

**Guide to the Breen/Saterno and Locati  
Families Collection on the Walla Walla,  
Washington Italian-American Community  
CMS.095**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Title</b>	Breen/Saterno and Locati Families Collection on the Walla Walla, Washington Italian-American Community
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1880-1980
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet in one document case and a binder.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	In English and Italian.
<b>Abstract</b>	CMS #095 documents the history of the Breen family of Walla Walla County in Washington State, from its migration from Italy as the Saturno family to 1980, when CMS Librarian Olha Della Cava and consultant photographer T.J. Marino solicited images from the family collection for the publication of Images.

### Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Breen/Saterno and Locati Families Collection on the Walla Walla, Washington Italian-American Community (CMS 095); Box; Folder.

## Biographical/Historical note

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CMS #095 documents the histories of two families who are long-time residents of Walla Walla County in Washington State.

The better-documented of the two is the Saturno/Breen family. The first Breen in America, Pasquale Saturno, left the family home on the island of Ascea of Ischia, off the coast of Naples, in 1876. He apparently returned to Italy three times. In 1888 he migrated permanently, bringing with him his wife Maria, his son Nicola, already a young man, and his business partner Joseph Tachi. The first Locati, Antonio, left the family home in the area around Naples before 1895 but the first solid record of him is his return to Italy that year. He married a woman named Caterina, fathered a child, and left Italy again, permanently, in 1900.

Both the Saturnos and the Locatis became truck gardeners in Walla Walla County, Washington, with the Locatis specializing in growing the Vidalia onions for which the area became famous. During this same period, Pasquale Saturno began using the name Frank Breen; he never made a legal change and never explained why he made the change. Both families involved themselves in the Walla Walla Gardner's Association, which in 1917 moved to its own warehouse.

The Saturno/Breen family tree grew well past Pasquale, Maria and Nicola. In 1892 Pasquale and Maria had a son named Carmen and in 1896 a daughter named Josephine. That same year Pasquale and Maria built a second home on their property, a duplex, in which their son Nicola lived. Nicola married a woman named Giovanna Locati, whose relation to Antonio and Caterina is unclear. Nicola and Giovanna had four children, of whom only a daughter named Louise survived; Nicola and the three other children died in a 1907 typhus epidemic.

Joseph Breen married another Walla Walla Italian-American, Emilio Guglielmeli; he died in 1961 and she in 1974. Josephine and Emilio had four children: Lucile, Frank, Emilio Jr. and Joe. Lucille and her husband Herman Miller had two sons: Dean and Larry. Frank had a boy and girl, Bill and Janet. Emilio had seven children: Emma Jo, Mary, Monica, Clare, Dino, Gino and Emilio III. Joe had six children: Joe Jr., Fred, Vernerd, DeEtta, Lorene and Dena.

Pasquale and Maria's son Carmen inherited the family property. During the Great Depression he sold eighteen acres of land and took jobs, first with Pacific Fruit and Produce, then the state highway department. By the time of his death, his grandsons regarded him as well-to-do. He married Phoebe Myers and had two sons: Eugene and Carmen Jr.

Carmen Jr. married Denise Hart, had one son, Robert Breen, and moved to Spokane. Eugene remained on the remaining family acreage in Walla Walla, married Dorothy Koehler of Ritzville, and had a son, Douglas.

Douglas Breen became the fourth generation of Saturno/Breens to live on the family property. He married a woman named Karen and became the family historian and the person from whom CMS solicited material for its publication Images.

As for the Locati family, Antonio and Caterina had four children: Mary, Jacob, August and Joseph. Joseph published *The Horticultural Heritage of Walla Walla County, 1818-1977*, in 1978. He provided copies of his publication, and of family portraits to CMS for the Images publication and for this collection

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## Scope and Contents note

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CMS #095 documents the histories of the Saturno/Breen and Locati families, both of whom became truck farmers in Walla Walla County, Washington, as the nineteenth century turned to the twentieth. Family growth is documented through a series of photographs and photocopies of personal documents, and the growth of the family businesses is documented through photocopies of ledgers and publications describing the history of agriculture in the area.

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## Arrangement note

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CMS #095 comprises one half-size Hollinger box the contents of which divided into two Series: Papers and Photographs.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies 1998, 2014

### Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use note

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## **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Douglas Breen and Joseph Locati of Walla Walla County, Washington, donated the documents and photographs from their respective families.

## **Processing Information note**

Mary Elizabeth Brown processed CMS #095 and prepared a finding aid in August 1998. She revised the finding aid in Archivists' Toolkit in July 2014. In 2014, the collection name was changed from the Walla Walla Washington Italian-American Community Records to the Breen/Saterno and Locati Families Collection on the Walla Walla, Washington Italian-American Community.

In 2014, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS 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.

## **Existence and Location of Originals note**

As of 1980, copies of the original documents and photographs were with Douglas Breen and Joseph Locati of Walla Walla County, Washington.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

While CMS #095 was being processed Director of the Library and Archives Diana J. Zimmeran decided to create an artification collection, CMS #091, to put in one place the material used to create the publication Images. Each print in CMS #095 contains a note as to where to find a matching print in CMS #091, and where to find the negatives in CMS #091.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Walla Walla County (Wash.) x| History

## Occupation(s)

- Farmers |z Washington (State)

## Personal Name(s)

- Breen, Douglas
- Locati, Joseph

## Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |z Washington State |z Walla Walla County | History

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## Other Finding Aids note

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A copy of the original finding aid is available on request.

## Papers

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Papers 1880-1973</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Photocopies of bills	1	1
Photocopies of ledger	1	2
Photocopies of published materials	1	3
Newspaper clippings 1973, 1975	1	4
Douglas Saturno Breen's inventory of family photographs	1	5
Douglas Saturno Breen's family history	1	6
Correspondence between Douglas Breen and T.J. Marino	1	7
Correspondence between Joseph J. Locati and Olha Della Cava	1	8
<b>Photographs 1880-1976</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Photograph</b>
Walla Walla sweet onions	1	1



Photographs

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Clockwise from top: Carmen Saturno, his wife Giovanna Locati Saturno, his father Pasquale Saturno, his daughter Louise Saturno, his sister Josephine Saturno, and his mother Maria Saturno	1	2
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