

Russomanno families in Caposele

One of the most common surnames in Caposele is Russomanno: on the online genealogical site there are 668 people with that surname out of a total of 12614 (5.3%). Over the centuries, different variants have alternated, often within the same family (Russomanno, Rossomanno, Rossomando). It is not uncommon to find registrations of brothers with slightly different surnames, testifying to the fact that it was often the registry officer who transcribed the form that seemed correct to him. In the graph shown, we have chosen to indicate for each person the form used in the birth certificate, whenever possible. The Onciario Cadastre, a vast real estate census carried out in the Kingdom of Naples by the will of Charles III of Bourbon, can help us put some order (here you can find an in-depth study: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/soc.genealogy.italian/rPOEWzrQ3hQ>).

Country by country all the municipalities of the kingdom were counted: Caposele, belonging to the Principato Citeriore, was surveyed in 1754. For that year, therefore, we have a photograph of the existing families in our town, and their possessions. In this census it can be verified that the officials of the kingdom of Naples used a single form, Russomanno. In that year, there were 14 families in the municipality of Caposele with the head of the family with that surname (and 56 people in total).

Even today, despite the very strong emigration of the last century, in our municipality there are many Russomanno families. Not all families have been included in the online tree (everyone's help is welcome: see below for contacts), so we don't know yet if all 14 families existing in 1754 have descendants still living in Caposele. What emerges, however, is that many branches currently resident in the village date back to one family in particular, that of **Lorenzo with Carmena Di Masi**. In 1754, 5 children of this couple were counted: the eldest daughter (12 years old), Rosa, will be the only daughter of 9 brothers! The other 4 children are Alessandro (9 years old), Amato (6), Vito (3), Giuseppe (1). In the following years 4 other sons were born: Angelo, Pasquale, Giuseppe Antonio, Francesco.

Among the Russomanno families who descend from this family there are:

- children of **Amato** and Teresa Gigantiello: family of “Russomanno engineers” and "Shcavetta" family;
- sons of **Vito** and Lucia Caruso: "mastu Tore", "Lisandrino" and family of “Russomanno doctors”;

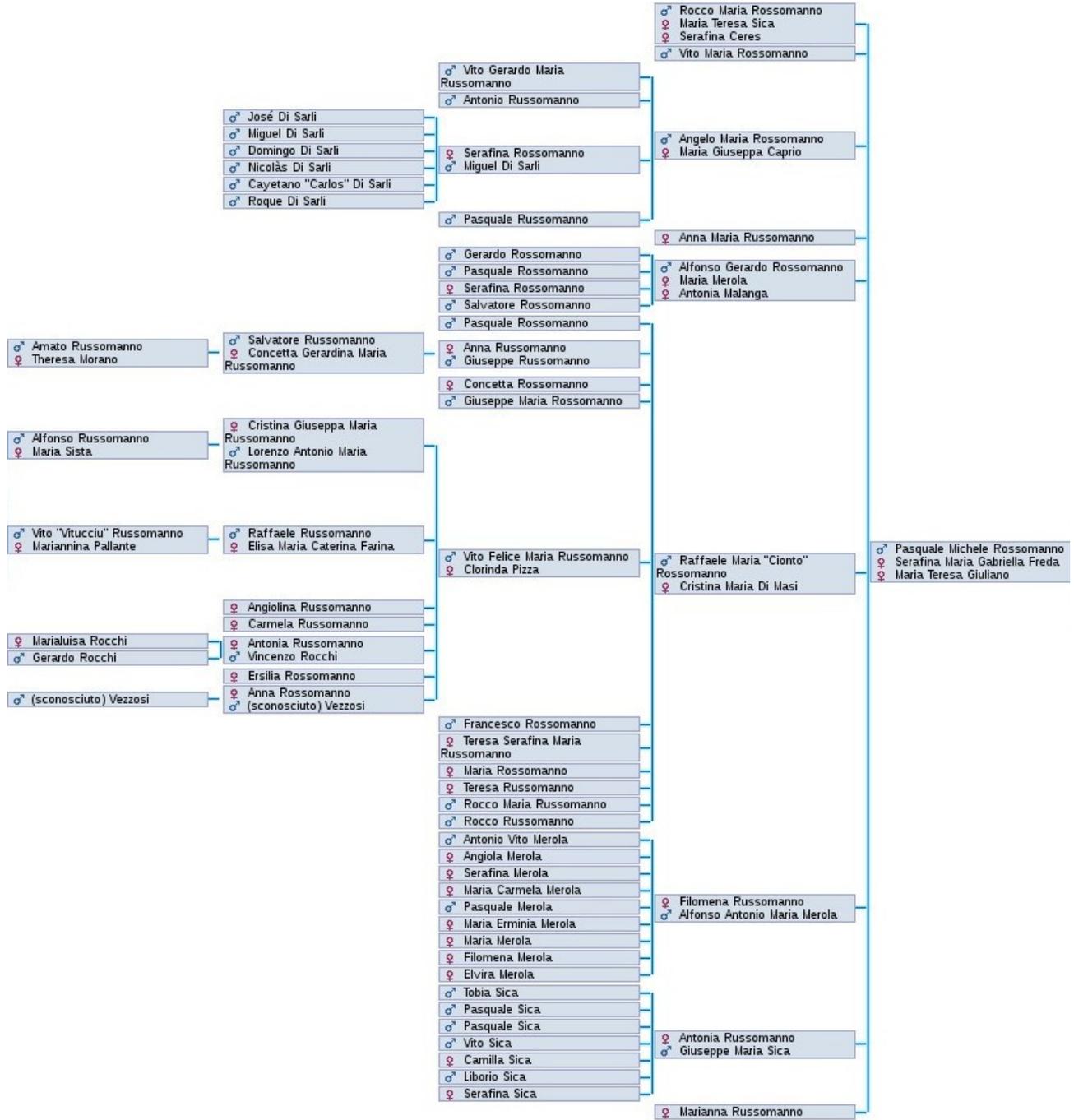
- children of **Angelo**:
 - with Antonia Villano (first marriage): branches "Giorgio" and "Carluccieddu", branch Cibellis (the first wife of Tumasino Cibellis was "Juccia" Russomanno, see "La Sorgente" no. 91, page 30);
 - with Marianna Pizza (second marriage): Vito the tobacconist, Carlos Di Sarli (famous Argentine tango musician) whose mother was Serafina Russomanno;
- children of **Pasquale** and Giovanna Pizza: family of Raffaele the pharmacist;

Pasquale Michele Russomanno (1810-1871) belonged to the branch of the descendants of **Angelo** and **Marianna Pizza**. By profession a dyer (like his father), he married for the first time with Serafina Freda, and in the space of 20 years he had 9 children, including 5 boys. Serafina died in 1865, and the fifty-five-year-old Pasquale Michele remarried a woman from Laviano, Maria Teresa Giuliano, with whom he had no children. Among the grandchildren of Pasquale Michele we find **Vito Felice Maria Russomanno**, grandfather of Vito the tobacconist, and 4 females named Serafina (2 of which with the surname Russomanno). One of these **Serafina Russomanno** was the mother of **Cajetano Carlos Di Sarli**, an important Argentine musician. Serafina was born on 1 July 1866 in Caposele, but emigrated to Uruguay, where she married Miguel Di Sarli. He was a widower who, emigrated from Italy with his three children on the death of his first wife, after some time remarried with Serafina, with whom he had six children. The first 4 were born in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, while the two others (including Cajetano Carlos) in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, where the family later moved. In several articles on the Internet on Carlos Di Sarli, Tito Russomanno, a famous tenor of the time, is mentioned as Serafina's brother: it could be Vito, the eldest of her three brothers.

You can contribute:

- by contacting me by email at pasquale_c@hotmail.com
- on the Facebook group "Caposelese genealogy"
- by registering on the site containing the navigable online tree:
<http://ars.altervista.org/PhpGedView/index.php>

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Lorenzo Russomanno	Geniale	d'anni	30.
Carmena di Masi	weglia	d'anni	30.
Alessandro	figlio	d'anni	09
Amato	figlio	d'anni	06.
Diro	figlio	d'anni	03.
Eus.	figlio	d'anni	01.
Rosa	figlio	d'anni	12.

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Nucleo familiare di Lorenzo Russomanno e Carmena Di Masi censito sul Catasto Onciario



La famiglia di Raffaele Maria Russomanno (uno dei figli di Pasquale Michele) con Cristina Di Masi nel 1901