

# Diving into Calabrian Records: A Case Study

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Learn the basics of Calabrian genealogy via this case study approach with examples and resources that you may be able to apply to your own research.

## I. CALABRIAN HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

- Simplified Historical Timeline
    - 1442
    - Early 1700s
    - 1735
    - 1861
    - 1870
  - Calabrian geography
- |                     |
|---------------------|
| Aragonese control   |
| Habsburg control    |
| Spanish control     |
| Kingdom of Italy    |
| Italian Unification |

### CALABRIA'S FIVE PROVINCES (WIKIMEDIA)




- Calabria's Official Makeup
  - Capital Catanzaro
  - 404 municipalities comunio
  - More populated areas
    - Acri Cosenza
    - Catanzaro Catanzaro
    - Cosenza Cosenza
    - Lamezia Terme Catanzaro
    - Reggio di Calabria Reggio Calabria

## II. CALABRIAN GENEALOGY SITES AND RESOURCES

 **CALABRIA EXCHANGE** (Italian Ancestor Genealogy Project)  
<http://www.calabriaexchange.com/>


 **FAMILYSEARCH**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Calabria\\_Italy\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Calabria_Italy_Genealogy)

 **IL CIRCOLO CALABRESE** (International group of Calabrian genealogists)  
<https://www.circolocalabrese.org/>


 **CALABRIA ITALY GENEALOGY FB GROUP**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/689104204468306>


## III. CALABRIAN/CATANZARO CASE STUDY

## IV. BOOK/ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS

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