

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW by Isabel Ariagno

Questions	Interviewee
<p>Date of Interview November 1st, 2024</p>	<p>Luigi Salvi</p>
<p>Name of Interviewee (use initials if the person wants to remain anonymous; only person conducting interview knows the person's identity)</p>	<p>Luigi Salvi He also uses Gino as a nickname.</p>
<p>1. What age group/generation are you in?</p>	<p>92 / silent generation</p>
<p>2. QUESTION 2 & FOLLOW UP What first brought you to Canada?</p>	<p>Luigi immigrated to Canada in 1964 with his wife Anna and his two children, Manuela and Manola. He was hired by the Canadian Government whilst he lived in France and sailed from Le Havre, France on a Cunard Line Boat to Montreal, Canada to begin his new life. He did not know much about Canada but after speaking with a neighbor who spoke highly of the country, Luigi decided it would be a good choice. He only had \$500 when he left (at the time it was sufficient).</p> <p>The Canadian government paid for their voyage, arranged housing for them in Canada, and promised employment for him. They also established a payment plan for him to repay the costs over time.</p> <p>He had many different jobs but what pushed him to move to Windsor was the increase in pay (\$5/h !)</p>

<p>3. QUESTION 3 & FOLLOW UP How old were you when you immigrated? From which part of Italy?</p> <p>*follow up* When did you immigrate to France?</p>	<p>1964: Luigi was 32 years old when he immigrated to Canada. He is originally from Albino, in the province of Bergamo, near Milan in Northern Italy.</p> <p>Luigi immigrated to France in 1954. In 1951 to Switzerland.</p>
<p>4. QUESTION 4 & FOLLOW UP What was the journey to Canada like?</p>	<p>It was wonderful; the Cunard line had taken care of them the second they got into the ship. There was nothing but smooth sailing for 5 days.</p> <p>Luigi and Anna could relax for the entire journey as the kids were taken care of by staff, and their accommodations on the way were excellent. It was a dream!</p>
<p>5. QUESTION 5 & FOLLOW UP What do you remember of your first impression of Canada? Did you encounter any obstacles/barriers as a new immigrant to Canada?</p>	<p>Luigi's personal impression of Canada was one of wonder. They offered him a job on the second day he was in Canada, and he was put to work immediately! There were no issues here as a new immigrant as everything was taken care of by the Canadian Government.</p>
<p>6. QUESTION 6 & FOLLOW UP Did you bring any items of importance with you when you came to Canada?</p> <p>*follow up questions* 6B. Did you work until you retired?</p> <p>6C. Did you learn soccer in France? 6D. Did you win (the soccer game)? 6E. How old were you (in this photo)?</p>	<p>6A. Yes, many pictures. These pictures are from Switzerland, France and Italy and they range from the early 1900s to the mid 1970s. The pictures are of family, adventures he was in, old friends and past employments.</p> <p>6B. Yes. Worked from 11 to 56.</p> <p>6C. Learnt before in Italy.</p> <p>6D. No *laughs*. But we did very good!</p> <p>6E. I don't know!</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">7. QUESTION 7 & FOLLOW UP</p> <p>Did you exchange letters with relatives in Italy?</p> <p>7B. Was Serena (his daughter) born in Canada?</p> <p>7C. Was your mother taller than your father?</p> <p>7D. What was your fathers job (in the army)?</p> <p>7E. What was this for? What was your role? Did they paint a beard on you?</p> <p>7F. How did you and Anna meet?</p>	<p>Yes, and they kept close contact with the family. Luigi visited them often and he even sent his children by themselves to visit their grandparents at the ages of 4 and 1!</p> <p>7B. Yes, in Montreal. She is the only true French Canadian!</p> <p>7C. Yes she was. Beautiful woman.</p> <p>7D. Chief of Albino.</p> <p>7E. Christmas play for the Church. Unsure what the role was or if he had a beard.</p> <p>7F. Through Church, we are from the same town.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8. QUESTION 8 & FOLLOW UP</p> <p>Where is “home” for you and why?</p>	<p>“Home for me is Canada. I raised my family easy”.</p> <p>He built himself a beautiful life here; his settled down and established roots here. Although Luigi never lost any of his Italian heritage, he fully integrated himself into Canada and even calls himself Canadian, without a doubt. He wishes he never immigrated to Switzerland or France and went straight to Canada.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9. QUESTION 9 & FOLLOW UP</p> <p>Looking back on this experience, is there anything you would have done differently?</p>	<p>“Always”</p> <p>Luigi would have wished he had bought some property along the Riverside Drive in Windsor; it was cheap compared to how much the lots go for today (millions of dollars!)</p> <p>Luigi highlights healthcare as a primary reason to why he would have eagerly immigrated to Canada. Canadian healthcare is faster and efficient, and providers listen and adjust to fit into your schedule. Luigi says he is very lucky to be where he is and recognizes that other countries are not as fortunate as Canada is for the healthcare system.</p>

<p>10. QUESTION 10 & FOLLOW UP Is there anything further you would like to add to this story?</p>	<p>Couldn't have asked for a better life.</p> <p>Would maybe have started his own company/shop instead of abandoning the idea.</p> <p>Maybe his only regret.</p>