
PFO REPORT *Piedmont Families Organization*

Attention: Descendants of early Italian Waldensian converts and immigrants to the USA: Bertoch, Beus, Cardon, Chatelain, Gaudin Justet, Lazald, Malan, Pons, Roman, Roshon, Rostan, and Stalle

Photos needed of early Italian converts to display in the Rome Temple Visitor's Center by Grover Cardon

December 12, 2014

Greetings from a fellow Piemontese in Madrid, Spain. I'm Grover Cardon, son of Louis Sanders Cardon, and brother of Louis B. Cardon and Bookie Mae Cardon Peterson. My wife, Noel, and I are serving as missionaries in the temple here. We've been here for a little over a year, and are loving it.

Just last week, Giovanni Cena came to the temple and stayed for 5 days to do his ancestral temple work. We enjoyed talking with him about the work he is doing for the Piedmont families. He told us he had been with many of the Cardons in September of last year when Becky Cardon Smith brought them over on a tour of the Piedmont valleys. He also showed us several of his Power Point presentations.

A week ago a brother **Massimo Criscione** came to the temple when I was at the recommend desk, and upon seeing my name tag said:

"Cardon - I know you, you are from the *Piemonte*" I said yes, and explained some of our heritage. He is from Rome and we had the opportunity to work with his group throughout the week.

On the afternoon when he was leaving, **Massimo Criscione** stopped me and said that his profession was film making. **He has been asked to make a video which is to be used in the Rome Temple Visitor's Center about the history of the church in Italy. He said he needed photos of some of the early members of the Church in Italy to use in the video. Those would be photos of our Waldensian converts.**

He gave me his email address and asked me to forward the pictures to him. My email is: glcardon@aol.com.

Please send the best quality of scanned pictures to me with the names of the people who are in the photo and birthdates (approximate if exact is not known). Also, please include any other noteworthy information about them. I will forward them on to Massimo.

I think this is an exciting opportunity to share the history of our *Valdensian* ancestors in Italy with a large audience of people.

With sincere appreciation,

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Time Line of our Waldensian Ancestors By Becky Cardon Smith and Boyd L. Cardon

1173 - Peter Waldo, a wealthy merchant of Lyons, followed Christ's admonition and sold all his goods. He founded a movement referred to as the Poor Men of Lyons; going two by two to preach.

1184 - Waldo and his followers were excommunicated from the Catholic Church.

1386, Dec. 24 - First serious village massacre in the valleys (villagers fled up into the mountains).

1532 - A synod or meeting of "barba" (Waldensian preachers) was held at Chanforan in the Angrogna Valley. After weeklong debates, they decided to formally join the Reformation.

1655, April 24 - Easter massacre; after cannon signal, troops brutally murdered entire villages (about 1,712

Waldensian children, women and men were slaughtered). John Milton wrote Sonnet XVIII "*On the Late Massacre in Piedmont*" "Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints, whose bones Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold, Ev'n them who kept thy truth so pure of old When all our fathers worshiped stocks and stones, Forget not; in the book record their groans"

1685 - Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes (which had granted religious freedom to French subjects).

1686, April - Ministers and representatives from all of the Vaudois parishes met at the Roccapiatta church (approx. 1/2 mile down from the Cardon Borgata). They voted to resist and all pledged to defend their homeland and their religion, even to the death.

1686 - About a week after the meeting, French and Piemontese armies invaded. Of the approx. 15,000 Waldensians in the valley: approx. 2,000 were slain in the fighting, approx. 8,500 were imprisoned (less than 3,000 survived prison and were allowed to go to Switz. in exile). Some of the children were given to Catholic families to be raised. Waldensian property was considered forfeited and sold by their oppressors.

1687, Feb. 25 - Some Cardon family members arrive in Morges, Switz. They were part of a group of approx. 320 exiles who were forced to leave their homelands during a violent snowstorm. Over 80 died en route and several of the children were kidnapped by the Piemontese.

1689-1690 - Henri Arnaud, led a ten-day march back to the valleys now known as "The Glorious Return." Of the approximately 1,000 men who returned and fought - fewer than 400 survived. (We know of 4 Cardons that fought in the battles with Arnaud). Due to political pressure, the Duke of Savoy allowed the impoverished Vaudois to return; their numbers were now only about a quarter of their original population.

1840 or 1841 - 6 or 7 year old Marie Madaline Cardon had a prophetic dream.

1841 (late in the year) or 1842 - Philippe Cardon moved his family from the Cardon Borgotta (Roccapiatta which means flat rock) to San Secondo di Pinerolo.

1848, February 18 - King Charles Albert of Savoy issued the Edict of Emancipation granting full civil and religious rights to the Vaudois. Three days of celebration followed the edict.

1849 - October General Conference - Thirty-five year old Lorenzo Snow, newly ordained member of the Twelve Apostles, was called to open a L.D.S. mission in Italy.

1850, Sept. 19 - Elders Snow, Stenhouse and Woodard, climbed a prominent mountain peak (Monte Vandelino) near Torre Pellice and offered a prayer and dedicated Italy to the preaching of the gospel. Elder Snow proposed that the mountain should be known as Mount Brigham and the prominent rock formation/site of the prayer as the Rock of Prophecy. (Elder Snow's wife, Charlotte, died suddenly that day in Salt Lake City, Utah.)

1851, mid to early 1852 - Cardon family members baptized. Cardon home (in San Secondo) became center of activity for the Bartolomeo Branch. They had a large brick oven and on Saturday they often baked bread (using about 100 pounds of flour) to feed those who came for Sunday service.

1854, Feb. 7 - Philippe Cardon and family (minus daughter Anne whose husband would not let her join the church) were part of first group of Mormon converts from Italy to leave the Piedmont Valley for Utah. They spent a month in England waiting for their ship, which was under construction, to be completed.

1854, May 1 - The Cardon family and several hundred other Mormon emigrants sailing on the ship **John M. Wood** arrived in New Orleans after fifty-one days at sea.

1854, May 3 - The group departed by steamboat **Josiah Lawrence**, for St. Louis, Missouri. But soon after departure, the boat was quarantined on an island just outside New Orleans because of cholera. Several suffered from the disease including Philippe Cardon, who did recover. Others were less fortunate. The Cardon family traveled from St. Louis to Westport, Missouri (just miles from Independence).

1854, July 1854 - The Cardons joined the westward trek with the **Robert L. Campbell Company**. During the trek, a prairie fire burned within a short distance of their wagon train, Madeleine Cardon had a frightening experience with some young men (fortunately she had a pocket knife to discourage them), and Louis Philippe Cardon almost drowned in a whirlpool.

1854, Oct. 28-31 - After a journey of 102 days, the Cardon family, 4 sons and 2 daughters arrived with the Campbell Company in Salt Lake City. They settled first in Ogden. Later Philippe moved to Logan, Louis Phillip Cardon settled in Oxford, ID then with his son Joseph Samuel went to Arizona to help settle along the little Colorado, later they moved to help establish the Mormon colonies in Colonia Juarez and Colonia Dublan. Jean Paul remained in the Logan area and married two women from Piedmont, Italy: Marthe Susanna Gaudin and Magdalena Beus. Jean remained in the Ogden area and married Anna Regula Furrer from Switzerland. Thomas Barthelemy participated in the Civil War where he was wounded and returned to Logan. He had three wives Lucy Smith, Amalie Jensen and Ella Hinckley. The sisters, Marie & Catherine Cardon, married Charles Guild and Moses Byrne respectively and lived in what is now Piedmont, WY.

1856, June 9 **Edmund Ellsworth** led the first handcart company of 332 people and arrived 26 Sept 1856 in SLC. Jean Pierre Stallé died in route. The Cardon family met the widow Stallé and brought the family to Ogden, UT

Louis Phillip married the oldest daughter, Susette, as a plural wife and later Phillippe took the widow, Jeanne Marie Gaudin-Moises Stallé, as a plural wife.

1861, March 17 Italy became a nation.

1898 Louis Samuel Cardon was called to preside over the Swiss Mission. In 1900 His father, Jean Paul Cardon, at age 61, was called on a genealogy mission to Italy and Switzerland. They were able to gather some names for ordinance work from the Piedmont parish records.

1948- LDS Church microfilmed the surviving Waldensian parish records. In the 1950's and early 1960's these records were studied and grouped into families and was called the Piedmont Project. The records are found in the FHL in SLC and in the FHL in Ogden.

1966, Nov. 10 Apostle Ezra Taft Benson rededicated Italy and reopened Italian mission near the same site where Lorenzo Snow had originally dedicated the land. (Elder Benson had originally planned to dedicate the new mission in Florence, but because of flooding in that city, the dedication was moved to Torre Pellice.)

1980 Piedmont Families Organization officially formed as a nonprofit entity by Mariner Cardon.

1993 Oct 13 First volume of the PFO Report published by Ronald F. Malan

2001 June 1 *Rorá*, a historical fiction—a novel based upon historical fact of our Waldensian ancestors in the mid-1600s by James Byron Huggins, published by Lion's Head Publishing, Little Rock Arkansas. It is about the life of Josuè Janavel (Italian: Giosuè Gianavello), who led a small band of untrained Waldensians against the determined 1655 efforts of the Duke of Savoy to exterminate the Waldensians and to eradicate all evidence that such a group had ever existed in his realm. But all the Duke's resources and military expertise, a trained, experienced army of 6,000, could not conquer the faith, ingenuity, and determination of Janavel and his small band. This is a good read. Go to the website for a summary: www.waldensian.info and read "The Historical Novel, *Rorá*, by James Byron Huggins –A Glimpse into Waldensian Life in the Mid-1600s" by Ronald F. Malan.

2003 Cardon family's website www.thecardonfamilies.org launched.

2008 Oct 4 Pres. Monson announced plans for a temple in Rome, Italy.

2013 New website www.waldensian.info launched to facilitate research to all who are interested in Waldensian ancestors.

2013 May Leon Parson, a descendant of Jean Paul Stallé, was commissioned to paint the murals in the ordinance room of the Rome, Italy Temple.

2014, Dec. 34th year anniversary of the **Piedmont Families Organization**. Volume 63 of the PFO Report sent.

Notary Records provide more names of Ancestors of Marthe Marie Tourn, wife of Philippe Cardon in Rorá.

By Boyd L. Cardon

Background: In the Rorata notary records, the notaries recorded oral requests from those who could not read or write. This caused spelling variations. The names written as SALVAGIOT, SALVAGIOTTO, SALVAGIOTO, SARVAGIOTO, SARVAGIOTTO, SARVAI, and SALVAY refer to same family SALVAGEOT. In the PFO Reports No.5 Spring, 1995 and No. 6 Fall 1995, Ron Malan reported on the SALVAGEOT ancestors of Marthe Marie Tourn, wife of Philippe Cardon. I will use the spelling of the names as found in the notary records.

Beginning with **#40 Gianne/Gioanni or Giannone Salvageotto and his wife #41 Agnetta Durando in PFO Report No.5 Spring, 1995 pg. 4 and #56 and #57 in PFO Report No. 6 Fall 1995 pg. 4**, the notary records help to identify some more of the children and their families. An ***before the name indicates a new person.**

Gianne/Gioanni or Giannone Salvageotto b abt 1561 in Rorá, Torino, Piemonte (Regione), Italy md abt 1585 **Agnetta Durando** b abt 1565 in Rorá, Torino, Piemonte (Regione), Italy

They had four children all born in Rorá, Torino, Piemonte (Regione), Italy:

1. Giovanni b abt 1586 md abt 1610 had a son Bartolomeo b abt 1611
2. Bartolomeo b abt 1588 md abt 1612 had a son Giacobbo b abt 1613
3. Danielle b abt 1590 md Maria Armand they had three children: Bartholomeo b abt 1631(had

three wives: Maria Bessone, Margarita Michelin, and Marie Turino), Michael b abt 1637, Matteo b abt 1647 md Anna Gignoso alias Gianavello.

4. Michele b abt 1592 md Susanna Revello abt 1616 they had 4 children Bartholomeo b abt 1618, Daniel b abt 1620, Paulo b abt 1622, Susanna b abt 1626

Agnetta Durando was the daughter of Giovanni Durando b. abt 1547. She had three siblings: a sister, Madallena, who married Ludovico Durando son of Giovanni Durando; Danielle Durando b abt 1574; and ***Davide Durando** b abt 1578 who had no children.

Rorata 134 3 Jan 1618

Giovanni Durando b abt 1547 was the son of Chiaffredo Durando b abt 1522 md abt 1546 ***Miss Durando** b abt 1526

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OF THESE NAMES FOR TEMPLE ORDINANCE WORK.

I invite more of the Waldensian descendants to join in the rescue of our ancestors. There are names of relatives of our ancestors that can be found in the Notary records and that need ordinance work. With careful and consistent searching and prayer one can find, identify and do the ordinance work for these noble people. I invite those who would like to help in this missionary work for those in the spirit world to study the helps on the website www.waldensian.info.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!