



# Maria Sousa

## Translated from Portuguese/English Mix

*Interviewer: You can go whenever you want.*

My, oh, I don't know how to say it, I born in the Açores. I lived a long time with my parents and it was very good. My father had a store and four daughters. We worked—we worked at home the chores, but never had a job. And we did live very well. After we, I got married. I had two girls, two daughters and a son. After I came to America—I was there many years. I came here to America, we know that. At first, it is difficult. It's difficult. But after it starts rolling. My husband worked, and I also worked. After my husband died and I was alone with my daughters, each one in their own home. But they are very good to me. They always go to my house always asking if I want anything. They do for me ... it's very good. Very good. At first, it's like that for everyone, right? When they move from one state to another, from one place to another, it's difficult, it's not the same like When we are born. Even here in America, I have a son—I can say, right? I have a son that is a lawyer and I have a daughter that is a teacher, but she is retired. And I have another daughter that she, her husband, has a beer company. That's all.

*Interviewer: Anything specific about New Bedford?*

New Bedford? I lived in New Bedford. We worked, my children attended school. After that my husband, we worked, my children went to school. After that my husband bought a house, my husband and I bought a house in Dartmouth. I am there and like being there, very much. That place is very quiet ...[inaudible]... And it is very good.

*Interviewer: Most of your family still around here?*

Yeah. My daughter lived in Florida. In the summer, I go to, a house in Newport. Now she is in Montana. I have another daughter that is already retired—has 3 children. She lives close to me. Close to me in Dartmouth. She lives in North Dartmouth, I live in South Dartmouth. I think that's all. It is. Thank you very much. Thank you very, very much. You are a nice boy. Nice, nice boy.