

FamilySearch's ITALY RESEARCH

These step-by-step instructions have been written specifically for **Linguaglossa**, Catania, Sicily. However, the procedures and approach described herein would be similar to the search strategies for other towns and provinces in Italy.

STEP 1

Click <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927178> to access the Italy Research website.

- There are two sections here: (1) **"Italy Indexed Historical Records"** located at the top of the page and (2) **"Italy Image Only Historical Records"** located below this first section.

Birth, Marriage, and Death	Images	Last Updated
Italy, Agrigento, Agrigento, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1942	852,371	26 Mar 2014
Italy, Agrigento, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1820-1865	1,218,927	28 Apr 2017
Italy, Agrigento, Sciacca, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1861-1929	226,482	18 Jun 2014
Italy, Ancona, Ancona, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1862-1929	2,361,451	25 Sep 2012
Italy, Arezzo, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1314-1934	68,721	08 Sep 2015
Italy, Ascoli Piceno, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1740-1880, 1915-1919	75,928	18 Jun 2014
Italy, Asti, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1910	438,723	22 Apr 2013

STEP 2

Search **"Italy Indexed Historical Records"** first.

- These records have been indexed.
- Input Last Name, First Name, or other relevant information into the search boxes.
- Provide as much information as possible to narrow the search results.
- Hopefully, you will get some results to evaluate. If not, then you can continue to the **STEP 3** and search through (browse) the images that FamilySearch has included in their database.

NOTE

At the bottom of this section, **"Show All Collections"** lists all of the records that have been indexed to-date. Not all provinces or towns are listed but if yours is, you may find a treasure trove.

STEP 3

Scroll down the **"Italy Image Only Historical Records"** section to find the **"Italy, Catania"** entries.

Italy, Catania, Arcidiocesi di Catania, Catholic Church Records, 1515-1941	1,762,909	01 Mar 2012
Italy, Catania, Caltagirone, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1861-1941	1,252,189	17 Jun 2014
Italy, Catania, Catania, Civil Registration (Comune), 1820-1905	725,389	11 Apr 2013
Italy, Catania, Catania, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1929	434,962	18 Jun 2014
Italy, Catania, Diocesi di Acireale, Catholic Church Records, 1560-1950	283,415	09 Dec 2013
Italy, Catania, Diocesi di Caltagirone, Catholic Church Records, 1502-1942	554,541	31 Jan 2013

NOTE

The “**Italy Image Only Historical Records**” have been sorted by province and town, and could include province, town, and church records. Not all provinces or towns are listed but if yours is, you may find a treasure trove.

STEP 4

Click each of the “**Catania**” links to explore these webpages and see if **Linguaglossa** is listed. The objective is to find the **Linguaglossa** Birth, Marriage, and Death Records.

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NOTE

You want to see what other towns may be listed in **Catania**. You may have an ancestor who died in **Linguaglossa** but was born in a nearby town.

STEP 5

Access the **Linguaglossa** records that are included in “**Italy, Catania, Catania, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1929**”

- Click [Italy, Catania, Catania, Civil Registration \(Tribunale\), 1866-1929](#)
- Click [Browse through 434,962 images](#)
- Click [Catania](#)
- You will now see Linguaglossa listed.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. The breadcrumb trail is "Italy, Catania, Catania, ...on (Tribunale), 1866-1929 > Catania". Below this, there is a list of towns under the heading "Comune or Frazione". The towns listed are: Aci Bonaccorsi, Aci Castello, Aci Catena, Acireale, Aci Sant'Antonio, Adrano, Belpasso, Gravina di Catania, Linguaglossa, Macchia, Maletto, Mascali, Mascalucia, Misterbianco, Riposto, San Giovanni di Galermo, San Giovanni la Punta, San Giovanni Montebello, San Gregorio di Catania, San Pietro Clarenza, and Sant'Agata Il Battiati. The town of Linguaglossa is highlighted in blue.

- Click [Linguaglossa](#) and you might be asked to “Please Sign In” with a FamilySearch account to see these records. This means you need to setup a FamilySearch account, which is free.

Please Sign In

These images are viewable:

- When using the site at a [family history center](#).

[Sign In](#)

[Cancel](#)

STEP 6

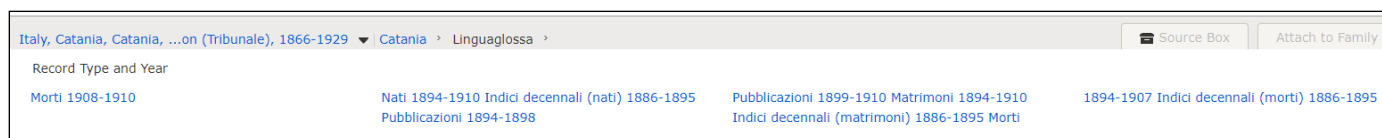
Setup your FamilySearch account, and then continue to the next step.

NOTE

Most of FamilySearch’s “Image Only” records are free and accessible to all. However, some like Linguaglossa’s require a “FamilySearch” account and others may only be accessible at Family History Centers.

STEP 7

Click [Linguaglossa](#) see the type of records that are available.



- This is the **Main Civil Records Page** for **Linguaglossa** that shows the Birth, Marriage, and Death Records and Indexes that are available.
- There are not many Civil Records for **Linguaglossa** listed here, but there are some. You may find what you are looking for.

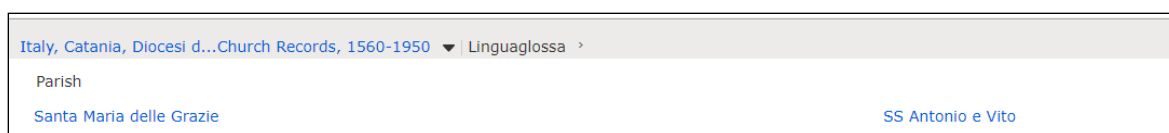
STEP 8

Depending on your genealogy objectives, you can now select and search Linguaglossa's Birth, Marriage, and Death Records. ... **SEE EXAMPLES ...**

STEP 9

Access **Linguaglossa's** Church Records for **"Italy, Catania, Diocesi di Acireale, Catholic Church Records, 1560-1950"**

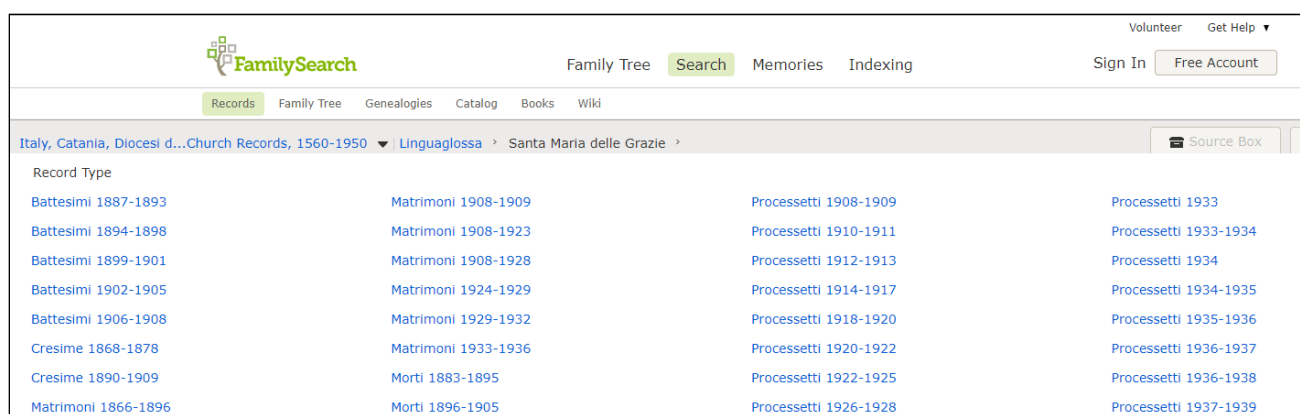
- Click [Italy, Catania, Diocesi di Acireale, Catholic Church Records, 1560-1950](#)
- Click [Browse through 283,415 images](#)
- Click [Linguaglossa](#)
- You should see the screen below:



- **"Santa Maria delle Grazie"** is the **"Mother Church"** for **Linguaglossa**.

STEP 10

Click [Santa Maria delle Grazie](#) to access **"Santa Maria delle Grazie's"** Church Records.



- This is pretty fantastic! You will see quite a lot of birth, marriage, and death records that start in the 1860's.
- It doesn't look like you will need a Family Search account to access these records.
- As stated earlier, these records are in Latin (see the Latin Genealogical Word lists at the end of this document).

- The great news is there seem to be Indexes at the beginning of each baptism, marriage, and death document. This is extremely helpful and will make finding desired records much easier, even if they are in Latin.

NOTE

“Indexed” records are great. However, not every Italian record has been indexed yet. The “Image Only” records are the real birth, marriage, and death records that have been scanned but not yet indexed. While the process to manually browse through the “Image Only” records can be tedious and sometimes frustrating, it can yield incredible results. You can possibly trace your ancestors back several generations, from your computer at home. That is amazing!