

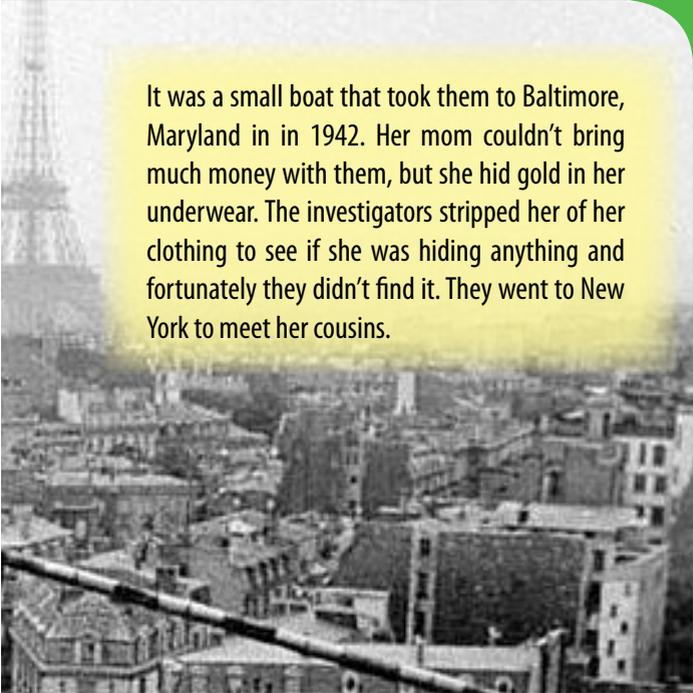
Eliane Norman/Meyer



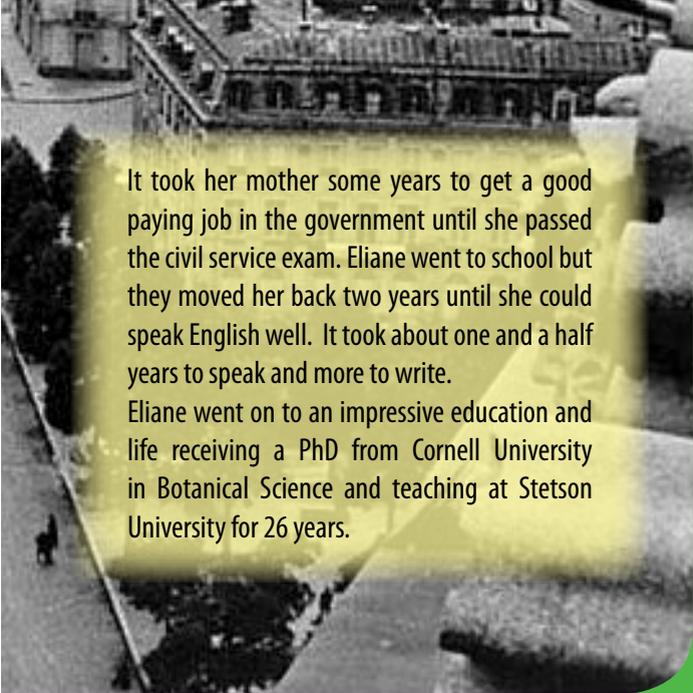
Eliane Norman/Meyer was born 11/15/1931 in Lyon, France. Lyon was the center of the textile business, and she had one older brother and her mother was a homemaker. The family moved to Paris, where her father had a shop but in 1939 the Germans started to invade the country and they had to close the shop. They had previously bought a home in the country in 1938 and moved there for refuge.

The hiding worked, as no immediate family were killed. To make money they rented part of their country home to farmers.

Fortunately they didn't experience the concentration camps or the ghetto and they didn't go hungry but the food was bad. They had little meat, ate root vegetables, saved their eggs in salt water which made them taste bad and had bad bread. After her father's death in 1940 they left for Portugal while they waited to be allowed into the United States of America by other relatives who vouched for them.



It was a small boat that took them to Baltimore, Maryland in 1942. Her mom couldn't bring much money with them, but she hid gold in her underwear. The investigators stripped her of her clothing to see if she was hiding anything and fortunately they didn't find it. They went to New York to meet her cousins.



It took her mother some years to get a good paying job in the government until she passed the civil service exam. Eliane went to school but they moved her back two years until she could speak English well. It took about one and a half years to speak and more to write.

Eliane went on to an impressive education and life receiving a PhD from Cornell University in Botanical Science and teaching at Stetson University for 26 years.