

A. SPELIOPOULOS Gus Tiggas, this is an oral history done on Gus Tiggas and this is Angie Rowes giving out this talking. Okay, give me your name. Talk.

G. TIGGAS [Unintelligible - 00:00:18] Tiggas Tiara Fred.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, your place and date of birth.

G. TIGGAS At the Utah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS The date?

G. TIGGAS [Unintelligible - 00:00:28], Greece.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And the date.

G. TIGGAS June 12th I was in the, oh June 25th, 1916.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, you haven't described it and the day what was it, a day to...

G. TIGGAS June 12th is... I was born in Greece, [unintelligible - 00:00:53] time that...

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS And then I came to America, here they went with a new calendar and it was June 25th.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. And are you married?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And for how long to whom?

G. TIGGAS All right Janet, 22 years.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, your father's name.

G. TIGGAS Elias.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And his date of birth if you can... and the year when he was born if you know that.

G. TIGGAS I think he was born 19... 1896 April.

A. SPELIOPOULOS United States. Date?

G. TIGGAS I can't remember the date of his birth.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, fine. And he was born where?

G. TIGGAS Greece.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Same place that you were born?

G. TIGGAS Yes.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. And what did he do for a living over in Greece.

G. TIGGAS I don't know what he was doing over there in Greece. I was too young to remember I can't remember this.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Was he like a farmer?

G. TIGGAS No, he was in Athens; he was up there in Athens.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. And what did he do when he came to the United States?

G. TIGGAS Well he went to school in the bakery business to learn bakery. After that he became a baker.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Oh great. Okay, did he have a nickname?

G. TIGGAS Lulu.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Your mother's first and maiden name.

G. TIGGAS Yanolla.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And what was the maiden name?

G. TIGGAS Costopos.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and her date of birth?

G. TIGGAS Same as my father's, 1896.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And when did she die?

G. TIGGAS I remember the date was September 14th, yeah date September 14th yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. In which year did she die?

G. TIGGAS She died in 1970.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, I forgot to ask you when your father died.

G. TIGGAS In '61.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. And your mother's place of birth, was she born in the same place as your father?

G. TIGGAS No, she was born in Arestium, Greece. Arestium after Greece.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Was that close to your father's village?

G. TIGGAS Yes, but now you walk.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Where are your parents buried?

G. TIGGAS In Minneapolis.

A. SPELIOPOULOS [Unintelligible - 00:03:05] cemetery?

G. TIGGAS Yes.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And it is close to the church and [unintelligible - 00:03:07] and
[unintelligible - 00:03:09].

G. TIGGAS [Unintelligible - 00:03:11] in 36.

A. SPELIOPOULOS 36, okay. Now name your brother and your sister.

G. TIGGAS My brother's name, name is Bill and my sister is Skinidulla.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. And your brother's last name is?

G. TIGGAS Francis.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And your sister's husband's name is?

G. TIGGAS Tony.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Can you recall your grandparents with their names, the place
of their birth and their death if you can remember your grandma's, your
father's?

G. TIGGAS My fathers real name was [unintelligible - 00:03:42].

A. SPELIOPOULOS And your mothers, your grandmother? File was corrupt. We'll
come back to that each stamp time has a number. Okay and your, do you
remember where they were born?

G. TIGGAS They were born in Greece. I think it's Allaco. One was the east side, my
grandmother; my father was at the east end.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. And you don't remember them at all Gas?

G. TIGGAS No.

A. SPELIOPOULOS No, okay so you don't know any better. Okay, who was your
nuna, your nana?

G. TIGGAS My nuna was...

A. SPELIOPOULOS The date and the place of your marriage, when you got married, do
you remember that? 32 years ago?

G. TIGGAS I wasn't married until 46.

A. SPELIOPOULOS 45.

G. TIGGAS 45.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, and the dates?

G. TIGGAS October 28th.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Was your marriage arranged?

G. TIGGAS No.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Did you get a [unintelligible - 00:04:56]? No [unintelligible - 00:04:58], okay.

G. TIGGAS No, she didn't have anything.

A. SPELIOPOULOS [00:05:00] Didn't have anything? How did you meet Janet?

G. TIGGAS I don't know; I was a soldier at the time in Miami. She was in a restaurant I suppose, the chef, something like that. I just walked into the restaurant with some soldiers to have something to eat and that's where we met, I married her.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And you married her down there?

G. TIGGAS Yes, in Miami.

A. SPELIOPOULOS All right, and her name, her first name, her maiden name, her place of birth and date of birth. Okay, her name is Janet, what's her maiden name, her maiden name?

G. TIGGAS Janet Jadalakas.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and her place of birth?

G. TIGGAS Burkamilla.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and the date?

G. TIGGAS May 19th.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay what year?

G. TIGGAS 1926.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, did she have a nickname?

G. TIGGAS Yeah, (Purva).

A. SPELIOPOULOS (Purva), okay. Who was your combaro at your wedding?

G. TIGGAS (Loius Peters).

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, and your father-in-law's name and age and year of death

G. TIGGAS My father-in-law's...?

A. SPELIOPOULOS Name was?

G. TIGGAS I remember it was John, John Waples.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Remember where you, what is the address? Janet, why don't you just tell me your father's age?

SPEAKER 3: [Unintelligible - 00:06:46]

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and year of death?

SPEAKER 3: He died 1955.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay now, your mother was [unintelligible - 00:06:55] Okay her maiden name was?

SPEAKER 3: [Kipucha] Costandopoulos.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and her year of death?

SPEAKER 3: She is still alive.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and you are married to his children and date of birth, and order of birth. Oh you can do it, I think it's better for him, you want to do it?

G. TIGGAS Louis is the oldest.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And the date of birth?

G. TIGGAS 1946.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, and your second born is?

G. TIGGAS Tim was born in September 30th.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And John? No, no, no.

G. TIGGAS September 28th for Louis.

A. SPELIOPOULOS 1946?

G. TIGGAS 1946.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And the second one is?

G. TIGGAS John was the second one.

A. SPELIOPOULOS 1, 29, 49?

G. TIGGAS 49, yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And 30th and 1, 6, 54. That is right. Now you remember who Louis's grandparents are?

G. TIGGAS It's Joy and George Analakos.

A. SPELIOPOULOS I think the system got it. Okay.

G. TIGGAS Grey Chakers and what was her name now, [unintelligible - 00:08:22] I must say...

SPEAKER 3: Allan Nicholas

G. TIGGAS Allan Nicholas.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and...

G. TIGGAS Peter Blasses.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Now, name the children you have baptised and the dates if you can remember them.

G. TIGGAS Okay, but Joan.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Joan Keagas (Idris)? Okay.

G. TIGGAS Tisi.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Tisi. Okay. Alright

SPEAKER 3: And that was... She's 30 this year so.

A. SPELIOPOULOS 30 years ago?

G. TIGGAS 40.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay so it's 40 years ago?

SPEAKER 3: 40 years ago. 1948.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Yeah okay. And the next one?

G. TIGGAS Next one is Laine Kuchukus and Laine...

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. Is that having yours [unintelligible - 00:09:17]?

SPEAKER 3: She's 21.

A. SPELIOPOULOS So about 21 years ago?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS What was it in 1967 and?

SPEAKER 3: And then [unintelligible - 00:09:31], Mamares...

G. TIGGAS Mamares. [Unintelligible - 00:09:35].

A. SPELIOPOULOS Twenty two I think so. Twenty two years ago. Okay. What?

G. TIGGAS Its 67.

SPEAKER 3: I think, [unintelligible - 00:09:50].

A. SPELIOPOULOS 68. [Unintelligible - 00:09:51]?

G. TIGGAS Janacas.

SPEAKER 3: 19 years ago, but yours was done, yeah 1968. [00:10:00]

A. SPELIOPOULOS 67.

SPEAKER 3: And then [unintelligible- 00:10:08].

A. SPELIOPOULOS [Unintelligible- 00:10:09] and where was he then?

G. TIGGAS [Unintelligible- 00:10:13]

A. SPELIOPOULOS [Unintelligible- 00:10:13]

G. TIGGAS [Unintelligible- 00:10:16] before I leave.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay what was then?

SPEAKER 3: I would say 1965.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay when was the date of the arriving in United States, when did you come in United States?

G. TIGGAS 1917.

A. SPELIOPOULOS What year?

G. TIGGAS 31.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, do you remember the name of the ship and the (code) of arrival?

G. TIGGAS No I was at that asylum.

A. SPELIOPOULOS That asylum? Okay,

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and when you came here did you use your real name of [unintelligible- 00:10:47]?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and who did you travel with and why?

G. TIGGAS We travelled alone.

A. SPELIOPOULOS You family your mom and dad?

G. TIGGAS It was my mother and brother that's all.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And brother -- is your mother and father then your mother and your brother?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and why did you just come -- just your mother and brother and your dad?

G. TIGGAS My father was here.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS He sent for us.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, and how long had he been here before he sent for you?

G. TIGGAS 10 years [unintelligible- 00:11:15].

A. SPELIOPOULOS So you hadn't seen him for 10 years?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, then your dad was involved with the bakery he had?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, okay. Did you receive any education no wait when you came here from, from Greece you were how old?

G. TIGGAS I was 14 years old.

A. SPELIOPOULOS 14. What kind of education did you have over there?

G. TIGGAS Well I went to junior high school.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and did you have any job experience at all?

G. TIGGAS No.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay now tell me any special interest, skills and hobbies that you like? Like fishing?

G. TIGGAS At a present moment yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Yeah.

G. TIGGAS Like bowling fishing.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay things in the past like special hobbies that you like.

G. TIGGAS Things in the past?

A. SPELIOPOULOS Yeah, yeah still fishing and bowling?

G. TIGGAS Still fishing and bowling yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Now tell me when you came here at the United States what did you do for education?

G. TIGGAS What did I do for education? I went to school.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Finished high school?

G. TIGGAS Finished high school.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, and then by that time the work came to you?

SPEAKER 3: No, no, business college.

G. TIGGAS I went to a business college, but I didn't, nothing came out of that because I was schooling through year at this service.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay so you were in the army then?

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay you stayed in the army for how long?

G. TIGGAS Four years.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay and then after you get out of the army what did you do?

G. TIGGAS Oh I came I went then my father called me to go to the bakery business and I worked as a baker.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

SPEAKER 3: We got married.

G. TIGGAS And then we got married.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay so.

G. TIGGAS And I get married.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And now we are gonna go to your work experience, so from the time that you left the army until the present you tell me what your work experiences are.

G. TIGGAS Well I was working... during that time I was working during in the bakery. Somebody offered us a little small restaurant because he didn't want anymore business so he wanted to move out of town so he offered us that restaurant, and we took over the restaurant and then,

A. SPELIOPOULOS What was it called?

G. TIGGAS Angelus café.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay, and that was down on...

G. TIGGAS 14 [unintelligible- 00:13:26].

A. SPELIOPOULOS 14 [unintelligible- 00:13:28] which is right down town okay.

G. TIGGAS Well almost.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Almost down town Minneapolis, yeah.

G. TIGGAS Yeah and...

A. SPELIOPOULOS And you were partners with your father and?

G. TIGGAS I was partners with my brother.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Your brother?

G. TIGGAS That's all yeah and my partnering with my brother and had to be there for so long then...

SPEAKER 3: We had another one.

G. TIGGAS We had another one [unintelligible- 00:13:51] and [unintelligible- 00:13:53].

A. SPELIOPOULOS And that was called?

G. TIGGAS That was called Tejas café.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS Yeah and we stayed there about two to three years.

SPEAKER 3: About six.

G. TIGGAS Six years and we sold that one and we went to the greyhound and, and I stayed there about two, three years and then...

A. SPELIOPOULOS You were at greyhound with the best place?

SPEAKER 3: Yes.

A. SPELIOPOULOS You had the best--

G. TIGGAS You don't know baskets of garage.

SPEAKER 3: Oh the garage was okay.

G. TIGGAS Yeah and after that I...

SPEAKER 3: We sold that.

G. TIGGAS We sold that and I went to Minneapolis club, as a cook and I've been there ever since till I retired.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. So that's it you just retired out of there?

G. TIGGAS I'm retired.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS And getting old I can't remember anything I say.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay this is the last question I have to ask you is that if partly [unintelligible- 00:14:51] I'll put that down now when you were who came to interview you?

G. TIGGAS That was done at [unintelligible- 00:15:06].

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay put that down that, that, and...

G. TIGGAS Before I came down we had the last summer at greyhound garage, that
[unintelligible- 00:15:17] came down there and interviewed us.
Interviewed me and about my cooking, that's all.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay. What was he interested in? He heard that you were a good
cook or?

G. TIGGAS Something like that because I have a few friends that spread the word
around and...

SPEAKER 3: He was the head of cook competition.

A. SPELIOPOULOS And that's what [unintelligible- 00:15:40] you as you were that
head cook?

G. TIGGAS Well I was for one year, two years.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Yeah,

G. TIGGAS 2 years.

[CROSS TALK]

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS And, and we had date till on [unintelligible- 00:15:54] when I was I had
for a couple of years.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS Yeah.

A. SPELIOPOULOS [Unintelligible 00:15:55]

G. TIGGAS I got the copper heart. I was wounded and it was overseas when we
maintained days in Italy and north and south -- North Africa I was
wounded and I was offered a copper heart and then I was. I was wounded
in my chest and from there I was sent back to the United States. I was
recuperating in Miami and that's where I met Janet.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Then did you stay in the army then or...?

G. TIGGAS No I was waiting down in Miami, I was waiting for my discharge which
came later in 1946, was yeah 46.

SPEAKER 3: 45.

G. TIGGAS 45 yeah, we got married in 46 yeah.

SPEAKER 3: Not in 45 discharged you in June and then married in October.

G. TIGGAS So many days in the -- I can't anyway that's it I mean I was sent back in the United States while the war was going on over there **[unintelligible- 00:17:18]**.

A. SPELIOPOULOS Okay.

G. TIGGAS That's it.

A. SPELIOPOULOS This ends the **[unintelligible- 00:17:25]** history den and I guess **[unintelligible- 00:17:29]** by Angie **[unintelligible- 00:17:31]** the Daughters of Penelope.