

**Inventory of the
Lucia Bisceglia Lariccia
Collection,
1917-1999**



RG 77/12/1/1

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Descriptive Summary

- Title:** Lucia Bisceglia Lariccia Collection, 1917-1999
- Record Group No.** RG 77/12/1/1
- Creator:** Lucia Bisceglia Lariccia (1891-1972)
- Extent:** 1 box, 0.23 cu.ft.
- Abstract:** This collection contains personal correspondence and other documents relating to Lucia Bisceglia Lariccia (1891-1971), an Italian immigrant who settled in Girard, Ohio.

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Ben Larriccia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania..
- Preferred Citation:** [Identification of Item], Lucia Bisceglia Larriccia Collection, 1917-1999. RG 77/12/1/1, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** None
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Biographical Information

Lucia Bisceglia Lariccia was born on July 18, 1891 in Montelongo, Campobasso, Italy. She was one of six children born to Anna Antonia Mucci and Michele Beniamino Bisceglia. As a small child Lucia and her family left Italy for Brazil, where many Italians were drawn; however, Lucia, along with her mother and two sisters, eventually returned to Italy. There, Lucia attended school, where she picked up the Abruzzese dialect, which is apparent in her letters. After completing her education, Lucia taught sewing and embroidery.

Lucia married Giuseppe (Gioso) Lariccia, a native of her own Italian village, in 1917 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Youngstown, Ohio. Gioso Lariccia had previously immigrated to the United States, where he and his brother Gennaro operated a grocery store (now Lariccia's Imported Foods in Boardman, Ohio). The Lariccia's settled in the northern part of Youngstown, first at the former Fitch estate (Thorn Hill), then in a house

along Tacoma Avenue. Eventually, the family moved to their last home in Girard, Ohio, just outside of Youngstown. Gioso died in 1963.

Lucia was an avid letter writer. She maintained contact with her hometown in Italy and with her family and friends, despite illnesses (such as macular degeneration) that unsuccessfully discouraged her from corresponding.

Lucia died in 1972, at the age of 81.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of Lucia Bisceglia Lariccia's correspondence from 1917 through her death in 1972, as well as two pieces dating from 1993 and 1999, respectively. Many undated letters are also included, as are Lucia's birth certificate (issued in 1955) and a religious "Talismanic" letter, depicting the crucifixion of Christ. Two compact discs, containing Lucia's letters, her biography, and some English translations, complete the collection. Some English translations are attached to each related document.

Series Description

Series I:	Correspondence
Series II:	Legal
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Index Terms

Lariccia, Lucia Bisceglia
Italy
Montelongo
Campobasso
Italian-Americans
Youngstown, Ohio
Girard, Ohio

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SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE

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| 2 | General Correspondence, 1960-1965 |
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| 5 | General Correspondence, 1993, 1999 |
| 6 | General Correspondence, Undated |
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SERIES II: LEGAL

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