Greco Tampa Midwife records, 1908-1939

Descriptive Summary

Title: Greco Tampa Midwife records
Creator: Messina Greco, Maria
Dates: 1908-1939
ID Number: G14
Size: 3 boxes

Abstract: Tampa midwife Maria Messina Greco's midwife records span from 1908 to 1939. Maria Messina Greco, a Sicilian immigrant and midwife who began delivering babies in Tampa, Florida as early as 1907. She kept a record of each birth in a series of 62 small notebooks. Maria was well educated, having earned a degree in midwifery at the University of Palermo in Sicily. She was said to have delivered as many as 2,000 babies before she came to the United States. The midwife record books show that she brought 6,734 children into this world. Maria Messina Greco was one of 18 midwives in Tampa's early years. Two other well-known midwives were Dona Ercolina Premori and Giuseppina Valenti. It took a dedicated team of four persons nearly two years to transcribe the records and put them in spreadsheet format. Sharing their knowledge of the Sicilian language, along with talent in deciphering the handwriting, the monumental task was organized by Vienna Fuente and accomplished by Angelo Lorenzo & Jeannette Tamborello, with technical assistance by Rosemarie Chambers—persons who all share a passion for Tampa history and its heritage. A full digital copy of the records, the story behind the transcriptions, and more information on Maria Messina Greco can be found and downloaded from the website: https://www.tampapix.com/midwife.htm

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Scope Note
This collection consists of 62 handwritten notebooks.

Arrangement Note: Notebooks are arranged according to chronology.

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Subject Headings

Subject Terms: Immigrants -- Florida -- History
Immigrants -- Italy
Midwifery
Registers of births, etc

COLLECTION CONTENTS

BOX 1: Greco Midwife Records
FOLDER 1, 1909
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 1
ITEM

FOLDER 2, 1910
Scope/Content: 1 book.

FOLDER 2
ITEM

FOLDER 3, 1912
Scope/Content: 3 books.

FOLDER 3
ITEM
FOLDER 3
ITEM
FOLDER 3
ITEM

FOLDER 4, 1913
Scope/Content: 3 books.

FOLDER 4
ITEM
FOLDER 4
ITEM
FOLDER 4
ITEM

FOLDER 5, 1914.a
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 5
ITEM
FOLDER 5
ITEM

FOLDER 6, 1914.b
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 6
ITEM
FOLDER 6
ITEM

FOLDER 7, 1915.a
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 7
ITEM
FOLDER 7
ITEM

BOX 2: Greco Midwife Records

FOLDER 1, 1915.b
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 1
ITEM
FOLDER 1
ITEM

FOLDER 2, 1916
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 2
ITEM
FOLDER 2
ITEM

FOLDER 3, 1917
Scope/Content: 2 books.

FOLDER 3
ITEM
FOLDER 3
ITEM

FOLDER 4, 1918
Scope/Content: 3 books
FOLDER 4 ITEM
FOLDER 4 ITEM
FOLDER 4 ITEM

FOLDER 5, 1919
Scope/Content: 2 books.
FOLDER 5 ITEM
FOLDER 5 ITEM

FOLDER 6, 1920
Scope/Content: 3 books.
FOLDER 6 ITEM
FOLDER 6 ITEM
FOLDER 6 ITEM

FOLDER 7, 1921
Scope/Content: 2 books.
FOLDER 7 ITEM
FOLDER 7 ITEM

FOLDER 8, 1922
Scope/Content: 2 books.
FOLDER 8 ITEM
FOLDER 8 ITEM

FOLDER 9, 1923
Scope/Content: 2 books.
FOLDER 9 ITEM
FOLDER 9 ITEM

BOX 3: Greco Midwife Records

FOLDER 1, 1924
Scope/Content: 3 books.
FOLDER 1 ITEM
FOLDER 1 ITEM
FOLDER 1 ITEM

FOLDER 2, 1925
Scope/Content: 2 books.
FOLDER 2 ITEM
FOLDER 2 ITEM

FOLDER 3, 1926
Scope/Content: 3 books.
FOLDER 3 ITEM
FOLDER 3 ITEM
FOLDER 3 ITEM

FOLDER 4, 1927
Scope/Content: 2 books.
FOLDER 4 ITEM
FOLDER 4 ITEM