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Translated from Portuguese/English Mix

What am I going to say? Well, do you speak Portuguese?

Interviewer: No. Tell me in Portuguese.

Well, my life there in Portugal, you know, I lived with my parents, I worked a lot with them in the fields, I worked at home. My father also worked as a landscaper, he did gardens, did everything. We helped him working the harvest, in the fields picking corn, beets, doing the household chores, would go to help him. Many things that we did in those days. When we got old, my father did everything by himself. My mother would do embroidery only as she was very ill. We, after I got married, came here, started my married life with my husband—he already died. So, I stayed here in America working here also, in some places. Work was also difficult for me. When I came here I also knew nobody. I went to work in two jobs, it really helped me. After that I retired and that's it. But that is all in the past and so old that we forget the past life. Long, long, long time. Long time. I have been in the United States for 49 years, I am not too much, I am not too much. It's a lot of jobs, a lot of things. It's America. It's ok, you know. I don't have anything more. Now, I go back? Oh, that's enough for me.

Interviewer: Ok, that's fine.