

Parma Family

Giovanni Battista Parma (1855-1912)

Giovanni Battista Parma was born in Genoa, Italy April 4, 1855. At the age of 16, Giovanni immigrated to the United States and lived in New York before relocating to Santa Barbara in 1872 where he lived until his death on December 27, 1912. He was in the grocery business and associated with the Largomarsino-Parma Company.

He married **Catarina Pendola** on November 21, 1881 in Santa Barbara. Catarina was born June 4, 1864 and she died in Santa Barbara December 1, 1948. Giovanni and Catarina had four sons and three daughters:

- **Sophia Julia** (1883-1962)
- **Rosamond Tomasa** (1884-1946); Graduate UC Berkeley; Law Review, faculty; First Law Librarian at UC Berkeley
- **John Angelo** (1886-1974)
- **Leo Andrew** (1888-1947); Manager, L.A. Parma Company, Retail Liquor Store
- **Carmelita** (1895-1971); Graduate UC Berkeley
- **Edward Benjamin** (1897-1954); Graduate UC Berkeley
- **Harold Arthur** (1902-1997); Graduate UC Berkeley; Lawyer, partner Price, Postel, & Parma

In 1935, Harold Parma became a partner in the local law firm Heaney, Postal, Price, & Parma. In 1973, Harold and his brother, Jack, donated 200 acres of open-range land to the City. The donated land becomes Parma Park. Harold passed away in 1997. He was a member of the local order of Foresters and also of the Italian Lodge of Santa Barbara. He was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Santa Barbara.