

# V22. Fundamental Mysteries IV They Want You To Find Them

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## What is this all about?

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

## Mom's Old Album Book

### Family Roots

It all started with the discovery of a photograph

### 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?)

## Mike the Hatter

### 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>

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

- FamilySearch.org (Michele Amato, born after 1850, before 1880)
- Found in 1900 Federal Census for NYC, 41 Thompson Street, NYC
- Found Wife Angela Amato with Family in 1910
- World Famous Hoboken, NJ (Map)

### The City Directory 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

## Extract of the 1891-1892 NYC City Directory

## City Directories from FamilySearch & Ancestry

### The Directory Trail

- 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

### Michele Amato Birth Certificate

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

### Michele Becomes a Citizen

### Antoinette Amato Weds Salvatore Garrambone

### A Timeline

Super Sleuths Always Draw a Timeline

### So Where is Michele Amato?

- The Amato's are all buried in Calvary Cemetery
- So Where is Calvary Cemetery?
- Where is Michele Amato?
- Are You Sure

### Michele Amato Death Certificate

- 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

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

- 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)

### **So, What Am I Missing**

- You are researching a location, name, and date search
- You are using the name index to search
- You are looking for an easily written name, AMATO, but, you ain't finding Grandma this way
- Think about it!
- Switch to a date search—then look at the names

### **And Then**

Is this Grandma?

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

### **The Michele Amato Family of Monte San Giacomo, Salerno, Campania, Italy**

### **Newlyweds 1912: A Family History**

#### **Summary**

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