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MANCUSO, Frank ("Pat") (interview conducted 7/14/82 in Sault Ste. Marie)

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Summary: Discussing the Italians in Sault, Canada. A lot of personal experiences.

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"Manusso, Frank "Pat"

Dad to PA - returned - Dad died when 6 mos old -  
remarried - another son.

To Soo, Ontario.

Another relative in Carbondale, IL. Catanzaro F S

No descent meal in old city -

1913 - 6 yrs old. <sup>1912</sup>  
1907 CHECHALLA CANTAZARA Prov.

B - 1907. Lights - candles or pine pitch.

Stepfather in Canada - former in St - in Soo, O.  
worked in steel mill - came 1911.

Sent for 1913.

Mother took sick - hit school learning  
English. Stayed with Pingatoreas.

To Montreal - physician - 1917-18-19. Jorda to  
John steel mill between NDane & St James  
at 12 yrs. Teller - on block of wood.

"Macaroni"

Help parents - packs, spoons, boilers, cans  
etc. feed machines etc.

Mother decided to return to SSM.

Before rented a penny bank - \$1 per yr -  
return to bank to open - filled twice.

never asked for money.

Sold ice in Montreal. Built his own ice  
wagon - got ice \$154. Drove to door. Made  
\$150 on 154.

Poverty in Italy - Mother's Dad in US when  
she was 10 yrs. old.

Mother 1969 - 1887. 1.

Pasquale Ma Talavicio -

In Montreal - learned French  
in Fr. school.

learned Eng in 55M -

Excellent in math - no education -

Went to St Mary's school & ~~so~~ then to

St Joseph School.

Holy Rosary & OC Mt Carmel.

= Belcastro - from St & retired in  
sermon in St

"It is the 2nd long in the 50s"

Finn, Polish, Finnish.

- 225 Alexander Street -

Another Mancuso from hometown  
on Scheffer St.

Funch-fried potatoes between bread  
froze on way to school.

1907  
16  
23

16 yrs - worked in mill - gave in

28¢ per hour - 36" 2¢ per h with mill  
raises. Debls pd - pay bd & save money

1924 - bought Model T. \$450 pd cash.

Quite plant - had to bribe people to be  
promoted in the coke ovens.

off to Windsor with friend - over to  
Detroit & So Bend. With Oliver Plow  
Works. Pc work. 90¢ per hour. - 3 mos  
there.

Went to ACR - up north - 250 miles North  
7 mos there - saved \$500. Hired men in  
spring. Nine 4 x leave off 4.

Winter so severe - w/ proper clothes - stone  
in kidney. Face pass deserved.

Roadmaster made exception & gave pass.

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Foreman was northern St.  
Quite a few from hometown - all  
at Schaffer Ave. "Beck's Jungle".  
RIP; to Golly

None left from hometown.

Cop Owens - 1926 returned to Owens  
because worked. Some brutes. Never  
clad off during Wap. It was yard  
foreman Welshman Johnny Manuel.

Got ruptured

Start benzole plant - divert acid to  
benzole plant.

Charlie Drake - just out of college - Chem eng.  
2 friends - English - Bill & Stan -  
father's foreman. All started -  
Frank worked laborer & other 2, 1st  
& 2nd helpers.

Give Bill hand cleaning RR took car.  
plank 2x10 8 feet long.  
end note one

Bright house \$19 per month & more if possible  
Kids picked on kids.

531 Douglas - Stone  
& Turner.

Stone would help out - even if  
50¢ per day. Added on to stone - steps  
by step - no credit.

Pet's Procentria 1948-1960

ran the stone - Started \$3500. 1958



4  
Built house;  
Had 2-3 brand new cars - furnished  
rugged & dropped. All paid for.  
Married 1932. 3 boys & girl.  
Ran Tautani; then did housework.  
Took in \$~~1500~~<sup>8-20</sup> per day.  
Then \$100 - up \$1000 per day.  
Cleaning, country & honesty.

Made & sold property.

Cottage on Lake Superior -  
Bachwood Area.

Corned & Cured foods in store.  
Married 50 yrs. 1932-82.

### Church.

early-  
1930's.  
spotted  
fur yrs -  
separate.  
Sons of Italy Lodge - S. Verdi.  
Calabrese Lodge - started Cal-  
all Cal - petered out - young ones  
didn't join.

Verdi Marconi.  
Cato Sons of It was first  
Calabrese formed as break off -

Tiodotti - formed S. of It.

Costume picture taken.

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Interview Frank "Pat" Mancuso.  
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Born - district of Catanzaro - Calabria  
1907. To U.S. 1913.

Legate - candles + pine pitch  
Poverty - farming

Lived in Montreal for while - knew French  
before English.

"Italian is the 2nd language in the Soc."

(1923).

16 yrs old worked in Algoma Steel -  
28¢ per hr. then to 36½¢ per hour.

Had to bribe people to work up in  
ranks. In coke ovens.

Left to Windsor & so Bend - Oliver  
Plow Co 90¢ per hr.

Then returned to SSM - ACR 250 mi  
month - 7 mos there - saved \$500.

Hired men in spring. He was kept.  
Winter too ~~severe~~ severe - no proper  
clothes - exception & free pass.  
Foreman - no Italian

Quite few from Calabria & hometown  
on Schaeffer St location Today either  
RIP or returned to It

1926 - coke ovens - exp worker - never  
broke off. Into benzole plant new  
2 Eng friends - father's foreman



Made 1st & 2nd helpers - Frank  
Common Calabrese.

Into store "Pat's Groceries" 1948-60.

Paid for everything in cash.

Developed cpa business from \$100 to  
\$1000 per day.

Clean, courteous, honest

Calabrese Lodge - started early  
1930's - Lion Hall. separate -  
only Calabrese - break off of Verde  
rejected out - requiring not join