

MARELLI FAMILY

Rear is Theresa Marelli and Vittoria Marelli Fedeli; Front is Annunciata Saporiti Marelli and Marietta Marelli Maffioli Sassali



The Marelli family was one of the first Italian families in Rockford. They followed the Maffiolis to Rockford ca 1878. Annunicata Saporiti married Giuseppe Antonio Marelli Feb. 16, 1857, in Bolladello , Lombardia, Italy. They had four children and they are: Theresa Marelli who married Innocente (Samuel) Marelli Jan. 22, 1880, in Bolladello, they had nine children, Stefano, Tecla Marelli (Noe) Guidi, Giacomo (Catherine Cherichetti), Paul (Mallie Ford), Lena (Joseph Castiglioni), Victor (Aurelia Mazzuchelli), Maria (Ambrose Cherichetti), Samuel Ambrose, who died in infancy, and George. Sam worked as a peanut vendor on the corner of State and Main streets for twenty three years. He was a well respected member of the commuity; Marietta Marelli married Luigi Maffioli, Apr. 30, 1882, in Rockford, and they had three children, Boniface (Ola Hitchens), and two sons who died in infancy and upon his death married John Sassali, Jan. 1, 1888, in Rockford and they had three children, Louis (Ida Savage), Henry (Pauline Cravens) and Samuel (Lilias Nicol); Charles Marelli married Lucia Bonzi, Aug. 28, 1888, in Rockford and they had seven children Ernest, Marie (Norman Ambrose), Minnie, Ida, Charles (Amelia Brassea), Rose (Michael Costello) and Lillian (Martin Fjelsted); and finally, Vittoria Marelli married Ernesto Fedeli on Oct. 1, 1887, in Rockford, and they had five children, Charles, Paul (Lillian Capriola), Josephine (Louis Provasi), Natale (Mildred Capriola) and Ambrose (Zada Johnson).

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