



Initial Consultation Report

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Subjects of Focus: Identity of Giuseppe 'Joseph' Sparno

The purpose of this report is to summarize the data and goals for your project. Please review the information in this report carefully and report if any additional information is known at project start or if any of the information should be changed or corrected.

Client has a desire to verify and prove the identities of Giuseppe 'Joseph' Sparno. During a previous phase of research it was not possible to establish and prove his specific place of origin from a digitized original record like a ship passenger list or naturalization record. A 1920 census found on our subject reported he filed his declaration of intention to become a U.S. citizen during 1907, but no record was found after a request was submitted to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service to locate that record. Since our subject began the naturalization process after 1906 his naturalization paperwork should be in possession of the U.S.C.I.S., which indicates either the date he began his naturalization paperwork is incorrect or he misreported his naturalization status, and possibly may have never filed any naturalization paperwork during his lifetime.

After no naturalization records were found by the U.S.C.I.S. genealogist analyzed the documentation found during the previous phase of research and noted that the 1918 WWI draft registration card for 'Giuseppe Sparno' conflicts with the information he reported about his naturalization status on the 1920 Federal population census. On the 1918 WWI draft card our subject reported he was a non-declared alien that had not yet begun the naturalization process. If our subject had filed his declaration of intention during 1907 he should have reported on his 1918 WWI draft card that he was a 'declared alien (non)-citizen'.

It is not clear yet if the 1920 census is accurate or if the 1918 WWI draft card reported the right information and as discussed with client Giuseppe 'Joseph' Sparno was not known to have been skilled with the English language, which may have caused a breakdown in communication when he reported his personal information to the census and the draft registration boards. Another explanation to consider about the conflicting evidence is that if he did file a 1907 declaration of intention it may be possible it did not go through and did not lead to him filing a petition for naturalization shortly after. If that occurred, it may explain why he stated he was a non-declared alien (non-citizen) during 1918. Still, during the previous phase of research, no close record matches or index entries were found to narrow down the date and place where our subject went through the naturalization process.



During a previous phase of research an important negative finding was the inability to find a digitized copy of the original naturalization paperwork for our subject and the inability to find a naturalization index entry that reported where his paperwork was filed in one of the five boroughs of New York City. It will be best for genealogist to contact the Bronx Circuit Court because it may be possible his naturalization paperwork was filed there, but for some reason has not been digitized and/or indexed yet. It seems likely that our subject would have filed in the Bronx which is why it will be important to rule out whether that government agency is in possession of any naturalization paperwork related to our subject.

It is important to note client suggested that it may be possible his Sparno ancestors may have had origins from Conca dei Marini. This tip came from a non-related individual who had an ancestor of the surname Sparno. Genealogist took this town into consideration when developing these research recommendations and quickly reviewed a 20-year index of births that occurred in Conca dei Marini during the time when our subject Giuseppe 'Joseph' Sparno was born. From documentation previously found it seems like our subject was born circa 1875 (though his WWI draft registration reported he was not aware of his specific date of birth).

The town of Conca dei Marini had a small population during the late nineteenth century and genealogist identified a child named Giuseppe Sparno born in Conca dei Marini during 1875. No other children of the same or close given or surnames were identified, which caught the attention of the genealogist. It is not clear at this stage if this match is a coincidence or if it is related to our subject, which is why it will be important to find at least a death record on our subject to cross check against this match. The parents reported on the birth record were Cresenzo Sparno and Isabella Ferraioli. A copy of the birth index entry was added to the Client Dashboard.

- SPARNO - POSSIBLE - 1875 Birth Index Entry for Giuseppe Sparno

Summary of Research Recommendations:

Genealogist recommends applying up to a half hour of correspondence time to contact the Brooklyn Circuit Court to submit a request to search for any naturalization paperwork related to Giuseppe 'Joseph' Sparno.

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Genealogist recommends applying up to a half hour of correspondence time requesting a copy of an original death record for Joseph Sparno who died in Bryn Mawr Park, Westchester County, New York. During the previous phase of research genealogist found a New York State Death Index Entry for a man named Joseph Sparno (Certificate No. 56561) who resided in Bryn Mawr Park, Westchester County, New York prior to his death. Client confirmed with genealogist that this death index entry is most likely for our subject, which is why it is important to obtain a copy of the original record for analysis. Data on the record will help to confirm if this death certificate is for the right individual. If it is confirmed to be the right individual there is a chance the identities of the parents to the deceased were reported on the death record by the death information if he or she was aware of their names.

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Itemized List of Research Recommendations:

1. Correspondence, up to .5 hours correspondence time + TBD record copy fees

- To submit a request to the Brooklyn Circuit Court to obtain a copy of any original naturalization paperwork related to Giuseppe 'Joseph' Sparno

2. Correspondence, up to .5 hours correspondence time + up to \$22 record copy fees

- To submit a request to the Bryn Mawr (Yonkers) to obtain a copy of an original death record for Joseph Sparno (Certificate No. 56561)
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