

Title: Carini, Stefano Papers

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Biographical Note: Stefano Carini was born in Milwaukee on October 24, 1902, the son of Mariano and Anna (Zizzo) Carini. The Carini Family came to America in 1896, and due to health reasons, were forced to return to their home town of Porticello in 1906. Stefano returned to Milwaukee in 1921 and became an apprentice plasterer for John Davy. After brief partnerships with Charles Papia and Frank DeSal, Carini formed his own company, Cream City Plastering. This company thrived for over fifty years, and worked on many prominent Milwaukee buildings, including the Wisconsin Club, the Wells Building, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, the Pfister Hotel, and the Performing Arts Center.

Very active in the Milwaukee Italian Community, Stefano was a founding member of the Italian Civic Association of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee chapter of UNICO, the Florentine Opera Company, and the Columbus Club of Milwaukee. A member of the Blessed Virgin of Pompeii Church, he was also heavily involved in several Italian religious organizations, including La Madonna Del Lume, Sannio, the Holy Name Society of Pompeii Church, and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Stefano Carini died on July 31, 1979, and was survived by his wife and five children.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of materials relating to the life and travels of Stefano Carini. Included is correspondence, travel materials, information on local and national Italian-American organizations, as well as biographical data on prominent Italian Americans.

The collection also includes materials relating to Stefano's son Mario as well as his brother Giovanni Carini. Mario was the official historian of Milwaukee's Italian Community Center, and much of this collection reflects his involvement in I.C.C. activities, including Festa Italiana. He published many articles, and conducted a statistical survey related to the history of Italians in Milwaukee. Mario was a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools for many years. Giovanni Carini was a member of the Italian Navy during World War II, and was eventually taken prisoner by the British. He was held in prisoner of war camps in the United States, and several folders in this collection contain materials related to Stefano's search for Giovanni.

Administrative Information: This collection was donated by Mario A. Carini. It was processed by Nicholas L. Neylon in December 1992.

See Also:

Carini, Mario Papers, Mss-3036

Multimedia Collection: Video tape with footage of Milwaukee's Little Italy in the 1930s and a history of Blessed Virgin of Pompeii Church produced by Channel 10 in late 1960s

Carini Family Papers	Box #	Folder #
Carini, Stefano – Correspondence (re: search for his brother Giovanni)	1	1
Carini, Stefano – Prisoner of War Assistance	1	2
Carini, Stefano – Abstract of Title (for home at 2724 Lisbon)	1	3
Carini, Stefano – Blueprint (for home at 175 N. Jefferson)	1	4
Carini, Stefano and Rose – travel related material (mostly Italy)	1	5-6
Carini, Stefano – Miscellaneous (Italian Passport, certificate of award, photocopies of photographs, brief biography)	1	7
Carini, Stefano – Clippings	1	8
Carini, Giovanni – Correspondence (from P.O.W. camps to brother Stefano)	1	9
Carini, Giovanni – P.O.W. camp newsletter (in Italian)	1	10
Carini, Mario – Correspondence (1989-1986)	1	11
Carini, Mario – “Italian Times” articles (1981-1984)	1	12
Carini, Mario – “Italian Times” articles (n.d.)	1	13
Carini, Mario – school plays, songs, etc.	1	14
Carini, Mario and Robert Pascoe – “Establishing an Identity in the American Midwest: The Italians of Milwaukee” (1982 draft of manuscript)	1	15
Carini, Mario – “Milwaukee’s Italians Seeking United States Citizenship: 1836 to 1940” June 1997	1	15A
Carini, Mario – Miscellaneous	1	16
Carini Family – World War II rationing books	1	17
Cream City Plastering Company	Box #	Folder #
Cream City Plastering Co. – Financial	1	18
Cream City Plastering Co. – Government, Misc. (Wisconsin Industrial Commission, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Recovery Administration, Wisconsin Unemployment Commission, Milwaukee County War and Price Rationing Board)	1	19
Cream City Plastering Co. – Blueprints and Plans	1	20
Cream City Plastering Co. – Product Literature	1	21
Cream City Plastering Co. – Selective Service for Employees	1	22
Cream City Plastering Co. – Specification and job cost estimates	1	23
Cream City Plastering Co. – Tire & mileage rationing	1	24
Cream City Plastering Co. – Union related	1	25
Cream City Plastering Co. – Miscellaneous	1	26
Ledger, unidentified (possibly Cream City Plastering)	1	27
Religious Material	Box #	Folder #
Holy Crucifix Society – 80th Anniversary Book, 1985 (2 copies); 3 meeting notices (1985-1986)	1	28

Blessed Virgin of Pompeii Church – Correspondence	1	29
Blessed Virgin of Pompeii Church – <u>Milwaukee Journal</u> feature article, 12-19-1982	1	30
Pompeii Athletic Club – Building Dedication Program, February 20, 1954; 25th Anniversary Booklet, 1945	1	31
Pompeii Choir – Fiesta Ball, January 30, 1949	1	32
Pompeii Men’s Club and Pompeii Women’s Club Misc.	1	33
1931 Madonna Di Pompeii Booklet (copy); 1967 farewell Program, Pompeii Church (copy)	1	34
Friends of Our Lady of Pompeii, Inc. – Fund raising materials; correspondence and misc. materials related to the <u>Our Lady of Pompeii Church Memorial Book</u>	1	35
Blessed Virgin of Pompeii Church – Miscellaneous	1	36
Mutual Aid Societies, Religious Organizations -Milwaukee and National	1	37
Societa Mutu Soccorso Madonna Del Luma	2	38
St. Rita’s Church – 25th Anniversary Booklet, December 10, 1961; 3 copies of “Neighborhood News,” August, 1982 – includes a feature on the “Little Pink Church”	2	39
SS. Peter and Paul Church – Annual reports (1954 & 1956); one financial balance sheet (1971-1972); one program (August 19, 1951)	2	40
St. Bartholomew Society of Waukesha – photos; one piece of correspondence; By-laws; addendum to Articles of Incorporation	2	41
St. Francis Parish – Annual reports (1901, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1912, 1918, 1940, 1945)	2	42
Memorial-Deceased Cards	2	43
Religious Publications – Miscellaneous	2	44
Mazzuchelli, Fr. Samuel – biographical	2	44A
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Columbus Center – Milwaukee	2	45
Columbus Day – Banquet programs (1943-1946)	2	46
Columbus Day – Banquet programs (1956)	2	47
Columbus Day – Banquet programs (1957-1958)	2	48
Columbus Day – Banquet programs (1969-1983)	2	49
UNICO – Milwaukee Ladies of UNICO, Inc. – By-laws; Membership list (1984); miscellaneous	2	50
UNICO – Columbus Week concert programs	2	51
UNICO – Golden Jubilee Booklets (1981)	2	52
UNICO – Publications – “The UNICO Newsletter,” (1984-1986, not inclusive); “UNICO,” Magazine (1985-1986), 2 issues	2	53
UNICO – Scholarship Banquet – Programs (1953, 1956, 1959)	2	54
UNICO – Scholarship Banquet – Programs (1967, 1982); 1968 Scholarship Banquet sponsor list	2	55
UNICO – Miscellaneous	2	56
Italian Community Center	Box #	Folder #

Constitution and By-laws	2	57
Board of Directors – Meeting minutes, agendas, notices (1982-1985)	2	58
General Meetings – notices, agendas, minutes (1979-85)	2	59
Financial (1981-1986)	2	60
Editorial Committee	2	61
Local History Committee	2	62
Committees, Miscellaneous	2	63
Correspondence (1978-1982)	2	64
Correspondence (1984)	2	65
Correspondence (1985-1986)	2	66
Memberships Lists	2	67
Memos	2	68
Elections (1978-1985)	2	69
“Statistical Data on Milwaukee’s Italians” (Individuals, A – M)	2	70
“Statistical Data on Milwaukee’s Italians” (Individuals, N – Z)	2	71
“Statistical Data on Milwaukee’s Italians” (statistical reports)	2	72
“Statistical Data on Milwaukee’s Italians” (miscellaneous forms, articles and biographies)	2	73
Events, promotional	3	74
Forms (blank examples)	3	75
Coachyard Building – misc. materials related to the purchase of this site for the new I.C.C.	3	76
Calendars (1983, 1985, 1986)	3	77
Blueprint – Unidentified Milwaukee building (in Italian)	3	78
Italian Community Center – Miscellaneous	3	79
Festa Italiana – Meeting notices, minutes, attendance rolls	3	80
Festa Italiana – Licenses	3	81
Festa Italiana – Notes	3	82
Festa Italiana – Correspondence (1977-1986)	3	83
Festa Italiana – Advertising and promotional	3	84
Festa Italiana – Maps	3	85
Festa Italiana – Press Releases	3	86
Festa Italiana – Venetian Night (1981)	3	87
Festa Italiana – Volunteers	3	88
Festa Italiana – Miscellaneous	3	89
Carnevale – Milwaukee (1983-1984)	3	90
Carnevale – Milwaukee (1985-1987)	3	91
Miscellaneous, Milwaukee Related	Box #	Folder #
Miscellaneous, Milwaukee related	3	92-94
Clippings, Milwaukee (general)	3	95
Clippings, Milwaukee Italians (general)	3	96
Clippings, Milwaukee Church and Pope	3	97
Clippings, Citizenship materials	3	98
Clippings, Business Ads and Articles	3	99

Clippings, Canepa Family	3	100
Clippings, Obituaries	3	101
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Italian-Americans, National (biographical)	3	105-106
American Italian Historical Association	3	107
Italian-American Cultural Center, Des Moines, IA	3	108
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National Italian-American Foundation, Inc.	3	110
Scrapbook, newspaper and magazine clippings (non-Milwaukee)	4	111
Miscellaneous, non-Milwaukee	4	112-113
Clippings, Famous Italians	4	114
Clippings, World War II	4	115
Clippings, Foreign relations, 1930s	4	116
Clippings, Italy	4	117
Clippings, Italo-Ethiopian War	4	118
Clippings, Labor and Economic	4	119
Clippings, Miscellaneous	4	120
Clippings, Miscellaneous (in Italian)	4	121
Original copies of Milwaukee-related clippings, NOT FOR PUBLIC USE (in acid-free envelope)	4	122
Miscellaneous Newspapers	Box #	Folder #
"The Italian Voice"	4	123
"La Tribuna Italiana"	4	124
"The Italian Leader"	4	125
"Il Corriere Italiano"	4	126
"L'Italia"	4	127
U.S. and Italian Newspapers, Miscellaneous	4	128
Two bundles of miscellaneous Italian newspapers	4	Loose
Five folders of "The Italian Times," assorted issues, 1979-1983	4	Loose
Books, magazines and miscellaneous pamphlet materials related to Italy, including many in Italian	5	
Books, magazines and miscellaneous pamphlet materials related to Italy, including many in Italian	6	
Other newspapers, almost entirely "The Italian Times."	7 cu. ft.	
Oversize Items	Location	
Columbus Center membership certificate for Steve Carini	OS Box in MV	
Advertising sign for Cream City Plastering Co.	OS Box in MV	