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"Lest we forget..."

[A continuing column to help us remember our Waldensian heritage and the sacrifices these ancestors made. *Musset* is a Malan pedigree surname.]

On 8 Nov 1697, Steffano Mussetto appeared before officials at Angrogna to claim family lands lost at the Waldensian imprisonment and exile.

He declared that he was son of Gioanni, who died incarcerated at Carmagnola in 1686, and of Susanna BERTINO; and made the claim on behalf of himself and his sisters Maria, Gioanna, and Margarita, and of a niece living at Bubiano, whose name he did not know—the daughter of his dead sister Madalena.

Less than two weeks later, on 20 Nov, Steffano appeared before the officials at Luserna San Giovanni to make similar claims in that city.

His sister Margarita was the wife of Gioanni BENECHIO son of the living Bartolomeo.

Later documents in the notarial records reveal more about the trials of this family. In 1709, we learn of another sister Anna, "transferred" (kidnapped) when the Waldensians were imprisoned, and about whom the family had heard nothing since. The same document informs us about the unnamed niece, the deceased sister Madalena's daughter. That daughter, Maria Margarita TOLMONE, had been married to Gioanni-Pietro DARZELLO, and they lived in Aosta Valley.

Taken together, the documents reveal details of a Waldensian family, rounded up and imprisoned, and then separated. The younger children were given to Catholic families, charged with raising them as Catholics. This was the case with Madalena's daughter, Maria Margarita. Anna, about whom no further word had been heard, had likely either died or been placed in a convent, to become a nun.

The parents both died in prison, and perhaps the daughter Madalena did also. Almost no one in this family appears in exile in Switzerland, so most of the children were probably placed in Catholic homes. The amazing thing, under the circumstances, is that any of the family remained Waldensian after the imprisonment and exile.

A moving heritage indeed!

Research project report

In September, we received three reports from our researcher (on one computer disk, for efficiency).

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Family genealogists...

A prior issue asked family genealogists to send in a list of their Waldensian surnames and the villages each family lived in.

It has become apparent that merely have a list of surnames isn't sufficient. Because these families

intermarried and thus had branches in several villages, we're not as helpful as we'd like to be.

We therefore ask that someone in *each* immigrant Waldensian family send me a **complete pedigree** of their Waldensian ancestry, **beginning with the immigrant ancestor as number 1**.

Some (such as the Cardons) have already sent a *partial* pedigree; but we need a complete one—showing all generations known so far.

Thank you for sending the pedigrees promptly.

Our families in the San Giovanni records

Our last issue presented several ancestral families who survived the exile and returned to claim lost family lands, as they appeared in the Luserna San Giovanni records. We also included references to those families in the notarial records of 1709. In this issue, we continue our report.

Abbreviations/terms: bro = brother; dau = daughter; dec = deceased; fu = child of deceased (followed by parent's name); numbers in parentheses indicate the volume number and then page in the Luserna San Giovanni notarial record. For more details, or to use this information to update family group records, family genealogists should contact Ron Malan (address on page 1).

We should not let spelling variations distract us from properly grouping these family members. Spelling was not standardized at that time.

Cardon surnames

Bergero

29 Dec 1702: bros Giovanni, Danielle, & Giuseppe Bergero fu Giacomo of Rorata purchased from Giovanni-Francesco CASTELLANO fu Sebastiano of Lusernetta. (54:29R)

29 Dec 1702: settlement among Maria fu Giacomo Bergero of Rorata, her husband Giovanni-Francesco CASTELLANO, with her bros Giovanni, Giuseppe, and Danielle. (54:31R)

15 Apr 1701: Gio' Bergero fu Giacomo purchased from

Gioanni **Durando** fu Gioanni, both of Rorata. (53:188R)

Cardone

18 Sep 1702: Gioanni-Battista Cardone fu Gioanni of the edge of San Secondo, a deaf-mute aged over 60, and his wife Cattarina fu Gioanni-Antonio (surname omitted) of Fossasco, sold to bros Giovanni, Giacomo, and Paolo **Fornerone** fu Gioanni of Prarostino; mentioned: Gioanni-Battista's bro Gioanni Cardone. (53:189)

24 Nov 1702: will of Margaret fu Paolo **Rostagno**, widow of Paulo BORNO of Roccapiatta; no children; nephew Giacomo PASCHETTO fu Giacob, and his promised wife Margarita fu David **Cardone**; niece Maria fu Giacob PASCHETTO, wife of Michelle **Rostagno** of Roccapiatta. (53:228R)

Durando

9 Apr 1706: Antonio **Torno** fu Bartholomeo sold to Bartholomeo Durando fu Gioanni, both of Rorata. Mentioned: Lorenzo Torno, Antonio's uncle; Luiggi Torno, Lorenzo's "nipote" (nephew or grandson); and Catterina Torno, Antonio's sister and wife of Bartholomeo Durando. (55:141)

1 Jun 1703: Gioanni Durando fu Gioanni of Rorata; his wife of 1 year, Francesca DI MARIA, widow of Gioanni VOLPE. (54:123)

8 Oct 1703: Danielle Durando fu Giacomo purchased from Gioanni DURANDO fu Goanni, both of Rorata. (54:133R)

15 Jul 1702: Gioanni Durando fu Gioanni or Rorata, and his promised wife, Margarita SAIJNO, daughter of Gioanni-Domenico. (53:130)

1 Apr 1701: Gioanni Durando fu Gioanni sold to Bartholomeo **Pavarino** fu Giacomo, both of Rorata. (53:148R)

3 Dec 1701: settlement between siblings Gioanni and Maria Durando fu Gioanni of Rorata; Maria lives at San Pietro, Monferrato. (53:3)

Fornerone

5 Apr 1702: settlement among Margarita fu Peireto GARDIOLO of Prarostino, widow of Paolo Fornerone fu Giacomo of Prarostino; her 2nd husband Giuseppe LANTARETO son of Pietro of San Giovanni; Paolo's bro Giacomo Fornerone. (53:57)

Mallano

10 Feb 1706: settlement among Sidracco, Michelle, and Bartholomeo Mallano fu Gioanni fu Sidraco. (55:19)

4 Sep 1700: settlement among heirs of dec Gioanni Mallano fu Sidracho; sisters Margarita & Isabellina (wife of Daniele

BOCHIARDINO), fu said Gioanni fu Sidracho; Esther wife of said dec Gioanni; bros Sidracho, Michelle, and Bartholomeo fu Gioanni fu Sidracho. (54:27)

4 Sep 1700: division of property between Gio' TURINO fu Mattheo and Sidracho Mallano fu Gioanni, both of San Secondo. (54:28)

13 Dec 1702: settlement among heirs of dec Cattarina fu Gioanni-Pietro BRUNEROLO, 1st the wife of dec Michelle Mallano, then of dec Daniele BASTIA fu Michelle of San Giovanni; her grandsons Nicola (sic) and Bartholomeo Mallano; her daughters Maria widow of Gioanni SIBILLIA and Anna wife of Pietro CHIANFORANO; 6 BASTIA children. (53:274R)

Pavarino

Paolo "Pallavarino" [Pavarino] fu Giacomo purchased land from Pietro DURANDO-RUETTO both of Rorata. (57:83)

18 May 1703: Madalena, fu Giacomo and Margarita Pavarino of Rorata, wife of Danielle COGNO fu Bartholomeo of Angrogna, settles with her bros Danielle, Bartholomeo, and Paulo of Rorata. (54:101)

13 Jan 1702: Daniele Pavarino sold to Giacomo **Morglia** fu Gioanni, both of Rorata. (53:33)

Pelenco

2 Mar 1708: mentions Maria GAROSINO [GARCINO] fu Gioanni; her mother dec Susanna PELENCO of Rorata and her [Susanna's] brother Giacomo, their sister Margarita wife of Danielle **Pavarino** and their son Luiggi Pavarino; their sister dec Maria, wife of Danielle **Rivoira**. (57:136)

Reymondo

20 Apr 1708: settlement between Giacombo Reimondo son of living Giacomo of Rorata with Pietro and Gioanni BERTINATO-MARCHETO sons of dec Steffano of Villaro; mentioned: dec Filippo VITTONI son of Paolo of Villaro, dec Giudit ROSTAGNO-TAROLLO fu Danielle, widow of the said Filippo and maternal aunt of the said Giacomo Reimondo. (57:93)

25 Apr 1708: marraige agreement between Giacomo Raijmondo son of living Giacomo of Rorata, and his intended spouse Susanna MIROTO fu Danielle, widow of Ludovico **Rivoijra**. (57:145)

13 Jul 1703: Giacomo Reimondo fu Bartholomeo of Rorata sold to Paulo GRIGLIO fu Steffano of Prali, living at Rorata (54:135)

30 Jul 1703: Giacomo Raimondo fu Bartholomeo of Rorata sold to Susanna fu Bartholomeo CHINAFORANO and widow of Giacomo MARAUDA. (54:50)

7 Feb 1701: Giacomo Raimondo fu Bartholomeo of Rorata sold to brothers Davide and Danielle PEIROTO sons of dec Gioanni. (53:140)

9 Sep or Nov 1700: Danielle Reimondo fu Bartholomew purchased from Gio' **Durando** fu Gio', both of Rorata. (53:177)

29 Dec 1702: Gioanni Reimondo fu Bartholomeo and his wife Catterine fu Ludovico **Torno** purchased from her sister Anna **Torno**, all of Rorata. (53:215R)

Roberto

2 Jan 1703: division among the heirs of dec Gioanni fu Michelle Roberto, his wife dec Margarita (died 1686) fu Gioanni COLOMBATO, both of San Germano, Perosa Valley: their children Giacomo, Bartholomeo, & Madalena. By his second wife (not named), dec Gioanni Roberto had a daughter Margarita. (54:67)

21 Apr 1701: settlement between Giacomo SORDELLO fu Gioanni of Proarostino, his wife Madalena, and Cattarina Roberto, paternal grandmother of Giacomo Sordello, with Bartholomeo FRASCHIA fu Gioanni of Angrogna. (53:85)

Sarvagiotto/Salvagiotto

16 Jan 1707: Bartholomeo Sarvagioto fu Daniele of Rorata, his dec wife Maria BESSONE fu Paulo, and their daughter Maria make settlement with her cousin Paulo BESSONE, fu Gioanni-Battisto [John the Baptist], himself fu Paulo. (57:46)

10 Mar 1707: mentions Bartholomeo Salvagioto fu Danielle of Rorata. (57:257)

23 Jun 1700: town council about taxes lists Bartholomeo Sarvagiotto fu Danielle, assessor; Mattheo Salvagiotto, mayor; Gioanni **Bergero**, town counselor. (53:93)

1 Apr 1701: settlement among Michele Sarvagiotto fu Bartholomeo of Rorata, Bartholomeo and Matteo Sarvagiotto, his paternal uncles, and Anna daughter of Antonio DALMASSO. (53:147R)

Torno

24 Dec 1706: David Torno fu Gio' sold to Gio' DURANDO-RUETTO fu Gio', both of Rorata. (55:60)

25 Nov 1701: David Torno fu Gioanni purchased from Gioanni Durando fu Gioanni, both of Rorata. (53:28)

2 Dec 1701: Antonio Torno fu Gioanni purchased from Gio' REVELLO fu Daniele. (53: 29)

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Pons surnames

Bertino-Passello

28 Jan 1708: Maria and Paulo Bertino-Passello fu Giovanni settle with Danielle and Giorgio GERARDO fu Danielle (fu Giorgio) and his wife Catterina. (57:303)

7 Mar 1701: Paolo Bertino-Passello, head of house (also on 3 Jul 1702) (53:59, 253)

26 Mar 1701: settlement among Paulo Bertino-Passello fu Giovanni, his maternal aunt Catherina MONASTERO-MITROGLIA, his nephew Giovanni Bertino-Passello fu Pietro, Danielle REVELLO fu Paulo; Madalena fu Antonio MONCERO' and Maria MONASTERO-MITROGLIA, wife of Danielle REVELLO, Bartholomeo MONCERO' fu Bartholoemo (brother-in-law to Paulo Bertino), brothers Giovanni and Danielle GIRARDO fu Giorgio, dec Pietro fu Danielle MITROGLIA (maternal uncle and grandfather of Paulo Bertino). (53:146)

Pons

3 May 1702: Giovanni PONSO fu Giovanni (fu Tomaso) and of his wife Madalena, purchased from Daniele REVELLO son of living Pietro, both of Angrogna. (53:93)

Romano surnames

[Editor's note: Not having a pedigree for this family, we can only report on Romano listings.]

31 Jul 1708: Bartholomeo Romano fu Gaspare of "Crenos Zaratrio," residing at Luserna, purchased from Osasco. (57:219)

27 Sep 1708: Bartholomeo Romano fu Gaspare of Crenos Zaratrio, was apparently the second husband of dec Antonina-Maria GIRAUDO [sometimes GIRARDO]; currently husband of Maria-Margarita PISTONE. (57:220)

8 Jun 1705: Bartholomeo Romano fu Gaspare of Creves, Ambruno [Embrun], France, sells to Gonino. (57:268)

29 Dec 1708: Bartholomeo Romano son of Gaspare of Crevos Zavatino settles with Giovanni-Paulo BONETTINO. (57: 389)

31 Oct 1708: Giovanni Romano fu Filippo of Prarostino purchased from Madalena SORDELLO of Bricherasio fu Giacomo, and her husband Giovanni REVELLO. (57:397)

8 Jan 1703: declaration in favor of Gio-Battista Romano, son of Antonio-Maria (son of living Giovanni); mentioned: Barbara, wife of dec Antonio-Maria and mother of Gio-Battista; her bro Ludovico BAZANO. (54:5)

10 May 1703: Antonio-Maria Romano has been dead 5 months; widow, Barbara daughter of Gioanni-Battista BAZANO; her bro Ludovico; her son Gioanni-Battista Romano. (54:57R)

30 Mar 1703: Bartholomeo Romano fu Gaspare of Ambruno, Dauphine, purchased from Bastia. (54:93)

13 Feb 1704: settlement among bros Samuel and Alessandro ROMANO sons of dec Gioanni-Martino of Cuneo. (54:39)

9 May 1704: Declaration by Danielle PEIROTO and Gioanni-Battista BOLLA in favor of Bartholomeo Romano fu Gaspare. (54:39)

20 Dec 1701: Antonio-Maria Romano purchased from Chaiffredo RE fu Sigisimondo. (53:28)

29 Dec 1702: will of Antonio-Maria Romano son of living Giovanni of Sommariva del Cosco, living at San Giovanni; wife Barbara daughter of living Gioanni-Battista BAZANO, her brother Ludovico, her mother dec Antonina (no maiden name given); their son Gioanni-Battista; testator's sisters Domenica and Paola, wife of Gioanni-Michelle (no surname). (53:259)

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