

Storyteller:	Kahkonen, Joyce	Interviewer:	Kahkonen, Gay
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Timecode Notes

:00	Gay, 37; Joyce, 61 – daughter/mother
1:11	Father – Mike Sandretto, good Italian who played accordion, migrating from MI to PA, don't know where took lessons.
2:57	Went to 10 th grade, taught to be a barber and mechanic and hated it – music he played – polkas, Slovenian music and standards.
5:20	Picture of father – during Depression, played all county fairs w/a married guitar player – later met wife in Brass Rail restaurant.
7:03	Mom claims to be first female bartender in Pittsburgh, met husband “subuya” (onion) eyes – eloped with \$7 – he taught music.
8:53	Father played best clubs looked good – WJAS radio had 30 min spot w/Gene Autrey/father would go w/his father to club.
11:28	Mother and daughter of a coal miner/singing sheet music in front of mirror, love of music, accordion playing.
13:21	Living near “trolley barn,” father teaching classes, excellent business class – studio in basement – mother only learned until her favorite song in book.
16:03	Allegheny Co. Fair – open invitation to students to play, grandpa told same jokes over and over again, enrollment – 10 lessons.
18:16	Accordions came from Italy w/family name – Alfredo, Italian representative, in love w/him – father catered to blue collar people.
20:08	If there were 10 students in class, there were 20 parents – learning to play, when sister in 9 th grade father had heart attack, she took over.
22:00	Father booked any venue – generally free, got cookies and punch.
23:06	Accordion accepted at that time, mother amazing seamstress and made costumes for talent shows, primadonnas - duets
25:26	Always same talent at all shows – wanted to be the girl who danced/father's saying “If you can't play good, play loud.”
27:07	Ethnic group affiliated with Duquesne University who preserved Eastern European music and dance – 100 shows a year.
29:27	Main role as a dancer, auditioned with accordion, can't sing – advice by fall off stage by mom if asked to sing.
31:13	Costumes authentic, sweaty – met husband in group playing the most melodic music, fell in love with music first, volleyball legs next – instruments he played.
34:16	All five children learned to play instruments – how it played out for E – first children learning to play flute.

