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Giovanni (John) Gallano and **Catherine (Buongiorno) Gallano** lived in two locations in Baychester, Bronx, New York. First in 1920 they rented an apartment in a 3-story house at **2226 Baychester Avenue**. The other resident of that house in a separate apartment was the author's grandfather, **Gabriele Sanfelice**.¹ Gabriele and John were best friends, and even worked for the same construction company.

In 1925 through 1940 and beyond into the 1960's when the house was razed for Co-Op City, John Gallano and various family and extended family members lived at 2305 Boller Avenue, Baychester, Bronx, New York – a mere four blocks from the 1910 house on Baychester Avenue, and a block from the river.

John was born in Italy on August 17, 1879 in Italy, the son of **Ciro Gallano** and **Tonata Sculiano**. John states he immigrated from Italy in 1898, but no immigration record has been found as of 2018. John married Catherine Buongiorno on December 17, 1903 in Manhattan, New York.² Catherine was born **Catarina Buongiorno**, in July 1880 in Italy, the daughter of **Giuseppe Buongiorno** and **Carolina Granese**. She states she immigrated from Italy in 1904.

In 1910, John and Catherine had had four children and lived in an apartment at 2466 Arthur Avenue, in that Bronx section known as "Little Italy". John supported his family as a rock driller in the excavation industry³. In 1918 John Gallano signed up for the WW I draft registration.⁴ He was now living at 2226 Baychester Avenue, worked as a government laborer, and claimed a disability of rheumatism in his hips. They now had three more children, a total of seven children: Ida, Antonette, Gerald, Anna, Joseph, Amedeo, and Julia. John continued his profession of rock driller for a contractor.

¹ "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJPZ-R46> : accessed 23 October 2017), John Gallano, Bronx Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York, United States; citing ED 358, sheet 2B, line 94, family 39, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1139; FHL microfilm 1,821,139.

² "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:243W-JD3> : 20 March 2015), Giovanni Salano and Caterina Buongiorno, 17 Dec 1903; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,570,991.

³ "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X39X-K92> : accessed 23 October 2017), Giovanni Galano, Bronx Assembly District 34, New York, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 1586, sheet 21A, family 331, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 1002; FHL microfilm 1,375,015.

⁴ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KXYS-H7C> : 13 March 2018), John Gallano, 1917-1918; citing New York City no 7, New York, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 1,753,941.

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Between 1920-1925, John bought his house at **2305 Boller Avenue**, and he continued working as a rock driller. He wife died at age 49 in 1929⁵. By 1940 John's occupation is Stationary Engineer for a construction company.⁶ Stationary engineers perform work on boilers and steam systems; heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; building automation systems; diesel engines, turbines, generators; pumps, piping and compressed gas systems; refrigeration and electrical systems and numerous other physical plant functions. They are called stationary engineers because the equipment they operate is similar to equipment operated by locomotive or marine engineers except it is not in a vehicle that moves.

When John completed the WW II Draft Registration in 1942, he was still living at 2305 Boller Avenue, was age 63, and was unemployed (retired).⁷

The author remembers John Gallano very well, for his frequent visits in the 1950s to her grandfather Gabriele Sanfelice's house just four blocks from John's house. It is believed that both John and Gabriele worked together for the construction company owner Fred Gabriel.

It is unknown when John Gallano died or where he is buried.

Catherine died on November 24, 1929 in the Bronx, New York, and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York⁸. Catherine had seven children between 1905 – 1914, all of whom are now deceased. At least four of her seven children were married; two of whom continued to live at the patriarch's house at 2305 Boller Avenue (it was a large, multi-family house), and one moved to a house two blocks away on Palmer Avenue. This resulted in several cousins being born and still living in Baychester in the 1950s-1960s.

THEIR CHILDREN

Their first child was **Ida Gallano**, born about 1904 in the Bronx, New York. She married **Joseph Alfieri** around 1925, and he moved in her and her parents at 2305 Boller Avenue, Baychester, Bronx, NY. Details are found elsewhere in this site.

⁵ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WGS-HZ6> : 10 February 2018), Catherine Gallano, 24 Nov 1929; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,148,830

⁶ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KQM8-6JT> : accessed 24 October 2017), John Gallano, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2A, line 8, family 25, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2480.

⁷ "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F3NV-W6K> : 7 April 2016), John Galano, 1942; citing NARA microfilm publication M1936, M1937, M1939, M1951, M1962, M1964, M1986, M2090, and M2097 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

⁸ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WGS-HZ6> : 10 February 2018), Catherine Gallano, 24 Nov 1929; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,148,830

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The second child was **Antonette Gallano**. Antonette was born **Antonetta Galano** on December 20, 1905 in the Bronx, New York. She lived with her parents through 1930, the last time any documents were found for her.⁹ She is not living with her parents in 1940. It is unknown if she married, or when she died.

The third child was **Gerald Ciro Gallano**. Ciro was born on March 25, 1907 in the Bronx, New York¹⁰. He lived with his parents through 1930⁹, the last time any documents were found for him. He is not living with his parents in 1940. It is unknown if he married, or when he died.

The fourth child was **Anna Gallano**. Anna was born November 28, 1908 in the Bronx, New York.¹¹ By 1940 she was married to **Allen King**. Upon marriage, Allen moved into Anna's patriarchal residence at 2305 Boller Avenue, Bronx, New York.¹² Details are found elsewhere in this site.

The fifth child was **Joseph Gallano**. Joseph was born around 1911 in New York. Through 1940 he lived with his father and siblings in Baychester, Bronx, New York. He worked as a plasterer in the construction industry.¹² It is unknown if he married, or when he died.

The sixth child was **Amedio Gallano**. Amedio was born on August 19, 1912 in New York¹³. He lived with his father and siblings through 1940 in Baychester, New York. He worked as a carpenter. He married **Katherine A Rizzo** in 1952¹⁴. Amedio Galano died on March 14, 1993,

⁹ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-L69> : accessed 23 April 2018), Gerald Callano in household of John Callano, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 865, sheet 5A, line 3, family 16, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215

¹⁰ "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2W8W-3GF> : 11 February 2018), Giro Galarro, 25 Mar 1907; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference rn 2028 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,023,221.

¹¹ "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2W8H-2BP> : 20 March 2015), Anna Galono, 28 Nov 1908; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference 8965 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,023,262.

¹² "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-6V3> : accessed 30 April 2018), Anna King in household of Allen King, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2A, line 15, family 26, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2480.

¹³ "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JPH4-4ZN> : 20 May 2014), Amedeo Galano, 14 Mar 1993; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

¹⁴ "New York, New York City Marriage Licenses Index, 1950-1995," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/QLS2-2JP8> : 19 June 2017), Amedeo Galano and Katherine A Rizzo, 1952, Bronx, New York City, New York, United States; Marriage, Bronx, New York City, New York, United States, from Reclaim the Records, The NYC Marriage Index (<http://www.nycmarriageindex.com> : 2016); citing New York City Clerk's Office.

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last residence was Westchester County, New York. Katherine Galano died November 1994, last residence was Westchester County, New York¹⁵.

The seventh, and last, child was **Julia Gallano**. Julia was born September 25, 1914 in New York.¹⁶ She married **John Tufanio** about 1945, and they lived in another house two blocks away on Palmer Avenue in Baychester. Details are found elsewhere in this site.

¹⁵ "United States Social Security Death Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JKRS-QX7> : 20 May 2014), Katherine Galano, Nov 1994; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

¹⁶ "United States Social Security Death Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VQ32-Y35> : 20 May 2014), JULIA TUFANIO, 12 Mar 2011; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).