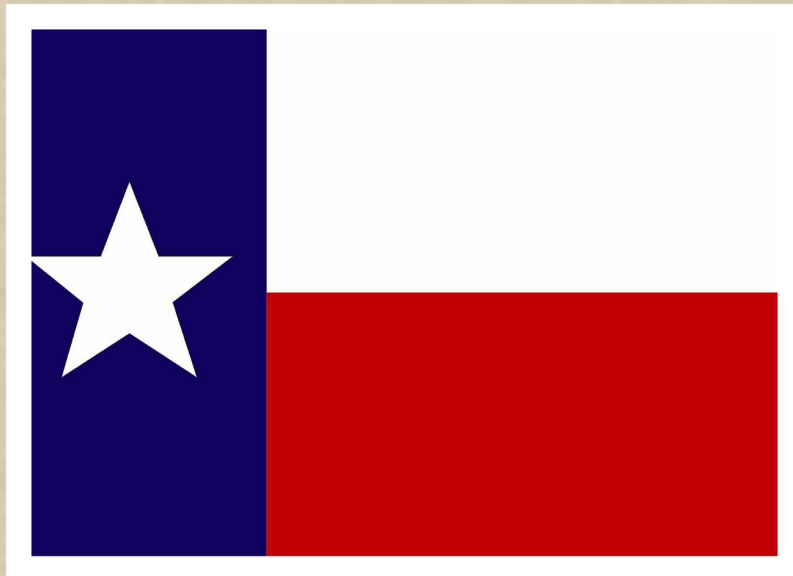
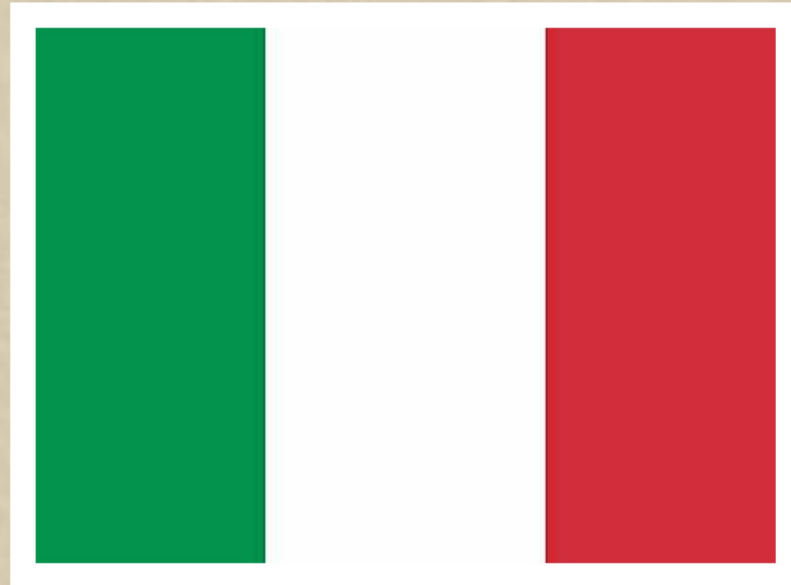


# La famiglia Campisi di Pigioreale e la famiglia Schembri di Bivona



Dedicated to the Campisi family of Poggioreale, Sicily  
&  
the Schembri family of Bivona, Sicily.

Thank you to every relative, genealogist, and friend who shared  
their photos, stories and support for this project.  
Your kindness helped in the creation of this book.

"La famiglia è la patria del cuore."

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# Where is Poggioreale?



# Sicily

*Our Roots Lie Here  
The Campise Family*



The village of Poggioreale is about 50 miles by car from the capital city of Palermo on the Italian island of Sicily.

Founded in 1642 as a center for regional agricultural workers, the old village of Poggioreale grew to a maximum population of 4000 inhabitants during the 18th and 19th centuries. Large numbers of residents emigrated from Poggioreale to the United States from 1860 to 1910. Many went to New Orleans having been recruited by plantation owners who needed agricultural workers on their plantations. A large group of Poggiorealesi eventually moved to the Brazos Valley in Texas as well as Houston and other areas. Many went to New York City, Philadelphia, and St. Louis among other large cities. Fewer made it to the West Coast.

In 1968, the entire region suffered a severe earthquake that rendered the old village of Poggioreale uninhabitable. While many residents lived in huts and tents for years until a new village could be constructed, others left Poggioreale to live with relatives in Australia where thousands of Poggiorealese descendants remain today.

[www.poggiorealeinamerica.com](http://www.poggiorealeinamerica.com)

Artwork by Carrie Ann Correa,  
grandaughter of Carrie Campise

# The Campisi, Salvato, Sancetta and Lombardo Family of Poggioreale

Calogero Campisi and Margherita Salvato were both born in Poggioreale in the late 1790s. Mariano Sancetta and Pietra Lombardo were also both born in Poggioreale in the late 1790s. Their children, Girolamo Campisi (born 1813) & Maria Sancetta (born 1821) married on September 23, 1842. That union produced eight children, Calogero, Margarita, Mariano, Antonino, Pietra, Giovanni (died as a baby), Giuseppe (died as a baby), and Giuseppa.

Four of their children, Calogero, Mariano, Antonino and Giuseppa, came to America in the 1880s. This is their story, told through photographs and their descendants' collections of documents and stories.

Calogero Campisi  
born in Poggioreale  
in the late 1790s

Margherita Salvato  
born in Poggioreale  
in the late 1790s

Mariano Sancetta  
born in Poggioreale  
in the late 1790s

Pietra Lombardo  
born in Poggioreale  
in the late 1790s



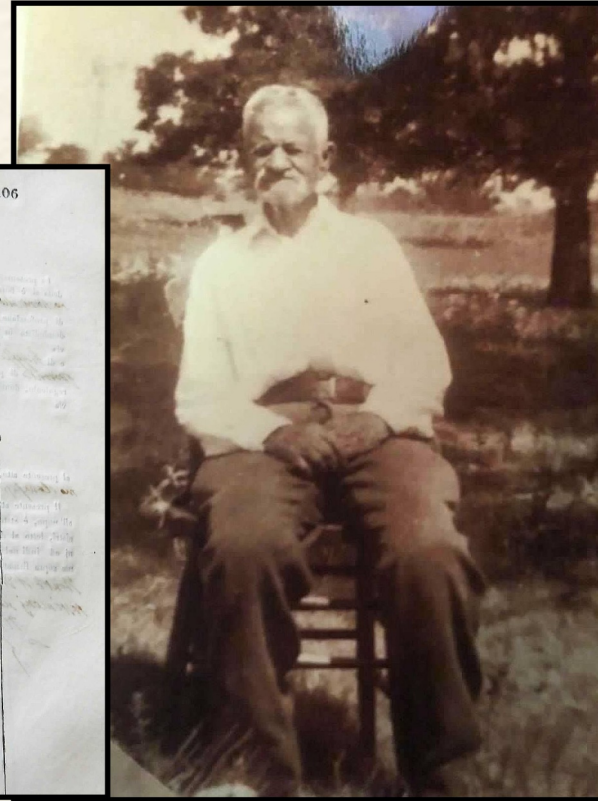
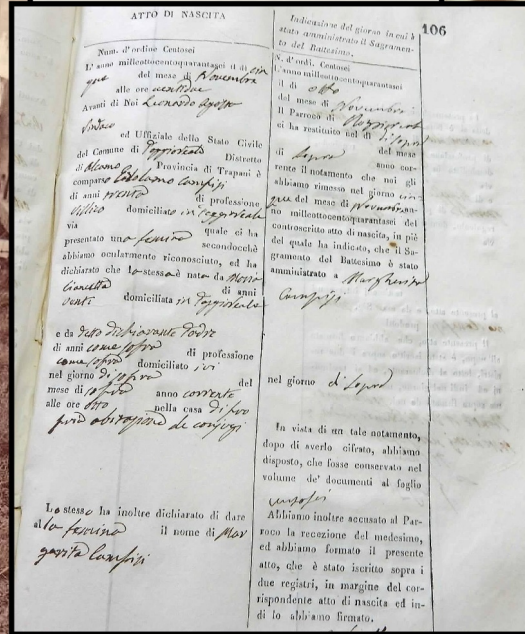
Girolamo Campise  
born in Poggioreale  
in 1813

~~married~~  
September 23, 1842  
Poggioreale, Sicily



Maria Sancetta  
born in Poggioreale  
in 1821

# Girolamo Campisi born 1813



Calogero Campisi  
born 1843 in  
Poggioreale. He  
married Giuseppa  
Corte in 1876 in  
Poggioreale. He  
came to Texas in the  
early 1880s.

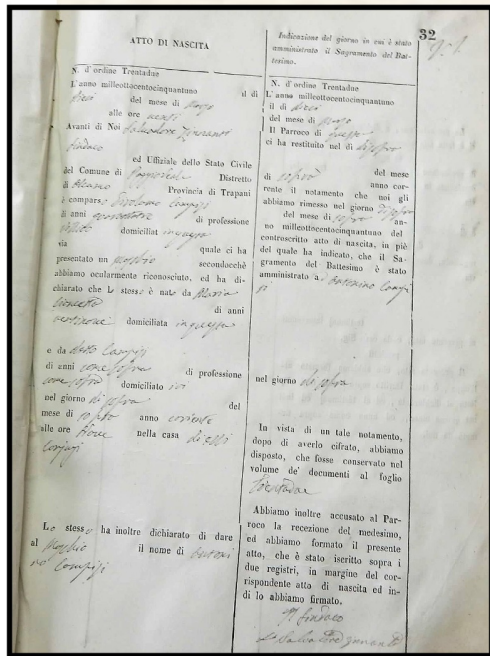
Margarita Campisi  
born in 1846 in  
Poggioreale. We  
have not been able  
to find additional  
information on her,  
but we are still  
looking.

Mariano Campisi  
born 1849 in Poggioreale.  
He married Anna Campione,  
born 1852 in Poggioreale.  
They married in 1877.  
Mariano and Anna came to  
America with their two  
children, Girolamo and  
Maria, in 1883 and settled in  
Bryan, Texas.

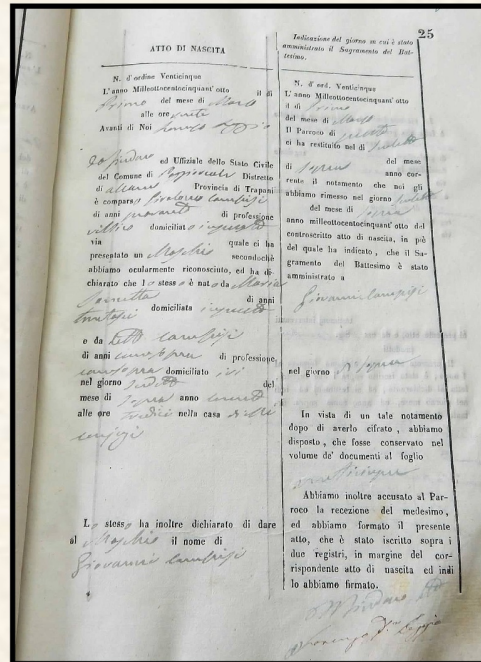
Antonino Campisi born  
in 1852 in Poggioreale.  
He married Paola  
Accurso in 1878.  
When Paola died, he  
remarried Josphphine  
Oddo. He had one  
child, Maria, who was  
born in Poggioreale in  
1887.

# and Maria Sancetta born 1821

Girolamo and Maria had eight children in Poggioreale. We know that four of them came to America. We are still researching and searching for photos of the others (Margharita and Pietra).



Pietra Campisi born in 1855 in Poggioreale. We have not been able to find additional information on her, but we are still looking.



Giovanni Campisi was born in 1858 in Poggioreale and died the same year.



Giuseppe Campisi was born in 1860 in Poggioreale and died the same year.



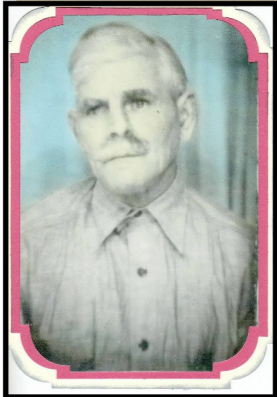
Giuseppa Campisi was born in 1861 in Poggioreale. She married Giuseppe Accurso in 1877. They travelled to and from Sicily to America, twice, and had children in both places.

Calogero is the first child of Girolamo Campisi & Maria Sancetta. Calogero first came to America in February 1880 with his wife and first child, Girolamo. At some point they went back to Sicily... had another child, and then came back to America on January 4, 1893 with both children, Girolamo and Antonino.



## CALOGERO CAMPISI

Calogero Campisi  
Born 1843  
Poggioreale  
~married~  
Giuseppa Court (sitting)  
Born 1852,  
Poggioreale, pictured with mother in  
law, Paula Falsone



Girolamo "Jim" Campise  
Born 1877  
Poggioreale  
~married~  
Nunzia Morreale  
Born 1885  
Poggioreale



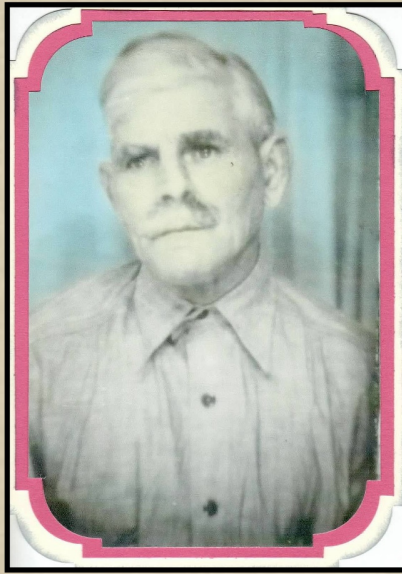
Antonino "Anthony"  
Charles Campise  
Born 1892  
Poggioreale  
~married~  
Mary Cangelosi  
Born 1893 Poggioreale



Children of  
Antonino and  
Mary



Mariano Campisi  
Born 1896  
Caldwell, Texas  
~married~  
Frances Cordonia



Girolamo (first son of Calogero and Giuseppa Court), was born in Poggioreale in 1877. He married Nunzia Morreale and their family lived in Texas (where most of them still live today). Here are five of their nine children.

Other children not pictured:  
 Carlo 1893-1915  
 John 1905 - 1997  
 Annette 1912 - 1992  
 Lena 1916 - 2009



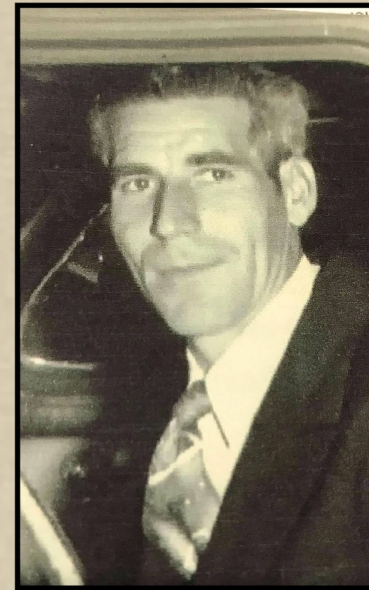
Anthony Campisi  
 1907 - 1967  
 & Opal Esther Miller



Noonzie Campisi  
 1908 - 1990  
 & Kitty Verde



Josephine Campisi  
 1911 - 2001  
 & Paul Patranella



Marion "Murry" Campisi  
 1914 - 2002

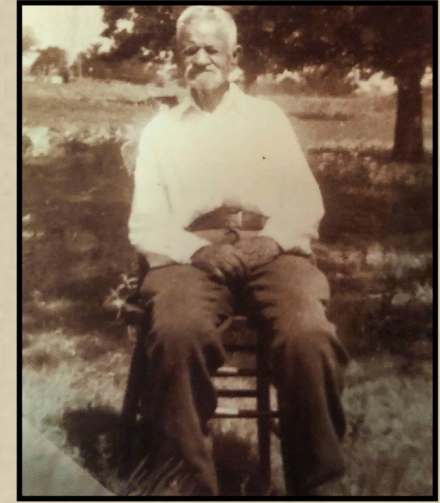


Mary Campisi  
 1921 - 2006



# MARIANO CAMPISI

Mariano Campisi, third child of  
Girolamo Campisi and Maria  
Sancetta, born 1849  
Poggioreale  
~married~  
Anna Campione  
(1852) Poggioreale



Girolamo Campise  
Born 1878  
Poggioreale  
~married~  
Ignazia Schembri  
from Bivona



Maria Campisi  
(sitting, daughter Carrie  
standing)  
Born 1880 Poggioreale  
~married~  
Vincenzo Schembri  
from Bivona



Antonino Campisi  
Born 1887  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Lena Salvaggio from Louisiana



Anna Campione  
Born 1852  
Poggioreale  
(photo still to be found)

Mariano, his wife Anna, and their two first children, Girolamo and Maria, left Sicily in 1883 for America. They settled in Bryan, TX. They had four additional children in Texas. Anna died in 1911. In the early 1930s many of the family members moved to Fresno, CA. Mariano went back to Texas to live with son, Antonino, and died in Houston at the age of 99. These are their six children.



Margarita "Margaret" Campisi  
Born 1889  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Nicolo Bacile



Giuseppe "Joseph" Campisi  
Born 1890  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Domenica "Mandy" Franco



Calogero "Carlo" Campisi  
Born 1895  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Margarita "Maggie" Scanlan  
(Scandagliato)

## ANTONINO CAMPISI

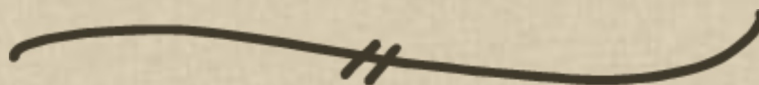
Antonino Campisi, the fourth child of Girolamo Campisi and Maria Sancetta, was born in 1852 in Poggioreale. He married Paola Accurso, also from Poggioreale, and they had one daughter, Maria. Paola died about 1903 and he remarried Josephine Oddo, who was the widow of Rosario DiPaolo.



Maria Campisi  
Born 1887,  
Poggioreale  
Married Carlo  
Salvato  
Born 1867,  
Poggioreale



Maria Campise, daughter of Antonino Campisi and Paula Accurso, married Carlo Salvato. They had many children in Texas, but we know very little about their family. Here are their nine children. We are searching for more information about them.



Lula Salvato born 1895  
married Felix Lewis born  
1892

Tony Salvato born 1899  
married Lena  
Scarmado born 1904

Frank Carlo Salvato born  
1901 married Antonio  
Triolo born 1907

Ross Carlo Salvato born  
1903 married Clara  
Spedale born 1918

Pauline Salvato born  
1906 married  
Giuseppe Vetrano  
born 1880

Mary Salvato born  
1908 married Joseph  
LaPaglia born 1904

Phena Salvato  
born 1911 married  
Joe Rao

Carlo Salvato born  
1917 married  
Carrie Louise  
Ruffino born 1923

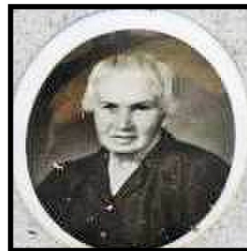
Baby Salvato born  
1919 and died 1920

Giuseppa Campisi and Giuseppe Accurso were married in Poggioreale and had two children who both died. They moved to Texas in the early 1880s and had three children: Maria, Paolina, and Giuseppe. In 1889, the family packed up and went back to Poggioreale. Back in Sicily, they had Margarita, Petrina, Louise, Antonina "Lena" and Girolamo "Jim." Ross Todaro descends from Giuseppe Accurso and wife Lulu Campisi. Linda and Sam Cangelosi descend from Antonina Accurso and Andrea Cangelosi.

---Linda Cangelosi, Houston, Texas, USA 2019, great-granddaughter to Giuseppa Campisi

## GIUSEPPA CAMPISI

Eighth child of Girolamo Campisi and Maria Sancetta.  
Born 1861 in Poggioreale.  
She married Giuseppe Accurso in Poggioreale.



Maria Accurso  
Born 1883  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Ned Giordano

Paolino Accurso  
Born 1886  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Vincenzo Abbate



Giuseppe "Joe" Accurso  
Born 1888  
Bryan, Texas  
~married~  
Leonarda "Lulu" Campisi

Margarita "Margaret"  
Accurso  
Born 1890  
Poggioreale  
~married~  
Steve Maniscalco



Seven of the eight Accurso children, taken in the early 1950s. Missing is Giuseppe "Joe" Accurso, who was shot and killed by a neighbor in 1931.

Pictured are (l to r):  
 Maria, Antonina "Lena," Louise,  
 Paolina "Pauline," Margarita  
 "Margaret," Petrina, "Irene," &  
 Girolamo "Jim."



Petrina "Irena"  
 Accurso  
 Born 1892  
 Poggioreale  
 ~married~  
 Anthony  
 Maniscalco

Louise Accurso  
 Born 1895  
 Poggioreale  
 ~married~  
 Anthony  
 Abbate

Antonina "Lena"  
 Accurso  
 Born 1898  
 Poggioreale  
 ~married~  
 Andrea "Andrew"  
 Cangelosi

Girolamo  
 "Jim"  
 Accurso  
 Born 1901  
 Poggioreale

# GIROLAMO CAMPISI

1st child of Mariano Campisi and Anna Campione. Born in 1878 in Poggioreale. Died in 1948 in Fresno, CA.

Mariano Campisi, born September 6, 1901 in Bryan, Texas. Married Tracy Franco (pictured).



Girolamo Campisi born 1878, Poggioreale, Sicily

~married~

Ignazia Schembri born 1874, Bivona, Sicily

Known as Grandpa Jim & Grandma Nelly

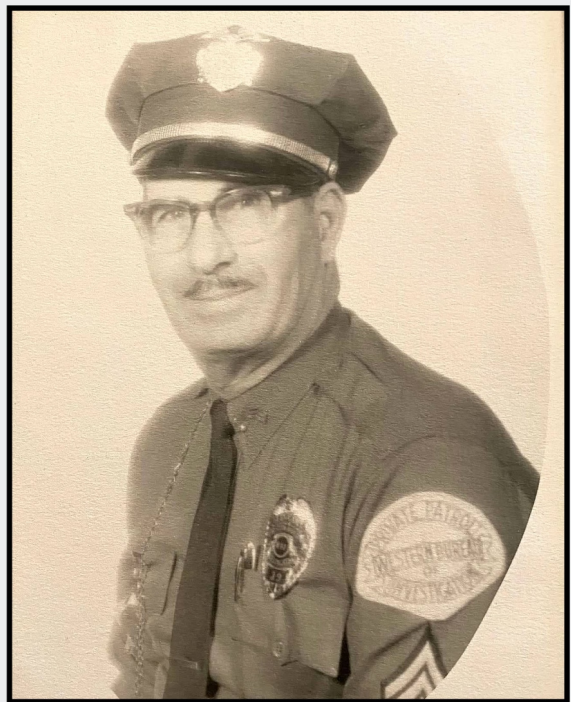
These are 9 of their 10 children (Maria died as an infant).



Giuseppe "Joseph" Campisi born 1909 in Bryan, Texas.



Pasquale "Frank" J. Campisi born January 29, 1903 in Bryan, Texas. He married Josephine Schembri on October 18, 1927 at St. Anthony's Church in Bryan, Texas. He died in Fresno on April 2, 1979.



Calogero "Carlo" Campisi (left) born 1911 in Bryan, Texas. Married Theresa Augusta "Little Tracy." Pictured with brother Tony and his wife, Pauline.

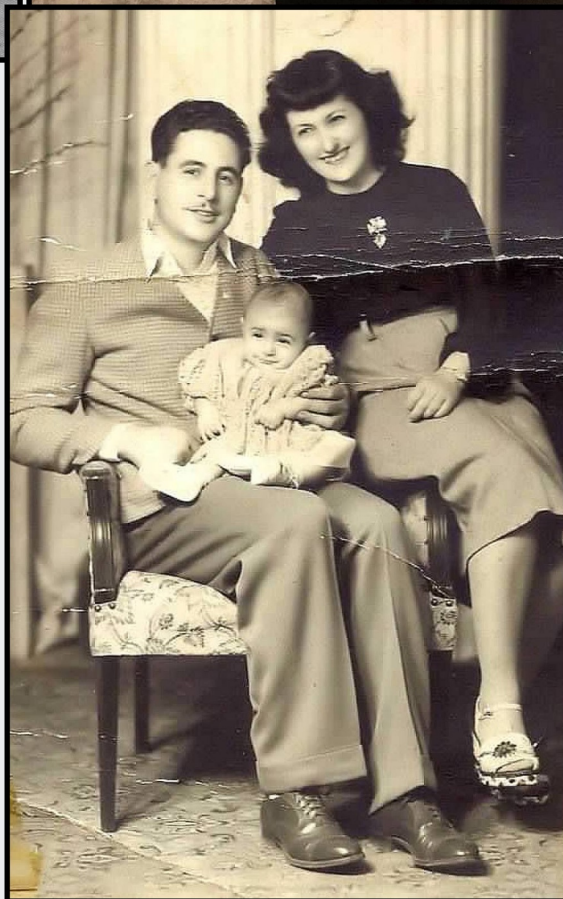


Antonino "Tony" Campisi born 1903 in Bryan, Tx married Paola "Pauline" Accurso, born in Poggiorealie in 1905.



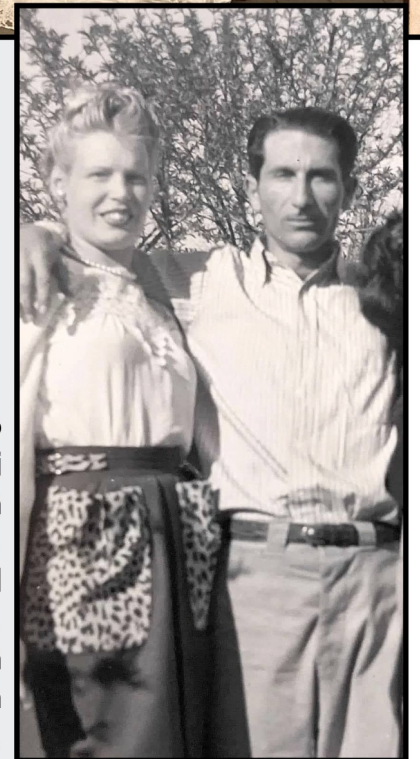
Anna "Annie" Campisi born 1906 in Bryan, Tx married Michael DeVincentis

Vincenzo "Vince" Campisi born 1907 in Bryan, Tx. Married Katherine Viviana. Died in Houston in 1984.



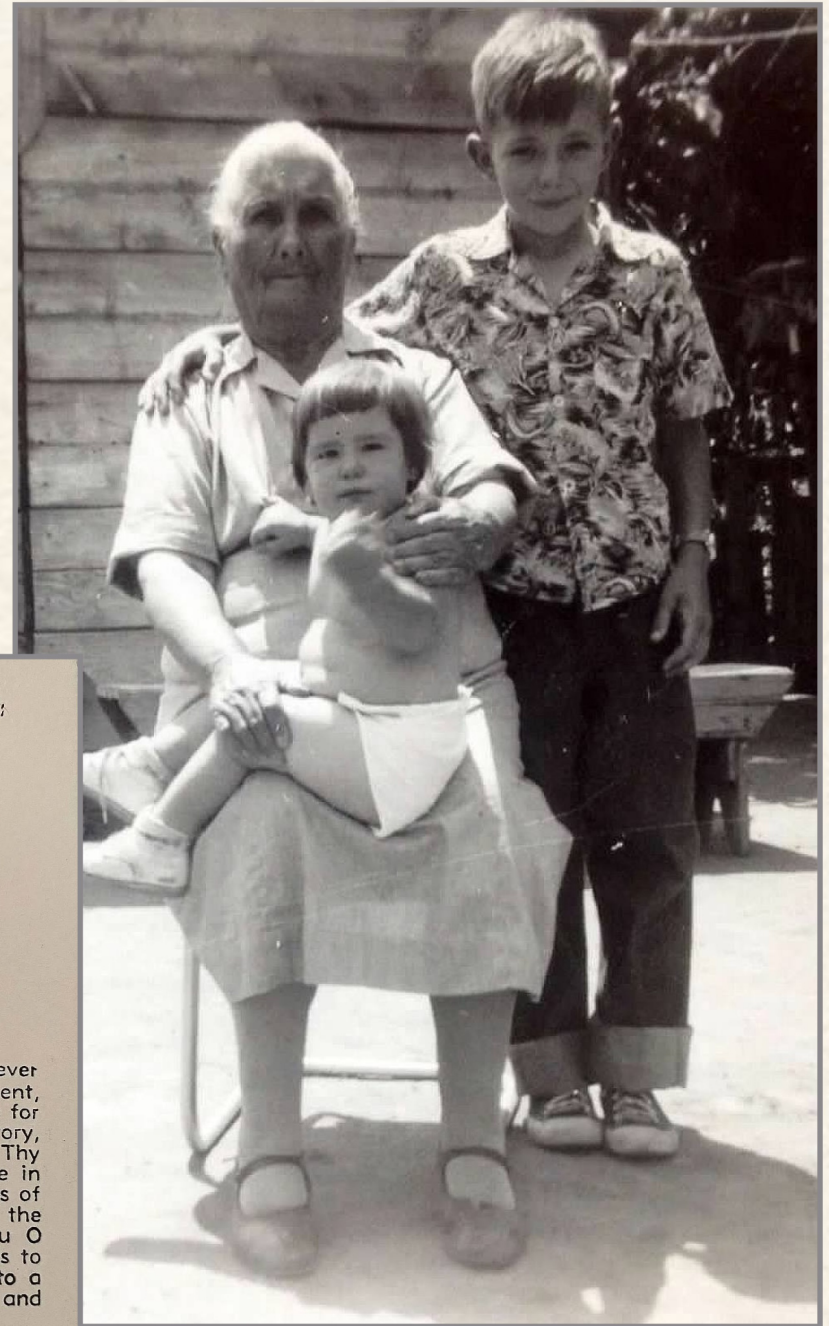
Carmela "Carrie" Campisi born 1913 in Bryan, Tx married Anthony "Tony" Failla. Died in 1994 in Fresno, CA. Pictured with daughter, Toni Carol.

Girolamo "Jim" Campisi born 1918 in Bryan, Tx. Married Lenora Smith. Died in Fresno in 1981.





Photos of Girolamo Campisi and Ignazia Schembri  
aka Grandpa Jim & Grandma Nelly



"Blessed are they that mourn,  
for they shall be comforted."  
St. Matt. V. 5



My Jesus have mercy on the  
Soul of

**NELLIE CAMPISE**

Born February 10, 1876

Died August 6, 1969

**PRAYER**

**O** GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the Soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy precious blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**FRESNO FUNERAL CHAPEL**

Grandma Nelly and daughter, Carrie

Grandma Nelly and grandchildren James and Carolyn Campise (children of Jim Campise and Lenore "Lynn" Smith).



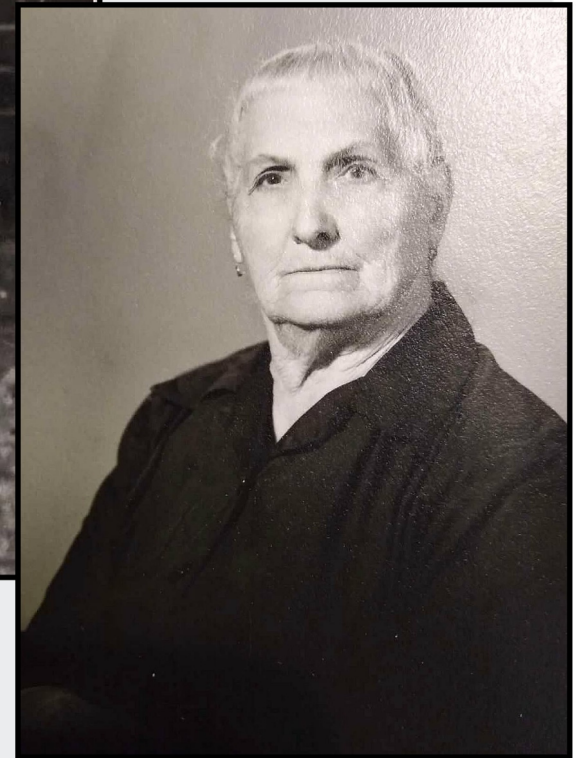
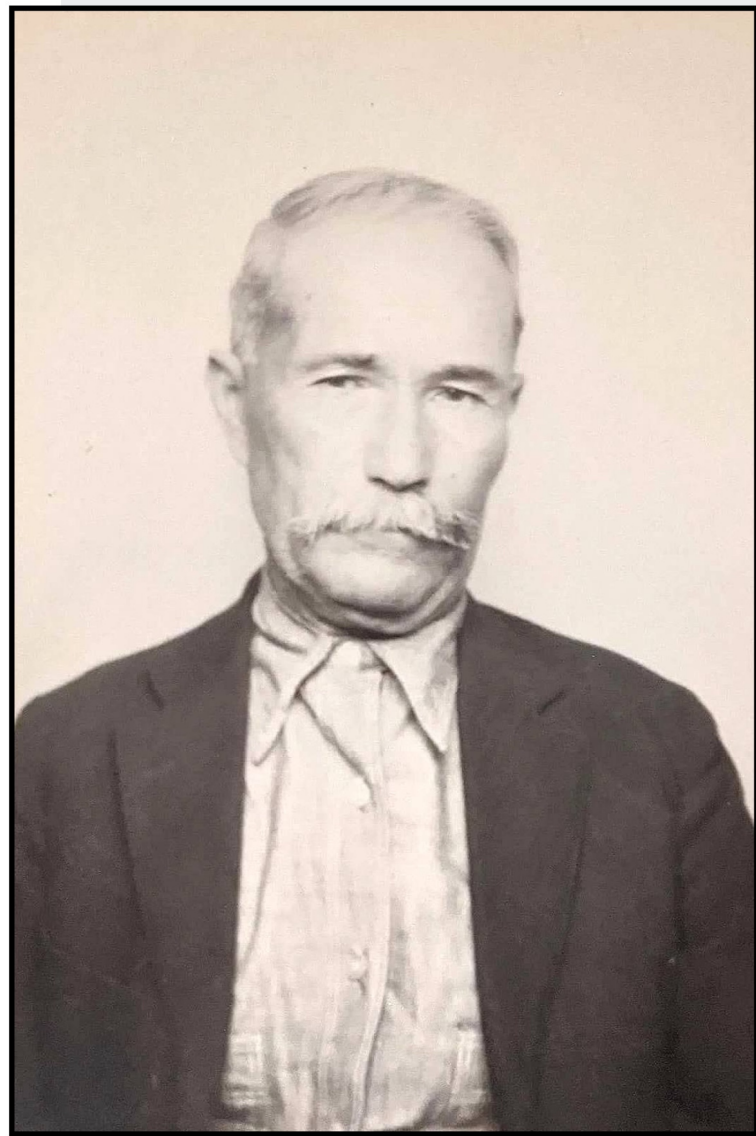
We don't know exactly when or why the name Campisi changed to Campise. But we do know that all nine of Girolamo and Ignazia's children were named with the Italian spelling Campisi (even as late as 1918). Here, you can see that someone changed the correct spelling of Campisi to Campise on Girolamo's funeral card.

*In Loving Memory of*  
**James Campise**  
Born August 2, 1878  
Died June 12, 1948  
O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Grandpa Jim with son & Grandma Nelly on porch with daughter

More photos of Girolamo Campisi born 1878 & Ignazia Schembri born 1874



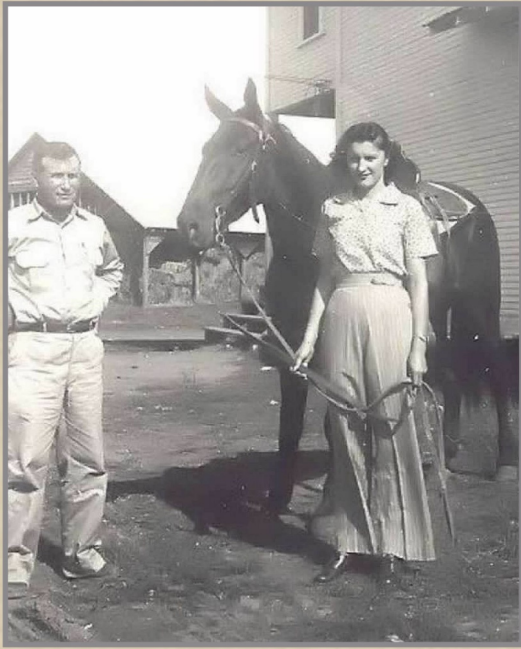
Bottom left:  
Grandma Nelly (Ignazia  
Schembri Campisi) with  
granddaughter Toni Carol Failla

Middle:  
Grandma Nelly, daughter Carrie  
Campise, granddaughter Toni  
Carol Failla and grandson James  
Campise

Bottom right:  
Grandma Nelly, daughter Carrie  
Campise, and unknown man,  
taken in Texas



# Photos of Girolamo Campisi and Ignazia Schembri's nine (out of ten) children



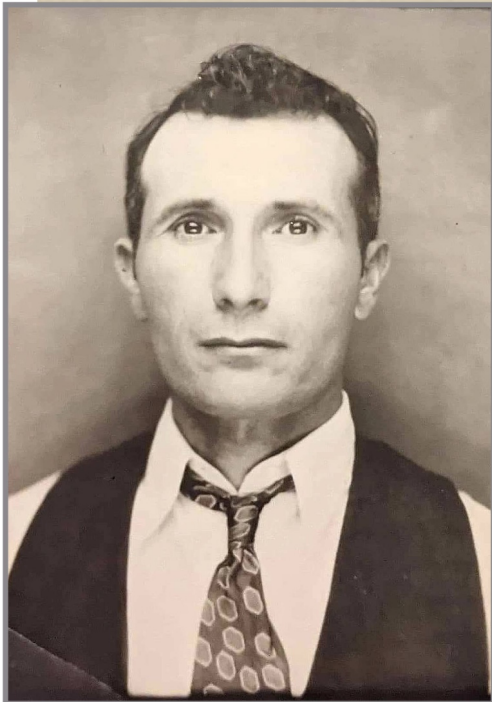
Marion Campise and Tracy Franco



Tony, Vince, Carlo and Frank Campise  
(with Vince's son and Frank's son)



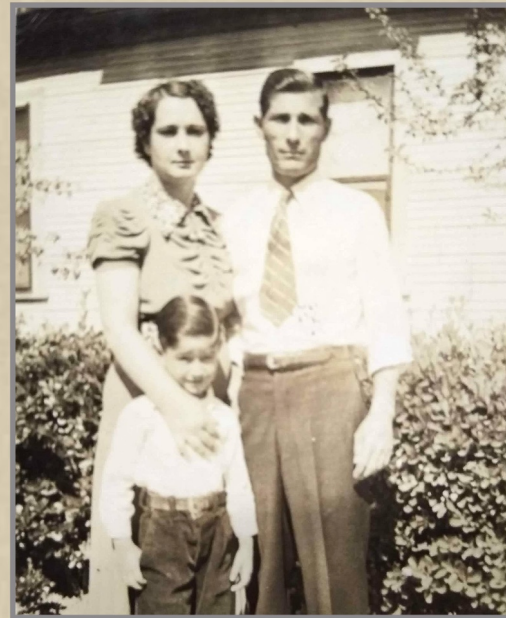
Vince Campise and Katherine  
Viviana and children, Vince  
and Nancy



Marion Campise



Vince Campise



Frank Campise and Josephine  
Scambray and son Jimmy



Joe Campise & family



Jim  
Campise



Jim Campise



Jim, Annie, & Carrie Campise,  
Texas about 1927



Jim and Carrie



Joe  
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Annie and Carrie



Tony  
Campise  
and Pauline  
Accurso

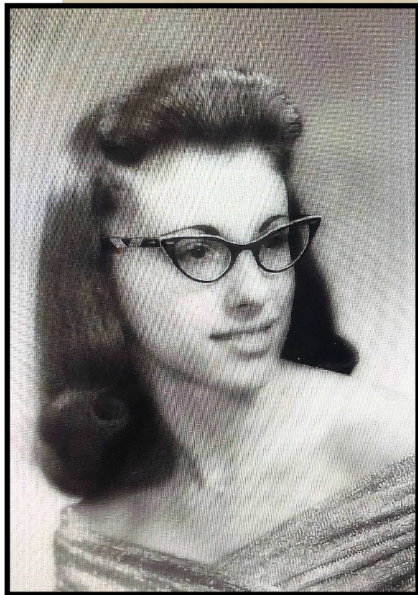


Jim Campise in 1944 in England  
during WWII



Tony, Vince, Carlo and Frank Campise

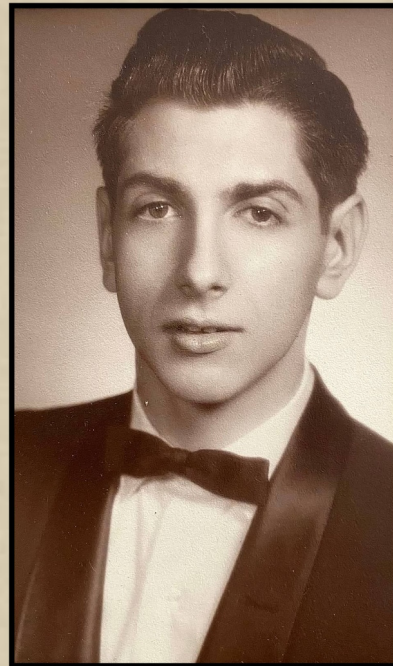
Ignazia "Nelly" and Marian "Cookie" Campise, daughters of Marion Campise and Tracy Franco



Jimmy Campise and sister Antoinette Campise, children of Frank Campise and Josephine Schembre (Jimmy pictured with wife, Kikuko Yamaguchi).



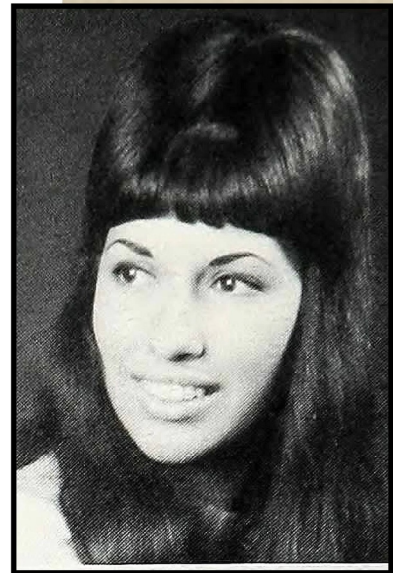
Jimmy Benny Campise, son of Tony Campise and Pauline Accurso.



Frank, Thomasina, and Nancy DeVincentis, children of Michael Devinentis and Annie Campise (top photo with mother Annie and bottom photo with their Aunt Carrie).

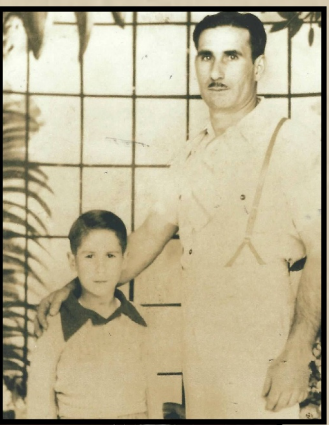


Vincent Jr. and Nancy Campise, children of Vince Campise and Katherine Viviana.

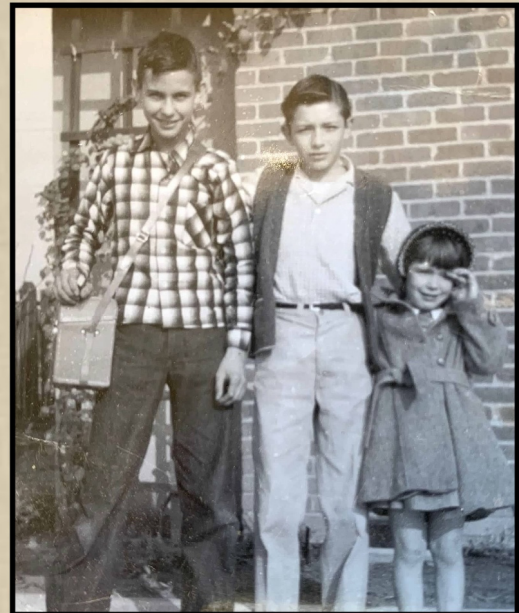


The grandchildren of Girolamo Campisi and Ignazia Schembri "Grandmpa Jim & Grandma Nelly."

Four of the ten children of Joseph Campise. Joe Stone pictured with dad, Joe, James Campise with wife, Kari, Nelly Campise (with dad, Joe) & Donald Campise (pictured with daughter Wendy).



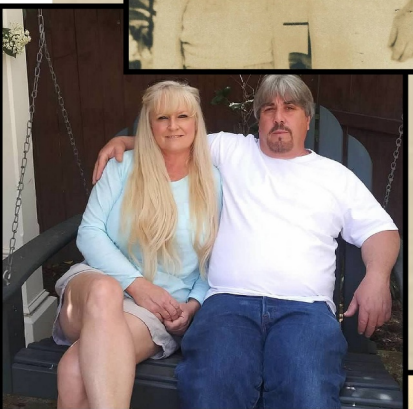
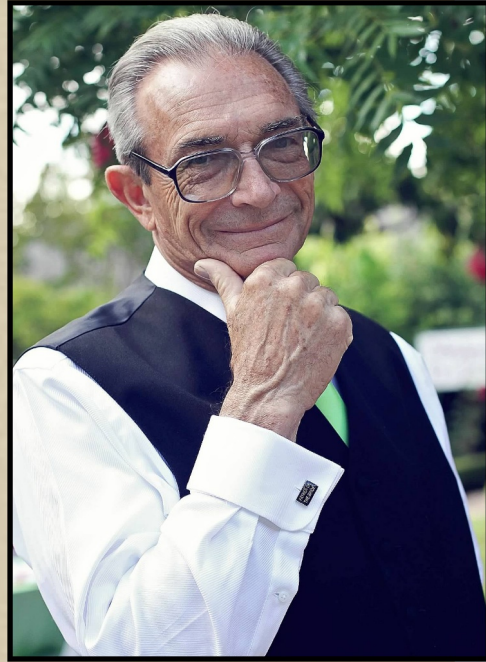
Carl Marion "Sonny" Campise (left), son of Carlo Campise and Tracy Augusta (pictured with cousins, James & Carolyn Campise).



Toni Carol Failla, daughter of Carrie Campise and Tony Failla (pictured with mother, Carrie).



James "Junior" & Carolyn Campise, children of Jim Campise and Lenora Smith (Carolyn pictured with daughter, Mariah).



These photos are all of the grandchildren of Grandpa Jim and Grandma Nelly (Girolamo Campisi and Ignazia Schembri). They are all first cousins, listed in chronological order of their parents' birth. All of their families were raised in Fresno, CA, with the exception of Vincent Campise, who remained in Texas near his wife, Katherine's family.







Top left: The old town of Poggioreale (Antica) in 2019.

Top right: John Campise and Sarah Campise Hallier at the home of great great grandfather, Mariano Campisi, in Poggioreale Antica 2019.



Bottom left: Peter Campise, great great grandson of Mariano Campisi, in Poggioreale in 2001 (with Girolamo Campisi's birth certificate).

Bottom right: Poggioreale pre-earthquake



COMUNE  
DI  
COMUNE DI POGGIOREALE  
PROVINCIA DI TRAPANI

**UFFICIO DELLO STATO CIVILE**

**ESTRATTO PER RIASSUNTO  
DAL REGISTRO DEGLI ATTI DI NASCITA DELL'ANNO 1878**

Parte / - Serie / - Atto N. 84

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risulta che CAMPISI GIROLAMO di sesso MASCHE  
(1) FIGLIO DI MARIANO E DI CARRIGONE ANNA  
è nat. nel Comune di POGGIOREALE (TRAPANI)  
(2)  
in Via COMUNE N. 24  
alle ore 9,30 del giorno VENI del mese di AGOSTO  
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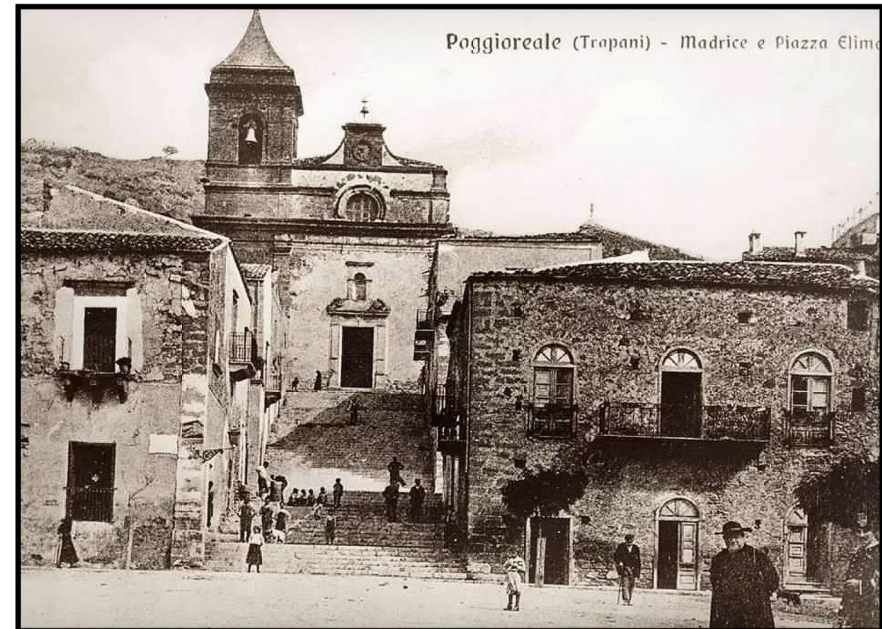
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Fresno, California 93726

The coat-of-arms illustrated left was drawn by a heraldic artist based upon information about the Campise surname and its association with heraldry. In the language of the ancient heralds, the arms are described as follows:

"Quartered: 1st, or; the letter "C" sa.; 2nd and 3rd, vert.; a tower embattled arg.; 4th, sa.; two pales or. Charged with a small inner shield gu."

The Campise arms is translated:

Divided into quarters: 1st quarter, gold background; a black initial "C", 2nd and 3rd quarters, green background; a silver tower with battlements; 4th quarter, black background; two gold vert. bands. A small red inner shield placed over all.

A tower symbolizes grandeur, safety and defense. Seven vivid colors were chosen for use on shields of armor-clad knights to easily identify them at a distance. The heraldic colors gold, silver, purple, blue, green, black, and red were preserved on colorless drawings by dot and line symbols. The Campise coat-of-arms incorporated red. The color red represents fortitude, creative power.

Information available indicates that in 1972 there were less than 300 households in the U. S. with the old and distinguished Campise name. In comparison, some family names represent over 700,000 households in the United States.

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# Where is Bivona, Sicily?



Bivona, Sicily

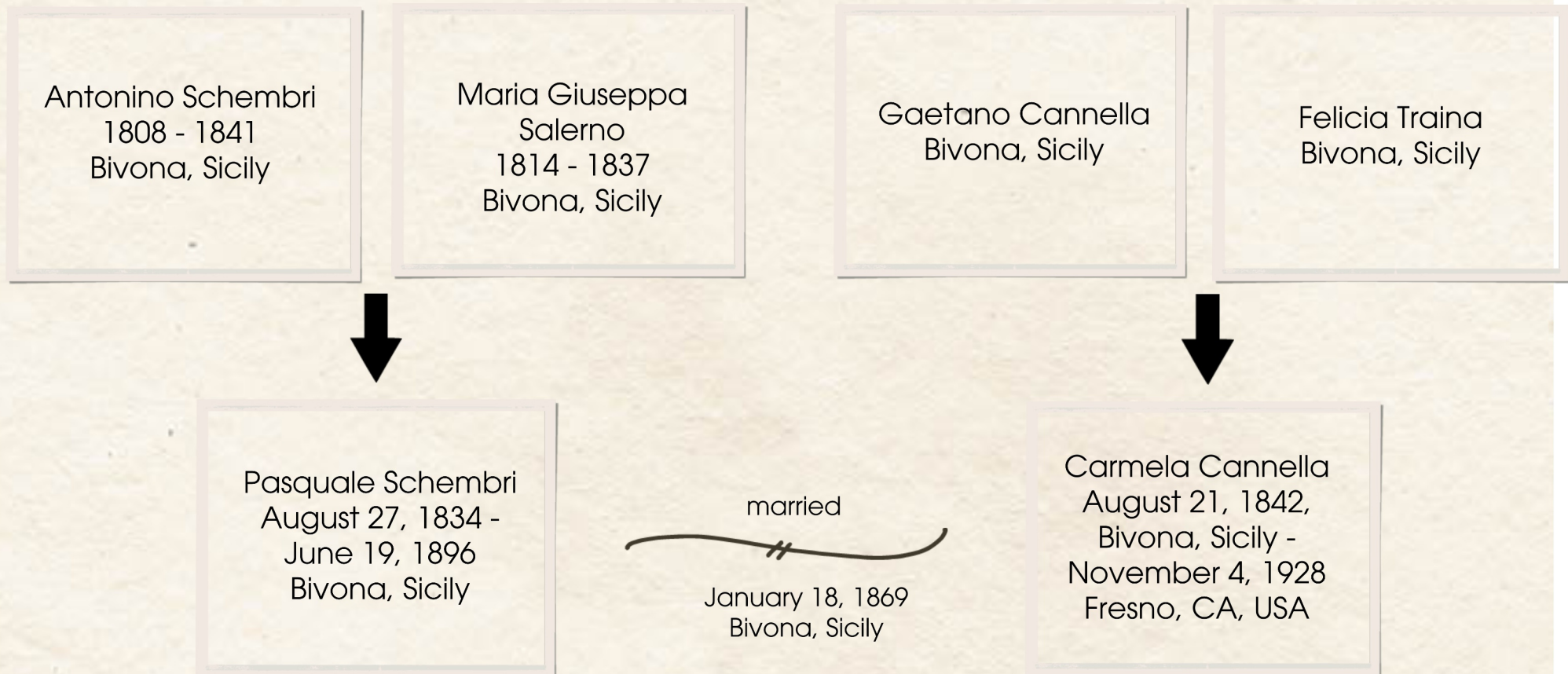
Bivona is an Italian comune in the Province of Agrigento, Sicily. Bivona is located at the foot of Monti Sicani, in the mainland of Agrigento, on the boundary with the province of Palermo. The communal territory is crossed by the Alba stream, now hidden, which flows into the Magazzolo. The most important event in the summertime is the "Peach Festival" that is organized by the local government in the second half of August and it is the main attraction of the small mountain town. The white Peach of Bivona represents, besides a rare deliciousness, the most common cultivation in all regions of Bivona.

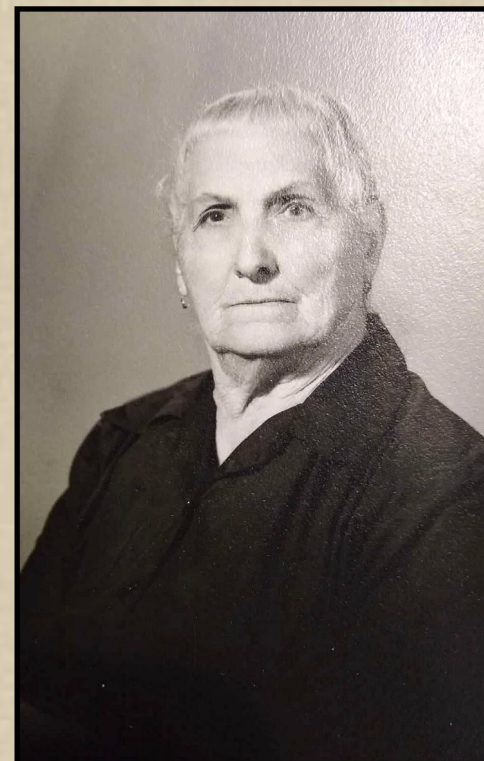
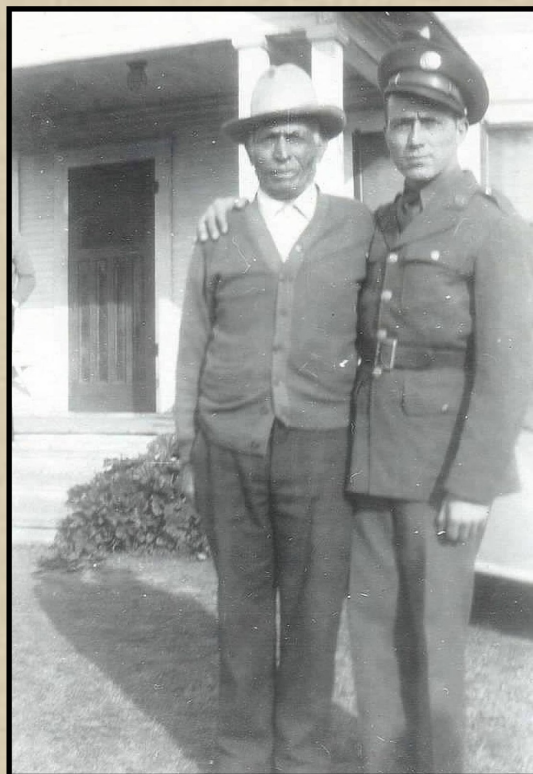


The home on Via Tamburella where the Schembri family lived in Bivona, Sicily

# The Schembri, Salerno, Cannella & Traina families of Bivona, Sicily

Pasquale Schembri and Carmela Cannella were born and married in Bivona, Sicily. Both were widows when they married. They had six children, Maria Giuseppa, Antonino, Ignazia, Vincenzo, Carolina, and Angela. This is the story of the first four children, along with mother Carmela, who became the Scambray family in Texas and California.





Maria Giuseppa Schembri  
born 1870 Bivona, Sicily &  
died 1922 in Fresno, CA.

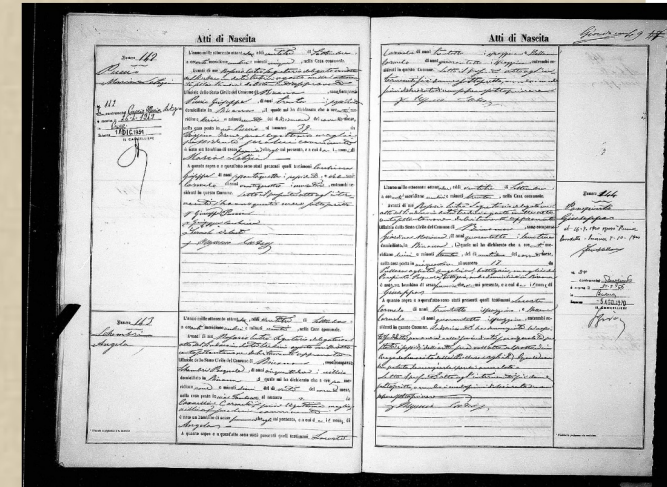
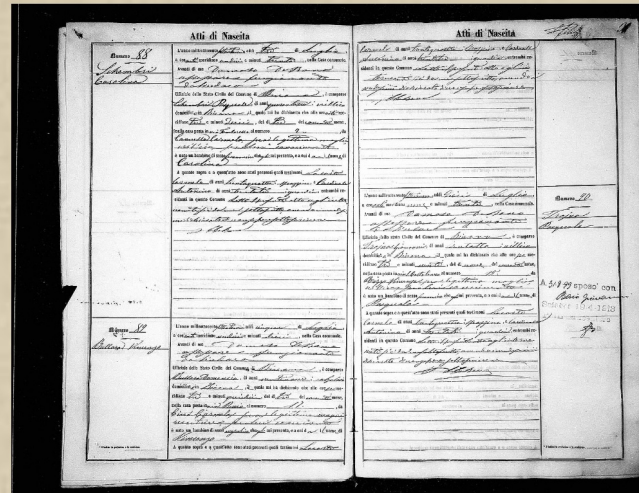
She married Calogero Schempre in Bivona, and came to America in 1906. (Standing is son, Antonino Schempre, daughter, Amalia Schempre Puleo and granddaughter, Maria "Mary" Puleo Guida).

Antonino Schembri  
born 1871 in Bivona, Sicily &  
died in Texas in 1949. He  
came to America in 1899. He  
married Pauline Falco born  
1906 in Poggioreale and they  
had 10 children together.

(Pictured with son, Tony Scambray, Jr.).

Ignazia Schembri  
born February 7, 1874 in  
Bivona, Sicily. She came to  
America in 1899 and married  
Girolamo Campisi at St.  
Anthony's Church in Bryan,  
Texas and they had ten  
children. She died in 1969 in  
Fresno, CA.

# and Carmela Cannella born 1842



Vincenzo Schembri  
born May 15, 1876 in Bivona, Sicily.  
He married Maria Campisi in Bryan,  
TX, and they had 10 children  
together before she died in  
childbirth in 1920. He remarried Tiny  
Degelia and died in Fresno, CA in  
1948.

Carolina Schembri  
born July 3, 1879. We are  
still searching for more  
information about  
Carolina.

Angela Schembri  
born September 20, 1882.  
We are still searching for  
more information about  
Angela.

The name Schembri eventually changed to Scambray in the United States. We do not know exactly when this occurred. There are many variations of the name used in the United States, as it was frequently misspelled throughout the years.

# MARIA GIUSEPPA SCHEMBRI

born 1870 in Bivona, Sicily

1st child of Pasquale Schembri and Carmela Cannella. Maria Giuseppa married Calogero Schempre in Bivona, Sicily.



Pictured: Maria Giuseppa (sitting), son Antonino, daughter Amalia Maria, and granddaughter Maria Puleo. Taken around 1915.



Estelle "Stella"  
Marie Schempre  
born 1889  
Bivona - 1941  
Fresno, married  
Giuseppe  
"Joseph" Ficarelli



Antonino  
Schempre  
born 1896 Bivona  
- 1993 Fresno, CA  
(with wife  
Carmela  
Schembri (Carrie  
Scambray) on  
wedding day.





Concetta  
Schempre  
born 1891  
Bivona - 1968  
Fresno  
married  
Vincenzo  
Abate



Amalia Maria  
Schempre born  
1899 in Bivona,  
Sicily and died in  
Fresno 1936.  
Married Sam  
Puleo. Pictured  
with daughter  
Maria Puleo  
Guida born 1914  
(father is Joseph  
Ficarelli).

## Other family photos



Anthony Schempre, son of  
Tony Schempre and Carrie  
Scambray



Antonino "Tony" Schempre,  
son of Maria Giuseppe  
Schembri, with wife, Carrie  
Scambray Schempre.



Antonino "Tony" Schempre, son of  
Maria Giuseppe Schembri, with  
wife, Carrie Scambray Schempre.



# ANTONINO SCHEMBRI

born 1871 in Bivona, Sicily  
2nd child of Pasquale Schembri  
and Carmela Cannella



Antonino Schembri, pictured with son,  
Tony Scambray



Antonino's wife, Paola  
"Pauline" Falco



Antonino "Tony" Schembri (in front)

Alien Registration No. <u>4113277</u>	Birth date <u>Oct. 15</u> <u>about 1866</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>
Name <u>Tony</u> <u>(none)</u> <u>Scambray</u> <small>(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)</small>	Born in <u>Bivona</u> <u>Sicigasta</u> <u>Italy</u> <small>(City) (Province) (Country)</small>
	Citizen or subject of <u>Italy</u> <small>(Country)</small>
	Length of residence in United States <u>47</u> yrs., <u>7</u> mos.
	Address of residence <u>Pl. 6</u> <u>Box 1023</u> <small>(Street address or rural route)</small>
	<u>Houston</u> <u>Harris</u> <u>Texas</u> <small>(City) (County) (State)</small>
RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT <small>Right Middle Finger</small>	Height <u>5</u> ft., <u>4</u> in.
	Weight <u>130</u> lb.
	Color of hair <u>Grey</u>
<u>Tony Scambray</u> <small>(Signature of holder)</small>	Distinctive marks <u>none</u>
<u>William J. Robinson</u> <small>10-26150-1</small>	
<u>his</u> <u>mark</u>	<u>Joseph T. St...</u> <small>(Signature of Identification Official)</small>
	Application filed in Alien Registration Division. Copy filed with Federal Bureau of Investigation office at <u>Houston, Texas</u>



Frank Scambray  
1907 - 1992



Carrie Scambray 1908 - 1996  
married Willie Cangelose



Carlo Tony Scambray  
1910 - 1976  
(on right, pictured  
with Sam, Jean &  
Josephine Scambray)



Rosa Lee "Rosie"  
Scambray  
1916 - 1972  
married Lynn  
"Leon" Banano



Tony Scambray  
1917 - 1965  
married Josephine  
Collette, pictured with  
sister, Carrie



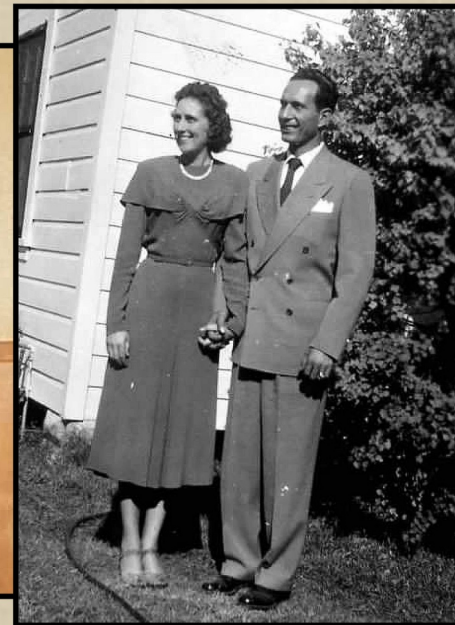
Josephine Scambray  
1918 - 1908  
married Dave  
Maglitto



Jean Scambray  
1920 - 2005  
married Joe Collette



Sam Scambray  
1922 - 2014



Vincent Frank Scambray  
1923 - 2001  
married Laura Shaw

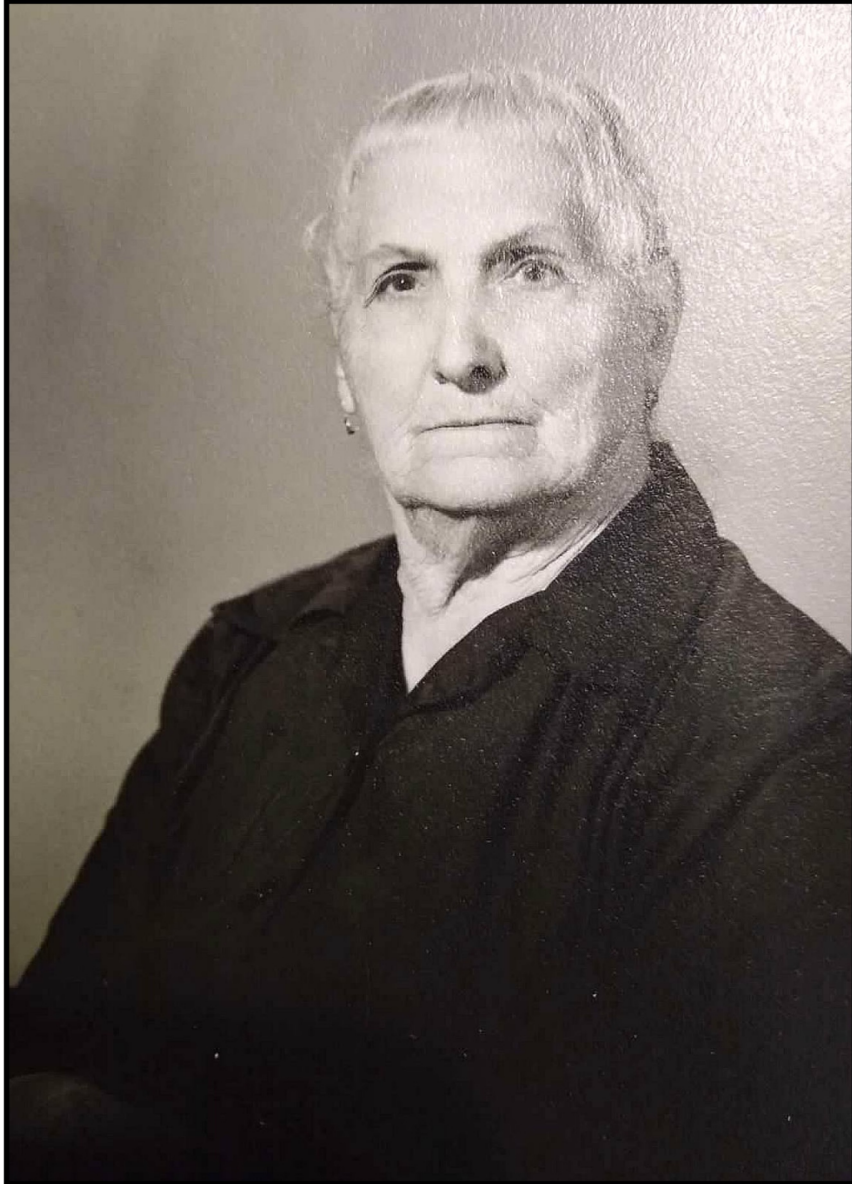


Johnny Scambray  
1924 - 2008

The ten children of Antonino Schembri & Paola Falco

# IGNAZIA SCHEMBRI

born in 1874 in Bivona, Sicily  
3rd child of Pasquale Schembri and  
Carmela Cannella



Ignazia Schembri's birth certificate

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5 COGNOME  
NOM SCHEMBRI

6 NOMI  
PRÉNOMS IGNAZIA

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8 COGNOME  
NOM SCHEMBRI CANNELLA

6 NOMI  
PRÉNOMS PASQUALE CARMELA

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See more about Ignazia in Campise section

Carmela Cannella's birth certificate  
(mother to Ignazia, Antonino, Maria  
Giuseppa and Vincenzo Schembri)

Pasquale Schembri's birth certificate  
(father to Ignazia, Antonino, Maria  
Giuseppa and Vincenzo)

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4 DATA E LUOGO DI NASCITA Jo Mo An 24 08 1894 BIVONA (AG)  
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5 COGNOME NOM CANNELLA

6 NOMI PRÉNOMS CARMELA

7 SESSO F. / 8 PADRE PÈRE 9 MADRE MÈRE

5 COGNOME NOM CANNELLA TRAINA  
6 NOMI PRÉNOMS RAETANO FELICIA

10 ALTRE ENUNCIAZIONI DELL'ATTO  
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5 COGNOME NOM SCHEMBRI

6 NOMI PRÉNOMS PASQUALE

7 SESSO M. / 8 PADRE PÈRE 9 MADRE MÈRE

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# VINCENZO SCHEMBRI

born 1876 in Bivona, Sicily  
4th child of Pasquale Schembri  
and Carmela Cannella



Photo from Vinceno's gravestone.



Vincenzo "Vince  
Scambray" and 2nd wife,  
Tiny Degelia

<p>Numero <u>68</u> <u>Schembri</u> <u>Vincenzo Pasquale</u></p>	<p>L'anno milleottocentossessanta <u>sette</u>, addi <u>quindici</u> di <u>Maggio</u>, a ore <u>sette</u> meridiane <u>novi</u> e minuti <u>cinque</u>, nella Casa comunale Avanti di me <u>avvocato Paolo</u> <u>Sciacca</u> <u>Parronelli</u> <u>Daco</u> Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di <u>Bivona</u>, è comparso <u>Scembi Pasquale</u>, di anni <u>quarantotto</u>; <u>celibe</u> domiciliato in <u>Bivona</u>, il quale mi ha dichiarato che alle ore <u>sette</u> meridiane <u>novi</u> e minuti <u>cinque</u>, del di <u>quindici</u> del <u>corrente</u> mese, nella casa posta in <u>via Tamburullo</u> al numero <u>7</u>, da <u>Carmela</u> <u>Cannella</u> <u>la</u> <u>materna sua legittima moglie</u> <u>col</u> <u>fiducioso</u> <u>consenso</u> è nato un bambino di sesso <u>mascolino</u> che <u>egli</u> mi presenta, e a cui d <u>a</u> i-nom-i di <u>Vincenzo Pasquale</u> A quanto sopra è a quest'atto sono presenti quali testimoni <u>Luca</u> <u>Scar</u></p>
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Vincenzo Schembri "Vince  
Scambray" birth in Bivona, Sicily

The nine children of  
Vincenzo Schembri & Maria Campisi

Pasqual "Frank" Schembri  
born 1901, married Mary Muth

Carmela "Carrie" Schembri  
born 1903, married Antonino  
Schembre

Marion Schembri  
born 1905, married Josephine  
DeFilippo

Antonino "Tony" Schembri  
born 1907, married Genevieve  
Faretta

James Fredrick Schembri  
born 1909, married Dina Devecchio

Anne Schembri  
born 1911, married Clarence Tavares

Maria "Mary" Schembri  
born 1913, died young

Giuseppe "Joseph" Schembri  
born 1915

Carlo Schembri  
born 1920 (died 5 months later)



Vincenzo's 1st wife, Maria Campisi, and first daughter, Carmela. Wife Maria died in childbirth with their 10th child in 1920. The baby, Carlo, died five months later.



Vincenzo's 2nd son, Marion Scambray born 1905 with wife, Josephine DeFilippo.



Anne Scambray born 1911, married Clarence Tavares



James Fredrick Scambray born 1909, married Dina DeVecchio

Thank you to our friends in Poggioreale & throughout Sicily who helped us trace our family tree and learn more about our ancestors. We appreciate all your time and energy put into the first Poggioreale in America tour in September 2019, along with your assistance with the Italian documents. You helped make our dreams come true:

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Kathlyn Dagna  
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Gary Bufkin  
Poggioreale in America  
Dr. Jeremiah Spence  
All the Texas and California Campise & Scambray families

If you would like your line of the Campisi or Schembri family added to this book, or if you see any information that needs to be corrected, please email Sarah Campise Hallier with names, dates, and photos.

The book will be revised and updated every six months, and we would love to have your family line and photos added to it!

- Sarah Campise Hallier, California, USA, great great granddaughter of Mariano Campisi and Anna Campione from Poggioreale, Sicily, & Carmela Cannella and Pasquale Schembri from Bivona, Sicily

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