

Some titles for Italian Genealogy.

These are good ones, and there are probably many more. These “portals” will lead you to many other sources.

Ancestry.com

Family Search.com (check out the Beta Site, “Europe”, then scroll down to Italian entries; also use this site to find your closest family history center, and access the catalogue of microfilm available for rental from LDS HQ in Salt Lake City)

Castle Garden New York City: <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Cyndi’s List (Italian sites): <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Stephen Morse One Stop Site (for easier searching of a number of important databases, including New York City Vital Records and ports of entry other than New York City): <http://stevemorse.org/>

Italian Genealogical Group (Morse’s site directs to the databases on this one): <http://www.italiengen.org/>

Genealogy Spot: <http://www.genealogyspot.com/country/italy.htm> (links to a good collection of transcribed records from Italian towns.

PIE (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together): <http://www.cimorelli.com/pie/default.htm>

Ellis Island Online: <http://www.ellisland.org/>

Transcribed Vital Records of Italian Towns: <http://www.sersale.org/comunes.htm>

Sicilian Family Tree: <http://www.sicilianfamilytree.com/additionaltowns.html>

Trafford Cole: Italian Genealogical Records: How to Use Italian Civil, Ecclesiastical, & Other Records in Family History Research (Salt Lake City: Ancestry Inc., 1995).

Finally a film which captures the mind and soul of the Italian (really, Sicilian) immigrant in an artistic way like no drier scholarly tome could: “The Golden Door”, an Italian film with subtitles. This is a quirky, somewhat slow film, but wait till the family gets off the ship and hits Ellis Island. You’ll get a tiny glimpse of what your ancestor may have experienced there. It’s available from Amazon, or probably NetFlix for rent.