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Italian Women and Girls: Interview with Antonietta Fzzuoglio by Carmela Santoro

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NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Antonietta Fezzuoglio

DATE OF INTERVIEW:

SUBJECTS COVERED:

- Life in Italy, family
- Education in America
- Recreation
- Impressions of America
- Desire to return to Italy
Antonietta Fezzuoglio

Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School

From Italy about three years ago.

Q: You were about ten years old when you came. Where did you come from?

Q: What kind of a town was this?

Q: Did you go to school there?
A: Yes.

Q: Tell me a little bit about the school.
A: Quida.

Q: Hai finito la quarta?
A: Si.

Q: E che cosa studiare?
A: Mathematica, italiano, historia, geografia.

Q: Dopo la scuola, che cosa facevà?
A: Studia la lezione, guardare la televisione.

Q: Aveva la macchina in Italia?
A:

Q:
A:

Q: La mama lavorate in Italia?
A:

Q: Do you have brothers and sisters?
A: Seven sisters and one brother.

Q: Which one are you?
A: I'm in the middle. Four younger and four older.
Q: Do you know why your father came to this country?
A: I don't know. My grandmother lives here, my uncle and aunt. All my mother's family is here.

Q: So your father's family is still in Italy.
A: My father's mother came for a visit last year. My father returned to Italy about a month ago because his father died.

Q: Your father is bartered here and your mother?
A: She used to work in the jewelry shop. She works in the house now.

Q: How do you like it here?
A: I don't know.

Q: Did you have any trouble learning English?
A: Sometimes. I have trouble with words.

Q: How do the other students treat you?
A: Okay.

Q: Do you have many friends here?
A: Yes, a lot.

Q: Italian girls mostly.
A: Yes.

Q: When you came here did you go into the fifth grade?
A: I went in ESL and learned how to speak English for the whole year. I'm in eighth grade now.

Q: And what do you plan to do after Perry?
A: To Central maybe.
Q: Would you rather go to school or work?
A: First I will go to school, then work.
Q: Do you know what you want to do?
A: I'd like to be a secretary, but I want to go to college.
Q: Do you like school over here?
A: It's alright.
Q: What do you like best school?
A: The teachers are nice.
Q: Is there anything you don't like?
A: The lunch. Gym.
Q: What do you do after school for a good time?
Q: Do you go to the movies?
A: No, sometimes on Sunday.
Q: Italian movies?
A: Yes, mostly.
Q: Do you go to dances?
A: No.
Q: When you came to the U.S. you came by airplane?
A: No, by ship. Eleven days. The Michalango.
Q: Did you have a good time on the ship?
A: 
Q: So you came into New York.
A: Yes, then my uncle came and brought us to Providence.
Q: What did you think about Providence when you came?
A: I saw all the stores. Houses all by themselves. Trees around the houses.
Schools are bigger.

Q: Have you done any traveling in the U.S.?

Q: What do you like best about the U.S.?
A: I don't live like I used to live before. We have more freedom over here.

Q: Is there anything that you are disappointed in about being here?
A: I want to go back to Italy.

Q: Why?
A: I just feel like it.

Q: Are you very happy here?
A: Sometimes.

Q: Do you think you'll become an American citizen.
A: Probably not.

Q: Do your mother and father feel the same way?
A: I don't know.

Q: Do you feel Italian or American?
A: Both of them.

Q: Suppose you had to make the decision to come here would you?
A: I don't know.

Q: When do you think you would go back?
A: When I'm eighteen for a visit maybe.

Q: You want to stay here?
A: Yes, just to go back to visit for a few months.

Q: At home, do you speak Italian?
A: Yes.

Q: Dialect?
Q: How do you think you've changed since coming here?
A: I don't know.
Q: Do your brothers and sisters like it here too?
A: Yes.