



# Initial Consultation Report

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*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.*

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### Subjects of Focus:

- (1) U.S. Research – Italian Dual Citizenship Eligibility
  - (2A) Italian Research - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Calogero Frandino[Frandina]
  - (2B) Italian Research - Identity of Siblings to Calogero Frandino
  - (3A) Italian Research - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Josephine LePresti[LoPresti]
  - (2B) Italian Research - Identity of Siblings to Josephine LePresti[LoPresti]
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### (1) U.S. Research – Italian Dual Citizenship Eligibility

Client has a desire to verify and prove whether she qualifies to apply for Italian dual citizenship by descent through her maternal grandfather Calogero Frandino [Frandina]. Client believes it may be possible Calogero 'Carl' Frandino [Frandina] did not become a naturalized citizen of the U.S. before the birth of her mother Catherine Frandino in July 1923.

To determine if client is eligible to apply for Italian dual citizenship it is important to gather copies of original documents from the U.S. including but not limited to census records to determine the naturalization status of Calogero Frandino [Frandina] over his lifetime in the U.S. Client reported Calogero Frandino [Frandina] entered the U.S. prior to WWI, but returned to Italy during WWI to fight for the Italian Army. He later came back to resettle permanently in the U.S. and died in Whitehall, Washington County, New York.

It will also be important to search for secondary documentation including but not limited to New York State vital index entries to establish and prove the specific dates of death for Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and his wife Josephine LePresti [LoPresti]. After the conclusion of this phase of research genealogist will be able to determine whether the client is eligible to apply for Italian dual citizenship. If client is found to be eligible genealogist will deliver specific recommendations to begin gathering copies of the necessary U.S. documentation required for an Italian dual citizenship application.

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## **(2A-2D) Italian Genealogical Research – Record Collections & Research Strategies by Subject**

After a review of the documentation submitted by client genealogist found the identities and direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and Josephine LePresti [LoPresti] had origins from the same location known as Patti in Messina, Sicily, Italy. In preparation of this report genealogist identified copies of original Italian civil birth, marriage and death records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy are available for genealogist to survey from the year 1910 until as early as 1820 when the Italian civil registration system was put into place on the island of Sicily. Genealogist further discovered she can remotely access Italian vital records from Patti that date from 1820-1865. Later Italian vital records from Patti that date from 1866-1910 are only available for survey on-site at a Familysearch family history center.

To learn more about the identities and direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and Josephine LePresti [LoPresti] genealogist must first survey the Italian vital records from Patti that date from 1866-1910 to search for copies of original Italian birth and marriage records related to our subjects and their parents. To learn more about the direct ancestors genealogist must first search and obtain copies of original birth records for Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and Josephine LePresti [LoPresti] because those documents will verify and prove date and place of birth, and more importantly, will allow genealogist to approximate the age of their parents at the time the children were born. Genealogist will use approximate dates of birth for the parents to Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and Josephine LePresti [LoPresti] to efficiently search and obtain copies of their original marriage records. The marriage records will be used to establish and prove the identities of the parents to Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and Josephine LePresti [LoPresti] as well as establish and prove the identities of their parents who names are not yet known.

After this phase genealogist will be prepared to continue researching the Frandino[Frandina] and LePresti[LoPresti] direct ancestors going back in time by completing a survey of the Italian vital records from Patti that date from 1865 until as early as 1820. Like the previous phase genealogist will search for copies of original birth and marriage records and after those records are analyzed the data will be used to build the family tree going back in time as far as possible. Although the civil records from Patti only date as early as 1820 the data from those records will reveal more about individuals born prior to that year but did not register a vital event like a birth or marriage until 1820 or later. Before the introduction of vital records on the island of Sicily most vital events were reported to the local Roman Catholic church after an event like a baptism, marriage or burial was registered. Genealogist was unable to find Roman Catholic church records from Patti that are remotely accessible but may be able to make additional specific recommendations to request copies of original documents from the parish or parishes after research time is applied.



In addition to the research recommendations made below for the direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] genealogist also included two recommendations in this report to learn more about the siblings to Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] born in Italy. If client has a desire to establish and prove the identities of all the siblings to Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] genealogist can search for copies of their original Italian birth records. The most efficient way to establish and prove the identities of siblings to our subjects is to begin looking for their birth records after the marriage records for the parents of Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] are obtained. Once those documents are found genealogist will be able to identify the earliest year the couple began to have children as typically a child was born shortly after their date of marriage.

In addition, genealogist will be able to determine how many years should be surveyed based upon the approximate age of their mother. For example, if Filippo Frandina and Carmela Natoli were married circa 1875 and Carmela was born circa 1857 genealogist would begin surveying for birth records of their children from as early as 1875 and survey until as late as about 1902 when the mother was about 45. This process can be repeated per generation depending upon whether the client has a desire to learn more about the siblings of each direct ancestor.

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#### **(2A) Italian Research - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Calogero Frandino[Frandina]**

A copy of an original church-issued marriage record was submitted by client for Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] to establish and prove they were married in the United States on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1911. The record reported our subject Calogero Frandina was born in Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1885 to Filippo Frandina and Carmela Natoli.

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#### **(2B) Italian Research - Identity of Siblings to Calogero Frandino[Frandina]**

No evidence has been obtained yet on the identity of any siblings to Calogero Frandino[Frandina] that were born in Italy or may have also migrated to the U.S.

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#### **(2C) Italian Research - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Josephine LePresti[LoPresti]**

A copy of an original church-issued marriage record was submitted by client for Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] to establish and prove they were married in the United States on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1911. The record reported our subject Calogero Frandina was born in Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1885 to Filippo Frandina and Carmela Natoli.

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## **(2D) Italian Research - Identity of Siblings to Josephine LePresti[LoPresti]**

A copy of an original church-issued marriage record was submitted by client for a sister to Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] named Grazia or Grace LePresti[LoPresti] married on the same day as Josephine on the 26 of February 1911. On the marriage record Grazia was reported to have been born in Patti on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1890. Another marriage record from 1921 was submitted for the identity of Maria LePresti[LoPresti] and she was reported to have been born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1903. The last marriage record submitted was from the year 1912, but the script on the image is light and hard to make out; it is clearly a marriage record for another sibling to Josephine LePresti[LoPresti].

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### **Summary of Research Recommendations:**

#### **(1) U.S. Research – Italian Dual Citizenship Eligibility**

Genealogist recommends applying up a half hour of research time completing a digital collections survey on the identities of Calogero Frandino[Frandina] and his wife Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] to determine if client is eligible to apply for an Italian dual citizenship through descent from her maternal grandfather.

*Digital Collections Survey is a term we use to describe a research survey that exhausts all available collections of documents that are published online including but not limited to Ancestry.com and other premium information service databases. Copies of original documentation may include census, vital, military, probate, land and church records; secondary documentation may include copies of record transcriptions, record index entries and published genealogies.*

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#### **(2A) Italian Research – Part 1 - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Calogero Frandino[Frandina] – 1866-1910**

Genealogist recommends applying up to two hours of research time completing an on-site digital collections survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, on the identity and direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino[Frandina] using Italian civil records from Patti that date from 1866-1910.

*An On-Site Digital Collections Survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York is a term we use to describe a research survey that must be performed at a Familysearch Family History Centers. Familysearch offers remote access to the public of some digitized record collections, but many of digitized record collections are locked from the public and only accessible to the public on-site at Familysearch Family History Centers using a special portal.*

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**(2B) Italian Research - Identity of Siblings to Calogero Frandino[Frandina]**

Genealogist recommends applying up to two hours of research time completing an on-site digital collections survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, to search for copies of original Italian civil birth records from Patti to establish and prove the identities of all siblings to Calogero Frandino[Frandina]

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**(2C) Italian Research - Part 1 - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] - 1866-1910**

Genealogist recommends applying up to an two hours of research time completing an on-site digital collections survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, on the identity and direct ancestors of Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] using Italian civil records from Patti that date from 1866-1910.

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**(2D) Italian Research - Identity of Siblings to Josephine LePresti[LoPresti]**

Genealogist recommends applying up to two hours of research time completing an on-site digital collections survey at the Familysearch Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, on the identity of all siblings to Jopsephine LePresti[LoPresti] born in 1910 and earlier.

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**(3A) Italian Research - Part 2 - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Calogero Frandino[Frandina] - 1820-1865**

Genealogist recommends applying up to two hours of research time completing a digital collections survey on the identity and direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino [Frandina] using Italian civil records from Patti that date from 1820-1865.

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**(3B) Italian Research - Part 2 - Identity & Direct Ancestors of Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] - 1820-1865**

Genealogist recommends applying up to an two hours of research time completing a digital collections survey on the identity and direct ancestors of Josephine LePresti[LoPresti] using Italian civil records from Patti that date from 1820-1865.

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## Itemized List of Research Recommendations:

### 1. Digital Collections Survey, Up to .5 hours research time

- Research survey on the identities of Calogero Frandino [Frandina] and his wife Josephine LePresti [LoPresti] to determine if client is eligible to apply for an Italian dual citizenship through descent from her maternal grandfather

### 2A. On-Site Research at Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, Up to 2 hours research time

- An on-site survey of FamilySearch digitized records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy that date from 1866-1910 to search to obtain copies of original documentation to learn more about the identity and direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino [Frandina]

### 2B. On-Site Research at Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, Up to 2 hours research time

- An on-site survey of FamilySearch digitized records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy that date from 1866-1910 to search to obtain copies of original documentation to learn more about the siblings of Calogero Frandino [Frandina]

### 2C. On-Site Research at Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, Up to 2 hours research time

- An on-site survey of FamilySearch digitized records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy that date from 1866-1910 to search to obtain copies of original documentation to learn more about the identity and direct ancestors of Josephine LePresti [LoPresti]

### 2D. On-Site Research at Family History Center in Loudonville, New York, Up to 2 hours research time

- An on-site survey of FamilySearch digitized records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy that date from 1866-1910 to search to obtain copies of original documentation to learn more about the siblings of Josephine LePresti [LoPresti]

### 3A. Digital Collections Survey, Up to 2 hours research time

- Research survey of records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy that date from 1820-1865 on the identity and direct ancestors of Calogero Frandino [Frandina]

### 3B. Digital Collections Survey, Up to 2 hours research time

- Research survey of records from Patti, Messina, Sicily, Italy that date from 1820-1865 on the identity and direct ancestors of Josephine LePresti [LoPresti]
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## Pedigree Chart for Catherine Frandino at Project Start

Dated 9-14-2018

### Parents

### Grandparents

#### Calogero Frandino[Frandina]

b: 13 Oct 1885 in Patti,  
Messina, Sicilia, Italy  
m: 26 Feb 1911 in USA  
d: Whitehall, Washington, New  
York, USA

#### Filippo Frandina

b:  
m: Bef. 1885  
d:

#### Carmela Natoli

b:  
d:

#### Catherine Frandino

b: 31 Jul 1923  
m:  
d:

#### Josephine LePresti[LoPresti]

b: 07 Sep 1894 in Patti,  
Messina, Sicilia, Italy  
d: Whitehall, Washington, New  
York, USA

#### Giuseppe LoPresti

b: Patti, Messina, Sicilia, Italy  
m: Bef. 1885  
d:

#### Caterina DiDio

b:  
d: