

# **Italians in Chicago Oral History Project**

## **CMS.114**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Title</b>	Italians in Chicago Oral History Project Transcripts
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1979-1981
<b>Extent</b>	3.5 Linear feet 7 document boxes
<b>Location note</b>	CMS.114 is housed at the Center for Migration Studies, 307 East 60th Street, Third Floor, New York, New York, 10022.
<b>Language</b>	English

**Language of Materials note** CMS.114 is in English, with some Italian and Italian dialects.

**Abstract** CMS.114 contains typed English-language transcripts from over one hundred interviews with Italian American residents of Chicago and its environs, plus photocopied sheets of metadata for each interview. The interviews were funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducted between 1979 and 1981, but the time period covered stretches back to the mid nineteenth century in some cases, and covers the narrators' lives in Italy; decisions regarding migration and settlement in the United States; economic, family and social life once settled; and long-term multigenerational adjustment to life in the United States.

### Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Italians in Chicago Oral History Project (CMS.114); Box; Item Number.

## Scope and Contents note

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CMS.114 consists of one hundred typed, bound, English-language transcripts from the Italians in Chicago Oral History Project, an initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Copies of the transcripts are on deposit in several locations in the Midwest, and at the time of processing this collection it was possible to hear the tapes of the interviews and see digital copies of the transcripts on the website of the Casa Italia Italian Cultural Center Chicago Italian Archives website. Processing this collection makes the material available in the New York Metropolitan Area in the more durable paper format.

The transcripts are in English, although some also contain passages in Italian and in Italian dialects, usually translated with the help of relatives of the speaker. Although they were conducted in Chicago, they range from many places in Italy to other locations in the United States and around the world; one contributor spent time as a migrant to Venezuela. Although the interviews were conducted between 1979 and 1981 they range across time, as some narrators recalled events in Italy for some generations before their own, and also discussed their children and grandchildren. The speakers came from many different walks of life, and some performed multiple roles, as, for example, housewives and participants in community affairs. The interviews' scope is further expanded by interviewees' tendencies to detail the roles played by friends and relatives, so that, for example, a housewife might provide much information on the history of mining by describing her father's work in that field.

The collection does contain some gaps. The transcripts were numbered in the order in which they were processed; numbers 8, 10 and 22 are missing. There are occasional cases in which names are spelled multiple ways in the paperwork accompanying the collection, or dates seem out of order; a person was interviewed almost two years before signing the legal agreement for the interview. However, the interview project's plan was to provide not complete sets of metadata. Each transcript includes the name of the neighborhood where the interviewee lived in Chicago, some basic personal information, signed legal agreements, a check-off list of topics covered, a log sheet indicating when in the interview the various topics were covered (usually, the numbers on the log sheet correspond to line numbers in the transcripts), and the interviewers' comments on the interview.

While the collection focuses on Italians in Chicago, its data can be compared with that of other ethnic groups and with that of people in other locations. Within the collection, it is possible to compare experiences of men and women, of first- and second-generation Italian Americans, of people following different lines of work, and of residents in various Chicago neighborhoods. It is also possible to bring together interviews of people who knew each other, who shared the same experiences, or who lived through the same times in Chicago's history.

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## Arrangement note

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CMS.114 is arranged in order using numbers on the front of each transcript. These numbers are generally preceded by the first three letters of the narrators' last name, in upper-case letters.

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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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### **Processing Information note**

In 2016, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS.

### **Existence and Location of Copies note**

Copies of the transcripts in CMS.114 are available at the following locations. All URLs were checked 9 December 2016.

Casa Italia, Italian Cultural Center, Chicago Italian Archives

<https://sites.google.com/site/chicagoitalianarchives/home/italians-in-chicago-oral-history-project>

Chicago Historical Society

<http://chsmedia.org/media/fa/fa/M-I/Italians-cl.htm>

The Chicago Public Library

<http://www.chipublic.org/fa-italians-in-chicago-project-records/>

Immigration Research and History Archives, University of Minnesota

<https://www.lib.umn.edu/ihrca/>

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Bridgeport (Chicago, Ill.)
- Chicago (Ill.)
- Chicago Heights (Ill.)
- Franklin Park (Ill.)
- Melrose Park (Ill.)
- Near North Side (Chicago, Ill.)
- Near West Side (Chicago, Ill.)
- Pulaski (Pulaski County, Ill.)
- River Grove (Ill.)
- Roseland (Chicago, Ill.)
- South Lawndale (Chicago, Ill.)
- West Side (Chicago, Ill.)

### Subject(s)

- Oral History |z Illinois |z Chicago

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
Mazzei, Philomena, West Side, 16 July 1979	1	MAZ-1, vol. 1
Mazzei, Philomena, West Side (English and Calabrian Dialect), 16 July 1979	1	MAZ-1, vol. 2
Cosentino, Salvatore, Near West Side, 13 July 1979	1	COS-2
Moreschi, Americo, Near West Side, 14 July 1979	1	MOR-3
Mugnaini, Umberto, Chicago/Pulaski, 18 July 1979	1	MUG-4
Lazzaretti, Valentino, South Lawndale, 12 July 1979	1	LAZ-5
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Avignone, Mario, Roseland, 12,14 July 1979	1	AVI-7
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Accettura, Nick, Franklin Park, 18 July 1979	1	ACC-13
Lagattuta, Sarah, Near North, 6 October 1979	1	LAG-14
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DalCason, Nina, Roseland, 3 December, 1979	1	DAL-16
DeFiglio, Jennie, Near West Side, 5 December 1979	1	DEF-17
Catranbone [sic--should be Catrambone], Frank N., Grand-Western, 20 December 1979	1	CAT-18
Cesario, Joseph, Melrose Park, 18 December 1979	1	CES-19
Mariani, Frank, West Side 19 November 1979	2	MAR-20
Spalita [sic--should be Spallitta], Lake View, 30 December 1979 and 2 January 1980	2	SPA-21
Licata, Grace, West Side, 10 January 1980	2	LIC-23
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Leonardi, Emilio, Near West Side, 23 January 1980	2	LEO-25
Tellerino, Rose, Bridgeport, 12 February 1980	2	TEL-26



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Tieri, Nick, Chicago Heights, 21 February 1980	2	TIE-30
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Kowalski, Olivia, Chicago Heights, 19 February 1980	2	KOW-32
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Leone, Alphonse C., Chicago Heights, 29 February 1980	2	LEO-34
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Bruno, Mario, Chicago Heights, 20 March 1980	3	BRU-39, vol 2
DeFacci, Robert, Roseland, 10 March 1980	3	DEF-40
Pulcini, Carlo Mario, Chicago Heights, 13 March 1980	3	PUL-41
Panico, Louis, Near West Side, 25 March 1980	3	PAN-42
Cassano, Anthony, Burnside, 22 March 1980	3	43
Roselli, Florence, Terra Cotta, 4 April 1979	3	ROS-44, vol 1
Roselli, Florence, Terra Cotta, 4 April 1979	3	ROS-44, vol. 2
Arrow, Rita, Near West Side, 31 March 1980	3	ARR-45
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Bertacci, Aldo, Forest Park, 15 April 1980	3	BER-51
Marsik, Adelia, West Side, 15 April 1980	3	MAR-52
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Raia, Louis, Near North, September 1979	4	RAI-57
Cali, Vito, Near North, 22 April 1980	4	CAL-58
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Dalle-Molle, Enesto [sic--should be Ernesto], Roseland, 30 April 1980	4	DAL-61
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Greco, Dante A., Highland Park, 16 May 1980	4	GRE-66
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Mirabella, Rosemond, 24th and Oakley, 28 May 1980	4	MIR-68
Furmarolo, Donald, Near West, 15 May 1980	4	FUM-69
Petri, Sylvio, 24th and Oakley, 20 May 1980	5	PET-70
Amella, Joseph, Bridgeport, 8 February 1980	5	AME-71
Bacci, Gloria, West Side, 22 April 1980	5	BAC-72
Baldacci, Eddie, 24th and Oakley, 29 May 1980	5	BAL-73
Fantozzi, Alfred. 24th and Oakley, 27 May 1980	5	FAN-74
Povenzano, Joseph, Brookfield, 24 March 1980	5	PRO-75
Terracina, Marisa, Highwood, 1 June 1980	5	TER-76
Gentile, Joseph, 24th and Oakley, 2 June 1980	5	GEN-77
Tarabori, Lina, 24th and Oakley, 5 June 1980	5	TAR-78

Zopetti, Carmella, Roseland, 17 June 1980	5	ZOP-79
Valiani, Maria, 24th and Oakley, 10 June 1980	5	VAL-80
Baio, Sam, Bridgeport, 31 May and 16 June 1980	5	BAI-81
Penio, Paul, Near North, 30 June 1980	5	PEN-82
Parise, Florence, Roseland, 20 June 1980	5	PAR-83
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Perpoli, Thomas, Near West Side, 26 June 1980	5	PER-85
Ungari, Joe, Belmont, 8 March 1980	5	UNG-86
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Argenzio, Mary, Grand Avenue, 2 July 1980	6	ARG-89
Martorano, Joachim, Near North, 7 and 9 July 1980	6	MAR-90
Scarpelli, Emilia, Grand Avenue, 8 July 1980	6	SCA-91, vol. 1

Scarpelli, Emilia, Grand Avenue, 8 July 1980	6	SCA-91, vol.2
Patti, Angelo, Grand Avenue, 14 July 1980	6	PAT-92
Bonevolenta, Mildred, Melrose Park 21 July 1980	6	BON-93
LoGuidice, Joseph, Near North, 25 July 1980	6	LOG-94, vol..1
LoGuidice, Joseph, Near North, 25 July 1980	6	LOG-94, vol..2
Casario, Tony, Highwood, 21 July 1980	6	CAS-95
Morandin, Rena, Roseland, 25 July 1980	6	MOR-96
Domm, Carmen, Highwood 25 July 1980	6	DOM-97
Pane, Angelo, Near North, 27 July 1980	6	PAN-98
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Rosa, Joe, Melrose Park, 9 August 1980	7	ROS-100
Augustine, Rosalie, Melrose Park, 5 August 1980	7	AUG-101
Baldi. Mary, Highwood, 7 August 1980	7	BAL-102

Passarella, Daniel, Melrose Park, 8 August 1980	7	PAS-103
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(Sister) Mary Augustine, 24th and Oakley, 7 August 1980	7	AUG-108
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Manchin, Domenico, Belmont/Cragin, 4 October 1980	7	MAN-110
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Marro, (Rev.) Nicholas, c.s., Melrose Park, 19 February 1981	7	MAR-114