

# Ralph Morelli

1870-1957



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Uncle Ralph was a hard working man and worked for the railroad as a laborer. He loved living with his brother Gaetano and his wife Caterina in Green River. Ralph was a quiet man of simple means, never dating or marrying. As Gaetano & Caterina started their family Uncle Ralph continued to live with them as that was the custom in Italy.

Uncle Ralph grew up in Italy very poor and never did learn to read or write. In his later years he became closer & closer to Gaetano, Caterina and their family, which eventually grew to ten children. Their family became his family & the children became the love of his life.

Gaetano and Caterina had ten beautiful children {Michael, who died as an infant, Mary who died at the age of 13, Della, Emery, Frank, Henry Lillian, Carl and Kenneth}. And found it important to spend time with them. Ralph spent a great deal of time with the boys teaching them to love hunting and fishing and certainly the value of hard work.

When Gaetano, Caterina & the family moved to Salt Lake Uncle Ralph moved with them. After Caterina died giving birth to their 10<sup>th</sup> child Kenneth in 1929, Gaetano and Uncle Ralph moved the family to Midvale where Gaetano bought a farm to raise the children. It became necessary for Ralph to become even more involved with everyone as Caterina's death was such a devastating blow to the family. Gaetano, Ralph & Della the oldest daughter continued to run the farm and raise the children.

On Nov. 10, 1941 Gaetano passed away at the age of 64 from cancer. Eventually with the war starting, Emery and Carl being drafted and Mike, Frank, and Henry already married the family decided to sell the farm. Della and Bill were married and living in Salt Lake in the house the family had purchased earlier and Uncle Ralph moved in with them. On Jan. 17, 1957 at the age of 87 uncle Ralph passed away. He would have been very proud of the great family we have become.

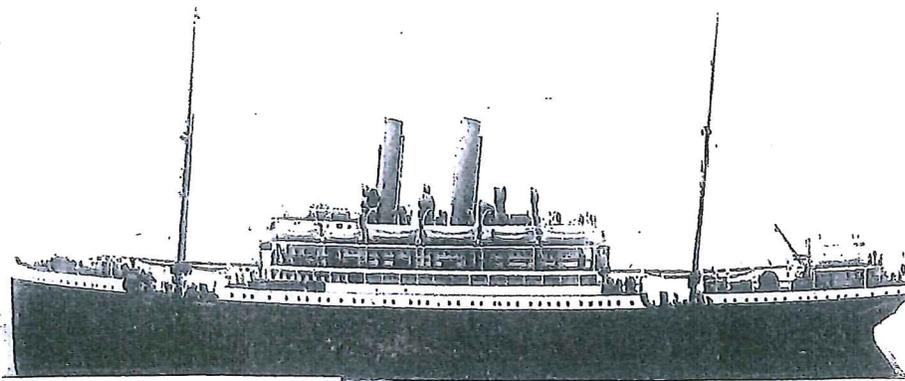
As "Families Truly Are Forever". God bless you Zio Ralph Morelli.

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Morelli, Raffaele

Passenger ID 102103110009

Frame 322

Line Number 9

SHIP NAME Konig Albert

ARRIVAL DATE October 10th, 1907

Port of Departure Naples — September 27, 1907

## About the Ship

Built by A/G Vulcan Shipyard, Stettin, Germany, 1899. 10,484 gross tons; 521 (bp) feet long; 60 feet wide. Steam Quadruple Expansion engines, twin screw. Service speed 15.5 knots. 2,175 passengers (257 first class, 119 second class, 1799 third class). Two funnels and two masts.

## Ship History

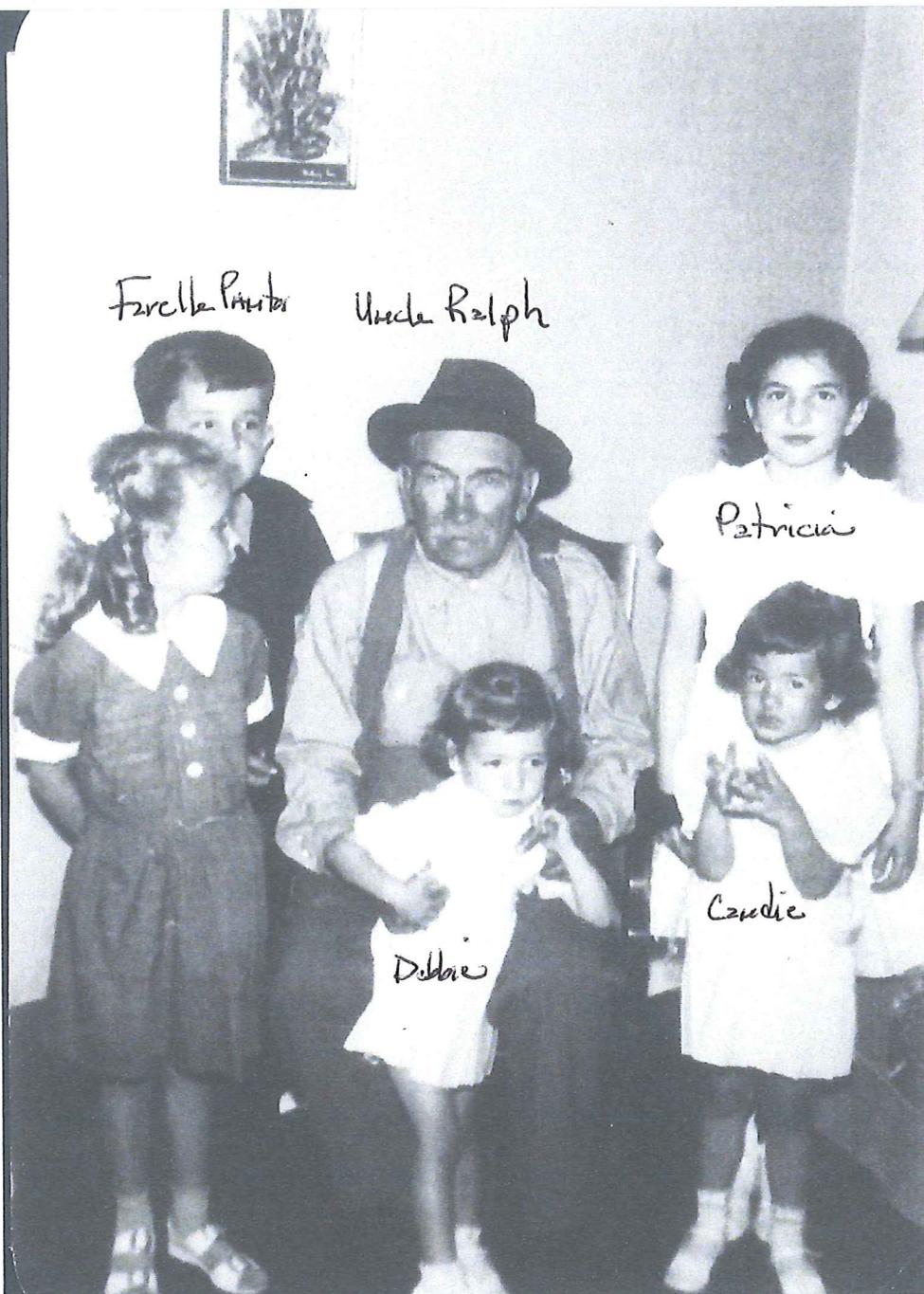
Built for North German Lloyd, German flag, in 1899 and named Konig Albert. Bremerhaven-Yokohama and after 1903 Bremerhaven-New York service. Mediterranean-New York service after 1905. Interned in Italy 1914

Seized by Italian Government, Italian flag, in 1915 and renamed Ferdinando Palasciano.

Transferred to Navigazione Generale Italiana Line, Italian flag, in 1920. Genoa-New York service.

Renamed Italia (1899) in 1923. Refitted as a transport for the Italian Navy.

Laid up in 1925; scrapped in Italy in 1926.



Farelle Pantes

Uncle Ralph

Patricia

Debbie

Candie

Mary Pantes

Ralph Morelli

Certificate of Death (Jan. 17, 1957)



Department of Health. Office of Vital Records and Statistics

Death certificates, 1905-

Your search result for RALPH MORELLI is below.

Came to America 1908

Died Jan 17, 1957 @ 87 yrs 8 1/2  
Born Apr 12, 1870

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UTAH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 57 18 0110

STATE OF UTAH FEB 5 1957

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
a. COUNTY **SALT LAKE.**

2 USUAL RESIDENCE (If deceased had 1) residence; 2) residence before admission)  
a. STATE **UTAH.** b. COUNTY **S.L.U.**

3 CITY TOWN OR LOCATION  
a. CITY TOWN OR LOCATION **SALT LAKE CITY.** b. LENGTH OF STAY IN IT **27 YRS.** c. CITY TOWN OR LOCATION **SALT LAKE CITY**

4 NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address)  
**S.L. GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

5 STREET ADDRESS **767 WEST FIRST SOUTH ST.**

6 IS RESIDENCE (HOUSE CITY LIMITS) YES  NO  7 IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES  NO

8 NAME OF DECEASED (Print or print)  
First **Ralph** Middle **Morelli** Last **Morelli**

9 DATE OF DEATH Month **Jan.** Day **17** Year **1957**

10 SEX **MALE.** 11 COLOR OR RACE **WHITE.** 12 MARRIED  NEVER MARRIED  13 DATE OF BIRTH **APRIL 19, 1870** 14 AGE (In years, if under 1 year, give months and days) Months **00** Days **00** Weeks **00**

15 USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done) (If deceased was a farmer, give acreage) **RAIL ROAD** 16 BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) **SAN PRIBRO, COSENZA, ITALY.** 17 CITIES OF BIRTH COUNTRY **IPALY**

18 FATHER'S NAME **MICHAEL MORELLI.** 19 MOTHER'S MIDDLE NAME **PURIFICATO BRUNO.**

20 WAS REGISTERED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (For an or address)  YES  NO **NO.** 21 SOCIAL SECURITY NO **NONE.** 22 INSURANCE **Delta M. Benton** Address **767 W. 1st St. S.L. City.**

23 CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), (c) and (d))  
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY  
a. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) **Renal Failure** b. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH **1 week**  
c. DUE TO (a) **Diabetes Mellitus** c. YEARS **10**  
d. DUE TO (b) **Diabetes Mellitus**  
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)  
24 WILL A NEPHEW REPRESENT? YES  NO

25 ACCIDENT  SUICIDE  HOMICIDE  26 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter a short history in Part I or Part II if both 12)  
**None**

27 TIME OF DEATH Month, Day, Year **Jan. 17, 1957**

28 PLACE OF DEATH (a) IN HOME  (b) IN HOSPITAL  (c) IN OTHER PLACE (Specify)

29 PLACE OF BIRTH (a) IN HOME  (b) IN HOSPITAL  (c) IN OTHER PLACE (Specify)

30 CITY TOWN OR LOCATION **SALT LAKE CITY** COUNTY **SALT LAKE** STATE **UTAH**

31 I attended the deceased from **1/1/57** to **1/17/57** and last saw him alive on **1/17/57**  
Death occurred at **5:30** AM on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated

32 SIGNATURE (Print or print) **Donald J. Cook** 33 ADDRESS **1534 S. 54th** 34 DATE SIGNED **1/17/57**

35 NAME, CREATOR (Print or print) **MULLAL** 36 DATE **JAN. 19, 1957** 37 NAME OF CLERGY OR CREMATORY **ST. CALVARY CEMETERY.** 38 LOCATION (City, town, or county) **SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.**

39 NAME OF REGISTERING PHYSICIAN (Print or print) **Dr. W. J. Hennelly** 40 DATE REG. BY LOCAL REG. **Jan. 18, 1957** 41 REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

Physician  
Mail sign  
Personally

Send original  
Certificate to  
local  
Register  
Immediately

Physicians should  
State Cause of Death  
in plain terms

Federal  
Director's No.  
**20**

Embalmer's No.  
**114**