

2019 ROME, ITALY TEMPLE IS DEDICATED

by Karen Peterson Mosley

Before dedicating the Rome Italy Temple, President Russell M. Nelson of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints met with Pope Francis inside the Vatican, the first meeting between a Latter-day Saint president and a pope. "We had a most cordial, unforgettable experience.... We talked about our mutual concern for the people who suffer throughout the world and want to relieve human suffering. We talked about the importance of religious liberty, the importance of the family, our mutual concern for the youth [and] for the secularization of the world and the need for people to come to God and worship Him, pray to Him and have the stability that faith in Jesus Christ will bring in their lives." Elder Massimo De Feo of the Seventy was present and said that the leaders immediately connected. "It was a wonderful feeling to see how they seemed to be like old friends after a minute. President Nelson and Pope Francis share so much love and mutual respect for each other." President Russell M. Nelson conducted the symbolic cornerstone ceremony, which signifies the temple's completion and readiness to be dedicated for sacred use. The ceremony is also symbolic of Christ as the chief cornerstone of the Church. As the first of seven dedicatory sessions came to a completion, President Nelson offered the dedicatory prayer. He said, "In this ancient and great city that has stood since biblical times — in this historic nation of Italy —



we acknowledge the ministry of two of Thy Son's early Apostles, Peter and Paul, who once blessed this land with their labors. May the influence of their abiding testimony of Jesus Christ continue to be felt among the vital values of this great country." All members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles assembled together for the first time ever outside the United States. A group photo was taken, the first of its kind in over twenty years. The setting in the Visitor's Center displays the Christus and statues of the original twelve apostles, copies of Thorvaldsen's originals. Each of the assembled Apostles bore their individual witness of the Savior. President Dallin H. Oaks said "Apostles have the calling and ordination to be special witnesses of the name of Christ in all the world, but the duty to witness and testify of Christ at all times and in all places applies to every member of the Church who has received the testimony of the Holy Ghost. A video tour of the Temple is available on ChurchofJesusChrist.org.



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SYMBOLS IN THE MURAL BEHIND THE REPLICAS OF THORVALDSEN'S STATUES IN THE ROME TEMPLE VISITOR'S CENTER

By Boyd L. Cardon

In the mural behind the replicas of Thorvaldsen's Christus statue and his 12 ancient apostle statues in the Rome temple, there are twelve olive trees. One above each of the 12 apostles, and could represent the 12 tribes of Israel. Their placement in a circular shape signifies the gathering of Israel. There are 40 sheep. They could remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. Also, they could typify Moses on the mount for 40 days and 40 nights and Christ's fast for 40 days and 40 nights. There are 7 sheep lying down. That could personify that the Gods rested from their labors on the 7th day and we should do likewise. To the left of the Savior's hand is a vineyard and to His right hand are sheaves of wheat which both illustrate great scriptural meaning. In the visitor's center there is a copy of the Cardon Bible that was brought from Italy in 1854.



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THE MIRACLE OF MEETING ELMIS &
CARLE CARDON IN TORRE PELLICE

By Louis Bellamy Cardon written August 6, 1999 died 3 Dec. 2017

Our short trip to the Piedmont area took place during the June closure of the Swiss Zollikofen Temple. We had arranged to meet the families of our two daughters in Torino, Italy on Thursday, June 10, 1999. We were planning to stay in a hotel just across the street from the main train station. We would stay there Thursday and Friday nights, spending Friday visiting the Waldensian sites with Brother and Sister Cena (Piedmont Families genealogist) and leaving for Switzerland early Saturday morning. Robin and I had decided to come down a day earlier, spending Wednesday in Torre Pellice, and stay there Wednesday night, before meeting the family on Thursday afternoon in Torino. We wanted to do some advance scouting and, if possible, locate any Cardons who might still be living in Torre Pellice or nearby. We did, in fact, locate the only Cardons, Elmis and Carle Cardon (Couple on the left in the photo below), now living in Torre Pellice. The manner in which we encountered them was most unusual, if not miraculous. We had just arrived at the Torre Pellice train station and started walking up the hill from the station in the direction indicated by a sign advertising the town tourist office – some blocks away. We wanted to find a Cardon who reportedly ran a bed and breakfast place (and/or a small restaurant) a short distance down the street from a leading tourist hotel. We had walked about a block from the train station when we noticed a rather elderly man walking parallel to us on a path a little higher on the hill than our road. He could evidently see that we were strangers (we were carrying our bags) and called down to ask us if we were looking for something. I called back “tourist office,” in Italian, whereupon he called down some instructions and pointed the way. We called “thanks” and continued up the hill. At the top (about a block further), we found the same man waiting for us, to give us further help. As he spoke French, we were able to tell him that we were looking for a Cardon bed-and-breakfast/restaurant. We also asked him if he knew if there were any Cardons living in Torre Pellice. When he answered, “yes, I’m one,” Robin said to me – “oh, he didn’t understand your question.” But he quickly pulled out his wallet and showed us that, in fact, his name was Elmis Cardon. I pulled out mine to show him that I was Louis Cardon, to which he responded, “that’s my father’s name, Luigi Cardon.” It turned out that he was a very helpful person, so we spent most of the rest of that day and the next morning with him and his very friendly and gracious wife, Carle. We found out that this couple was the only Cardons presently living in Torre Pellice (a town of about 5,000 inhabitants), so our manner of meeting was truly amazing. The Cardon restaurant may have seemed “just down the street” from the hotel, to someone in a car, but it was actually several miles out of town, near San Giovanni, between Torre Pellice and Pinerolo. On Wednesday afternoon, Elmis showed us around the Waldensian buildings in Torre Pellice (the Waldensian headquarters). On Thursday, before going into Torino to meet our family, we met Elmis again, by prearrangement, and walked with him to his home – a very comfortable apartment about a block from the Angrogne bridge. There we spent most of the morning talking with Elmis and his wife Carle, who is particularly friendly and outgoing. Then we took them to dinner at a restaurant and told them goodbye until we would come back for another visit Friday with our family group and the Cena family. On Friday, they received us very hospitably. We spent several hours with them as they shared stories about their family and posed for pictures out front of their apartment.



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Elmis Cardon was born in 1913 and is married to Carle Paschetto Cardon. They have two children, a son Renzo who is a fire chief in Pinerola but lives outside of this town at Rocca Piatta, near St. Bartolemeo. He is married to Silvane and they have no children. Elmis and Carle also have a daughter, Monica, who is married to Diego Gorni. They work in a small hotel in Monte Carlo and live on the coast there. Elmis had an older brother, Iller Cardon, born in 1910, who has a son, Luigi Cardon, married to Ida. They live in Valdeiri – Cuneo. Carle’s mother, Ilda Constantino, 91 years old, lives near Torre Pellice and has Parkinsons.

Elmis also had a younger sister named Jenny Cardon Pierine, born March 11, 1917. She married Mr. Pejronel (1944 or 1945), who was a soldier in the Italian army during the Second World War. Jenny served in the resistance movement against German and Fascist forces in Northern Italy from December 1, 1944 to April 23, 1945. She was commended by her resistance commander as a person “always ready to undertake the most delicate operations ...” Jenny was arrested in the last days of the struggle in the area, and executed April 23, 1945 by the fascists in Regione Rio Cros (just 4 days later, the area was liberated). Jenny had no children. Her picture (that of an attractive young woman in her late 20’s) and a page describing her underground work is included in a memorial book on the resistance movement. There is an indication that she was proposed for a medal of valor. “Jenny” was evidently a family name, and “Luigi” was the Italian form of Louis. Elmis’s parents were Luigi Cardon and Margherita Pastre. Luigi’s father was Giacomo (the Italian equivalent of the English “James” or the French “Jacques”). Luigi’s mother (Elmis’s grandmother) was Jenny Constantino. This raises the possibility of a connection with one of the of the Cardon descendants*(**See below**), Jenny Constantino, who wrote to her uncle in America in 1906. Brookie Mae has this letter and its translation. This Jenny Constantino was not yet married in

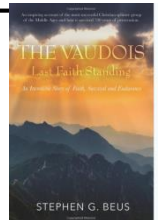
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1906, so she could not have been the Jenny Constantino who was the grandmother of Elmis, born in 1913. But she could well have been a cousin. It would be interesting to see if we can establish the connection between Elmis and our LDS Cardons in America, and perhaps in the process establish more specific relationships for the writers of this collection of letters. Note from Becky Cardon Smith: I know it was not a coincidence that the first person my parents met on their arrival in Torre Pellice in 1999 were the only Cardons living in a town of about 5,000! After meeting Elmis and Carle, dad did the research necessary and then mom submitted Jenny's name to have her temple work done. Before completing their Swiss Temple mission, my mother was able to do Jenny's temple work. The next time I was able to visit Torre Pellice, I noticed a street sign, with the named *Via Jenny Cardon*. It was a "tender mercy" moment for me. I remember the pain in Elmis's voice as he told us about his sister and showed us her picture. I felt such joy, knowing that her temple work had been completed. Elmis and Carle have both since passed away and I have entered their information in Family Search. We need to wait a few more years or get family permission before we can do their temple work. * **We are related to Jenny Pierine Cardon**. Her direct ancestor is Jacques Cardon b. abt 1702, and a brother to Philippe Cardon b abt 1710, who is the grandfather of our Philippe Cardon who married Marthe Marie Tourn. In Family Search click on Find and enter the ID number MQDT-8HD. Jenny Pierine Cardon will appear. Click on person and then you will see under her name "View My Relationship." You will see the connection. We are related to Jenny Cardon! (See PFO Report 73 Dec.2017 page 3 of 4)

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DISCOVERING MORE ANCESTORS FROM THE NOTARY RECORDS

By R. LAVOR Cardon

Maria Godin (**3rd great granddaughter of Augusto Roman**), daughter of Daniele Godin and Madalena DeMaria born about 1663, married Giacomo Robert (b abt 1659) in about 1683. They had 3 children, Giacomo b abt 1684, Gioanni b abt 1686, and Maria b abt 1688. Maria married Daniele Pasquet son of Paolo Pasquet in about 1708.

Philippe Cardon is the 5th great grandson of Augusto Roman.

Sources: San Secondo135 PG 464 CESSIONE DE RAGIONI ... 9 GENNAIO 1709 PG 467 R TESTAMENTO ... 11 GENNAIO 1709 ; San Secondo-126.txt 16 APRILE 1673

This gives new names for Giacomo Robert, Marie Godin, Gioanni Robert for essential ordinance work.

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VISITING OUR ANCESTRAL SITES IN NORTHERN ITALY

By Becky Smith Cardon

President Gordon B. Hinckley once said, "It is good to look to the past to gain appreciation for the present and perspective for the future. It is good to look upon the virtues of those who have gone before, to gain strength for whatever lies ahead. It is good to reflect upon the work of those who labored so hard and gained so little in this world, but out of whose dreams and early plans, so well nurtured, has come a great harvest of which we are the beneficiaries. Their tremendous example can become a compelling motivation for us all." That profound thought encapsulates why I never grow tired of going back to Northern Italy to visit the towns and sites associated with our early Cardon ancestors. Each time I go there, I am visually reminded of the great sacrifices they made to embrace and live their Waldensian heritage; then they left it all behind to come to a new country because of their faith and devotion to their newfound beliefs. What an amazing heritage

you and I have been given!

I remember the first time my parents took my brother, sister, and me to Torre Pellice and the surrounding region to learn more about our family heritage. I was quite young, but as we walked through the abandoned homes in the "Cardon Borgata" it was hard not to feel their presence. As my father told us stories about the persecutions they faced because of their Waldensian beliefs, the struggle it took to survive high up in the mountainous terrain, and the protection they found sometimes hiding in a cave – I could almost visualize these ancestors. Later, as I learned about Madeline's dream, how Lorenzo Snow felt inspired to come to this area as a missionary, and the story of our Cardon ancestors conversion to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – my admiration has grown to not only a love for them but also a need to make sure my children and grandchildren know the sacrifices these early ancestors made. You and I are truly the beneficiaries of these early family members. So, while the pictures of these sites and the stories you read can help you learn about our heritage, they don't have the impact you get when you are actually there. Learning about their Waldensian beliefs at the "School of the Barba," singing *For the Strength of the Hills* inside one of the caves or walking around the abandoned homes in the Cardon Borgata is a life changing experience. One of my sons, after visiting some of these sites, expressed what I hoped my children would feel. He was in awe of his heritage and said, "someday I am going to bring my children here." It was a proud mama moment! We have had three organized Cardon family trips to this area – in 2010, 2014 and 2018. I like to call them our "Grateful for the Dead" tours. It is such a wonderful experience to travel together and learn more about our family past and our family present. Friendships have been formed, memories made, lots of pizza and gelato consumed and thousands of pictures have been taken. I can't imagine what the local Italians must think when 13 large 9-passenger vans come winding down their small country roads. I figure they think we are either government or mafia. Little do they know – we're Cardons, Malans, etc.!!

We realize that everyone isn't able to come to Italy to see our ancestral homeland, so we have posted helpful information on the Cardon family website. Look under the travel section to see the pictures, read the stories, and even see the GPS coordinates given. We hope to facilitate those who are visiting these sites on your own. I also encourage you to attend the family reunions held every other year, on the odd numbered years. Information about the reunions can also be found on the Cardon family website. (Special appreciation goes to Carl Goodman for all his hard work adding to and maintaining the family website.) What a wonderful extended family we are part of. What a great legacy we have been given. What great memories we have had visiting these family sites together. And what a great opportunity we have to learn about and share the stories of our early ancestors with our extended families. May their tremendous example be a compelling motivator to us all!

HOW TO GET THE DIGITAL PIEDMONT PROJECT FAMILY GROUP SHEETS ON LINE

By Boyd Cardon

To get to the typewritten Piedmont Project family group sheets: Please paste in the URL in your browser: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>. In the Search Digital Library box type: Piedmont Project family group sheets. Below availability select any. Choose the second row of Piedmont project family group sheets. You will get a selection to view digital versions arranged in alphabetical order. Select to view all. You can scroll through the sheets by the arrow on the right or at the bottom right hand corner select a page number. Below the displayed family group sheet are icons. The first icon is thumbnails.

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