

Giorgi/DeMarco Family
1913



Gabrielle Giorgi arrived from Ferentino in Rockford around 1913 at the age of 16. He was the youngest of a large family and his parents sent him to the United States to live with his older brother who had already migrated to Argentina and then to the United States. His parents were worried about War on the continent and wanted him to stay safe in the United States until it was over and then return back to Ferentino. He did not return until he was in his late 60's. He married Louise DeMarco at age 21. There are still many cousins in Ferentino.

Louise DeMarco came to the United States with her mother Rose and sister Mary when she was 12 years old. She was not happy to move her but her mother wanted to live with her husband who had already migrated here. She married Gabrielle when she was 16 years old and had her first child at 17.

Edolo "Zeke" Giorgi was their first child. He was born in 1921. She and Gabrielle had four more children: Amadeo, Joyce, Rolando (Gabby) and Judith. Both Edolo and Amadeo went on to have public lives in Rockford. "Zeke" was a state representative for 29 years and Amadeo held positions on the County Board and was active with the trade unions. Joyce worked as a secretary for Sundstrand and married Tony Fatone. Gabby Jr. Was a firefighter and Judith married Art Orlandi and moved to Barrington. Gabrielle and Louise had 8 grandchildren.

Both the DeMarco family and the Giorgi family were members of St. Anthony Church and the St. Ambrose Society. Gabrielle was known for his ability to play the mandolin.

In the photograph are Louisa DeMarco Giorgi, Edolo "Zeke" Giorgi and Gabriel Giorgi taken in 1922.

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