

Pantelis Bettas

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Interview Time	Chronology	Place	Description
0:38			People called Pantelis “Peter”, as Canadians couldn't pronounce his name.
1:15	Born	Hiliomodi, Korinthias	Peter was born on 28th April, 1941 in Hiliomodi, Korinthias.
1:25	First years		His father's name was Spiros and mother's Sofia. Peter has 4 siblings. They are 3 sons (Anastatios, George, Pantelis) and 2 daughters (Georgia, Ypapanti).
2:10			His childhood was a little difficult. His family couldn’t afford a high quality of life.
2:42		Kingston, Canada	Anastasios (older brother) moved to Canada, followed by George and Peter. Later they brought their sister Georgia. Finally their parents, along with their sister, Ypapanti, immigrated to Canada.
3:15			They were all living in Kingston.
3:30			They took the ship "Olympia" to move to Canada. During the trip some days were calm while some other days were stormy.
4:00			One day before arriving to Halifax there was an emergency in the ship due to weather and Peter was afraid that they couldn’t survive.
4:19			There was no one in Halifax waiting for Peter. Immigration officers processed their applications and told them where exactly to go. Then they took the train to leave Halifax and move to another area in Canada.
4:40			Their first impression was that Canada was very cold. It was December.
5:00			Halifax-Kingston was a 2 day travel by train. On the first day the train went out of order and Peter had to wait until it was fixed to get to Kingston.

5:25			When Peter arrived in Kingston it was December, just before Christmas. He started working as a dishwasher at Superior Restaurant which was owned by Vasileios Karis.
5:55			Peter worked at Superior for 3 years and later he got a job as chef assistant in another restaurant, "Brockapp Inn", owned by Germans. This restaurant was at Brock street and Wellington. He worked there for 4 months.
6:40			Later Peter started working in Davis Tannery processing leather for shoes and clothes. He worked there for 6 years.
6:53			After this Peter found a job at Queen's university where he stayed for 5 years.
7:10			Finally, he decided to run his own business. He bought a small restaurant which had 5 billiards. He renovated it and opened a restaurant at the front entrance. His business was called "Olympian Billiards and Restaurant Take-out". He worked there for 43 years and then he retired.
7:47			At the beginning it was a bit difficult as he didn't know the other people there that well, but later things got better. The only difficulty was the financial support of their business, but he eventually received help from the bank.