



Tell Us Your Story

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My story starts long before I was even born, with the immigration of all four of my great-grandparents to America. Two of them moved here from Ireland and two from Italy.

My maternal grandmother was raised in Charlestown; my grandfather in Everett. They met as teenagers at a roller-skating rink. When my grandfather returned after serving in World War II, they got married and moved to Nahant. My mother and her 5 siblings grew up there.



My paternal grandmother grew up in Swampscott; my grandfather in Lynn. They also got married after my grandfather returned from the war. My father and his brothers grew up in Swampscott. On this side of my family, six of us graduated from Swampscott High.

When I was adopted from Iowa; we lived in Salem. Then my brother came along and we moved to Washington State. Even though we lived on the other side of the U.S., we came back to Swampscott every Christmas and summer break to be close to family and the beach! We officially moved back in August of 2001. We have been living in the lovely town of Swampscott for 18 years; most of my life.

Photo: My great grandparents, Edward and Mary Williams from Ireland.

