

Information obtained from John Bellom Jr.

John Bellom married Rosario (aka Sarah and Sadie) Spampinato at St. Vito's Church in Mamaroneck in June of 1929. The Spampinatos owned a home on the corner of Waverly Ave and Fenimore Rd. John Jr. was born in that home on June 14, 1930. He was told he was delivered by Dr. Marelli for \$25. The home was sold in 1938 to the DeFalco family and, later on, to the Fritos. Rosario's father owned a grocery store on the corner of Fenimore Rd. and Center St. He was partnered with Guitano Guarino, his brother in law. He then sold his share to Guarino and went on to a long career with Metropolitan Life Insurance.

Both sets of John Jr.'s grandparents emigrated from Italy. One side from Messina and one from Palermo. John Jr.'s mother was born in Manhattan of Italian descent.

In 1930, John Sr. lived with his parents at 135 Palmer Ave. and was supporting his parents—he was co-proprietor of Westchester Iron Works with his brother in law, Agatino Perrone, which was located on Center St. in Mamaroneck.

John Jr's parents divorced in 1941. He was 12 years old and his younger sister, Connie, was 10 years old. They lived at 98 Chatsworth Ave.

Bellom worked for A.H. Bull Steamship Company and was on the Edith. His residence was in Baltimore, Maryland.

Bellom served as a radio officer on the Edith. According to John Jr., John Sr. had stayed on board the ship too long as he was sending out SOSs.

John Jr. enlisted in the Marine Corps and then served as a policeman in Mt. Pleasant and a postman in Larchmont. He said his surname was originally Bellomo.