

# Simple Latine Translations 2

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*Simple  
Latin Translations 2*

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**Agenda**




- Introduction
- Background
- Record Types
- Key Information
- Documentation
- Translations

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**Purpose**



- To understand sources, listings, indexes, and other genealogical resources available to researchers
- Be able to track events, locations, and jurisdictions
- Recognize important records, Latin words, key phrases
- Identify ancestor names, dates, family relationships


Show it is not so difficult to use Latin Records in your genealogy research

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**Introduction**


I decided to look at Latin Records when I:



- Ran out of government civil records
- Heard church data was very good
- Saw many family trees online with mistakes
- Found folks not documenting their work
- Thought I could learn to do Latin translation

END


I did learn and so can you



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**Latin in the Roman Empire**



Large Reach

Greater Timeframe

1000 BC Early Latin 1066 AD  
Early Govt & Church Records

Govt & Church Records

1500 AD Current Latin

Current Govt Records

1800 AD Modern Languages

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**Types of Records**

Records Appear In Many Languages

- Births
- Baptisms (christenings)
- Conformation
- Marriage Banns
- Marriages
- Marriage Supplements
- Attachments
- Miscellaneous Documents
- Indexes
- Church Census
- Deaths
- Jurisdictions
- Land Deeds
- Contracts
- Wills
- Taxes
- Court Orders
- Oaths
- Census
- Proclamations
- Probate Results
- Medical Results
- Mortgages
- Maps

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### Latin Records

**Records Introduced by other Languages**

<b>English</b>	<b>Italian</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Births</li> <li>• Baptisms (christenings)</li> <li>• Conformation</li> <li>• Marriage Banns</li> <li>• Marriages</li> <li>• Marriage Supplements</li> <li>• Attachments</li> <li>• Miscellaneous Documents</li> <li>• Indexes</li> <li>• Church Census</li> <li>• Deaths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nati</li> <li>• Battesimi</li> <li>• Cresimi</li> <li>• Pubblicazioni di Matrimonio</li> <li>• Matrimonio</li> <li>• Prosetti</li> <li>• Allegati</li> <li>• Diversi</li> <li>• Indici</li> <li>• Revelli di bene e anime</li> <li>• Morti</li> </ul>

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### Example -- A Tree -- But

No Fact Details  
No Media  
**No Source Citations**

Giuseppe Alfano  
1845

Antonina Gallina  
1897

Different versions on the net

Lucia Alfano  
1869-1876

Francesco Alfano  
1871

Antonino Alfano  
1873-1965

Maria Scianni  
1878-1943

Savaria Guagliardo  
1876-1905

Salvatore Alfano  
1876-

Dates don't jive

Photo images are text extracts

Info incomplete (location)

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### Family from Campofiorito, Palermo, Sicilia

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### Finding Campofiorito Records

FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

Search the catalog on place

Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.

Search by:

Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place:  Campofiorito

**Ecclesiastical (church) Registers (Records)**

Registri ecclesiastici di Campofiorito (Palermo), 1768-1910

Author: Chiesa cattolica. San Giuseppe Sposo di Maria Santissima (Campofiorito) (Main Author)  
Curia Arcivescovile di Monreale (Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: Italian

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmati dalla Genealogical Society of Utah, 1999

Physical: In 3 bobine di microfilm ; 35 mm. 3 files of data

References: (Digital Collection) Italy, Palermo, Diocesi di Monreale, Catholic Church records = Italia, Palermo, Diocesi di Monreale, registri parrocchiali : COLLECTION RECORD, 1531-1998

**Diocese Collection 1531-1998**

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### Three Church Films/Files

Film/Digital Note	Film Num	Image Group	
Battesimi 1768-1910	2154770	4383102	📷
	Items 1 - 3		
Cresime 1772-1805, 1811, 1823, 1880, 1890, 1902, 1909-1910	2154771	4382490	📷
Pubblicazioni di matrimonio 1769-1910 Matrimoni 1770-1910 Morti 1768-1799	Items 1 - 4		
Morti 1800-1820, 1824-1910	2154772	4459092	📷
	Items 1 - 2		

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### Tricks to Translate

1. learn the file structure (items, volumes, dataflow)
2. Find locations of titles, indices, volumes, specific records
3. Document sources of findings (be able to return)
4. Capture the findings (images, page and image numbers)
5. First translate only important data (note trouble)
6. Review surrounding text to learn author writing style
7. Research missing information (other sources)
8. Save translation with documentation

**Film 1234567, Image 707 of 1335 Images**

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### Some Latin Key Words

English	Latin
<b>Birth</b>	<b>nati</b> , natus, genitus, natales, ortus, oriundus
<b>Burial</b>	<b>sepulti</b> , sepultus, humatus, humatio
<b>Christening</b>	<b>baptismi</b> , baptizatus, renatus, plutus, lautus, purgatus, ablutus, lustratio
<b>Child</b>	<b>infans</b> , filius/filia, puer, proles
<b>Death</b>	<b>mortuus</b> , defunctus, obitus, denatus, decessus, peritus, mors, mortis, obit, decessit
<b>Father/Mother</b>	<b>pater/ mater</b>
<b>Godparent</b>	<b>patrini</b> , levantes, susceptores, compater, commater, matrina
<b>Husband</b>	<b>maritus</b> , sponsus, conjux, vir
<b>Marriage</b>	matrimonium, <b>copulatio</b> , copulati, <b>conjuncti</b> , intronizati, nupti, sponsati, ligati, mariti
<b>Marriage banns</b>	<b>banni</b> , proclamations, denuntiationes
<b>Name/surname</b>	<b>nomen/cognomen</b>
<b>Parents</b>	<b>parentes</b> , genitores
<b>Wife</b>	<b>uxor</b> , marita, conjux, sponsa, mulier, femina, consors

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### There Are Many Latin Word Lists

- Key Words
- Relationships
- Time
- Numbers
- Authority
- Church
- Locations
- Events
- Months
- Phrases
- Male Names
- Female Names
- Roman Numerals
- Professions
- Dioceses

**Most records are stylized**

**Words and phrases frequently reappear**

**Learning picks up quickly**

Example Baptism information

- Date of event
- Priest name/parish
- Location of baptism/birth
- Parents names
- Parents (marriage state)
- Godparent's names

**I will be your dictionary**

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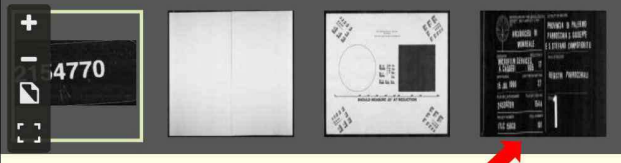
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### Battesimi 1768-1910 (2154770)

First four images of File 2154770

Film # 004383102 Note. The File Contains 1348 Images

Image 1 of 1348



"Item 1" file Marker

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### 2154770 Item 1 Marker & Vol 1 Marker

ARCIDIOCESI DI MONREALE

PROVINCIA DI PALERMO  
PARROCCHIA S. GIUSEPPE  
E S. STEFANO CAMPOFIORITO

REGISTRI PARROCCHIALI

ITEM 1

Item 1 File Marker  
Image 4

ARCIDIOCESI DI PALERMO

**BATTESIMI**

VOL. 01

RIPRODUZIONE VIETATA DI TUTTO IL VOLUME

Volume 01 Marker  
Image 5

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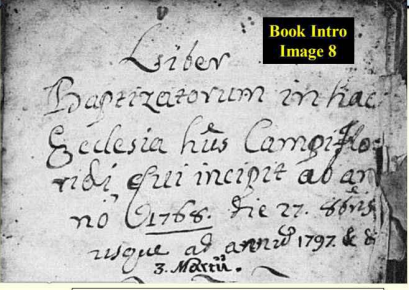
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### 2154770 Vol 1 Cover Page and Vol 1 Introduction

Vol 1 Cover  
Image 7 of 1348

VOL. 01

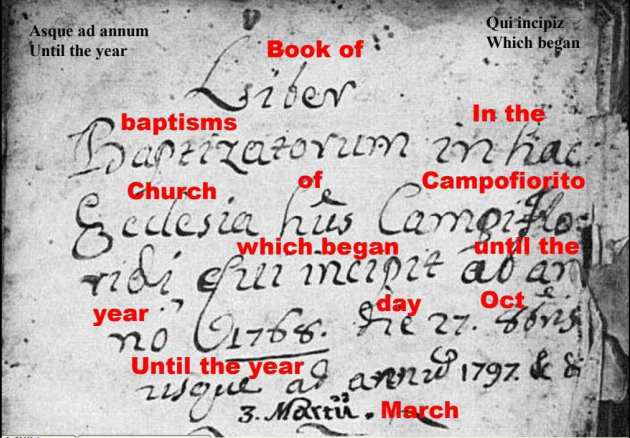
**Book Intro**  
Image 8



Book of Baptisms performed in the church of Campofiorito which begins in year 1768, 27 Oct until the year 1797, 3 Mar

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**File 2154770 (Volume 1: Index)**

Image 8

Alphabetical Index for Volume 01  
Campofiorito 27 Oct 1768 to 3 Mar 1797

Tab A

f = Folio = page

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**Information Locations within the File**

Image #	Data	1348 Images
4	Item 1	Cousin's tree says • Lucia born 1869 • Francesco born 1871 • Antonino born 1873 • Salvatore born 1876 • Saveria born 1876
5	Volume 01 Header	
6	Volume 01 Cover 1768-1797	
8-41	Vol 01 Alphabetical Index	
143	Volume 02, Cover 1797-1824	
146-155	Vol 02 Alphabetical Index	
315	Item 2	
316 316	Volume 03, 1825-1846	
453	Volume 04, 1846-1856	
529	Volume 05, 1856-1873	
736	Item 03	
736 737	Volume 06, 1872-1884	

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**Finding Lucia Alfano**

Birth cited in 1869—Begin search in Vol 05, Image 529

Lucia Alfano - f. 115

Lucia Alfano - f. 184

Laurentio Alfano - f. 185

Vincenzo Alfano - f. 195

Lucia Alfano - f. 205

Vincenzo Alfano - f. 214

Lucia Alfano - f. 218

Vincenzo Alfano - f. 238

FirstName

Male/Female

Birth sequence

Not by date

Found in Vol 05, Index, Image 542, note, folio (page) 225

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**Lucia Alfano, Image 674 of 1348 (2154770)**

folio 145

Die 26 Decembry 1884

Ego Sacer(dos) P. Sebastiany princeps capellany sacramentalis Matris Ecclesie Campofiorito

Baptizavi infantem hodie natum ex natum ex jugalibz Joseph Alfano, et Antonina Gallina, cui nomen imposui, Lucia Podrini fuere Vincentio Arso, et uxor eius Anna Marina Corleone

Seq Num 80  
Lucia Alfano

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folio 225

Die 13 Junii 1869

Ego Sacer(dos) Sebastiany Ritti Regia canonica Matris Ecclesiae civitatis montis regale, nano uxvo capannelle Economy huius matris parrochialis ecclesie Campofiorito

Baptizavi infantem, legitimum Josephi Alfano et Antonina Gallina, cui imposituea fuit nomen, Lucia Padrini fuere Ciziy Diviceli et Francesca Sazeon, ex lavantes Corleone

Seq Num 21  
Lucia Alfano

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folio 225

Die 13 Junii 1869

Ego Sacer(dos) Sebastiany Ritti Regia canonica Matris Ecclesiae civitatis montis regale, nano uxvo capannelle Economy huius matris parrochialis ecclesie Campofiorito

Baptizavi infantem, legitimum Josephi Alfano et Antonina Gallina, cui imposituea fuit nomen, Lucia Padrini fuere Ciziy Diviceli et Francesca Sazeon, ex lavantes Corleone

Seq Num 21  
Lucia Alfano

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### Lucia Alfano - 26 Dec 1884, Image 674 of 1348

Latin	English
<p>Die 26 Decembry 1884</p> <p>Ego Sacer (dos) P. Sebastianus Ritti princepatu cappellanus sacramentali huius Matri Ecclesia Campofiorito</p> <p>Baptizavi infantem hodie natum ex jugalibus Josepho Alfano, et Antonina Gallina, cui nomen imposui, Lucia Podrini fuere fuisut Ciziy Diviciceli et Francesca Sazeon, ex lavantes Corleone</p>	<p>Day, 26 December 1884</p> <p>I parish priest P. Sebastian Ritti principal chaplain of the sacraments of this Mother Church of Campofiorito</p> <p>I baptized an infant born today of the married couple Josepho Alfano, and Antonia Gallina, to whom I put the name, Lucia Godparents were Ciziy Diviciceli and Francesca Sazeon, godparents from Corleone</p>

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### Translation Ideas to Consider

**Keep these in mind when things get tough**

- The older writing mat be harder to translate
- Different authors have different writing styles
- Many writing examples are within a file
- Each author wrote in a fashion that repeats
- Expect different spellings, word choice, word endings
- Make a guess, then check it out

**No Fear—It is only paper**

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### It's all about the Priest

Young vibrant ≠ Old formal

Full spelling ≠ lots of acronyms

Direct statements ≠ Flowery statements

Penmanship ≠ No penmanship

Clear letters ≠ Scrunched letters

Clean text ≠ Bumbling phrases

Pen hand ≠ Pen foot maybe

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### Death Record Index "L" for Lucia Alfano

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Chiesa cattolica. San Giuseppe Sposo di Maria Santissima (Campofiorito) (author) Curia Arcivescovile di Monreale (Repository)

**Morti 1800-1820, 1824-1910**    2154771    Items 1, 2 (1104 Images)

Lucia Diliberto	7	2.
Luventius Quarta...	7	3.
...	7	5.
Lucia Alfano	7	13.
...	7	15.

"L" Index, 266 of 1104

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### Death Record for Lucia Alfano

Chiesa Cattolica. San Giuseppe Sposo di Maria Santissima (Campofiorito) Morti 1800-1820, 1824-1910, 154771, Items 1, 2 (Image 291 of 1104 Images)

folio 13

Die 30 Augusti 1876

Lucia Alfano, two years old and daughter of Josephi Alfano and Antonina Gallina died and was buried in the Mother Church

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Lucia Alfano

Duovum Mentium  
Two minds  
Meutium=me

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### Marriage of Giuseppe Alfano and Antonina Gallina

**Matrimoni 1770-1910**

LDS File 2154771

Image 853 Vol start  
Image 862 Index J  
Image 892 Record of 1157 Images

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### Marriage of Giuseppe Alfano and Antonina Gallina Part 1

Three proclamations: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Aug; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 Aug; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15 Aug. Marriage 17 Aug 1868  
 Oh no, its Father Sebastian Ritti (flowery language with abbreviations) of Campo Josephum Alfano, unmarried, son and legitimate birth of Francesco Alfano

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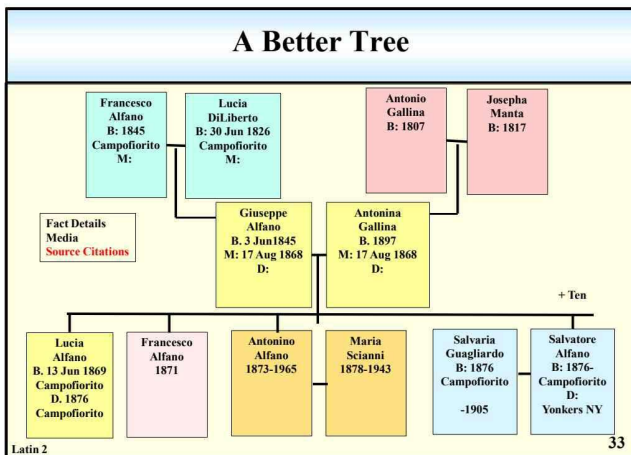
### Marriage Part 2

Mother was Lucia DiLiberto, and Wife, Antonina Gallina, unmarried  
 Daughter of Francesco Gallina and Josepha Manta  
 Josephi Alfano, unmarried, legitimate son of Francesco Alfano

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### So what did we learn

1. Learned the file structure (Vol. index, document)
2. Find locations of specific records
3. How to document sources (to be able to return)
4. Capture the findings (images, page, file)
5. Some nifty translation techniques
6. Check surrounding text to learn writing style
7. Research missing information (other sources)
8. Save translation with documentation

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### Yes, Lots to Learn

Trick is not to become overwhelmed

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