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This is the story of my Great Grandma and Grandpa Ariotti expeditions leaving the old country and things the had to over come.

Rocca and Albina Ariotti was a young newly married couple with many dreams. They lived in El Taranto Italy with two young children Katrina and "Remo", my great grandfather. In the fall of 1912, they were going to make there dream come true. They loaded onto a ship and with all of there belongings and there young family. They are going to the land of richest the United States. It took them about three months to reach the United States. They reached Montana and settled down were Rocca worked as a Black Smith. In 1915 Rocca decided to go back to the old country, "Italy". To see if he could make things better and send for his family later. By that time there was another little boy, Keno. They went back in 1917, another little girl Jenie was born in Italy. But life was better in the United States. So they all came back to Montana, but later moved to Wyoming, and settled down. Rocca worked as a Black Smith and Albina was busy with the children by that time they had another little girl Clelia. But with trouble in the old country Rocca was called back. Leaving Albina with five kids and one on the way. When Rocca got back to Italy War broke out and he was not able to came back to the U.S. and his youngest son Ricardo was born. Things got bad in Wyoming so Albina moved the family to

Castle Gate, Utah where Remo, the oldest son, went to work in the mines, and Albina ran a boarding house for the miners to help support the family. Rocca came back in the 1950's and lived there until he died in the 1960's. Albina died in January 1974 at the age of 96. The memories of Grandma Albina are many, but the one every one remembers is the good cooking. One of the things she told us that hard work will make you successful.

by DUSTAN HINKINS