

Informant Elizabeth Forsa Sex F Age 74 Interview Schedule Code TX/2/d
Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin U.S.born Immigrant Age N/A
Interviewer Alix Naff City Spring Valley, Ill. Date July 8, 1980

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

IB1

She went to shows and concerts on Friday and Saturday nights in the early 30's. She claimed she went to dances when there were concerts. Even during the 20's concerts attracted the Syrians. She also went to movies. Her parents didn't object.

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Informant Mr. Alex G. Haddy Sex M Age 79 Interview Schedule Code _____
Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin Syria Immigrant Age 12
Interviewer Grant Farr City Cedar Rapids, Iowa Date June 19, 1980

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I/B/2

Informant's daughter went dancing and to movies.

Lebanese had hafliis in Cedar Rapids. They danced and cooked Lebanese food.

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Informant used to go to movies in the 1920's and 1930's, 3 times a week.

Lebanese had picnics on Sundays organized by church.

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Informant Mrs. Negebe Sheronick Sex F Age 72 Interview Schedule Code _____
Religious Sect Sunni Country of Origin Lebanon Immigrant Age 18
Interviewer Alix Naff City Cedar Rapids, Iowa Date June 22, 1980

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I/B/3

Informant got first washing machine in 1932 in Cedar Rapids.

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Got first radio in the early 1930's. Had a phonograph first to play Arabic records. Still has old records. Also records of priest chanting Orthodox chants.

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Informant George F. Addes Sex M Age 70 Interview Schedule Code IX/2/d
Religious Sect Melkite Country of Origin U.S. born Immigrant Age N/A
Interviewer Alix Naff & Grant Farr City St. Claire Shores, Michigan Date June 14, 1980

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IA3 Went to movies "in between times." (Since he was too busy working he didn't have time for leisure.)

IIA1 When he worked at night time at Willys he went on Saturdays to downtown Toledo to play pool with "anybody" - Americans and Lebanese.

Informant Abdullah Igram

Sex M Age 57

Interview Schedule Code 1X/2/d

Religious Sect Sunni Muslim

Country of Origin U.S. born

Immigrant Age N/A

Interviewer Alixa Naff

City Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Date June 23, 1980

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IB1

In 1930's when informant was in his teens, he went to picnics with his parents . in the country. Went to 5¢ movies on Sundays but was back to work in store to work at 4 pm. Didn't have time to date.

Informant Mr. Mohamod Habhab Sex M Age 61 Interview Schedule Code II/216
Religious Sect Shi'i Country of Origin U.S. born Immigrant Age n.a.
Interviewer Alix Naff City Cedar Rapids, Iowa Date July 20, 1980

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I/B/1

Informant went to nickel cowboy movies in the 1930's.

Informant Mr. Eli Busada Sex M Age 87½ Interview Schedule Code IX/2/6
Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin Syria Immigrant Age 13
Interviewer Alixa Naff City Washington, D.C. Date April 22, 1980

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

II/A

Entertainment in D.C.

Syrians were too involved in work, too far from their neighborhood. I didn't know them.

Informant Mrs. Nellie Khouri Jacobs Sex F Age 71 Interview Schedule Code IV/2/d
Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin U.S. born Immigrant Age N/A
Interviewer Alixa Naff City Spring Valley, Ill. Date July 7, 1980

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- IB1 Informant during 1920's went to movies frequently, also to dances in 1930's.
Big name bands would come every week to Hicks Park.
- IB3 Syrians visited each other and spent evenings together.

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Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin Syria Immigrant Age 13
Interviewer Alix Naff City Washington, D.C. Date April 22, 1980

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II/B

Stopped working for WPA when found something better.
Built houses while working with WPA. Had someone manage for him.
In evening worked remodelling offices; had 3 jobs at one time.

Banks eventually gave him what they had in it; didn't lose anything but didn't gain.

Felt he was doing well--1932-33 and after. Aware of what was developing in Europe; didn't worry him; didn't think about it.

Mrs. Busada says not concerned until Pearl Harbor; no time to read; no T.V.

Informant Mr. Eli Busada Sex M Age 87½ Interview Schedule Code ~~IX~~/2/8
Religious Sect Orthodox Country of Origin Syria Immigrant Age 13
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Entertainment in 1930's:

VFW in 1927 and is still a member
American Legion
Homebuilders Association
Masons

Went to conventions; had a good time.

In late 30's Mrs. Busada met Lebanese woman and would have weekly night out--
dinner and movies.

Later joined Syrian American club in 1939. Had parties at home in late 30's;
club and special friends; invited Riziks and Howars and others.

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Informant Mrs. Mary Schervish Sex F Age 88 Interview Schedule Code IX/2/d
Religious Sect Maronite* Country of Origin Syria Immigrant Age 16
Interviewer Alix Naff City Grosspointe Park, Michigan Date May 14, 1980
* Maronite mother, Orthodox father; attends Roman Catholic church

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II/A/3

Didn't attend many movies; attended church-related social functions.

Informant Mr. Ollie Okdie Sex M Age 67 Interview Schedule Code IX/2/d
Religious Sect Sunni Country of Origin Lebanon Immigrant Age 10
Interviewer Grant Farr City Lincoln Park, Michigan Date May 20, 1980

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I/B/3

He did some sports in high school. He would go to the movies.

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