

# PFO Report

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## "Lest we forget..."

[Ed. note: A continuing column to help us remember our Waldensian heritage and the sacrifices these ancestors made. The following are from the Luserna San Giovanni claims.]

[The surname **COMBE** appears on many of our pedigrees; **MARAUDO** is a Cardon name.] Giacomo COMBA [French: Combe] of Chapella, also called Mean, in Val Perosa, living at Luserna San Giovanni [St. Jean] since 1693, claims, for his wife Cattarina MARAUDDO, daughter of deceased Gioanni who died at Saluzzo in 1686 during the incarceration, her inheritance from her father and from her paternal uncle Steffano, killed during the last war [against the French, after the exile] and her sister Madallena who died in 1689, an exile in Switzerland.

Gioanni **STALLE**' claims property inherited from his deceased father Gioanni (who died 30 years ago) and from his uncle Paolo STALLE' who died in 1689 in Switzerland.

[**LANTARET** is a Pons-line name]: Paulo, son of Daniele LANTARETO who died 18 years ago [1679], claims his heritage, adjoining land held by Bartholomeo Lantareto, and the heirs of Andrea and of Pietro Lantareto.

Giacomo LANTARETO claims his inheritance from his father Antonio, who died in 1692. Witnesses were Paulo and Danielle Lantare'.

[**PELENCHO** is a Cardon surname.] Matteo PELENCH, son of deceased Daniele who died 41 years ago [1656, perhaps as a result of the 1655 slaughter], claims his inheritance from his father, his mother Gioanna, dead 15 years, and the inheritance of his wife Suzana, daughter of deceased Pietro MALLANOTO.

[to be continued]

## Intriguing tidbits from 1st San Giovanni report

"Senato" papers: As noted in previous issues, the "Senato" papers contain property claims by returned Waldensian exiles. The claims, made before the Duke's officer and two witnesses, were filed among the papers of the Pinerolo Senate, from which they take their name. Although these papers, dating mostly in 1697-98, often don't **extend** some of our pedigrees, they **do** fill in many gaps in the families, including at times a wife's previously unknown parents.

We have now received the extracted Senato papers for Luserna San Giovanni (usually shortened to San Giovanni; St. Jean in French). In addition, we received extractions of the 1709 notarial records for San Giovanni.

We present here notices in these records pertaining to Waldensian immigrant families, alphabetically by surname. Key to references: Sen = Senato papers; LSG = notarial records of Luserna San Giovanni, volume 58 (1709). [See related story, page 2.]

**BERTINO-PASSELLO** (a **PONS** line). LSG p 119R: 11 Oct 1709, Paolo (son of deceased Gioanni "who died 1.5 years ago") and his wife Margaret AVERA of Gartigliana sell to Gio' GIOVINE. Sen p 230: land of heirs (not named) of Gioanni.

**CARDON**. Sen p 209: Margarita Cardone, 2d wife of deceased Pietro Chianforano, files claims for her children Giuseppe (Joseph) and Maria. Her husband had 2 surviving children from his first marriage, Daniele and Gioanni, now adults.

**REIMONDO**, of Rorata (a **Cardon** line). Sen p 331: Giacomo son of deceased Bartholomeo, claims land in LSG acquired from Danielle DANNA, 1693.

LSG 35: Giacomo son of living Giacomo of Rorata purchased property in LSG from Gio-Domenico COLLINO.

**PAVARINO** of Rorata (a **Cardon, Malan** line). LSG p 169: Bartholomeo son of deceased Giacomo of Rorata purchased property in LSG from Gio' DURANDO-RUETTO son of deceased Gio'.

**ROMANO**. Sen p 300: Bartholomeo of Ambruno [Embrun, Hautes-Alpes, France], aged 40 and more, filed claims.

**STALLE**. Sen p 18: Gioanni son of deceased Gioanni (who died "30 yrs" before) filed for inheritance from father and from father's brother Paolo (who died in 1689, exiled in Switzerland). We can supplement this information from *Esuli*, p 169 #3206: Paul of SG, b 1630, d Brandenburg, Germany (overcrowding caused some exiles to be sent into Germany); wife Margaret, b 1642; nephew Jean b 1664 and his wife Marguerite, b 1664. Paul's children Marie b 1685; Jean b Mar 1688, Zurich; and Marthe b abt 1689, Brandenburg. All registered at Payerne (Switz,) 15 Feb 1687, wintered at Zurich 1687/88, and went into Brandenburg August 1688, where Paul died. The others returned to the Valleys in October 1690.

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## A question of timing...

Some wonder why the rush to do this research now. What's the hurry? I wish I knew for sure. But we have at least a few clues. In Revelation 6:12, John shares his vision of a great earthquake that shakes the whole earth. D&C 77 assures that the "sixth seal" (which includes the earthquake) is **our** day.

If our calendar is correct, at some moment in the next handful of years we will experience this great, worldwide earthquake. These questions arise:

1. Will the records in the Torino Archives survive the earthquake and resulting fires?
2. If so, how long will it take to restore services so we can communicate again with our researcher?

I see no reason to delay, and **many** reasons to sacrifice to keep the research moving.

## About these notarial records

The notaries had to pay a fee to the archive when they provided their records to be registered, and therefore they tended to delay the registration. But, being subject to periodic audits, sooner or later they took their records to be registered. This is why we find records out of chronological sequence.

For example, the Angrogna records in volume 143 of the whole series includes records *made* in 1645 but not *registered* until 1675—30 years later! Thus, we need an **entire** series for each locality to be sure we have adequately covered the families.

But records reflecting individual transactions, such as purchases, wills, and dowries, were often used as the basis for other transactions, and therefore were usually registered more promptly. In contrast, records of public matters, such as the annual town council (listing heads of families, very useful to us), taxation, and notations, were not referred to again very often and thus were deposited less promptly.

It is not now known when these volumes were bound, but it is possible that the sequence of some records may have been altered in the process. It appears, however, that most records are in order of their *registration* ("turn in") date, not the date of the act itself.

Also note that the notary usually made several copies of an act: brief notes at the time of the transaction, which were later copied for the notary's files. Another copy would have been made for the client(s), and a final one for deposit in the archive. It is this final, archive copy which has survived and which we are extracting.

Areas with strongest traditions from the Roman Empire (southern France, Italy, Spain) seem to have had an earlier, more consistent tradition of notaries than did other areas. Some French notarial records survive from the 13th century. But notarial records concerning Waldensians before about 1610 were lost or destroyed.

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## More pedigrees extended

Here are a few of the pedigree extensions possible from the notarial and Senato records. There are many others, particularly those with frequent ties to San Giovanni. *Individuals NOT in the Ancestral File pedigree for the line (i.e., NEW ancestors) are listed in ALL-CAPITALS.*

As before, a person's father is double his/her own number; to find the mother, just add 1 to the husband's number. KEY: PP = Piedmont Project (FHL family group records); Es = *Gli Esuli Valdesi in Svizzera* [The Waldensian Exiles in Switzerland]; NR-A = notarial records, Angrogna; NR-LSG = same, Luserna San Giovanni; Sen = Senato records.

### PONS lines

1. **Jean Thomas Pons** (PP: 1692-1738) md Marguerite Bertin-Passel [see page 1].
2. **Jean Pons**. Es p 147 #2653 b 1652 (NOT abt 1670 as in PP), d 1701; his sis Maria md Davide Rivoira by 1771 (NR-A vol 143, 1671, p 1f).
3. **Madeleine Malan**. Es p 147 b 1653 (NOT abt 1670 as in PP), d 1732. They had dau Marie, b Jul 1688, Berne, Switzerland.
4. **Thomas Pont/Pons**. B much earlier than PP ("1650"), since son Jean was b 1652—at least by 1630; d by 1667 (NR-A vol 142, 1667, p 42). Sen A, p 162: "dead 40 yrs" (an approximation).
5. **MARGARITA RICHA**. NR-A 142, 1667, p 42: "widow of Tomaso Ponsa, daughter of deceased David Richa."
6. **Pietro Malan**. As in PP, but born earlier. LSG notarial records needed to clarify which Pietro; then this branch can be extended.
10. **DAVID RICHA**. NR-A 138, pp 165, 246: d by 1622.
11. **MARIA ALLIETTA**. Same ref. Of Demonte.
20. **GIOANETTO RICHA**. NR-A 136 p 158: d by 1612.

22. **RAYMONDO ALLIETTA**. NR-A 138, pp 165, 246: of Demonte; d by 1622.

The remaining LSG notarial records should extend the pedigree of Marguerite **ODIN** (1716-1792), wife of Jean PONS and daughter of Barthelemy ODIN; and of Jean **BERTIN-PASSEL**, father-in-law of Jean Thomas PONS; and of Madeleine **MALAN** (1653-1732), wife of Jean PONS and daughter of Pierre MALAN.

### STALLE lines

1. **Sidrac Bonnet**. Es p 69 #661: b 1663 (NOT 1660 as in PP); md Jeanne BENECH, b 1669 (NOT abt 1664 as in PP; Es p 56 #353). To extend the Benech line, we need the full LSG records.
2. **Pierre Bonnet**. PP: b abt 1628; NR-A 146, 1696, p 30: d bef 30 Mar 1696. NR-A 142, 1660, p 27: Sidraco [NOT #1 above, but an uncle], aged 25, and his brother Pietro (Pierre), sons of deceased Gioanni and Anna are mentioned.
3. **SUSANNA STRINGATO**. NR-A 146, 1696, p 30: d aft 30 mar 1696.
4. **GIOANNI BONETTO**. NR-A 142, 1660, p 6R: d bef 29 Jul 1660. NR-A 142, 1660, p 3: Other ch: Maria, wife of Gioanni **STRINGATTO**; Margarita, wife of Berardo GILLIO, school teacher; Sidracco, aged 25 (thus b 1635).
5. **ANNA BRUNEROLO**. Same ref; d bef 29 Jul 1660.
6. **GIOANNI STRINGATO**. NR-A 142, 1660, p 29; NR-A 146, p 30.
7. **GIUDIT STRINGATO**. 1st wife; same refs.
8. **PIETRO BONNETTO**. Many mentions in NR-A vols 136, 137, 138, 140, 142.
10. **DAVIDE BRUNEROLO**. NR-A 141, p 47.
12. **COLLETO STRINGATO**. NR-A 142, 1660, p 27: d by 1660.
14. **GIOANNI STRINGATO**. NR-A 146, p 30.

## More exile land claims

These property claims are from the "Senato" papers for Angrogna, dated 1697.

**STALLE'**: Gioanni [Jean, John] Stalle' files a claim for inheritance from his father Gioanni, who died many years before 1686. One witness was Zidracco BONETTO (below), also a Stalle' ancestor.

**BONETTO**: (At least Malan and Stalle' families have Bonetto ancestors.) Zidracco (Sidrac) Bonetto claims heritage of his father Pietro, dead 25 years.

**FRASCHIA**: (A Stalle' surname) Paulo claims from his father Bartholomeo, who died in Torino prison, and also claims for wife Cattarina, daughter Gioanni FRASCHIA, who died on the return to the Valleys.

Another Paulo FRASCHIA, son of a second Bartholomeo (who died before 1686) claims for himself and his wife Maria, daughter of Ellia FRASCHIA, who died some years before 1686.

Steffano (Fr: Etienne) FRASCHIA son of Gioanni who died at Vercelli [prison], for self and for wife Madalena daughter of Giosepepe MALLANO (who died in Switzerland, 1686), whose goods are held in indivision\* with cousin Bartholomeo MALLANO as heirs of Michele MALLANO (who died at Fossano in 1686); and for mother-in-law Maria STALLEO (Stalle'), widow of the said Giosepepe MALLANO, as heir of her brother Gioanni STALLEO who died at Fossano in 1686.

**ODDINO**: (A Pons line; others have Odin, too) Danielle son of Gioanni who died 30 years ago, for self, brother Bartholomeo, nephew Gioanni son of their deceased brother Pietro, niece Suzanna daughter of their deceased brother Paolo (Pietro and Paolo both died in prison, 1686); and Danielle's wife Gioanna MONASTERO (who died 1686) and their four children, 2 sons who died 1686, a daughter who died 1696, and daughter dead, but when and where unknown.

Bartholomeo ODDINO son of deceased Pietro, and siblings Lorenzo and Suzanna; wife Madalena, dau Pietro CHIANFORANO (d 1686, Carmagnola).

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In January, we raised \$850 and therefore were able to send another check, leaving a balance of \$238. Through the third week of February, however, contributions amounted to only \$170, meaning that we will not have enough for a February check.

*We need YOUR contributions to keep researching!*