

Immigration
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Although it was difficult, thousands of people came to America as immigrants during the turn of the century. Immigrants loaded the boats in their home country ready to travel to the United States. Every immigrant came through Ellis Island in New York. The boats were crowded and full of commotion. The bottom levels of the boats were very crowded and uncomfortable. Once the boats arrived at Ellis Island, the immigrants were checked by doctors and their bags were unpacked. If an immigrant was sick, it was a very sad situation because they would be sent back to their home country. It was difficult traveling with thousands of people to arrive in a new country. Today, immigrants are very proud they accomplished this difficult goal.

My Great Grandmother, Clotilde Garcia, M.D., was an immigrant. Her parents came to this country with their young family in order to escape the Mexican war. Granny Cleo was born in Ciudad Victoria in 1917. She became a naturalized citizen, along with the rest of her family. Granny Cleo was an amazing American. She went to college at the University of Texas and was awarded a degree in Chemistry and a Masters in biology. She worked as a school teacher, principal and even worked as a physicist for the United States Government during World War II. She then went to Medical School at the University of Texas at Galveston. She was one of the three women in her class. She graduated number one in her class then moved to Corpus Christi to start her medical practice. Granny Cleo always fought for equality and women's rights. She treated thousands of women and children in her practice. She was a great American.