

Informant Mrs. Adeby Coury Sex F Age 72 Interview Schedule Code VI/3/d
Religious Sect Orthodox-R. Catholic Country of Origin Lebanon Immigrant Age 12
Interviewer Richard Coury City Cairo, Illinois Date May 24, 1980

Life in America: Pre-World War I _____ World War I _____ 1920's _____ 1930's _____

II/B/3

Informant thinks it was o.k. if a person wanted to be alone sometime, to go for a walk, read a book, not socialize. She doesn't know; it never happened.

Informant Mr. Assad Shabo Sex M Age Interview Schedule Code VI/3/d
Religious Sect Country of Origin Syria* Immigrant Age
Interviewer Alixa Naff City West Roxbury, Mass. Date August 1962
*Informant is an Assyrian, born in Turkey (Mesopotamia)

Life in America: Pre-World War I World War I 1920's 1930's

Side I
000-096
2

There were plenty of Syrians in the area (Boston). Mr. Shabo used to mix with everybody, pushing himself to go to every society.

Informant Mr. H. K. Igram Sex M Age 84 Interview Schedule Code VI/3/d
Religious Sect Sunni Country of Origin Mt. Lebanon Immigrant Age 17
Interviewer Alixa Naff City Cedar Rapids, Iowa Date June 18, 1980

Life in America: Pre-World War I _____ World War I _____ 1920's _____ 1930's _____

I/A/2

Danbury, Connecticut community:

Many Arabs, mostly Christians; 2 Muslim families; stayed 6 months. Came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to relative; didn't get to know many in community; not lonely; 8 young bachelors lived in one house; 2 were Christians from Jub Jinine; had coffee houses.

Informant Mr. Osman Mohammed Chamie Sex M Age 73 Interview Schedule Code VI/3/d
Religious Sect Sunni Country of Origin United States* Immigrant Age 32*
Interviewer Alix Naff City Dearborn, Michigan Date May 31, 1980
* U.S. born in 1907 but taken to Syria in 1913; immigrated to the U.S. in 1939

Life in America: Pre World War I _____ World War I _____ 1920's _____ 1930's _____

II/A/1

Re: sex segregation--

In homeland, segregation; not in America.
Segregation in homeland occurs only in cities, not in villages. In homes not only in mosques.

In homeland, we were happier; used to visit family and friends; in U.S. we must stay home. If company doesn't come you stay home; go for walks or go shopping, but not often; too busy. You are always in the house; I go visiting at times--used to visit people without calling them; now you have to call first.

Informant Mr. Osman Mohammed Chamie Sex M Age 73 Interview Schedule Code VI/3/d
Religious Sect Sunni Country of Origin United States* Immigrant Age 32*
Interviewer Alix Naff City Dearborn, Michigan Date May 31, 1980
* U.S. born in 1907 but taken to Syria in 1913; immigrated to the U.S. in 1939
Life in America: Pre World War I _____ World War I _____ 1920's _____ 1930's _____

I/B/3

II/A/1

Mrs. Chamie advised son to stop having children after 2 sons. In homeland it was shame to uncover woman's head. When she got here they persuaded her to not cover head; told her she looked like gypsie--now she does not cover head. More freedom for woman in U.S. Can go out and no one keeps an eye on you. He thinks life is better here but some find it difficult because their husbands are strict. It depends on husband who prohibits wives from going out alone or going many places.

In homeland not so lonely; everyone knows everyone; there are many people in Dearborn I have known for 40 years and we don't visit each other. Here everyone is to himself. Only say hello to each other.

Informant Mr. Frank Abodeely Sex M Age 83½ Interview Schedule Code VI/3/d
Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin Syria Immigrant Age 16
Interviewer Alix Naff City Cedar Rapids, Iowa Date June 17, 1980

Life in America: Pre-World War I _____ World War I _____ 1920's _____ 1930's _____

I/A/3

Uncle had many peddlers working out of his store from many villages: Hina, Syria, Ain Arab, Khubat Ruh, Jub Janine, etc.

There were 3 suppliers in Cedar Rapids: Tom Beshara, Kacere (?) and Uncle Joseph (Joseph George?). All were close together on 3rd St. and 6th St.

He did not give them routes; they fended for themselves; necessity guided them.

I/B/1

Didn't run into other peddlers on his route--not very often, only rarely; enjoyed each other; loneliness was a problem but it helped him learn English.

II/A/1

Uncle had supplier store in Cedar Rapids. Also Tom Beshara; also Abraham Risk and Sam Kacere. Joseph George. All in same neighborhood, 3rd to 6th streets.