

IMPORTANT RECORD TYPES FOR ITALY REGION RESEARCH

Must Know Very Well	Good Working Knowledge	Some Familiarity
<p>Civil Registration: 1806-Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Births - <i>Nati</i> • Marriages - <i>Matrimoni</i> • Deaths - <i>Morti</i> • Marriage Banns – <i>Pubblicazioni</i> • Supplemental Files for Marriage, etc. - <i>Allegati, Processetti</i> <p>Catholic Parish Registers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptisms - <i>Battesimi</i> • Marriages - <i>Matrimoni</i> • Burials - <i>Morti</i> • Confirmations – <i>Cresimi/Confermazione</i> • Marriage Dispensations - <i>Dispensazioni</i> • Parish Census - <i>Status Animarum/Stato delle Anime</i> <p>Military Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Register - <i>Lista di Leva</i> 	<p>Civil Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship - <i>Cittadinanza</i> • State of the Family - <i>Stato di Famiglia</i> • Diverse Acts - <i>Atti Diversi</i> • Other Municipal Records <p>Census/Census Substitutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Censimenti</i> • Sicilian <i>Riveli</i> • <i>Catasto Onciario</i> <p>Military Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matriculation Rolls - <i>Ruoli matricolari</i> • Service Files - <i>Fogli matricolari</i> • Draft Dodgers - <i>Liste di renetenti</i> • Extraction List - <i>Lista di estrazione</i> 	<p>Notarial Documents</p> <p>Land & Property</p> <p>University and School Records</p> <p>Immigration & Emigration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Passporti</i> <p>Published Genealogies</p> <p>Newspapers</p> <p>Church Records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Orthodox • Jewish • Waldensian • Other

STRATEGIES SPECIFIC TO ITALY REGION RESEARCH

- Knowing Italian history, localities/jurisdictions and their changes, naming patterns, languages and format of records is crucial to conducting successful research in ITALY.
- Know where to find and how to use the records needed to solve the client's research problem. To learn about resources for the ITALY REGION see the following:
 - [Cyndislist](#) for ITALY
 - [Facebook](#) genealogy pages for the ITALY region, use search field to locate specific titles
 - [FamilySearch Learning Center for Italy](#)

- [FamilySearch Wiki for Italy](#)
- Consult Genealogical Handbooks to learn about the records. Refer to the following:
 - Adams, Suzanne Russo. *Finding Your Italian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide*. Provo: UT: Ancestry Publishing, 2009.
 - Cole, Trafford. *Italian Genealogical Records: How to Use Italian Civil, Ecclesiastical & Other Family History Research*. Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, 1995.
 - Colletta, John Philip. *Finding Italian Roots*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1993.
 - Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. *Italian-American Family History*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997.
 - Your favorite search engine
- Use original records, whenever possible, created at the time of the event. These might be found at various jurisdictional levels (such as town, county, state/province, federal/national). Many of which are available online.
- **Ancestry.com:**
 - [Ancestry.com](#), [Ancestry.it](#)
- **FamilySearch Italian records online:**
 - <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927178>
 - <https://familysearch.org/italy>
- [Finding Records of Your Italian Ancestors Part A](#)
- See FamilySearch Research Wiki page, [ITALY ONLINE GENEALOGY RECORDS](#) for more suggestions.
- It is important to study the history of the country as well as why and how records were kept in Italy. See the following to learn of ITALY'S history:
 - Duggan, Christopher. *A Concise History of Italy*. Cambridge, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
 - Hearder, Harry. *Italy: A Short History*. Cambridge, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
 - Guicciardini, Francesco. *The History of Italy*. Princeton University Press, 1984.
- Familiarity with standard maps, gazetteers and atlases is a must for doing Italian research. Consult the list below to learn more:
 - *Atlante Stradale d' Italia*. Novara: Istituto geografico De Agostini, 1978.
 - *Annuario generale: comuni e frazioni d'Italia*. Milano: Touring Club Italiano, 1980.
 - *Nuovo Dizionario dei comuni e frazioni dei comuni con le circoscrizioni amministrative*. Roma: Societa Editrice Dizionario Voghera dei comuni, 1954 (FHL microfilm #795,276).

- Istituto Geografico de Agostini. *Citta e Paesi d'Italia: Enciclopedia illustrata di tutti i comuni italiani*. Istituto Geografico de Agostini, Novara, 1966.
- These websites are also useful:
 - Storia dei Comuni: <http://www.elesh.it/storiacomuni/cercacomuni.asp>
 - Italiapedia: http://www.italiapedia.it/comune-di-arta-terme_Storia-030-005
- You may also want to search Google Books, WorldCat and other resources for regional gazetteers such as this one: <http://www.lombardiabeniculturali.it/istituzioni/toponimi/>
- Applicants for accreditation in the ITALY region, must demonstrate their language ability as part of the exam by accurately transcribing and translating documents of genealogical significance into English. Understanding Italian and Latin as well as a study of paleography will help you to not only translate documents, but also decipher the handwriting and abbreviations found in the records. Use to the [Paleography Language Ability Table](#) to determine your language ability. Refer to the following resources to improve your language skills:
 - **FamilySearch Word Lists**
 - [Italian Genealogical WordList](#)
 - [Latin Genealogical Word List](#)
 - **FamilySearch Document Translations**
 - [Birth](#)
 - [Marriage](#)
 - [Death](#)
 - [Civil Death](#)
- Watch for persons with the same name (e.g. parents with the same name on a census or other register). Consider all variants of spelling for the name. Consulting the following surname books are helpful:
 - Fucilla, Joseph. *Our Italian Surnames*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1987.
 - Malossini, Andrea. *I Cognomi Italiani*. Milano: Vallardi, 1997.
- Be familiar with key repositories for ITALY Region research. A few are listed below:
 - D'Angiolini, Piero and Claudio Pavone. *Guida Generale degli Archivi di Stato Italiani*. Roma: Ministero per i beni culturali e ambientali, Ufficio centrale per i beni archivistici, 1981-1994. 4 vols.:
<http://www.archivi.beniculturali.it/index.php/archivi-nel-web/guida-generale-degli-archivi-di-stato>
<http://www.maas.ccr.it/guida/hl/listaPDF.htm>

- Monachino, Vincenzo. *Guida degli archivi diocesani d'Italia*. Roma: Associazione Archivistica Ecclesiastica, 1990. 2 vols.
 - Vol I: http://www.archivi.beniculturali.it/dga/uploads/documents/Quaderni/Quaderno_61.pdf
 - Vol II: http://www.archivi.beniculturali.it/dga/uploads/documents/Quaderni/Quaderno_74_II.pdf
 - Vol III: http://www.archivi.beniculturali.it/dga/uploads/documents/Quaderni/Quaderno_85.pdf
- *Annuario delle Diocesi d'Italia*. Marietti, 1951. (Includes Indice delle Parrocchie) (FHL microfilm #780,555-780,556).
- **Portale Antenati (Genealogy Portal- Italian State Archives)**
Portale Antentati (English) <http://www.antenati.san.beniculturali.it/en>
- **Portale Antenati** (Italian) <http://www.antenati.san.beniculturali.it/>
- **Italy GenWeb (in conjunction with World GENWEB)**
<http://www.italywgw.org/>
- **Italy Gen** <http://italygen.com/>
- **Catholic Church in Italy** http://www.chiesacattolica.it/ci_new/index.html
- **Italian Parishes** <http://www.parrocchie.it/>
- **TuttoCittà** <http://www.tuttocitta.it/>

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Look beyond the records that are online or on microfilm as some records might only be available on-site. Check private collections and contact courthouses, churches, and other repositories. An excellent AG® professional also must know where to find and how to use the records needed to solve the client's problem. To learn about resources for your region of interest check out the following:

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 - Evaluate each record. Resolve any conflicting information. Correlate findings.
 - Source each event in each person's life. Capture the information about each source to facilitate proper citation when writing the report.

- Keep a research log of all records searched, including any searches for which nothing was found.
- Verify generational links.
- If indirect evidence is used, assemble it correctly to support your conclusions.
- Understand your family in historical context, including wars and jurisdictional boundary changes.
- Don't assume relationships.
- Substitute records might be used when there is a lack of records or record loss. An event might be recorded in multiple ways. For example, a marriage might be recorded civilly, by the church, or in a newspaper. Each should be checked.
- Understand applicable economics, religion, ethnicity, prejudices, and laws.

This is an overview of some resources, record types, and strategies that may be covered on the ICAPGen regional exams. Although not a complete list, it is offered as a guide to build upon in your preparation for testing and to maintain your professional-level skills.