



THE MANGIERI & CIOCCI HERITAGE

Five Generations • Two Ocean Crossings • One Space Program

Farmers, soldiers, coal miners, seamstresses, factory workers –
five generations and two ocean crossings later, here I am, still building things.

THE ITALIAN ROOTS – CAMPANIA



THE MANGIERI LINE – SANT'ARSENIO, SALERNO

- 1782** Donato Mangieri, a carpenter, is born in Sant'Arsenio.
- 1857** A devastating earthquake strikes the Province of Salerno, setting off decades of emigration.
- 1860** Donato Mangieri (grandson of the carpenter) is born in Sant'Arsenio; emigrates and becomes a junk dealer in New York City.
- 1903** His son, Daniel F. Mangieri, is born in New York and works as a clerk in a box factory. He and his mother, Margherita, both die of tuberculosis – she at 35, he at 59.

THE CIOCCI LINE – MORCONE, BENEVENTO

- 1884** Domenico Ciocci is born in Morcone; becomes a finisher in a silk factory after emigrating, marries Raffaella Mercurio, and dies in a pedestrian accident in New York City.
- 1908** Their daughter, Clementina Ciocci, is born in New York, works as a seamstress in the Garment District, and marries Daniel F. Mangieri.
- 1932** Their son, Daniel D. Mangieri, is born in New York. He becomes Lead Test Engineer for NASA's Lunar Module / Apollo program in Bethpage, NY. In 1971 he transfers to Houston to begin work on NASA's next endeavor at Johnson Space Center: the Space Shuttle (STS) program, followed by Skylab and the ISS.

THE POLISH ROOTS

- 1890** Stanislava Fidrych is born in Kraków, then part of Russian-controlled Congress Poland. She arrives in the U.S. in 1903 at age 13, speaking only Polish.
- 1902** Joseph Maciejewski arrives from Poland/Russia and works as a coal miner in Kulpmont, PA. He's crushed in a mine accident and dies in 1918 at about 36, widowing Stanislava at 28.

- 1929** Their son, Walter Maciejewski, marries Emilia Balinas – of Lithuanian heritage, born in Mount Carmel, PA.
- 1931** Their daughter, Jolene T. Macheski, is born in Kulpmont and later marries Daniel D. Mangieri.

NEW YORK CITY THE MELTING POT

- ★ Sant'Arsenio to New York
 - ★ Morcone to New York
 - ★ Kraków to New York
- Farming, soldiering, coal mining,
factory work, seamstress –
building new lives
in America.

NEW YORK

1971
The family moves to Houston
alongside Daniel D. Mangieri's
transfer to Johnson Space Center.

HOUSTON, TEXAS JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

Apollo • Space Shuttle (STS)
Skylab • ISS • Artemis

1960 Mark L. Mangieri
is born in Commack,
Long Island, NY.
Aerospace Engineer,
NASA/JSC
AIAA Author
Founder,

**MarkWare
LLC**

FIVE GENERATIONS

1. DONATO MANGIERI
Carpenter
Born in Sant'Arsenio
1782

2. DONATO MANGIERI
Immigrant
Junk Dealer, NYC
1860

3. DANIEL F. MANGIERI
Box Factory Clerk
New York City
1903

4. DANIEL D. MANGIERI
NASA Lead Test Engineer
Apollo • Shuttle • ISS
1932

5. MARK L. MANGIERI
Aerospace Engineer
NASA/JSC • MarkWare LLC
1960

*Every immigrant story
is a bet on the future.
Ours is still in progress.*



Where I Come From

Five generations, two ocean crossings, one space program

Every immigrant story is a bet on the future. Mine starts with two family lines that made that bet roughly a century apart, an ocean apart, and ended up in the same place: Houston, working on America's space program.

The Mangieri & Ciocci Lines — Salerno & Benevento, Italy

- 1782** **Donato Mangieri**, a carpenter, is born in Sant'Arsenio — a hilltop village in the Vallo di Diano, Salerno — founded by monks in the 8th or 9th century.
- 1857** A devastating earthquake strikes the Province of Salerno, setting off decades of emigration from the region.
- 1859** **Vincenzo Natelli**, a Sant'Arsenio farmer, serves in the 52nd Infantry "Alpi" — traced to Garibaldi's *Cacciatori delle Alpi* (Hunters of the Alps) — before later emigrating to New York, where he dies at 74.
- 1860** **Donato Mangieri** (grandson of the carpenter) is born in Sant'Arsenio; emigrates and becomes a junk dealer in New York City.
- 1903** His son, **Daniel F. Mangieri**, is born in New York and works as a clerk in a box factory. He and his mother, Margherita, both die of tuberculosis — she at 35, he at 59.
- 1884** Meanwhile in Morcone, Benevento, **Domenico Ciocci** is born; becomes a finisher in a silk factory after emigrating, marries **Raffaella Mercurio**, and dies in a pedestrian accident in New York City. Raffaella's own father, Giovannangelo Mercuri — family legend says seven feet tall — died in Brazil seeking work, one of roughly a million Italians who emigrated to São Paulo between 1880 and 1920.
- 1908** Domenico's daughter, **Clementina Ciocci**, is born in New York, works as a seamstress in the Garment District, and marries Daniel F. Mangieri.
- 1932** Their son, **Daniel D. Mangieri**, is born in New York. He becomes Lead Test Engineer for NASA's Lunar Module / Apollo program in Bethpage — two generations after his family arrived in America as farmers, soldiers, and factory workers. As the Apollo program winds down, he's chosen to transfer to Houston in 1971 to begin work on NASA's next endeavor at Johnson Space Center: the Space Shuttle (STS) program, followed by Skylab and the ISS.

The Macheski Line — Kraków, Poland & Kulpmont, Pennsylvania

- 1890** **Stanislava Fidrych** is born in Kraków, then part of Russian-controlled Congress Poland. She arrives in the U.S. in 1903 at age 13, speaking only Polish.

- 1902** **Joseph Maciejewski** arrives from Poland/Russia and works as a coal miner in Kulpmont, PA — a coal town settled that same era and built on Polish immigrant labor. He's crushed in a mine accident and dies in 1918 at about 36, widowing Stanislava at 28.
- 1929** Their son, **Walter Maciejewski**, marries **Emilia Balinas** — of Lithuanian heritage, born in Mount Carmel, PA.
- 1931** Their daughter, **Jolene T. Macheski**, is born in Kulpmont and later marries Daniel D. Mangieri.

Where the Lines Meet

- 1960** **Mark L. Mangieri** is born in Commack, on Long Island, NY. In 1971, the family moves to Houston alongside his father's transfer to Johnson Space Center — Mark is 12. He goes on to become an Aerospace Engineer at NASA/JSC himself, an AIAA published author, and, decades later, an independent iOS developer.
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Genealogy research compiled by Mark Mangieri. Some details drawn from family record and oral history alongside documented sources.