

	<b>Interviewee: Cleo Frantzeskos, 339 Old Quarry Road, Kingston, Duration: 23:44, June 30 2017</b>		
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<b>Interview Time</b>	<b>Chronology</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Description</b>
0:33			Cleo's last name before getting married was Frangou.
0:42		Ammohostos	Cleo was born in the beautiful city of Ammohostos (Famagusta) in Cyprus. The city is named after the beautiful sand of the beaches. The sand there was golden in colour and clear. Ammohostos was a touristy city.
1:31			Cleo has 3 brothers. Both her parents came from Ammohostos. Her father was in a trade-business and also ran a hotel in Ammohostos. Her childhood years were good.
2:11			Cleo attended primary school very close to her house. Afterwards her school became a museum, Ammohostos museum, until the Turks invaded the city.
2:40			Cleo attended a female high school. Back in those days, high schools were separated by male and female.
2:58			After high school, Cleo moved to Athens to study education. When she moved to Canada she took courses in Heritage Languages at the University of Regina, Saskatchewan.
3:32			After graduating from the university, she won a European Council Scholarship to study Tourism in Rome, Italy. Rome is like an open museum. While in Italy, Cleo learned the Italian language very fluently.
4:00			In Athens, Cleo attended the Charokopeion University. She stayed at the dorms. She and other Cypriot girls (her friends), took many trips together in Greece but not to Cyprus since it was far.
4:32			Many times her Greek friends invited her to their places all over Greece.
5:00			In Greece, Cleo studied Home Economics. The curriculum, among the other courses, included courses in geography and tourism.
5:25			Cleo studied before the Turkish invasion in Cyprus.
5:40			After her studies in Rome, Cleo returned to Cyprus where she started working as a teacher on a contract basis, about two months at a time in different cities. Later she was employed on a full-time basis working again in other cities until she was offered a job in her home city, Ammohostos.

6:33			Cleo met her husband Andreas at a wedding. They had some common friends that introduced Cleo to Andreas.
6:53			Cleo and Andreas got married in 1971 in Saint Nicholas church in Ammohostos. They had a lot of friends and relatives there.
7:17			After the wedding, they went for a honeymoon cruise to Attalia, Turkey, Athens, Dubrovnick, Venice, Corfu, and Crete.
8:33			Before coming to Canada, she already knew that it was a big country with many forests, frozen lakes and very cold in winter. She saw photographs of Canada. However, she loved it and she dreamed of coming here. After arriving to Canada, a lot of it was like she imagined but it was also a shock. She came from a city of over 40 thousand people, to a small city in Saskatchewan, of about 5 thousand people. There were no drug stores open during the night hours and it was difficult with young children. The people were very nice and Cleo and her family had a good time there.
9:25			It was harder to raise the children by herself without relatives, but Cleo's husband, Andreas, always helped her with their child raising.
9:54			Cleo and Andreas established a Greek school for the Greek students of Yorkton and Melville. There were approximately 10-12 students attending the school.
10:36			The school took place every Saturday. It started off being in Melville, but moved to Yorktown. It was half an hour away, and there were more students in that city.. She would bring some students from Melville there too.
11:19			Cleo wanted to help everyone there, to preserve their Greek culture and language. There were more Greek people in other cities, so a lot of people would go there, but she wanted there to be something in that spot.
11:44			Cleo's brother was a doctor in Melville. That is why they moved there. He sponsored them to come to Melville.
12:07			Her father died in 1977 the following year, Cleo brought her mother and brother to Melville.
12:44			After Melville, Cleo, her family and her mother moved to Kingston. At the beginning it was very difficult for them to find a job due to their age but there was already a welcoming Greek community and a church.
13:15			In Melville there was no Greek Orthodox Church. The Greek communities of Yorkton and Melville, bought a church building of another denomination and established the Greek Orthodox Church of Saints Anargyroi. Before, they used to travel to Regina, about 2 hours drive, to attend church services. Now in Kingston, Cleo likes the fact that she doesn't have to travel far to go to church as it is right in Kingston.
14:12			There were no Cypriots where she was. There were some people from Chios island in Melville. Cleo is still in touch with the Greeks she met in Yorkton and Melville.

15:08			Cleo was the teacher of the Greek School in Kingston for 12 years. She really liked it. She loves teaching children.
15:38			Unfortunately, some parents did not speak Greek to their children at home, they would wait for their children to go to the Greek School to learn Greek.
16:05			There were usually 20-25 students. Classes were offered every Saturday morning. They did classes, as well as folklore and dances. It was not only about the language.
17:09			Cleo tries to speak Greek with her grandchildren as much as she can. She reads books to them, they have the alphabet on their fridge... She tries to get them in touch with the Greek culture and language as much as possible.
17:58			The invasion of Turks on Cyprus still hurts Cleo a lot. She visits Cyprus and she can't go back to her city and her house. When she is here, she cannot forget her place of origin, but when she is there, she cannot go back to it, and it is like a big wound.
18:53			It is very difficult, but they have memories of their city. They try their best not to forget it, and to remember the good things about their place.
19:15			She is still not very sure if there will be a solution to the whole situation. Turkey doesn't allow the island to be united.
20:03			Before the invasion, there were Turkish Cypriots living in all parts of the island.
20:52			Turkish Cypriots had a good relationship with the Greek Cypriots before the invasion. Cleo's city was also called Varosi.
21:37			The Turkish-Cypriots she remembers in her city were well educated and many of them attended their Greek high Schools. They all spoke Greek; although there were other Turkish schools if they wanted to go there. She remembers Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots loved one another before the invasion, but afterwards it was different. They used to all live in the same city. Now, only Turkish-Cypriots live in Amohostos.
22:04	Present		Cleo was a member of Philoptohos. Now she isn't, but she helps the church and the community as much as she can.
22:30			Philoptohos organizes seminars and invites speakers. Philoptohos also donates to the hospital. They help with the "Interval House". They help the Church in general.
23:17			Philoptohos is an independent part of the community. There are weekly meetings for the members of the Philoptohos and open meetings to the public once a month.