DeJoice Research

The family is linked to Troia in the province of Foggia, and region of Apulia in southern Italy. This is a web site that can be used to research local records.

https://www.italianside.com/puglia/foggia/troia/genealogy/

<https://www.italianside.com/submit-your-request/>

[***genealogy@italianside.com***](mailto:genealogy@italianside.com)

The family also lived in Renovo, Clinton County, Pennsylvania

<https://www.clintonpahistory.org/research.html>

<https://www.clintoncountypa.com/government/register-recorder/genealogy>

Clinton County Register & Recorder

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Our Marriage records start with October 1885 and continue to the present.

We have Birth and Death records that cover the years from 1893 through 1905.

Our office maintains land and estate records from 1839 until the present time.

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There is a 1915 immigration record for Edward. The following are leads to his Italian roots.

* His Mother Lucia Stanza was still in Italy.
* His Italian residence was Benevereto. [[1]](#footnote-1)
* His Uncle was Giovanni Bonanto who lived in the United States.
* His final destination was Sykesville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

Giovanni Bonanto an uncle to Edward, living in Sykesville.

* One family named Bonanto lived in Sykesville.

Father’s Sister married Giovanni Bonanto – OR – Mother’s Sister married Giovanni Bonanto.

1910

John Bonante 51 immigrated 1890

Martha S Bonante 45 immigrated 1891

Tony H Bonante 18 Son immigrated 1891

Mary C Bonante 12 Daughter immigrated 1891

James Bonante 10 Son

Nellie Bonante 7 Daughter

Eva M Bonante 4 Daughter

1920

John Bonanti 62 Head

Mary Bonanti 55 Wife

Nick Bonanti 35 Son

Andrew Bonanti 27 Son

Jan?Er Bonanti 19 Son

Nellie Bonanti 16 Daughter

Mary Bonanti 12 Daughter

Name: Nick Bonanti

[Nish Bonanti]

Race: White

Birth Date: 16 Jun 1884

Residence Date: 1917-1918

Residence Place: Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, USA

Draft Board: 1

Physical Build: Medium

Height: Short

Hair Color: Black

Eye Color: Brown

Relative: Grazmccia Bonanti Gramscian Grace his wife

Name: Mrs Marie Bonante

[Mrs Marie Staugler]

Gender: Female

Race: White

Death Age: 61

Birth Date: 23 Jan 1865

Birth Place: Italy

Death Date: 25 Feb 1926

Death Place: Clearfield, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, USA

Father: Vincenzo Staugler

Mother: Terafina Oigemern

Certificate Number: 17346

Important Details:

Giuseppe Nicola Di Gioia was born May 1865 in Troia in the Pugila region, Foggia province, Italy. His name on America records, and his American family name, was Nicholas DeJoice.

* Came to America about 1895, but have no record of his emigration from Italy.
* About 1914 Nicholas and his family went back to Troia, or Pugila region, Italy to visit his family. While visiting, Nicholas died, and his family returned April 1915 to the US.

Questions:

1. When was he born and who are his parents, electronic copies of records?
2. Who are his parent’s ancestors, electronic copies of records?
3. When and how did he die, and where is he buried, electronic copies of records?

Nicholas married Lucia Stanga about 1890 in Italy. Lucia Stanga was born October 6th 1868 to Vincent and Sarah Stanga in Troia, Foggia Province of the Puglia Region, Italy. Lucia’s name on America records, and her American family name was Lucy DeJoice.

* On February 9th 1899, 30-year-old Lucia Stanga arrived at Ellis Island, New York, New York on the ship Alesia from Naples, Italy. Two children were with her, 7-year-old Son Gaetana Stanga and 4-year-old Daughter Giovanna Stanga.
* About 1914 Lucy and her family went back to Troia, or Pugila region, Italy to visit her family.
* On April 25th 1915 Lucia Stango and her children arrived from Naples, Italy on the ship, Canopic, at the port of Boston, Massachusetts. Her children who returned,
* Edward returned in Feb 1915
* Jennie remained in Italy where she died about 1920
* 13-year-old daughter Maria (Marie)
* 11-year-old daughter old Cristina (Christie)
* 9-year-old son Giuseppe (Joseph)
* 7-year-old son Vincenzo (James)
* 4-year-old daughter Carmela (Carla)

Questions:

1. Marriage record, or details, of her marriage to Giuseppe Nicola Di Gioia, electronic copies of records?
2. When was she born and who are his parents, electronic copies of records?
3. Who are her parent’s ancestors, electronic copies of records?
4. Was she previously married, electronic copies of records?

Nicholas and Lucy had three children with ties to family in Italy.

1. Gaetano Edoardo Digioia was born July 10th 1891 in the Pugila region of Troia, Italy. Gaetano went by the name Edward Dejoice.
   * + About 1913-1914 Edward went back to Italy. While there he was conscripted into Italian military service where he spent two and half months as a private in the Italy Army.
     + Edward’s parents paid a lawyer $2,000 to use Edward’s his parent’s United States citizen papers get papers to get Edward out of serving. The lawyer also arranged for Edward to board ship in Naples for his return to America.
     + On February 26th 1915 Edward stowed away on the ship and returned to the U.S.

Questions:

1. When and where was he born, electronic copies of records?
2. Information on Edward’s Italy Army 1914 service, electronic copies of records?
3. Are there any Military or Civil Court records related to his service, electronic copies of records?
4. Giovanna Di Gioia was born in August 1893 in the Pugila region of Troia, Italy. Giovanna went by the name Jeannie and Jennie.

* Jennie’s husband’s family lived in Milan and he wanted to return with his bride to Italy. His family owned a successful restaurant.  Family name Caputo?
* Jennie was reported, but has not been verified, Jeanine died September 11th 1920 from influenza while living in Italy. Shortly after her death, her husband died of a broken heart. They had 3 children who then lived with their grandparents (his family).

Questions:

1. When and where was he born, electronic copies of records?
2. Information on Jennie and her husband’s family, electronic copies of records?
3. Jessie DeJoice was born December 24th 1899 in Brockway, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

* On November 29th 1913, an almost 14-year-old, Jennie DeJoice married Dominic Valeria. Dominic was born March 6th 1887 to Nicola Valeria and Beatrice DeFabio in Montorio, Italy. The Valeria family owned a vineyard.
* About 1914 Jessie and Dominic went to Italy with her father, Nickolas, mother Lucy, sister Jennie, brother Edward, and sister Marie Dejoice.
* When the DeJoice family returned in 1915, Jessie and her family remained in Italy. Then on February 2nd 1921, the family immigrated back the US, heading to Renovo.
* Jessie’s name on the passenger manifest was Giovina Di Gioia.

Questions:

1. Information on Jessie and her husband’s Valeria and DeFabio family, electronic copies of records?

1. Benevento is a city and commune of Campania, Italy, capital of the province of Benevento, 50 kilometers (31 miles) northeast of Naples, and 115 kilometers (72 miles) west from Trioa. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)