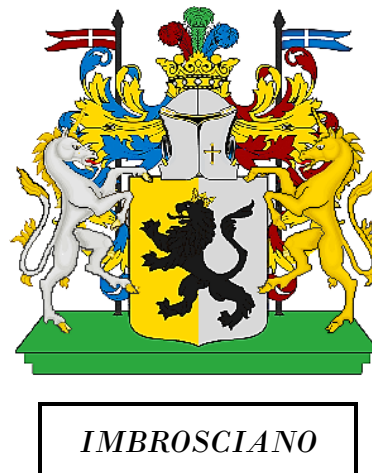
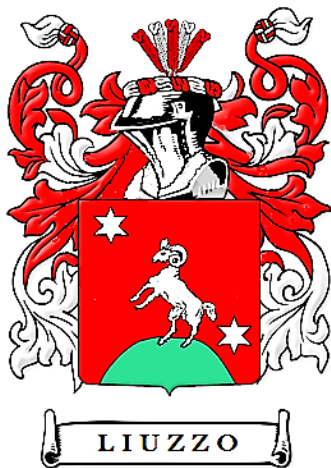


Bruno Luigi Spedalieri

LIUZZO & IMBROSCIANO FAMILIES IN AUSTRALIA



Sydney 2023

*To my wife Zina
To my Parents in Law
And my Brothers in Law*

LIUZZO FAMILY



*Antonio Liuzzo (1871-1961) (L) and wife
Ignazia Fallico (1881-1962)*

(We use the letter in brackets as a reference indicator, the children will get a progressive number).

ANTONIO LIUZZO (L).

Antonio Liuzzo was born in the city of Bronte, Province of Catania, in Sicily, Italy, on 9 March 1871. His parents were FRANCESCO LIUZZO and ROSALIA ANTONINA COSTA. Antonio (L) was a farmer and his family got the nickname of MARRANI. From the nickname, which is a Spaniard one, some genealogists mistakenly thought the family was coming from Spain. (See information on Bronte in the following pages).

History tells us that Sicily was under the domination of Spain since 1282. During that year the Sicilians revolted (Sicilian Vespers) against the French Angevin rulers. From 1282 to 1409 the island was ruled by the Spanish Crown of Aragon as an independent kingdom, and was then added permanently to the Crown. In 1816, the island Kingdom of Sicily merged with the Kingdom of Naples to form the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. In 1861, the Two Sicilies were invaded and conquered by an Expedition led by Giuseppe Garibaldi, who transferred them to the House of Savoy, to form the new Kingdom of Italy.

Obviously the Sicilian Language has adopted Spanish words used by the occupants. That the Family Liuzzo was not necessarily originating from Spain is proved by the fact that some surnames are only as old as two generations and often families with the same surname have different nicknames. It is also relevant the fact that in Messina's Province exists a place called Orto Liuzzo. Some genealogists say that the Family was originating from Bologna in North Italy, region of Emilia-Romagna. In fact it is registered that a Liuzo (or Lioutsios), born in Pavia Lombardy in 920, died as Bishop of Cremona (on the border of Lombardy region with Emilia Romagna region) in 972. The nickname of Marrani given to the Liuzzo in Bronte may indicate then that the family was foreigner to the city of Bronte and because of that it was considered untrustworthy.

It is certain though that in 1595 there was no Liuzzo Family in Bronte (Ref. Memorie Storiche di Bronte by Benedetto Radice, Ediz 1983, page 167). According to Nunzio Longhitano, the genealogist of Bronte, the first Liuzzo appearing in Bronte was Placido Liuzzo who married Rosa Papotto. They had only one child, Sebastiano born in Bronte in 1786. In 1811, Sebastiano married Sebastiana Filippa Antonia Plastani. From this marriage 5 children were born: *Grazia Antonina* (1812), *Giuseppa Nunzia* (1818), *Maria Domenica* (1821), *Placido Nunzio* (1823) and *Francesco* (11 ottobre 1826).

Francesco Liuzzo born in 1826, in 1858 married the 20 years old *Rosalia Antonina Costa*. Francesco and Antonina had 7 children: *Placido Liuzzo*, born 1865; *Antonio Liuzzo (L)* born 1871; *Mario Liuzzo* whose son Antonio married Antonio's (L) daughter *Illuminata*; *Giuseppa Liuzzo*; *Nunzia Liuzzo*; *Giuseppa Liuzzo* and *Angela Liuzzo*.

On 4th July 1896 *Antonio (L)* married *Ignazia Fallico* daughter of *Ignazio Fallico* and *Nunziata Gulino*. During the Second World War in August 1943 the Liuzzo's house of Piazza Giosué Calaciura in Bronte was destroyed by the allied bombing. Antonio died in Bronte on June 20, 1961, and Ignazia died on January 9, 1962. They have 7 children.

CHILDREN OF ANTONIO LIUZZO & IGNAZIA FALLICO

NUNZIATA (L1), she was born in Bronte on 14 November 1898. Nunziata married *Luciano Pagano* and took residence in Piedimonte Etneo. She was an expert tailor. Nunziata died in Giarre on 27 January 1990. Luciano and Nunziata have two daughters.

ANGELINA PAGANO, born 8 March 1932. She married *Prof. Giovanni Pollicina*, with whom took residence in Giarre (Catania). They have two children: *Salvatore Pollicina* born 1/2/1956, and *Aurora Pollicina* (5/8/1962).

IGNAZINA PAGANO, born 5/6/1937. She married the Accountant *Rosario (Saro) Moschella* and took residence in Carrabba (Catania). They have four children: *Angela Moschella* (31/3/1964), *Rita Moschella* (29/12/1967), *Salvatore Moschella* (21/6/1073) and *Elisa Moschella* (8/2/1976).



*1977 Difesa Bronte.
Nunziata Liuzzo Pagano is the 3rd from right, the 1st is Nunziato her brother, the 1st left is Giuseppa Grassia wife of Nunziato. Next to Giuseppa is Angelina Pagano Pollocina with her husband Giovanni. Next to Giovanni is Don Francesco Spedalieri and next to him is Zina Liuzzo Spedalieri with son Flavio. Behind Zina is Rosario Moschella and his wife Ignazina Pagano Moschella with their daughter Elisa.
In front from left: Aurora Pollicina, Angela Moschella, Salvatore Moschella and Rita Moschella.*

*1967.
From left: Angelina Pagano Pollicina, Aurora and Giovanni Pollicina;
Ignazia Pagano Moschella with daughter Angela, and Salvatore Pollicina.*



ILLUMINATA (L2), was born 15 May 1900. She married her cousin *Antonio Liuzzo* of Uncle Mario and migrated to USA. Illuminata died at Mayfield Heights Ohio on 9 April 1980. Illuminata and Antonio have 6 Children:

GIUSEPPE LIUZZO (1922-1973). He had 1 son, Mark.

CARMELA LIUZZO born in Bronte 23 January 1927, married *Ross De John* (the original Italian surname was Di Giovanni) and in 1930 migrated to USA. Ross was elected mayor of Mayfield and was ordained deacon. Ross and Carmela have 5 children: *Ross Jr, Michael, Bobby, Carla, Christine*. Carmela died on 2 August 2016.

MARY LIUZZO born in Bronte 15 April 1928, unmarried.

TONY LIUZZO born in USA on 25 July 1930. He married and has two daughters: *Jolene* (1955) and *Nancy* (1957). Tony died on 7 July 1986.

MARIO LIUZZO born 1 January 1932. Married with *Joanna*, had no children. He was the owner of a chain of saloons and restaurants. Mario died in 2022.

IGNAZIA (NANCY) LIUZZO (1933-2007), Married *Biagio Mazzine*, they had no children. Biagio fought in Vietnam and suffered the consequences of Agent Orange, he died 10 October 2004 and Nancy died 13 June 2007.



Left: 1923 - Illuminata Liuzzo Liuzzo with her son Giuseppe in front of her and little brother Francesco.



Right: 1977 - Illuminata (2nd left) with daughters (from left) Mary, Carmela and Ignazia (Nancy).



1990 - Wedding of Carla De John. From right standing: Tony Liuzzo son of Illuminata, daughter Jolene, Francesco brother of Illuminata with wife Maria, Mario son of Illuminata with wife Joanna, Nancy daughter of Tony, Nancy daughter of Illuminata with husband Biagio Mazzine, Mary Liuzzo daughter of Illuminata and Ross De John Jr with wife. Sitting are on the right Carla De John with her husband, on the left are Ross De John Sr with wife Carmela daughter of Illuminata.

GIOSUÈ (L3) born on 11 March 1906, married *Francesca Sciarotta* who died in 1949. Giosuè died of gangrene on 20 March 1993. Giosuè and Francesca have two girls:

IGNAZIA born 24 September 1931, in 1955 married *Nunzio Bertolone* and has 3 children: *Giuseppina Bertolone* born 21 March 1957, *Biagio-Giosuè Bertolone* born 3 February 1961 and *Nunzina Berolone* born 1 December 1962. Nunzio and Ignazina worked in Germany Nunzio died in Bronte in 2011, and Ignazina went to Germany with the children and there she died.

NUNZIATINA born 2 December 1933, married *Nunzio Imbrosciano* brother of her aunty Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo. Nunzio and Nunziatina had one child *Tonino Imbrosciano* born 3 August 1959 and with him they migrated to Australia in October 1962. Tonino became Professor of Philosophy. On 13 April 1990 he married Robyn Scott. Tonino died of cancer on 13 July 2008. He had no children.



*Bronte 1975
Giosuè Liuzzo (L3) (2nd right)
between nieces Carmela and
Nancy daughters of sister
Illuminata from USA.
On the left are Nunziato (L4)
brother of Giosuè (L3) and
sister Nunziata (L1).*

NUNZIATO (L4) was born in Bronte on 2 October 1911, On 28 April 1955 married *Giuseppa Grassia* born on 18 April 2024 to Antonio Grassia and Giuseppa Lazzaro. Nunziato and Giuseppa had no children. Nunziato died in Bronte on 27 January 1997 at the age of 86 and his devoted wife died 10 days after him on 10 February 1997.



First sitting at left and the 1st standing are Nunziato Liuzzo and the wife Giuseppina Grassia Liuzzo. Sitting at the centre is Angelina Cartillone Imbrosciano, at right is Nunziata Liuzzo Pagano sister of Nunziato, and Ignazia (Nancy) Liuzzo Mazzine daughter of Illuminata sister of Nunziato and Nunziata.

Joung brothers Francesco (left) and Nunziato.



ANTONINA (L5) born 15 June 1914 in Bronte. She was an expert tailor like the elder sister Nunziata. In 1934 she married *Carmelo D'Aquino*. Carmelo D'Aquino born in Bronte on February 8, 1902, in 1922 attracted the attention of the army for his antifascist attitude and had to leave the town. In 1927 Carmelo was the second citizen of Bronte to migrate to Australia after Luigi Destro, who migrated in 1926. In 1932 he returned to Bronte but was accused of plotting the assassination of Mussolini and was arrested. Having proved to the court his pacific intent, he was liberated and in 1934 married Antonina Liuzzo and returned to Australia. They settled in the city of Orange and created a winery industry. Antonina died 16 August 1998, and Carmelo died on November 13, 2002 at the age of 100 years and 11 months. Carmelo and Antonina have two children: VINCENZA (ZINA) D'AQUINO (1935), in 1954 married her first cousin *Illuminato (Nato) D'Aquino* and have 2 children: Rex and Charles. ILLUMINATO (LEO) D'AQUINO born 21/5/1937, died of cancer 20/6/2005. He was solicitor in Griffith NSW, and never married.



Orange 1992 Carmelo D'Aquino celebrates 90 years of age. From left, Back row: Leo D'Aquino, Sue Kluss Liuzzo, Francesco Liuzzo, Irene Ambesi Liuzzo, Bruno Spedalieri & wife Zina Liuzzo Spedalieri, Sammy Liuzzo and Flavio Spedalieri of Zina. Sitting: Antonina (Nina) Liuzzo D'Aquino, Illuminato (Nato) D'Aquino husband of Vincenzina, Carmelo D'Aquino husband of Antonina, Vincenzina (Zina) D'Aquino, Ignazio Liuzzo husband of Irene Ambesi, Maria Liuzzo Imbrosciano. Children: Damien Liuzzo of Tony, David Liuzzo of Sammy, Yolanda Spedalieri of Zina, Sarah Liuzzo of Sammy, Carla Liuzzo of Tony.

Antonina Liuzzo with husband Carmelo D'Aquino sitting between her brother Francesco and Bruno Spedalieri. Standing from right are Ignazio Liuzzo brother of Antonina and Francesco, Flavio Spedalieri, Yolanda Spedalieri of Bruno and Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo wife of Francesco.



IGNAZIO (L6) was born in Bronte on 3 February 1917. In 1938 he went for his military service. He was still in service on 10 June 1940 when Italy went at war. Ignazio who was attached to 11th Balcan Infantry was sent to Albania. Heo was in Jacovic when Italy signed the armistice with the Allies and he was arrested by the Germans and interned in a camp of prisoners near Macedonia. He was able to escape and joined the Gramis Battalion of the Italian partisans in Tirana. From there all the Battalion was transported to Brindisi by a British military ship. On 26 August 1945 Ignazio could again embrace his parents. In November 1949 Ignazio migrated to Australia. In Sydney, at a Baptism celebration, he met *Irene Ambesi* born 28 February 1933 in Calabria, daughter of Carmelo Alfonso Ambesi and Caterina La Ficara. They have one son:

ANTHONY was born in Sydney on 21 December 1960. Anthony is a solicitor, he is not married.



1970 Lindfield. Ignazio Liuzzo with wife Irene Ambesi Liuzzo and son Anthony.

22/6/1985 at the Fruit Shop in Kirribilli, 31 Fitzroy Street. Ignazio and his brother Francesco the day they have sold the shop. With them are on the left Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo wife of Francesco and Tony Liuzzo son of Maria and Francesco. On the right are Sammy Liuzzo with daughter Sarah, and Bruno Spedalieri. In front are Carla Liuzzo daughter of Tony and Judith Galletti and Flavio Spedalieri son of Bruno Spedalieri and Zina Liuzzo Spedalieri.



FRANCESCO (L7). Francesco is the last of Antonio and Ignazia's children, he was born in Bronte 22 February 1922 (he was declared 28 February 2022). He started working with his father at the "Mandorleto of Cav. Fiamingo" and at the "Manche" at age 11. In January 1942 was called to the military service but soon was released due to his short sighting. He returned to work with the father and was also doing casual work at the Duchy Nelson in Maniace. On 30 April 1949 Francesco married the 18 years old *Maria Imbrosciano* daughter of Salvatore Imbrosciano and Angela Cartillone. Francesco and Maria had two daughters in Bronte: Ignazia, called Ignazina and more frequently Zina, and Angela who died 2 months after birth. On 17 November 1953 the little family embarked on the Ship Sorrento for Australia. They arrived in Sydney on 18 December 1953. Maria was pregnant with Tony who will be born 22 April 1954. The beginning in Australia was not easy for the family, but Francesco worked hard, often doing two jobs and sleeping at the station. In 1955 the family was able to purchase their own home in Sans Souci. The 2nd March 1957 Salvatore (Sammy) was born and in 1958 Francesco and his brother purchased the fruit shop in Kirribilly. In 1960 the family moved to Cremorne. On 31st October 1963 all Liuzzo family members obtained the Australian Citizenship. In 1966 the Family moved to North Sydney and in 1970 moved to Belrose at 22 Knightsbridge Avenue. On 21 May 1985, the day Yolanda Spedalieri was born, a fire damaged the property of Kirribilly. When the needed repairs were completed, Francesco and his brother Ignazio decided to sell the business. The property was finally sold the 16 May 2002. Francesco and Maria then went for a deserved holiday back to their country of origin. Francesco died at the Scalabrini Village of Allambie Heights on Ash Wednesday 9 February 2005. He is buried in the Chapels zone of Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery.

The children of Francesco Liuzzo and Maria Imbrosciano are:

IGNAZINA (ZINA), born in Bronte 14 December 1950, she was baptized by Fr Biagio Calanna Jr on 1st January and declared at the registry Office as born on January 2, 1951. At the age of 15 she went to Tafe and became an expert hairdresser under the direction of Colin Styles of Gordon. She worked with Colin for 10 years before moving to Forestville Crown of the Hills with Marie first, then to Manly with Margaret Lawes and then to Forestville shopping centre with Adrienne Chatterton and Cheryl Crawford. In 2008 Adrienne and Cheryl sold the business to Anna Ienna Tipping, and Zina continued working with Anna until retirement in 2018. Zina married *Bruno Spedalieri* who was known to the family as the Liuzzo Family in Bronte had the house next to that of the Spedalieri. Bruno and Zina have two children: Flavio Spedalieri and Yolanda Spedalieri. Zina died for a combination of blood clotting and cancer on 2 June 2022. She is buried in the tombs section (F97) of Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery.

ANGELA, was born in Bronte on 22 September 1952 and died on 23 Oct 1952.

ANTONIO (TONY) was born in Sydney on 22 April 1954, married to Judith Galletti, has two Children: *Carla Marée* born May 1983 and *Damien Anthony* born 22 April 1987.

SALVATORE (SAM), born on 2 March 1957, has a degree in Economy and Commerce. On December 3, 1978, he married *Susan Kluss*, born 8 January 1957 to Ken and Valerie Kluss. They have 2 children: *Sarah Jane*, born on 25 March 1985, and *David Francesco*, born 12 November 1986.



Above: 1957 the 3 children of Francesco Liuzzo and Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo: Zina and Tony with newborn brother Sammy.

Left: 31 Octobre 1961 the day the Family obtained the Australian Citizenship.



27 July 1974 – wedding of Zina Liuzzo and Bruno Spedalieri.

From right: Tony Liuzzo brother of Zina, Antonina Liuzzo D'Aquino (L5), Giosuè Liuzzo (L3), Anthony Liuzzo of Ignazio, Carmelo D'Aquino, Irene Ambesi Liuzzo, Leo D'Aquino of Carmelo & Antonina, Francesco Liuzzo (L7), Zina & Bruno, Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo, Sammy Liuzzo other brother of Zina, Nunzio Imbrosciano brother of Maria, Nunziatina Liuzzo Imbrosciano wife of Nunzio, Tonino Imbrosciano son of Nunzio and Nunziatina, Salvatore Imbrosciano other brother of Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo.

IMBROSCIANO FAMILY



*Salvatore Imbrosciano (1908-1986) (I) and wife
Angelina Cartillone (1913-2009)*

SALVATORE IMBROSCIANO (I).

Salvatore Imbrosciano was born in the city of Bronte, Province of Catania, in Sicily, Italy, on 18 December 1908. His parents were VINCENZO IMBROSCIANO and MARIA CASTROFLORIO (Mamma Parrina). Salvatore (I) was a farmer. The 6 September 1930 he married *Angelina Cartillone* born 6 January 1913 to Antonino Cartillone and Francesca Grassia.

Angelina was the only surviving child of two couples of twins. Her grandparents on mother side were *Vincenzo Grassia* (13/12/1863 - 3/12/1934) and *Grazia Castiglione* (16/11/1868-17/4/1941). Grazia's mother was surnamed *Marullo*. Vincenzo Grassia was nicknamed "U Murinaru" because he was the owner of a mill. By relation the granddaughter Angelina was called "A Murinara" although she had never had anything to do with mills. From the book "Memorie storiche di Bronte" by Benedetto Radice we know that the Imbrosciano Family existed in Bronte in the XVI century in fact in the document of protest against the City of Randazzo signed in 1595, appears the name of *Philippo Imbrosciano* (Ref. Memorie Storiche di Bronte by Benedetto Radice Ediz 1983, page 167). In the Baptism Registry the name sometimes appears written as *Imbroxiano*.

The Heraldry Institute of Rome mentions the following: Ascanio Imbrosciano, notary in Bronte, living in 1414; Giulio Imbrosciano, notary in Bronte, living in 1451; Carlo Imbrosciano in Otranto (Puglia) 1481; Cav. Luigi Imbrosciano, doctor in "utroque jure" (both Laws), living in Catania, in 1565;. The name seems a distortion of the word "Ambrosiano" which was used to indicate the people from Milan, the city of Saint Ambrose.

The father of Salvatore (I), *Vincenzo Imbrosciano* married twice, he had 4 children from the first wife surnamed *Casella*. When the first wife died he married *Maria Castroflorio* and from her he had another 4 children: *Salvatore (I)*, *Nicola* who died during his military service at the age of 21, another *Nicola* who migrated to Argentina, and *Nunzio* who migrated to USA. Vincenzo died in 1947.

Angelina's father Antonino Cartillone migrated to USA but the wife, Francesca Grassia Cartillone, refused to follow him. Antonio made two attempts to convince the wife to go with him to USA, at her firm refusal he abandoned the family and went to create a new family in USA where he had 4 more children. Consequently Angelina's mother Francesca Grassia was left alone to take care of Angelina. Salvatore Imbrosciano (I) died in Bronte on 19 August 1986 and Angelina Cartillone died 16 January 2009. They had 7 children.

Photo on right at centre: Salvatore Imbrosciano (I), his wife Angelina Cartillone Imbrosciano with first daughter Maria. On left is Maria Castroflorio Imbrosciano. At right is Vincenzo Imbrosciano, husband of Maria Castroflorio and father of Salvatore (I) and Nicola 1st right.



CHILDREN OF SALVATORE IMBROSCIANO & ANGELA CARTILLONE

MARIA IMBROSCIANO (II). She was born in Bronte 18 June 1931. In her infancy she was taken care by her maternal grandmother Francesca Grassia Cartillone (Mamma Cicca) and by the great-grandmother Grazia Castiglione Grassia (Mamma Grazia). On 17/4/1942 Mamma Grazia died and Maria returned to her family and assisted her own mother taking care of the little brothers. On 30 April 1949, in the Mother Church of Bronte, Maria got married to Francesco Liuzzo. With him she migrated to Australia in 1953; she could go back to Bronte in 1981, in 1990 and in 1998. Maria and Francesco had 4 children:

ZINA. The first child Ignazia, called Ignazina and Zina was born the 14th December 1950, She was baptized the 1st of January 1951, but she was declared at the civil birth registry on the 2nd January as being born that same day.

ANGELA was born on 22 September 1952 and died on 23rd October that same year.

In 1953 Francesco, called by his brother Ignazio and sister Antonina, decided to migrate to Australia. It was hard for Maria to leave family and country, but her great-grandmother Grazia (Mamma Grazia), upset by the dreadful experience suffered by her own daughter, recommended Maria not to repeat the same mistake: "If your husband put one foot on the boat, make sure you put both your feet on that boat." Francesco, Maria and Ignazina got on the ship Sorrento on the 17th of November 1953 and on 18 December they disembarked in Sydney. Maria was five months pregnant with Tony.

TONY was born in Sydney on 22 April 1954.

SAMMY will be born 2 March 1957.



Left: Bronte 1935, Maria Imbrosciano with her brother Vincenzo.



Right: December 1953. Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo with her husband Francesco Liuzzo and Zina Liuzzo aged 3, on the ship Sorrento.

VINCENZO IMBROSCIANO (I2), born on 4 October 1933, for many years was the gardener at Bronte's Hospital. He married with a lady we know only by her nickname "*A Cuffinara*". They had 10 children and separated.

GIUSEPPE, the eldest son is a Police Commissioner in Caserta.

NUNZIO IMBROSCIANO (I3) was born 20 March 1936. On September 13, 1958, he married *Nunziatina Liuzzo* daughter of Giosuè Liuzzo (L3) and Francesca Sciarotta.

TONINO, their only son, was born on 3 August 1959 and on 17 October 1962 the family migrated to Australia. Tonino was professor in Philosophy; on 13 April 1990 he married Robin Scott, but they had no children. Tonino died of cancer on 13 July 2008.

SALVATORE IMBROSCIANO (TURI) (I4), born on 6 January 1939, married *Iolanda Ciaramidaro* and had 3 children: *Giuseppe, Franco* and *Angela*. The family migrated to Australia. In Australia the couple separated and the mother obtained full custody of the children. Salvatore was employed at Australia Post until retirement.

ROSA IMBROSCIANO (I5), was born 23 June 1943 and died 17 July 1944.



Ashfield (Sydney) 1968.
Nunzio Imbrosciano (I3) is the first on the right with his son *Tonino*. Next to him is his wife *Nunziatina Liuzzo Imbrosciano*. They are visiting the *Greco* family: *Giuseppe Greco* with wife *Maria Proto Greco* and daughters *Anna* and *Teresa*.

1990 at the airport. *Turi Imbrosciano* is the first at right with *Yolanda Spedalieri*, Next to him are *Francesco Liuzzo*, *Flavio Spedalieri*, *Maria Imbrosciano Liuzzo*, *Carla Liuzzo* of *Tony* and *Sarah Liuzzo* of *Sammy*.



BIAGIO IMBROSCIANO (I6), born in Bronte on 3 September 1945, he migrated to Australia for a short time and returned to Bronte. In 1968 he married *Giuseppina Spitaleri*, born 5 July 1947. They have 3 children:

ANGELA IMBROSCIANO, born 22/12/1969. She is married to *Salvatore Incognito*, born 14/12/65 and they have 2 children: *Lucia Incognito* born 31/5/1989, and *Gisella Incognito* born 27/4/1990.

NANCY IMBROSCIANO, born 17 April 1972. In her younger years she was a fashion lady and obtained few awards, after marriage she became a professional hairdresser. On 21 April 1993 she married to *Roberto Marino*. They have two children: *Nunzio Marino* and *Andrea Marino*. Andrea born in Bronte in 1998, started dancing at the age of 6. He is now the first dancer with the Bavarian State Ballet company and is called: "The Angel of the dance".

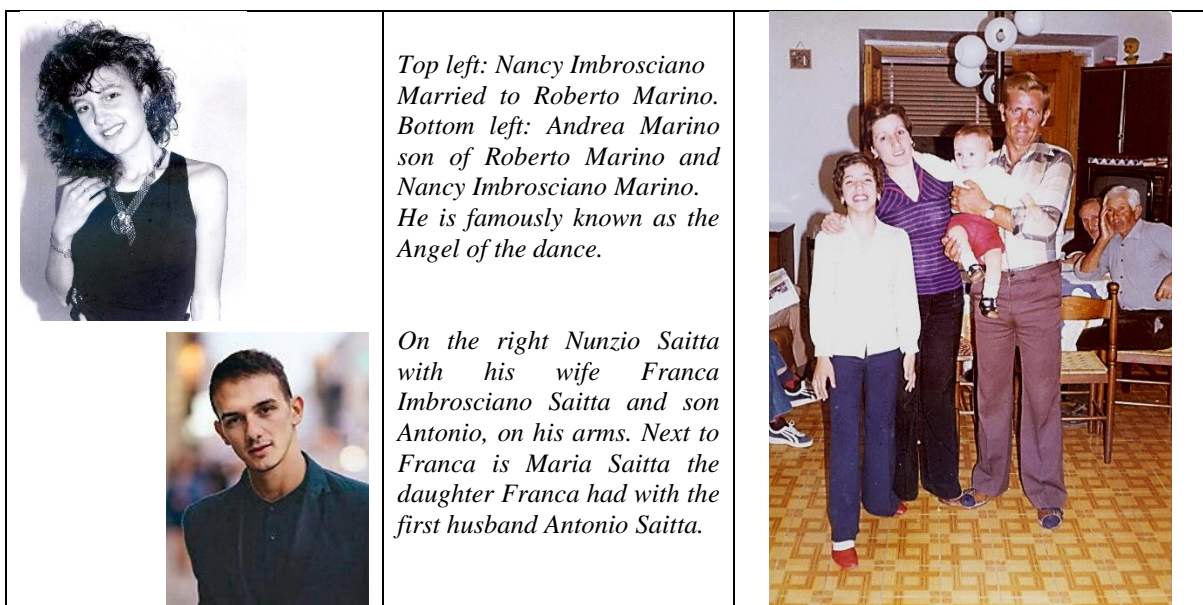
VALERIO IMBROSCIANO, born 28 January 1976, married Luisa Musarra on 24 June 1998.

FRANCA IMBROSCIANO (I7), born in Bronte on 18 January 1948, married the builder *Antonio Saitta* of Maletto, with whom she got the daughter *Maria Rita Saitta*. A short time after the birth of Maria Rita, Franca lost her husband to cancer. In August 1971, Franca married to *Nunzio Saitta*, the cousin of her late husband. By Nunzio Franca had two other children: Antonio and Salvatore. Franca has practiced the profession of hairdresser.

MARIA RITA SAITTA, born on 21 May 1967 to Franca and Antonio Saitta, on 21 July 1991 married to the teacher Vincenzo Napoli, born on 19 May 1963. They have one daughter.

ANTONIO SAITTA, was born on 13 December 1976 to Franca and Nunzio Saitta. He is married with children.

SALVATORE SAITTA, was born on 9 February 1983 to Franca and Nunzio Saitta. He also is married with children.

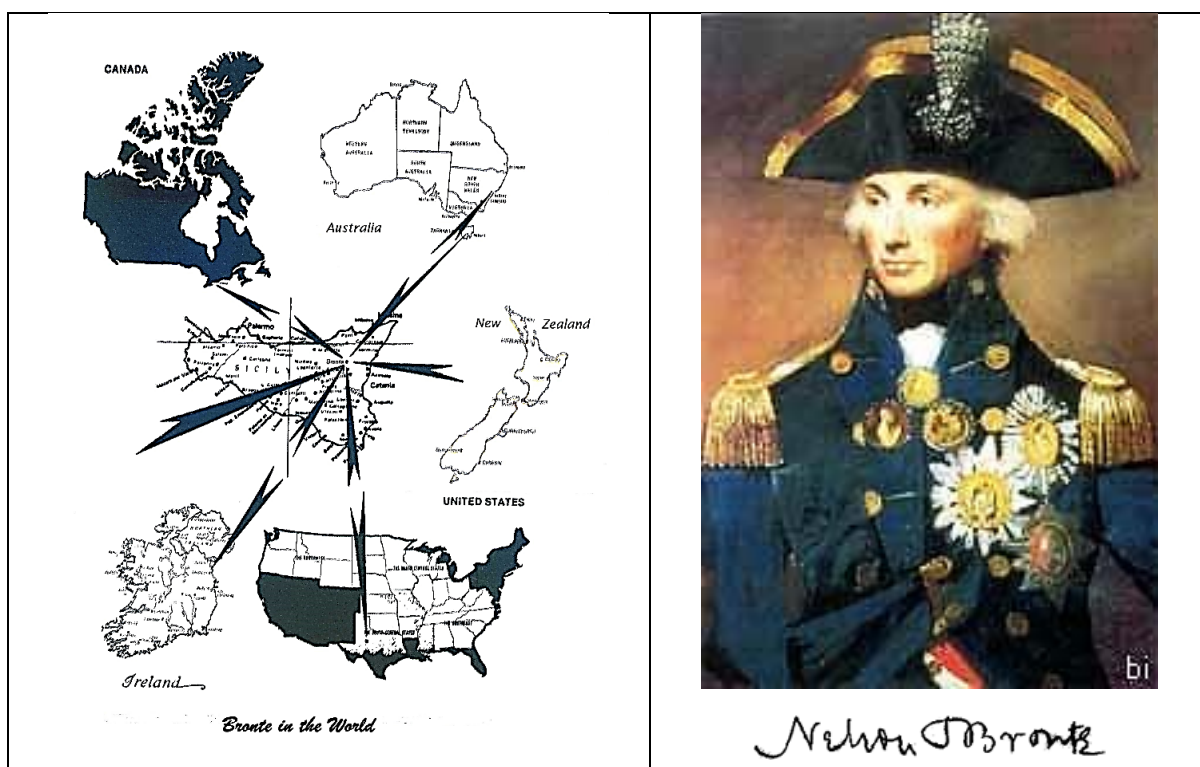


THE CITY OF BRONTE



Bronte is an agricultural city in Sicily and the producer of the tastiest pistachio nuts in the world. It is situated at 770 meters of altitude on the western slopes of the Volcano Etna. It is one of the 57 communes of Catania Province which extends its territory on the eastern part of Sicily. Bronte counts today just over 20,000 inhabitants. There is nothing exceptional in Bronte but an historical event helped to project its name all around the world. In 1799, the Bourbon King of Naples and Sicily Ferdinand I, was helped by the British Admiral Horatio Nelson to crush a revolt in Naples instigated by Napoleon. To compensate the Admiral for his great help, the King bestowed on him the title of Duke and donated him the whole territory of Bronte. The Brontese people didn't take at heart the royal decision but could not prevent it and for 18 decades they had to tolerate the foreign occupation of their land. In 1980 the 7th descendent of Horatio Nelson, the Duke Alexander Nelson Hood, sold the property to the local peasants and left the country.

Admiral Horatio Nelson has never set foot in Bronte, he died at Trafalgar in 1805, but he took pleasure in signing his documents with the words "Nelson Bronte". The Duke title of Nelson propelled the name of Bronte around the world. In Australia we have the suburb Bronte in NSW, and Bronte Park in Tasmania. In New Zealand not far from the City of Nelson there is the town of Bronte, In Ontario Canada, near Toronto there is Bronte City and the River Bronte, and in Texas, not far from San Angelo, there is the City of Bronte. All these locations got the name out of the Duke title of Horatio Nelson, consequently their name derived from the city of Bronte in Sicily. Even the famous British writers Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë derive their surname from Bronte in Sicily, and many individuals around the world are called by first name or by surname, "Bronte", ignoring though from where that word is coming from. Horatio Nelson's body rests in St Paul Cathedral of London, but his title associated with the name of the City of Bronte in Sicily keeps running around the world.



We have evidence that the city of Bronte was founded by the Greeks. It is believable that the founders were some Athenian Soldiers who, in 416 before the Christian Era, were able to escape from the bloody war that had erupted on the eastern coast of Sicily between Spartans and Athenians to defend the interests of their Sicilian colonies Selinunte and Segesta. The name of Bronte is a Greek one and means *Thunder*. It is the name that the Greek Poet Homer gives to one of the Cyclopes believed to live inside the Volcano Etna. The first church of Bronte was recorded as being called Santa Maria di Minerva. Minerva is the name the Romans gave to the Greek Goddess Athena. In May 1927 in the territory of Bronte, were discovered some Greek coins of the 3rd century BC with the head of the Goddess Athena. (Ref. Memorie storiche di Bronte, page 321). The town of Maletto neighbouring the City of Bronte, derives its name from the city of Mileto in Greece, a city whose soldiers helped the Athenians in the war against the Spartans.

At the start of the second millennium Bronte counted 1000 citizens, but diseases, natural disasters and volcanic eruptions made the population to disperse in surrounding territories. In 1530 the population of Bronte was reduced to 250 and the miserable state of the town attracted the attention of the Emperor Charles V. In 1535 the Emperor, in his way to Tunis, stopped in Bronte. From there he sent a heartfelt message to the Governor of Randazzo under which jurisdiction was the town of Bronte: "*Commendo tibi tuguria Brontis*" (*I recommend to you the huts of Bronte*). To help solving the situation, the Emperor left in the city his counsellor Nicola Spedalieri with the task of reunifying the population of the surrounding hamlets into the centre of Bronte. Nicola used the religious sensitivity of the poor people for his scope. He went to Palermo to commission from the best sculptor of the region the marble group of the Annunciation. The statues arrived in Bronte in 1543 and by the 1550 the population of Bronte had grown to 2815 souls.

Bronte has given to the world some famous people as the Venerable Ignazio Capizzi, the Cardinal Antonino De Luca, the Physiologist Arcangelo Spedalieri and the internationally renowned Abbot, Philosopher and Apologist Nicola Spedalieri (1740-1795). Abbot Nicola wrote books to disprove the theories of the French historian Nicolas Fréret and those of the British historian Edward Gibbon. During the French Revolution, in 1790 by instigation of Pope Pius VI, Nicola Spedalieri wrote the book “*De’ Diritti dell’Uomo*” (On the Rights of Man) where he proves that the mirror image of the Human Rights are the Human Duties and that the Catholic Religion is the best defender of Human Rights.



Left. The group of the Madonna Annunziata. Work of Antonino Gagini, commissioned by Nicola Spedalieri in 1540.



Right. Monument to the Abbot and Philosopher Nicola Spedalieri (1740-1795), in Piazza Sforza Cesarini of Rome.



Above. A Corinthian Stater, Greek coin with the head of the Goddess Athena and Pegasus, similar to the coins found in the territory of Bronte in May 1927.

Left. The façade of Nelson's Castle in Bronte with some pistachio nuts hanging on the tree.

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