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Quarter IV

THE MIGRANT STORY



Stef's Class
Central Park School
for Children

Letter from the Editor

Hello Readers! For over two months, the Monarchs at Central Park School for Children have been researching migrant stories and interviewing their families to learn about their own migrant narratives. This newspaper is an ode to the rich and diverse stories we share.

As a classroom community, we were challenged to consider the complexities of movement. What is a migrant? Did our ancestors have a choice in migration? What does it mean to be undocumented? Why did our ancestors have to change their name when they arrived in the U.S.? These questions are a glimpse of our daily inquiries and investigations.

This publication is dedicated to every child in my first grade class who has put energy into learning and honoring their history, to every child and family that has crossed borders and oceans to get to the United States in search of physical safety, economic security and new opportunity, to the migrant farmworkers who pick our strawberries each Strawberry Festival, to the children and families in our Durham community who have been and continue to be targeted by ICE on their way to school (including Wildin Acosta of Riverside High School) and lastly, to the educators who fight endlessly to support all children, with and without papers.

#MigrationisBeautiful
#NotIMore

-Stef Bernal-Martinez



BY: KAUNA MANGAI

My ancestors were born in Nigeria. One reason my family came to the United States is my great grandparents are very good at sports. Another reason is my great grandparents played in the Olympics.

My mom did not get to see her mom that much because my Mom went to boarding school. My mom's dad's name was Mangai. My grandfather sold a special kind of water called Pell Water.

My dad lived in a village. There were some rich people who were bullies and my dad was very poor. They did not have money and they had to wear fabric. Then my dad saw my Mom and she was rich but not mean. She had good clothes and a big house (but no upstairs).

My mom and dad got married and went to the USA. They found a house and my mom was pregnant. There were two babies. They were trouble. Their names were Kauna and Godiya. There was trouble with me as a baby because I choked on a shrimp and my Dad was crying. In my family, we like shrimp a lot.

Monarch Dedications	
I dedicate this newspaper to my dad. -Carrie	I dedicate this newspaper to my brother EJ because I love him and he loves me too. -Justin
I dedicate this newspaper to my mom and my dad and Pippi and Piper and Juniper. -Finn	I dedicate this newspaper to my mom and dad, brother and more ancestors. -Cassie
I dedicate this newspaper to my mom, dad and my dog. -Isaac	I dedicate this newspaper to my mom and my dad and sayer and my family and friends. -Levi
I dedicate this newspaper to my family. -Lysander	I dedicate this newspaper to my mom and dad. -David
I dedicate this newspaper to my mom and my dad and Leah, my little sister. -Olivia	I dedicate this newspaper to my cousins and my little sister and my mom and my dad and my grandparents and to my aunt. -Alexia
I dedicate this newspaper to my mom and dad and cousins. -Isaiah	I dedicate this to my family--my sister, my dad and my mom. -Kauna
I dedicate this newspaper to Bently, my dog, and my dad and my mom. -Maddock	I dedicate this newspaper to my cousin, Malia, and my mom and my dad and my uncle, Brandon, and Aunty Mika and my sister, Phasia, and my grandma. -Phallon
I dedicate this newspaper to my dog Amie and my other dog Bety. -Lucie	



BY: ELIZABETH ROBIN FANELLI CLARK

My father, Frank, and mother, Lani were born and bread in Brooklyn, NY. Both my father's parents were from Siciliy and my mother's parents were born in the U.S. but her family was from Germany and France.

I was born in New York on May 13th, 1975. I lived in New York until I was 18. I've lived in North Car-



BY: LEVI BROWN

My family came from Poland, England. That is why I'm 1/8 Polish and 1/8 English. My family went from Poland to the U.S. because of war.

My grandparents jobs were farming. We go to their house sometimes. We also go to church and McDonalds. We have a lot of fun.

We go to lots of places with my grandparents. We go to New Hampshire, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Baseball is an important tradition in my family because my grandparents loves Jackie Robinson. They like that he was super brave and that he was the first Black man to play MLB.



BY: STEF BERNAL-MARTINEZ

I was born in the oceans of Southern California and raised in the deserts of the West Texas borderlands. I come from a large Mexican family who migrated to the United States in the mid-1970's.

When my abuelos came to the U.S. they worked picking strawberries and cleaning offices and homes. Growing up, I was taught to respect the strength of *trabajadores*. I was raised to be proud of birthday parties with *brinca-brincas*, eating *elotes* at the swap meet and listening to Selena.

I moved to Durham to build a community that reflects the values my immigrant family raised me with--respect, compassion, love and endless hard work. I'm happy and honored to call Durham and CPSC home.

olina ever since. Both of my children were born in the triangle and have only ever lived and gone to school in Durham. It's funny because my Southern friends tell me I will forever be a *Yankee* but I will always have *Carolina on my mind*.

I love Durham because it reminds me of New York and Central Park School for Children reminds me of the many schools I grew up going to.



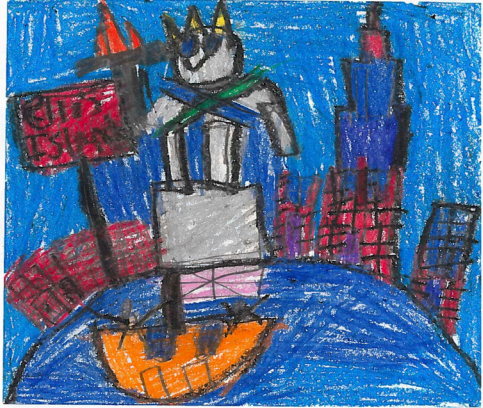
BY: ALEXIA OVEROCKER

My ancestors were born in Russia and Japan. The names of my ancestors are Hrako, my great grandmother, and Hraki, my great grandfather.

On my mom's side, my Russian great grandmother survived World War II. She used to be a farmer and she is still alive today.

My mom came to the United States because she wanted to adventure and was interested in other countries.

Every year, my Christmas is amazing. All my family gets together and we eat food and open presents. My great grandparents are very kind and helpful.



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Opinion

I want to know my history and learn about it.
-Leila

It is good to know about people in your family you never met.
-Isaac

It took us a long time to interview people and we don't want to do it for no reason. We are making a newspaper and I think people will like to see it.
-Levi

I think it's important to know about our ancestors because it might let you learn something and there might lullabies or traditions that have been passed down.
-Carrie

It is important to know your history because then you won't know your family or friends or ancestors.
-Alexia

It is important to study migrant history so that you know stuff about your family. If you learn, you might know what to do. You will know what your family is about.
-Finn

It's important to learn about your family.
-Phallon

Our history is important because we can remember things from a long time ago.
-Kauna

Why should we learn about our migrant history?

I think it's important to study our migrant history because we need to know more about our family.
-Lysander

I think it's important because you will learn more about yourself.
-Justin

It is important to study our history because we don't know the people and we want to.
-Cassie

It's important to learn our history because we want to know important stuff about our parents.
-David

I think we should know what has happened in our life.
-Lucie

I think we should know because we want to see what happened in our families--what their names are, what they celebrated.
-Olivia

It is important because I will be smarter and I will know about myself.
-Isaiah

It is important because you get to learn about yourself and because you get smart.
-Maddock

Q & A



Where were your ancestors born?

My maternal grandmother and maternal grandfather were both born in Mississippi but that's as far back as I can go. My paternal grandmother was born in South Carolina and my maternal grandfather was born between North and South Carolina.

Do you know the story of why and how your ancestors came to the United States?

I'm positive that my family came over from Africa during the slave trade and I would imagine that they didnt have much choice in coming, that they were captured and brought from Africa.

My mother was born in 1950 in Mississippi and when she was 5 years old, the family moved to New Jersey. My grandfather worked farms at least up until 1955.

Are there any traditions passed down you want to share?

We've always had a big 4th of July celebration because my maternal grandmother had 14 children and most of them lived in New Jersey except for one who we called Uncle June.

He would always come for two weeks around the 4th of July and so for me as a child when my uncle visited it was like a celebrity was coming to town. I have over 100 first cousins and we would time his drive from Chicago. Then we would all run to the corner and

wait for his van to turn around the corner. You would think it was a parade!

For the two weeks around 4th of July the whole family would get together and sit outside and grill. We all remember that--all the cousins in this generation--nothing else mattered except this visit.

Can you tell me a story about an ancestor of yours?

My grandmother was born in 1916 and it was tough for her. She had a 2nd grade education, but my grandfather had an 8th grade education and he was considered lucky. He was able to move from Missisissipi as a farmer and move to New Jersey. He acquired a lot of skills he learned not by formal education but by street education.

When I was born I had my mother's parents and my dad's mother and I tried to spend as much time with them as I possibly could and I think that's really important. I dont know much about my history be-

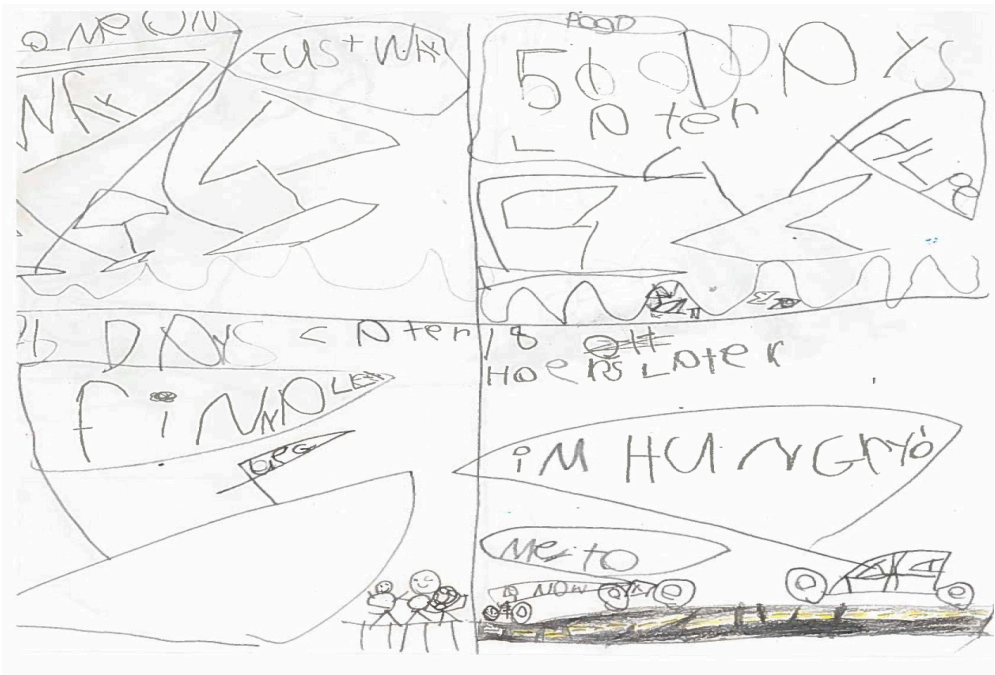
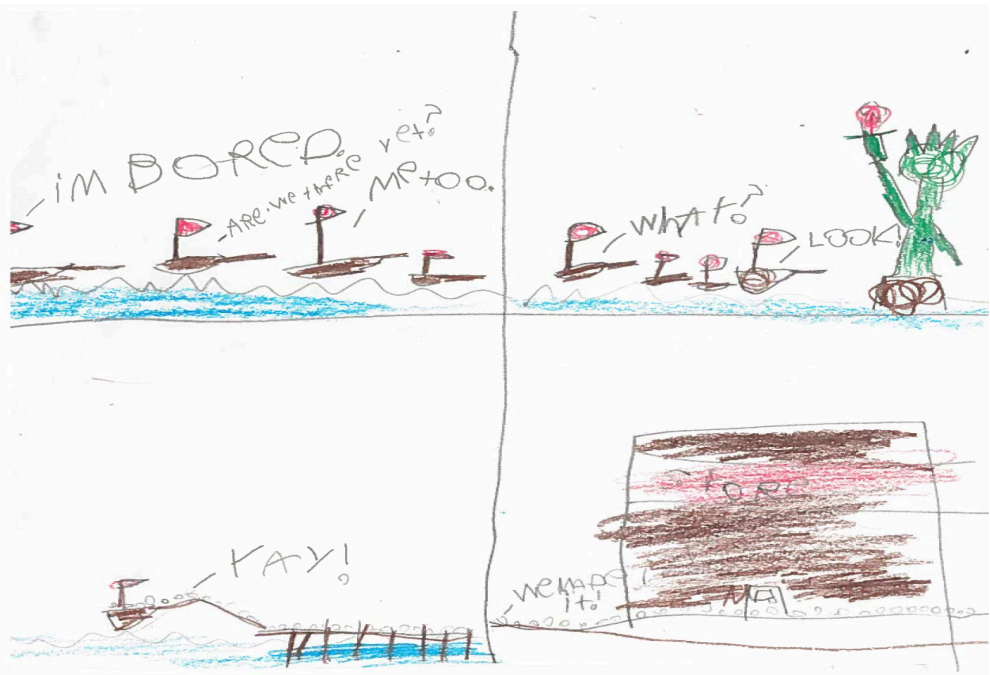
yond my grandparents but at least I know my grandparents really well. I feel fortunate that I have those memories.

What history do you want your children to remember?

I want them to appreciate and value family. This summer I've planned a small trip so we can absorb our family history.

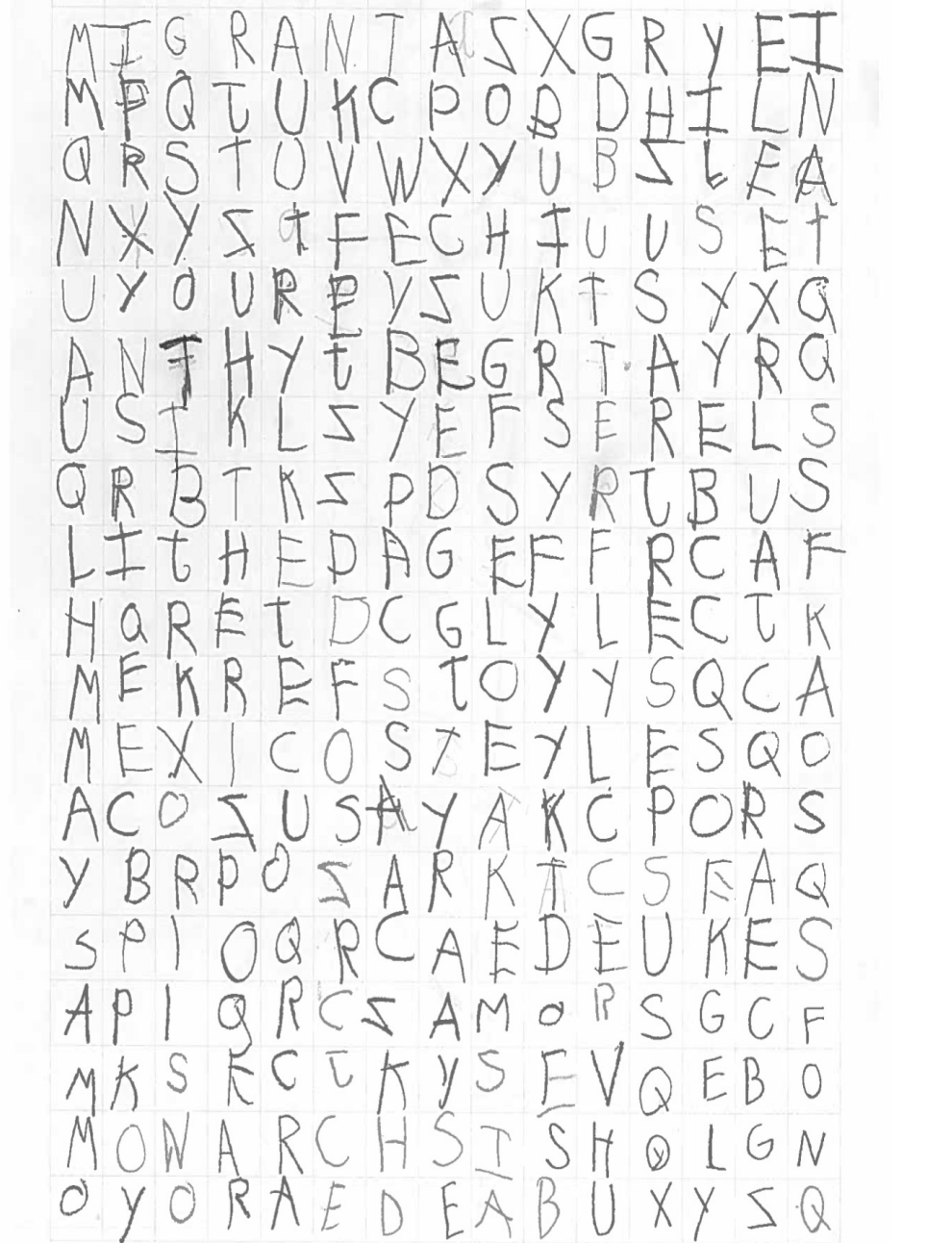
I want them to be there and hear the stories. The family home was a historic landmark because they found shackles from slavery.

I want them to appreciate all the hardwork and energy and sacrifice that has been put in by our family to get them where they are--to understand that they have grandparents that have less than a high-school education and that the next generation graduated highschool, college and beyond. Though it's taken awhile I want them to see those steps and recognize those stepping stones and know how important that is.



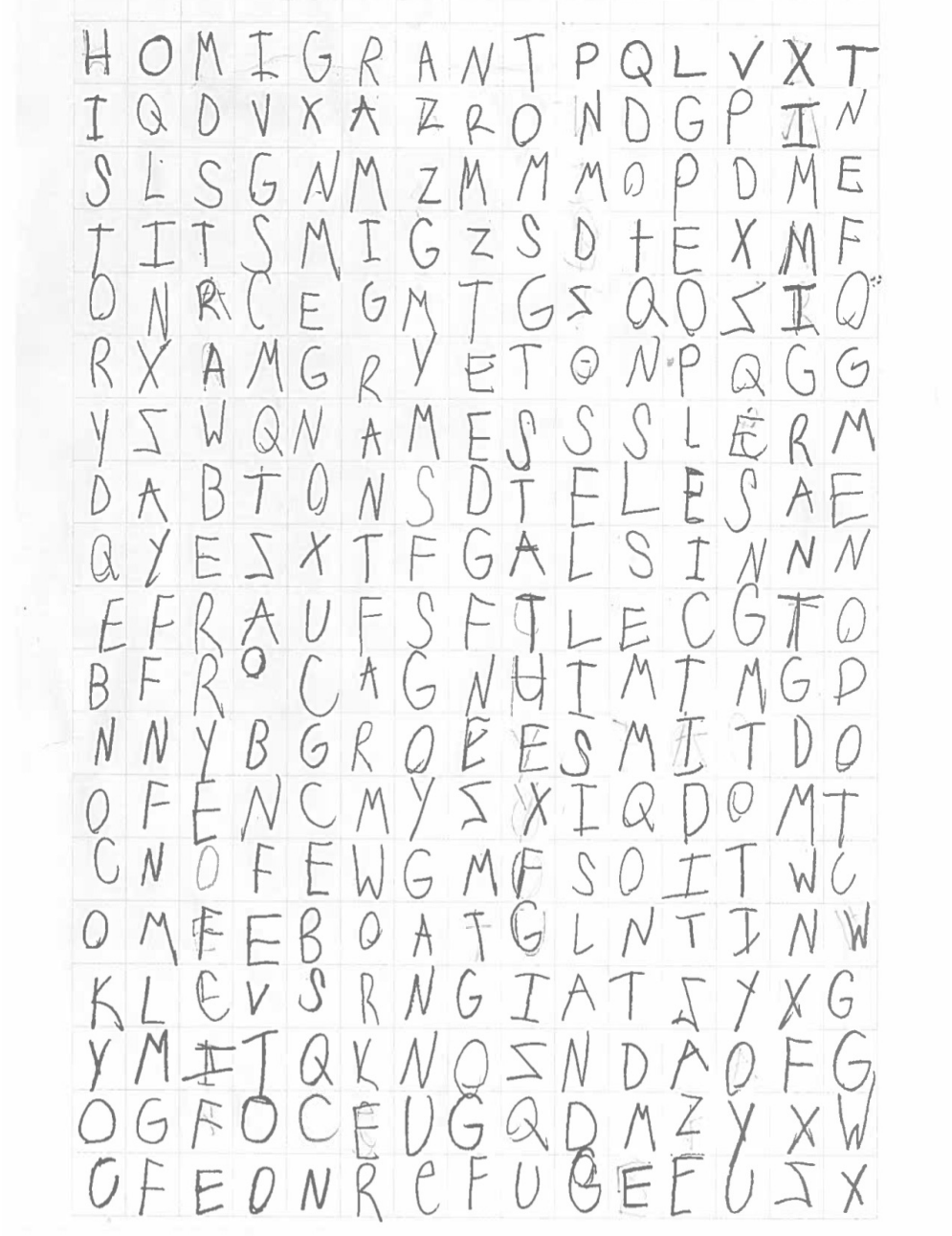
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MIGRANT BUTTERFLY
MONARCHS
UNITED STATES MEXICO



CROSSWORD BY: ISAIAH MORTON

MIGRANT FARMWORKERS
REFUGEES IMMIGRANTS
ELLIS ISLAND STATUE
PEOPLE NAMES



CROSSWORD BY: OLIVIA MARSHALL

History



BY: LEILA PORTER

My ancestors were born in Ghana and Columbia, South Carolina. My uncle is moving from Atlanta to the Middle East.

My great grandpa died when my mom was ten years old. My grandpa died when I was four years old.

My great great grandma did a lot of things. She liked to cook and do many things.

My mom is from Ghana. She came to North Carolina because she wanted to have children. My mom moved from Ghana to New York to North Carolina with my dad.

My mom is studying nursing so she can become a nurse. My mom needs to go to Duke Hospital because she needs to help people feel better.



BY: CASSIDY ROSE MCCONNELL

My ancestors fought in World War II. On my Dad's side, they came from Scotland. On my Mama's side, they came from Poland, Russia, Israel and Hungary. I come from a lot of different countries.

My ancestors and grandparents names are Jane, my grandma, Jason, grandpa. My great grandpa's name is Seymour Satin. People called him Timi.

My great grandma's name is Roslyn Sattin. That name was Roslyn Sainovisky. It got changed because if they wanted to come into the United States, they needed to change their name. I think they had to change their names because it had to be more English.

My Mom's side is Eastern European and my Dad's side is Western European. It is very cool that I am a mix.

I know that one tradition that has been passed down is the Jewish religion. One of the traditions celebrating the Jewish holidays like Passover, Chanukah, Purim and Rosh Hoshannah. There are a lot of different holidays. We eat special bread called Challah. It is weird for some people. It is fun for me.



BY: PHALLON TERRY

My mother's side was from New Jersey. My Dad's side is from Alabama. My grandma was born in a cabin because there were no hospitals in her life in the olden days.



BY: FINN TURNER

My ancestors came from Germany and France and Ireland and England. My dad's family is from Scotland and Ireland. My ancestors came to America because they wanted to check out a new country.

My family members are Charlie, Jerry, Lorin, Jesse, Walter and Joey.

My grandmother is retired but she used to be a teacher. Some of my ancestors work with oil and someone in my family invented part of the color in the TV. My grandfather works for a plumbing company.

One of the traditions in my Dad's family including me is that we wear Kilts. That is very important to me.



BY: MADDOCK PEARSON

My great grandfather lived over 100 years. My great grandfather was born in North Carolina. He moved to Paris, France and then he died.

My great-great grandfather's names is Charles and my great-great grandmother's name is Tootie.

Their tradition is on Christmas, they would make a circle of candles and stand in the middle and sing carols.



BY: CAROLYN JOHNSON

My ancestors came from England and came to the United States because they were criminals and they owed the courts lots of money. So they had a choice. They could go to the United States or go to prison. They were hoping to have a better life in the USA.

My first ancestor arrived in 1680. One of my ancestors was Burton Potter and he fought in the Civil War. He was fighting for Black freedom from Slavery.

One tradition is Bayberry Candles. There is a poem about Bayberry candles.

Burned to the socket, brings health to the heart and wealth to the pocket.

The Bayberry candle is a tradition to keep me and brother from opening presents. We are not allowed to open presents until the Bayberry candle is burned to the socket or it will bring bad luck.

We also have a passed down lullaby from Peter Pan. Tender Shepard is the name of the Peter Pan lullaby that our family sings.



BY: JUSTIN NICOLAS BROWN

My ancestors were Africans in slavery and they had no choice but to go to North Carolina. They lived their lives in the state of Georgia.

When they were in slavery, they were forced to walk from Georgia to Louisiana. They got free until people that wanted slaves took over and took their land.

My great grandmother's name was Mama Bell. She carried around a shotgun and candy corn. She liked to give the candy corn to people and she wasn't afraid to use her gun.



BY: LUCIE HAWS

My uncle came from Scotland to Germany. He traveled to Germany by boat. My ancestors are Western European.

My great grandfather was a brick mason. He came to the United States to build the Capitol building in Raleigh.

One of my ancestors worked at a sock factory. When they came to the U.S. they lived in South Carolina.

My mom's grandmother's name was Gigi and she liked Daschsund dogs. All my Mom's grandparents were Gigi, Dick and Lolli. Lolli liked to give out marshmallows.



BY: DAVID TOTH

My ancestors are from Hungary and they came to this country because they lost the First World War and they didn't want more war so they came to America.

My Great Grandpa survived World War II by getting good weapons on his side and he told everyone to fight together.

My grandparents had many jobs. One of my grandparents was a police officer and he caught a lot of bad guys so he was awarded for his good skills as a police officer.

I have a lot of memories of my ancestors. One of them was super playful with me and she was nice to me when I was a baby and she was so careful with me. I played with her every day. One of them died in World War II. It was so sad.

In my family, our tradition is we always hang out and have fun. My Dad always says it's a day to chill. We went to the pool. I had a lot of fun. We splished and splashed all day long. When it was time to leave my Dad said we will come back.

Another tradition is Tennis. Tennis is important to my family because it's the only sport my Dad wants me to learn. He wants me to have good footwork and my Dad wants me to be very fast and be fit.



BY: LYSANDER MIHALY

My ancestors were from Ireland and Scotland. My ancestors were bankers. My great grandpa's name was Isaac.

My grandpa died from cancer. My grandma is still alive. She's ninety-seven and she is pretty old. Her name is Gladys.

When my papa was a baby, his dad played with him and drank too. One day Gladys told my papa to leave and my papa grew up thinking that his dad didn't love him. Nobody knows why Gladys said for him to leave. I can't believe it.



BY: OLIVIA MARSHALL

My ancestors were born in Germany, Italy, Scotland, England and Lithuania. My great grandparents came on a boat. My grandfather fought in World War II and my grandmother worked in factories.

My grandmother is still alive. She is seventy years old.

My Mom's favorite memory was cooking pasta. She made the pasta with her grandmother. My grandfather died before I was alive.

At Christmas, my mom would help the grown ups cook while the other children played outside and inside. She was always a big helper in the kitchen.

My family traditions are also prayers. They get together to say prayers.

My Mom's other happy memories are when my Dad got married with my Mom.



BY: ISAIAH MORTON

My dad's name is Eric Staller and my mom's name is Elaine McMichael. My auntie's name is Miranda.

My father was in Ireland when he was seven years old. He moved to the U.S. to be with his parents.

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