

Family History for Bocanelli & Reali

Domenic Bocanelli – 1/17/1886-1965



Adele Reali 9/28 1890-1955

Domenic (“Domenico”) Bocanelli was born January 17, 1886 in Ferentino, Provincia di Frosinone Lazio, Italia. He was the son of Ambrogio Bocanelli. He arrived in New York City from Italy aboard SS Italia on July 19, 1906 at the age of 19 years old. He settled in Philadelphia, PA briefly before settling in Rockford, IL. He was employed as a presser by the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Company for 25 years and retired in 1945.

Domenic married (“Adelina”) Adele Reali, daughter of Florido Reali and Anna Georgi. Adele Reali arrived in New York City from Italy aboard SS America on December 8, 1914 at the age of 24 years old. She was born September 28, 1890 in Ferentino, Provincia di Frosinone Lazio, Italia.

Domenic and Adele were married on May 16, 1915 at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Rockford, Illinois in a double ceremony with Adele’s sister, Rosa Reali, who married Domenico Cuppini. The sisters (Adele & Rosa) had come together from Italy to join another sister, Amelia Reali (who married Anacelato Cuppini—the two sisters married two brothers. One sister, Elvira Reali stayed in Italy and married Ambrogio Bocanelli and one brother, Quido also stayed in Italy and died in the service.

Domenic Bocanelli left behind a sister, Linda, and two brothers, Ambrogio and Louie in Italy.

Adele and Domenic lived on Cunningham before moving to 821 Loomis Street near Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. They belonged to Saint Ambrogio Club.

They had eight children:

- Born 1916 Ferminio Bocanelli. Died 1916 of the flu epidemic.
- Born 5/16/1917 “Ferminio” Fred Joseph Bocanelli. Died 1/30/1945 in Rhine River, Germany in WWII, Infantry Division Staff Sergeant.
- Born 10/9/1918 Anna Virginia (Arttilo “Art” Arnone). Died 10/28/1988.
- Born 5/5/1920 Mary Celeste (Lewis “Louie” Maffioli). Died 4/29/1984.
- Born 10/31/1921 Nancy Dina Bocanelli. Died 4/21/1940.
- Born 12/20/1923 Josephine Theresa Saporito (married to Angelo “Babe” Saporito).
- Born 9/2/1925 Flora Antoinette (Anthony “Tony” Valenti) Died 6/12/1979.
- Born 4/30/1931 Emma Jean (Alex LaSala).

Domenic died October 16, 1965 and Adele died November 25, 1955.

Submitted by Nancy Maffioli Hand December 2014.