



Italian, Civil Registration Records Guide

MARRIAGES, POST 1875

This guide will help you navigate and index post-1875 marriage records from Italy.

Italian marriage records were standardized after 1875 using the forms shown or variations of them. For training purposes, this guide will provide indexing training for the two most commonly used marriage record forms.

This guide is a quick start to indexing Italian marriage records; please also read the project instructions and field helps in the indexing program for marriage records.

Marriage Form Type 1

Atti di Matrimonio - PARTE I.

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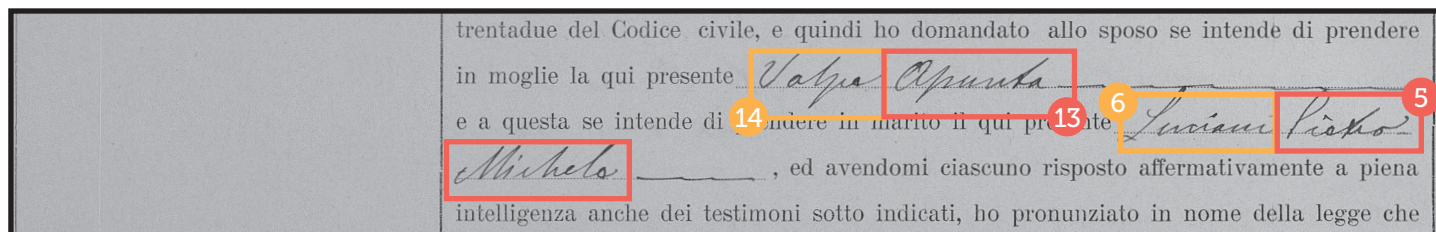
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As shown above, the given names and surnames of bride and groom and their signatures (when present) can be seen again in the bottom half of the record.

What You Need to Know about This Project

- Italian marriage records were standardized after 1875 using the forms shown in this guide or variations of them.
- For training purposes, this guide will provide indexing training for the two most commonly used marriage record forms.
- Do not confuse the marriage date with the registration date.
- Index only actual marriage records. Do not index marriage publications, marriage banns, or indexes.
- Most of the marriage records in this project were written on preprinted forms, which simplifies the task of indexing them.
- These records were usually written in Italian.
- You may come across images written entirely by hand. Please index them only if you are experienced with handwritten records. If you are not able to work effectively with handwritten records, index what you can, and then return the batch for someone else to complete.

Twenty Basic Elements

1 Record Number* (numero di atto) **21** *Numero ventuno (21)* Numero ventuno = Number twenty-one

- The record number was typically written in the margin, sometimes spelled out.
- In the case of this document, the written word was followed by the number. This occurs frequently in Italian records, but not always.
- If a record does not have an entry number, press **Ctrl+B** to mark the field blank.
- Do not confuse the page number with the entry number. The page number was usually indicated at the top of the page or in the right or left corner. The document shown above does not have a page number.
- If the record number was not indicated or was unknown, press **Ctrl+B** to mark the field blank.

2 Marriage Day* (giorno del matrimonio) **29** *ventinove* ventinove = twenty-nine

- Type a one- or two-digit number for the day, even if it was written as a word in the document.
- The marriage day in this format was the same as the registration day, and it was indicated in the first line of the record.
- If the day was not recorded or was unknown, press **Ctrl+B** to mark the field blank.

3 Marriage Month* (mese del matrimonio) **Mag** *di maggio* maggio = May

- Type the first three letters of the month (in Italian) without typing a period after the abbreviation.
- The marriage month in this format was the same as the registration month, and it was indicated in the first line of the record.
- If the month was not recorded or was unknown, press **Ctrl+B** to mark the field blank.

4 Marriage Year* (anno del matrimonio) **1920** *L'anno millenovecento venti* L'anno millenovecentoventi = The year nineteen hundred twenty

- Type a four-digit number for the marriage year.
- If the year was written as a two-digit number, you should be able to determine the first two digits of the four-digit year from other information on the image.
- If you are not able to determine all four digits, write what was written in the document.
- If the year was not recorded or was unknown, press **Ctrl+B** to mark the field blank.

5 Groom's Given Names* (nomi dello sposo) **Pietro Michele**

and **6 Groom's Surname*** (cognome dello sposo) **Luciani**

- The groom's given names and surnames were written in the top half of the record after the words "sono stati uniti in matrimonio" (were united in marriage) or "sono personalmente comparsi" (have personally appeared) and after the number **1**. They also were frequently written in the bottom half of the record, after the words "il qui presente" (the [man] here present).
- The given names may be written before or after the surname.
- If you cannot determine if a name was a given name or a surname, index it in the Given Names field.
- Type names as they were written. Do not correct misspellings or expand abbreviations. Do not type a period after an abbreviation.
- Do not include titles or terms, such as "Signore" or "Don."
- Index all given name or surname aliases, nicknames, or variations, separating variants with the word **O** (the word "or" in Italian).
- If the names or the surname of the groom were not recorded or were unknown, press **Ctrl+B** to mark these fields blank.

7 Groom's Age (età dello sposo) **29**

ventinove = twenty-nine

and **15 Bride's Age** (età della sposa) **24**

ventiquattro = twenty-four

- The age follows the groom's and bride's given names and is found after the words "di anni" (age).
- Write the age in numerical form, even when it was written out in the document, as in this sample record.
- Write the age in full years. If a fraction of a year was recorded, round down to the nearest full year.
- If the age was not recorded, press **Tab** to skip the field.

8 Groom's Birth Comune (comune di nascita dello sposo) **Ari**

and **16 Bride's Birth Comune** (comune di nascita della sposa) **Ari**

- A comune is an administrative division in Italy, generally equal to a township or municipality, and it contains smaller subdivisions, such as a frazione, cantone, quartiere, and so on.
- The birth comune was indicated following the names of the bride and groom after the words "nato in" (born in, referring to the groom), "nata in" (born in, referring to the bride).
- Index the name of the comune in this field (the larger locality), not the names of smaller subdivisions. However, if only a village was recorded, with no indication of which comune it was part of, type the name of the village
- Index place-names, without correcting misspellings or changing the place-names to their modern names.
- If the name of the comune was abbreviated, expand the abbreviation if you are able to. If you are not able to expand the abbreviation, index it as was written, without typing a period after the abbreviation.
- If the name of the comune was not recorded, press **Tab** to skip the field.

9 Groom's Father's Given Names (nomi del padre dello sposo) **Nicola**

and **10 Groom's Father's Surname** (cognome del padre dello sposo) **Tab**

- The given names of the groom's father were indicated in the top half of the record after the groom's information, following the words "figlio di" (son of). Frequently, the surname of the father was not included with his given names. Do not assume the name of the father from the surname of the son or of another person mentioned in the document.
- The given names may be written before or after the surname.
- If you cannot determine if a name was a given name or a surname, index it in the Given Names field.
- Type names as they were written. Do not expand abbreviations or correct misspellings. Do not type a period after an abbreviation.
- Do not include titles or terms, such as "Signore" or "Don" (both meaning "Mister").
- Index all given name or surname aliases, nicknames, or other variations, separating the variants with the word **O** (the word "or" in Italian).
- If the names or the surname of the groom's father were not recorded or were unknown, press **Tab** to skip these fields.

11 Groom's Mother's Given Names Maria Giuseppe

and **12 Groom's Mother's Surname** Luciani

- The given names and surname of the groom's mother were indicated in the top half of the record after the groom's information, following the words "e di" (and of).
- The given names may be written before or after the surname.
- If you cannot determine if a name is a given name or a surname, index it in the Given Names field.
- Type names as they were written. Do not correct misspellings or expand abbreviations. Do not type a period after an abbreviation.
- Do not include titles or terms, such as "Signora" or "Donna" (both meaning "Madam").
- Index all given name or surname aliases, nicknames, or variations, separating variants with the word **O** (the word "or" in Italian).
- If the names or surname of the groom's mother were not recorded or were unknown, press **Tab** to skip the field.

13 Bride's Given Names* Assunta

and **14 Bride's Surname*** Volpe

- The given names and surname of the bride were indicated in the top half of the record after the words "sono stati uniti in matrimonio" (have been united in marriage) or "sono personalmente comparsi" (have personally appeared), and after the number **2**. They were also written in the bottom half of the record, after the words "la qui presente" (the [woman] here present).
- The given names may be written before or after the surname.
- If you cannot determine if a name is a given name or a surname, index it in the Given Names field.
- Type names as they were written. Do not correct misspellings or expand abbreviations. Do not type a period after an abbreviation.
- Do not include titles or terms, such as "Signora" or "Donna" (both meaning "Madam").
- Index all given name or surname aliases, nicknames, or variations, separating variants with the word **O** (the word "or" in Italian).
- If the names or surname of the bride were not recorded or were unknown, press **Ctrl+B** to mark these fields blank.

17 Bride's Father's Given Names Raffaele

and **18 Bride's Father's Surname** Tab

- The given names and surname of the bride's father were indicated in the top half of the record after the bride's information, following the words "figlia di" (daughter of). Frequently, the surname of the father was not included with his given names. Do not assume the name of the father from the surname of the daughter or of another person mentioned in the document.
- The given names may be written before or after the surname.
- If you cannot determine if a name is a given name or a surname, index it in the Given Names field.
- Type names as they were written. Do not correct misspellings or expand abbreviations. Do not type a period after an abbreviation.
- Do not index titles or terms, such as "Signore" or "Don" (both meaning "Mister").
- Index all given name or surname aliases, nicknames, or variations, separating variants with the word **O** (the word "or" in Italian).
- If the names or surname of the bride's father were not recorded or were unknown, press **Tab** to skip these fields.

19 Bride's Mother's Given Names Vittoria

and **20 Bride's Mother's Surname** Giangiulli

- The given names and surname of the bride's mother were indicated in the top half of the record after the bride's information, following the words "e di" (and of).
- The given names may be written before or after the surname.
- If you cannot determine if a name is a given name or a surname, index it in the Given Names field.
- Type names as they were written. Do not correct misspellings or expand abbreviations. Do not type a period after an abbreviation.
- Do not index titles or terms, such as "Signora" or "Donna" (both meaning "Madam").
- Index all given name or surname aliases, nicknames, or variations, separating variants with the word **O** (the word "or" in Italian).
- If the names or surname of the bride's mother were not recorded or were unknown, press **Tab** to skip the field.

Marriage Form Type 2

Numero <u>uno</u> <u>Si Brigida Tasquale</u> <u>Calmiere Michelina</u> Oggi <u>cinque</u> <u>Febbraio</u> <u>millenovecentotrenta quattro</u> la notizia della trascrizione qui contro eseguita è stata trasmessa a <u>l Parroco della Parrocchia di S. Luicelle Arcangelo</u>. L' Ufficiale dello Stato Civile <u>M. Pianese</u>	2 L'anno millenovecentotrenta <u>quattro</u> (A. <u>XIV</u>) addì <u>cinque</u> di <u>Febbraio</u> - a ore <u>automeridiane</u> <u>otto</u> e minuti <u>dieci</u> nella Casa Comunale di <u>Aurorosi</u> - Io <u>Chianese dott. Nicola Todest</u> e Ufficiale dello Stato Civile <u>del Comune di Aurorosi</u> ho ricevuto da <u>l Parroco della Parrocchia di S. Luicelle Arcangelo</u> - l'originale e di atto di matrimonio da cui risulta quanto appresso: 1 L'anno millenovecentotrenta <u>quattro</u> (A. <u>XIV</u>) addì <u>quattro</u> di <u>Febbraio</u> - a ore <u>automeridiane</u> <u>undici</u> e minuti <u>trenta</u> in <u>Aurorosi</u> - sono stati uniti in matrimonio secondo il rito di Santa Romana Chiesa. 1.° <u>Si Brigida Tasquale</u> <u>celibe</u> di anni <u>ventidue</u> di professione <u>contadino</u> nato in <u>S. Salvatore Belesino</u> residente in <u>S. Salvatore Belesino</u> - figlio di <u>Leucio</u> residente in <u>S. Salvatore Belesino</u> e di <u>Lucrezia Brigida</u> residente in <u>S. Salvatore Belesino</u> 2.° <u>Calmiere Michelina</u> <u>univale</u> di anni <u>ventuno</u> di professione <u>contadina</u> nata in <u>Aurorosi</u> residente in <u>Aurorosi</u> figlia di <u>Angelo</u> residente in <u>Aurorosi</u> e di <u>Stocchetti Clementina</u> residente in <u>Aurorosi</u> -
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■ = Registration date

■ = Marriage date

This **type 2** marriage form is similar to the type 1 form, and it should be indexed according to the same guidelines as the fields in form type 1, with the following exception.

- 1** The **marriage date** in this record is the second date, located about nine lines below the registration date.

L'anno millenovecentotrenta quattro (A. XIV) addì quattro di Febbraio -

The year 1934, on the 4th day of February

- 2** The **registration date** in this record is in the first line of the record. This information is not indexed unless the marriage date was not indicated.

L'anno millenovecentotrenta quattro (A. XIV) addì cinque di Febbraio -

The year 1934, on the 5th day of February

Indexing the Marriage Date

- You may see the terms "corrente" (current), "suddetto" (above-mentioned), "oggi" (today), "d'oggi" (today) in reference to the marriage date. They refer to the date recorded earlier in the document and often indicate that the marriage day was the same as the registration day.
- Please note that the marriage day, month and year were not always the same as the registration date, as is the case in this **type 2** record.

Key Words and Expressions

Italian	English
atto di matrimonio	marriage certificate
sono stati uniti in matrimonio	have been united in marriage
matrimonio	matrimonio
pubblicazioni	banns
celebrare il matrimonio	to solemnize a marriage
celibe	bachelor or single
nubile	single
giorno	day
mese	month
anno	year
addì or oggi	on this day, or today
ieri	yesterday
di anni	age
nato in or nata in	born in
marito or sposo	husband or groom
moglie or sposa	wife or bride
padre	father
madre	mother
genitori	parents
figlio or figlia	son or daughter
nome	name
cognome	surname
sposi	newlyweds
parrocchia	parish

Months and Abbreviations

Italian	Abbreviation	English
gennaio	Gen	January
febbraio	Feb	February
marzo	Mar	March
aprile	Apr	April
maggio	Mag	May
giugno	Giu	June
luglio	Lug	July
agosto	Ago	August
settembre	Set	September
ottobre	Ott	October
novembre	Nov	November
dicembre	Dec	December

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