

# FUNDAMENTAL MYSTERIES IV

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## Family History Center

### FUNDAMENTAL MYSTERIES 4: "They Want You to Find Them"



Hints, Intuition, Synchronicity & Persistence



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## What this is all about

**Purpose:** To make beginning researchers aware of some very simple and very helpful genealogical concepts

### The Big Idea

- There are some basic, and fundamental ideas that all genealogists should know
- These ideas are easy to learn, but are rarely taught to folks in a simple fashion



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## Agenda



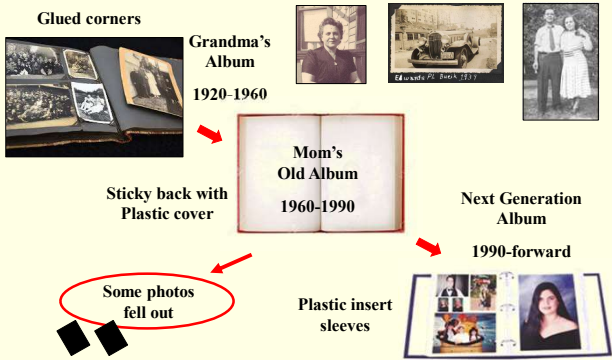
- Mom's Album
- Starting with a Photograph
- Recognizing a Shortfall
- Mike the Hatter
- Finding the Ways
- Discovery & More Discovery
- Things Learned



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## Mom's Old Album Book





Glued corners  
Grandma's Album 1920-1960  
Mom's Old Album 1960-1990  
Next Generation Album 1990-forward  
Sticky back with Plastic cover  
Some photos fell out  
Plastic insert sleeves

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## Family Roots

It all started with the discovery of a photograph

<b>Antoinette Amato</b> 1892 -1975 b. New York City, NY liv. Hoboken, NJ	<b>Grandmother</b> 	<b>Grandfather</b> 	<b>Salvatore M. Garrambone</b> 1886 -1944 b. Stigliano, Italy liv. Yonkers, NY
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Married 12 May 1912 at St. Ann's Church of Hoboken, NJ


I can tell the story, but I can't explain it

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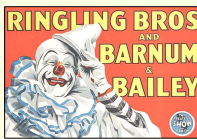
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## Thoughts About the Amato's




- Grandma was born in NYC (But had no birth record)
- She had many brothers and sisters (Few listed anywhere)
- The family lived in Hoboken, NJ (why Hoboken?)



New York City



Hoboken, NJ



Knowledge about Great Grandfather Michele Amato: ZIP

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## Mike the Hatter

**Great Grandfather**

**Michele Amato**  
18xx -19xx  
NYC, NY

- A haberdasher in NYC
- Everybody loved him
- Lived near Houston Street

**Great Grandmother**

**Angela Petrizzi**  
18xx -19xx  
Hoboken, NJ

- We lived in Hoboken
- Brothers: John, Matt, etc.
- Sisters: Lena, Rachel, etc.

**Single Goal: Find Him**

**Haberdasher: A dealer in men's clothing and accessories**

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## When Did He Come to America?

**Castle Garden**  
America's First Immigration Center  
Years 1820 to 1892 (before Ellis Island)  
<http://www.castlegarden.org/searcher.php>

- Michele Amato: Laborer
- SS Caledonia: 14 May 1888
- Male: 29 years old (B. ~1859)

**Always question the data**

MICHELE AMATO		
FIRST NAME	MICHELE	RELATIVE LEFT BEING
LAST NAME	AMATO	NAME OF RELATIVE LEFT BEING
OCCUPATION	LABORER	ADDRESS OF RELATIVE LEFT BEING
AGE	29	TENET
SEX	Male	PAGE BY
LITERACY	Unknown	IN THE US BEFORE
SHIP	CALEDONIA	IN THE US WHEN
ARRIVED	14 May 1888	IN THE US WHERE
COUNTRY	ITALY	GOING TO SOMEONE IN THE US
PORT OF DEPARTURE	MEDITERRANEAN PO	RELATIONSHIP TO THAT SOMEONE IN THE US
PLACE OF LAST RESIDENCE	US	NAME OF RELATIVE IN THE US
PROVINCE OF LAST RESIDENCE	UNKNOWN	
CITY OR VILLAGE OF ORIGIN	NEW YORK	ADDRESS OF RELATIVE IN THE US
PLAN	Unknown	CITY OF RELATIVE IN THE US
PASSAGE	Unknown	COUNTRY OF BIRTH
HONEY		PLACE OF BIRTH

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## So, What Did I know? Where do you Start?

**FamilySearch.org (Michele Amato, born after 1850, before 1880 )**

- 13 Dec 1878, Immigration, City of Chester to NYC
- 1880 Census, Boarder and Bootblack in NYC
- 20 Apr 1886, Immigration, Independent to NYC
- 18 May 1888, Immigrating, Caledonia to NYC
- 20 Jul 1890, Immigration, Iniziative to NYC
- 05 May 1891 Immigration, Elysia to NYC
- 19 Oct 1894, Daughter, Rosina born in Hoboken
- 1900 Census, Salesmen in NYC
- 15 Sep 1904, Son, Raffello, Born in NYC

Bird of Passage

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## Found In the 1900 Federal Census for NYC

**1900 Federal Census New York City (Borough of Manhattan) SD 1, ED 12, Sheet 8A**

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.  
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

**Cross-Check Your Information**

NAME	RELATION	FEDERAL RESIDENCE	BIRTH	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	INDUSTRIAL, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	SEX	AGE	REMARKS
Michele Amato	Head	New York	1859	8	Laborer		M	41	
Angela Amato	Wife	New York	1859	8			F	41	

**41 Thompson Street, New York City (Ref. LDS 004114581, Image 469 of 909)**

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## 41 Thompson Street, New York City

**Always get a Map**

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## Found Wife Angela Amato with Family in 1910

**1910 Federal Census NJ (Hudson County) SD 8, ED 57, Sheet 25A, Ward 4**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION

NAME	RELATION	BIRTH	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	INDUSTRIAL, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	SEX	AGE	REMARKS
Angela Amato	Wife	Italy	8			F	51	

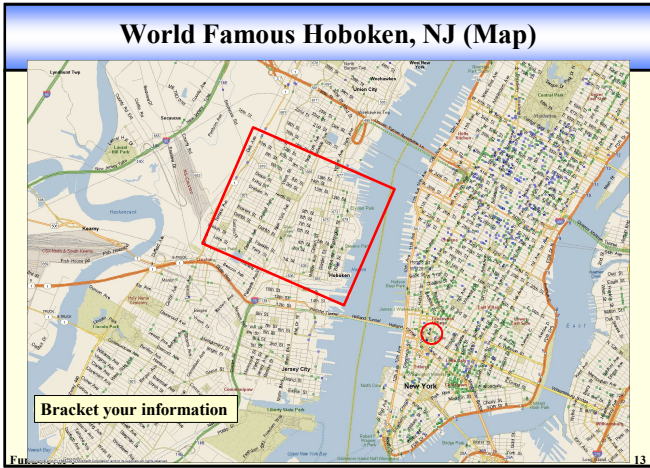
**508 Grand Street, Hoboken (Ref. LDS 1374901, Image 49 of 64)**

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### The City Directory

Before the internet, before the phonebook, came the **City Directory**

City ← Two Types → Business

- They can contain:
  - Resident names
  - Resident occupations
  - Business address
  - Home address
  - Marital status
  - Business by name/type
  - Advertisements
  - City offices & officials
  - Street names
  - Maps/jurisdictions/wards
  - Parks, schools, clubs
  - Religions centers, hospitals
  - Fire, rescue, animal shelters

Most Cities Have City Directories covering information for 1 or 2 years

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### Extract of the 1891-1892 NYC City Directory

CHASE NATIONAL BANK Capital and Surplus \$1,500,000. Corner Pine and Nassau Streets. ALBUSH

Alman Abraham, tailor, h 316 Delancey  
 Abraham J. agent, h 110 E. 97th  
 Alton, shoemaker, 400 E. 124th  
 Adolph, cigar maker, h 3 Clinton  
 ...

Perfect Steam CARPET CLEANSING THOS. J. STEWART, 1554 BROADWAY, near 46th St., N.Y.

Michele Amato

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### City Directories from FamilySearch & Ancestry

1894 (City) 1902 (Business) 1906 (Business)

Richardson & Brynthon Co. 1902 (Business) 1906 (Business)

Steel Ceilings

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### The Directory Trail

- 1892 City, Michele Amato, Labor, 35 Thompson
- 1894, City, Mich'l Amato, Hatter, H 35 Thompson
- 1901, City, Angela Amato, Hats, 41 Thompson
- 1901, City, Angela Amato, Hats, 41 Thompson
- 1902, Business, Michael Amato, 41 Thompson
- 1903, Business, Michael Amato, 41 Thompson
- 1904, Business, Michael Amato, 42 Thompson
- 1906, Business, Michael Amato, 41 Thompson
- 1907, Business, John Amato, Hats, 42 Thompson
- 1908, City, John Amato, Hats, 42 Thompson
- 1909, City, no entries for the Amato's

The family lived and worked on Thompson Street

They went into the hat and cap business also on Thompson Street

Sometime between 1906 and 1907 son John took over the business until 1909

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### Michele Amato Birth Certificate

Atto di Nascita

Extraction/Translation

- 28 Jun 1857 record was made
- Father: Francesco Amato, 36
- Grandfather: fu Giuseppe Amato
- Mother: Marie Tuqia, 30
- Born on 27 Jun 1857
- Family did not read or write

Found through FamilySearch.org: Nati, Monte San Giacomo 1854-1857

27 Jun 1857

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### Michele Becomes a Citizen

**Citizen: 26 Oct 1889  
After 5 years? (1884?)**

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### Antoinette Amato Weds Salvatore Garrambone

**5 May 1912**

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### A Timeline

Super Sleuths Always Draw a Timeline

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### So Where is Michele Amato?

The Amato's are all buried in Calvary Cemetery

But Where?

I talked to Everyone! Relatives? Others?

**27 Jun 1857 - 20 Sep 1906**

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### So Where is Calvary Cemetery?

**"Five Rights—Ya blocking the Road"**

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### So Where is Michele Amato?

The Amato's are all buried in Calvary Cemetery

Travel To Calvary

**Here!**

**27 Jun 1857 - 20 Sep 1906**

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### Are You Sure

**The Amato's are all buried in Calvary Cemetery**

**CALVARY AND ALLIED CEMETERIES**  
1011 First Avenue (Room 1740), New York, NY 10022-4134  
**CALVARY CEMETERY**  
49-02 Laurel Hill Blvd. Woodside, NY 11377-7396

**Yes** Date: Nov. 15, 2003

Recorded in the name of JOHN AMATO - 49 Thompson St.

Deed # 576 Date of Purchase Sept. 22, 1906

Care \$921.00

Decedent Name	Month-Date-Year	Age at Death	Buried In Grave	Birth Place
Michael Amato	Sept. 23, 1906	30	19	ITALY
Rosetta DeFasi	Jan. 14, 1911	16 mos.	19	NY
Carrie Amato	Dec. 30, 1933	38	19	US
Angelina Amato	Aug. 26, 1935	74	19	ITALY
John Amato	July 17, 1948	46	19	US

**Here!**

**27 Jun 1857 – 20 Sep 1906**

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### Michele Amato Death Certificate

**Things to know About Records**

- If you did not find it here, it still may really be here
- There is a touch of human error in recording human things
- The list does not include those things not listed
- Records are kept a certain way – learn the way
- There is a little-known quirk in everything

**27 Jun 1857 – 20 Sep 1906**

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### So, what about Grandma Antoinette (Amato) Garrambone?

**Very Hard to Find**

- Never saw her birth certificate
- Searched FamilySearch (FS) for New York, New York City
- Searched FS for New York, New York City, Vital Records
- Searched FS for New York, NYC, VR, Manhattan Births 1866-1919
- Not in the name index cards (DPW) for Manhattan for 1892
- Not in LDS index for Births in Manhattan for 1892
- The register had 4 files for the time frame of 1892 (thousands of images)

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### So, What Am I Missing

- You are researching a location, name, and year search
- You are using the name index to search
- You are looking for an easily written name, AMATO
- But, you ain't finding Grandma
- Think about it!

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- Switch to a date search—then look at the names

**Change the Tactic**  
**Search from the**  
**back months of 1892**

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### And Then

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### Is this Grandma?

**Name: Antoinette Amato**  
**Birth: 19 November 1892**  
**Parents:**

- Michele Amato, 35
- Angela (Petrizzi) Amato, 33

**Resident: 77 Thompson St**

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### And about Grandma Antoinette (Amato) Garrambone?

**Found**

Antoinette Amato Birth Certificate New York, NY, No 43942  
Name on certificate: **Antonie Moto**  
Parents Michael Moto (Michele Amato) and Angel Petressie (Angela Petrizzi), 77 Tompson (41 Thompson) St  
Manhattan Birth Certificates 1866-1897, File 1322270, LDS 004198691  
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### The Michele Amato Family of Monte San Giacomo, Salerno, Campania, Italy



Francesco Amato B: [?] D: [?]	Marie Trugia B: May 1810 D: [?]	Giovanni Petrizzi B: [?]	Rachele Capertino B: [?]		
Michele Amato B: 27 Jun 1857 D: 20 Sep 1906		Angela Petrizzi B: 22 Dec 1859 M: 29 July 1878 D: 23 Aug 1935			
Giovanni "John" Amato B: Oct 1881 D: 14 Jul 1948	Antonio Amato B: Jun 1882	Matalina Amato B: Dec 1887	Francesco "Frank" Amato B: May 1889	Lenna "Lena" Amato B: Feb 1891	
Rosina Amato B: Jan 1894	Matteo "Matty" Amato B: Nov 1899	Antoinette (Amato) Garrambone B: 18 Nov 1892 M: 12 May 1912 D: 26 Feb 1975	Rachela Amato B: 13 Jan 1894 D: 13 May 1945	Pasqualina Amato B: Nov 1895	Raffaello Amato B: 15 Jul 1904


Not perfect, but a start

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### Newlyweds 1912: A Family History

Grandma Garrambone	Grandpa Garrambone
	
Antoinette Amato	Salvatore Garrambone



**Finally, success in tying the Amato's and Garrambone's together**

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### Summary

- Many fundamental things to know
- If it is on paper, expect quirks
- Try many sources and search techniques
- Beware of and consider the human errors


**Remember**  
They want you to find them and they will help you along the way


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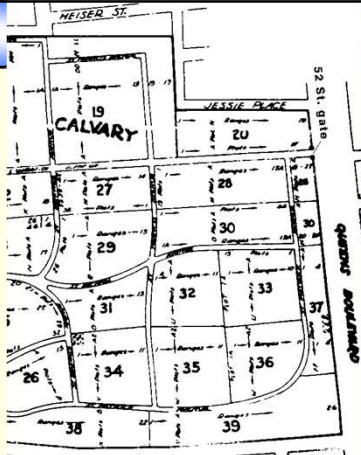
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