

## Castagnola Family

Battista Castagnola  
Andrew Castagnola  
Sebastiano Castagnola  
Emilio Salvatore Castagnoloa

**Giovanni Castagnola** was born on July 15, 1869 in Riva Tregosa, Genoa. He married Angela Batta who was born on June 21, 1865. Giovanni (Gio) worked on sailing vessels hauling wine to different parts of the world including Africa and Spain. They came to the United States in 1905 and settled in Santa Barbara. He started a wholesale fish business with one boat and increased the business with a fleet of row boats. They operated between Santa Barbara and El Capitan. Gio and Angela had six sons: Battista and Andrew were born in Italy; Mario, Virginio Albert (George, and Lino were born in Santa Barbara. George opened George V. Castagnola's Sea Foods at 131 Anacapa St. At one time, George owned Stern's Wharf and he and Mario managed The Harbor Restaurant.

**Emilio Salvatore Castagnola** known as Salvatore was born in Riva Tregosa, Italy on May 22, 1876. He was a younger brother of Giovanni Castagnola. He came to the United States through New York in 1904. Two years after his arrival, he sent for his sweetheart in Italy, Cesira Ghio born on June 8, 1890, to come to the United States. They were married on August 15, 1906. Salvatore started building fishing skiffs with his brother Gio and they acquired a fleet of 7 fishing boats. The family opened a fish market in 1929 at 205 Santa Barbara St. and they shipped fish all over California. He and his wife had 11 children. They were: Albert, Baptisto, Victor, Lawrence, Dario, George, Americo, Italo, Mary (Acquistapace), Eve (Bregante), and Della (Malengo). Emilio Salvatore died on Christmas Day 1959 and his wife passed away on October 14, 1974.