

# **Guide to the Erasmo S. Ciccolella Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Creator</b>	Ciccolella, Erasmo S.
<b>Title</b>	Erasmo S. Ciccolella Papers
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1953-1983
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1953-1983
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet in one document box.
<b>Language</b>	English

**Language of Materials note** Collection is in English and Italian.

**Abstract** CMS 080 was generated by New Jersey Italian-American educator Erasmo S. Ciccolella during his retirement, when he researched family and local history. It includes four manuscripts Ciccolella produced: on his extended family; on his uncle, Italian-language poet Joseph Tallini; on Italian-American experience with the Board of Education of Trenton, New Jersey, for which Ciccolella worked from 1936 to 1971; and on his local church and parochial-school teachers. It also contains ephemeral publications by the aforementioned poet-uncle, and a newspaper report on Ciccolella's research into Italian Americans and the Trenton Board of Education.

### Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Papers of Erasmo S. Ciccolella (CMS 080); Box; Folder.

## Biographical/Historical note

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Erasmo S. Ciccolella was born in New Jersey on November 23, 1911. Among his relatives was the Italian-language poet Joseph Tallini. Part of the first generation of Italian American teachers hired by the Trenton, New Jersey, Public School System, he taught from 1936 to his retirement in 1971, whereupon he devoted himself to family and local history. He died in Mercer County, New Jersey, February 4, 2008.

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## Scope and Contents note

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CMS 080 documents Erasmo S. Ciccolella's life in retirement, a life for which his career prepared him. Born in 1911 in the United States of Italian heritage, Ciccolella was part of the first generation hired by the Trenton, New Jersey, Public School System, where he taught for his entire career, from 1935 to 1971. During a long retirement (he died in 2008), he researched local and family history. He produced a book on the subject, *Vibrant Life, 1886-1942, Trenton's Italian Americans* (New York: Center for Migration Studies, 1986).

The first folder of this collection documents Ciccolella's other research interests. In 1980, he prepared a typescript on "Saint Joachim's Church in Trenton, New Jersey, and on the Religious Teachers Filippini," Filippini taught in the parochial school there. In 1982, he completed two more typescripts: one on the diary and letters of his uncle, the Italian-language poet Joseph Tallini, between 1910 and 1921 and the other on references to Italian Americans in the Minutes of the Board of Education of Trenton, New Jersey, between 1893 and 1979. A final typescript appeared in 1983, a genealogical investigation he titled "Portrait of Three Families."

The other two folders supplement the research papers. The second contains copies of all edition of Ciccolella's poet-uncle's poetry. The third contains newspaper clippings on Ciccolella's research into the Board of Education.

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## Arrangement note

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CMS 080 is arranged into three folders: one each for Ciccolella's own typescripts, for all three editions of his uncle's book of poetry, and for a newspaper clipping on his research.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies 1988

### Revision Description

Mary Elizabeth Brown inputted the finding aid into Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. Nicole Greenhouse checked the work. 2014

### Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use note

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Erasmo S. Ciccolella of 301 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

### Processing Information note

Nicholas J. Falco prepared the original finding aid in October 1988, and a print copy is available on request. In 2014 Mary Elizabeth Brown inputted the finding aid in Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS In 2013, and folder descriptions were simplified from the original print finding aid. (The original finding aid is available in print upon request). Folder titles in the container list online may vary from the the physical folder titles.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Personal Name(s)

- Tallini, Joseph

## Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |x Intellectual life |y 20th century.
- Italian Americans |z New Jersey |z Trenton |x History.

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## Other Finding Aids note

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Nicholas J. Falco drafted the original finding aid in October 1988. It is available in print on request.

## Collection Inventory

"St. Joachim's Church and the Religious Teachers Filippini," "The Diary and letters of Joseph Tallini," "Italian-Americans in the Minutes of the Board of Education of Trenton, New Jersey" and "Portrait of Three Families" 1980-1983

Joseph Tallini, Le Cianfrusaglie Di Ginillat 1953-1973

Italian-Americans in Trenton's Board of Education November 14, 1982