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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

The research objectives for this phase of the research were:

- Research for the initial immigration of the Butta [perhaps Della Chiesa] family to the U.S. within the available online records.
- Research for any New Jersey census or vital records for this family. Hopefully, we can build a family picture that mirrors the information known on the Butta family.
- Research for the birth records of all siblings of Salvatore Della Chiesa, son of Antonino Della Chiesa and Maria Aramini. One sibling was known for sure, Giuseppe Della Chiesa who was born on 14 September 1914 in Leni.
- Order a *Stato di Famiglia* [State of the Family Record] from Leni for the family of Antonino Della Chiesa and Maria Aramini. The population registers, from which this document is prepared, normally provide vital statistics for all family members, often noting emigration and surname differences. They won't always prepare this document but, if they will, it is the easiest way to find the necessary information.

This is an extension of the research on this family who was found to be using the surname Butta after immigrating to Australia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Order the conscription records of Salvatore Della Chiesa and Giuseppe Della Chiesa from the provincial archives in Messina.
- Request a search of the New Jersey birth records at the New Jersey State Archives. An onsite subcontractor can be employed to see if the available indexes missed any children born to this couple.
- Request a search of the New Jersey death records at the New Jersey State Archives. An onsite subcontractor can be employed to see if the available indexes missed any children born to this couple who died in New Jersey.

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RESEARCH REPORT

Translated abstractions of all Italian documents are included within this report as well as digital copies of each document. The abstractions contain all genealogically useful information and omit formula wording. Any comments that are needed to understand the documents' contents follow each abstraction.

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Only a subsequent immigration manifest was found for any family member, within the records of all eastern ports, as well as New Orleans, and it was for Antonino Della Chiesa only. There was an initial immigration, as evidenced by the baptismal records found for several of their children and the obvious presence of his wife to bear such children within the U.S. Their names must be severely misspelled or mistranscribed on their original manifest.

Passenger Manifest for Antonino Della Chiesa

Antonino immigrated to the U.S. on the *S.S. Hamburg*, which sailed from Naples and arrived in New York on 14 March 1910. He came by himself and the key points of the record are shown below:

Name: Antonino Della Chiesa

Age: 48 [born about 1862]

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Last resided in Leni

Wife, Maria, residing in Leni

Final Destination: New York, NY

Going to his cousin, Giovanni Casa ___ [?] at 316 E. 14th Street, New York City

Born in Leni¹ "Document 1"

COMMENTS: His surname was transcribed wrong as "Della Chresa" within the indexed manifests on Ancestry.com. I submitted a correction to Ancestry so they would have it correct from now on.

¹ Manifest, *S.S. Hamburg*, 14 March 1910, pages 29-30 [stamped], line 13, Antonino Della Chiesa, age 48; "Passenger Record," digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com; accessed 19 March 2014).

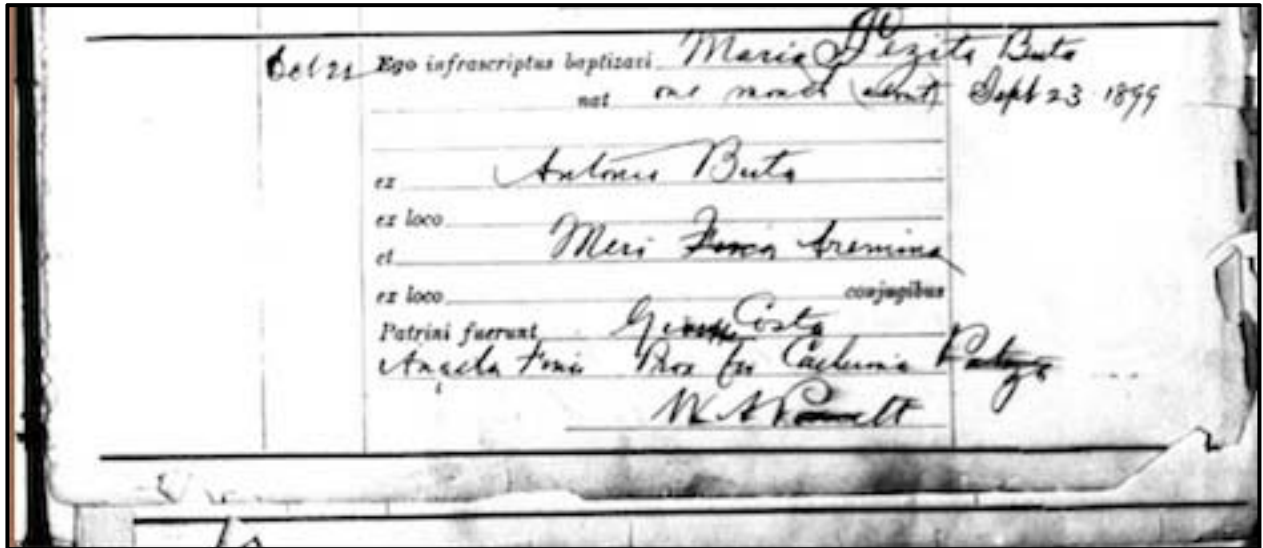


Figure 3 - Baptismal Record of Maria Fezita Buta

For the children born in Italy, see below.

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The town of Leni refused to prepare the State of the Family Certificate. Instead they sent multiple documents, which also helped to accomplish the previous research objective to find the birth records of all children of Antonino Della Chiesa/Butta and Maria Armini.

Certified Death Record of Antonino Della Chiesa

Antonino passed away in Leni on 7 February 1951. His death was recorded as number 5 in Part I of the 1951 death registers. He was born in Leni and was eighty-nine years old [born about 1862].⁵ "Document 2"

COMMENTS: They certified this record for citizenship use. His estimated birth year of 1862 has remained consistent across the records.

⁵ Leni, Messina Province, Italy, "Registro di Morte [Registers of Death], 1951," record 5, Part I, certified death record of Antonino Della Chiesa; Comune di [Town of] Leni, Via Liberta' 8, 98050 Leni, Messina Province, Italy.

Document 3

Leni, Messina Province, Italy, "Registro di Morte [Registers of Death], 1956," record 10, Part I, certified death record of Maria Aramini; Comune di [Town of] Leni, Via Liberta' 8, 98050 Leni, Messina Province, Italy.

COMUNE DI COMUNE DI LENI
Prov. di MESSINA

PROVINCIA DI _____

CERTIFICATO DI MORTE

L'UFFICIALE DELLO STATO CIVILE
CERTIFICA

N. 1
Registri Certificati

che dal Registro degli atti di Morte dell'anno 1956
N. 10 Parte I Serie 1 risulta che nel
giorno QUATTORDICI del mese di NOVEMBRE
dell'anno MILLENOVECENTOENQUANTASEI
è morta in LENI (ME) ARAMINI
MARIA
nata in LENI di ANNI SETTANTANOVE
il _____ Atto n. _____
in fede di che si rilascia PER USO
CITTADINANZA
Dalla Residenza Municipale, li 28/02/2014

IL SINDACO
Ufficiale dello Stato Civile
Bon. Riccardo GULLO

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