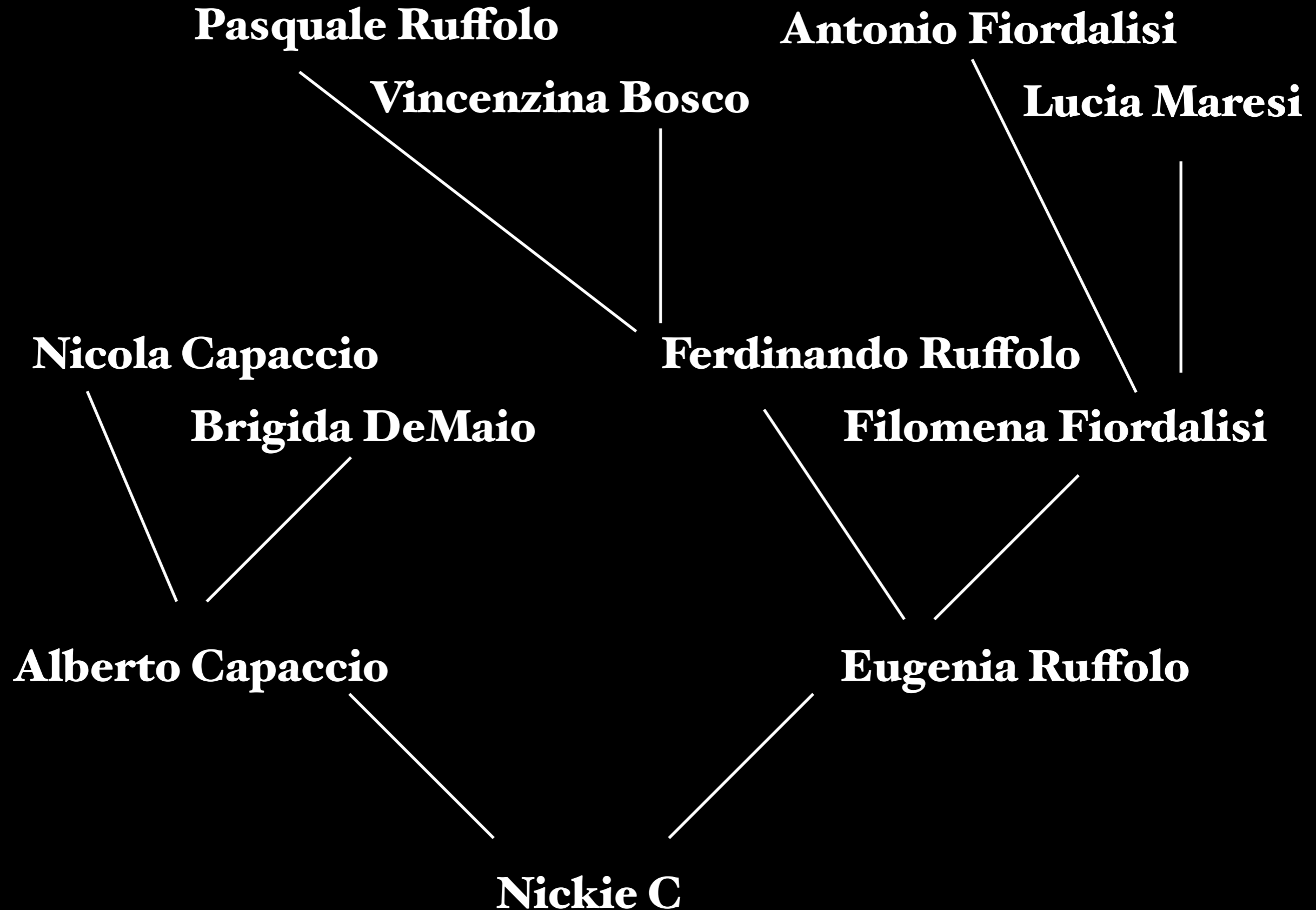




Finding Your Roots: **Capaccio Edition**



2G

Pasquale Ruffolo

Antonio Fiordalisi

Vincenzina Bosco

Lucia Maresi

1G

Nicola Capaccio

Ferdinando Ruffolo

Brigida DeMaio

Filomena Fiordalisi

G

Alberto Capaccio

Eugenia Ruffolo

Nickie C



2G

Pasquale Ruffolo

Vincenzina Bosco

TONY

Antonio Fiordalisi

Lucia Maresi

LUCY

1G

NICK

Nicola Capaccio

FRED

Ferdinando Ruffolo

Brigida DeMaio

BRIGID

Filomena Fiordalisi

PHYLLIS (*Big Nonnie*)

G

Alberto Capaccio

ALBERT

Eugenia Ruffolo

JEAN (*Nonnie*)

Nickie C

2G

Pasquale Ruffolo
b 1865

Antonio Fiordalisi
b 1882

Vincenzina Bosco
b 1864

Lucia Maresi
b 1879

1G

Nicola Capaccio
b 1891

Ferdinando Ruffolo
b 1893

Brigida DeMaio
b 1888

Filomena Fiordalisi
b 1902

G

Alberto Capaccio
b 1928

Eugenia Ruffolo
b 1932

Nickie C b 1953

2G

Pasquale Ruffolo
b 1865

Antonio Fiordalisi
b 1882

Vincenzina Bosco
b 1864

Lucia Maresi
b 1879

1G

Nicola Capaccio
b 1891

Ferdinando Ruffolo
b 1893

Brigida DeMaio
b 1888

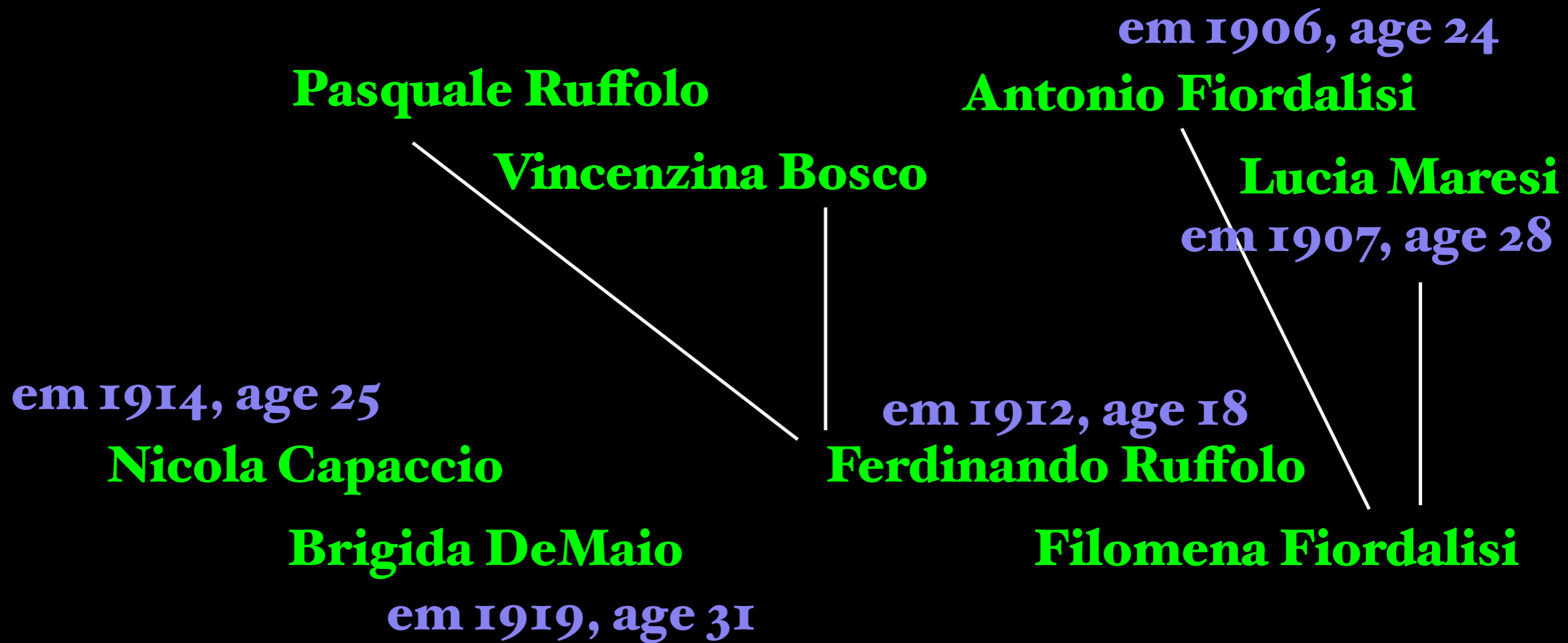
Filomena Fiordalisi
b 1902

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Alberto Capaccio
b 1928

Eugenia Ruffolo
b 1932

Nickie C b 1953



em 1898, 1902, 1905, 1909, 1913, 1921
age 33, 37, 40, 44, 48, 56

Pasquale Ruffolo

em 1906, age 24

Antonio Fiordalisi

Vincenzina Bosco

Lucia Maresi

em 1921, age 56

em 1907, age 28

em 1914, age 25

Nicola Capaccio

em 1912, age 18

Ferdinando Ruffolo

Brigida DeMaio

Filomena Fiordalisi

em 1919, age 31

em 1907, age 5



all arrived between 1898 - 1921



The U.S. Italian Community and the Immigration Act of 1924

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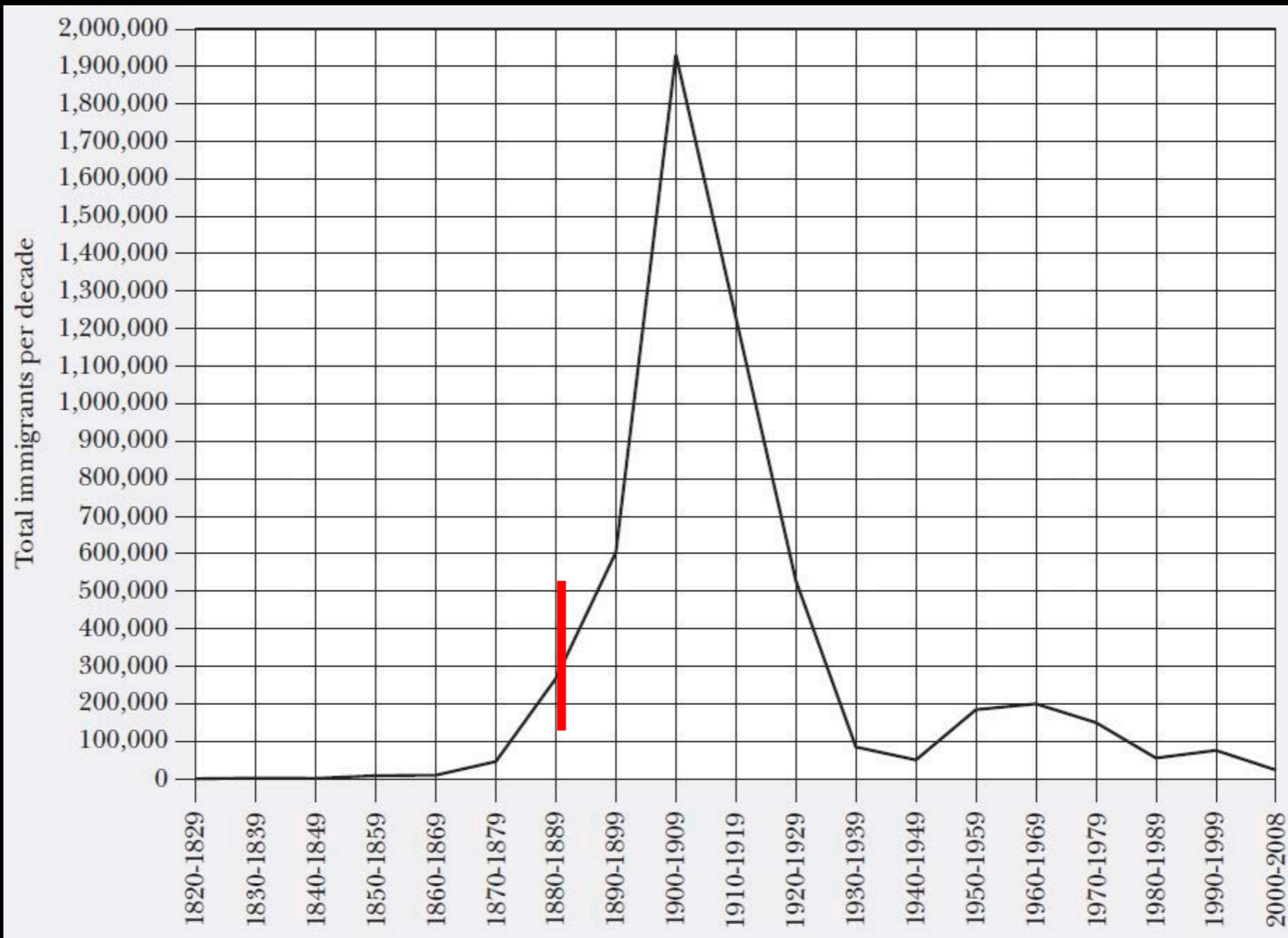
In 1924, Congressman Albert Johnson and Senator David Reed introduced and helped pass an act of Congress that drastically reduced immigration from Southern, Central and Eastern Europe. As one of the targets of the legislation, immigrants from Italy had long been in the crosshairs of anti-immigrant bigotry. With the new law enacted, Johnson and Reed scored a bulls-eye. A brief look at the history of the infamous Act brings to mind that Italians once stood in a similar place as many immigrants from the Middle East do today.



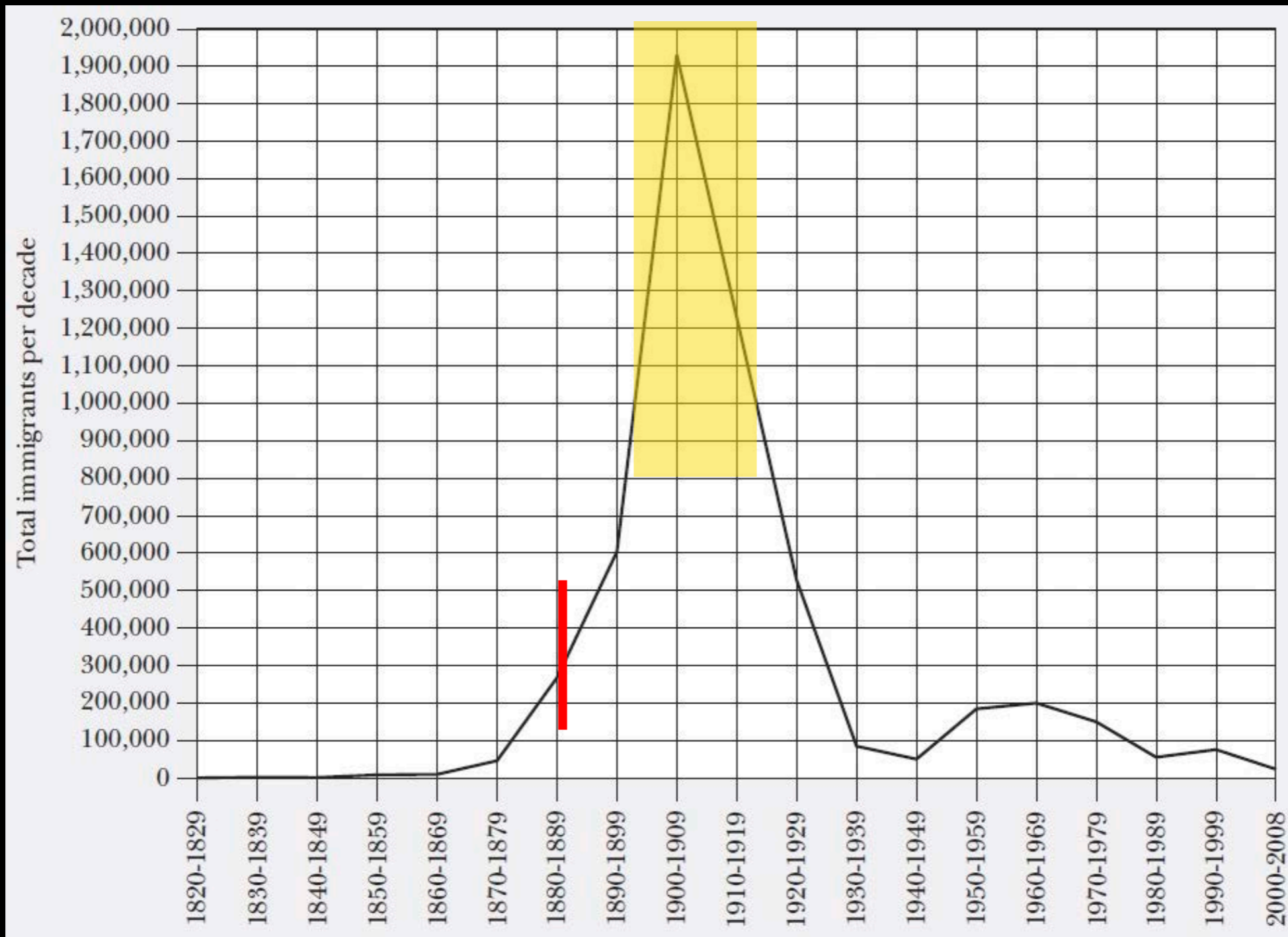


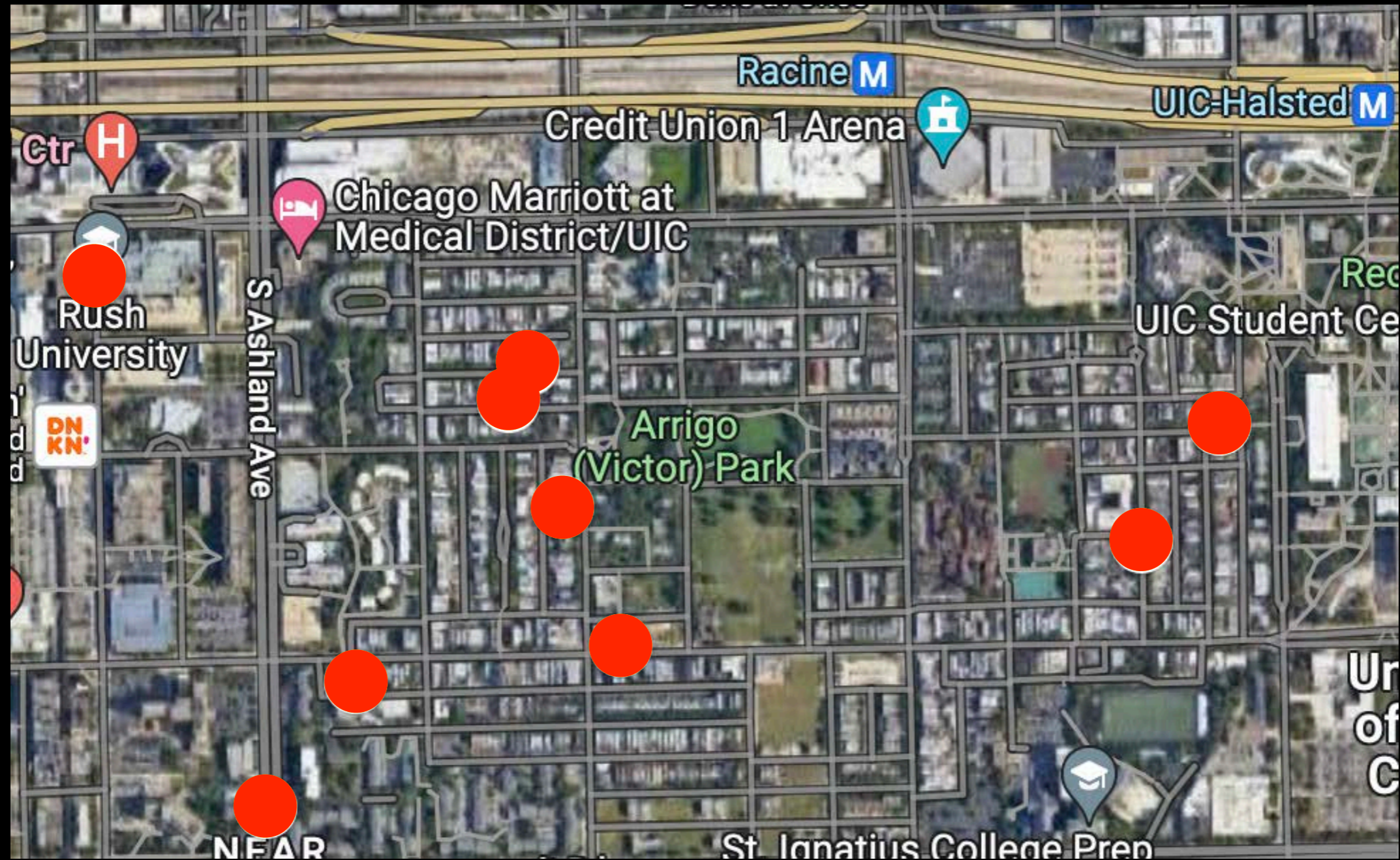
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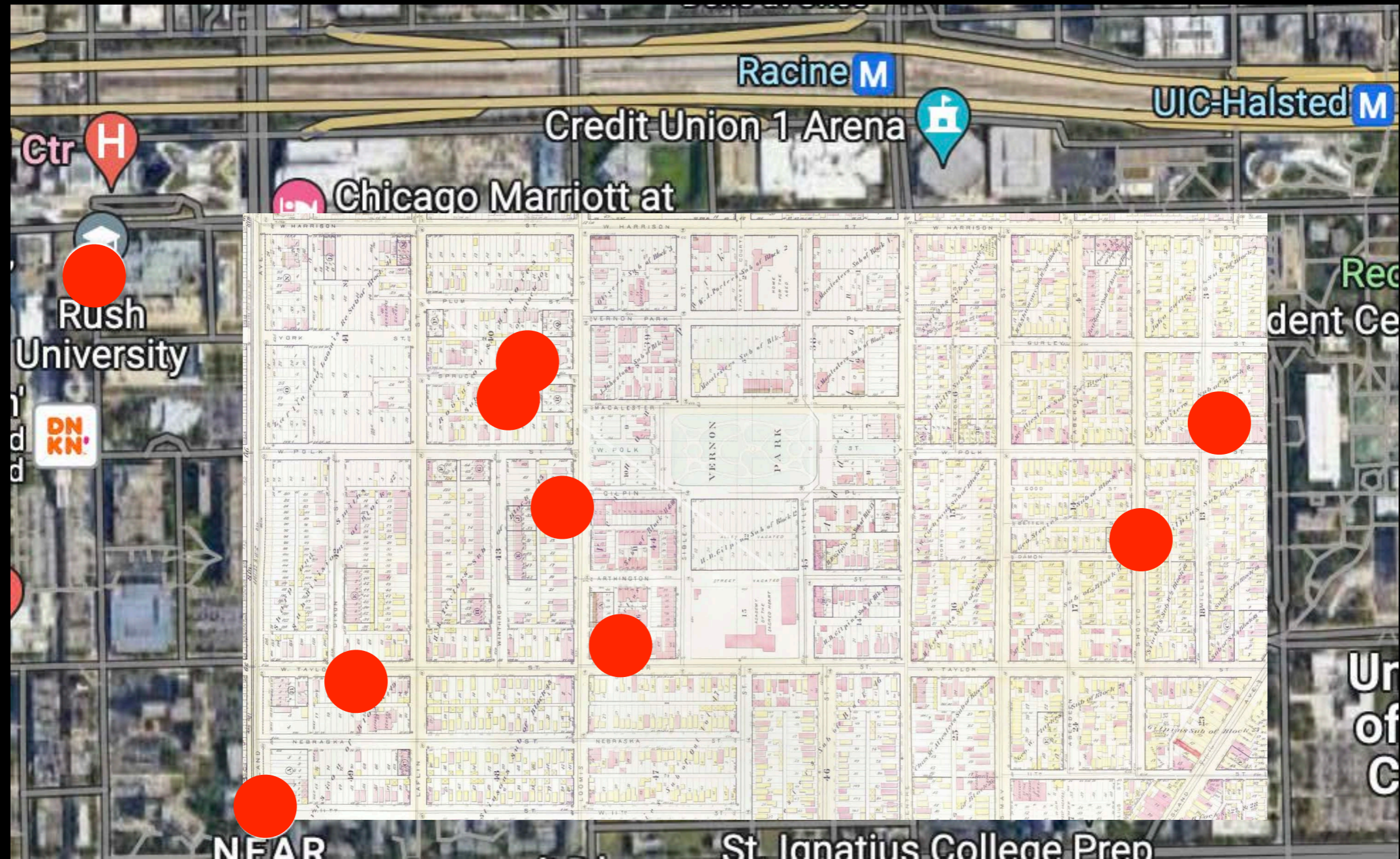


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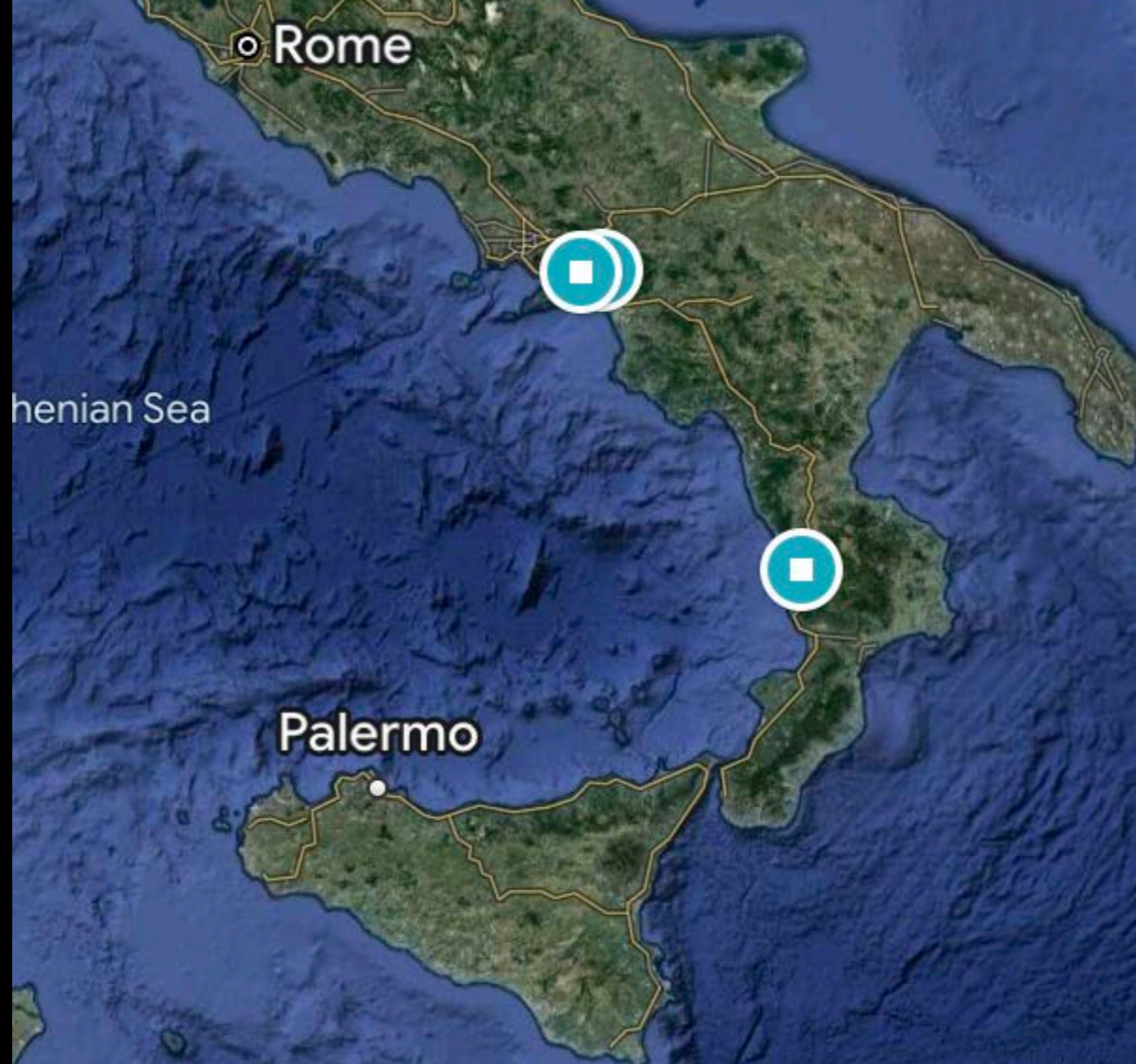


all arrived between 1898 - 1921
all moved to “Little Italy” Chicago



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all moved to “Little Italy” Chicago
all moved *from* Southern Italy

Marano Principato

Pasquale Ruffolo

Vincenzina Bosco

Nicola Capaccio

Brigida DeMaio

Ferdinando Ruffolo

Solofra

Antonio Fiordalisi

Lucia Maresi

Filomena Fiordalisi

Bracigliano



why leave Southern Italy?

Italian “Unification” in the 1860s



North vs South



North vs South

**(from “list of races” on
US immigration forms)**

German.

Greek.

Hebrew.

Herzegovinian.

Irish.

Italian (North).

Italian (South).

Japanese.

Slovak.

Slovenian.

Spanish.

Spanish-American.

Syrian.

Turkish.

Welsh.

West Indian.

Campania + Calabria

*2018 nominal
GRP per capita*

 South Tyrol	1	47,100
 Aosta Valley	2	38,900
 Lombardy	3	38,600
 Trentino	4	38,000
 Emilia-Romagna	5	36,200
 Lazio	6	33,600
 Veneto	7	33,200
 Liguria	8	32,100
 Piedmont	9	31,500
 Tuscany	9	31,500
 Friuli-Venezia Giulia	11	31,300
 Marche	12	28,300
 Abruzzo	13	25,800
 Umbria	14	25,400
 Basilicata	15	22,200
 Sardinia	16	21,200
 Molise	17	20,900
 Apulia	18	19,000
 Campania	19	18,600
 Sicily	20	17,800
 Calabria	21	16,000



Marano Principato

Pasquale Ruffolo

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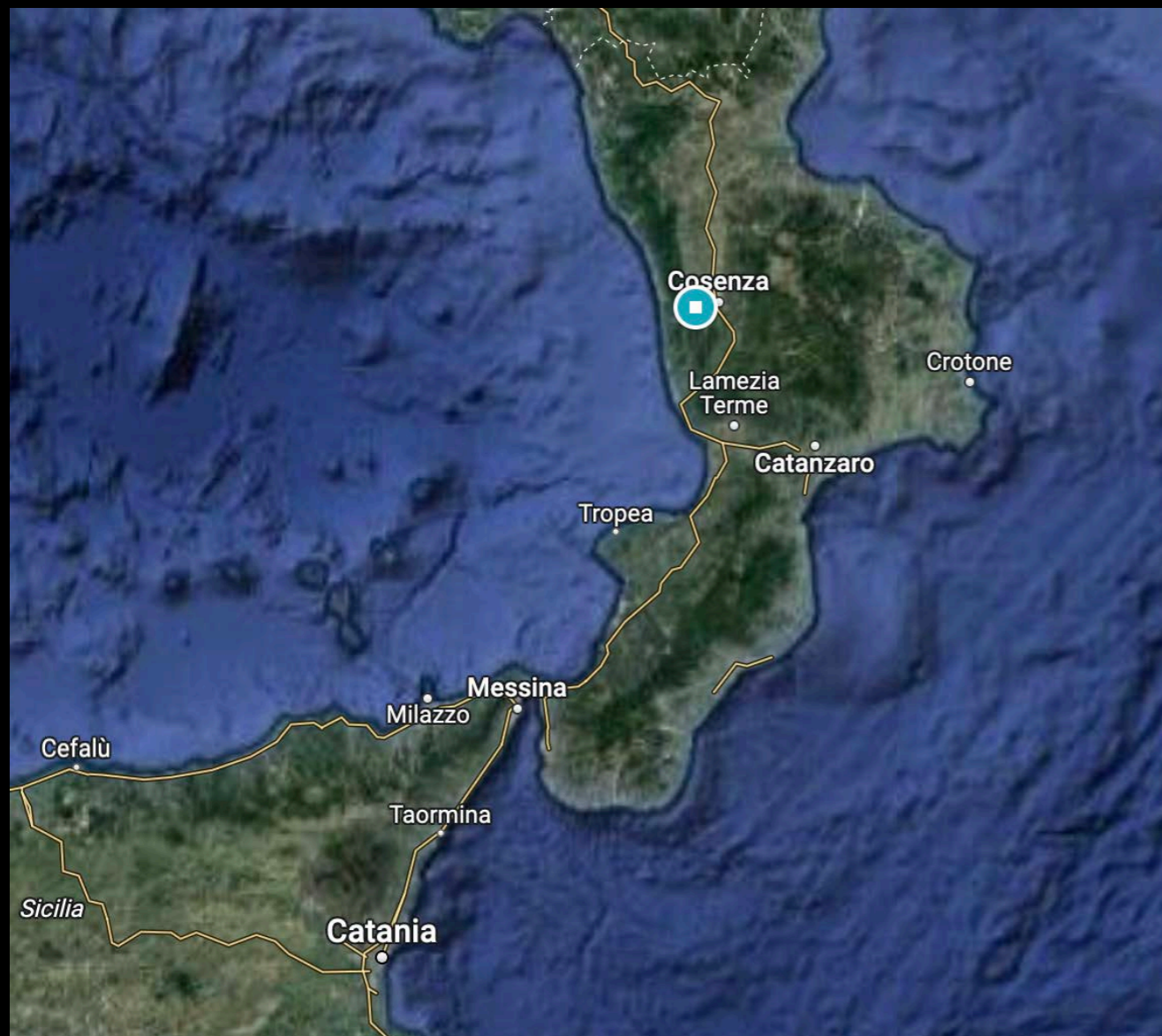
Marano Principato

Pasquale Ruffolo

Vincenzina Bosco

Ferdinando Ruffolo

**Calabria
(near Cosenza)**



Marano Principato (Calabria)

population in 1900: 1631



THE RUFFOLOS

Samuele Ruffolo
Gelsomina Bosco

Benedetto Bosco
Aquila Ruffolo

Pasquale Ruffolo b 1865

Vincenzina Bosco b 1864

Samuele Ruffolo
Gelsomina Bosco

Benedetto Bosco
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Pasquale Ruffolo b 1865

Vincenzina Bosco b 1864

Eugenio
b 1891

Ferdinando
b 1893

Achille
b 1900

Emilia
b 1903

“The Three Stages of Italian American History”

(1) the “Early Community Stage”, which began with the initial establishment of Italian communities in the late nineteenth century, when Italian immigration involved relatively few women and primarily single young men, significant numbers of whom returned to Italy

ritornati

em 1898, 1902, 1905, 1909, 1913, 1921

Pasquale Ruffolo b 1865

Vincenzina Bosco b 1864

em 1921

Eugenio
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ritornati

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em 1921

Eugenio
b 1891

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b 1903

It was common for a husband to work temporarily in the USA to earn money, then **return** to his family!

em 1898, 1902, 1905, 1909, 1913, 1921

Pasquale Ruffolo b 1865

Vincenzina Bosco b 1864

em 1921

Eugenio
b 1891

Ferdinando
b 1893

Achille
b 1900

Emilia
b 1903

em 1898

1902

1905

eleven ocean crossings!

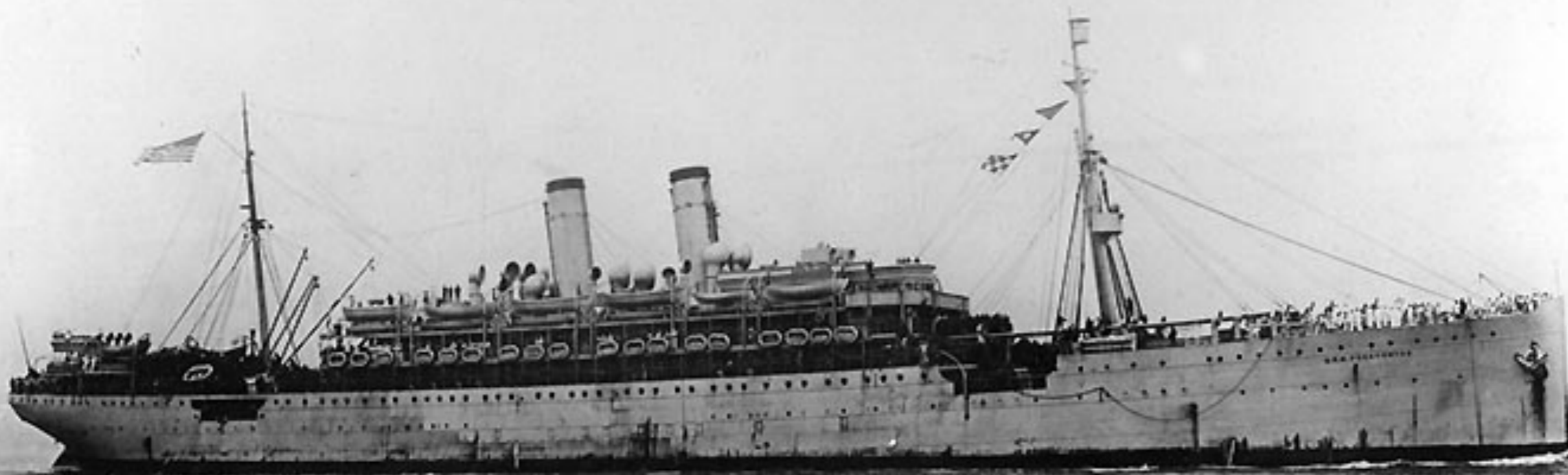
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Pasquale Ruffolo **b 1865**

Vincenzina Bosco **b 1864**

em 1921

SS Prinzess Irene



9
List 7
10/3/05

SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.
THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

List 7

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1903, to be delivered to the U. S. Immigration Officer by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

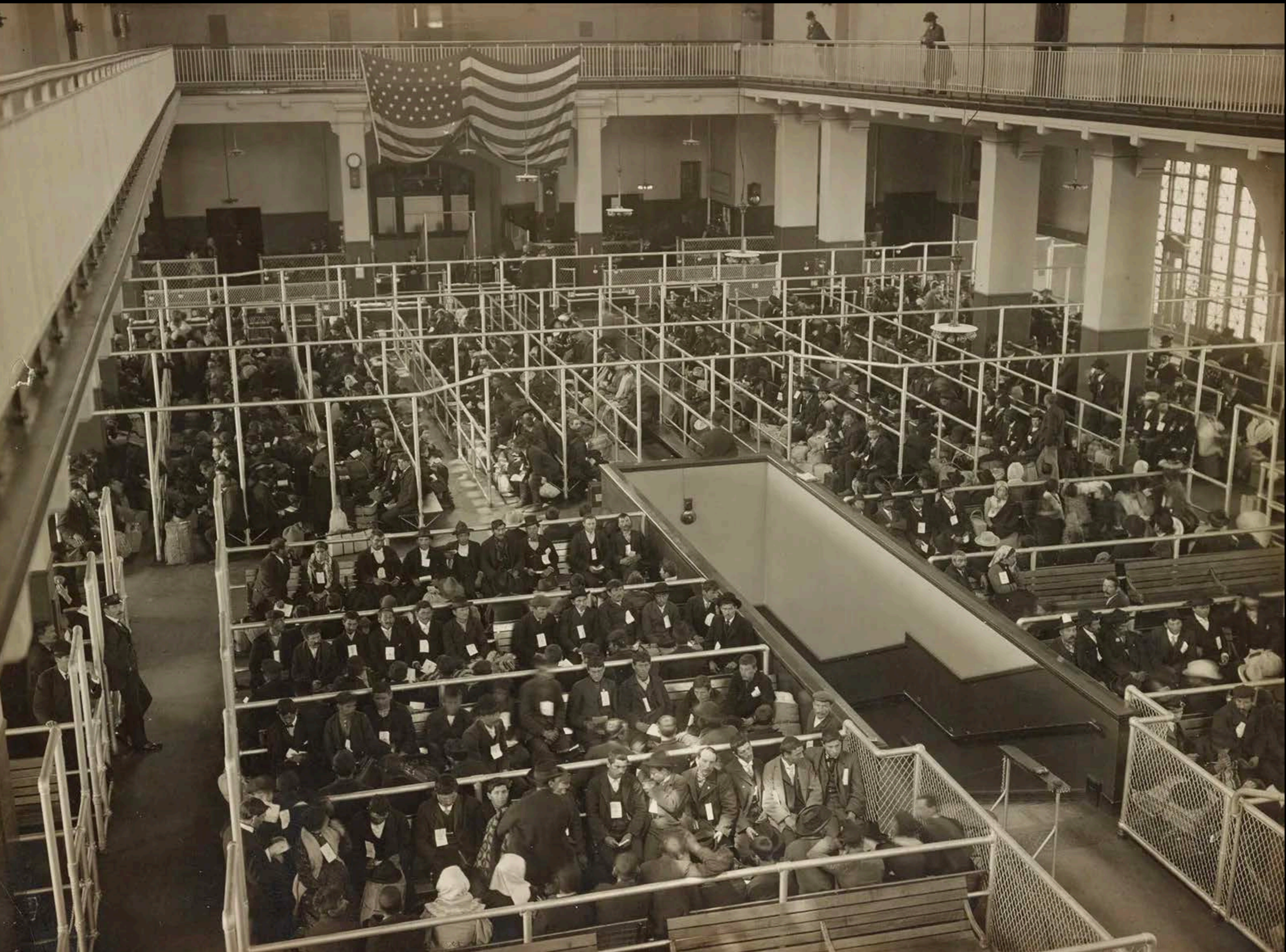
S. S. PRINCESS IRENE from Naples, March 10th, 1905 Arriving at Port of NEW-YORK March 23, 1905

No. on List.	NAME	Age Yrs. Mos.	Sex	Married or Single	Calling or Occupation	Able to— Read. Write.	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject.)	* Race or People.	Last Residence (Last permanent residence, Country and City or Town.)	Final Destination (State, City, or Town.)	Whether having a ticket to such final destination.	By whom was passage paid?	Whether in possession of \$50, and if less, how much?	Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where?	Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.	Ever in prison or institution for crime and punishment, or for insanity, or for other cause, or for violation of laws of the United States.	Whether a Polygamist, an Anarchist, or an Alienist.	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.	Deformed or Crippled, Nature, length of time, and cause.
1	Primo Eugenio	16	♂	single	farmer	yes	Italian		Paranese	Chicago Ill.	no	self	\$10	never	best. Luigi 189 Thompson St. Chicago Ill.	no	no	no	no
2	Mazzarato Appolito	29	♂	married		no							20	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
3	Polla Francesco	40	♂										40	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
4	Emilio	12	♂										40	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
5	Pineta Fidele	15	♂	single		yes							\$15	never	frances. Casquale Schindler				
6	Pinchio Maria	35	♀	married					Paranese				40		frances. Casquale Schindler				
7	Pilotti Annunziata	20	♀	single		no			Paranese				25		frances. Casquale Schindler				
8	Pilotti Domenico	24	♂			yes			Paranese				40	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
9	Chiappetta Francesco	26	♂	married		no			Paranese				40	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
10	Pineta Benjamin	44	♂	single									20	40	never	frances. Casquale Schindler			
11	Marrone Raffaele	45	♂	married					Paranese	Chicago Ill.			40	50		frances. Casquale Schindler			
12	Pollato Giuseppe	8	♂	single		yes			Paranese	Chicago Ill.			15			frances. Casquale Schindler			
13	Pasqua Luigi	24	♂	married		no			Paranese				20	10		frances. Casquale Schindler			
14	Pellegrino Pietro	17	♂	single		yes			Paranese				40			frances. Casquale Schindler			
15	Pineta Eugenio	16	♂			no							20			frances. Casquale Schindler			
16	Porro Vincenzo	33	♂	married		yes							30	15		frances. Casquale Schindler			
17	Spolinaro Giuseppe	30	♂			no							25	Chicago	frances. Casquale Schindler				
18	Chella Epichello	45	♂										50	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
19	Pellegrino Pietro	17	♂	single									40	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
20	Pirgelli Carmine	32	♂	married		yes			Chicago Ill.		no		20	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
21	Polla Agostino	38	♂		farmer	no							40	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
22	Puffolo Casquale	40	♂			only signat.							80	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
23	Eugenio	14	♂	single		no							170			frances. Casquale Schindler			
24	Coyelli Antonio	39	♂	married					Paranese	Chicago Ill.			20	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
25	Trilia Serafino	35	♂						Paranese				20	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
26	Carino Giuseppe	33	♂			yes							50	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
27	Trivarelli Raffaele	24	♂			no							20	never	frances. Casquale Schindler				
28	Polla Felice	20	♂			yes							20			frances. Casquale Schindler			
29	Pucciarilli Feltrando	21	♂	single	tutor				Paranese	Chicago Ill.			20	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				
30	Pistillo Luigi	44	♂	married	hatter				Paranese				20	189/190	frances. Casquale Schindler				

* "Race or People" is to be determined by the stock from which they sprang and the language they speak. List of races will be found on back of this sheet.

Ellis Island “registry room”





Pasquale and 14-year-old son Eugenio heading to Kenosha, WI in March 1905

21	Stella	Agostino 38	Farmer	no	"	"	"	"
22	Proffolo	Pasquale 40	"	only signat.	"	"	"	Kenosha Wis.
23	"	Eugenio 14	single	no	"	"	"	"
24	Amelli	Antonio 38	Farmer	no	"	"	"	"

**Pasquale's third trip to the USA,
his oldest son's first trip**

Marano Principato (Calabria)

Marano Marchesato (Calabria)

Families from Marano Marchesato, Cosenza, Calabria
Maranesi in Kenosha

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(Jolene and Johnny's grandfather!)



Fortunato (Fred) Volpentesta

BIRTH 16 SEP 1883 • Marano Marchesato, Cosenza, Calabria, Italy

DEATH 4 JUL 1929 • Highwood, Lake, Illinois

father-in-law of step grandmother



worked as a “shaver”
at Allen Tannery

80 { 1898/1902
Hutchinson
Francis Ferdinand & Malenasi
116 Maple St
Naples

Kenosha in 1905



em 1898, 1902, 1905, 1909, 1913, 1921

Pasquale Ruffolo b 1865

Vincenzina Bosco b 1864

em 1921

Eugenio
b 1891

Ferdinando
b 1893

Achille
b 1900

Emilia
b 1903

**Eugenio has had enough Kenosha;
goes back to Italy until he's 18.
He gets married,
then in 1909 decides to try Chicago**

*(later, **everyone else** on this page moves to IL)*

em 1898, 1902, 1905, 1909, 1913, 1921

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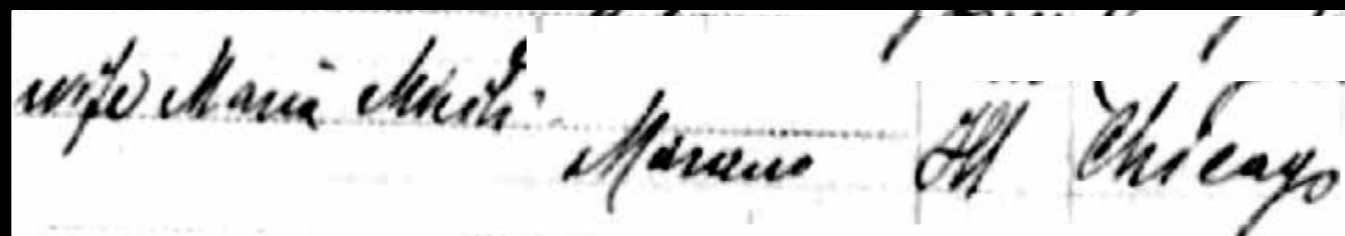
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read/write? hometown



wife

destination!

Eugenio
b 1891

*(who arrives
a year later)*

1909 'arrival' form

“The Three Stages of Italian American History”

(2) the “Little Italy Stage”, comprising roughly 1900-1950, during which time Italian communities grew considerably but also stabilized culturally, thanks in part to a greater presence of immigrant women, and developed a distinctively Italian American culture through the interaction with mainstream American culture and the cultures of other immigrant groups

**Eugenio works in the produce business;
by 1920, he's a storekeeper (named "Jim"!)**

1352 W. Taylor St

1	Raffalo	Jim	Head	10	M	M	W	30	M	1905 Pa	Storekeeper	Fruit Store Emp
		Mary	Wife			F	W	31	M	1905-21	None	
		Viola	Daughter			F	W	7	S		None	
		Joseph	Daughter			F	W	5	S		None	
		Charles	Son			M	W	2	S		None	

(1920 US Census Record)

“Unknown Taylor Street Grocery Store, 1920s”



Italians in Chicago

and

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(Grocers cont'd)

Rubino Jas 1205 W Grand av.....MON ro-61
Rubino Jno 1205 W Grand av.....MON ro-63
Ruffalo Jim 1140 S Calif.....VAN brn-96
Ruffalo Jim 1425 Spruce.....HAY mkt-95
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FURNISHED ROOMS

Audisio Peter 3125 S Mich av.....CAL umt-1
Bianci Joe 2519 Ind av.....VIC try-8
Bonafede Saml 3546 N Halsted...BUC knghm-1
Borgnini Mike 1903 S Wabash av.....VIC try-5
Pito Jno 4854 Blkstone av.....DRE xl-3
Ruffalo Jim 1425 SpruceHAY mkt-9
Sola Gaetano 10401 Corliss av.....PUL mn-7
Stanko Gus 1922 W Washngtn.....SEE ly-6
Tavolacci Jos 814 Oakdal av.....BUC knghm-5
Tovolacci Peter 2034 Lane Ct.....DIV rsy-2
Tesio Alfred 25 W Huron.....DEL awar-5
Toneli Joanne Mrs 4020 Drexel bl.....OAK led

1920

7	Raffalo	Jim	Head	1	0	M	M	W	30	M	1905	Pa	Storekeeper	Fruit Store Emp
		Mary	Wife			F	W	31	M	1905	al	none		
		Michael	Son			F	W	7	5			none		
		Joseph	Son			F	W	5	5			none		
		Charles	Son			M	W	2	7			none		

1930:

Proprietor	Tracy
none	

“Gene”

1940:

Proprietor	Tracy
none	

“Eugene”

QUINLAN'S GROCERY'S

405 S. Kildare

REBRE FOOD STORE

4458 N. Kedzie

ROCKY'S CHOCOLATE SHOP

1320 S. Central Pk.

 **RUFFOLO FOOD SHOP**

1138 S. California

ROMA FOOD MART, INC.

726 S. Western Ave.

REYNOLD'S GROCERY

210 S. California Ave.

ROYAL BLUE STORE

1048 N. Hermitage Ave.

tragedy!!

7	Raffalo	Jim	Spud #1
		Mary	Wife
		Michael	Son
		Joseph	Son
		Charles	Son

1948:

GROCER FATALLY SHOT BY 2 MASKED THUGS; SON FOILS ROBBERY

Eugene Ruffalo, 58, of 1140 S. California av., a warehouse and grocery owner, was shot and fatally wounded yesterday by two masked men who attacked and tried to rob him in the alley behind his home.

Ruffalo was taken to Mount Sinai hospital, where he died a few hours later. His son, Charles, 30, went to his father's aid with a butcher knife and succeeded in frightening the bandits away before they could rifle the elder Ruffalo's pockets of about \$500. The robbers escaped in a car without license plates.

Ruffalo operated a grocery at 1138 S. California av. and a produce business at 910 W. Randolph st.

Store	Emp

1949:

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE:
Page 12** Wed., Apr. 13, 1949

59 OUT OF 326 MURDERS HERE IN '48 UNSOLVED

**Crime Commission File
Lists Victims**

S. Ashland av., domestic, choked to death in her room on June 13.

JOHN ONESTO, 72, of 2103 Taylor st., shoe repairman, strangled during robbery in shoe repair shop on June 16.

MRS. ETHEL CHARLTON, 35, of 3708 Wabash av., Negro laundress, stabbed in the chest, body found in her basement room on June 28.

EUGENE RUFFOLO, 58, of 1140 S. California av., fruit peddler, shot in abdomen during attempted robbery in alley in rear of 1138 S. California av. on July 1.

FRANK MENDEZ, 44, of 927 S. Halsted st., stabbed at 920 S. Halsted st. on July 8.

DOWARD FALCON, 24, of 1837 Lincoln av., waiter, shot in head in front of 1837 Lincoln av. on July 10.

JESSE O'FARRELL, 55, of 5521 Princeton av., watchman, beaten in

who *else* lives at
1352 W. Taylor St
in 1920?

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		Mary	Wife			F	W	31	M	1905	al	none	
		Michael	Daughter			F	W	7	S			none	
		Joseph	Daughter			F	W	5	S			none	
		Charles	Son			M	W	2	S			none	
	Raphali	Fred	Brother			M	W	27	M	1913	Pa	Porter	Elevated Co

Fred “Raphali”? Brother?

Pasquale Ruffolo b 1865

Vincenzina Bosco b 1864

em 1921

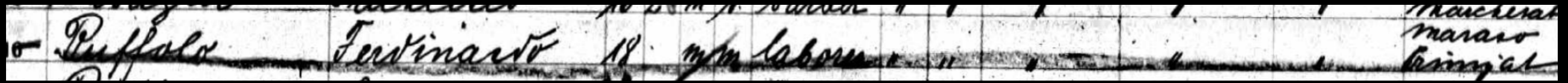
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b 1891**

**Ferdinando
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**Achille
b 1900**

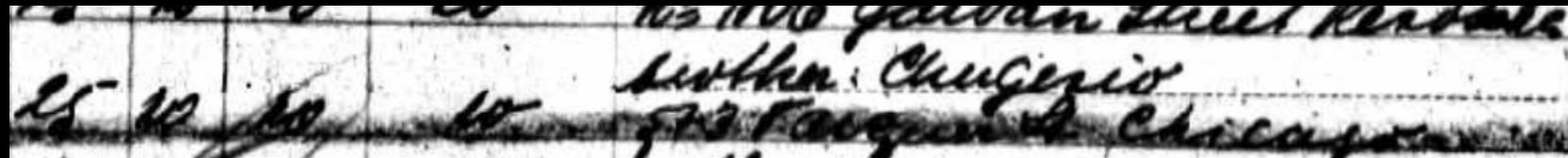
**Emilia
b 1903**

**Eugenio's younger brother Ferdinando
(soon to be "Fred")
comes to Chicago in 1912!**



Age 18

**Marano
Principato**



\$25

**going to stay with brother
Eugenio in Chicago**

1912 'arrival' form

**Ferdinando is your great-grandfather
(Big Nonnie's husband)**

[illegible]

Age 18

Marano Principato

25	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320	330	340	350	360	370	380	390	400	410	420	430	440	450	460	470	480	490	500	510	520	530	540	550	560	570	580	590	600	610	620	630	640	650	660	670	680	690	700	710	720	730	740	750	760	770	780	790	800	810	820	830	840	850	860	870	880	890	900	910	920	930	940	950	960	970	980	990	1000
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\$25

**going to stay with brother
Eugenio in Chicago**

Wife: Carolina Corbelli
Marano, Trimmont

**oh, and he's married —
to Carolina Corelli back in Marano Principato**

1917

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Fred Ruffalo
Marriage Date	24 Sep 1917
Marriage County	Racine, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Felomisa Dalezi

**There's "Philomena"!
After **five years** in the USA,
Fred gets (re?)married (he's aged 23)**

1918

Cook County, Illinois, Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922

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Name	Divina Ruffolo
Birth Date	17 Jul 1918
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Gender	Female
Father	Ferdinando Ruffolo
Mother	Philomena Dalise
FHL Film Number	1308838

**Less than a year (but more than nine months!) later:
Fred and Philomena have a baby!**

1919

Name in full Fred Ruffalo When Reach 70 1963
(Do not fill above space)
Born (date) Nov 2 3rd 1893 Present Occupation with Railway F Elevator
Where now employed by Railway Chicago on Pass Term Divn. or Dept.
This Employee's Name now appears on Jahilar Dept Payroll No. 365
Occupation with C. & N. W. Ry. Co. since first entering Company's service.

Dates of Employment		On 1910 Census Occupation	Location Shop, Sect., City	Name of Supervisor and Title	Division and Department
From	To				
9-10-19		F. Elevator	Chicago	A. Hanson Custodian	Pass Term

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1352 W. Taylor St in 1920

1	Raffalo	Jim	Head	10	M	M	W	30	M	1905	Pa	Storekeeper	Fruit Store Emp
		Mary	Wife			F	W	31	M	1905	al	none	
		Michael	Son			F	W	7	S			none	
		Joseph	Son			F	W	5	S			none	
		Charles	Son			M	W	2	S			none	
	Raphali	Fred	Brother			M	W	27	M	1913	Pa	Porter	Elevated Co
		Philomena	Sister			F	W	28	S	1913	Pa	none	
		Devina	Niece			F	W	2	S			none	

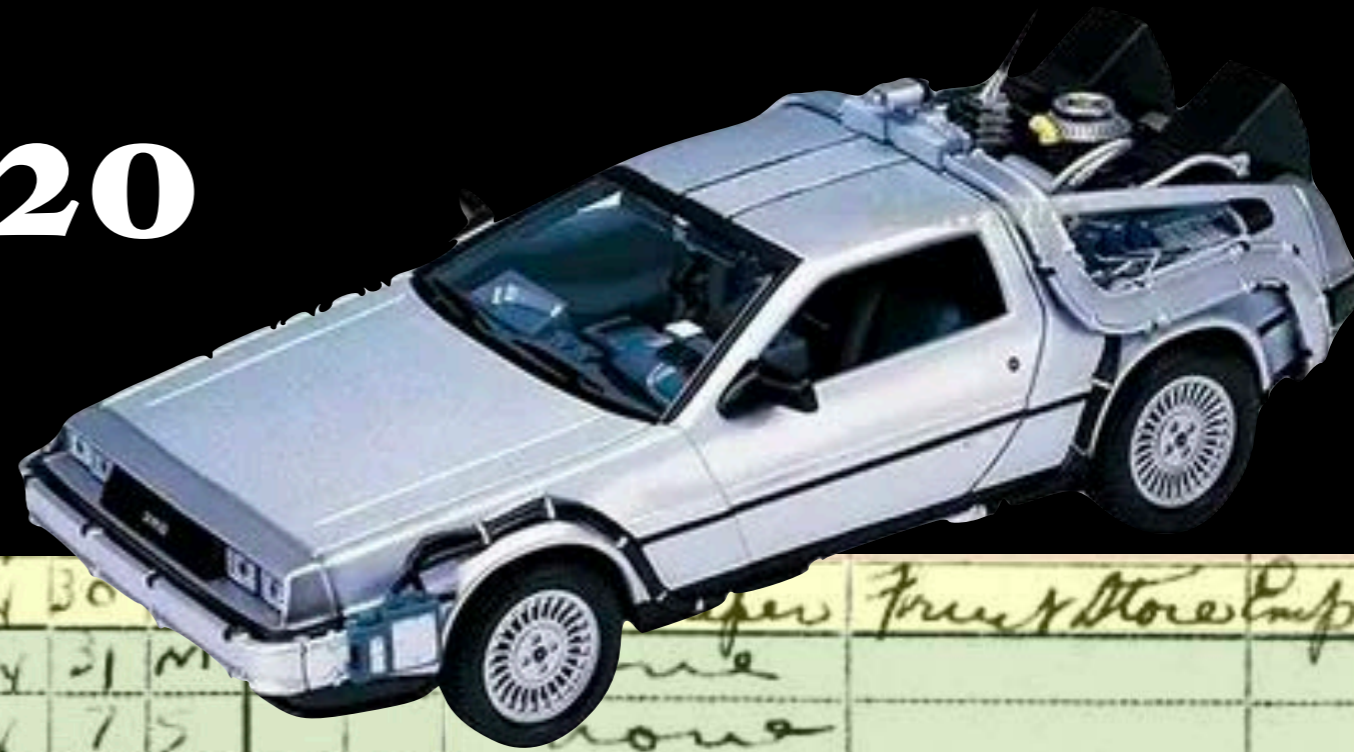
brother Fred “Raphali”? Age 27 and *married*
sister “Philomena”? Age 28 and *single*
 niece “Devina”? Age 2

1920

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		Michael	Daughter		F	W	7	S		none	
		Joseph	Daughter		F	W	5	S		none	
		Charles	Son		M	W	2	S		none	
Raphael	Fred	Brother			M	W	27	M	1913 Pa	Porter	Elevated Co
	Philomena	Sister			F	W	28	S	1913 Pa	none	
	Gerina	Chick			F	W	2	S		none	

Philomena is... not single
... and not 28?

1920



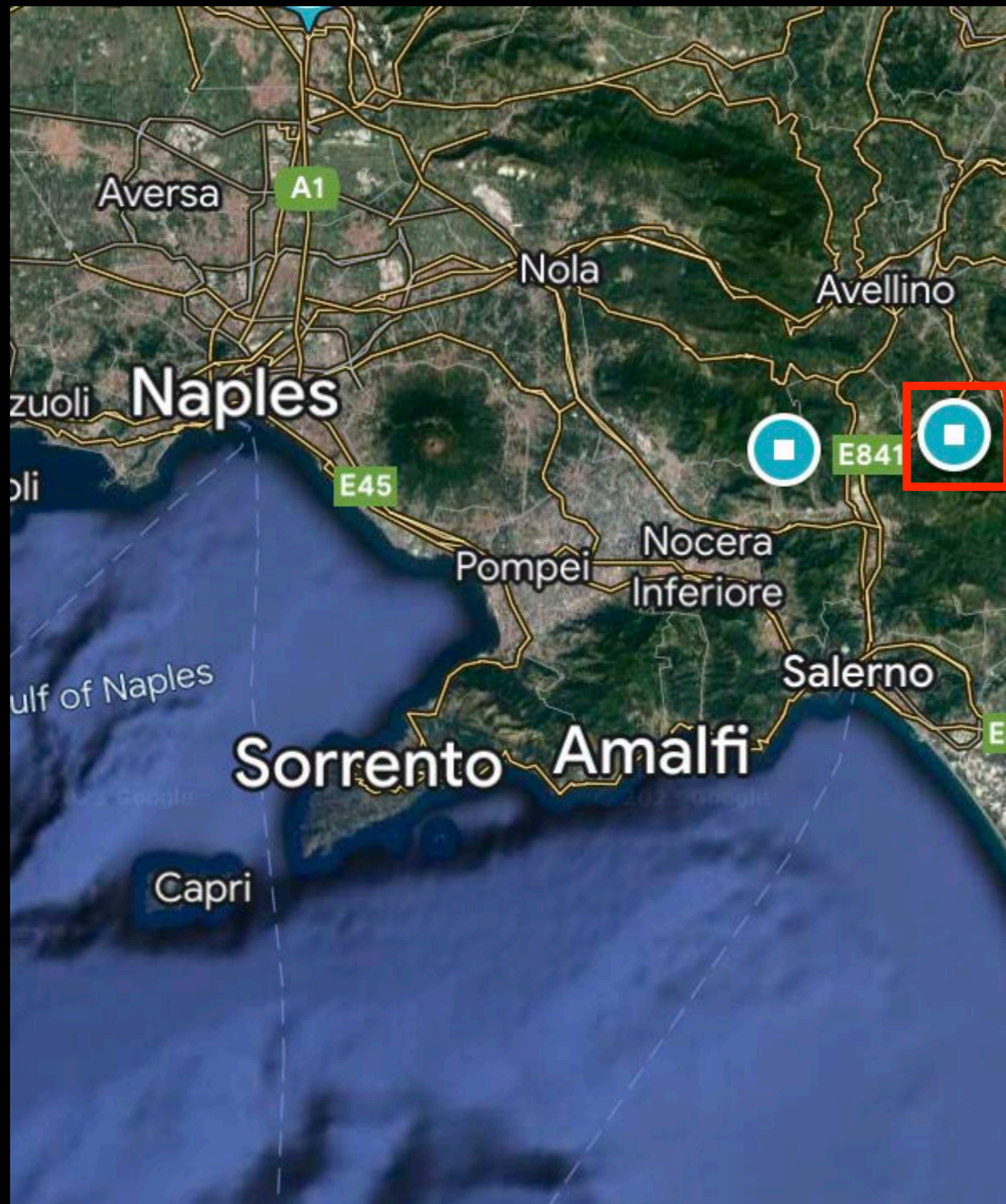
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Solofra (Avellino)
population in 1900: 5691

FILOMENA'S STORY





**Solofra,
Avellino,
Campania**

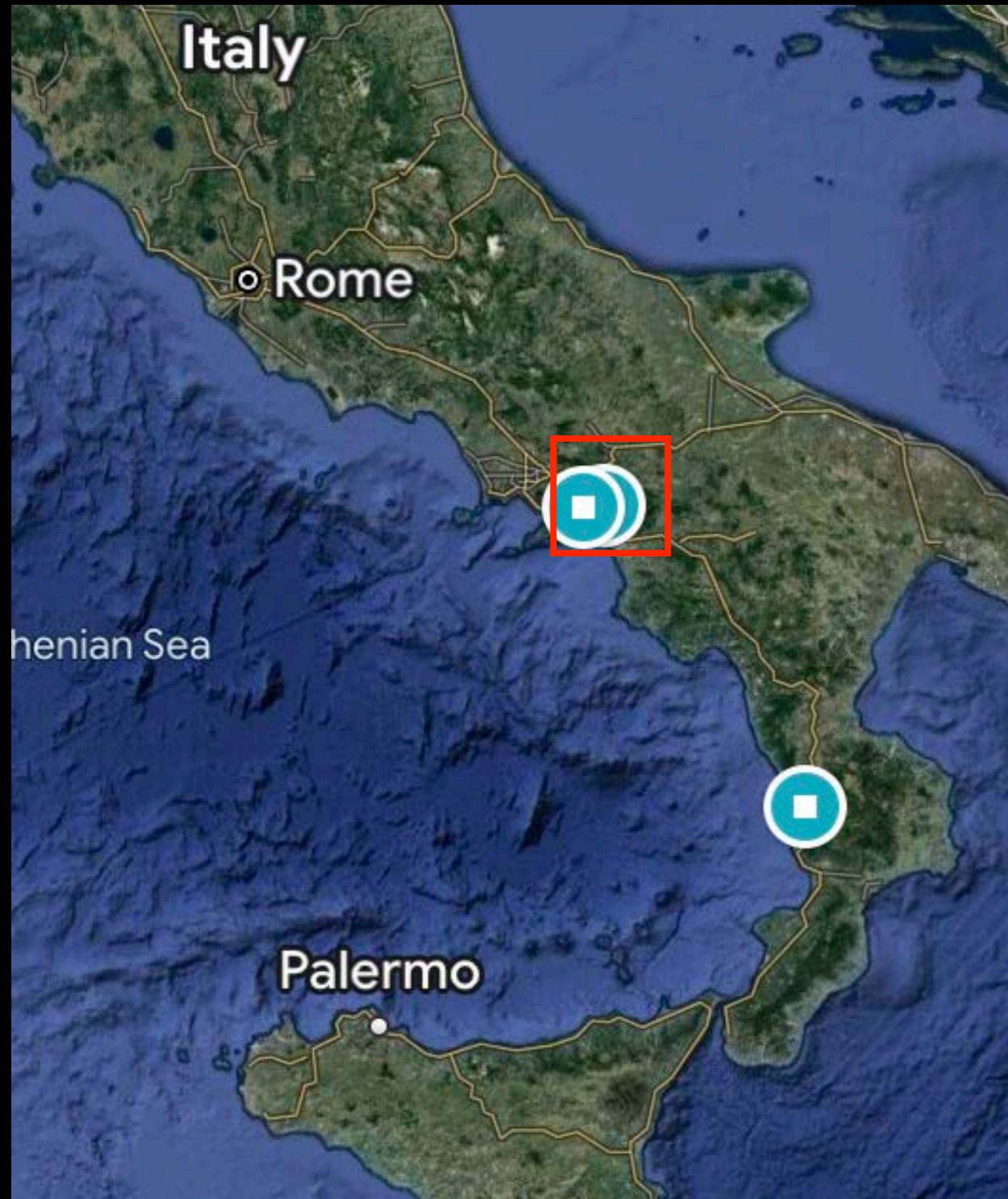
Solofra

Antonio Fiordalisi

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Lucia Maresi

Filomena Fiordalisi



Sant'Agata, Solofra, Avellino



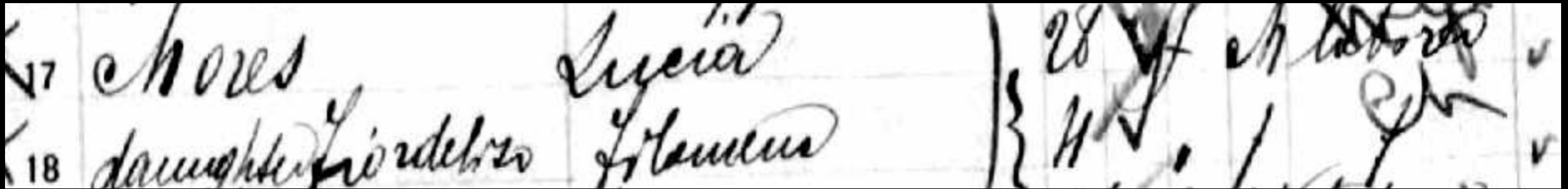
Antonio Fiordalisi (1882-1952)

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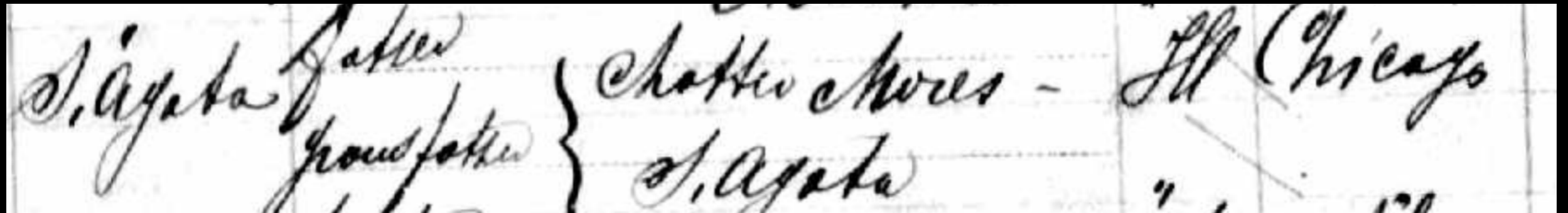
married, but arrived alone in 1906 (age 24)

Lucia Maresi + Filomena Fiordalisi

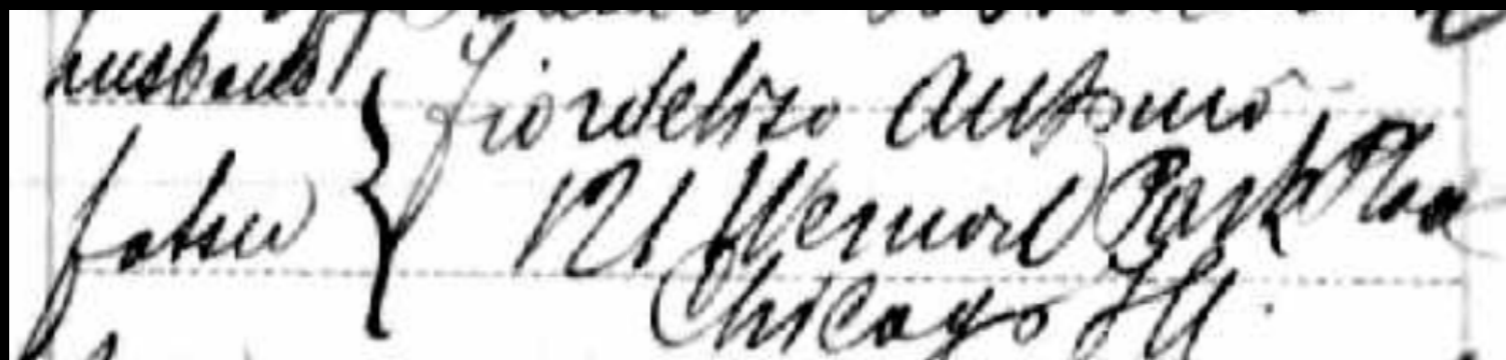


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PHYLLIS (Big Nonnie)



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**his wife Lucia and daughter followed in 1907
(Filomena was 4)**

Antonio Fiordalisi (1882-1952)

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

No.

246475

[Of a Married Person, under Sec. 310(b) or (c) of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1144-1145)]

To the Honorable the DISTRICT Court of THE UNITED STATES at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed pursuant to Section 310(a) or (b), or Section 311 or 312, of the Nationality Act of 1940, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is Antonio Fiore Dalise
(Full, true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, must appear here)

(2) My present place of residence is 19 W. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill. (3) My occupation is Janitor
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State)

(4) I am 59 years old. (5) I was born on Feb. 26, 1882, in Solofra, Italy
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country)

(6) My personal description is as follows: Sex Male; color White; complexion Fair; color of eyes Brown; color of hair Gray; height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 175 pounds; visible distinctive marks None; race White; present nationality Italy

(7) I am married; the name of my wife or husband is Margaret; we were married on Sept. 27, 1924
(Month) (Day) (Year)

at Chicago, Ill.; he or she was born at Putansia, Italy, April 25, 1894
(City or town) (State or country) (City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country) (Month) (Day) (Year)

entered the United States at New York, N. Y. on 1895 for permanent residence in the United States, and now resides at
(City or town) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

with me and was naturalized on March 17, 1941 U.S. Dist. Ct. North Dist. of Ill.
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certificate No. 5125331; or became a citizen by
(7a) (If petition is filed under Section 311, Nationality Act of 1940) I have resided in the United States in marital union with my United States citizen spouse for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of filing this petition for naturalization.
(7b) (If petition is filed under Section 312, Nationality Act of 1940) My husband or wife is a citizen of the United States, is in the employment of the Government of the United States, or of an American institution of research recognized as such by the Attorney General of the United States, or an American firm or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or a subsidiary thereof; and such husband or wife is regularly stationed abroad in such employment. I intend in good faith to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment abroad.

(8) I have 3 children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:
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All reside in Chicago, Ill.

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three years later, Antonio Fiordalisi is now “Tony Dalisi” (and Lucia is “Lucy”)

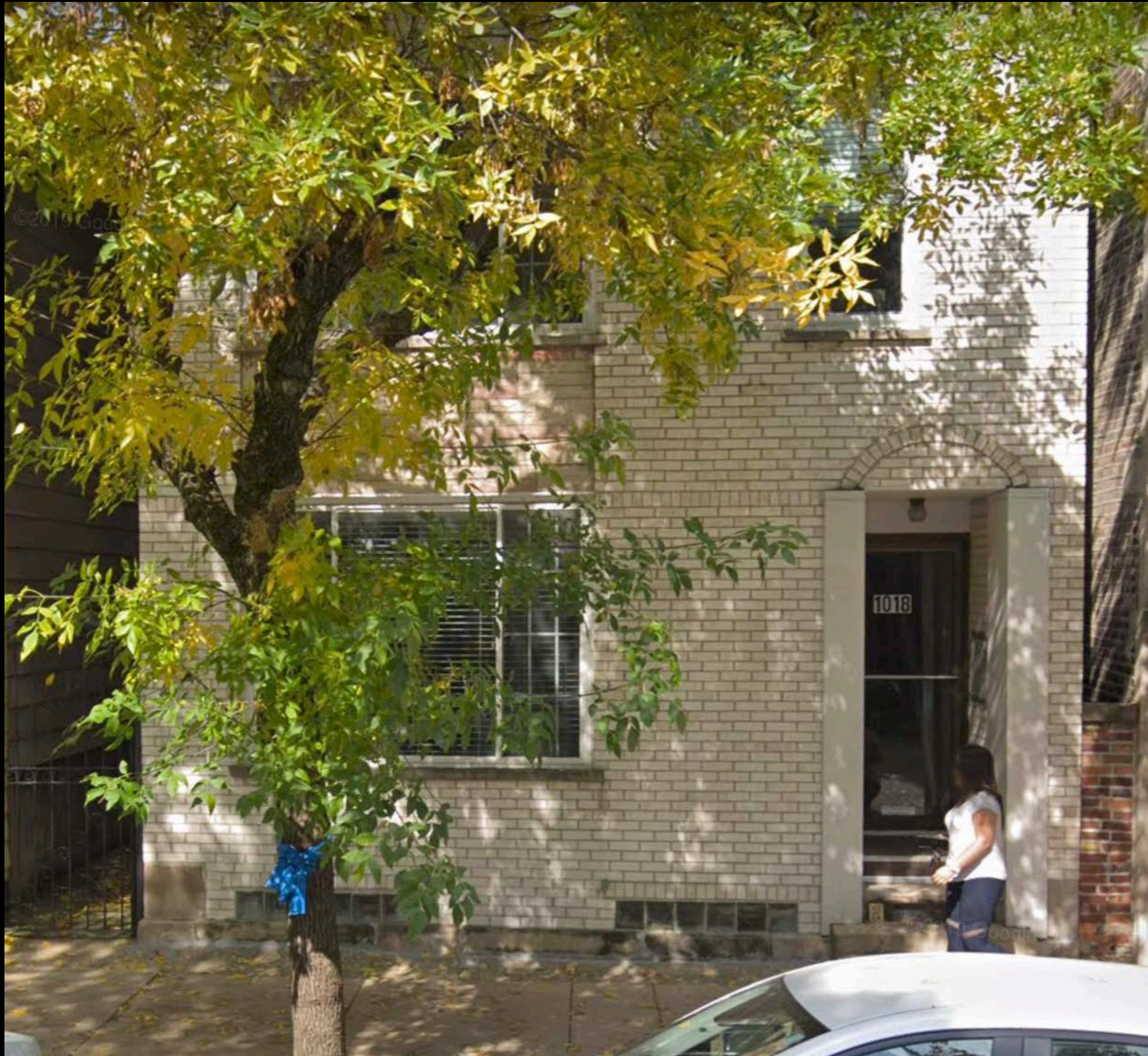
Palisi Tony	Head	M	W	29	M	8		
Lucy	Wife	F	W	29	M	8	3	2

Italian	Baker	Cake Bakery	W	No	0	Yes	Yes	
Italian	None					No	No	

Palisi Filomena	Daughter	F	W	7	S			St-Italian
Peter	Son	M	W	7 1/2	S			Illinois
Moresse Joseph	Broth-in-law	M	W	34	S			St-Italian
Moresse Pasquale	Broth-in-law	M	W	32	S			St-Italian

1910 census

1018 W Polk St, Little Italy



tragedy!!

Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Deaths Index, 1878-1922

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Name	Lucia Delize
Birth Date	29 Mar 1880
Birth Place	Italy
Death Date	25 Dec 1912
Death Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial Date	29 Dec 1912
Cemetery Name	Mt Carmel
Death Age	32
Occupation	Housewife
Race	White
Marital Status	Married
Gender	Female

Lucia dies at age 32
(leaving behind three kids - ages 10, 3, and 1)

The youngest (Minnie) is given up for adoption

Front	7	23	Mingarelli Dominick	Head	1/P	M	W	45	M
1437			Rosa	Wife		F	W	45	M
			Minnie	Daughter		F	W	8	M

(1920 census)

**No idea what happens to Peter (3)
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not quite five years after her mom died...

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at , in the OMITTED PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1922. Court of

Sixth. I am married. My ~~XXXXXX~~ husband's name is Ferdinando; ~~he~~ she was born on the 15th day of November, anno Domini 1893

at Italy, and now resides at , Chicago, Illinois.

(Give number and street)

I have 3 children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

Married September 23, 1917 in Racine, Wisconsin. Husband naturalized October 22, 1925 in the Circuit Court, Chicago.

she was born in May 1902...

...so she was definitely a 15-year-old bride

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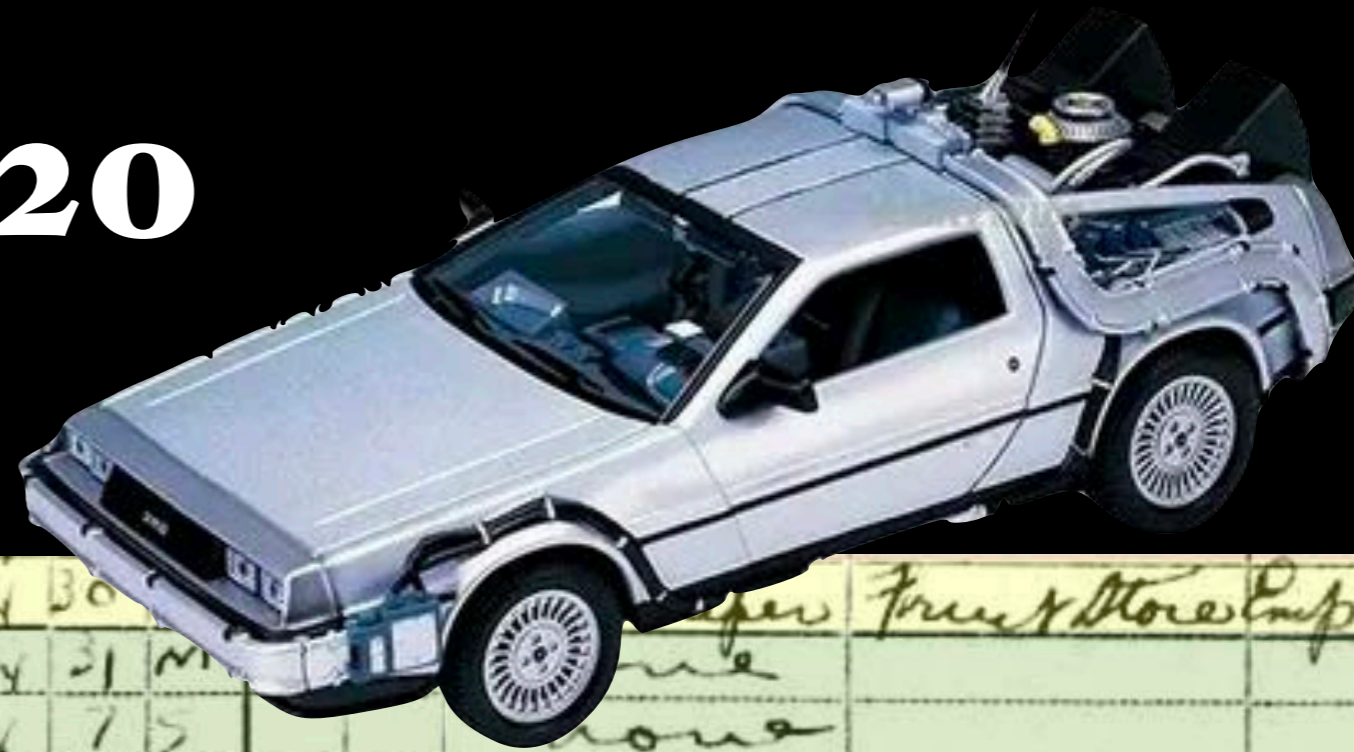
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says she was 17 when Divina was born
but definitely just turned 16 in May

1. PLACE OF BIRTH			Registration Dist. No. 3104		State Board of Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics		HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S RECORD	
County of COOK			Primary Dist. No.		CITY OF CHICAGO		Registered No. 25947	
City of CHICAGO			No. 633 , So. Paulina St.; ... Ward		2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Divina Ruffolo			
3. Sex of Child Female		4. Twin, triplets, or other? (To be answered only in event of plural births)		Number in order of birth		5. Date of birth July 17th 1918		
FATHER				MOTHER				
6. FULL NAME Ferdinando Ruffolo				12. FULL MAIDEN NAME Philomena Daise				
7. RESIDENCE 633 So. Paulina St.				13. RESIDENCE 633 So. Paulina St.				
8. COLOR W.		9. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 24 Years		14. COLOR W.		15. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 17 Years		
10. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Italy				16. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Italy				
11. OCCUPATION Molder				17. OCCUPATION Housewife				
18. Number of children born to this mother, including present birth 1				19. Number of children of this mother now living				

20. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.*

1920



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		Mary	Wife		F	W	31	M	none	
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... and not 28

... she's 18

After Lucia's death,

**Tony disappears from 1920 census,
then gets remarried in 1924**

7	Dalio	Anthony	Head	R	45		No	M	M	46	M	39	mo	40	Italy
		Margaret	Wife	H			V	F	M	36	M	14	No	40	New York
	Pezzopane	Armando	Step son				V	M	M	18	M		No	40	Illinois
		Angeline	Step daughter				V	F	M	20	M		No	40	Illinois

(1930 census)

Tony worked as a restaurant manager, a handyman, and janitor, and passed away in 1952

DALISE—Anthony F. Dalise, late of 747 S. California avenue, loving husband of Margaret, nee Pezzopane; dear father of Peter Dalise, **Phylliss Ruffolo**, Minnie Rossi, Angela Strandt, and Herman Pezzopane. Funeral Monday, 9 a. m., from chapel, 624 N. Western avenue, to Blessed Mother Cabrini church. Interment Mount Carmel. ARmitage 6-7800.

“Phylliss” = Filomena

Pasquale Ruffolo

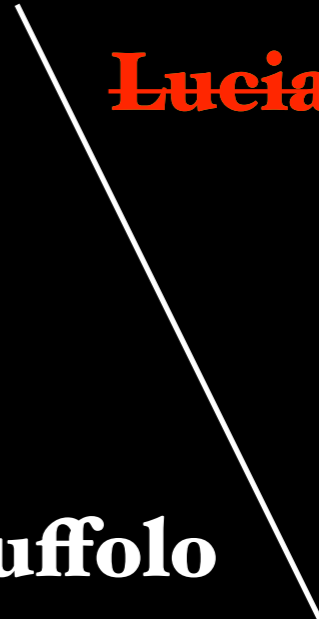
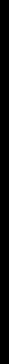
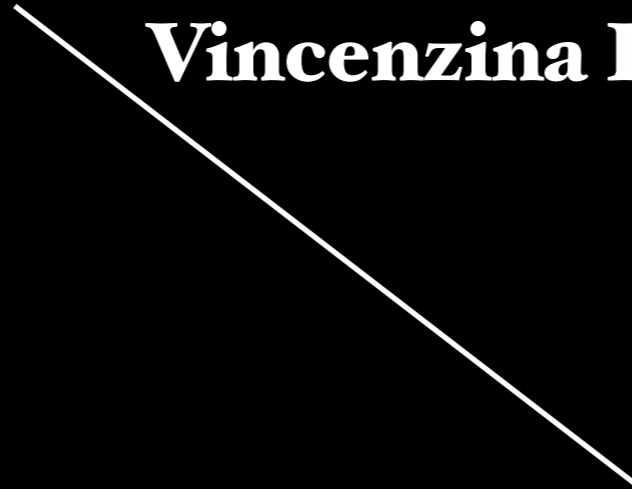
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Ferdinando Ruffolo

Filomena Fiordalisi

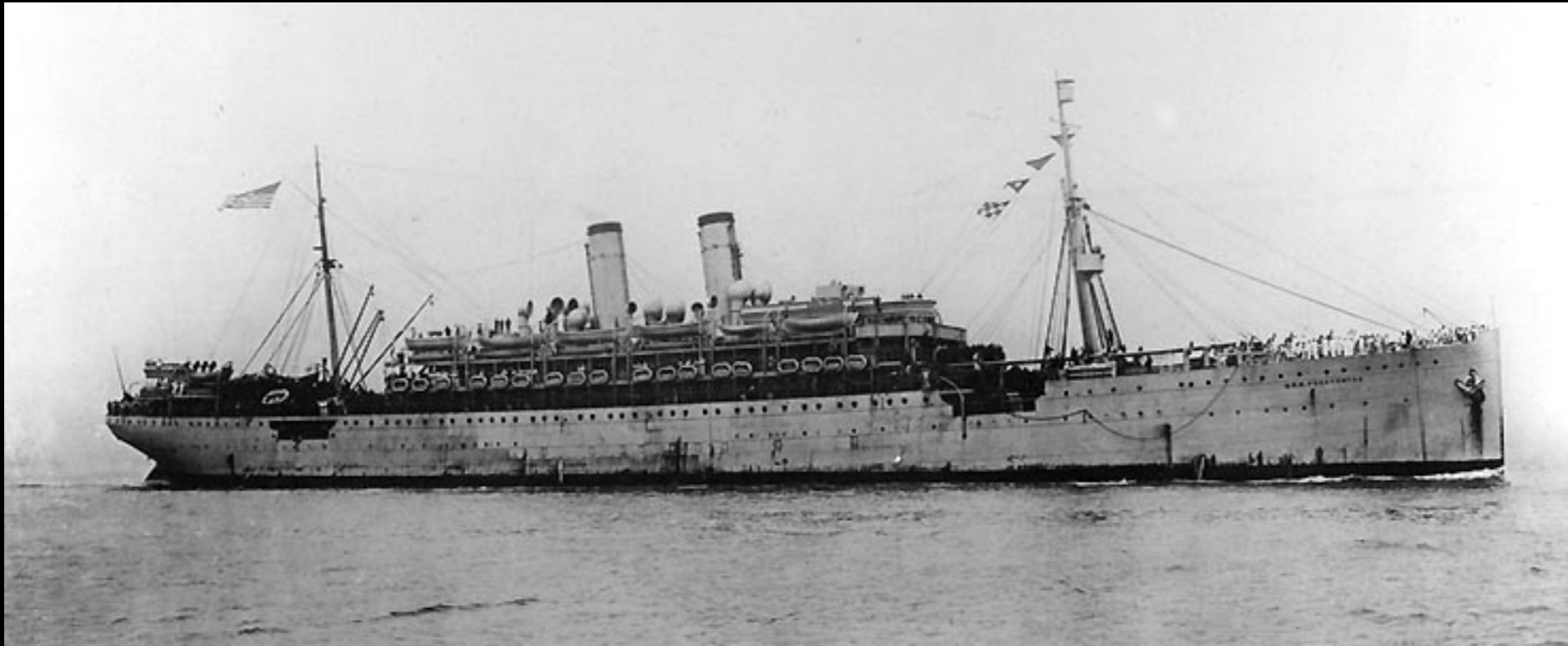


finally settled in Chicago in 1921

(Pasquale's 11th ocean crossing and Emilia and Vincenzina's first)

RUFFOLO	PASQUALE	55	M. M. labourer	yes	Italian
ROSCO	VINCENZINA	58	F. M. housew.	-	Italian
RUFFOLO	EMILIA	18	F. S. housek.	yes	Italian

NEW-YORK
son- Ferdinando Buffolo-1352 W. Taylor no
sur- Chicago 111,



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Pasquale passed away in 1927

Our Lady of Pompeii

1224 W Lexington St, Little Italy



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Eugenio
b 1891

Ferdinando
b 1893

Achille
b 1900

Emilia
b 1903

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✓ Italian	yes	Italy	Italian So. Italy	20-			Marano PrinQ	cipato

**Achille finally emigrates in 1934
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✓ Italian	yes	Italy	Italian So. Italy	20-			Margano	PrinQ
							cipato	

**Achille finally emigrates in 1934
(decades after the rest of his family)**

*was it post-1924 immigration
problems? or some other scandal?*

TRIPLICATE
(To be given to
declarant)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

The United States of America In the _____ District _____ Court
Northern District of Illinois ss: of the United States Chicago, Ill

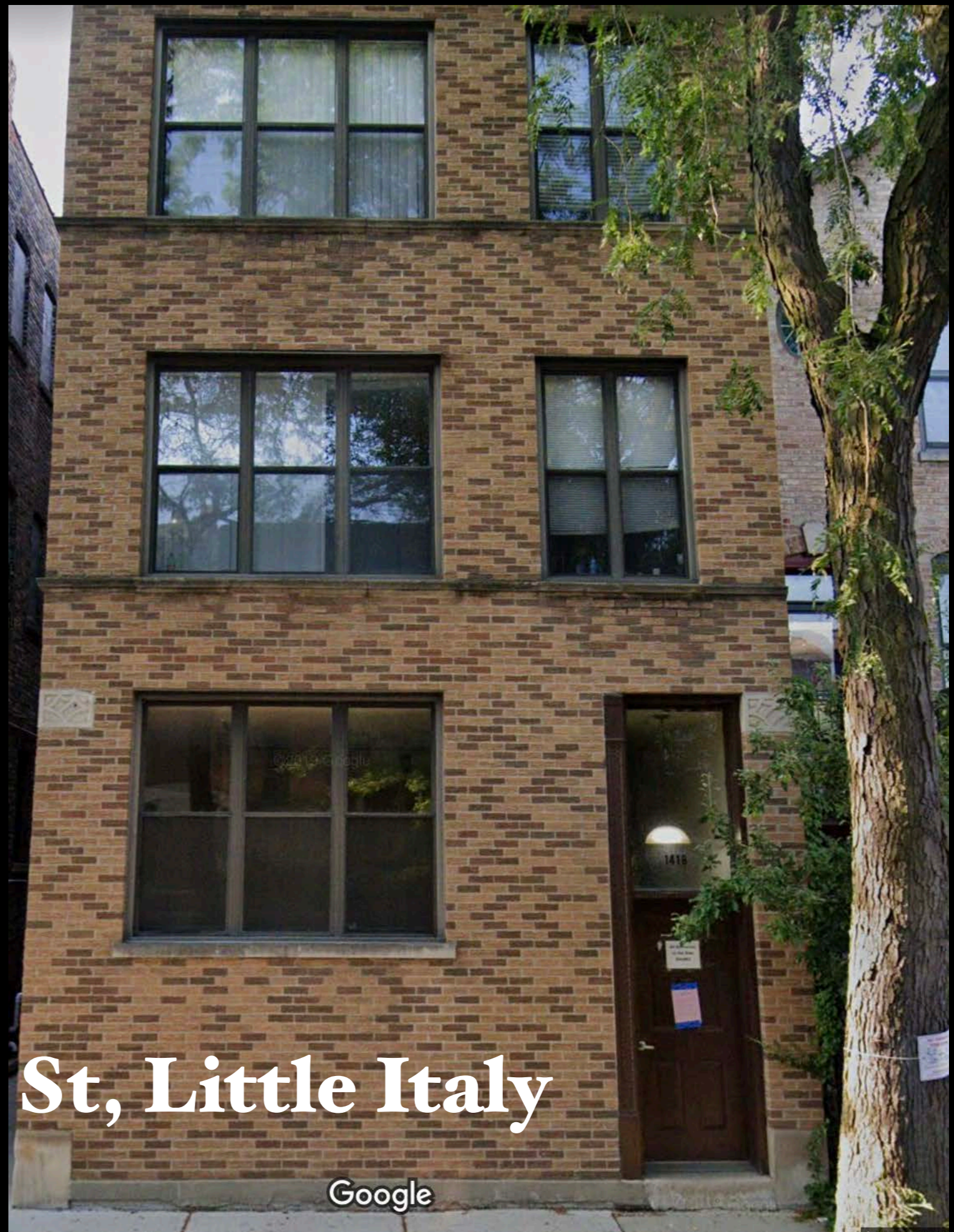
I, ACHILLE RUFFOLO
(Full true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, must appear here)
now residing at 1418 Spruce Street,
occupation Fruit business, aged 34 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
Sex Male, color White, complexion Medium, color of eyes Brown
color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 6 inches; weight 158 pounds; visible distinctive marks
Scar on right cheek.
race South Italian; nationality Italian

He lives at 1418 Spruce St (with his two brothers) and works in the fruit business



Phillip Kuyfols

1418 W Lexington St, Little Italy



Google

1930 Census at 1418 Spruce St

Buffalo Gene	Head	0	15000		NO	M	W	40	M	19
— Mary	wife				V	F	W	42	M	21
— Jennie	daughter				V	F	W	17	S	
— Josephine	daughter				V	F	W	15	S	
— Charles	Son				V	M	W	12	S	
— Rose	daughter				V	F	W	9	S	
— Helen	daughter				V	F	W	6	S	
Buffalo Fred	Head	0	1830		NO	M	W	36	M	23
— Filomena	wife				V	F	W	28	M	15
— Virginia	daughter				V	F	W	12	S	
— Lucy	daughter				V	F	W	10	S	
— Albert	Son				V	M	W	6	S	
Basco, Vincenza	mother in law				V	F	W	65	Y	22

**Fred and Gene shared a house
and ran the grocery store together!**

1923 City Directory

Ruckdeschel Bros, 2833 Belmont a
Ruckdeschel Edward, 2153 N Halst
Rudikoff Joseph, 3951 North av
Rudolph Wm, 3455 Southport av
Rudy Basil, 720 Keith
Rudzki Ludwig, 847 N Carpenter
Rufflo Bros, 1352 Taylor
Rugen Maria C, 4156 Lake
Rukstala John, 2858 Taylor
Rukujzo Sophie Mrs, 6530 S Robe
Rumbustis Stanley, 1303 W 69th

Fred and Eugene working together!

Pasquale passed away in 1927

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Vincenzina passed away in 1935

RUFFOLO—Vincenzina Ruffola, nee Bosio, passed away 8 a. m., Dec. 17, fond mother of Eugenio, Fredinando, Achille, and Emilia. Funeral from residence, 1140 S. California, Saturday, Dec. 21, 9 a. m., to Our Lady of Pompeii. Interment Mount Carmel. Mon. 0449.

1940 Census

1418	13	0	200	12	Ruffolo, Fred	Head	0	M	W	45	M	No	0	Italy
1702	13	0			Ruffolo, Phylliss	Wife	1	F	W	38	M	No	8	Italy
					—, Lucille	Daughter	2	F	W	19	S	No	8	Illinois
					—, Albert	Son	2	M	W	16	S	No	8	Illinois
					—, Jean	Daughter	2	F	W	8	S	No	2	Illinois

JEAN (Nonnie)

Storekeeper	R. Fruits + Vegetables
Storekeeper	R. Fruits + Vegetables
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Fred and Phyliss were “peddlers of fruits and vegetables” and had a daughter named **Eugenia (“Jean”)** in 1932
named after Fred’s brother!

1950 Census

Raffulo, FRED.	HEAD	W	M	55	MAR	1	ITALY
Phyliss	WIFE	W	F	47	MAR	1	ITALY

grocery store (retail grocers.)

**Fred and Phyliss living alone but
still selling produce**

Ferdinando Ruffolo

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Fred passes on in 1967

Phylliss in 1994

RUFFOLO

Phylliss Ruffolo, age 91, of Buffalo Grove for 15 years, beloved wife of the late Fredinando; mother of Diana (the late James) Galfano, Lucille (the late Daniel) DeSalvo, Jean (Nick) Cifonie; grandmother of 14; great-grandmother of **25**; great-great-grandmother of four. She was born May 2, 1903 in Italy and passed away September 17, 1994 in Barrington. Visitation at the **Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home**, 415 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich, from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral Wednesday, September 21, 11 a.m. to St. Francis de Sales Church, 11 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich. Mass 11:30 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. 708-540-8871

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Pasquale Ruffolo

Antonio Fiordalisi

Vincenzina Bosco

Lucia Maresi

1G

Nicola Capaccio

Ferdinando Ruffolo

Brigida DeMaio

Filomena Fiordalisi

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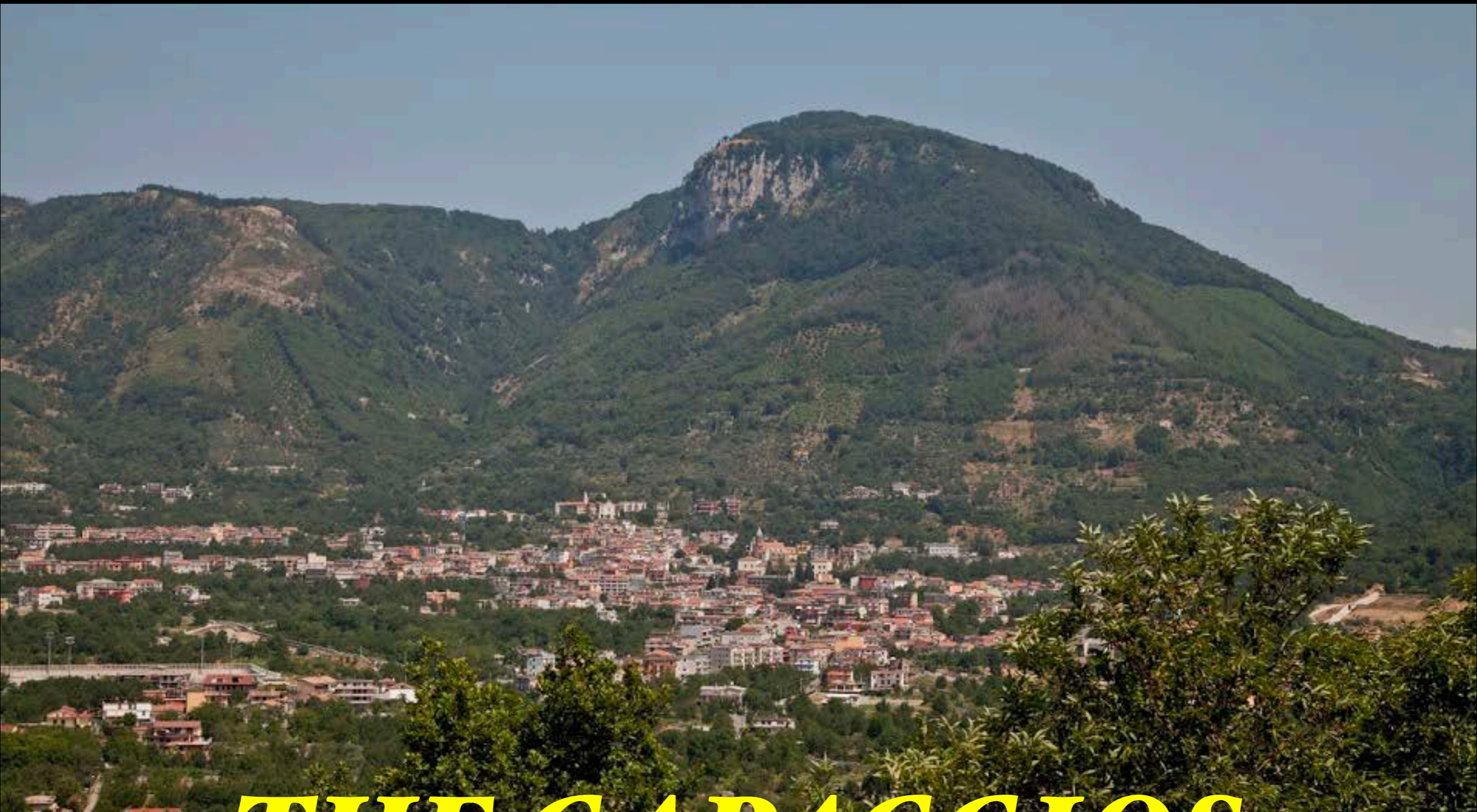
Alberto Capaccio

Eugenia Ruffolo

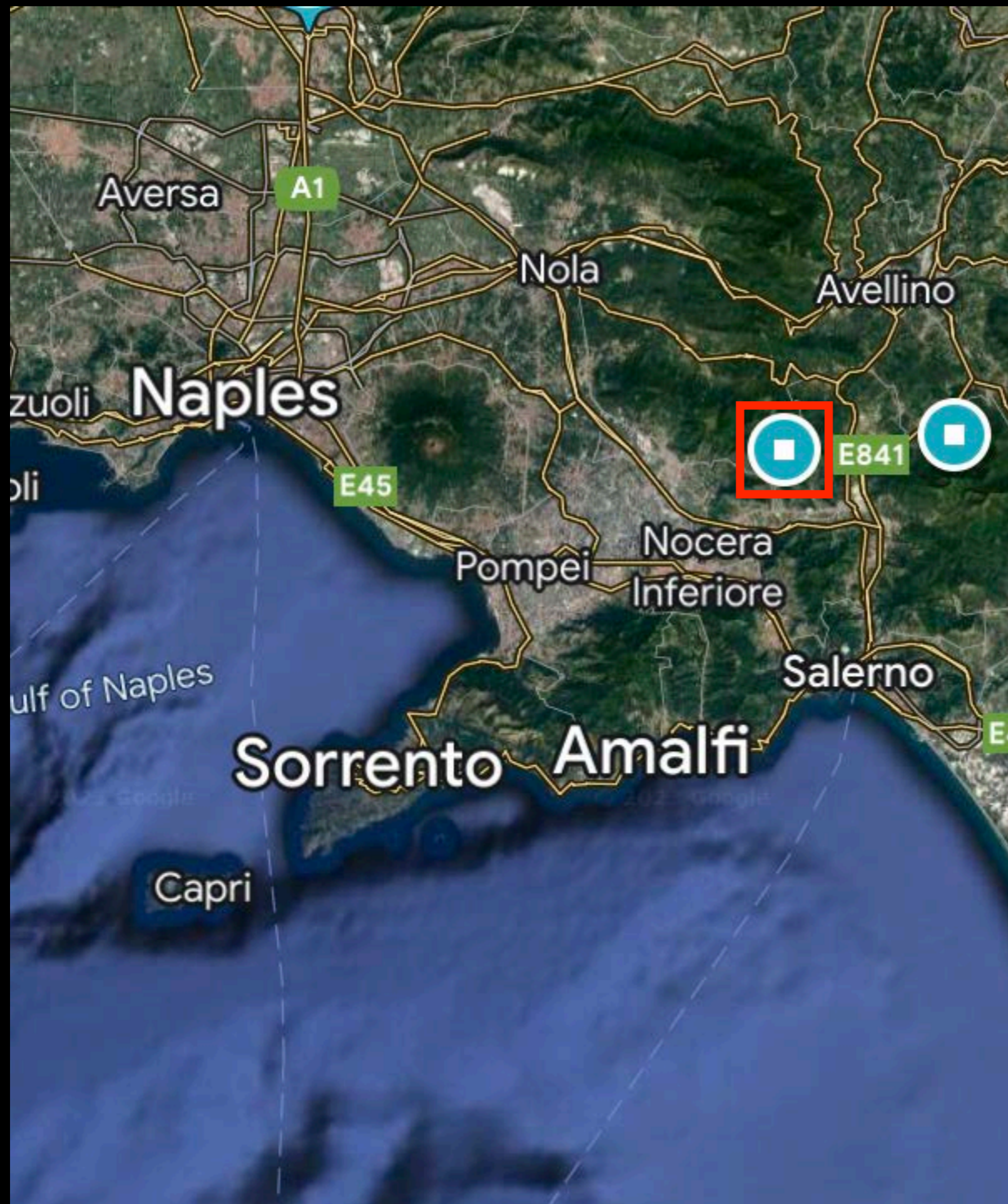
Nickie C



Bracigliano (Salerno)
population in 1900: 3365



THE CAPACCIOS



**Bracigliano,
Salerno,
Campania**



Giovanni Capaccio

2G

Michela Capuano

Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891

1G



Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891

Atti di Nascita

Numero *bentonore*
Capaccio Antonia

L'anno milleottocentottanta *otto* —, addì *quattro* — di *Novembre* —
a ore *ante* meridiane *dieci* — e minuti *treinta* —, nella Casa comunale.
Avanti di me *Luigi Bertinucci Sindaco* il —

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di *Braigliano* —
è comparso *Giovanni Capaccio*, di anni *ventisei* —, *bontadino* —
domiciliato in *Braigliano* —, il quale mi ha dichiarato che alle ore *ante* meridiane
dieci — e minuti *treinta* —, del dì *tre* — del *corrente* — mese,
nella casa posta in *Via Capaccio* al numero *sette* —, da *Michele*
Capaccio sua moglie, bontadina, suo lui convivente —

è nato un bambino di sesso *femminile* che egli mi presenta, e a cui dà il nome di
Antonia —

A quanto sopra e a questo atto sono stati presenti quali testimoni *Ferdinando*
Santavilla, di anni *cinquantasei*; *bontadino* — e *Ferdinando Liguori*

Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891

Numero cinque
Capaccio Carmela

L'anno milleottocento novanta —, addì quindici di gennaio,
a ore ante meridiane undici — e minuti quindici —, nella Casa comunale.
Avanti di me Luigi Albano Aggerrone Delegato del Sindaco ed —

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di Braigliano —
è comparso Giovanni Capaccio —, di anni ventisette —, bratadino —
domiciliato in Braigliano —, il — quale mi ha dichiarato che alle ore ante meridiane
una — e minuti quindici —, del dì sedici — del corrente — mese,
nella casa posta in Via Capasarno al numero sette —, da Michela
Capuano sua moglie bratadina per lui convivente —

è nato un bambino di sesso femminile che egli mi presenta, e a cui dà il nome di
Carmela —

A quanto sopra e a questo atto sono stati presenti quali testimoni fiorentino —

* S'indichi la professione o la condizione.

Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891

Numero *Centotrentadue*
Capaccio Nicola

Spod. in
Braccigliano 21/10.
911 con De Maria Braccigliano
27-2-1912
Elia

L'anno milleottocento *novantasei* addì *Ventidue* di *Dicembre*,
a ore *ante* meridiane *Dieci* e minuti *venti*, nella Casa comunale.
Avanti di me *Luigi Albano Assessore Delegato dal Sindaco*

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di *Braccigliano*
è comparso *Giovanni Capaccio* di anni *ventisei* *centotrentadue*
domiciliato in *Braccigliano*, il quale mi ha dichiarato che alle ore *po* meridiane
Tre e minuti *Dieci*, del dì *Ventuno* del *corrente* mese,
nella casa posta in *Via Capaccio* al numero *Sette*, da *Michela*
Capaccio sua moglie, centotrentadue anni convivente

è nato un bambino di sesso *Maschile* che *egli* mi presenta, e a cui dà il nome di
Nicola

A quanto sopra e a questo atto sono stati presenti quali testimoni *Ferdinando*

* S'indichi la professione o la condizione.

Giovanni Capaccio

***What are Giovanni's
parents named?***

Michela Capuano

Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891



What are Giovanni's parents named?

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N. d'ordine 31

L'anno milleottocento *seventy-two* il dì *ventotto*
di *Marzo* alle ore *tre* e *dieci* avanti di noi *Luigi*
ed ufficiale dello
stato civile di *Bracciano* Provincia di Principato Citerio-
re, è comparso *Nicola Lazzarini* di anni
figlio di *Giuseppe* di professione *bracciante*
cento domiciliato in *Trivulzio* Comune
quale ci à presentato un *bambino* secondo che
abbiam ocularmente riconosciuto, ed à dichiarato che lo stesso
è nato da *Antonina Boyito* di anni *ventisei* domiciliata in *Trivulzio* e da
di anni *ventisei* di professione *bracciante* domiciliato in *Trivulzio*

Il Parroco di *San*
Pio Battista
ci à restituito
nel dì *ventotto*
di *Marzo*
anno corrente
il notamento che gli
abbiamo rimesso nel
dì *ventotto*
Marzo
anno suddetto in piè
del quale à indicato
che il Sacramento del
battesimo è stato am-
ministrato a *Giovanni*
Lazzarini

**Giovanni's birth certificate from 1862 shows
your great-great-great-grandparents**

Giovanni Capaccio

***What's Michela's
mother named?***

Michela Capuano

Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891



What's Michela's mother named?

Atti di Matrimonio

Numero *cinque*

Capaccio Giovanni
Capuano Michela

L'anno milleottocento *tantotto* —, addì *ventidue* — di *febbraio* —
a ore *ante* meridiane *undici* — e minuti *trecenta* —, nella Casa comunale
di *Braigliano* — aperta al pubblico.

Avanti di me *Luigi De Simone Sindaco funzionante id* —

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile, vestito in forma ufficiale, sono personalmente comparsi: —

1° *Giovanni Capaccio celibe*, di anni *ventisette* *contadino* —
nato in *Braigliano* —, residente in *Petto Comune* —, figlio di *Stefano*
—, residente in *Braigliano* —, e di *Antonia Capillo* —

residente in *Petto Comune* —; 2° *Michela Capuano nubile* —
di anni *ventuno* — *contadina* —, nata in *Braigliano* —, residente in
Petto Comune —, figlia del fu *Angelo* —, residente in *Petto Braigliano*
e di *Carmela Fiorentino* —, residente in *Petto Comune* —, i quali mi

**Giovanni's and Michela's marriage license from 1888
shows your *other* great-great-great-grandparents**

Giovanni Capaccio

**1911 was a *huge year*
for the Capaccios**

Michela Capuano

Antonia

b 1888

Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891





Antonia

b 1888



Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891

March 1911

Capaccio sisters leave for Chicago



Salerno Bracigliano

Ill Chicago

from Bracigliano

to Chicago



Antonia

b 1888



Carmella

b 1890

Nicola

b 1891

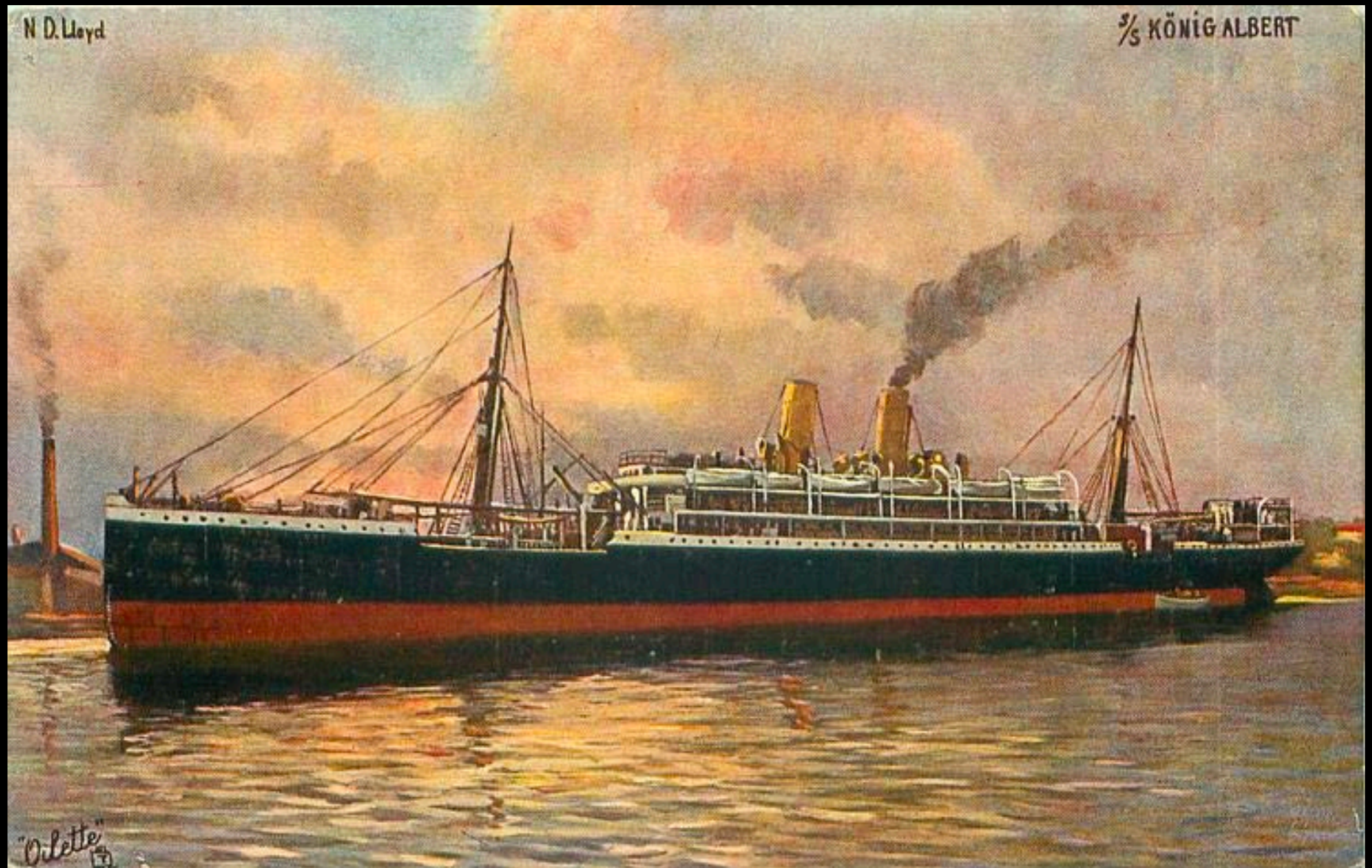
March 1911

Capaccio sisters leave for Chicago

Capaccio Antonia 22 " I servant 4

Scafuri Luigia 22 " I baker
Capaccio Carmela 21 " I housewife
Scufari child Francesca 1.8 " I none

König Albert



Giovanni Capaccio

Michela Capuano

Nicola

b 1891

**In September 1911,
Nicola has a daughter!**

What's her name?

Giovanni Capaccio

Michela Capuano



Nicola

b 1891



Michela

b 1911

Michela Capaccio's Sept 1911 birth certificate

ATTI DI NASCITA

Numero *Settantatré*

Capaccio Michela

Con atto di matrimonio in-
dato 19 ottobre 1911, n. 23, la
qui contronominata Capaccio
Michela Rosanna, quale figlia
legittima, riconosciuta dai
coniugi Capaccio Nicola e
De Maio Brigida

Braccigliano, 21-10-1911.

S. Sindaco

Albanoz

L'anno millenovecento *undici*, addì *ventidue* di *Settembre*,
a ore *dieci* e minuti *venti*, nella Casa Comunale.

Avanti di me *Antonio Alfano segretario Delegato dal Sindaco con at-
to del diciotto luglio millenovecento quattro, debitamente approvato e*
Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di *Braccigliano*, è comparsa

Capaccio Nicola, di anni *sessantatré*, * *contadino* domici-
liato in *Braccigliano*, il quale mi ha dichiarato che alle ore *sei*
e minuti *...* del dì *diciotto* del *corrente* mese, nella casa posta in
Quoro al numero *nove*, da *unione naturale*

con una donna non coniugata, non parente né affine di lui,
nei gradi che ostano al riconoscimento,
è nato un bambino di sesso *femminile* che non mi presenta, e a cui dà il nome di
Michela

A quanto sopra e a questo atto sono stati presenti quali testimoni *Giustiniello*
Luigi, di anni *quarantasette*, * *usciera*, e
Armando Michele, di anni *quarantasei*, *fontaniere*,
entrambi residenti in questo Comune.

*Il dichiarante si è stato dispen-
sato dal presentarmi la bambina a causa della pio-
gia, dopo essermi altrimenti accertato della ver-*

Michela Capaccio's Sept 1911 birth certificate

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legittima, riconosciuta dai
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De Maio Brigida

Braccigliano, 21-10-1911.

S. Sindaco

Albanoz

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a ore *dieci* e minuti *venti*, nella Casa Comunale.

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Luigi, di anni *quarantasette*, * *usciera*, e

Torino Michele, di anni *quarantasei*, * *fontaniere*,
entrambi residenti in questo Comune.

Il dichiarante si è stato dispen-
sato dal presentarmi la bambina a causa della pio-
gia, dopo essermi altrimenti accertato della ver-

Nicola Capaccio's Oct 1911 marriage license

ATTI DI MATRIMONIO

Numero Venticinque

Capaccio Nicola
De Mauro Brigida

your great-grandparents!

L'anno millenovecento undici, addì diciannove di ottobre
a ore undici e minuti _____, nella Casa Comunale
di Braighiano, aperta al pubblico.
Avanti di me Sommario Mauro Assessore Delegato del Municipio
assente ed

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile, vestito in forma ufficiale, sono personalmente comparsi: 1° Capaccio Nicola, celibe, di anni venti, * confessino
nato in Braighiano, residente in detto Comune, figlio di fu Giovanni
mi, residente in vita in, e di fu Capaccio Michela
residente in vita in; 2° De Mauro Brigida, nubile
di anni ventidue, * confessina, nata in Braighiano, residente
in detto Comune, figlia di fu Luigi, residente in vita in
e di Grimaldi Teresa, residente in detto Comune, i quali mi
hanno richiesto di unirli in matrimonio; a questo effetto mi hanno presentato i documenti
sotto descritti; e dall'esame di quest', non che di quelli già prodotti all'atto della richiesta
delle pubblicazioni, i quali tutti, muniti del mio visto, inserisco nel volume degli allegati a
questo registro, risultandomi nulla ostare alla celebrazione del loro matrimonio, ho letto agli



Church of San Giovanni Battista, Bracigliano

Michela Capaccio's Sept 1911 birth certificate

ATTI DI NASCITA

Numero *Settantatré*
Capaccio Michela

Con atto di matrimonio in-
 dato 19 ottobre 1911, n. 23, la
 qui contronominata Capaccio
 Michela, donna, quale figlia
 legittima, riconosciuta dai
 coniugi Capaccio Nicola e
 De Maio Brigida

Braccigliano, 21-10-1911.

S. Sindaco
S. Albano

L'anno millenovecento *undici*, addì *ventidue* di *Settembre*,
 a ore *dieci* e minuti *venti*, nella Casa Comunale.

Avanti di me *Antonio Alfano segretario Delegato dal Sindaco con at-*
to del diciotto luglio millenovecento quattro, debitamente approvato e

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di *Braccigliano*, è comparso

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Michela

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gia. Dopo essermi altrimenti accertato della ver-

**By 1914, Nicola and Brigida have two daughters
(Michela, 3, and Margherita, 1)**

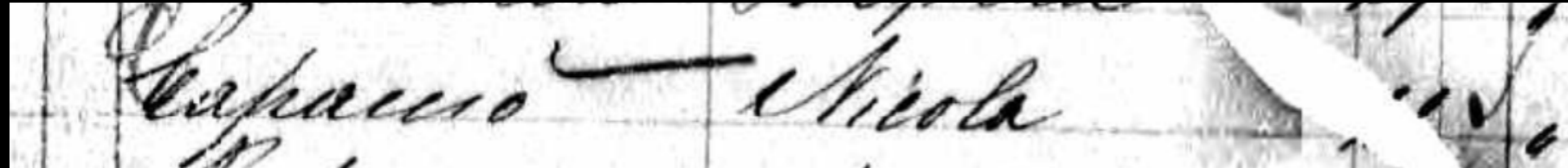


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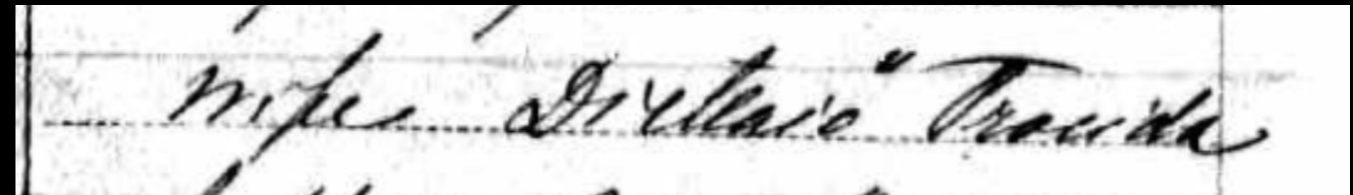


Nicola arrived at Ellis Island in 1914

age 22



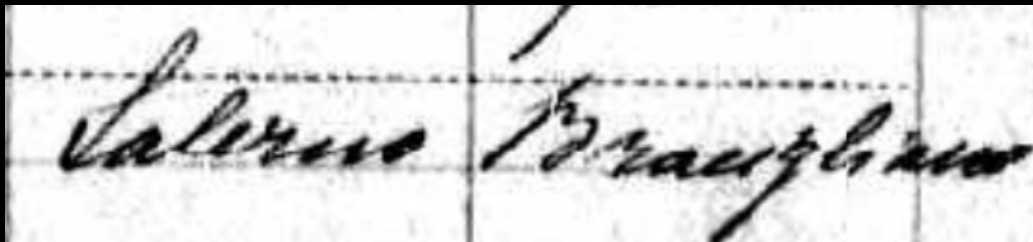
Capasso Nicola



wife DiMaio Brigida

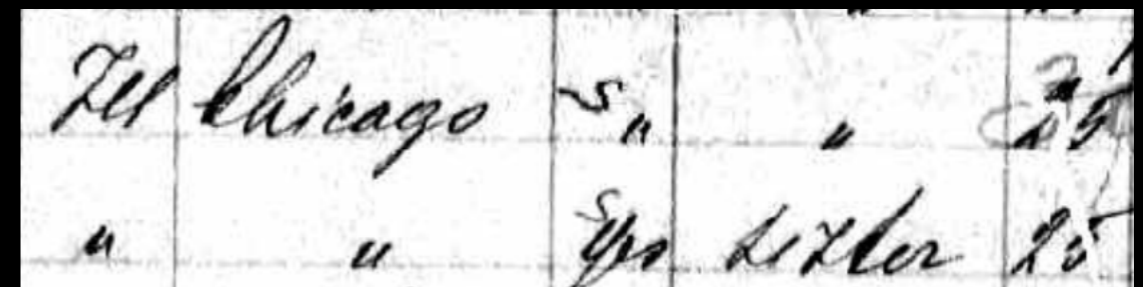
coming from Bracigliano

wife "DiMaio Brigida"



Salerno Bracigliano

Heading to Chicago, IL



To Chicago	\$11		
"	"	To Sister	\$15

- \$25 in his pocket
- passage paid for by "sister"

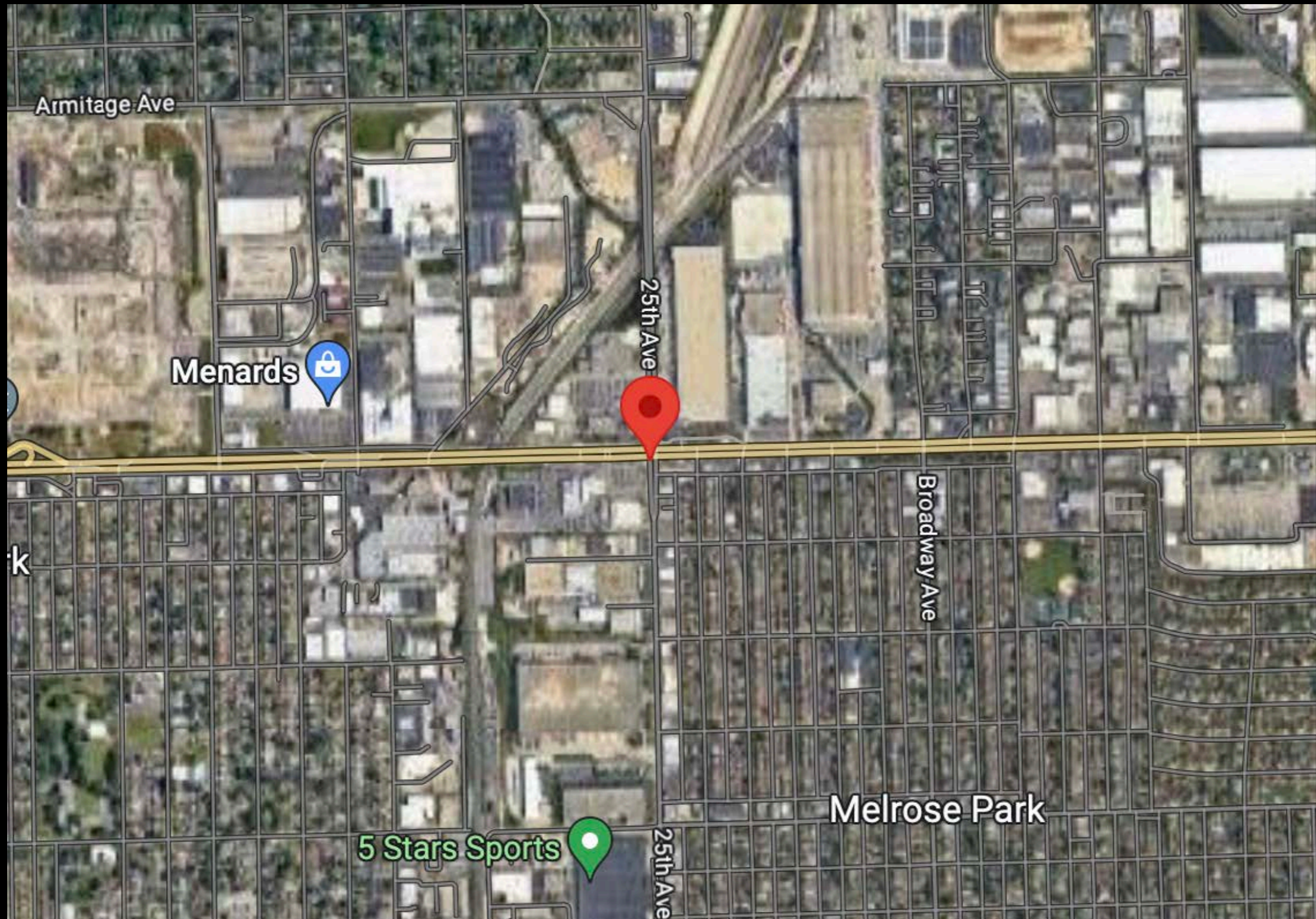
WWI Draft Registration 1917

Form 1 3314		REGISTRATION CARD 168B No. 9	
1	Name in full (Given name) (Family name)	Nicola Capaccio	
	Age, in yrs.	25	
2	Home address (City) (County) (State)	25th and North ave Melrose Pk. Ill	
3	Date of birth (Month) (Day) (Year)	December 21st 1891	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Alien	
5	Where were you born? (Town) (State) (Nation)	Bracigliano Salerno Italy	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	Italy	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Farmer	
8	By whom employed?	Constantino Taddéo	
	Where employed?	25th Ave + North ave Melrose Pk	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	Wife and 2 children 4 and 6 yrs	
10	Married or single (which)?	Married	
	Race (specify which)?	Caucasian	
11	What military service have you had? Rank	No	
	branch	No	
	years		
	Nation or State		
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	Alien	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
If person is of African descent, tear off this corner		Nicola Capaccio (Signature or mark)	

25th and North Melrose Park



25th and North Melrose Park





MARIANO'S
MEL ROSE PEPPERS
3.49

Melrose Peppers

In 1919, the family follows Nicola from Bracigliano to the USA

✓ De Maio Capaccio	Brigida	31	✓	f	M	H.Wife	yes	Bracigliano
16 daughter	" Michela	8	✓	f	S	none	no	"
16 " "	Margherita	6	✓	f	S	"	"	"

"	"	50	✓	"	"	husband Nicola Capaccio	
"	mother	1	"	"	"	818 Louis St Chicago Ill	
"	"	1	"	"	"	father	do
"	"	1	"	"	"	father	do

In those two years, Nicola had moved to Chicago — and started a new career...

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	Margherita							

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Louis St??

1930

314	Capaccio, Nicola	Head	Yes	Baker	Bakery	841
	Bridget	wife-11	Yes	None		
	Mary	daughter	Yes	labourer	factory	786
	Margaret	daughter	Yes	None		
	Caroline	daughter	Yes	None		
	John	son		None		
	Lucille	daughter		None		
	Blanca	daughter		None		
	Albert	son		None		

Nicola worked as a baker!

1930

314	Capaccio, Nicola	Head	Yes	Washer	Washing	841
	Bridget	wife-11	Yes	none		
	Mary	daughter	Yes	labourer	factory	786
	Margaret	daughter	Yes	none		
	Carmella	daughter	Yes	none		
	John	son		none		
	Luzille	daughter		none		
	Isabella	daughter		none		
	Albert	son		none		

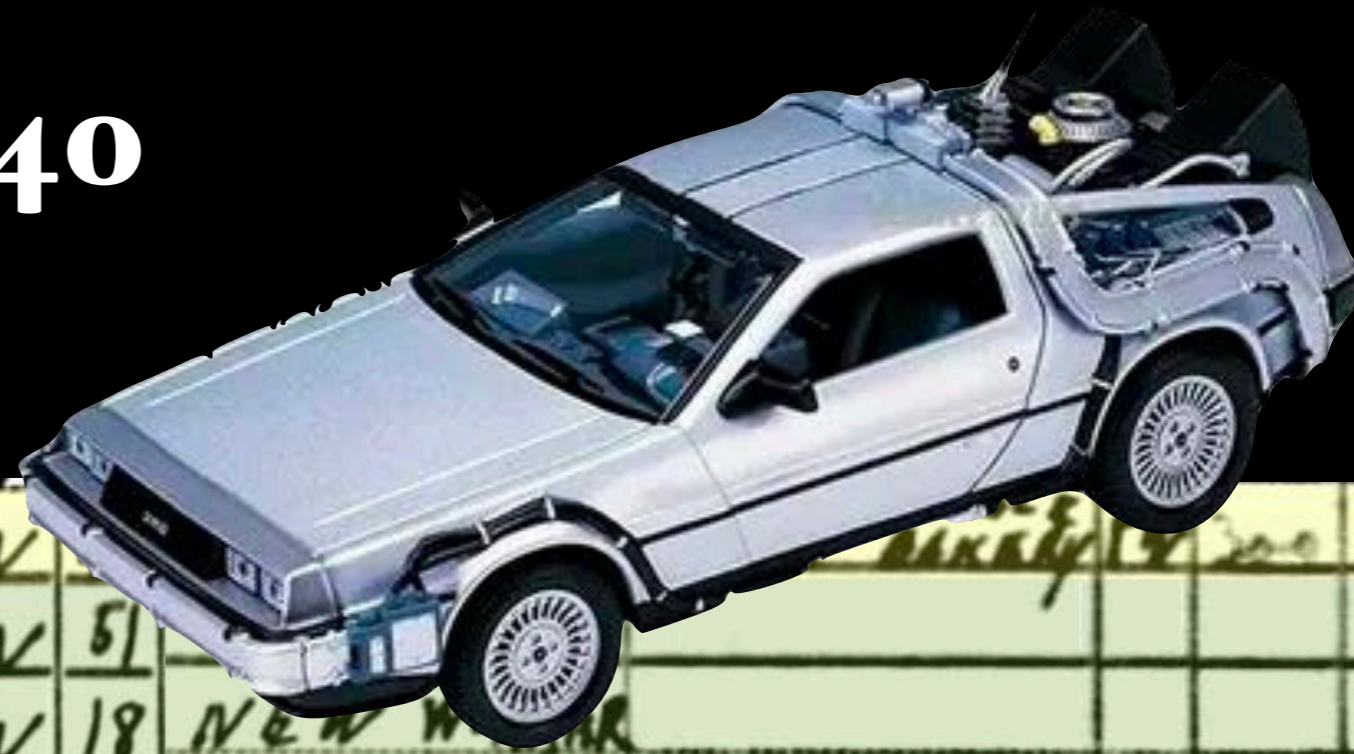
(Albert, age 1)

1940

CAPACCIO, NICK®	HEAD.	0	M	W	49	BAKER	W HOLESALE BREAD BAKERY	CV	300
—, BRIDGET	WIFE	1	F	W	51				
, CARMELLA	DAUGHTER	2	F	W	18	NEW WORKER			
JOHN	SON	2	M	W	17	NEW WORKER			
LUCY	DAUGHTER	2	F	W	16				
YOLANDA	DAUGHTER	2	F	W	14				
ALBERT	SON	2	M	W	11				
NICK	SON	2	M	W	10				

Nicola (now “Nick”) had 8 children

1940



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Where have I seen “baker” before?

Nicola's sister Carmella is married to a baker!

Scapuro	Luigia	22	"	baker
Capuccio	Carmela	21	"	housewife
Scapuro Child	Francesca	1.8	"	none



“panettiere”

Atti di Matrimonio

Numero *Credici*

Scafuri Luigi
Capaccio Carmela

L'anno millenovecento *tdo*, addì *henta*, di *Aprile*
a ore *anti* meridiane *dieci* e minuti _____, nella Casa comunale
di *Brucigliano* aperta al pubblico.

Avanti di me *Domenico Albano* *assessore delegato pel Sindo*
ed assente ed

Ufficiale dello Stato Civile, vestito in forma ufficiale, sono personalmente comparsi:

- 1.° *Scafuri Luigi*, *celibe*, di anni *dieciannove*
_____, * *panettiere* nato in *Brucigliano*, residente in
Detto Comune, figlio di *giovanni*, residente in *Detto Comune*,
e di *Liguori Grazia*, residente in *Detto Comune*;
- 2.° *Capaccio Carmela*, *nubile*, di anni *dieotto*
_____, * *contadina*, nata in *Brucigliano*, residente in *Detto*
Comune, figlia di *fu Giovanni*, residente in *vitavivì*, e
di *fu Capuano e Mielella*, residente in *vitavivì*, i quali mi
hanno richiesto di unirli in matrimonio; a questo effetto mi hanno presentato il documento sotto

WWI
draft doc
(1917)

1	Name in full	<i>Luigi Scafuri</i>	Age, in yrs.	<i>28</i>
2	Home address	<i>818 S Loomis St Chicago Ill</i>		
3	Date of birth	<i>Nov 4 1888</i>		
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Alien</i>			
5	Where were you born?	<i>Bracigliano Italy</i>		
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	<i>Italy</i>		
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	<i>Baker</i>		
8	By whom employed?	<i>By self</i>		
9	Where employed?	<i>818 S Loomis St</i>		
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Father Wife & Children</i>			
11	Married or single (which)?	<i>Married</i>	Race (specify which)?	<i>Caucasian</i>
12	What military service have you had? Rank	<i>Baker</i>	branch	<i>Infantry</i>
13	years	<i>2 yrs</i>	Nation or State	<i>Italy</i>
14	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>Yes Support Family</i>			

Loomis!

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1919

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Loomis St!!



818 Loomis St, Little Italy

1920

818 Loomis St

818	77	196	Scafuri Louis	Head	1	R		M	W	30	M	1910	Per			Yes	Yes	Italy
			— Carmello	Wife				F	W	28	M	1910	al			No	No	Italy
			— Francis	Daughter				F	W	11	S	1910	al			Yes	Yes	Italy
			— Ralph	Son				M	W	9	S					Yes	Yes	Illinois
			— Gussie	Daughter				F	W	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	S					Yes		Illinois
			— Willie	Daughter				F	W	5	S							Illinois
			— Antonette	Daughter				F	W	3	S							Illinois
			— Annie	Daughter				F	W	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	S							Illinois

Luigi (“Louis”) and Carmella Scafuri

Carmella Capaccio + Luigi Scafuri



by 1933 the bakery had
moved to 1337 Taylor St

Italians in Chicago

and

The Selected Directory of the Italians in Chicago

Listing 4,500 Firms, Stores and Professional Men

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[Dedico commossa a quei
cari emigranti e figli
che con santo lavoro
crescono gloria all'Italia]

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Italian French Bakery 950 W Grand MON r
Lacina Geo 1943 S May_____ROO svl
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Candy Shop 1006 S Halsted_____MON r
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Mosca Donato 2144 W. Harr_____WES
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Nutti Bakery & Grocery Co _____
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Salernitano Bakery 745 S Kedzie_____VAN br
Sarno Pastry Co 733 S Racine av_____MON r
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_____MER rm
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Monacia Baking Co 6010 E Grand PSP kbi

Scafuri Bakery (1337 W Taylor St)



Carmella at Scafuri Bakery



“Carmella tasting the focaccia”



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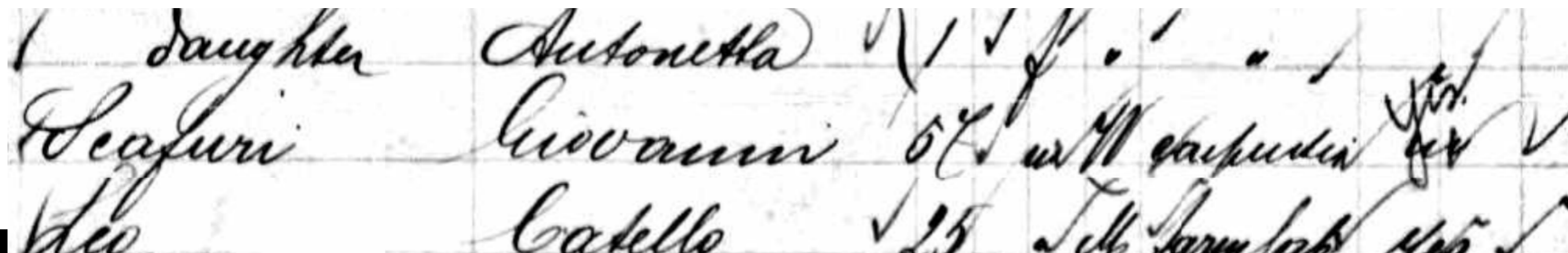
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Again, he didn't arrive until 1911, *and probably didn't start a bakery at age 16*


1910 Chicago Directory of *Bakers*



Itzeszotarsky Jas M 2253 W 18th pl
Sack Chas 2928 W 20th and 2834 Union av
Sahulka John 3303 S Hoyne av
Sameo John 4803 Loomis
Sandberg Louis 5760 Wentworth av
Sandell Hilma Mrs 4244 N 40th av
Sandow Harry 4710 Cottage Grove av
Sargent Andrew 4518 W Harrison
Sargent Benj 2035 W Adams
Saylor Philip L 2404 Indiana av
Schaefer Christian 211 W 22d
Schaefer Geo 2017 Grand av
Schallenmueller Julius 833 N 52d av
Scharmberg Chas 4356 Irving Park boul
Schaumburg Ricka A Mrs 4048 Lincoln av
Scheel Herman 2404 Fullerton av
Scheimann Mary Mrs 7102 Stony Island av

where is “Scafuri”?

found him in the 1923 directory!



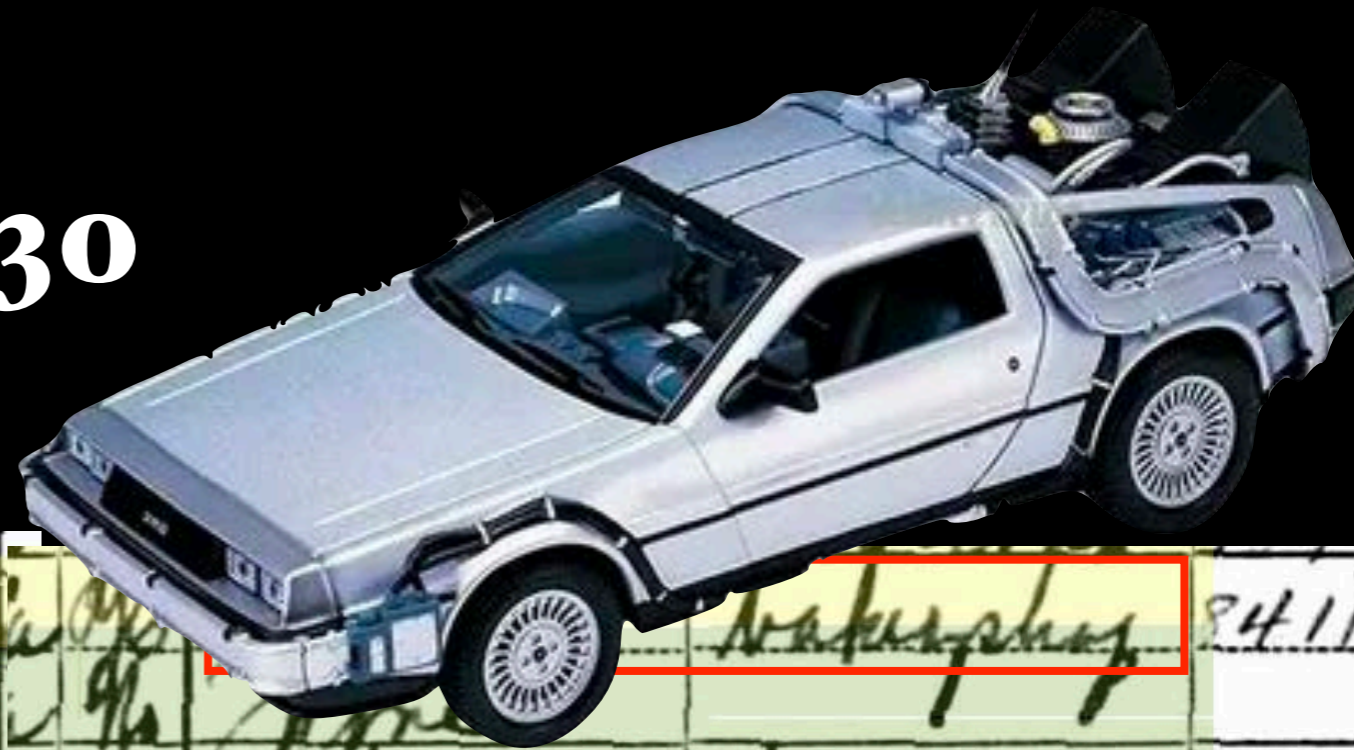
Polz Baking Co, 1527 N Ashland av
Potenziani John, 2217 Taylor
Powers Baking Co, 321 E 51st
Redelheim Malzoh Co, 2109 Revlt rd
Rieck Emil W, 1610 Fulton
Rubschlager Bros, 2503 Clybourn av
Rytina Baking Co, 4621-29 S Hermitg av
SAWYER BISCUIT CO, 1029-1049 Har-
rison, Tel Haymarket 5160
Seafurl Luigi, 1837 Taylor
Schellhorn Christ, 1580 Revlt rd
Schlange Otto, 628 Orleans
Schulze Baking Co, 40 E Grfld bl
Seip Chas Baking Co, 9001-19 Baltimore
Smith Baking Co, 6818 S Ashland av

Luigi Scafuri

Luigi Scafuri, 61, of 1337 Taylor st., died yesterday in his home. He operated a bakery in his residence for 40 years. He is survived by his widow, Carmela; two sons, Ralph and Louis, and five daughters, Mrs. Frances Brogni, Mrs. Mildred Miccucio, Mrs. Annette Mategrano, Mrs. Annabelle Mategrano, and Miss Grace Scafuri. Services will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Pompeii church.

**Luigi passed away in 1953, having
“operated a bakery for 40 years”
So he most likely started it in 1913!**

1930



314	Capaccio, Nicola	Head	Yes	None	bakery shop	841
	Bridget	wife-11		None		
	Mary	daughter	Yes	labourer	factory	786
	Margaret	daughter	Yes	None		
	Caroline	daughter	Yes	None		
	John	son		None		
	Lucille	daughter		None		
	Polina	daughter		None		
	Albert	son		None		

Nicola worked as a baker!

I can't *prove* that Nicola worked at Scafuri Bakery from 1919 through the 1940s, but...

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	Caroline	daughter	Yes	none		
	John	son		none		
	Lucille	daughter		none		
	Polina	daughter		none		
	Albert	son		none		

(He's not going to work for his brother-in-law's *competition*, right?)

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

County of **COOK**City of **CHICAGO**Registration
Dist. No. **3104**Primary
Dist. No.STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics

Certificate of Birth

HEALTH
DEPARTMENT'S
RECORD
CITY OF CHICAGORegistered No. **5983**No. **846**, **St. Loomis Ave** St.; **19** Ward

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD

Carmella Capaccio{ If child is not yet named, make
supplemental report, as directed.3. Sex of
Child**Fe**4. Twin, triplets,
or other?

(To be answered only in event of plural births)

Number in order
of birth5. Date of
birth**Feb 24** 19**21**
(Month) (Day) (Year)6. FULL
NAME

FATHER

Nic Capaccio

7. RESIDENCE

846 St. Loomis Ave

8. COLOR

Wh9. AGE AT LAST
BIRTHDAY**28**

Years

10. BIRTHPLACE
(State or Country)**Italy**

11. OCCUPATION

Baker

MOTHER

12. FULL
MAIDEN
NAME**Brigitte Demais**

13. RESIDENCE

846 St. Loomis Ave

14. COLOR

Wh15. AGE AT LAST
BIRTHDAY**31**

Years

16. BIRTHPLACE
(State or Country)**Italy**

17. OCCUPATION

Housewife

Nicola's first daughter born in the
USA in 1921 is named **Carmella** — in
honor of the sister who helped him!

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	Mary	daughter	W	18	S		No	Yes	Italy
	Margaret	daughter	W	16	S		Yes	Yes	Italy
	Carmella	daughter	W	9	S		Yes	Yes	Illinois
	John	son	W	7	S		Yes	Yes	Illinois
	Luzille	daughter	W	5	S		Yes	Yes	Illinois
	Polanda	daughter							
	Albert	son							

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2G

b 1865
Pasquale Ruffolo

b 1882
Antonio Fiordalisi

Vincenzina Bosco
b 1864

Lucia Maresi
b 1880

1G

b 1891
Nicola Capaccio

b 1893
Ferdinando Ruffolo

Brigida DeMaio
b 1888

Filomena Fiordalisi
b 1902

G

Alberto Capaccio
b 1928

Eugenia Ruffolo
b 1932

Nickie C b 1953

Albert and Jean were married sometime before April 12, 1950

Capaccio, JEAN -	daughter	W	F	18	MAR. 1944
ALBERT	son IN LA...	W	M	21	MAR. 1944

G

Alberto Capaccio
b 1928

Eugenio Ruffolo
b 1932

Nickie C b 1953

In the 1950 Census, they are living with Fred and Phyllis (*Big Nonnie*)

Raffulo, FRED.	HEAD	W	M	55	MAR	1	ITALY
Phyllis	WIFE	W	F	47	MAR	1	ITALY
Capaccio, JEAN-	DAUGHTER	W	F	18	MAR	1	ILL.
ALBERT	SON IN LAW	W	M	21	MAR	1	ILL.

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yes.	LABOR.	wholesale MKT.
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What happens next???

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“The Three Stages of Italian American History”

(3) the Suburban Stage, beginning roughly in the 1950s and continuing today, which has been characterized by the gradual reduction and even complete dissolution of the urban "Little Italy" communities with dispersal of their populations especially to suburban settings and ever-increasing exogamy.



**Are you ready to meet
your **DNA** cousin?**



Pasquale Ruffolo (1802–1842)



Samuele Ruffolo (1835–1902)



Pasquale Ruffolo (1865–1921)



Ferdinando Ruffolo (1893–1967)



Eugenia Ruffolo (1932–2018)



Nicolas Capaccio (1953–)



Brandon, Ryan, and Nathan Capaccio

b. Marano Principato

d. Marano Principato

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d. Illinois

b. Marano Principato

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Giovanni Ruffolo (1763–1843)

b. Marano Marchesato

d. Marano Principato

Pasquale Ruffolo (1802–1842)

Samuele Ruffolo (1835–1902)



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Ferdinando Ruffolo (1893–1967)



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ATTO DI MORTE

Fol. 3. *Ruffalo*

Nam. d'ordine 5.

L'anno mille ottocento quarantatre il dì otto d'anno
del mese di Febbrajo alle ore sedici avanti di
Noi *Michele Ruffalo* Sindaco *ufficiale*
dello Stato Civile del comune di *Marano P.le* distretto
di *Cefalù* Provincia di *Calabria Citra* sono con-
pari *Michele Ruffalo*
di anni *quarantatre* di professione *Bracciatto*
regnicolo domiciliato in *Marano Ruffalo*
a *Pietro Ruffalo*

di anni *quarantatre*
di professione *Bracciatto* regnicolo domiciliato in
Marano P.le i quali han dichiarato che nel giorno
otto del mese di *Febbrajo* anno *corrente*
alle ore *quindici* è morto nella sua propria
Casa *Pierpaolino Ruffalo* *figlio di*
ch.

nato in *Marano P.le* figlio di *Marcantonio Ruffalo*
di professione *Bracciatto* domiciliato
in *Marano P.le* di *Stefano Ruffalo* *Morto*
domiciliato in *Marano P.le* di anni *ottantatré*
di professione *Bracciatto* domiciliato in *Marano P.le*

Per esecuzione delle leggi ci siamo trasferiti insieme coi detti
testimoni presso la persona defunta, e ne abbiamo riconosciuta la
sua effettiva morte. Abbiamo indi formato il presente atto che ab-
biamo iscritto sopra i due registri, e datone lettura si dichiarando
che nel giorno, mese, ed anno come sopra segnato da noi, *don-*
de *l'atto* *si* *ha* *firmato* *di* *non* *poter* *fare*

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Michele Ruffalo
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Giovanni Ruffalo
(1763-1843)

(your 5th great-grandfather)

Giovanni Ruffolo (1763–1843)

b. Marano Marchesato

d. Marano Principato

Simone Ruffolo (1794–1862)

Pasquale Ruffolo (1802–1842)

Benedetto Ruffolo (1840–1887)

Samuele Ruffolo (1835–1902)

Filiberto Ruffolo (1872–1918)

Pasquale Ruffolo (1865–1921)

Frank Ruffalo (1917–2002)



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Frank Ruffalo, Jr (1943–)



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Mark Ruffalo (1967–)

Nicolas Capaccio (1953–)

***5th cousin
once removed***

Brandon, Ryan, and Nathan Capaccio



Early life and education [\[edit \]](#)

Mark Alan Ruffalo was born on November 22, 1967, in [Kenosha, Wisconsin](#). His mother, Marie Rose (*née* Hébert), is a hairdresser and stylist, while his father, Frank Lawrence Ruffalo Jr., worked as a construction painter.^{[1][2]} He has two sisters, Tanya Marie (died 2023) and Nicole, and a brother, Scott

*5th cousin
once removed*

0.28% shared DNA



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