Guide to Tuscany's Civil satus records: the Ancestors portal

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The Ancestors Portal, created by the General Direction for Archives and the Central Institute for Archives, is a valuable resource for registry and genealogical research.

The ambitious purpose of the Ancestors Portal is to make accessible online **all civil status records** held by Italian State Archives.

Thanks to the Ancestors Portal, Tuscany's Civil Status records, containing birth, marriage and death records from 1808 to1865, are available online at: <u>https://antenati.cultura.gov.it/</u>

On the Portal it is possible to consult **annual and decennial indexes**: these are indispensable tools for most genealogical researches, considering that it is rare to have circumscribed data when tackling this type of research.

The 1841 population census can also be consulted on the Ancestry Portal, which provides an account of the houses, the families living in them, and the individuals making up a family, including servants, for each community and parish.

The census is an excellent starting point for genealogical research, because each family member is recorded with his or her age at the time of the census, thus providing the presumed date of birth of the person requested.

The Portal: instructions for use

If you know the date of birth on an ancestor (e.g. Grassi Giuseppe di Niccolò, born in Tuscany in 1850) further details may be sought in the <u>Directory</u>.

1) Once you have tracked down the name you are looking for, you will have to take note of: **year**, **community and number of the deed**, i.e., 1850, Greve, 224. (Image 1)

Please note: As shown in Image 1, paternity is not an optional datum in genealogy: without this information you would not be able to determine which of the three Grassi Giuseppe is actually the one you are looking for, unless you are aware of the community which the parents belonged to.

2) Enter these data in the Search registries query. (Image 2)

3) Click on "View the register" so to have access to its <u>digital reproduction</u> (Image 3). Scroll until you find the number of the desired deed (in our case n. 224), which is shown on the first column on the left (please note that the number on the far right is that of the parish duplicate, which is not summarized in the directories).

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