

Oral History Project
Biographical Information
Elizabeth Greenberg

Carol Parent was born in the Pawtucket hospital in Pawtucket, RI on January 15th, 1961 as Carol Pombo. After being born, Carol was brought to Fox Point where she lived for the next seven years of her life. Carol grew up in a tenement apartment building located at 39 Schofield Street. Carol lived in that house with her mother, father, and brother. Her parents, Robert Pombo and Nancy Gama, were married at age 17 and 16 respectively. They raised Carol and her brother with the help of their grandparents who also lived on Schofield Street. Carol was very close with her great grandmother and spent a lot of time at her house, which was located across the street from her family's home. Her grandmother would cook traditional Portuguese dishes that Carol still remembers to this date. Carol talked a lot about how her Portuguese family members, while very proud of their roots, were happy to be in America and did what they could to become a part of the American culture. Carol's parents raised their children to be both proud of their Portuguese heritage and proud to be living in America. While living in Fox Point, Carol attended Fox Point Elementary, which is now known as the Vartan Gregorian School. After living in Fox until age 7, Carol moved to West Warwick with her father, mother, and brother, part of a wave of migration from the city to the suburbs. Today, Carol is happy with the development of Fox Point and sees the changes as an improvement to the neighborhood. Looking back on it now, Carol is proud to have come from Fox Point.