

Mom, Nov 25th 1980

Please write about your family & when you were a kid - what you remember about the movies & the trains especially.

Shants. XOXO

Use black ink.

Angela

In the late 18th century Louise De Matteo and her three small children Maria 8 yrs, Alex 6 yrs and John 4 yrs left their native country Italy to come ^{to America} and try to find her husband who promised to send for them after arriving in America. The last they heard of him was, he was having an affair with an opera diva. In arriving in America they settled in Paterson the world's largest silk industry. With the help of many kind people they survived. When Maria became 13 yrs of age she began working in a silk factory. A beautiful and intelligent child she made many friends. At 15 yrs of age her mother permitted her to go to a wedding of one of her friend's cousins. One of the musicians Angelo Brind asked "young lady when are you being married?" She replied "When you do." They began courting and in 6 months they married on Oct 12th 1901. Nine months later they had a girl called Giordanna after ^{her mother's} daddy's sister. July 16th 1902. Two yrs later a son Thomas was born named after Daddy's father. 3rd child named after daddy's sister Christina. 4th child named after Our Lady of Mt Carmel. 5th daughter Marianne named after daddy's 2nd sister. 6th daughter Irene named by Giordanna who by this time was a movie struck teenager. 7th daughter Maria Grace named after "Our Lady" 8th daughter Lucia named after St Lucia as she was born on St Lucy's day Dec. 15th. What a wonderful family all musically inclined. The oldest and her brother Thomas were very close as youngsters. When the 5th child Marianne was about to be born my parents decided to have their own home

built along a National track. It would be a very
fantastic home coming, "good, "Rally coming"
Golden week working days a week. My paper
we find simple but distinctive. My paper
did not buy any case for my, for my and I
went and with the children at track every
morning until we accumulated a winter
supply of coal. Our number was 50 a week.
We went to the movie when I finished
allowed for 50. He would get in the movie
and watch it twice. Then we became hungry
we would go to a bar across the street from
the movie and they would give us the
and sandwiches for, then we would go back
to the movie. We really enjoyed it. So we watch
the weekly serial "The Millionaire" "The Millionaire"
Barker (I think) then we would go to
my car in the neighborhood, very exciting, very
in the bar and very hot (I think being)
more about I wanted to buy some of the
stunt. Then the bar and coal for some
pound on home coming and I would run
down to the track. I left behind him and
I felt a performance at my age 10 years
I would think the bar could with it
started morning I would like to work one hour
myself from flying all around and working my
other hand I would like to think "I would like to
see that for a little bit. I would like to see
many accidents. But I would like to see
all going together. After I finish the children
showing the old track. After I finish my mother
wanted me to be a musician. I said no I want
to study voice and singing. I got my work
I studied piano and voice. I studied piano

the action in our church, they for instance
needed all special occasions, enjoyed every
moment of it, being from a religious family &
decided to record in our, I went to different
names to state the information and after
names of people in the North American
who of looking around the North American
to me, "There's a high office in the
work, I was invited, the people - God
Northwest, I continued my musical church
and after our 65th I was the only member
of the church to receive a degree for my
many years of service and I was pastor,
my officer Thomas became one of the leaders
quorans in the Northern Spring with the
funerary, he was the ^{T. Thorne} who was
killed in the line of ~~service~~, it was him as
he saw up his education and his work more
active, very popular he became successful. He
was married and became the father of their
children, my wife all became Protestant
people and all did very well in their fields
I was married at 30 years of age, I had 4
children, ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~children~~ ^{children} both are small of
which are very successful in life. I will
never be like my sister, I will not make
any changes for I am here & wondering
affectionate & kindly, I will not make
I would not change for the world
In this Spring Day May 27th 1980 I will have
my dinner at ~~my~~ home with Jane
and Maria but I will be home the next of
Thanksgiving, but so as to go and meet
nearly that I am for all the Spring.

Nov 26th - 1980

In the 1890's Gaetano Avitabile a tall handsome young fellow left his home in Acerola Italy and came to America settling in New York City. He met a charming young lady named Mariagrace Esposito and they were married. Her family prominent people from South Norfolk Connecticut were pleased with her choice. Gaetano's profession was shoe sharpening and he did well. They finally had a very nice family - Louis the oldest 2nd Dominic 3rd ~~Ralph~~ Philip 4th Mary 5th Ralph. They were all born in New York City. Finally the law caught up with Gaetano and he was sent to jail. Mariagrace his wife unable to support the children put them in a Catholic Orphanage. Dominic was very lonely and sad and he prayed very hard for his mother to come and take him out. With a good religious education the children were finally released and Mariagrace took her children to Paterson N.J. Louis the oldest met and fell in love with a girl from Kearney N.J. They married and had a lovely family. At an early age Dominic started working to help support his family. They did not hear from Gaetano until years later when they heard he was deported to Italy. Dominic who was the main support of the family became a bus driver. In his daily front he saw a young lady and not being a flirt he asked his boss if he knew the

young ladie's name. The owner of this
private bus line was Mr. Di Antonio and
living in Paterson all of his life he knew
many people, He told Dominic the young
lady was a Brino, a popular Paterson
name. One day Miss Brino was coming
home from swimming and going home by
bus she got on the Bus Dominic was
driving, As she paid her fare Dominic said
Hello Miss Brino! Surprised Miss Brino
said "How did you know my name?" He
confessed he asked Mr. Di Antonio starting
a conversation Dominic invited Miss
Brino to go with him on a Sunday Bus ride
to Coney Island. In reply Miss Brino had
to ask her parents, In a few days when he
called her she said yes she would go with
him. This started a long courtship. Dominic
was 20 yrs old and Jennie Brino was 22 yrs.
Very unhappy at the age difference made
it difficult to accept Dominic so she told
him she was not about to rob a cradle.
With hickering back and forth this went on
for over a year. The greatest thing of this
courtship was Dominic only 1 day off
a month. With Jennie wanting to be a man
it was quite a situation. Dominic did all
in ^{his} power to win her affection. New York
theaters dinners lovely gifts but to no
avail. Jennie was not about to fall in love.
They met in June. At Christmas he gave
Jennie a beautiful diamond cut Ruby her
Birthstone with a diamond chip. Jennie
gave him a Brush and Comb set.

amazing, that a beautiful night. At night
Mt. Vesuvius 'smoke' with red flames, but
we lived in Santhorn Italy for 1 year. Vesuvius
father was delighted to share us. We had not seen
his son in years. Vesuvius wanted a gift for
he bought three little chicks and raised them
then they were big enough to decide we should
eat. He wanted to give us his chickens and one
crown was as best known at the thought of
eating the dear little chicks. He refused to
eat them. He raised all of them in Italy,
in December Vesuvius handed for the gift
all U.S.A. finally announced we would
spend Christmas holidays here. On the 17th
of December we left Italy. My father left
but he knew we had to leave. He said
from the pilot, Steamship of the Reg
the Count Di Sary. We are headed the same
it was very nice and all in friends
research for Vesuvius. It was amazing that
a little feeling to be passed. It lasted 3 days
The remaining 4 days in the beautiful
The Italian name 'Café' is unforgettable. No one
happy to see Vesuvius of Italy. The next great
thing in our lives was to learn we were expecting our
1st child. When he arrived Vesuvius called for his
Grace, is meant to later our second daughter was
called Barbara. Maria Grace was named after his
Vesuvius, mother, Barbara was named after his
father, on 3rd day of Vesuvius born. My 3 brothers being
around at the time were quite angry at Vesuvius. They
ganged around him and said Vesuvius is a fair lead
should name her 3rd child. He said and named
her Grace after my father. My 4th child was named
to our delight Vesuvius. Being a very sick person

Angelo Brino lived in Benevento Italy with his family. His mother named Marianna and father Thomas were plain people living in a small village called Santa Croce in Benevento. Benevento is noted throughout the world for its great liqueur "Strega". Maria Di Mattio whom Angelo Brino wed was born in Sedino province of Salerno. These beautiful Italian villages made you wonder why the people came to America. Of course the answer is "America being the richest country in the world" it was a great temptation. In speaking of Angelo's family he named 4 of his children. Bianna his mother, Thomas his father. Marianna his oldest sister, Edustina his 2nd sister, a brother Carmine in Paterson with Angelo in his late twenties, unmarried had disappeared. Angelo heart broken did all in his power to locate him. Weidman's largest silk factory in Paterson located in the Riverside Area with a railroad along side of the factory. After days of searching a body was located at the bottom of the railroad trestle. It was believed he was walking the railroad and when a train was coming thru he either jumped down or was hit by the train. The Brino Clan with the 3rd & 4th generation all popular and many musicians. The De Mattio family not as large as the Brino but also popular and noted for their great paintings and arts.