

## Passage to America

My father emigrated to America from Montazzoli in 1912. He was 18 years old.

Records from the Ellis Island Passenger Search show that he departed from Naples on the "America" and arrived in New York on May 8, 1912.

This was his first voyage to America. He returned to Italy in 1915 and served in the Italian army during World War I until 1918.

On the following pages are the original writings by my father, and many of the papers documenting his war experiences. I have also included a complete history of the Isonzo battles on the Austria-Hungary front where he served for seventeen months.

The medal he received for his war efforts, *merito di guerra*, was given to me by my brother Tony. It was in an old frame. A handwritten account of my father's experiences from 1915 to 1917 was found inside the frame.