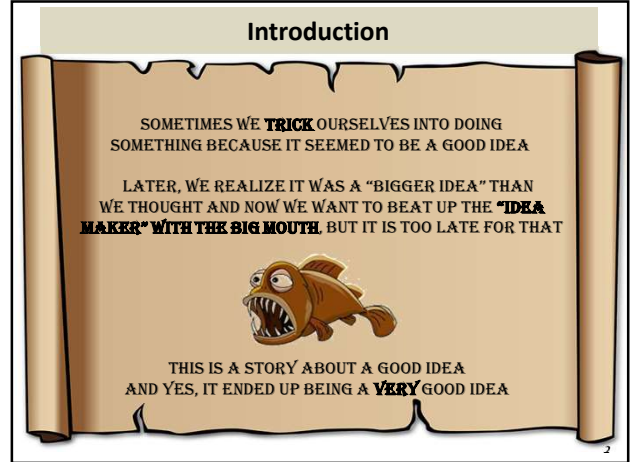


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### What Happened

I MET A VERY NICE FAMILY AND WE TALKED GENEALOGY

They told me:



- When we get to Taormina we are going on an excursion to our family town of **Galati-Mamertino (G-M)**
- We are going to visit our family
- Zio Mario is our travel guide
- We are going for a day trip

I Said:

- Great idea, get a good map
- Visit the town hall
- Be sure to get some family records**

They Said:

- Our family has records
- Area is famous for black pig sausage
- Thanks for the encouragement

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### Hey, We're Back

IT WAS A LONG RIDE TO GALATI-MAMERTINO, BUT WE MET RELATIVES

They told me:


- Long ride 44 tunnels one way
- Lots of twisty roads
- We stopped for a rest break
- We found a G-M phonebook

I Asked:


- How was the map – no map
- How was the town hall – nice folks
- Did you meet relatives – yes, we ate lunch

They Said:

- It was great
- We got a little lost
- We saw the black pigs
- We did not get any family records**



Actual route traveled > 90 miles



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### Galati-Mamertino (G-M)



Google Map 2019

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### Getting to G-M

GALATI MAMERTINO, MESSINA, SICILIA, ITALIA

- More likely next to Frogs Squat
- Zio Mario was lucky to find his way back



Michelin Map #365, 1 : 220,000, 1 cm = 2.2 km

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### Mission and Homework

**Mission: Find Grandpa Antonio Ianni**

STUDY THE TURF, STUDY THE TIME, THE LOCALITIES, & EXISTING RECORDS

The Turf

- Town: Galati Mamertino
- Province: Messina
- Region: Sicily
- Country: Italy

Timeframe

- 1880 - 1920
- Italy before 1900
- United States after 1900

Search Areas

- Port of New York
- Springfield, Ohio

Genealogical Techniques:

- Keep track of everything
- Write everything down
- Scan, clip, capture
- Save to well-labeled file(s)

Records

- Family provided no records
- He was not in WWI or WWII

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### Galati Mamertino, Messina, Sicily, Italy

THE TURF, THE LOCALITIES



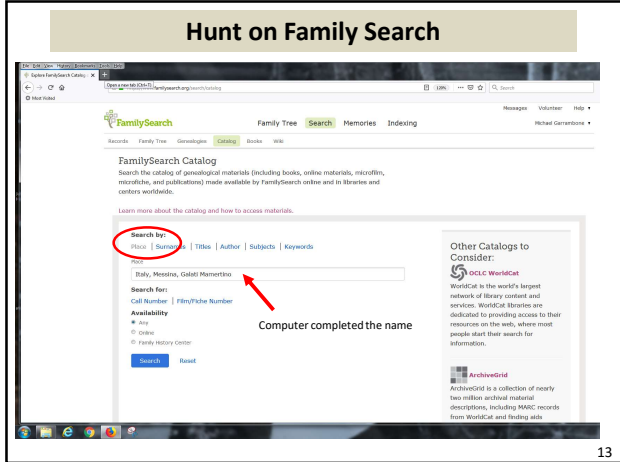
Galati Mamertino: a comune (town) west of Messina in Sicily  
Nearby cities: Frazzano, Longi, San Salvatore di Fitalia, Tortorici  
Area: 15.18 mi<sup>2</sup>  
Elevation: 820 m (2,690 ft)  
Weather: 63°F, Wind 6 mph, 88% Humidity  
Hotels: 3-star averaging \$65.  
Postal code: 98070  
Province: Province of Messina  
Population: 2,581 (2017)

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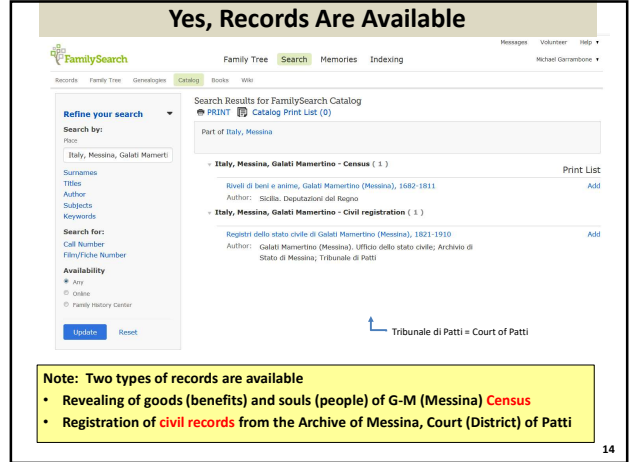
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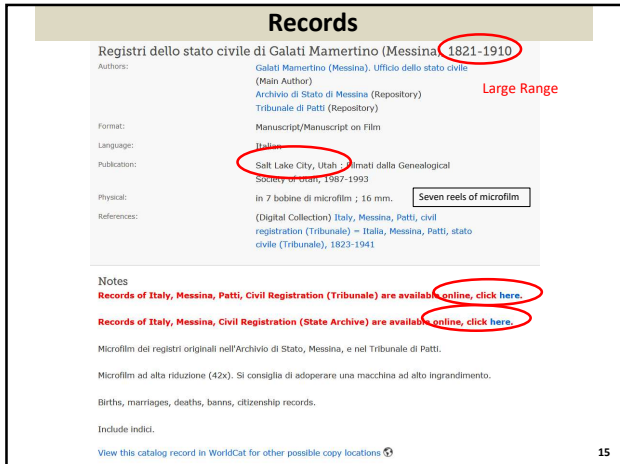
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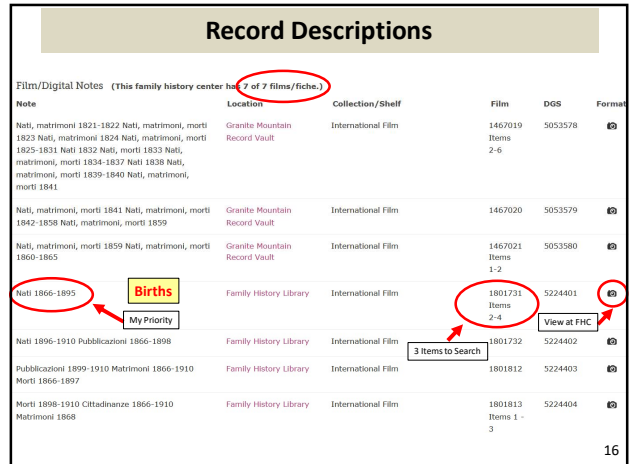
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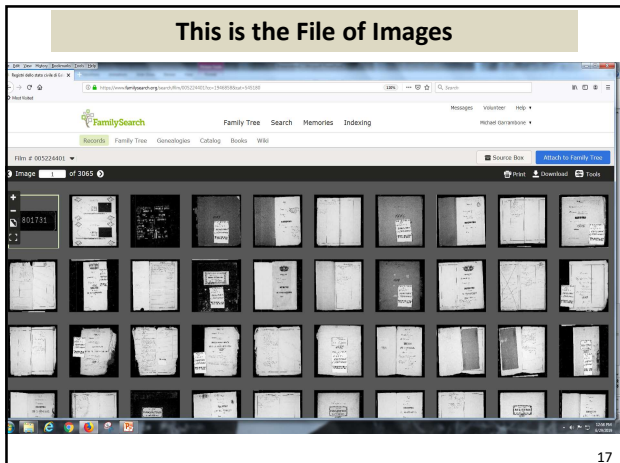
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### Items in the File Viewer

Film Number Total Number of Images Print Image Download Image Adjust Image

Yellow box is the image you are currently pointing to

Item number divider for film number 1801731

Fancy Book Title Page

Use your mouse to choose an image or pan to see more pages

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### Controls and Item Dividers

Image Controls Zoom In/Out Image # 130 of 3065 Item 2 Divider Image

Show Full Screen Blow up Single Page

This is the Correct Information?

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### Three Things to Look for

Index at Image 304 of 3065 Name & Lastname

Index Page

Comune di Galati Births: Tribunale di Patti

Image 218 Image 269

Cover Page Header Page

Yes, in right village Yes, for year 1868

Note. An index is for each year and is Alphabetical in the front of the book

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### Finding a First Listing (Guisseppa Ianni, 9 Jun 1868)

Index Image Actual Birth Certificate

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### Finding Rosalia Ianni, 7 Jun 1872

Italian English

The year 1872 on the day 9 June at the hour of 11:00 Italy time at the municipal office of the town hall of Galati, province of Messina, Sicily

Appared to me Gaetano Lando, Secretary of the City, delegate of the Mayor of the acts of 19 June 1866 was approved of the Prosecutor of the civil tribunal of the Patti district on the 23 day for the official functions of the civil records of the acts of births and deaths,

there appeared Mr. Gaetano Ianni, (son of the deceased Antonio Ianni), fifty years old, wagoner, born in Longi living here in Galati at four Stella Street.

The same presented a baby of feminine sex born on seven of the current June at 17:00 by his wife Mrs. Angela Artisi, forty years old, spinner, at the house where they lived. The same they gave the name Rosalia

He presented and declared he was the producer (father) with Mr. Antonio Amadero Testazza, 72, and Sebastiano Vano, 70, both were peasants born and living in Galati

The official of the civil records Gaetano Lando

Number Order: 67 Rosalia Ianni

Wow, I'm Done!

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### An Antonino Ianni: Birth Certificate

This is Antonino Ianni, born 8 June 1891

Wow, I'm Done!

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### Here is an Antonio Ianni 1906 Passengership Record

1906 - 52 = 1874, too old

Whoa! Not so fast, Looks like there are more Antonio Iannis

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### Anthony & Mary Ianni Death Certificates

#### Anthony Orlando Ianni

Ohio Department of Health  
Division of Vital Statistics  
Certificate of Death

Born: 22 Feb 1882  
Died: 17 Dec 1952  
Father: Carmelo Ianni  
Mother: Francesca Orlando

#### Mary (Anastasi) Ianni

Ohio Department of Health  
Division of Vital Statistics  
Certificate of Death

Born: 16 Mar 1895  
Died: 20 Nov 1934  
Father: Antonio Anastasi  
Mother: Giuseppa Giamanza

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### Tony Ianni WWI Draft Card: 12 Sep 1918

REGISTRATION CARD

5372

Tony Ianni

Born: 26 Feb 1882

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

34729 C

The Real Dude!

Age: 36 Years  
Born: 26 Feb 1882, Italy  
Registered: 12 Sep 1918  
Springfield, Clark Co, Ohio

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### Tony Ianni US Passport

Born: 26 Feb 1882  
Galati, Italy  
Immigrated: 22 Feb 1912  
Naturalized: 14 Oct 1919  
Passport Date: 12 Nov 1919

The Real Dude!

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### Ianni Family in 1930 Ohio Census

1930 - 48  
1882 Estimated birth year

OK, year is 1882!

Time to regroup on Birth Certificates

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### We Need Some Sleuthing

- Think "it will be easy," but you may not get the best information to start with
- Listen for information, but always ask for all the documents
- Always get a good map, re-write the data, and make a timeline

- Anthony "Tony" Orlando Ianni
- Born: 26 Feb 1882
- Father: Carmelo Ianni
- Mother: Francesca Orlando
- Date in US: 1912
- Age in 1930 Census: 48 years (B. 1882)
- Age of first marriage: 38
- Married: 1882 + 38 = ~1920
- Married: 1920-1921

- Mary (Anastasi) Ianni
- Born: 16 Mar 1895
- Father: Antonio Anastasi
- Mother: Giuseppa Giamanza
- Date in US: Unknown
- Age in 1930 Census: 36 years (B. 1894)
- Age of first marriage: 26 years
- Married: 1895 + 26 = ~1921
- First child: 8 years old (in US, est. 1922)

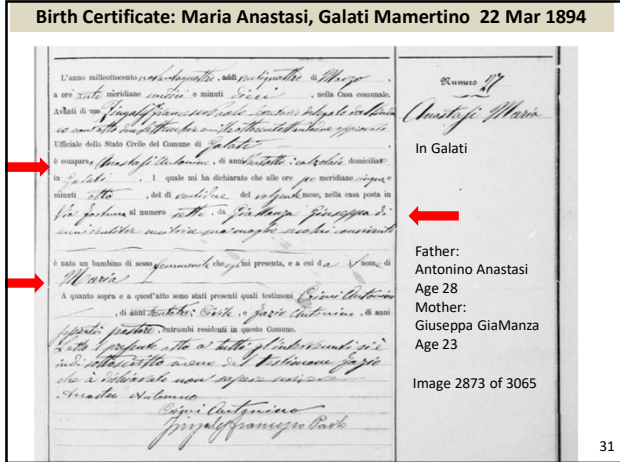
Do Things: Look for Mary's Birth in G-M 1895  
Re-Look for Antonio's birth in G-M 1882  
Look for Marriage in G-M ~1920

Always make a timeline

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### No Antonio Ianni Birth Certificate Found in 1882

- **Total Failure** after looking at all indices in Nati 1866 -1895 (29 indexes)
- **More Failure**, after looking at nearby towns of Longi and Tortorici

Facing total disgrace as a super sleuth of "genealogical finds"

And then, the voice was heard, **"Mike, Mike, use the force"**

- Use the maps, re-read your notes, watch the names
- Show what else you know, check for other jurisdictions

What's with **Galati** as a location (Galati, Messina, Italy)?  
 What about **Patti** as a district?

Search on **Galati**, Messina, Italy -- part of Italy , Messina

- Then, Civil registration of records of **Patti** (Circondario di Patti, Messina) 1867-1910
- Then, Digital Collection Italy, Messina, Tribunale di Patti
- Then, Registration vital records Patti online **1823 -1941**
- Found, **Allegati** (Attachments ) Matrimoni (Marriages) 1920
- Searched 647 online images for Galati allegati

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### Antonino Ianni & Maria Anastasi Marriage Allegati 8 Apr 1920

Marriage Header

Birth of Maria

Marriage Announcement 1

Marriage Announcement 2

File: 5511683  
**Allegati di Matrimoni:**  
 1920  
 Image 21 - 28  
 Galati Mamertino >  
 Allegati (matrimoni)  
 1920 > image 21 of  
 647; Tribunale di Patti  
 (Patti Court, Patti)  
 Found on 14 Sep 2019

Birth of Antonino

Marriage Announcement 3

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### Antonino Ianni Extract of Birth Certificate

Registration date: **1 Oct 1912**

In Galati

Father: Carmelo Ianni, 57

Birth Date: 26 Feb 1882

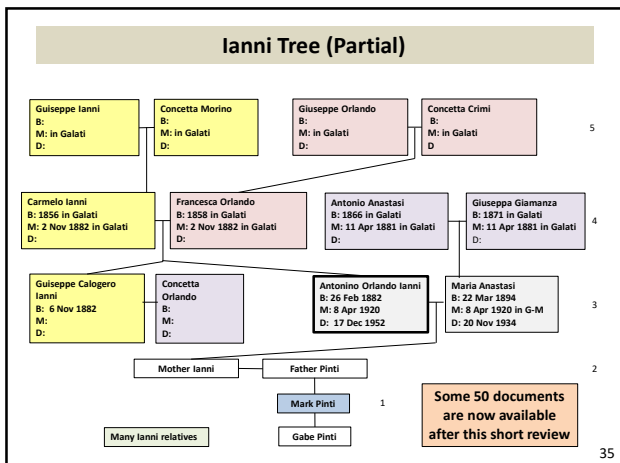
Mother Deceased:  
 Francesca Orlando, 26

Child: Antonino Ianni

Only took 30 years 8 months to register!

Key Idea Search Allegati

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### So, What Did You Learn!

- What you hear may **seem** to make sense, but it is different
- Always be very careful in your research—yes, so easy to say
- Always get your own data (it's always **BAD, Best Available Data**)
- Get a friend to help you with ideas and suggestions
- You need to look it over again, that is why they call it **re-search**
- Document what you learn; scan all that you find
- It is never easy, but it is really **great fun**

Go hog wild in your search  
 but don't be pig headed in your approach

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