Chapter 16. Linda Ferraro's Parents: Francesco and Catterina

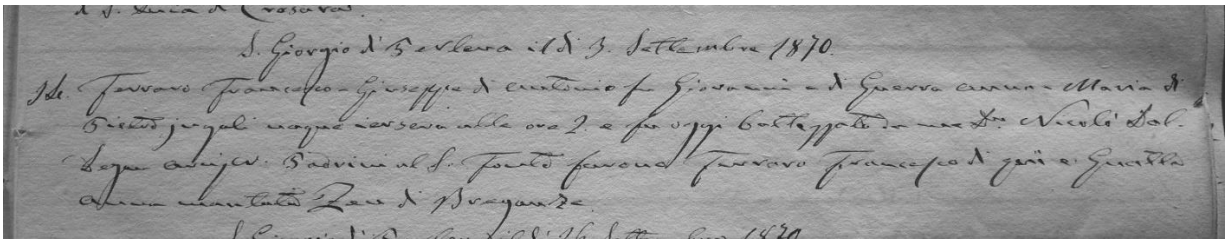
Summary

The parents of (Anna) Linda Ferraro were Francesco Giuseppe *[Frank]* Ferraro, from San Giorgio di Perlena, Italy, and Catterina *[Catherine]* Villanova, from Mure *[in Molvena],* Italy. They were married on 3 Jul 1891 in San Giorgio di Perlena. They came to the U.S. in 1920 with 3 of their children: Linda, Sebastiano *[Gino],* and Sereno. Already in the U.S. were 3 boys: Narciso *[Narcissus],* Virginio, and Giovanni *[John].* Their other children were Ida/Aida, Lino, Catterina, Alfredo, Sabino, and Lidia/Livia. Frank and Catherine lived in Rockford IL. He died 29 Mar 1926; she died 28 Sep 1941.

Francesco Giuseppe *[Frank Joseph]* Ferraro (1870 - 1926)

Francesco *[Frank]* Ferraro and Catterina *[Catherine]* Villanova

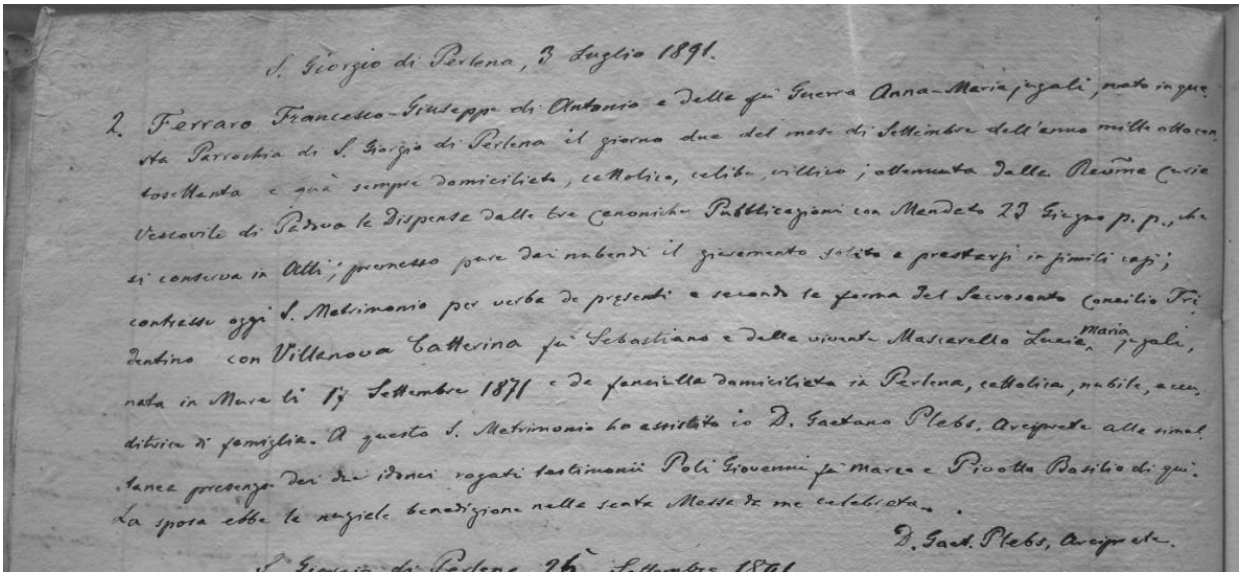
Francesco Giuseppe *[Frank Joseph]* Ferraro was born on 2 Sep 1870 in San Giorgio di Perlena, Vicenza, Veneto, Italy. His parents were Antonio Ferraro and Anna Maria Guerra.



Record (above) and Research Notes (below) from My Italian Family, LLC

> Francesco Giuseppe was born in San Giorgio on 2 Sep 1870, son of Antonio (son of Giovanni) and of Anna Maria GUERRA; his parents got married in Breganze on 7 Feb 1850. Francesco Giuseppe was the youngest of 9 children. He was born at 2 p.m. Godparents were Francesco Ferraro son of the late Giovanni from this parish and Anna Gualla in Zan from Breganze. Rosa Rossi from Breganze was the midwife

Francesco married Catterina Villanova on 3 Jul 1891 in San Giorgio di Perlena, Italy.



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> The marriage was celebrated in San Giorgio di Perlena on 3 Jul 1891. Francesco Giuseppe Ferraro, son of Antonio and of the late Anna Maria Guerra, born in this parish on 2 Sep 1870 and here domiciled, catholic, farmer and single, married

Catterina Villanova daughter of the late Sebastiano and of Lucia Maria Mascarello born in Mure on Sept. 17, 1871 and domiciled in this town when she was a girl (fanciulla), catholic, single, care taker. Witnesses to the wedding: Giovanni Poli son of the late Marco and Basilio Picotto.

San Giorgio di Perlena Church and its Belltower

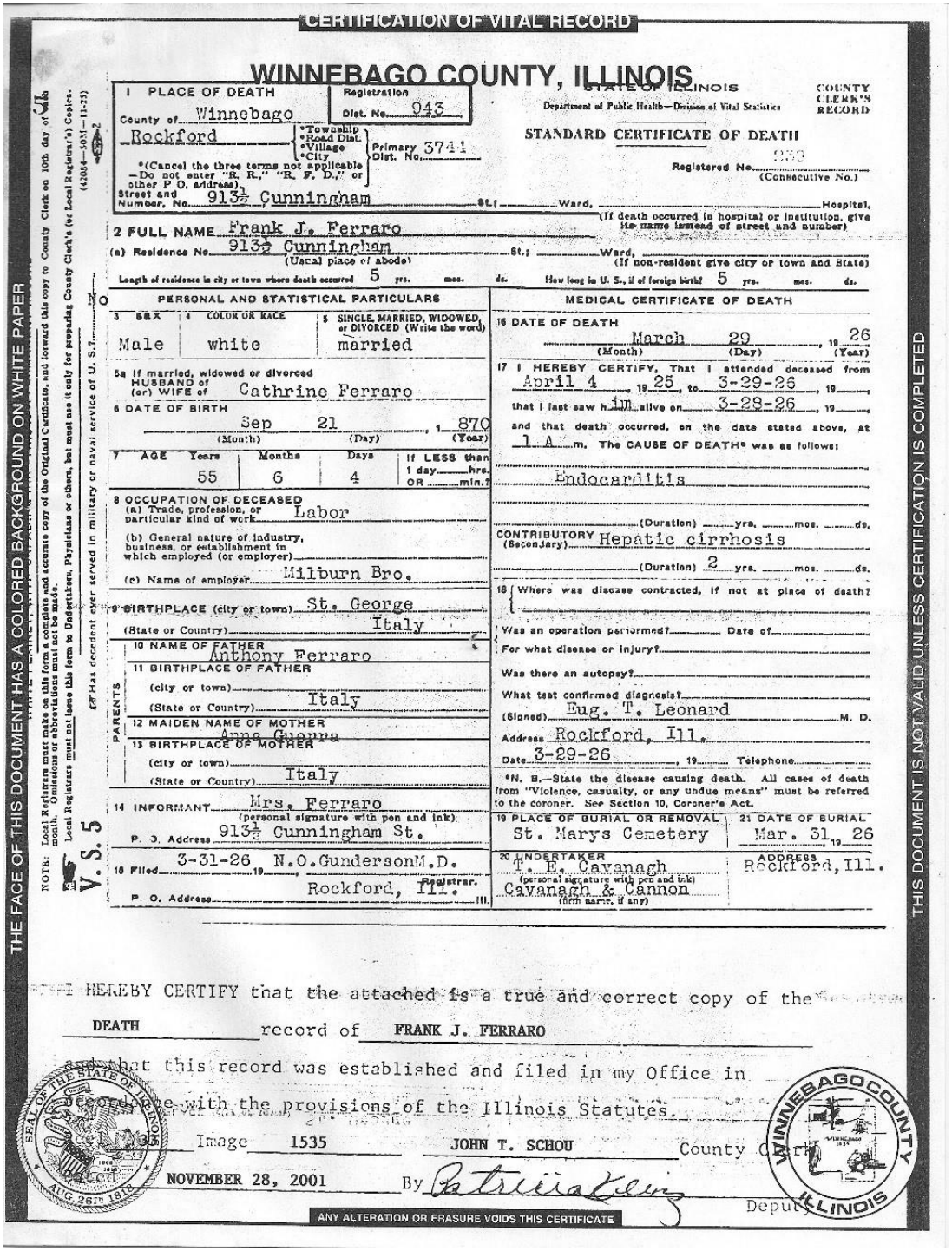
As discussed in chapter 15, Frank, Catherine, and 3 of their children immigrated to the U.S. on the *S.S. Regina d'Italia*, arriving in New York on 1 Nov 1920. Their destination was the home of their son Virginio in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois.

Since his wife Catherine is listed as being 5' tall on her Alien Registration form, it is speculated that Frank was about 5'3" to 5'5" tall. He had dark hair and dark eyes.

Frank was listed as a painter at Greenlee *[a machine/tool company opened in 1862]* in the 1923 and 1925 Rockford city directories, residing at 913 Sanford.

He died in Rockford on 29 Mar 1926 of endocarditis with hepatic cirrhosis contributing. At the time of his death he had been working as a laborer for Milburn Bro., and his address was 913½ Cunningham St. He is buried at St. Mary / St. James Cemetery in Rockford.

Frank J. Ferraro's Tombstone



CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE OF ILLINOIS — Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registered No. 989 (Consecutive No.)

1 PLACE OF DEATH — Registration Dist. No. 043 — Primary Dist. No. 3741

County of Winnebago — Rockford — *Township *Road Dist. *Village *City

*(Cancel the three terms not applicable —Do not enter "R. R." "R. F. D." or other P. O. address)

Street and Number, No. 913½ Cunningham St. — Ward — Hospital, (If death occurred in hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Frank J. Ferraro

(a) Residence No. 913½ Cunningham St. (Usual place of abode) — Ward — (If non-resident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 5 yrs. mos. ds. — How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 5 yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: Male — 4 COLOR OR RACE: white — 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, or DIVORCED (Write the word): married

5a If married, widowed or divorced — HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of: Cathrine Ferraro

6 DATE OF BIRTH: Sep 21, 1870 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE: Years 55 — Months 6 — Days 4 — If LESS than 1 day ____ hrs. OR ____ min.?

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Labor
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer):
(c) Name of employer: Milburn Bro.

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town): St. George
(State or Country): Italy

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER: Anthony Ferraro
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town): (State or Country): Italy
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Anna Guerra
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town): (State or Country): Italy

14 INFORMANT: Mrs. Ferraro (personal signature with pen and ink)
P. O. Address 913½ Cunningham St.

15 Filed 3-31-26 — Registrar: N.O.GundersonM.D.
P. O. Address Rockford, Ill.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH: March 29, 26 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from April 4, 25, to 3-29-26, that I last saw him alive on 3-28-26, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1 A m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Endocarditis (Duration) ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Hepatic cirrhosis (Duration) 2 yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

18 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Was an operation performed? ____ Date of ____
For what disease or injury?
Was there an autopsy?
What test confirmed diagnosis?

(Signed) Eug. T. Leonard M. D.
Address Rockford, Ill.
Date 3-29-26, 19____ Telephone

*N. B.—State the disease causing death. All cases of death from "Violence, casualty, or any undue means" must be referred to the coroner. See Section 10, Coroner's Act.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: St. Marys Cemetery
21 DATE OF BURIAL: Mar. 31, 26

20 UNDERTAKER: T. E. Cavanagh (personal signature with pen and ink) Cavanagh & Cannon (firm name, if any)
ADDRESS: Rockford, Ill.

NOTE: Local Registrars must make on this form a complete and accurate copy of the Original Certificate, and forward this copy to County Clerk on 10th day of the month. Omissions or abbreviations must not be made.
Local Registrars must not issue this form to Undertakers, Physicians or others, but must use it only for preparing County Clerk's (or Local Registrar's) Copies.
(42004—50M—11-25)

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THE FACE OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND ON WHITE PAPER

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT VALID UNLESS CERTIFICATION IS COMPLETED

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the DEATH record of FRANK J. FERRARO and that this record was established and filed in my Office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes.

SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS — AUG 26TH 1915

Book M 03 Image 1535 JOHN T. SCHOU County Clerk

NOVEMBER 28, 2001 By Patricia Klein Deputy

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ILLINOIS

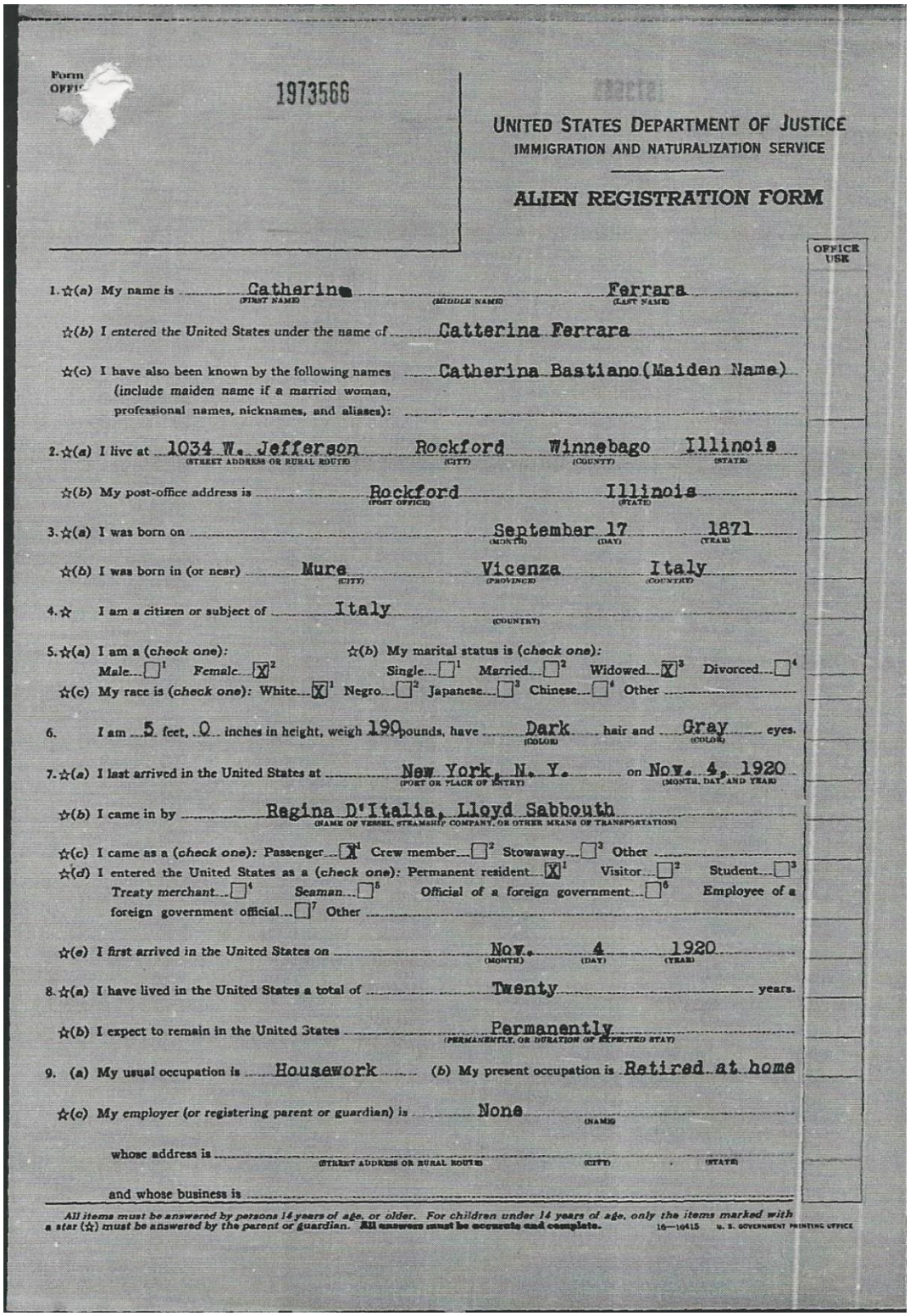
ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

Frank J. Ferraro's Death Certificate

Catterina *[Catherine]* (Villanova) Ferraro (1871 – 1941)

Catterina/Catarina *[Catherine]* Villanova was born on 17 Sep 1871 in Mure *[an area in Molvena]*, Vicenza, Italy. Her parents were Sebastino Villanova and Lucia Maria Mascarello.

Catherine and grandson Fred Ferraro (son of Narcissus)



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ALIEN REGISTRATION FORM

OFFICE USE

1. ☆(a) My name is Catherina (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME) Ferrara (LAST NAME)

☆(b) I entered the United States under the name of Catterina Ferrara

☆(c) I have also been known by the following names (include maiden name if a married woman, professional names, nicknames, and aliases): Catherina Bastiano (Maiden Name)

2. ☆(a) I live at 1034 W. Jefferson (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) Rockford (CITY) Winnebago (COUNTY) Illinois (STATE)

☆(b) My post-office address is Rockford (POST OFFICE) Illinois (STATE)

3. ☆(a) I was born on September (MONTH) 17 (DAY) 1871 (YEAR)

☆(b) I was born in (or near) Mure (CITY) Vicenza (PROVINCE) Italy (COUNTRY)

4. ☆ I am a citizen or subject of Italy (COUNTRY)

5. ☆(a) I am a (check one): Male ☐[1] Female ☒[2]

☆(b) My marital status is (check one): Single ☐[1] Married ☐[2] Widowed ☒[3] Divorced ☐[4]

☆(c) My race is (check one): White ☒[1] Negro ☐[2] Japanese ☐[3] Chinese ☐[4] Other

6. I am 5 feet, 0 inches in height, weigh 190 pounds, have Dark (COLOR) hair and Gray (COLOR) eyes.

7. ☆(a) I last arrived in the United States at New York, N. Y. (PORT OR PLACE OF ENTRY) on Nov. 4, 1920 (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR)

☆(b) I came in by Regina D'Italia, Lloyd Sabbouth (NAME OF VESSEL, STEAMSHIP COMPANY, OR OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION)

☆(c) I came as a (check one): Passenger ☒[1] Crew member ☐[2] Stowaway ☐[3] Other

☆(d) I entered the United States as a (check one): Permanent resident ☒[1] Visitor ☐[2] Student ☐[3] Treaty merchant ☐[4] Seaman ☐[5] Official of a foreign government ☐[6] Employee of a foreign government official ☐[7] Other

☆(e) I first arrived in the United States on Nov. (MONTH) 4 (DAY) 1920 (YEAR)

8. ☆(a) I have lived in the United States a total of Twenty years.

☆(b) I expect to remain in the United States Permanently (PERMANENTLY, OR DURATION OF EXPECTED STAY)

9. (a) My usual occupation is Housework (b) My present occupation is Retired at home

☆(c) My employer (or registering parent or guardian) is None (NAME)

whose address is (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) (CITY) (STATE)

and whose business is

All items must be answered by persons 14 years of age, or older. For children under 14 years of age, only the items marked with a star (☆) must be answered by the parent or guardian. **All answers must be accurate and complete.**

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Catherine Ferraro's Alien Registration Form - front

10. ...am, or have been within the past 5 years, or intend to be engaged in the following activities:
In addition to other information, list memberships or activities in clubs, organizations, or societies

Ladies Venitian Society, a fraternal organization.

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11. My military or naval service has been None (COUNTRY)

(BRANCH OF SERVICE) From (DATE) to (DATE)

12. ☆I Have not (HAVE, HAVE NOT) applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application

First citizenship papers received (DATE) (NUMBER) (CITY) (STATE)

Filed petition for naturalization (DATE) (CITY) (STATE)

13. ☆I have the following specified relatives living in the United States:

Parent(s) None (NONE, ONE, OR BOTH) Husband or wife No (YES OR NO) Children Five Boys (NUMBER)

14. I Have not (HAVE, HAVE NOT) been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:

Nature of offense	*Date of arrest*	*Place of arrest*	*Disposition of case*

15. Within the past 5 years I Have not (HAVE, HAVE NOT) been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a foreign government.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Catherina Ferraro
(SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp below.

Joseph Cholek
(REGISTERING OFFICIAL)

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the
(PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR)

the above-named alien, who is
(UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, OR INSANE)

and have made the above allegations for him (or her). I have read or have had the same read to me, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

(SIGNATURE OF PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ALIEN)

PRINT NAME, ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS OF PERSON SIGNING THIS AFFIDAVIT IN 9(c), ABOVE.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp at the right.

ROCKFORD, ILL. SEP 20 1940 M. O. B.

(REGISTERING OFFICIAL)

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Catherine Ferraro's Alien Registration Form - back

Her Alien Registration Form completed on 20 Sep 1940 shows her maiden name as Catherina Bastiano. We have no information on that surname and cannot explain its use. The church records show her as Catterina Villanova. This form is the only place in our research that we have seen the surname Bastiano mentioned. Her address was 1034 W. Jefferson, Rockford IL. She was a citizen of Italy at the time of her completing this form and had been born in Mure *[an area within Molvena]*, Vicenza, Italy. She was a widow, 5' tall, weighing 190 pounds, with dark hair and gray eyes. She arrived as a passenger on the *S.S. Regina d'Italia* on 4 Nov 1920 and expected to live in the U.S. permanently. She was retired, with housework listed as her occupation. She was a member of the Ladies Venitian Society, a fraternal organization, and had 5 sons living in the U.S. She had not been arrested or been a member of any of the organizations listed on the form.

Catherine (and Frank before his death) lived at the following addresses in Rockford, according to city directories published in the years listed.

1921	Ferraro, Frank & Kate, r. 810 Houghton
1922	Ferraro, Frank, 710 N. Madison, works Greenlee
1923	Ferraro, Frank, r. 913 Sanford, painter Greenlee
1924	No Frank or Kate
1925	Ferraro, Frank & (Kath.) painter Greenlee r. 817 Sanford
1926	Ferraro, Cath (wid Frank) r. 817 Sanford
1927	Ferraro, Cath (wid Frank) r. 726 Sanford
1928	No Catherine
1929	Ferraro, Cath. (wid Frank J.) r. 1220 Green
1930	Ferraro, Cath. (wid Frank J.) r. 1220 Green
1933	Ferraro, Cath. (widow Frank) h. 825 Kent
1935	Ferraro, Cath. (wid Frank J.) r. 1303 Preston
1938	Ferraro, Cath. (wid Frank) r. 1034 W. Jefferson
1940	Ferraro, Cath. (wid Frank) r. 1034 W. Jefferson
1941	Ferraro, Cath. (wid Frank) r. 1034 W. Jefferson

Catherine Ferraro

Catherine Ferraro

Mary [wife of Narcissus], Catherine, and Narcissus Ferraro

Catherine died of stomach cancer at her home, 1034 W. Jefferson St., in Rockford, on 28 Sep 1941. She was 64 years old. She is buried at St. Mary / St. James Cemetery in Rockford.

Catherine Ferraro's Tombstone

Additional information on the Ferraro ancestry provided by *My Italian Family, LLC*:

In the middle of the 1800s there were only two FERRARO families in San Giorgio:

1) Antonio's family
2) Francesco's family, Francesco being Antonio's brother.

Neither Antonio nor Francesco were born in San Giorgio. There are very few people with the name Ferraro between the end of 1700s and 1820 and they are mostly listed in the death registers.

The family was not originally from San Giorgio and we cannot say for sure that they were from Breganze either. In order to learn more we would have to research the registers of Breganze which at the moment have been moved to the Dioceses of Vicenza for "maintainance".

We were unable to find Antonio's death, while we found his wife's death (d. 1876).

NOTE: the 1859 baptismal record for Antonio Ferraro lists him as "Antonio son of Giovanni" and of Anna Maria GUERRA, when it should have read "Antonio son of Antonio" and of Anna Maria GUERRA.