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Summary Report

The goal of this research project was to assist the client in preparation for the client's future filing of a dual-citizenship application with the country of Italy by researching Antonio Cocci to determine if he became a United States citizen. We were also asked to obtain Antonio's birth record and the record of his marriage to Felice Paupo.

During our research session, we were able to obtain the following documents:

- 1. Antonio Cocchi's certified 5 December 1948 death record from Orangeburg, Rockland County, New York
- 2. Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo's certified 26 November 1894 marriage record from S. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy
- 3. Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo's civil marriage record, dated 7 September 1894 in Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy
- 4. A copy of Felicia Puopolo's 1 April 1876 baptismal record from S. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy
- 5. A copy of Felicia Puopola's birth record, dated 1 April 1876 in Poggiomarino
- 6. A certified copy of Dora Cocchi's birth record, dated 4 May 1904, from the New York City Archives

Background

The client believed Antonio was born about 1875, presumably in Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy. Antonio married Felice Paupo and is the father of Dora Teresa Fortuna Cocci.

Summary¹

Since onsite research in Italy is costly and needs to be specific to the town the ancestor lived in, we began our research in U.S. records to identify the village of origin for Antonio. Antonio could not be found in the Eastern District of New York naturalization records from 1907–1957. There was also no record of him ever naturalizing in the county of Westchester. Antonio was listed as an alien in the 1910 U.S. Census. Antonio Cocchi died in the Rockland State Hospital in Orangeburg, Rockland County, New York, on 3 December 1948. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery. His death certificate also noted he was an alien.

With U.S. records not showing Antonio's place of birth, we turned our attention to other members of his family. On 11 April 1901, his wife Felicia Puopolo arrived in the United States with their children Teresa and Andrea. The passenger list recorded the family was from Poggiomarino, Italy.

With this information, we contacted an Italian onsite researcher to gather information on the Cocchi family. Unfortunately, many of Poggiomarino's civil records were destroyed during World War II. We were, however, able to turn to church records. The priest of Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino worked with our researcher to provide several documents. A certified sacramental marriage record was obtained for Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo. The couple married in the church on 26 November 1894. Antonio was the son of Andrea Cocci and Teresa Boccia. Felicia was the daughter of Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto.

At the end of the research time, the State Archives of Naples replied stating a civil marriage record was found which indicated they married civilly on 27 September 1894. The civil marriage record stated Antonio's place of birth was Flocco/Boscoreale in Naples, but a

¹ Please refer to the attached research analysis portion of this project for all sources searched and detailed analysis. This section represents an executive summary only.

search in the year 1875 at the State Archives of Naples did not find his birth record. Felicia's birth record was also located. She was born on 1 April 1876 and baptized the same day in S. Antonio's. However, there was no record of Antonio Cocchi having been baptized in S. Antonio. It is possible Antonio could have been baptized in Chiesa del Santissimo Rosario del Flocco in Poggiomarino, which could be investigated in a future research session.

Recommendations

- 1. Send an onsite researcher to the State Archives of Naples to conduct a broader search of years for Antonio's civil birth record.
- 2. Commission an onsite search using the records of Chiesa del Santissimo Rosario del Flocco in Poggiomarino to see if Antonio Cocchi's baptism record is located there.
- 3. Once the National Archives in New York reopens, order a search for Antonio's naturalization record and request that a certificate of non-existence be provided.

Thank you for entrusting your family history to us and allowing us to provide you with a good start toward gathering documentation for your quest to obtain Italian dual citizenship. We look forward to working together again soon.

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Research Analysis

GOALS

Conduct research to gather information to assist the client in preparation for the client's future filing of a dual-citizenship application with the country of Italy. Research the client's second-great-grandfather, Antonio Cocci, who was born about 1875, presumed to be in Poggiomarino, Napoli, Italy. He married Felice Paupo and is the father of Dora Teresa Fortuna Cocci.

- 1. Research Antonio's naturalization records to determine if and when he became a citizen of the United States.
- 2. Obtain a certified birth record for Antonio.
- 3. Obtain a certified marriage record for Antonio and Felice.

ANTONIO COCCHI IN U.S. DOCUMENTS	
Source	Comments
1910 U.S. Census (population schedule), Manhattan, New York County, New York, ED 937, sheet 17B, Antony Cocchi household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed February 2022. DOCUMENT 1.	 1910 U.S. Census for the household of Antony Cocchi on East 10th Street in Manhattan, New York Antony, age 33, born in Italy, married for sixteen years, immigrated from Italy in 1900, alien, barber Mary, wife, age 33, born in Italy, had ten children of which six were still alive, immigrated in 1905 from Italy Jessie, daughter, age 12, born in Italy, immigrated in 1905 Annie, daughter, age 7, born in Italy, immigrated in 1905 Dora, daughter, age 5, born in New York Josephine, daughter, age 3, born in New York Aveline, daughter, age 2, born in New York Tony, son, age 2 months, born in New York

1905 New York State Census (population schedule), Manhattan, New York County, New York, ED 5, sheet 22, Anthony Cocchi household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed February 2022. DOCUMENT 2.	 1905 New York State Census for the household of Antonio Cocci Anthony, age 28, born Italy, alien, barber "Flaccici," wife, age 28, born Italy, alien Tersine, daughter, age 9, born Italy Elvira, age 4, born Italy Dora, age "2/3," United States
1940 U.S. Census (population schedule), Bronx, Bronx County, New York, ED 3-355, sheet 15B, Antonio Cocchi household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed February 2022. DOCUMENT 3.	 1940 U.S. Census for the household of Antonio Cocchi Antonio, age 65, born in Italy, naturalized Felice, wife, age 65, born in Italy, alien Andrew, son, age 28, born in New York Florence, daughter, age 25, born in New York This census states Antonio was naturalized. This may or may not be true.
Petition and record of naturalization, (New York County, New York), 1907–1924, https://familysearch.org, accessed February 2022.	No naturalization records for Antonio Cocchi or Antonio Cocci.
New York, Eastern District Naturalization Petitions, Index 1865–1957, https://familysearch.org, accessed February 2022.	No naturalization records for Antonio Cocchi or Antonio Cocci.
Naturalization Index 1808–1955, Westchester, New York County Archives, https://archives.westchestergov.com, accessed February 2022.	No naturalization records for Antonio Cocchi or Antonio Cocci.
"Cocchi," <i>Daily News</i> (New York, New York), 2 June 1966, p. 127, https://newspapers.com, subscription database, accessed February 2022. DOCUMENT 4.	 Obituary for Felicia Cocchi Died 30 June 1966 Children: Theresa Fruscinte, Dorothy Alfonzo, Josephine Vattendal, Evelyn Figliuolo, Andrew Cocchi, and Florence Krause Funeral at St. Margaret Mary Church Burial in Calvary Cemetery

New York, U.S. Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820–1957 (image), Felicia Puopolo, S.S. Tartar Prince, 11 April 1901, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed February 2022. **DOCUMENT 5.**

Felicia Puopolo on the 11 April 1901 passenger list of the S.S. *Tartar Prince*

- Felicia Puopolo, age 25, from Poggiomarino, Italy, headed to New York to join her husband Antonio Cocchi in New York
- Teresa, daughter, age 3
- Andrea, son, age 2

Orangeburg Town Clerk, death certificate for Anthony Cocchi, 5 December 1948, Orangeburg, Rockland County, New York.

DOCUMENT 6.

Death certificate of Anthony Cocchi

- Died in Rockland State Hospital in Orangeburg, Rockland County, New York, on 5 December 1948
- Born: 5 December 1876 in Italy
- Citizen of Italy (alien) (never naturalized)
- Parents: Anthony and Teresa Cocchi
- Spouse: Felicia Cocchi
- Occupation: barber
- Usual residence: 317 E. 136th Street, Bronx, New York
- Patient at the hospital for six years, three months, and eleven days
- Burial: Calvary Cemetery
- Cause of death: cerebral thrombosis
- Informant: George David Jr. of Rockland State Hospital

The death certificate states Antonio was a citizen of Italy or an alien at the time of his death.

Antonio Cocchi died in Rockland State Hospital in Orangeburg, Rockland County, New York, on 5 December 1948. He had been a resident of this mental institution for the past six years. His death certificate stated prior to his placement he had resided at 317 E. 136th Street, Bronx, New York. The record also showed he was the son of Anthony and Teresa Cocchi. Antonio was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Queens, New York.

Censuses from 1905 and 1910 stated Anthony was an alien, or had not begun the paperwork process to become a U.S. citizen. The 1940 census stated he was naturalized, but Anthony did not appear in index searches of naturalization records. His death record stated the deceased barber had never become an American citizen.

Once the National Archives in New York reopens, we would recommend ordering a search for Antonio's naturalization record and requesting that a certificate of non-existence be provided.

RESEARCHING THE CHILDREN OF ANTONIO COCCHI TO DETERMINE HIS BIRTHPLACE	
Source	Comments
New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949 (transcription), death certificate for George Cocchi, 14 December 1931, certificate no. 10285, Bronx, New York, https://familysearch.org, accessed February 2022.	 Death record of George Cocchi Born: 4 March 1910 Died: 14 December 1931 in Bronx, New York Occupation: barber Father: Antonio Cocchi, born in Italy Mother: Felice Puopolo Spouse: Adeline Cocchi Buried at Calvary Cemetery George Cocchi was the son of Antonio. The death record does not provide a specific location of his parents' place of birth.
New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949 (transcription), death certificate for Anna Frusciante, 27 February 1936, certificate no. 2295, Bronx, New York, https://familysearch.org, accessed February 2022.	Death record of Anna Frusciante, daughter of Antonio Cocchi Born: 1902 in Italy Died: 27 February 1936 in Bronx, New York Father: Antonio Cocchi, Italy Mother: Filicia Puppolo, Italy Spouse: Frank Frusciante Buried: Calvary Cemetery
New York, U.S. Naturalization Records, 1882–1944, Theresa Frusciante, petition for naturalization, case no. 249744, 1934, Southern District of New York, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed February 2022. DOCUMENT 7.	 Naturalization record for Theresa Frusciante Born: Poggiomarino, Italy, on 27 January 1897 Arrived in U.S.: 19 November 1901 Name prior to marriage: Theresa Cocchi Husband: Achille Frusciante Married: 1 September 1919 in Bronx

According to Antonio Cocchi's daughter Theresa Frusciante's petition for naturalization, she was born in Poggiomarino, Italy, on 27 January 1897.

OTHER DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR CITIZENSHIP		
Source	Comments	
New York City Archives, birth certificate for Dora Cocchi, 4 May 1904, certificate no. 7831, New York, New York. DOCUMENT 8.	 Birth record for Dora Cocchi Born: 4 May 1904 Father: Antonio Cocchi, age 28, born in Italy, barber Mother: Felicia Puopolo, age 28, born in Italy, housewife Dora was born in her home on 236 E. 10th Street in New York City Dora was the third child born to her mother. Her siblings were alive at the time of her birth Dora's birth record only stated her parents were born in Italy, but did not indicate a town. 	

RECORDS FROM POGGIOMARINO, NAPLES, ITALY	
Source	Comments
Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova, marriage record for Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo, 26 November 1894, Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy. DOCUMENT 9a-b. State Archives of Naples, marriage register entry for Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo, 27 September 1894, entry no. 23, Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy. DOCUMENT 9c.	Marriage record for Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo • Married: 26 November 1894 in Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy • Antonio was the son of Andrea Cocchi and Teresa Boccia • Felicia was the daughter of Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto Nell'anno del Signore 1894, il giorno 26 Novembre con licenza del Parroco, previo Decreto ottenuto dalla Curia Episcopale, il sacerdote Don Luciano Velardo ha congiunto in matrimonio, justa formam Sacri Concilii Tridentini, Cocchi Antonio di Andrea e Boccia Teresa, con Puopolo Felicia di Francesco e di
	Carotenuto Fortuna, alla presenza dei testimoni Ciro Annunziata e Francesco
	Spista, avendo pria ottenuto il mutuo consenso delle presenti parole.

Vis et volo. Ed in fede firma parroco Felix Cantore **Translation:** In the year of the Lord 1894, on 26 November, with permission from the parish priest, after a decree obtained from the Episcopal Curia, the priest Don Luciano Velardo joined in marriage, the just form of the Council of Trent, Cocchi Antonio of Andrea and Boccia Teresa, with Puopolo Felicia of Francesco and Carotenuto Fortuna, in the presence of witnesses Ciro Annunziata and Francesco Spista, having first obtained the mutual consent of those present words. You want and I want. And in faith signed by parish priest Felix Cantore Antonio and Felicia were married civilly before they married in the church. Marriage register for Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puoplo • Married: 27 September 1894 • Groom: Antonio Cocchi, age 19, occupation barber, born in Boscoreale/Flocco, resides in Poggiomarino, son of Andrea [Cocchi] and Teresa Boccia • Bride: Felicia Puopolo, age 18, born and resides in Poggiomarino, daughter of Francesco [Puopolo] and Fortuna Carotenuto Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova, baptismal Baptismal record for Felicia Puopolo record of Felicia Puopolo, 1 April 1876, Baptized: 1 April 1876 in Parrocchia S. Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino, **DOCUMENT 10.** Naples, Italy Daughter of: Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto.

State Archive of Naples, 1875 birth registers of Flocco/Boscoreale, Naples. Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova, baptismal records, 1865–1880, Poggiomarino, Naples,	Searched in 1875 for Antonio Cocchi in Flocco/Boscoreale; no results. Searched S. Antonio Di Padova baptismal record from 1865–1880 for Antonio Cocchi;
State Archives of Naples, birth register entry for Felicia Puopolo, 1 April 1876, entry no. 61, Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy. DOCUMENT 11.	 Birth record for Felicia Puopolo Born: 1 April 1876 Father: Francesco Puopolo, son of the deceased Gennaro, age 40, laborer Mother: Fortuna Carotenuto, daughter of Sabato, spinner
	Pellegrino Anno Domine 1876, die prima mesis apriles Sacerdotis Lucianus Velardo de Licentia bautizavit infantem idem die natum ex Francisco Puopolo et Fortuna Carotenuto legitimis Coniugibus cuius parrocciae, cui inpositum fuit nomen Felicia. Matrina fuit obstetrix Josefa Pellegrino, Et in fidem Felix Cantore parrochius Nell'anno 1876, il primo giorno di aprile, il sacerdote Luciano Velardo con licenzia battezzò il bambino nato lo stesso giorno di Francesco Puopolo e Fortuna Carotenuto, coniugi legittimi della parrocchia a cui fu posto il nome Felicia. La madrina era l'ostetrica Josefa Pellegrino. In fede firma parroco Felix Cantore Translation: In the year 1876, on the first day of April, the priest Luciano Velardo with license baptized the child born on the same day of Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto, legitimate spouses of the parish to which the name Felicia was given. The godmother was the midwife Josefa Pellegrino. In faith he signs parish priest Felix Cantore

Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova, baptismal record Andrea Cocchi, 10 August 1895, Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy.

DOCUMENT 12.

Baptismal record for Andrea Cocchi, the son of Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo

- Baptized: 10 August 1895 in Parrocchia
 S. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino,
 Naples, Italy
- Son of: Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo
- Godmother: the midwife, Barbara Iannelli

Latin: Anno Domine 1895, die vero decima mesis augusti Sacerdotis D. Archangelus Iervalino de licentia baptizavit infantem natum ex Antonio Cocchi, et Felicia Puopolo legitimis Coniugibus huius parochiae, cui inpositum fuit nomen Andrea. Matrina fuit obstetrix Barbara Iannelli, et in fidem Felix Cantore Parochus

Italian: Nell'anno 1895, il decimo giorno del mese di agosto, il Sacerdote Don Arcangelo Iervolino battezzò il bambino nato da Antonio Cocchi e Felicia Puopolo legittimi coniugi di questa parrocchia, a cui fu imposto il nome di Andrea. La madrina era l'ostetrica Barbara Iannelli, ed era nella fede Parroco Felice Cantore

Translation:

In the year 1895, the tenth day of the month of August, the priest Don Arcangelo
Iervolino baptized the child born of Antonio
Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo legitimate spouses
of this parish, to which it was imposed the
name of Andrea. The godmother was the
midwife Barbara Iannelli, in faith he signs
parish priest Felix Cantore

Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova, marriage record of Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto, 3 July 1873, Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy.

DOCUMENT 13.

Marriage record for Felicia's parents, Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto

- Married: 3 July 1873 in Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova in Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy
- Francesco was the widower of Felicia Auricchio
- Fortuna was the widow of Francesco Bianco
- No parents were named

Latin: Anna Domini 1873, die vero tertia Mesis Julii. Ego Filix Cantore Parochus praemissis de iure per matrimonis nos previe decreto Curiae Episcopalis, coniunxi in matrimoniam Franciscus Puapale vidovum Felicia Auricchio, et Fortunam Carotinuto viduvam Francisci Bianco ambas Terrae Padiimarinis Diocesis Sarnensis, presentibus testi bus Iustileo Albano et Raphaele Velardo, cui abtsibus mutuo cunsensu per parola de presentti. Vis, et volo, et in fetam Filix Cantore Parrochuis

Italian: Nell'anno di Nostro Signore 1873, il terzo giorno di luglio. Io, Parroco Felice Cantore, previo decreto ottenuto dalla Curia Episcopale, ho unito in matrimonio Francesco Puopolo vedovo di Felicia Auricchio, con Fortuna Carotenuto vedova di Francesco Bianco entrambi di Poggiomarino della Diocesi di Sarno, alla presenza dei testimoni Giustino Albano e Raffaele Velardo, avendo prima ottenuto il mutuo consenso dei presenti a parole. *Vis et volo.* Ed in fede irma parroco Felice Cantore

Translation:

In the year of Our Lord 1873, the third day of July. I, Parish priest Felice Cantore, after a decree obtained from the Episcopal Curia, married Francesco Puopolo widower

	of Felicia Auricchio, with Fortuna Carotenuto widow of Francesco Bianco both of Poggiomarino of the Diocese of Sarno, in the presence of witnesses Giustino Albano and Raffaele Velardo, having first obtained the mutual consent of those present in words. <i>You want and I want</i> . And in faith signed by the parish priest Felice Cantore
Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova, marriage records, Poggiomarino, Naples, Italy.	Searched for the marriage record of Andrea Cocchi and Teresa Boccia in Parrocchia S. Antonio Di Padova; no results

A certified sacramental marriage record was obtained for Antonio Cocchi and Felicia Puopolo. The couple married in the church on 26 November 1894. Antonio was the son of Andrea Cocchi and Teresa Boccia. Felicia was the daughter of Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto. Prior to their marriage in the church, they were married civilly, on 27 September 1894. Additional information on their civil record indicated Antonio was born in Boscoreale/Flocco and was a 19-year-old barber. Felicia was 18 years old.

Felicia was born on 1 April 1876 and baptized in S. Antonio's on the same day. However, there was no record of Antonio Cocchi having been baptized in S. Antonio. The State Archives of Naples searched the birth records of Flocco/Boscoreale for 1875 with no results for Antonio.

The 3 July 1873 marriage record of Felicia Puopolo's parents, Francesco Puopolo and Fortuna Carotenuto, was located. It was both the bride's and groom's second marriage. The church record did not name the couple's parents. No ages were given for the bride and groom.

The baptismal record for Andrea Cocchi, the oldest son of Antonio and Felicia, was also found in the church records. Due to time constraints, other members of the family were not researched in this session but could be continued in a future one.

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