

## Afroditi Ioannidis

<b>Interviewee: Afroditi Ioannidis, Kingston April 29th 2017, Duration: 23:59</b>			
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Interview Time	Chronology	Place	Description
0:51	Born	Nea Kerasounta, Preveza, Greece	She was born in Nea Kerasounta village. The village was made by Pontii Greeks who were refugees. She left the village in 1963 to move to Canada.
1:40	First years	Nea Kerasounta, Preveza, Greece	Her grandparents were refugees and moved to Greece in 1922 from Euxeinos Pontos area. Her father was 8 years old. He had 6 sisters (Harikleia, Sofia, Maria, Pinelopi, Emorfili and Eleni).
2:22			Her mother was not a Greek Pontii. She was born and raised in Greece.
2:44			The village was actually made for refugees and was named Nea Kerasounta after the name of the city in Mikra Asia (cc. Pontos)
3:14			Ms Ioannidou was the second child in the family (out of 8). The first child died. There were 5 girls and 3 boys.
3:54			She was born during world war 2. Her elementary school was in the church. She attended High school in Fillipiada, and could not afford University in another city.
4:28			She was already having an relationship with her future husband who worked in navy, and they were in the same village. They got engaged in 1957. During his visit to Canada he decided to move to there permanently.
5:40	After high-school	Montreal, Canada	She and her sister were the first of their family to leave. Afro and her husband stayed in Montreal for 7 years and had their first children (Lazaros and Despoina). Her sister (Evangelia) lived in New Zealand and was invited to come and live in Canada. She came with her husband and they moved to Kingston.
6:40	After 7-years in Montreal	Kingston, Canada	After several visits to Kingston, they liked the city and the life in Kingston and decided to move (1971).
			They had their third child (Ioannis) who now lives in South Korea
			Graduated at the age of 26 years old
8:00	After high school	Switzerland, Athens	After school, she joined Red Cross to pursue studies as a nurse. She had difficulties with the German language. Her husband was in Montreal mailing Afroditi to find a way and get to Canada.
10:00			They had difficulties in finding a way to get to Canada. Her husband was sent back to Greece, so they returned to Athens and lived together. This was a taboo at the time (to be living with someone while unmarried), and so they got married in their village of Nea Kerasounta on a weekend.

11:25		Athens	She met a person from the Group she applied to for getting into Canada. She asked Afro if she was ready to leave. This is when she learned her group had been accepted. This person confirms she was selected to immigrate to Canada as a housekeeper. Afro describes how women in that time could immigrate from Greece as housekeepers, as Greece and Canada had a connection.
12:35			Due to paperwork requirements, it took a few months for her husband, George, to also get permission and come to Canada.
13:53		Life in Nea Kerasounta	Her parents were very nice. It was a farmer's family. She and Evangelia helped out with the family (younger siblings) a lot.
16:32			There was a wide range of refugees in the village. They came from different social classes, different places. Between them, things were not always good. And relationships between Greek Pontii and local Greeks were not good. Locals did not like Greek Pontii. They had to move to various places within Greece to find a place that they could actually live.
19:26		Memories from Nea Kerasounta	Some of the refugees died from diseases due to poor water supplies. Refugees were not allowed to have access to water supplies. That is why she has such a sensitivity to refugees and immigrants. She sympathizes with them greatly.
21:12			She still owns a house in the village. They are semi-detached houses. The majority of the refugees decided to move to Northern Greece (Macedonia).
21:36			Houses were made from thick rocks. The leaders of the families in these houses were the son's parents (interview interrupted by phone call – see next part).