Jake.

**Elisa**: Oh. Okay.

**Rogers**: The one that lived in Glendora. And this one he was a business man in Sioux Falls.

**Elisa**: Who, who was-

**Rogers**: That was Frank, he died and Tony, he is retired now. He was in the navy too.

**Elisa**: Now he lives further east from here?

**Rogers**: This one live in Jackson, this one lives in-ma- say it to me.

**Mr. roger**: Moreno Valley.

**Rogers**: Moreno Valley. And Mary lives In Concord. Right now she lives not too far from here. And she's-

**Elisa**: What was her name? Her name is-

**Rogers**: That’s Madeleine.

**Elisa**: That’s Madeleine. She lives in Norwalk?

**Rogers**: Yes.

**Elisa**: Okay. Well, I want to thank you for doing this interview with us, very much and talking about your experiences coming to this country.

And this Is Elisa Mattson, I am signing off and am here with Mr. and with Peter Ham who is doing the recording on the September 15th 1994 for the Ellis Island World history project. Thank you-