

THE 48th STREET GANG

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According to residents who grew up on 48th street there was a gang of young Little Italy residents, mostly children of Italian immigrants who hung out together,

Some of the Italian Families living on 48th street during the 1920's and 1930's between Folsom and J street were:

WEST SIDE OF 48th STREET: between Folsom and J

LOUIS MARKET

Gianino family, daughters Catherine, Rosalie & Arlene

Malerbu Family, daughter Dora and son Louie

Giannini Family, Son Roy

Da Prato family, Parents Pietro and Setima and daughter Nora.

Belli family, Eugenia and husband (Maria DaPratos sister) , sons victor, Joe and daughter Armeda

CROSS M STREET

3 Brick homes built by Bachio Sambocetti, Stella Baruffoldi's father and they are still standing

Sambocetti, Babe and Mary, sons Louis and Richard

Baruffoldi, John and Stella, son Victor and Daughter LaVerne

Sambocetti, Mae and her husband

Mallegni, Paola and her husband, daughter Adriana

Barsetti, Lena and husband, son Rudy and Daughter Marie

EAST SIDE OF 48th Street Between Folsom and J

Stefani family lived o corner of 49th and with son victor and daughter

Paoli, Mariaand Paolino with son Deno and daughter Laura

Ghilarducci, Sal and Marcella

Mori, Noonzia and her husband, sons Roy and carlo

DaPrato, Battista and maria with Son Willie and daughters Delina and Gloria

Sorocco, Jerry and his wife and mother in law

CROSS M STREET

Cottini, Mr & Mrs with daughter Julie and son Roy

Tornatore widow with Son Dominic, Bruno and another son and daughter

Dinelli family, Son peter, Marcella, George, Dominick, Dora, Sylvia, Germana and two more daiughters and two more sons

Another Italian family

Gaddi, Mr and Mrs , daughters Lena and Yolanda

Gerbi family , daughter Margaret

EARLY RESIDENTS

The historic section of the city that we call "Little Italy" was populated by Italian immigrants from the 1920's until after World War II. After the War with the building of St Mary's Church in the district in 1948 on 58th street, Italians from other districts in the City moved into the area. One of the earliest concentrations of Italian immigrant families was on 48th street. In the 1920's and 30's the area was still considered a rural area.

One of the earliest Italian residents in the area was Primo Belluomini who arrived from Lucca, Italy in 1917 and lived at 1131 51st Street. Fred Belluomini, Primo's brother lived at 1157 – 51st Street. Both brothers were bank tellers at the Bank of America. Two other Belluomini family members who lived in the area were Alfio and Paul Belluomini at 5101 Folsom Blvd and operated Belluomini Bros gas station at 48th & J Street.

The Da Prato family from Lucca, Italy moved to Little Italy in 1926 and lived at 1217 - 48th Street. The parents were Batista and Maria Da Prato and their three children were Willie, Delina and Gloria. Willie Da Prato worked at LOUIS MARKET at 48th and J street.

John Barufaldi and his daughter Laverne lived at 1424 – 48th street. Lena Gaddi and her parents Andy and Ada arrived from Lucca, Italy in 1927 and lived at 1217 48th Street.

Laura (Paoli) Roberti. the daughter of Italian immigrants Paolino and Maria Paoli grew up in Little Italy. Her parents immigrated from Lucca, Italy and in 1920 lived at 5015 L street in the home of Antonio Stefani. Laura and her father and brother Dino Paoli (born in 1926), later resided at the home of Diacinto Guidotti at 5027 – M street.

Agnes Guidotti ran a boarding house at 5027 M street.

Frank Ghilarducci parents, Salvatore and Marcella from Viareggio, Italy, moved into the neighborhood in 1929. Frank was born in 1934 and Died in 1916. They resided at 1154 – 49th street. Another unrelated Ghilarducci family lived at 4917 M street. Tullio Cottini, Uncle of Frank lived at 5001 M street.

Rena Barsanti and her brother Henry lived with their father Renato and mother Eda (Farena) Barsotti at 52nd & L street near East Portal. Henry was an employee of LOUIS MARKET located on the corner of 48th & J streets.

Gerald Defazio lived near East Portal at 1025 – 51st street with parents Tony and Carmen DeFazio. Gerald Defazio ran the produce department at LOUIS MARKET in the early 1940's. He also operated a gas station at 48th and Folsom Blvd.

Margaret DeFazio (Jacobs) 1928 – 2012, was one of nine children of LOUIS MARKET owner Louis DeFazio and his wife Christina DeFazio. They moved to 1426 – 52nd street in 1931. Her aunt and uncle, Frank and Rosie DeFazio lived with their children at 2106 – 57th street. Frank worked at Southern Pacific.

Tony DeFazio and sister Margaret (Arcuri) lived at 1426 – 52nd street. his younger brother Pete DeFazio lived at 5930 – 2nd ave and worked at southern Pacific.

Joseph Pingitore and his wife Mary lived at 1115 – 58th street

Dominic and Thelma Tornatore and their son Lawrence and daughter Julie lived on 48th street and Folsom Blvd.

The Del Chairis lived at 5015 H Street

Arlene Giannini lived at 1108 – 48th street.

Louis Stefani was a butcher at LOUIS MARKET and lived at 960 – 54th street.

Charles Stefani lived at 1034 – 49th street

Louis Veglia lived at 1165 – 51st street. Frank Veglia resided at 1733 – 49th street.

Albert Micheli, a teller at Bank Of America, lived at 4920 K street.

THE PANE FAMILY – The earliest members of the Pane family to arrive from Lucca, Italy were Giuseppe and Rosa Maria (Arcuri) and Antonio and Maria Melania (Mancuso) Pane. Giuseppe lived at 1348 -55th street and Antonio at 1015 – 58th street. Giuseppe and Rosa had 7 sons and one daughter and Antonio and Maria had 7 daughters and one son. Elizabeth Pane lived at 1015 58th street and her daughter is Marie Booth.