

Kristy Ogea
Interviewing
Mrs. Jeanette
Kauppinen

my name is Kristy Ogea
the date is December 29, 1987
I am interviewing Jeanette
Kauppinen about her father
coming over from Greece.

ME - when was he born?

Mrs. K - May 6, 1894.

ME - How old was he when he left?

Mrs. K - (inquiring) when he left Greece?

ME - yes.

Mrs. K - He was nine years old.

ME - why did he leave?

Mrs. K - He was coming over to see his
dad. He was coming with some
friends. And two weeks before
he was ready to come here, the
friends wrote a letter said that
they were not coming. And uh
Grandpa didn't show his um
parents, his mother the
letter.

Mrs. K. - He came anyway all by himself.

ME - Do you know where he landed?

Mrs. K. - I think it was in New York.

ME - Where did he go from New York?

Mrs. K. - He stayed with friends there for a while and I don't think he had much schooling. He had odd jobs and as he grew older he worked in the factories and he came to Chicago and worked there for a while, then he ended up in Green Bay and in Green Bay he opened a poolroom and a shoe shine parlor.

ME - How did he get to Green Bay?

Mrs. K. - By Train

ME - Did he have a nickname?

Mrs. K. - Yes, we called him Prof.

Mrs. K - When we were in an school, on Parent teachers night, my dad was a business man, so he uh didn't get to too many of the meetings this one night he came, and all the kids asked my brother who's that professor with your mother, so from then on we called him PROF.

ME - What year were you born?

Mrs. K. - 1920

ME - What Day?

Mrs. K. - July 12

ME - What was your life like during the Great Depression.

Mrs. K. - Well, I wasn't even a teenager at that time I was only a little girl so I guess my mother and Dad protected us pretty much so I don't really know too much about it.

ME - Did your Dad have a job?

Mrs. K - My dad was in business for himself.

ME - Did you have any work to do around the house?

Mrs. K - I always helped my mother

ME - Where did you live?

Mrs. K - In Iron Mountain

ME - What kinds of things did you do when you helped your mom?

Mrs. K - Clean house, wash clothes

ME - Did you have a radio?

Mrs. K - Yes we did

ME - Did you listen to the president talk over it? (President Roosevelt)

Mrs. K - Yes

ME - How many brothers and sisters did you have?

Mrs. K - 3 brothers and 3 sisters

ME - what year was the midway started

Mrs. K - my dad bought the midway in 1938

ME - Did you have to work there?

Mrs. K - yes I did

ME - Did you like it?

Mrs. K - It was hard work but I enjoyed working, because it was for my father

ME - what did you do?

Mrs. K - waitress work

ME - what kind of food did they serve?

Mrs. K - B-B-Q spare ribs, chicken, steaks

ME - Did they serve any Greek Food?

Mrs. K - No

ME - Did your mom ever make Greek Food?

Mrs. K - yes she did

ME - Did you like it

Mrs. K - yes

ME - what were some of your favorite dishes?

Mrs K - I don't remember the names of the foods any more but one of my specials was the spinach Pie, that's delicious And I do love the Greek salads with the feta cheese and the olives and Baklava Dessert

ME - What were your Christmases like?

Mrs K - Our Christmases were wonderful we had the nicest Christmas in the block there was seven of us children and we always had the nicest tree on the block and the nicest Christmas I think this is so because there's so many kids. But one year our doll would be new and the next year my mother would dress the doll all up in brand new clothes and we always thought it was a new doll because it looked so pretty same thing with the buggy, we would get a buggy to go with the doll, the following year she would paint that doll buggy and dress it all up new padding and everything in it.

ME - Did you go to church on Christmas?

MRS. K - Always I always loved going to church

ME - I never missed Sunday mass

ME - What about Birthdays?

MRS. K - I always had a nice birthday too.

ME - always something on my birthdays

ME - Did you invite your friends over?

MRS. K - yes we did

ME - Relatives?

MRS. K - always relatives and friends.

ME - What about weddings?

MRS. K - Greek weddings were a lot of fun

ME - What kind of things did you do?

MRS. K - We did the Greek dance of course
they threw these almond candies
you know, almond uh yeah the Jordan
almonds. That's what they threw
instead of rice

ME - What was the Greek Dance like?

MRS. K - They played the Greek music and
then they get around in a circle and

mrs. k- the leader would hold a handkerchief
and he'd dance, the others would
follow

me- what about easter?

mrs. k- I guess our easters were like
everybody else we went to the
catholic church for easter. I have
gone to the Greek church but not
for easter ceremonies.

me- what about 4th of July?

mrs. k- always something special

me- did you go watch fireworks

mrs. k- fireworks and picnicking

me- that is when we lived in Iron

Mountain, when I was a youngster

me- when did you move?

mrs. k- we moved here in 1934, moved to
Marquette. I graduated from Marquette
then moved to Negaunee

me- what things did you do for recreation?

Mrs. K - Kick the can, Hide-n-seek, and the
one where you meet half way in
the street. I can't think of what
they call that one, I see the kids
playing that one today yet I don't
remember the name of it but
we went swimming and un I
guess what the kids do today
well we didn't have to have as
many toys as the kids do today,
we made our own fun made our
own toys

M E - Do you remember any of the World
Wars

Mrs. K - World War II my three brothers
and two brothers-in-law and my
my husband were all in World War
II

M E - Did your father ever serve in any
wars?

Mrs. K - No he didn't, but he lost a
brother, that's the first

MR. K - time I ever saw my father
cry, when he heard that his
brother had been killed in
action

ME - How many brothers and sisters
did he have

MRS. K - I think there was six children.
if I remember right

~~ME - they all came over with him when
he came~~

MRS. K. - No just the one uncle came over
after my dad did and he lived
in Chicago my grandpa died in
Green Bay when I was a baby
so I never did know him

ME - what year did your father die?

MRS. K. - 1958 July

ME - what year did your mom die? Page
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Mrs. K - 1966

ME - How many kids did you have?

Mrs. K - three 2 boys and a girl

ME - Who did your father marry

Mrs. K - Rose Jok's

ME - What year were they married

Mrs. K - 1916

ME - Were they married in a catholic church

Mrs. K - They were married in a catholic church

ME - How old are you

Mrs. K - 67

ME - What were your favorite subjects in school?

Mrs. K - arithmetic, spelling I always got prizes for my writing. We had the Palmer method then English

ME - were your teachers strict

Mrs. K - some were

ME - Did you go in one room

Mrs. K - just one

ME- Did you have recess?

MRS. K- Yes

MRS. K- What did you do?

MRS. K- Went outside and played in the school yard they had swings and a slide

ME- Where did you go to school?

MRS. K- I started school in Iron Mountain I went through the eighth grade there and then I started freshman in Marquette and graduated from Marquette, Graveret

ME- Did you go to college

MRS. K- No

ME- Did you have a job?

MRS. K- I did do a little waitress work at the AFD in Marquette for a while then when Uncle Arnie went into the service I did secretarial work for the government in Mississippi and in California.

ME- What did you do when you did work for the government?

MRs.K- Well I took notes and what all secretaries do, typing, filing.

ME- Did you ever go Washington D.C. when you worked for the government?

MRs.K- Just in Mississippi. In Mississippi I worked in the Bookstore or in the um ship store they call it cause uncle Arnie was in the Navy. In California I worked in the office.

ME- Where did you stay in California?

MRs.K. - we had a room

ME- what city?

MRs.K- Oxnard

ME- what about in Mississippi?

MRs.K- Gulf Port