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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Buono Family Papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1911-1986
Date [inclusive]	1911-1986
Extent	0.25 Linear feet in one manuscript box.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	The materials are in English.
Abstract	CMS 098 documents, through a fragmentary collection of government-issued and business documents and photographs, the history of the Buono family of Staten Island from the childhood of matriarch Angelina Bafumo Buono in Italy to the birth of her great-grandsons in the 1980s and 1990s.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Buono Family Papers (CMS 098); Box; Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

The Buono family story begins with Antonio Buono, born April 6, 1898, at S. Valentino Torio in the province of Salerno, Italy. Mr. Buono came to the United States in 1914 and settled on Staten Island's North Shore. He became a U.S. citizen December 17, 1921, at which point he lived at 55 Monroe Avenue in Tompkinsville with his bachelor brother Silvestro.

It is not clear how Antonio met his bride, Angelina Bafumo. She had been born in Italy in 1908, the youngest daughter of the ten children of Carmelo and Crocifissa Bafumo. It is not clear when the family migrated: the most likely records among U.S. ship manifests shows Carmelo Bafumo and "Crecifissa" Brunia, both of Grammechele, Catania, Sicily, sailing aboard the Mendoza out fo Parlermo September 28, 1912, with their children Giuseppe (17), Giacomo and Rosaro (both 13), Michle (10), Giovanni (8) and Teresa (1); note Angelina was not listed. Carmelo died in 1919, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Long Island City in Section 41, Range 13, Plot C; Crocifissa paid to have the person in the next grave moved so that she could purchase it for herself.

The Bafumo family was living in Mariner's Harbor when Antonio married Angelina, February 20, 1927, at Saint Michael's Church there. The first years of their marriage, the couple lived at 25 Stanley Avenue in New Brighton, Staten Island. They started a family that grew to include Alfonso (Funzi), Anthony, and Albert. It is not clear what Antonio did in his early years. By 1960 he had secured a New York City civil service job, which he held until his retirement in 1977.

Angelina worked at the Hudson Waist and Dress Company on 84 Grandview Avenue in Mariner's Harbor, not far from where her mother Crocifissa lived until the latter's death in 1939. December 20, 1940, Angelina became a U.S. citizen, at which time she reported living at 28 South Street, West New Brighton, Staten Island. By 1960, the family had moved to 492 Kissel Avenue in West New Brighton, which is where Antonio died in about 1979 and Angelina died in 1995. She lived long enough to see the birth of two great grandsons.

Scope and Contents note

CMS 098 contains government-issued and business documents and photographs documenting the Buono family from the life of matriarch Angelina Bafumo Buono (1908-1995) to the birth of her great-grandson George Anthony Sanchez in 1993.

Arrangement note

CMS 098 is arranged into three series:

Series I: Large documents

Series II: Small documents

Series III: Photographs

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

Mary Brown entered CMS 098's finding aid into Archivists Toolkit using DACS as a standard. Nicole Greenhouse checked the work. November 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Albert, Alfonso and Anthony Buono brought the documents to the Center for Migration Studies some time between 1995, the death of their mother Angelina, and 2000, when the collection was processed.

Processing Information note

In 2013, 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.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |z New York (State) |z New York.

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Large Documents

Collection Inventory

Large Documents 1911-1948 (Bulk, 1911-1948)		
	Box	Folder
Antonio Buono Birth Certificate 1898-1948 (Bulk, 1898-1948)	1	1
Photocopy of photographs of Crocifissa and Carmelo Bafumo 1911 (Bulk, 1911)	1	2
Photocopy of deed for grave for Carmelo Bafumo 1919 (Bulk, 1919)	1	3
Photocopy of receipt for removal of remains of Concetta Bubbisido [?] 1919 (Bulk, 1919)	1	4
Photocopy of naturalization certificate for Antonio Buono 1921 (Bulk, 1921)	1	5
Photocopy of marriage certificate for Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo 1927 (Bulk, 1927)	1	6
Receipt for the burial of Crocifissa Bafumo 1939 (Bulk, 1939)	1	7
Naturalization certificate for Angelina Bafumo Buono 1940 (Bulk, 1940)	1	8
Small Documents 1911-1986 (Bulk, 1911-1986)		

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	Box	Object
Leartherbound booklet from the Gorham Company 1911 (Bulk, 1911)	1	1
Angelina Bafumo Buono Social Security Card 1936 (Bulk, 1936)	1	2
Antonio Buono, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees booklet 1960 (Bulk, 1960)	1	3
Antonio Buono Medicare Card 1969 (Bulk, 1969)	1	4
Angelina Bafumo Buono Medicare Card 1972 (Bulk, 1972)	1	5
Antonio Buono New York City CIVIL Service Retired Employee Association Card 1977 (Bulk, 1977)	1	6
Antonio Buono Driver's License 1979 (Bulk, 1979)	1	7
Angelina Bafumo Buono Driver's License 1986 (Bulk, 1986)	1	8
Angelina Bafumo Buono Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York Identification Card	1	9

Photographs 1912-2000 (Bulk, 1912-2000)

Scope and Contents note

The 46 photographs in CMS 098 document the Buono family across five generations. When the Buono family deposited the photographs Albert and Anthony Buono identified them as to date, place, and persons depicted. The photographs may be arranged to show generational progression. In this system,

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one would start with images 43-44. Although they were taken in and deposited with the collection in the year 2000 they depict the origins of the Buono clan: Antonio Buono's home in Italy.

Images 1 and 3 depict the immigrant generation: Crocifissa Bruina (or Brunia) Bafumo and her husband Carmelo. Images 1, 2, 7, 13 14, 18, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 35, 37, 38, and 40 focus on the generation that came to the United States as youths: Angelina Bafumo Buono and her husband Antonio Buono; there is also a photograph of Angelina's brother John. Image 41 shows the family that remained in Italy: Marie Buono, daughter of Carmen Buono, brother of Antonio.

Images 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 33, 36, and 39 show the generation born and raised completely on Staten Island: Alfonso (Funzi), Albert and Anthony Buono, sons of Angelina and Antonio. These images also include some of Albert's wife Norma, Anthony's wife Madeline, and Sonny Buono and Lucy Buono Pugnetti, first cousins on the Buono side of the family.

Images 9, 12, 24, and 41 show the fourth generation in America. Alfonso had sons named Jimmy and Vincent. Albert and his wife Norma had daughters named Diana, Carol Ann and Lisa.

Images 45 and 46 show the fifth generation: Michael George Sanchez and George Anthony Sanchez, the sons of Carol Ann Buono Sanchez, grandsons of Albert and Norma Buono, great-grandsons of Antonio and Angelina Bafumo Buono and great-great-grandsons of Carmelo and Crocifissa Bruina (or Brunia) Bafumo.

The images were taken between 1912 and 2000. The images taken from 1912 to 1927 are studio portraits; the ones taken thereafter are family snapshots.

	Box	Photograph
Crocifissa, Carmo and four-year-old Angelina Bafumo 1912 (Bulk, 1912)	1	1
Wedding portrait of Antony Buono and Angelina Bafumo February 20, 1927 (Bulk, 1927)	1	2
Crocifissa Bafumo in front of her son Michael's 1936 Plymouth automobile, Grandview Avenue, Staten Island 1936 (Bulk, 1936)	1	3

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Angelina Bafumo Buono (in purple dress and green sweater); "Aunt Rose" (behind Angelina); Alfonso (Funzi) Buono (on left); Lucy Rignetti (right); Albert Buono (right); at 492 Kissel Avenue, West New Brighton, Staten Island 1994 (Bulk, 1994)	1	4
Rear, left to right: Albert Buono, "Aunt Rose," Albert's wife Norma, Alfonso (Funzi) Buon. Seated: Angelina Bafumo Buono. 1994 (Bulk, 1994)	1	5
Standing, left to right: Albert and Alfonso (Funzi) Buono. Seated, left to right: "Aunt Rose," Angelina Bafumo Buono, cousin Lucy Pugnetti 1994 (Bulk, 1994)	1	6
Angelina Bafumo Buono on the phone 1995 (Bulk, 1995)	1	7
Angelina Bafumo Buono, Alfonso (Funzi) Buono and Lisa Buono	1	8
Alonso (Funzi) Buono, his wife Norma (in purple blouse), daughters Diana (center) and Lisa, and mother Angelina Bafumo Buono 1995 (Bulk, 1995)	1	9
Visiting Antonio Buono's grave at Saint Peter's Cemetery, Staten Island: Alfonso (Funzi) Buono, a friend of Angelina Bafumo Buono, Angelina herself and Albert's wife Norma 1995 (Bulk, 1995)	1	10
Alfonso (Funzi) and Albert Buono at the reception following Angelina Bafumo Buono's funeral, Staten House, Forest Avenue, Staten Island, New York 1995 (Bulk, 1995)	1	11

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Left to right: Albert Buono's daughters Lisa, Carol and Diana 1996 (Bulk, 1996)	1	12
Angelina Bafumo and two friends at the beach at the foot of South Avenue, Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, New York 1923 (Bulk, 1923)	1	13
Angelina Bafumo on her seventeenth birthday 1925	1	14
Angelina Bafumo Buono and her sons Alfonso (Funzi), Anthony, and Albert 1930s	1	15
Angelina Bafumo Buono at 25 Stanley Avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York 1940 (Bulk, 1940)	1	16
Angelina Bafumo Buono and Albert, 25 Stanley Avenue 1945	1	17
Angelina Bafumo Buono 1945	1	18
Left to right: Albert and Anthony Buono, 25 Stanley Avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York 1945 (Bulk, 1945)	1	19
Feast of the Assumption, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York 1948 (Bulk, 1948)	1	20
Antonio Buono on the South Beach boardwalk August 1948 (Bulk, 1948)	1	21

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Left to right: Antonio, Albert and Angelina Bafumo Buono on the occasion of Albert's high school graduation, Staten Island, New York 1949 (Bulk, 1949)	1	22
Albert Buono holding a model sailboat made in woodwork shop class, Staten Island, New York June 1949 (Bulk, 1949)	1	23
Antonio Buono, Angelina Bafumo Buono and their first grandson, Jimmy Buono, son of Alfonso (Funzi) and his first wife, Eileen December 25, 1950 (Bulk, 1950)	1	24
Angelina Bafumo Buono and the family Ford automobile at 25 Stanley Avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York 1951 (Bulk, 1951)	1	25
Antonio Buono and his son Albert Buono, 492 Kissel Avenue, West Brighton, Staten Island, New York 1954 (Bulk, 1954)	1	26
Angelina Bafumo Buono hanging laundry out her window, 492 Kissel Avenue, West Brighton, Staten Island 1958 (Bulk, 1958)	1	27
Left to right, John Bafumo, his sister, Angelina Bafumo Buono, and Angelina's husband Antonio at the San Diego Zoo 1968 (Bulk, 1968)	1	28
Family gathering at the home of John Bafumo, San Diego, California: Angelina Bafumo Buono sits on her brother John's knee; her husband Antonio is on the left; Anthony Buono and his wife Madeline are in the back; their son Mark and daughter Beth are at an outdoor table August 1968 (Bulk, 1968)	1	29

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Antonio Buono's seventeenth birthday, 492 Kissell Avenue, West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York April 1968 (Bulk, 1968)	1	30
Antonio Buono's seventeenth birthday party, 492 Kissel Avenue, West New Brighton, Staten Island April 1968 (Bulk, 1968)	1	31
Antonio Buono celebrates his seventieth birthday with his wife Angelina Bafumo Buono April 1968 (Bulk, 1968)	1	32
Left to right: Angelina Bafumo Buono, daughter-in-law Elia and husband Antonio at the New Jersey shore 1970 (Bulk, 1970)	1	33
Left to right: Angelina Bafumo Buono, Albert Buono's daughter Lisa, and Antonio Buono 1974 (Bulk, 1974)	1	34
Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo Buono celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary with son Albert Buono's daughter Carol Ann at the River Chateau, Staten Island, New York February 1977 (Bulk, 1977)	1	35
Left to right, rear: Alfonso (Funzi) Buono and his brothers Anthony and Alfbert. Front: Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo Buono on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, River Chateau, Staten Island February 1977 (Bulk, 1977)	1	36
Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo Buono on their fiftieth wedding anniversary February 1977 (Bulk, 1977)	1	37

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Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo Buono at their fiftieth wedding anniversary dinner, River Chateau, Staten Island February 1977 (Bulk, 1977)	1	38
Angelina Bafumo Buono surrounded by relatives. Son Albert is on far right. "Aunt Rose" wears the red blouse. Cousin Lucy Pugnetti is in the white blouse. The remaining man is Sonny Buono June 1980 (Bulk, 1980)	1	39
Angelina Bafumo Buono at 492 Kissel Avenue, Staten Island, New York	1	40
Left to right: Vincent Buono (Alfonso's son), Marie (daughter of Carmen Buono, Alfonso's father Antonio's brother), Marie's son-in-law, Marie's husband, and Vincent Buono's wife, at Marie's house in Italy August 2000 (Bulk, 2000)	1	41
Front hall entrance to Antonio Buono's apartment in Italy August 2000 (Bulk, 2000)	1	42
Steps leading from front hall to Antonio Buono's Italian apartment August 2000 (Bulk, 2000)	1	43
Front door of the home Antonio Buono left in 1914 August 2000 (Bulk, 2000)	1	44
Michael George Sanchez, born June 30, 1987, at Holy Cross Hospital, For Lauderdale, Florida, son of Carol Ann Buono Sanchez, grandson of Albert Buono, great grandson of Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo Buono, and great-great grandson of Carmelo Bafumo and Crocifissa Brunia (or Bruina) Bafumo December 1997 (Bulk, 1997)	1	45

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George Anthony Sanchez, born December 31, 1993, at Staten Island University Hospital, the son of Carol Ann Buono Sanchez, grandson of Albert Buono, great grandson of Antonio Buono and Angelina Bafumo Buono, and great-great grandson of Carmelo Bafumo and Crocifissa Brunia (or Bruina) Bafumo 1996 (Bulk, 1996)

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