



# La Notizia Italiana

*POINTers in Person, Lou Costello Chapter #15*

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## ***Ancestry.com Introduces “WorldArchives Project”***

*Project will benefit all POINTers*



Ancestry.com has launched a new program in the six last months called Ancestry World Archives Indexing Project.

Ancestry.com is expanding their support for genealogical and historical societies with an exciting new Society Partnership Program in connection with the Ancestry World Archives Indexing Project. POINT members who will join the project will have FREE access to content on Ancestry.com and Ancestry.it (Italian and US records). Ancestry has already discussed this project with Tom Militello and received his full support and approval. The next issue of POINT magazine will contain a note about this project.

This is a unique opportunity for POINT members to participate in a project aiming at preserving Italian records and making their indexes available for free to the larger community of people interested in tracing their Italian ancestors. Furthermore, participating in the program will bring some immediate benefits to members of our chapter:

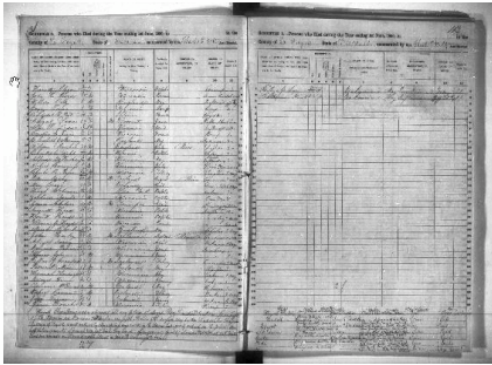
- New opportunities for our organization to work together on local and family history projects, which becomes an excellent recruiting tool to motivate new members to join and become engaged in our organization
- Our chapter members who do not live close enough to be involved in most other projects can work from their homes - wherever they live
- Visibility for Ancestry's six million monthly visitors to POINT
- Valuable assets for our chapter in the form of free copies of images and indexes donated by Ancestry.com

The opportunity to include a speaker from Ancestry.com at our chapter's conference or meeting—at no cost.

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Italian records that will be available for the World Archives Project include civil registration records, in particular marriages and deaths, from different provinces across Italy. Ancestry is starting off with the province of Verbanio-Cusio-Ossola in the Piemonte region, and will continue with records from the provinces of Pavia, Varese, Casale Monferrato, and Siena. There will be also records from the regions of Sicilia and Calabria.



### **What is the World Archives Project?**

The World Archives Project is a “community” keying initiative sponsored by Ancestry.com and you.

- o Ancestry digitizes records
- o Contributors key the records
- o The indexes are free for everyone
- o Images are available for society members
- o Societies receive recognition for their involvement

### **Society Involvement**

#### ***Why participate?***

- To provide your organization with new opportunities to work together on family history projects
- It offers potential members an excellent reason to join and be engaged with your organization
- It provides visibility for millions of Ancestry visitors to your local organization
- It helps you grow valuable assets at your society with free copies of images and indexes provide

back to you by Ancestry

- It offers distant members a chance to be involved with your projects from their homes

### **How to get involved**

- You can become a partner with the **Ancestry World Archives Project** by selecting one or more indexing projects
- You can spread the word about this effort

### **Partnering Societies**

*What's in it for you as a partner with the Ancestry World Archives Project?*

- Your logo and a [link to your website](#) appear next to collections indexed by you, exposing your society to millions of Ancestry.com visitors (10M visitors per month)
- The opportunity to help create indexes for historic records which will be available for free on Ancestry
- Copies of both the indexes and collections you've helped with are available to your membership
- Resources from Ancestry.com to help you to successfully engage your society and your community
- Training for your members on how to use the World Archives Project software

### **Learning about the World Archives Project**

#### ***Check it out!***

Log-in here to download the free tool and begin indexing - you can even watch a tutorial to see how easy indexing is:

<http://community.ancestry.com/wap/download.aspx>

Or go this webpage on Ancestry.com to watch a 'webinar' (interactive online presentation) about World Archives Project:

<http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Webinars.aspx>

### **The World Archives Project**

*A revolutionary community keying project that lets anyone from the genealogy community bring free historical record collections to the public.*

*View the details of historic documents and type the handwritten content.*

*Ancestry will convert the details to a searchable format, and make them available to the public for easy searching.*

## **Ancestry.com Resources: Archived “Webinars”**

*Ancestry.com offers online videos called “webinars” on a large variety of subjects to assist with research. Listed below are a few of the webinars.*

*Archived Webinars may be viewed at any time at no cost:  
<http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Webinars.aspx>*

### **The World Archives Project**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Thursday, October 23, 2008*

Come learn about the World Archives Project – Ancestry.com’s new community indexing program that gives people around the world the opportunity to save historical records important to them. Learn the tips and tricks to quick, easy indexing and how the World Archives Project differs from other indexing programs out there. Find out all of the individual benefits you receive as an indexer for the project. Here’s your chance to hear from David Graham, senior product manager for the World Archives Project, as he discusses the project and demonstrates the software.

### **Italian Ancestry**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Tuesday, July 01, 2008*

This web seminar will feature an overview of how to trace your immigrant ancestor from the US to Italy, and cover the basics of Italian jurisdictions, repositories, and record types, to help you discover and explore more about your Italian heritage.

### **Saving Family Treasures**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Wednesday, October 15, 2008*

Whether you want to learn how to preserve a wedding dress, a photograph album, or newspaper clippings this practical presentation will explore the types of damage that can occur to items passed down in the family. The webinar will cover many objects, from clothing and jewelry to paper based family history documents and beyond. You’ll learn some common sense tips on how you can save your heritage for the next generation without spending a fortune. We’ll even discuss how to hire a conservator for those difficult preservation problems

### **Irish Ancestry**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

This webinar offers a general overview of Irish family history, covering basic the principles, practices, and records needed to find your Irish ancestors. We will explore tracing the immigrant ancestor; briefly review name and place issues; highlight the key church, civil, land valuation, and census records; and touch upon the best websites for Irish family history.

### **Family Tree Maker 2009**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Join the Family Tree Maker 2009 webinar for a tour of the new features in Ancestry’s premium family tree software. This webinar will offer a demonstration of new features, and share tips and tricks to help you get the most out of Family Tree Maker 2009. Additionally, you can get a sneak peek of some of the features that will be available in future enhancements to Family Tree Maker 2009. We’ll also take some time to answer questions that have been submitted from the Family Tree Maker community. If you’d like to submit a question, please visit the Family Tree Maker blog.

### **Polish Ancestry**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

It’s a wonderful time to begin your Polish research. Ceil Jensen, Certified Genealogist, will dispel myths that records were destroyed during the World Wars and that language barriers make research difficult. She will present practical examples and suggestions on how to use records, databases and archives to start or advance your Polish genealogy research

### **English Ancestry**

#### **Original Date of Presentation:**

*Tuesday, June 03, 2008*

Confused about where to start with your English ancestors? Now is a wonderful time to start. Echo King, AG® presents examples of the major record types that are used in research in England and Wales, ways to access them, and suggestions on how to use them to trace your family tree.



### **POINTers in Person**

The POINTers In Person program, an autonomous branch of **POINT - (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together)** was founded in 1992. Our group, Chapter 15, was organized in September 1996. The 21 nationwide chapters of POINTers In Person provide genealogical researchers an opportunity to meet socially, and learn and share information pertinent to Italian research. Each chapter is independent and sets forth its own procedures and schedules of events.

We cordially invite Italian genealogical researchers to attend our quarterly meetings. Membership is open to all. In addition to regular meetings our group takes occasional field trips to genealogical research sites in the New Jersey/New York area.

Membership in our parent organization, POINT, is not a prerequisite to joining our group; however, it is highly recommended.

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### **Calendar**

#### **POINT Chapter 15 Future Meetings:**

Elmwood Park Municipal Building, 10 AM

#### **May 2 Meeting:**

*"Dual Citizenship"*

*Daniel Donatacci, presenter*

#### **August 1 Meeting:**

*"Struggles of the Italian Immigrant";*

*"The Dante Alighieri Society"*

*Guy Catrillo, presenter*

#### **Passaic County Genealogical Society:**

10 AM, Lambert Castle

#### **February 14 Meeting:**

*"Use of Catholic Sacramental Records"*

*Gary D. Saretzky, Presenter*

#### **Passaic County Historical Society:**

7 PM, Lambert Castle

#### **March 4 Quarterly Meeting:**

*"Titanic: The Story of a Great Ship"*

*Charles Haas, Presenter*

#### **Lambert Castle Events:**

#### **April 24-26**

*Annual Victorian Tea*

#### **For more information on PCHS & Lambert**

**Castle Events: 973- 247-0085 ext 200**

#### **Genealogy Society of Bergen County:**

Ridgewood Library, 7 PM

#### **February 25 Meeting**

*"The Use of Catholic Sacramental Records in Genealogy Research"*

*Kathleen S. Dodds, DA, presenter*

#### **March 24 Meeting**

*"A Roots Visit to the Ukraine and Slovakia"*

*Ted Semegran- presenter*

#### **April 28 Meeting**

*"Ellis Island: Myth and Reality"*

*Nancy Carnevale, presenter*

#### **Hudson County Genealogical Society:**

11 AM: Secaucus Public Library

#### **February 14 Meeting:**

*"Tracing Your Roots With DNA"*

*Mega Smolenyaks, Presenter*

#### **March 14 Meeting:**

*"Getting Organized"*

*Beverly Yackel, Presenter*

#### **April 4 Meeting:**

*"Genealogy 101"*

*Michele Chubenko, Presenter*