



Newsletter #120

May 2025

Roots Tourism Procida, May 8 to 10, 2025

Procida has decided to dedicate this month of May to roots tourism with the following schedule:

- 8 May: procession of the Archangel Saint Michael
- 9 May: lemon festival
- **10 May : conferences** followed by a private visit to the "*Racines*" exhibition and the Wall of Migrants

Thus, for some of us, it was an opportunity to travel to Procida to participate in the festivities of the island with the Procida City Council, to take the opportunity to put **two new plaques on the Wall of Migrants**, to carry out personalized research and to continue our digitalization projects.



8 May 2025, procession of St. Michael the Archangel in Procida



Meetings of 10 May 2025, Palazzo d'Avalos

The exhibition "Racines. Procida and the Mediterranean Voyage" will be officially inaugurated in Procida on June 1, 2025. This exhibition pays tribute to our ancestors from Procida and Ischia, those first migrants, men and women, who decided to leave their native island, with courage, willingly or by necessity, to cross the sea and settle permanently elsewhere with the hope of a better and prosperous future for themselves and their families.

I would like to remind you that the members of La Grande Famille contributed to almost all the photos and documents in the exhibition, thus highlighting the variety of migrations from Procida and Ischia to different Mediterranean destinations, the South of France and the North African coast.

The photographs on display allow us to tell the reality of their trip to the Mediterranean, their reality. We are both their heirs and their legacy. It is thanks to them that we live in France today, with the courage and pride they passed on to us, to face the trials of this world turned upside down and, through this exhibition, to try to pass on to future generations our roots and our history, but also our values of humanity and solidarity.

We will think about continuing this work of remembrance in 2026 through other initiatives that will be discussed and voted on at our next General Meeting.

Procida's archives digitalized 1900-1924

I am pleased to confirm that the project to **digitalize the archives of the Civil Registry of Procida for 1900-1924** was completed at the end of January and the copy of our work, representing more than 6000 images and 20 GB of data, was officially handed over to the Mayor on May 7th.

Birth, marriage and death registers are now being indexed by volunteer members. This will allow you to find your family's records thanks to our search engine.

To be continued...

La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia

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New tribute to the Wall of Migrants



On May 8, 2025, together with the members present on site, we installed two new plaques on the Wall of Migrants, paying tribute to:

Nicola ESPOSITO

Maria Libera SCOTTO D'ANIELLO
Giovanni Pasquale D'AMBRA
Francesco BATTAGLIA
Crescenzo CARANNANTE
Michele Antonio ASSANTE
Antonio Michele BIANCO
Maria Libera ESPOSITO



May 8, 2025 –the members present after the installation of the two new plates!

In the coming weeks, their biographies will be written and posted on the digital wall. Today, the Wall highlights 132 of our migrant ancestors. There is still room and the next plaques can be installed in 2026.

Thank you for your support.

Archives in Naples

Thanks to his passionate and tireless work, Guy ATTANASIO was able to digitalize at the State Archives of Naples the **two additional passport registers** (period **1869-1874**) previously identified and then untraceable. Once indexed by them, they will appear in our database and become available for your searches.

On May 9th, Guy and I also went to the **Diocesan Archives** in Naples to collect the files of matrimonial processes requested by the members. These documents are a mine of information for our research because they allow us to understand where our ancestors came from (which parish, their parents, etc.).

The application process has been updated on our website and can be found here: https://procida-family.com/www/processetti.php

New registers and index available

you will find below the next updates of the computerized registers and indexes by our volunteers:

Archives	Registers
ALGERIE Maritime Archives	IM271 Mostaganem 1906-1915 IM276 Nemours 1905-1928 (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
FORIO Comune	Births TN04 (1846-1851) (Jean-Pierre LUBRANO LAVADERA) TN05 (1856-1865) (Philippe BALESTRIERO)
PANTELLERIA Parrocchia	Marriages M02 (1706-1757) (Jacques LOMBARDO)
PROCIDA Abbazia San Michele Arcangelo	AL02-1825: debtors of the parish in 1825 (appendix to the register of souls) (Sylviane MORIAU) NA01 (1775-1831): births outside Procida found in the registers of souls (Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
PROCIDA Comune	Marriages 1900-1924 (René BARONE)
TORRE DEL GRECO Comune	Deaths TD04 + years 1851 and 1852 (Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI)

The work continues thanks to the volunteers!

On our website

Find on our website the latest press articles and publications relating to our activities of the last few months, including the following:

In the press:

- Il Globo: Le radici oltre il mare, la storia (ritrovata) della grande migrazione procidana
- ProcidaOggi: L'emigrazione dei procidani nel Mediterraneo
- Blog by Laura MATTERA: Incontrarsi a Procida, alla scoperta delle radici

Publication:

 Exhibition on Italian emigration in Frankfurt (Germany), with photos of the family of Elisabeth WALZ, from Procida.