

### **Michelina Theresa Guatieri Miscellaneous Information**


The following is information / memories from relatives that knew Theresa Guatieri. Most of the information was collected by Lisa Gualtieri, Sam Gualtieri daughter and Uncle Giuseppe (Joseph) Gualtieri' granddaughter. I collected a little bit from Mary. Mary also send me here holly card and a picture.

#### **Memories from Mary Gualtieri Jamrozik, Giuseppe (Joseph) Gualtieri's daughter:**

When Aunt Theresa came to the US, a marriage was arranged between here and a doctor named Antonio Rovanova. His wife died leaving him with some kids. He wanted a wife to raise his kids. Aunt Theresa did not want to get married; she wanted to be a nun! After they were married she would spend a lot of time praying rather than keep care of the kids. After a while he broke her statues and divorced her. After the divorce she then lived with Joseph & Antonietta Gualtieri's family for a while. She also lived with Raffaella Sproviero & Francesco Castiglione for a while.

She also remembers her mother Antonietta making a big meal when Mary and her husband Ed lived with them. Then she would call Rose and first husband John to come and get some food. The she call Mary and Ed to come and get some food. While Mary was there getting their food she remembers Aunt Theresa saying "I better get some food before it is all gone!"

#### **Memories from Sam Gualtieri, Giuseppe (Joseph) Gualtieri's son:**

Aunt Theresa lived on the first floor at 2629nWest Superior Street and I lived upstairs with my parents and sisters. Aunt Theresa had a radio – (Sam put his hands together a form a  to describe it.) The radio was on a shelf. He would go downstairs after dinner, around 5:30 pm, to listen to shows such as Tom Mix and his favorite Jack Armstrong – The All American Biy. Because the radio was high up, he would have to stand on a chair to listen to the programs.

Sam said Aunt Theresa always reminded him of pecans. She had a job of shelling the nuts. She was taught how to crack the top of the nit shell with pliers so that the pecans would stay whole. He remembers eating the broken pecan pieces that Aunt Theresa would bring home.

Sam said she was very religious and had pictures of Saints on the walls. Regarding her marriage, he thought it only lasted a day (this is in contrast to the "widow" status on the 1930 Census.)

Aunt Theresa later moved to "Raveluzzi's" house. She lived there on the top floor – a remodeled attic.

Sam describes her as being very small – like a "little bird". Also Aunt Theresa would get very bad headaches (possible migraines, which are common in the family, and to remedy the pain she would tie "rags" tightly around her head.

Sam fondly thinks of Aunt Theresa as a favorite aunt – she would call him "Bello".

#### **Memories from Rose Gualtieri Hutchinson, Giuseppe (Joseph) Gualtieri's daughter:**

Rosa had similar memories to Sam about Aunt Theresa or "Te-ta-zeen" as she would call her. She also mentioned Aunt Theresa living downstairs and them moving to "Zia Ra-vel-ootz's" attic apartment. (Lisa tried to spell it the way she said it.)