

came here in 1905, single, and married at 17 the following year to one of Aunt Mollie's sisters, Silver, who, when she died in 1922 or 1921, left three children--Eugene, Florinda, and LaBerta. Then three years later, after corresponding with my mother, who had never married and was 34 years of age, he sailed to Italy and married her there. They were married on June 27, 1925 and came back to America in August 1925. How I miss those adventure stories that we used to hear as children and no one realizes how romantic that generation was. I guess it's because of how hardworking and practical they were, but they contributed so much to this country and asked for nothing, which is the exact opposite today. Each immigrant's life is a novel in itself.

Last year, for my birthday, my daughters gave me a most treasured gift--my mother and father's names are registered in Ellis Island. Needless to say, it was very emotional for me.

Of interest--my brother Gene, was the first Italian from Scotch Plains to attend college, the University of Villanova and the University of Boulder in Boulder, Colorado to study music and wrote the school theme song called "Boulder Buff" in the year 1936. The college football team is still known as the Boulder Buffaloes. Glenn Miller recorded it, and he (Gene) is still collecting royalties from all over the world. He is quite an accomplished composer and has many records on the market.

Phillip DiNizo
Mary Santo Salvo

The DiNizios were our next-door neighbors. They were very quiet people--Phillip and Mary and their two daughters, Lucy and Jo.

Lucy
Josephine

Mr. DiNizio worked for Colgate in Hillside as a gardener. His talents were definitely evident in his home garden. All Italians had vegetable gardens, but his and my father's were side by side and they were fabulous. I think now that there may have been some competition between them, but if there was, it was friendly. I liked him. He was quiet and very polite.