

GEORGE CENEVIVA, born Gregorio Ceneviva, a Southern Italian, son of Vincent and Mary Ceneviva was born in Maida, Catanzaro Province, Calabria, Italy, June 6, 1888. He died in 1970 at Glenside, Abington Twp., Montgomery Co. Pennsylvania. He and his wife are buried in Holy Sepulcher Cemetary, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery Co. Pennsylvania in Section 18, Range 4, Lot 5. ¹

He married MARY RAFFLE, born Maria Raffaele, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1917. She was born August 16, 1900 also in Maida. Mary died in 1981. She was the daughter of Frank and Mary (Ciliberto) Raffle. ²

George Ceneviva left Maida with several others in the spring of 1905. He emigrated from Naples May 18, 1905 on the SS "Germania" of the North German Lloyd Line arriving in New York June 1, 1905. When he arrived he was 17 years old, had \$14 in his pocket and had paid his own passage. His final destination was Philadelphia after first visiting his brother, Francesco, in New York. ³

In January 1920 he and Mary with their son, Vincent, were living at East Ave., Glenside with his father-in-law, Frank Raffle and his family. ⁴

¹Tl; Holy Sepulchre Cem.;Cheltenham Twp.. PA

²VR; Orphans Court; Phila PA Marr. Rec. 355704

³Pass. List; NYC; SS "Germania", 1 Jun 1905; FHI Film 1399265

⁴Census, PA 1920 Roll 1604 FC 751666

On his Petition for Naturalization he legally changed his name from "Gregorio" to "George." His occupation was "stonemascher", presumably "stonemason." He became a citizen in March 1935 while living at 31 Weldon Ave., Glenside. Witnesses were Angelo(?) De Carolis and Frank Raffle, both of Roosevelt Ave., Edge Hill, Montgomery Co., PA.

Four year old Mary Raffle immigrated February 26, 1904 at New York with her mother and brother, Peter, aboard the SS "Roma" of the Fabre Line.

The children⁶ of George and Mary (Raffle) Ceneviva born at Edge Hill, Cheltenham Twp., Montgomery Co., PA were:

- i. Vincent; b: May 24, 1918
- ii. Francis Angelo; b. May 6, 1920; d. Dec 14 , 1978, m. Margaret Plantulli, April 28, 1946 at Philadelphia
- iii. Anthony; b. 1922; d 1926
- iv. Marion; b Nov 19 1924

The children born at Glenside, Abington Twp., Montgomery Co., PA were:

- v. Antonio; b. April 2, 1926
- vi. Joseph, b. Oct 28, 1928
- vii. John; b. Nov 7, 1932

Note: The civil records in Maida were destroyed in 1916 during an anti-draft demonstration .

Correspondence with the Diocese of Squiliace, Italy, to obtain diocesan records failed.

⁶ NYC Pass. Index; FHL Film 1380057 7.