

**Oral History Interview**  
**Talivaldis Grinbergs**  
**WH087**

(written transcript and digital audio)

On September 17, 2010, Talivaldis Grinbergs was interviewed at 47 Starlight Drive, Colonia, New Jersey by Brenda Velasco (about 1:00 P.M.).

**1. Identify individual-name, section, date of birth.**

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* My full name is Talivaldis Grinbergs and I live at 47 Starlight Drive in Colonia. Right now I'm speaking with a very nice lady and we'll go over a few historical facts of what I have in my library right in front of me.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, before we get to that, what year were you born in?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Oh, 1922.

*Brenda Velasco:* 1922, so you have seen many, many things happen not only in Colonia but in the world.

**2. How long have you lived in Colonia?**

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I'm living in Colonia since November 11, 1956.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's our Veteran's Day, the 11th of November.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* It's also my daughter's birthday.

*Brenda Velasco:* Oh, very good.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* So it's easy to remember.

*Brenda Velasco:* I was wondering why you could remember the exact date.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Now today is actually, I'm very, very close to my eighty-eighth birthday. I only have thirteen days to go.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay.

**3. Why did you or your family originally move to Colonia?**

*Brenda Velasco:* Because we know you weren't born in Colonia, you've got a faint accent. Tell us where you were born and how did you end up in Colonia?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I was born in Latvia. It's a small country on the Baltic Sea.

*Brenda Velasco:* I was just in Lithuania in June so I'm very familiar with the Baltic Republics.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Then you know the Lithuanians are our neighbors.

*Brenda Velasco:* Oh, yes, south of Latvia. And what city were you born in?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* My city was a small town and its name was Vainode.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, I'm going to get the spelling of that much later. Then how did you get to America from Latvia?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* It was quite a trip.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Well Latvia is a small country and they have two good harbors so all our good neighbors have very much interest in these harbors. In Latvia, they formed the Republic on November 18, 1918. Until that time they were under the rule of Russia.

*Brenda Velasco:* Under the Czar.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The Czar was their ruler. Then came the Revolution and after the Revolution started, actually not right after, there was a little space where the Communists started fighting but they came, like I said, free rights.

*Brenda Velasco:* So they had an independence period?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* And that's when you were born.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* 1922.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I was born in 1922. It was a very, very nice time there. It is not like we're talking about here in Colonia. It was not a big city and my father was a post master there.

*Brenda Velasco:* So he had a good job then?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, he had a good job. This lasted quite a bit after the Second World War.

*Brenda Velasco:* The First World War ended in 1918.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And in that time when I grew up there, there actually were not electric lights.

*Brenda Velasco:* So it was more a rural area like a farm area?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No.

*Brenda Velasco:* No. You were in a city?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No, it was a densely populated area. It had no city lights. There were approximately, at that time, close to two thousand people.

*Brenda Velasco:* Alright, so two thousand people lived in that area. Then what made you leave?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* So Latvia was a free Republic. Then one day the Russians asked for the rights to put their Army bases down. Then at that moment all of us didn't know what to expect. They had all Russian traditions and Russian language. By the way, Latvia has their own language.

*Brenda Velasco:* I know that. Lithuanians are very proud people with their own culture, too.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Exactly. So now the Russians said the next step was the residents have to go. So at that time, I was already in high school. So, anyway, they took it over. The main reason no more rights for the people. They took the people whether they liked it and put them in their cattle cars and they sent them to Siberia.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, these are the Soviets. When you say Russians we're dealing with the Soviet regime.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* You're correct. The Russian Czar ended in....

*Brenda Velasco:* In 1918. He was assassinated in 1920. Okay, so off to Siberia. Now what happened to your father?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Actually the war started.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, World War II in 1939.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, and the Russians had their bases and they also had the airplanes in the air now. The bombs started coming down. But something very significant happened there where we actually had to go. Like I said there were no individual rights and one night very quietly, we had a little bit suspicion because there

were quite a bit of cattle cars in the stations and also the trucks were organized. One night, fourteen thousand Latvians, most likely to Siberia, and their families split. And sometimes the men were split from the women. Their children, of course were also split so we knew that this is not for us, we have to leave. Now then comes the period when they were forced out of the German occupation. Anyway this was Russians.

*Brenda Velasco:* Soviets.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* It's very good that you correct me because Russian is quite a different story.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, that's much different with the Russian Orthodox Church.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, different churches.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so when do you leave.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Oh, we are still there. These occupations came, the Soviet occupation, and when Germans came they were not (inaudible) but since we were Latvians and are not Jewish people or any other nationality we were living through these occupations. But then when the Second World War ended, the Russians came back. And they were so very forceful in our town so we said it was time to leave and that was the reason why we left. So we leave from there to make money or do some things that would bring money. So we came here because you were actually against the regime. And what we found later on at the city hall we found an ax with our names, all the names, all the Grinbergs, on this ax with all this shipment to Siberia.

*Brenda Velasco:* You were fortunate then. How were you able to get out of Latvia then?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* We had to leave Latvia of course and its difficulties. So we left for Germany because Germans are our occupiers at the same time. When they came in, they hated Russians. It was so bad because they killed so many members of the families that we all said we would help the Russians with the Germans. They are very proud people and they said we don't need no help. We are going to fight ourselves. Of course, you know Germany lost the war.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, they did for a number of reasons but we're not going to discuss that. Now you're in Germany, we got you in Germany after World War II.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* After World War II, they had the displaced person camps.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, we called them the DP.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, the DP camps. We called them DPs.

*Brenda Velasco:* I know. My background is Lithuanian so we had relatives coming over, too.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The DP camps, that was a Baltic camp, because Lithuanians and Latvians were together. Then my daughter was born, there was a hospital there at the DP, and the first one who took care was an American organization and since I'm American, Americans were fighting very quickly with the Russians against Germany. Then they allowed us to be in Germany and they used us for their industry. From there on the next step was the displaced person camp. These were not concentration camps. So now we are to the point where we can.....

*Brenda Velasco:* You were refugees; these are refugee camps.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And the Russians were still allowed to come to these camps and ask if we want to go home which was an absolutely no, of course. They caused a funny feeling that they were allowed to come in and ask if somebody wanted to go

home. We couldn't understand if we should go, if that was the wish from the camp under the American division. First it was the UNRA and then it was the IRA. They were supplied legally. They received the packages from Americans, it was used clothing and people who were handy, like my wife, she made beautiful clothes from it. Now we are waiting, four years passed by, and we're still waiting and things happened in America. Roosevelt died and then came Truman and in Truman's time they made a law in this case that allowed so many displaced persons to come over to America. We had actually a choice. You can go to England or you can also go to the allied nations but you know what their coal mines were. And we were hoping America would be better.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, because some people also went to Canada from these camps. But you came right to the United States then?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, Brooklyn.

*Brenda Velasco:* What year?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* On October 3, 1949.

*Brenda Velasco:* You've got a good memory. The Statue of Liberty.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The Statue of Liberty.

*Brenda Velasco:* Quite a site for you?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Everybody from the ship came up. By the way we came by ship and it was eleven days at sea.

*Brenda Velasco:* Do you know the name of the ship?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* General Houser. These are liberty ships. All the ships had names of generals and fancy names. They were very simple ships.

*Brenda Velasco:* They got you here.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* They got us here.

*Brenda Velasco:* And by this time you had your wife with you, yourself, a daughter....

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No the parents remained in the camp.

*Brenda Velasco:* So you had three people in your family that came? What happened to your parents?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* They didn't let them go because they found a little bit of illness for my brother in his lungs and in his kidneys I guess and they kept him there. So we could only come to the United States if we had a sponsor. One of our friends, also from the camp, he could be a sponsor if he promised to give us a roof and some food. At that time I went looking for a job we were staying in Brooklyn since the sponsors were there. Most of the people were in different places in different states with different jobs. The worst job was in Mississippi where they picked the cotton.

*Brenda Velasco:* Well, then you were lucky to come to Brooklyn.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* My life is actually always lucky.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, because you got here and your brother didn't.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* A couple of years later we were able to find out from the government that he could come here and me be the sponsor for him. He left everything that he had.

*Brenda Velasco:* But he might have not been able to have it if he went back to Soviet Latvia.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No, they nationalized everything. In Germany, life was not so easy.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so we got you here, you're in Brooklyn, from Brooklyn how did you get to Colonia?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* My first job in Brooklyn was yarn dying in the factory.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, with metals.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No, no, yarn.

*Brenda Velasco:* Oh yarn, dying yarn.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* It just happened that at that time, I don't know and the sponsor didn't know, this is a very temporary job. The job was actually for a couple of weeks and they paid us a lot. They paid seventy-two cents per hour. That job, I have to describe it, maybe the distance from the corner up to there, say forty feet long basins and then you put the yarn on the sticks and you put in the basin and you go one by one, one by one, three or four times until it was shrinking. So then the next, after two weeks, I was laid off. Then I found out there was a job in the hospital so I went to the hospital looking for a job. There were nice ladies there and at that time I was a good looking guy and they said it was the only job that they had. They asked what's my education? And I said engineer. And they said we don't have a job for you. I said what do you mean? They said we don't have one; all we have is a cleanup guy, they had a name for it. So I had to clean and that was not exactly the job I wanted to do

*Brenda Velasco:* No, but that was a good incentive for you to go.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* That's right. I also washed windows for the ladies for thirty cents a window. Where are we at now? We're out of Brooklyn.

*Brenda Velasco:* Well, we got you washing windows and we want you out of Brooklyn.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Then there was a Latvian church and later on there were all kinds of Latvian schools. In that church you meet people and you find out there is such a thing in Long Island that they call Levittown. It just happened there were three guys like me who had an education in engineering. And they figured out that that would be a more likely job and said okay let's take it. But it's very interesting how they build houses. The first time Levittown was a huge area. The houses were built for GI's who came. They were very simple. They were Cape Cods and when the house was built and furnished it looked quite nice. The GIs could buy them for a hundred dollars down payment. Okay and they're doing this job and at the very beginning there was this one guy, there is a lot now. They didn't have a car but there was a railroad so then from the railroad they walked about a couple of hours or more until you got to the fields where they build them. You see there is material and there is foundation and what the heck you're going to do. There is one overseer that came to us and asked us if we were doing the floor and we said no. He said well we got somebody who can show you what to do and we took one guy who was working there before and paid him reasonable money for the day but he's going to spend it. Like I said there was a slab and the slab had mortar. I don't know if you know how to do that. It was shoveling.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so you learned how to build a house American style, suburban American style because that's what it was. This was the post-World War II

big housing boom for the returning GIs. So this was Levittown and that was one of the first.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, Levittown was one of the first. (5000 homes in suburbia)

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Now, after the first year, we were the last crew from many crews. The group consisted of three to four people that was needed to build one house and we did the house with the frames.

*Brenda Velasco:* You were framers.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Framers. One house was built in, not a full day. Okay, now I find out that there's an engineering job in New Jersey. One of my friends was getting a job there and he said: "Tali this is your chance now, they have an opening there". At that time they were building the New York State Thruway and the Garden State Parkway and they needed a civil engineer. So that was the very beginning but this is now in Newark and I'm in Brooklyn. It was difficult to take the subway and from the subway to go to the train that brings you to Newark where the office was. Now what to do? We find our first place to live, Ivy Hill.

*Brenda Velasco:* Ivy Hill in Newark.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Ivy Hill in Newark.

*Brenda Velasco:* I know where it is.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And it was quite a classy place. They had a doorman there and it was thirteen floors, actually there was not thirteen but twelve.

*Brenda Velasco:* No, that's superstition.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And they had a beautiful view. One was New York and one was the South Orange mountains. If you wanted the South Orange view then you would have to pay a little bit more in the area of a hundred dollars

*Brenda Velasco:* And how many bedrooms did you have?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Two bedrooms, one bathroom and a kitchenette. This was all fine but to pay a hundred dollars for that was a little bit too much money and I didn't make much. The salary was sixty dollars a week for the work that we were doing. So we started to look for a house. There was a very attractive advertisement for Meadow Lake. This was a new growing area there with strictly, almost, for Jewish people and due to the fact that my name is Grinbergs, I'm not a Jewish guy, and my wife's name is Ida and that's also a Jewish name as we fit in that group there. They showed us where the synagogue is. But anyhow there was a beautiful view of New York and there was actually, I don't know if you know what it was close to.

*Brenda Velasco:* No.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* They had one small manmade lake and you had to belong to the club.

*Brenda Velasco:* So did you move there?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No, but I was planning to move there but then I thought I'm going to build myself. The reason I said I was going to build myself because in Canada my sister made a small house. They came the same time when we came and of course they liked the area there with Niagara Falls.

*Brenda Velasco:* It's beautiful up there.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* That was the first excursion but also they gave me the idea about building the house and that's why we bought a lot up there.

*Brenda Velasco:* So you bought a lot up there?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, in White Meadow Lake. You'll see it in the pictures.

*Brenda Velasco:* If we have time. I just want to know how did you get to Colonia?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* How did I get here? We were looking for the house and we saw Oak Ridge Heights (in a sales pamphlet).

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, Oak Ridge Heights which is right in Colonia and you're on Starlight Drive.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Cypress is the one that circles around.

*Brenda Velasco:* So you saw this pamphlet on Oak Ridge Heights, Colonia section of Woodbridge.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* This is Oak Ridge Heights and this is Cypress.

*Brenda Velasco:* It was like a horseshoe, a horseshoe off of Inman Avenue. So that attracted you here.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And also the possibility from here with the train service that we could go easy to Newark which was where my place of work was and there was also a bus service. Then we found out there were several people who lived in New Jersey, engineers or whatever, and we were using what do you call it?

*Brenda Velasco:* Carpooling?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Carpooling, yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so, it was location.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Location, definitely. We were lucky with the houses that were built here. They were exactly what we wanted. I wanted a house with a high ceiling. Also I wanted light. The windows were exactly what we wanted.

*Brenda Velasco:* So then you moved here.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And then we moved here.

*Brenda Velasco:* How much did you pay for your house do you remember?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Here's the price. (Viewing original sale brochure for Oak Ridge Heights)

*Brenda Velasco:* Fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars for a twenty-five year four and a half percent mortgage. That was a steal.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Of course. I took it for thirty years.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, so you took the thirty year (mortgage).

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* It was quite easy to pay that.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, you were an engineer.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* At the beginning it was difficult but then you see the taxes there. It was nothing.

*Brenda Velasco:* Taxes were sixty-three dollars a quarter. Unbelievable! What are your taxes now?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* A quarter?

*Brenda Velasco:* No, for the whole year.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Seven thousand.

*Brenda Velasco:* You have a beautiful home with a beautiful backyard.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I did the backyard.

*Brenda Velasco:* You did the backyard, of course. You're a talented person.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Everything you see here starting from that is ours including the fences.

*Brenda Velasco:* Very, very nice: flowers galore.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The apron is done for me and my wife for the holiday season. The pool itself I didn't build but I have a nice neighbor (It was built in 1971).

4. *What physical changes have occurred over the years in the area you lived? -houses, streets, services, stores, houses of worship, schools, etc.*
5. *What public buildings/property were there?-post office, library, parks, firehouse, schools, etc.*

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, now we have to continue with the interview. I've got you in Colonia now. When you moved here it was 1956.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

*Brenda Velasco:* Right, Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> because that's your daughter's birthday. So you moved into a community then. There were all these houses here? Or were you the first house?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I was the first house and that one was the second and then they finished the first one.

*Brenda Velasco:* Did you have mail delivery? Was mail delivered to your house?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I guess it was.

*Brenda Velasco:* How about the stores? Were there stores here?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* This is the street we're talking about, White Meadow Lake. (We are viewing another pamphlet)

*Brenda Velasco:* Alright, but we don't want White Meadow Lake we want Colonia.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And these are the standard lot sizes; 100 X 60. That's the floor models and that's the driveways.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, with a lot firs for the tractors and bulldozers and your wife agreed to move here. Was the street paved?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Actually the first section was here, it was our house, and then they started the second one (Starlight Drive). You can even see from the pavement there the second one.

*Brenda Velasco:* Alright, so you're an original owner. I'm very honored to interview you because from here we have the school. Was the school built?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The school was built during the years and there was not too much there but the store. It was a Jewish deli where they had a good delicatessen with smoked salmon.

*Brenda Velasco:* Very, very important the smoked salmon, sturgeon, white fish, all of that, delicious.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Also they had **Ritchie's Garden Shop** where you'd buy your plants and whatever was needed for your garden.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's by the Catholic school.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* That was Ritchie's landmark.

*Brenda Velasco:* And also Greiner Towers. Greiner Towers was part of that so that was all part of Ritchie's. So you moved to Colonia when it was totally a different era than what it is now with all the stores.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Oh, there was a good bakery, **Vacarro's**. **Vacarro's** was there also.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay.



*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And the hardware shop.

*Brenda Velasco:* That was **Tremarco's Hardware Store?**

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes.

*Brenda Velasco:* That was handy.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* So, as you see, it's actually all that you need for the.....

*Brenda Velasco:* The basics.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The basics.

*Brenda Velasco:* Then you had Colonia Middle School over here.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* That's right. There's a senior club now near the school. We had actually nothing. That's why the tax was so low.

*Brenda Velasco:* Yes, sixty-three dollars a quarter. Unbelievable!

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Unbelievable is right.

*Brenda Velasco:* That was under three hundred dollars for the whole year.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Then the township stated that they had to be landscaping down. But the owner before us was a farmer, this was a big farm. He was a smart man; he sold the topsoil.

*Brenda Velasco:* You were lucky.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* The township said there has to be a road and there has to be landscaping. Here is the landscaping from Sycamore and you could see two bushes there. That was the landscaping there.

*Brenda Velasco:* But you had good soil to start with. You were fortunate.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I have to point out that this patio is the very first thing that we did as you saw there. It was done, there is no concrete. It was done on sand bases. I rolled and I rolled and I rolled and until I could walk with my shoes.

*Brenda Velasco:* You did a good job but you're an engineer.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I did this job when I was fifty-three years old. I'm proud.

*Brenda Velasco:* Of course.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* And I am very lucky with my neighbors.

*Brenda Velasco:* I guess that's one of the reasons you stayed in Colonia.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* That was one of the reasons and also the airport is another reason. We were traveling and this made a difference.

*Brenda Velasco:* Where was the firehouse when you moved here? You forgot, ah?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I don't think there was a firehouse.

*Brenda Velasco:* It may have been down the other side of the Parkway bridge. I'll have to look at that date.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* We had one?

*Brenda Velasco:* We had one at the old VFW.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* My story starts in '56.

## **6. What did you do for recreation?**

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Since we were from Brooklyn our eyes were always still on New York and we went to Broadway shows. But then the Garden State Parkway opened and then the Garden State Arts Center and I have to mention that I was once on the stage with Pavarotti.

*Brenda Velasco:* Wow! In New York or Garden State Arts Center?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* No, the Garden State Arts Center. And after that they had a

big reception and it was due to our company that we were invited to the reception and all the big guns and whatever.

*Brenda Velasco:* He was quite a magnificent opera singer but the personality! I only saw him once.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Where did you see him?

*Brenda Velasco:* New York City at the **Met**. His whole personality just.....he was a persona and a talent.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* I was lucky enough to have tickets to go to the **Metropolitan** one year when I was able to do it. I bought tickets when I was able to when I had money.

*Brenda Velasco:* You had money and health. Health is always important.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Health faded thirty years ago; very close to a faded heart the doctor said.

*Brenda Velasco:* Well, you're still here and you're going to be eighty-eight years old so you did something right.

**7. *Did you experience any significant happenings in Colonia-construction, accidents, sports events, riots, discrimination, etc.***

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* In Colonia, I didn't see anything bad happening.

*Brenda Velasco:* That's good.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* There was no crime. I think there was one time a neighbor complained and said the kids came in and they took our canvas away. That was once when I heard that. Then my neighbors have said several times they all are good. They all are helping me, especially now when I am unable to do many things. So this is one of the important things is to have good neighbors but you have to be good yourself also.

*Brenda Velasco:* It's a two-way street.

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Absolutely

**8. *Do you have family members still living here in Colonia?***

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* My daughter.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, your daughter lives in the house too?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* Yes, and she works.

*Brenda Velasco:* Right now she's on jury duty though?

*Talivaldis Grinbergs:* She was on jury duty but she didn't get any cases. She works in Morristown twenty-four miles from here.

*Brenda Velasco:* Okay, we've covered a lot but unfortunately ran out of time and I want to thank you Tali.

