

[Mrs. Giovanni Parioli]

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FORM B Personal History of Informant

Vermont

Mary Tomasi

63 Barre Street; Montpelier, Vermont

November 4, 1938

Folklore

1. Informant is an Italian

2. Born in northern Italy, Provincia [d'Aosta?], in the village of Ponte, 1873

3. Parents - Andrea Fossi, schoolmaster In the village of

Ponte

Louisa (Diardi) Fossi

4. The informant lived in Italy until her 17th year, 1890, when she came to America. Lived in Barre, Vermont until 1893. Married Giovanni Parioli, a stone-cutter, and moved to Montpelier where they have since made their home.

5. She was educated in the village school in Ponte, completing the sixth year at the age of thirteen.

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6. During her three years in Barre she did housework for relatives who had come to America a few years before.

8. The informant is a Roman Catholic.

9. She is little below average height and inclined towards stoutness. She has warm, deep brown eyes, and silky, iron-grey hair. [At?] the time of the interview, 8 p.m., 2 she was clad in a neat, black cotton dress. (She was still in mourning for her husband who died three years ago.) She led me into her small kitchen where she was stirring a risotto, a tasty Italian dish made of rice, tomatoes, cheese and spices.