

Transcript of edited excerpts.

RAFFETTO, ROMANA & ANDREW

“I am Romana Raffetto. I was born 1932, In Italy.”

“My name is Andrew Raffetto, I was born December 7, 1962 in St. Vincent's Hospital here in Greenwich Village, and I currently run Raffetto's with my brother Richard... We both grew up in Greenwich Village.”

R. Raffetto: I love Greenwich Village. We have a little house up at a lake that my husband bought when they were little. And now I made friends with some women, and they say, “Why don't you come live here?” I say, “I like my little telephone booth apartment.” Because many times I'm here alone, and I lean on the window and I look out, and you see the world passing by. I will never leave. Only when I die, that's it. And then my husband, it was the same. He died here in the apartment, and he left when he died. But he liked it here, too. He didn't want to go anyplace else. So the Greenwich Village, to me, is beautiful. That's what I feel.

A. Raffetto: And my mother sometimes will say, “I'm from Asolo, from the Venice region.” She was there until she was nineteen, before she had to go make money for the family. So that's like twenty out of eighty. So sixty years, she's like a New Yorker! Yet her first inclination might say, “I'm an Asolana. I'm from this town.”