

Gaetano Morelli

Aug. 24, 1877---Nov. 10, 1941



Gaetano left Italy from the port of Genoa on May 14, 1899 with his mother's brother Salvatore Bruno sailing to America on a four mast sailing ship called the S.S. EMS built in Glasgow, Scotland in 1884. They arrived in New York at Ellis island on May 25, 1899 and Gaetano was 21 years old. Upon their arrival they then traveled to Pueblo, Colorado to live with his mother's other brother Gabriel Bruno.

While living in Pueblo Gaetano met a beautiful young lady named Caterina Ventura. Although they both came from small villages near each other in Italy it is believed that they didn't know each other before coming to America. They met, dated, fell in love and moved to Green River, Utah where Gaetano became employed by the railroad as a train car inspector.

Gaetano and Caterina had ten beautiful children (Michael, who died as an infant, Fortunata who died at the age of 13 yrs/9 mo) Della, Mike, Emery, Frank, Henry, Lillian, Carl and Kenneth. Gaetano was a loving father, however he was also strict, believing his children should be respectful and well behaved. He taught his boys to love hunting and fishing and certainly hard work.

In 1929, at the young age of forty-five Caterina, passed away while giving birth to their last child Kenneth. Gaetano loved his wife very much, and her passing was extremely devastating. Life was very dismal at the Morelli home during the next year. Gaetano required that his children wear black out of respect, and the piano, which once filled the house with music was silent.

In 1941, the children were informed that Gaetano had lung cancer and knew this would be terminal. The family rallied to help out with Emery returning from college & Della taking care of the younger children. On November 10, 1941 at the age of sixty-four, Gaetano passed away.

Gaetano and Caterina were blessed with ten children and has grown to 21 grandchildren, 44-great-grandchildren, 56 great-great-grandchildren and 11 great, great, great grandchildren.

Gaetano and Caterina created a legacy in their lives and the family has flourished and stayed united celebrating holidays, weddings and family parties. They left their parents and family in Italy never to see them again to start a new life in America and we are their posterity.

Gaetano Morelli Italian Birth Document

San Pietro in Guarano, Italy

August 24, 1877 at the hour of 5:10 AM

Aug 24th or 23th

Gaetano Morelli # 90

In the year 1877, August 28
at 9:20 pm - In my presence Ferreri
Giuseppe a functionary of the County -

~~Officer~~ In the office County of San Pietro
in Guarano - It has come before me
Morelli, Michele - thirtyfive years of age 35,
farmer. He resides in San Pietro - Has
declared that at 5:10 am that the 24th
of August in the home section A # 90
from Bruno, Tortana, whose wife Farmer
is born ~~is~~ a child of male Dea and
calls this child Gaetano,

There are testimonies of Corafi Giuseppe
40 years of age, Farmer, Bruno Francesco
~~is 34~~ 34 years old - Farmer, Both
reside ~~in County of~~ in this county.

~~is~~ This document was read to all present
and read by the undersigned because
they don't know how to write
Giuseppe Ferreri

In the year One thousand, eight hundred and seventy seven: the day
24th of ~~the~~ August Italian Republic

"Coming to America for the Dream"

Gaetano Morelli...

On May 14, 1899 a young 22 year old Italian boy by the name of Gaetano Morelli and his 40 year old uncle named Salvatore Bruno were boarding a ship called the S.S. "EMS" getting ready to sail from Genoa Italy to America. The ship was 430 foot long, 47 feet wide and carried 1250 passengers. (125 first class) (125 Second class) (1,000 steerage passengers).

Gaetano and Salvatore along with many other passengers would travel as immigrants in the overcrowded lower level of the ship where the steerage passengers were. After 11 days at sea traveling in the uncomfortable, overcrowded steerage area of the ship they arrived on May 25, 1899 at their destination in New York City know as Ellis Island.

Upon their arrival at Ellis Island Gaetano and his uncle Salvatore would now prepare for the final leg of their journey to America. The first thing they would have to do is complete the immigration process of being approved by the immigration officers and doctors waiting for them at Ellis Island. This process could take from several hours to days depending on the number of ships in dock and the number of immigrants going through the process that day.

Once they were approved and had cleared this process they would now have to show the authorities that whoever vouched for them to enter the United States of America was there to sign for them and pick them up or they had to show the immigration authorities proof that they had already purchased their tickets to get to their final destination.

In Gaetano and Salvatore's case they had already purchased their train tickets for the trip to their final destination. They would now continue the final leg of the trip which would be a five day train ride to Pueblo, Colorado where they would go to live with Gaetano's uncle and Salvatore's brother Gabriel Bruno.

**SALOON, CABINS, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY
MANIFESTED. THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSINGERS.**

**LIST FOR MANIFESTT OF ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FOR THE
U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.**

Required by the regulations of secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under act of congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the commissioner of immigration by commanding officer of any vessel having passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

S. S. *EMS sailing from Naples, arriving at port of N.Y., May 4, 1899

Passenger Information:

PASSENGER ID. # 602932010341

Frame # 544

Manifest Line # 0018

<i>Name In Full</i>	<i>Gaetano Morelli</i>
<i>Age/Years</i>	<i>21 yrs.</i>
<i>Sex M/F</i>	<i>Male</i>
<i>Married or Single</i>	<i>Single</i>
<i>Occupation or calling</i>	<i>Cowboy</i>
<i>Able to read/write</i>	<i>yes/yes</i>
<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Italian</i>
<i>Last Residence</i>	<i>San Pietro in Guarano</i>
<i>Sea Port for landing in United States</i>	<i>Ellis Island, N. Y. city</i>
<i>Final Destination in United States</i>	<i>Pueblo, Colorado</i>
<i>By whom was passage paid</i>	<i>Self</i>
<i>Possession of Money</i>	<i>Yes/\$170</i>

Gaetano came to the U.S. with Salvatore Bruno age 40 who was his Mothers brother and they were going to Pueblo, Colorado to stay with his Mothers other brother Gabriel Bruno.



Marriage License
Gaetano and Caterina - Jan. 24, 1914

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Application No. 18625

THE STATE OF UTAH,

COUNTY OF SALT LAKE.

To Any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Holy Matrimony

Mr. Gaetano Morello of Genoa
in the County of Emery and State of Utah of the age of 36 years, and
Ms. Caterina Ventura of Genoa
in the County of Emery and State of Utah of the age of 29 years.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24 day

of Jan 1914

L. P. Palmer County Clerk, Salt Lake County, Utah.

By J. U. Eldredge Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF UTAH,
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE } ss.

I hereby certify that on the 24 day of Jan in the

year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred 1914 at Salt Lake City, in said County, I, the undersigned,

W. C. Elder of the church of J. C. of L. S. did join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony

according to law Gaetano Morello of the County of Emery State of Utah and

Caterina of the County of Emery, State of Utah. The nature of the

ceremony was according to the laws of Utah

and was a present mutual agreement of marriage between the parties for all time.

We were married as stated in this Certificate, and are now husband and wife.

Signed, Gaetano + Morello Groom.

Signed, Caterina Ventura Morello

In the presence of J. U. Eldredge Witness.

Angelina Trovati Witness.

J. U. Eldredge

Elder of the church of J. C. of L. S.

Gaetano Morelli & Caterina Ventura

Aug. 24, 1877- Nov. 10, 1941 May. 02, 1884- May 4, 1929



Gaetano Morelli was born in San Pietro in Guarano, Italy to Michael Morelli and Fortunata “Bruno” Morelli on August 24, 1877. He journeyed to America sailing from Genoa Italy by steamship in steerage along with his Mothers brother Salvatore Bruno age 40 arriving at Ellis Island on May 25, 1899 at the age of twenty-one. Upon their arrival, they then traveled to Pueblo Colorado where they would find work and stay with his uncle Gabriele Bruno.

Caterina Ventura was born in Spezzano Piccolo, Italy to Antonio and Maria “De Cicco” Ventura on May 2, 1884. She also ventured to America by steamship in steerage along with her Fathers brother Andrea Ventura age 38 arriving at Ellis Island on August 5, 1903 at the young age of nineteen. When they arrived, they traveled to Pueblo, Colorado where they lived with her aunt, Angelina Ventura Tropea.

Although Gaetano & Caterina hailed from two small villages near each other in Italy, it is believed that they did not know each other before traveling to America. Sometime later while living in Pueblo Colorado they met, dated and fell in love. They eventually moved to Green River, Utah where Gaetano became employed by the railroad, spending his days inspecting cars.

Gaetano and Caterina had ten beautiful children Michael, who died as an infant, Fortunata Maria who died at the age of thirteen, Della, Mike, Emery, Frank, Henry, Lillian, Carl and Kenny. They both enjoyed raising and spending time with their children. Gaetano was a loving father however he was also strict, believing their children should be respectful and well behaved. Caterina made sure her family was united. It was mandatory that the family ate together without exception, but the children didn't mind as she was an excellent cook.

On September 17, 1913 they bought their first home on approximately 13 acres of land in Green River, Utah. Today this property is known as the John Wesley Powel Museum River Walk where a Morelli family memorial is located in memory of Gaetano and Caterina Morelli. They later moved to Salt Lake and purchased two or three more properties. In 1929, at the young age of fort- five Caterina passed away on May 4th while giving birth to their last child, Kenneth.

In 1941, Gaetano was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. The family rallied to help out with Emery returning from college and Della began taking care of the younger children. On November 10, 1941 at the age of sixty-four, Gaetano passed away.

In their short lives, Gaetano and Caterina created a legacy, and in their memory, the family has flourished and stayed united. Celebrating holidays, weddings, and family parties have become an integral part of the family that they lovingly nurtured. They sacrificed so much by leaving their homeland and their parents to start a new life in America and we are proud to be their posterity.



"Caterina, Gaetano with Forenzta Madre & Della"

Joseph G. Morelli Death Certificate

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

STATE OF UTAH
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. _____
Registrar's No. 1245

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Salt Lake
(b) City or town Salt Lake City
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)
(c) Name of hospital or institution: St. Marks Hospital
(If not in hospital or institution give street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 1 DAY (Specify whether in this community 31 days (Specify whether years, months or days))

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Utah (b) County S.L.
(c) City or town Salt Lake City
(If outside city or town limits write RURAL)
(d) Street No. H.D. #1 (If rural give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A. 59 years

3 (a) FULL NAME JOSEPH G. MORELLI also known as JOHN J. MORELLI
3 (b) If veteran, name war None 3 (c) Social Security No. 700-08-2894

4. Sex Male 5. Color or race White 6 (a) Single, widowed, married or divorced Widowed
6 (b) Name of husband or wife Catherine Morelli
6 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive yr.
7. Birth date of deceased August 12, 1877 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE	Year	Months	Days	If less than one day
<u>64</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>21</u>		hr. min.

9. Birthplace Santa Pietro, Italy (City, town or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation Rail Road Car Man
11. Industry or business Steam Railroad
12. Name Michael Morelli
13. Birthplace Not Known Italy (City, town or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Rosalina Bruno
15. Birthplace Not Known Italy (City, town or county) (State or foreign country)

MOTHER FATHER
16 (a) Informant's own signature Michael Morelli
(b) Address Midvale, Utah, H.D. #1
17 (a) Burial (Borial, cremation, or removal) Mt. Calvary Cemetery (b) Date thereof 11/13/1941 (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place: burial or cremation
18 (a) Mortuary R.G. O'DONNELL & CO
(b) Signature of funeral director Jack O'Donnell
(c) Address Salt Lake City (d) License No. 26
(e) Was body embalmed? Yes (f) Embalmer's License No. 114
19 (a) Nov 13, 1941 (Date received local registrar) (b) J. H. Howells M.D. (Registrar's signature)

20. DATE OF DEATH November 10, 1941 (Month, day, and year)
21. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Sept 1941 1941 to Nov 10 1941
I last saw him alive on Nov 9 1941
death occurred on the date stated above, at 5:58 A.M. Duration _____
Immediate cause of death Overinflation of the left lung to me
Due to _____
Due to _____
Other conditions Terminal pneumonia (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Major findings:
Of operations none Physician Underline the cause to which death should be charged etiologically
Of autopsy none

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? _____ (City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____ (Specify one of these)
(e) While at Work? _____
(f) Means of injury _____
23. Signature Barry E. Nangle (City or town) (County) (State)
Address SALT LAKE CITY

This is to certify that this is a true copy of the certificate on file in this office. This certified copy is issued under authority of section 26-2-22 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 As Amended.

Date Issued: **MAR 24 2000**

County - Salt Lake

Registrar Kathy M. ...

Barry E Nangle

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DIRECTOR OF VITAL RECORDS

By Ellen Freeman



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Deaths

Joseph G. Morelli

Joseph G. Morelli, 64, of Midvale, died Monday at 3:35 AM in a Salt Lake hospital of carcinoma. Mr. Morelli was born August 24, 1877 in Santa Pietro, Italy, a son of Michael and Fortuna Bruno Morelli, and came to the (1879) United States in 1902. He had been a resident here 43 years and for most of that time was in the employ of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad company as a carmen.

Mr. Morelli was a member of the Brotherhood Of Railway Carmen of America, local No. 542, and was a member of the Catholic church.

His wife, Catherine Ventura Morelli, died in 1929.

Surviving are his mother and two sisters in Italy; seven children, Mrs. Della Pantos and Frank Morelli, both of Salt Lake City, and Emery, Henry, Carl, Kenneth Morelli and Miss Lillian Morelli, all of Midvale; a brother, Ralph Morelli, Midvale, and a sister, Mrs. Theresa Panza, Sharpsburg, Pa.

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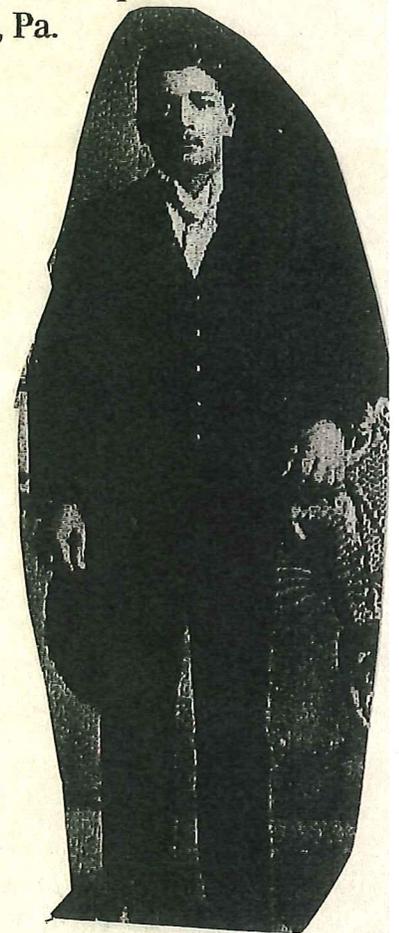
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