

<b>Storyteller:</b>	Constantine, Evelyn	<b>Interviewer:</b>	Chowell, Jillian
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**Timecode Notes**

0:45	Born in Smock, PA on a farm, where parents had greenhouse business; parents came from Italy in their early 20s. I had 7 siblings – I was youngest, most of my siblings left the farm.
2:20	How did it feel to be the one who stayed? Good. I learned to be independent in the house some and at work lot. Loved working in the greenhouse – transplanting, listening to music.
4:30	During the Depression, we had lots of food to eat – raised animals, grew food – never knew there was a Depression.
5:00	For fun, I spent time with friends, went for walks, talked.
5:45	Dad spoke English, Mom didn't. I spoke both, that was good.
6:40	Only one sister is left now, we love to talk about growing up.
7:20	I want to ask you about Grandpap, the story of how you met. He liked how my sisters and I made fun, his dad said he'd get me for him; we dated 5 years, it's good to get to know each other before marriage.
9:45	After my dad died I helped my mom run the greenhouse.
10:45	Raising children is easy if you have your mom close to you.
11:40	Mom's parents picked walnuts for 1 penny/day in Italy. Mom raised us like in Italy – very close.
12:00	My maiden name.
12:45	Getting a bigger farm became biggest poultry farm in PA, Constantine Farms. Everyone in town worked there, gave kids a good start. We distributed eggs, egg business, had 250,000 chickens at our peak, spread manure out on our farm.
17:50	Bought farm in 1958 from invalid woman; we helped take care of her and she had a vision that Bob (my husband) would make something out of it and she sold us the farm for \$25 down.
19:10	We got it for \$12,000, proved you could make a living farming, two businesses: poultry and other farm products.
20:20	Bob almost was drafted, but was told farmers didn't go to service, they stayed and raised food.
21:00	More of our kids farm; our kids' occupations: we didn't want them to be farmers – not much money in it, we didn't push them to be farmers.
23:00	I hope to turn farm over to kids, let them do what they want. Proud of grandkids. Jillian, you do lots of crafts, I'm glad I taught you to sew in 4-H.
24:00	I taught lots of kids through 4-H. kids of farm workers at least they learned to put back on a button, sew a ripped seam.
26:15	Favorite 4-H projects – fun for adults and kids.

28:15	We have a museum in Smock which I'm involved in.
29:00	Appearing in the local newspaper.
29:45	Do you remember when you found out you'd be a mother? Oh yes, I had a warm feeling, loved children. I worked until the day they were born.
30:30	The day your mother was born I was working in bare feet, went to hospital and hadn't washed my feet; my first look at your mother – nurse held her up and she smiled at me.
32:00	Words to kids: we're proud of you, you've never brought us problems (and we haven't brought problems to you). To grandkids: I'm not worried for them.
33:00	You taught us a song, "Cela luna" (Sings a few lines)
34:30	Compromise with your husband, do what's right with Lord.
35:30	I spent so much time with you. I lived with you a few months after school watching <i>Guiding Light</i> with you. You took us on a tour, got autographs, sat in on <i>Guiding Light</i> .