

Italian Genealogical Resources at the Lewiston Public Library

By the late 19th century, Italian immigrants (predominantly from southern Italy) began to stream into the Niagara area. They worked on the railroads, in the factories and helped to dig the Hydraulic Canal. However, the greatest numbers of immigrants came in the early 20th century following the First World War. Most residents of Niagara Falls, New York, (23.2%) claim Italian ancestry.

The Lewiston Public Library has a number of resources available, both at the library and online, for researching your Italian Family History. You may also order microfilm and microfiche from www.familysearch.org as the Lewiston Public Library is an Affiliate Library with Family Search. Ask about details.

Printed Sources/Books

Italian Family History—General Research

TITLE	AUTHOR	LOCATION	CALL #
Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans	Colletta, John Philip	Circulating, Non-Fiction	929.1 COLL
Italian American Genealogy: A Source Book	DeAngelis, Priscilla Grindle	Circulating, Non-Fiction	929.1 DEAN
Italian genealogical records : how to use Italian civil, ecclesiastical & other records in family history research	Cole, Trafford R. (Trafford Robertson)	Circulating, Non-Fiction	929.1 COLE
La storia : five centuries of the Italian American experience	Mangione, Jerry	Circulating, Non-Fiction	973.0451 MANG
Our Italian Surnames	Fucilla, Joseph Guerin	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	929.42 FUCI
Were you always an Italian? : ancestors and other icons of Italian America	Laurino, Maria	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	973.0451 LAUR

Immigration and Naturalization

TITLE	AUTHOR	LOCATION	CALL #
American passenger arrival records : a guide to the records of immigrants arriving at American ports by sail and steam	Tepper, Michael	Circulating, Non-Fiction	929.1072 TEPP
The family tree guide to finding your Ellis Island ancestors	Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo	Circulating, Non-Fiction	929.1072 CARM
They became Americans : Finding naturalization records and ethnic origins	Szucs, Loretto Dennis	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	929.1 SZUC
They came in ships : a guide to finding your immigrant ancestor's arrival record	Colletta, John Philip	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	929.1 COLL

Genealogy Reference Collection

Vital Records: Deaths

TITLE	AUTHOR/CREATOR	LOCATION	CALL #
Deaths in the Niagara Falls Gazette (1854-1970)	Niagara Falls Gazette	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	D1
Lewiston Village Cemetery Census	Johnson, Alan	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	D2
Niagara County Cemeteries	www.rootsweb.com	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	D11
Niagara County, NY, Burials	www.rootsweb.com	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	D10.1-D10.6
Niagara County Will Testator Index	www.sampubco.com	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	D14
St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Cemeteries	Rolling, Dorothy	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	D3

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Vital Records: Marriages

TITLE	AUTHOR/CREATOR	LOCATION	CALL #
Marriages in the Niagara Falls Gazette	Niagara Falls Gazette (1854-present)	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	M6
Ontario (Canada) Marriages	www.rootsweb.com	Non-Circulating, Reference, Genealogy Room	M8

Microfilm Onsite

TITLE	AUTHOR/CREATOR	LOCATION	CALL#
Gate of Heaven, Lewiston, NY; Cemetery Records	FamilySearch/Church of Latter Day Saints	Non-Circulating, Reference, Local History Room	MF001
Riverdale Cemetery, Lewiston, NY; Cemetery Records	FamilySearch/Church of Latter Day Saints	Non-Circulating, Reference, Local History Room	MF002
St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Lewiston, NY	FamilySearch/Church of Latter Day Saints	Non-Circulating, Reference, Local History Room	MF003

Websites

General Genealogy Websites

NAME OF WEBSITE	URL	DESCRIPTION
Ancestry.com. (LIBRARY EDITION) (available to the public on the library's patron computers)	www.ancestry.com	This popular subscription based website contains 8 billion searchable and indexed historical records.
Cyndis List	www.cyndislist.com	Access to links containing millions of Italian records.
FamilySearch	www.familysearch.org	The FamilySearch website provides the most extensive resources for Italian American research. Millions of primary source Italian vital records are being digitized and made accessible on the FamilySearch website. Records are available from the 16 th century up until the 1980's and may be viewed online. Microfilm records may also be ordered from this website.
Findagrave	www.findagrave.com	International website with volunteer generated information on gravesites and cemeteries.

Local Niagara Area Websites

NAME OF WEBSITE	URL	DESCRIPTION
Historical Association of Lewiston (HAL)	www.historiclewiston.org	Historical information specific to Lewiston, New York.
Lewiston Public Library/Genealogy	www.lewistonpubliclibrary.org	Local births, deaths and marriages posted on the website as well as other records of interest.
Monroe Fordham Regional History Center	www.monroefordham.org	Digitized Church records from Niagara Falls—including St. Joseph’s Cemetery records (including many Italian burials and obituaries)
Old Fulton New York Postcards	www.fultonhistory.com	Digitized and indexed New York State newspapers (including the Niagara Falls Gazette)
Niagara County Historical Society	www.niagarahistory.org	Historical information specific to Niagara County

Niagara County, New York, Genweb Project	www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyniagar/	Genealogical information specific to Niagara County
Niagara County, New York Will Testators	www.sampubco.com/wills/ny/nyniagara1.htm	Lists of wills held at the Niagara County Building in Lockport, NY

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Italian Research Websites

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Abruzzo 2000	www.abruzzo2000.com/genealogy/	Southern Italian research
Italian Genealogy	www.italiangenealogy.com/	Helpful hints, links, instructional, guides, tools and databases and much more
Italian Genweb Project	www.italywgw.org	Italian regional records, updated frequently
Pursuing our Italian Names Together (POINTers).	www.point-pointers.net	Italian Heritage organization

Media

Italian Language Sources/ CD ROM

TITLE	AUTHOR/CREATOR	LOCATION	CALL #
Living Language: Italian, The Complete Course, Revised & Updated (Cassettes, Conversation manual, Italian-English Dictionary)	Living Language	Language Collection, Circulating	CD 458.3421 ITAL
Maximum Italian	Living Language	Language Collection, Circulating	CD 458.2 MAXI

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Documentaries

TITLE	DIRECTOR	LOCATION	CALL #
Amico nostro Our friend : Little Italy Niagara	Little Italy Niagara	DVD Collection	B MAGADDINO
The Italian Americans	Brygider, Roman	DVD Collection	973.0451 ITAL AMERICANS

Helpful Addresses for Italian Genealogy Sources

ORGANIZATION	WEBSITE	ADDRESSES	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Lewiston Town Hall	<u>Town Clerk</u> <u>townclerk@townoflewiston.us</u> Carol J. Brandon	1375 Ridge Road PO Box 330 Lewiston, New York 14092 Phone: (716) 754-8213	Births, Marriages and Deaths for town and village of Lewiston from 1840's to the present

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<p>Niagara Falls City Clerk's Office</p>	<p>www.niagarafallsusa.org/CityClerksOffice.cfm</p>	<p>City Hall 745 Main Street P.O. Box 69 - Niagara Falls, NY 14302- 0069 Phone: (716)28 6-4396</p>	<p>Births, Marriages and Deaths for the city of Niagara Falls From 1881 to the present</p>
<p>Niagara County Historian</p>	<p>www.niagaracounty.com/departments.asp?City=Historian</p>	<p>Civil Defense Bldg., 139 Niagara St., Lockport , NY 14094 Phone: (716) 439- 7324</p>	<p>Naturalizati on Papers and more</p>

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