

# **Daniel Santoro Papers**

## **CMS.109**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>                 | Center for Migration Studies   |
| <b>Title</b>                      | Daniel Santoro Papers  |
| <b>Date [bulk]</b>                | Bulk, 1930-1954  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]</b>           | 1805-1954  |
| <b>Extent</b>                     | 0.5 Linear feet 1 document box   |
| <b>Location note</b>              | CMS.109 is housed at 307 East 60th Street, Third Floor, New York, New York 10022   |
| <b>Language</b>                   | English  |
| <b>Language of Materials note</b> | CMS.108 contains material in English, with some Italian.   |
| <b>Abstract</b>                   | CMS.109 documents the community activities, most among the Italian Americans of Staten Island, of Daniel Santoro (c. 1890-1954), through clippings, correspondence, organizational papers, photographs and printed ephemera, some of it gathered in a scrapbook. |

### Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Collection Name (No. 109); Box 1; Folder Number.

## Biographical/Historical note

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Biographical information on Daniel Santoro is scarce. Details from his newspaper obituary suggest he was born about 1890. In his professional life, he was an architect, and a member of the American Institute of Architects. In his personal life, he was married to a woman named Rose and the father of a son and a daughter. He made his home at 256 Bement Street on Staten Island.

Santoro was active in his community, being at one time or other in his life Chair of the Staten Island Italian Democratic Club, Director of the Staten Island Democratic Voters League, founder of the Italian Men's Club on Staten Island and the founder, director and executive secretary of the Staten Island Italian Historical Society. He was also a frequent participant in memorials for persons of Italian descent on Staten Island, such as Columbus Day parades, the centennial of Giuseppe Garibaldi's arrival on the island, and the installation of a plaque honoring Giovanni Da Verrazzano, the first European documented to have seen New York Harbor, at Staten Island's Borough Hall at Saint George. Santoro also interested himself in current Italian-American affairs, and in 1952 coordinated lobbying efforts in Staten Island's community for the passage of House Resolution 7376, which called for the admission of Italians over and above the quota then in effect.

Santoro died at home on December 1, 1954, at the age of 64, after a month-long illness. His son George Reynolds Santoro was educated at the University of Alabama and at New York University Medical School; on the eve of Pearl Harbor he became engaged to Jane Lee Carleton of 1105 Park Avenue in New York City. The wedding took place as planned in January 1942 and the new couple settled near Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, where Dr. Santoro was a first lieutenant. During the war he remained at the fort, reaching the rank of colonel and the position of attending surgeon. He was living at 1293 Plandome Road in Plandome, Long Island, when he died of a heart ailment in 1966 at age 53, leaving his wife and two daughters, Jane C. and Lee R. Daniel Santoro also saw his daughter Louis' marriage to Mr. William Feist before his death.

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## Scope and Contents note

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CMS.108 documents some of the community activities of Daniel Santoro, an American of Italian descent resident on Staten Island at least from the 1930s, the date of the first items in this collection, to his death in 1954.

Santoro was affiliated with numerous organizations. The most important one in CMS.108 is the Staten Island Italian Historical Society; the collection has the society's legal papers and a scrapbook. Santoro also participated in events highlighting Italian contributions to American history, and this collection contains ephemera from Columbus Day parades and the centennial of Giuseppe Garibaldi's arrival on Staten Island. Santoro's interest in Staten Island Italian-American history led to several research projects,

and the collection includes his notes on efforts to establish the identity of the first Italian family to settle on the island and to document the provenance of a piano supposedly made by Garibaldi. Toward the end of his life, Santoro coordinated local lobbying for a 1952 House Resolution to issue immigration visas to Italians over and above the quotas then in effect; this may have become the 1952 Refugee Relief Act.

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## **Arrangement note**

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CMS108 consists one box with 12 numbered folders with labels identifying their contents.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Open to researchers by appointment.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

CMS.109 was deposited by Nina Polimeni of Staten Island.

### **Processing Information note**

In 2015, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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## Function(s)

- Columbus Day

## Personal Name(s)

- Garibaldi, Giuseppe, 1807-1882
- Meucci, Antonio, 1808-1889
- Santoro, Daniel, 1890-1954

## Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |z New York (State) |z Richmond County

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"George R. Santoro, Anesthesiologist," *New York Times* (2 April 1966). Marymount Manhattan College ProQuest (8 October 2015).

"Jane L. Carleton Married at Home," *New York Times* (8 January 1942).

"Jane Lee Carleton Will Become a Bride," *New York Times* (3 December 1941).

"Daniel Santoro Dead," *New York Times* (2 December 1954). Marymount Manhattan College ProQuest (8 October 2015).

## Collection Inventory

|   | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Clippings   | 1          | 1             |
| Garibaldi Centennial 1950   | 1          | 2             |
| Garibaldi Piano 1890-1954   | 1          | 3             |
| House Resoluton 7376 1952   | 1          | 4             |
| Martino Family, First Staten island Italians 1950                         | 1          | 5             |
| Meucci, Bianca (niece of Antonio) 1940                                    | 1          | 6             |
| Papers 1805-1935  | 1          | 7             |
| Papers 1936-1959  | 1          | 8             |
| Papers undated  | 1          | 9             |
| Photographs   | 1          | 10            |
| Staten Island Italian Historical Society Constitution and By-Laws undated | 1          | 11            |
| Staten Island Historical Society Scrapbook 1939-1940                      | 1          | 12            |