

## ITALIAN GENEALOGICAL LINKS

This paper was initially created to accompany a Podcast I was invited to by Emma Cox from [Journey's into Genealogy](https://anglersrest.net/category/european-ancestors/italy/understanding-italy-series/). It will now be developed as part of the **Understanding Italy Series** <https://anglersrest.net/category/european-ancestors/italy/understanding-italy-series/> and is an additional paper for the **Researching Ancestors from Continental Europe Pharos Course** (750) <https://www.pharostutors.com/details.php?coursenumber=750>



### Surname Research & Mapping Sites

- <https://www.cognomix.it/mappe-dei-cognomi-italiani>
- <https://gens.info>
- Guild of One-Name Studies – [one-name.org](https://www.one-name.org) Focusing on Surnames (several members are working on specific Italian surnames)
- Catholic Church Italy has an online directory, [www.chiesacattolica.it](http://www.chiesacattolica.it). It is in Italian, Alternatively, visit [www.parrocchie.it](http://www.parrocchie.it).
- **Key Genealogical sites:**
  - [www.atenati.san.beneculturali.it](http://www.atenati.san.beneculturali.it) (occasionally glitchy in which case use alternative site of <https://antenati.cultura.gov.it/> )
  - Ancestry, there are deviations between the dot.com and dot.it sites.
    - [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
    - [www.ancestry.it](http://www.ancestry.it)
  - FamilySearch - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/> (accounted needed, but free)
  - Guided Family Research - <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/GuidedResearch:Italy>
  - Research Guidelines Italy (significant resource, albeit a little dated, the record sets is accurate) <http://files.lib.byu.edu/family-history-library/research-outlines/Europe/Italy.pdf>
  - Link to the Italian State Archives - <https://antenati.cultura.gov.it/esplora-gli-archivi/>

- **Golden Books** - 28 books published plus an additional three appendices commemorating those who perished during the First World War and fought in the Italian Military <http://www.cadutigrandeguerra.it/CercaNome.aspx>
- Western Reserve Historical Society (<https://wrhs.org>) was established in 1905 and has a collection of Italian American cultural records, including diaries and Journals, photographs, and various other information, including some fraternal organisation records.
- Fraterna Societa Della Madonna Del Carmel (Mount Carmel Society),
- The British Italian Society (<https://www.british-italian.org> )
- Italian Genealogical Group of America – <https://ouritalianroots.org/general-genealogy-resources/>
- Italian Genealogical Group - <https://www.italiengen.org/>
- Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) Genealogy - [https://www.michaelangelini.com/isoleeolie\\_genealogy/](https://www.michaelangelini.com/isoleeolie_genealogy/)
- Anglo-Italian Family History Society – [www.anglo-italianfhs.org.uk](http://www.anglo-italianfhs.org.uk)
- Italian Sons and Daughters of America - <https://orderisda.org/>
- American Italian Podcast - <https://italianamericanpodcast.com/>
- Jewish Genealogy in Italy - <https://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/italy/italian.htm>
  - **Jewish Gen** – a huge database of data and includes those who perished during WWII and were not Jewish, but non-Jewish military who died perhaps at a Camp.
- German War Dead Database (includes Italians) <https://www.volksbund.de/en/graebersuche.html>
- **Italian Medals of Valour** - <http://decorativalvalormilitare.istitutonastroazzurro.org/>
  - Individual searches of Army, Navy, Air Force, Carabinieri and Finance  
A search for the surname of ORLANDO within the Army produced 95 results covering a variety of years, First and Second World Wars and others, for example 1951 and 1981. Also recorded are military promotions (to see an example search within the Army and the surname of VIRCIGLIO).
- **Honours of the Presidency of the Republic** - <https://www.quirinale.it/Onorificenze>
  - This site indicates that the range is from 1793, but the actual date ranges are 1975 to-date. A search for VIRCIGLIO produced 6 results, ranging from 1970 – 2021, along with information on the honours awarded.
  - It was decided that in 1968 those who had served in the First World War and were still alive were able to request their honour to the Ministry of Defence, via their town of residence. A copy of the original diploma is possible, but only to the spouse or son of the awarded. You can email [r3rion.segreteria@persomil.difesa.it](mailto:r3rion.segreteria@persomil.difesa.it)
  - You can email the Victor Veneto Battle Museum regarding your Grandfather or Great Grandfather if they were knighted – email [memocvvv@gmail.com](mailto:memocvvv@gmail.com)
  - Navy personnel up to 1900 are with those related to Army personal and can be found in the State Archives.

- Imperial War Museum - <https://www.iwm.org.uk/> (includes images of Italian military during WW1)
- Italian War History Museum – <http://museodellaguerra.it>
- Historical Military Museum - <https://museomilitarevidotto.it/en/homegb/>
- History of the Italian Army - <https://www.esercito.difesa.it/en/History/>
- Historical Military Museums - <https://www.esercito.difesa.it/en/History/museums>
- Museum of the Royal Carabinieri – Conegliano - <https://www.collezioneantoniazzi.it/>
- <https://emmacox.co.uk/researching-italian-ancestors/> Where you can listen to the podcast I did with Emma Cox.
- Additional Resources (all Europe)
  - University Libraries
  - Parliament or Congressional Libraries
  - State Libraries & Record Offices
  - Embassy Websites (often have a family history section)
  - Libraries (city and town)
  - Archaeological Societies & Libraries
  - Museums (regional, town, occupational, and military, etc)
  - Occupation Records
  - eBay (saved search for names or places)
- <https://www.italianparishrecords.org>
- Vatican Library - <https://digi.vatlib.it/>
- Architectural Ecclesiastical assets of Italy - <https://www.beweb.chiesacattolica.it/subweb/>
- Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Mediterranean - <http://www.genmarenostrum.com/index.htm>
- Italian American Museum (opening late 2023) - <https://www.italianamericanmuseum.org/>
- Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America - <https://osdia.org/>

### About the author

Julie Goucher is of mixed heritage, Sicilian on her paternal side, with her family coming from Sutera on the Mediterranean Island of Sicily, with migration to both the United Kingdom and the United States. Julie's maternal heritage is from England, primarily from what is defined as the "Home Counties" – Surrey, Sussex, and Hampshire, in the southeast of England where her ancestors did not really move more than 40 miles for 300 years.

Julie began researching her ancestors in the late 1980s and is undertaking two One-Name Studies, for surnames representing her parents – BUTCHER and ORLANDO. Julie is a Trustee for the Guild of One-Name Studies (<https://one-name.org>), and a Tutor for Pharos Tutors (<https://pharostutors.com>), where she tutors three surname courses and a further course on Researching Ancestors from Continental Europe.

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