

The Italian Cemetery

RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH

The Italian Cemetery has a number of resources available for genealogical research. Of course, as a cemetery, our first obligation is to the families who have recently lost loved ones. As a non-profit organization, we operate with a small staff. Therefore, we are not able to provide the desired level of personal assistance for genealogists.

We have, however, partnered with FamilySearch.org to make available the bulk of our records that are of interest to genealogists. These records may be found at the following location:

<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/1922526?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

You will need to create a username and password, but the service is free and they do not use your information to solicit you for any purpose.

Once you are logged in, you will have access to all records that the Italian Cemetery provided for digitization. You may view, zoom in, save, or even print any page of any document.

WHERE DO I START?

The first thing you must do is verify that the person for which you are looking is actually buried at the Italian Cemetery, and specifically where they have been laid to rest. To do that, you may telephone (650-755-1511), visit (540 F Street, Colma, CA 94014), or e-mail the cemetery office (Genealogy@ItalianCemetery.com). **We will be able to look up two names per day if you call or visit in person.** If you need more names researched, please contact us by e-mail and we will respond when time permits.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Once you have the location within the Italian Cemetery of the person you are researching, go to FamilySearch.org and find the Lot Card (aka Index Card). This will tell you who else is in the same location, and provide additional details. Then go to the Day Books (aka Daily Log Books), and you will find all other information that the cemetery has about the subject of your search.

The cemetery staff will be happy to answer questions, but in order to preserve the integrity of the original, frail, century-old records, we prefer that any research be done by the genealogist through the above online resources.

The following pages describe in detail the resources that are available for genealogy research.

Through a partnership between the Italian Cemetery and FamilySearch.org, the digitized images of Lot Cards may be viewed free of charge on the FamilySearch.org website:
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BURIAL RECORD INDEX (AKA “DAILY LOG BOOK BURIAL RECORD INDEX”)

An annual recap of interments organized first by year, then by first letter of surname, then alphabetically within each year. This is a secondary source, as it is a year-end recap created from data found on Lot Cards.

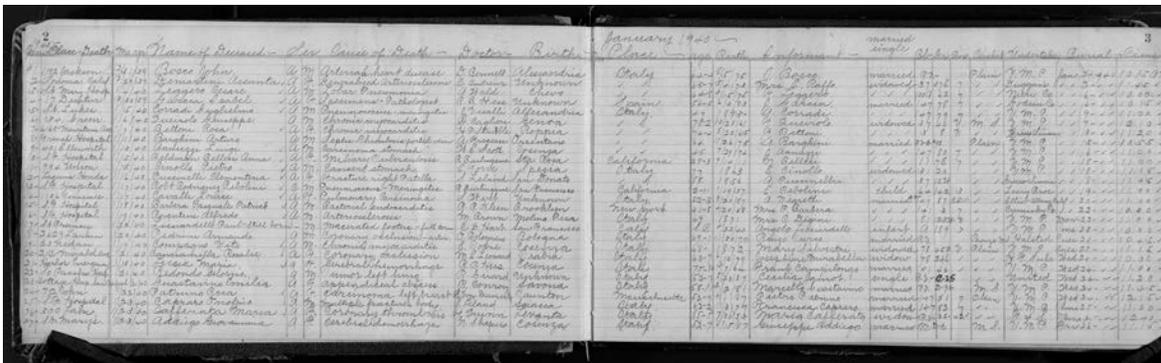
ITALIAN CEMETERY - BURIAL RECORD INDEX							
NAME	Buried Year	No. of Block	No. of Grave	NAME	Buried Year	No. of Block	No. of Grave
- 1936: Cont'd -				- 1937 -			
GELINI Lucia.....	- 21	10-E		GENNARI Antonio.....	- 49	14-W	
GUARDINO Filippo.....	- 84	24		GROSSO Giovanni.....	- 11	24-E	
GHISELLI-LUCCHESI Enrichetta...	- 108	1		GARZIA Victor.....	- 144	44	
GARDI Peter J.	- 80	46-E		GIOVANNONI Edward C.	- 104	4	
CARIBALDI Maria.....	- 25	32		GALLETTA Domenico.....	- 113	19	
CARIBALDI Aurelia.....	- 107	15		GENTELI Margherite Lina	- 34	36-E	
GALIATA Joseph.....	- 80	4-E		GIOVANNETTI Maria.....	- 61	25-W	
GIUFFRÈ Concetta.....	- 81	50-W		GUGLIA Angelina.....	- 32	49-W	
				GENTELI Josephine.....	- 78	25-W	
				GRILLINI Armando.....	- 77	77	
				GUSTO John.....	- 144	99	
				GARZA Alfredo's address.	- 13	13-E	
				GIUFFRÈ Salvatore.....	- 82	84	

- Volume I (1899 – 1999): Surnames beginning with the letter A through F
- Volume II (1899 – 1999): Surnames beginning with the letter G through N
- Volume III (1899 – 1999): Surnames beginning with the letter O through Z

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DAY BOOKS (AKA “DAILY LOG BOOKS”) 1933-1999.

This is primary source material, as information about each day’s interments were hand written in real time throughout each day. Most vital information was taken from the original death certificate or from family members or first-hand sources. Information prior to February 1933 has yet to be discovered in the cemetery’s archives. *This is the best primary source material available for interments at the Italian Cemetery.*



Volume I (1933-1939):

- Covers the period from February 1933 through mid-October 1935. Contains dates of death and burial, location, name of funeral director. From mid-October 1935 through December 1939, contains above information plus address of place of death, place of birth, date of birth, cause of death, name of attending physician, name of informant, and marital status of decedent.

Volume II (1940-1948)

- Covers the period from January 1940 through October 1942. Contains the same information as the previous volume. The period from November 1942 through October 1948 also contains the address of the decedent or informant.

Volume III (1948-1960)

- Beginning with October 1948, this volume contains the same information as October 1948, however, place of birth is limited to name of country or state. From October 1956 forward, cause of death and name of attending physician are eliminated.

Volume IV (1961-1972)

- Contains the same information as previous the volume, with the addition of an annual statistical summary beginning in 1961.

Volume V (1973-1984)

- Covers the period from 1973 through 1984. Contains the same information as the previous volume, however, from April 1973 forward, the place of birth is eliminated.

Volume VI (1985-1996)

- Contains the same information as started in April 1973 (dates of birth, death and burial, location, place of death, name of funeral director, name and address of informant).

Vol. VII (1997-1999)

- Contains the same information as in Volume VI.

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Volume VIII (2000-2015)

- Because rudimentary computerized records had begun to be kept in the 1990s, a management decision was made to discontinue keeping hand-written Day Books. This decision was rescinded by a new General Manager in December 2015, and reconstruction of Volume VIII is currently under way. Though not a primary source, this volume will provide continuity for future genealogists.

Volume IX (2016-Present)

- Beginning January 1, 2016 the tradition of keeping a Day Book was re-established at the Italian Cemetery. Each day's interments are been hand written in real time throughout each day. Most vital information is taken from the original burial permit, which is electronically generated from the original death certificate. When available, records may also contain information such as place of birth, veteran status, maiden names, etc. This information is often obtained from family members or primary sources.