



CIAO/ISDA Partnership Presentation

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HISTORY OF CIAO

- Started in 2008 as the POINT Cleveland Chapter
- Changed name in 2014 to Cleveland Italian Ancestry Organization
- Meet bi-monthly at our semi-permanent location, Independence Public Library
- Discuss genealogy topics and other matters related to Italian culture

CIAO RESOURCES

- Facebook Page:
 - ***Cleveland Italian Ancestry Organization-CIAO Cleveland.*** We also have a new 'Members Only' page
- New Website: www.ciaocle.com
- Email address: clevelandciao@gmail.com
- Quarterly Newsletter: *Genealogy Giornale*
- Database of Italian towns researching & Italian surnames or current and former CIAO members
- Annual membership dues of \$20 entitles you to quarterly newsletter & private FB Page access

FINDING YOUR ITALIAN ANCESTORS

- Start with what you know to find out what you don't yet know. Italian town of origin is most important starting point.
- If town not known, Passenger Lists and Naturalization Records are possible options.
- Note: Italian women retained their maiden names. Make sure to search under this name rather than married surnames.

ITALIAN CIVIL RECORDS

- Many Italian civil records for towns are now searchable online through two websites:
 - Familysearch.org
 - Portale Antenati
- Most common records found include:
 - Birth Records (Atti di Nascita)
 - Records Related to Marriage (Atto di Matrimonio, Pubblicazione, Allegati)
 - Death Records (Atti di Morte)

ITALIAN PARISH RECORDS

- Much more difficult to obtain. Most have not been digitized and are located in basements of parish churches in Italy.
- Church records go back to conclusion of Council of Trent, 1500's
- Records include: baptism, marriage, and burial records

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

Two Helpful Links:

- [Dual U.S.-Italian Citizenship | Facebook](#)
- [FAQ - Italian Citizenship Assistance](#)

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APPLICATION DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

In order to submit your application, please make sure to bring all the documents listed below on the day of your appointment. Please be aware that if further verification is required this Consulate's citizenship office can request additional documents beyond the ones listed here and provided by the applicant, in order to determine the applicants' eligibility to Italian citizenship.

 Great-Grandparents' Documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate (from Italy) of great-grandparent born in Italy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of other great-grandparent's birth certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate
<i>if applicable</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille or <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate from Italy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree <i>and</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "No appeal" statement | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death cert. of great-grandparent born in IT | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of other great-grandparent's death certificate | |

Naturalization documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization certificate | <i>and</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> copy |
| <i>or 1 of the following</i> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> USCIS documentation (certified copy) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NARA documentation (certified copy) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Court documentation | | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |

Non-naturalization documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> USCIS letter (certified copy) <i>and</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NARA doc. (certified copy) <i>and</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Census record (certified copy)
<i>if applicable</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian passport/Green Card |

 Grandparents' Documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate of Italian ascendant | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of other grandparent's birth certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate
<i>if applicable</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree <i>and</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "No appeal" statement | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death certificate of Italian ascendant | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of other grandparent's death certificate | |

 Parents' Documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate of Italian ascendant | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of other parent's birth certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <i>if applicable</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree <i>and</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "No appeal" statement | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Death certificate of Italian ascendant | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of other parent's death certificate | |

 Applicant's Documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille | <input type="checkbox"/> translation |
| <i>if applicable</i> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille | <input type="checkbox"/> translation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of spouse's birth certificate | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree <i>and</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille | <input type="checkbox"/> translation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "No appeal" statement | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille | <input type="checkbox"/> translation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of spouse's death certificate | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Marriage certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille | <input type="checkbox"/> translation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor child's birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> apostille | <input type="checkbox"/> translation |

 Application Forms

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 2 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 3 (for each living ascendant) | <input type="checkbox"/> notarized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4 (for each deceased ascendant) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid US passport and a copy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid driver's license and a copy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money order | |
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Please note that prior to your appointment, any document issued in a Country different from Italy or the United States that is part of your application must be authenticated, translated, and legalized for use in Italy in the Country of origin. Our recommendation is to get in touch with the Italian diplomatic authority (Consulate or Embassy) in the Country in which the certificate was issued to learn about the specific authentication process.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at detroit.cittadinanza@esteri.it.