

The Noceti Family

My grandfather Enrico Noceti emigrated here from Genoa in the early 1900's. He arrived here with his 3 brothers in New York. Two brothers stayed in New York and my grandfather and his youngest brother Eugenio came here. My grandfather met and married Edith Lagorio and they had 7 children. He and Eugenio farmed in the Stockton Linden area.

I can't say much about my grandfather because he died in a car vs pedestrian accident near UOP in Stockton before I was born. My Great uncle Genu (Eugenio) was my grandfather figure and I adored him. He never married or had children. He was everything a grandpa could be even though he spoke very little English and was shy around people. He worked on our ranch every day in the summer and my seat at the lunch table had to be next to him. He colored my water with a little wine and often hid silver dollars under my plate. He always denied putting them there. I liked to imagine my real grandfather was like him and we would have been close too.

I grew up on a ranch in Linden, just 12 miles east of Stockton. My dad Richard and uncle Armando were Noceti Bros. and share cropped for the Maffeo/Garavano family. Their 80 acres were grapes at first and wine was made right there on the ranch in the late 1800s to the mid 1900s. But I remember less grapes and more walnuts, cherries, and peaches being grown there. I did witness wine being made in our large earthen cellar under the house. My brothers and I still reminisce about our childhoods on that ranch. We would give anything to relive just a day there when we were kids. We grew up with tons of cousins running thru the irrigation ditches in the summers and sharing huge meals in that big old ranch house.

Steve and I have been married 53 years. We have 3 children and 11 grandchildren. I am a retired school librarian. I am currently the president of Branch 390. Hubby and I like to travel on cruise lines and explore ancient civilizations.

Anita (Noceti) Ridolfi



Enrico & Edith Noceti



Richard & Norma Noceti



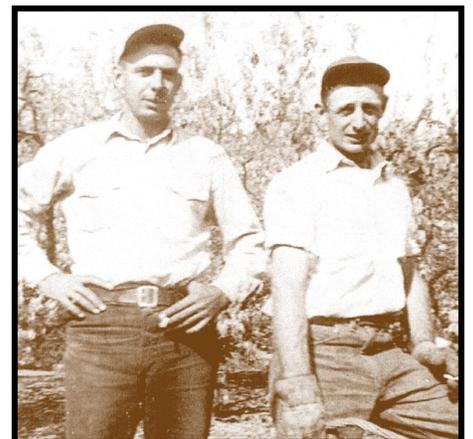
Anita and (Uncle) Eugenio Noceti



Anita & (Dad) Richard Noceti



Norma, Richard, Rich, Anita, & Larry Noceti



Bother's , Richard & Armando Noceti