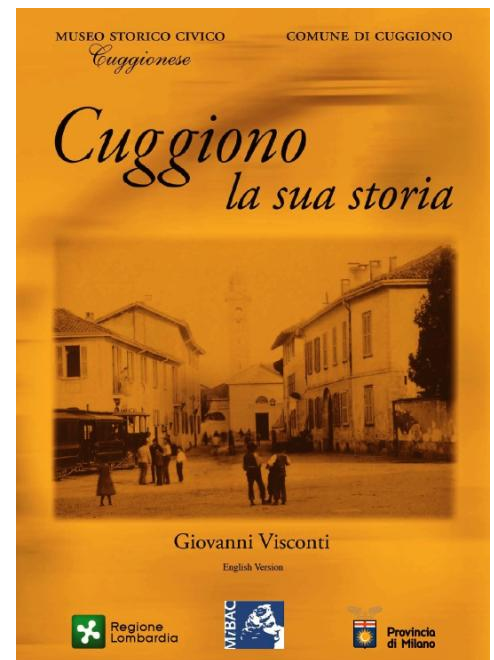


*The Museo Storico Civico
of Cuggiono*

is pleased to present:

**Cuggiono
la sua storia**

Cuggiono, its History
by
Giovanni Visconti



A comprehensive history of Cuggiono and its people has recently been published. In cooperation with the Museo Storico Civico of Cuggiono, both English and Italian language versions of this wonderful book will be made available in September of 2010.

The book is bound with a hard cover and a full color jacket. It measures twelve inches high by eight and a half inches wide and contains four hundred and ten pages on heavy weight glossy stock. The print is crisp and the illustrations are beautifully rendered.

This is a keepsake book that will be enjoyed by your entire family and will add immeasurably to your families' understanding of their history and cultural heritage.

It's difficult to describe the full sweep of this impressive work. The early history of the region begins with the Neanderthal nomad hunters of 50,000 B.C. and addresses Mesolithic and Neolithic artifacts found in the area. The Ligurian people, the Etruscans, and the Romans all influenced the development of early society. Of special interest is the discussion of the Longobard migration into Northern Italy in 568. This event was an important and defining episode in the development of an advanced society in northern Italy.



Longobard artifacts

The history continues through the Middle Ages when Cuggiono was a fortified town with walls, towers, and a moat, and all citizens were required to swear an oath to protect the village. Work on the Naviglio Grande was begun in 1179 and the Naviglio played an important role in the economic development of Cuggiono for almost eight hundred years.

The story carries the reader through the Renaissance and into the modern era while explaining the impact of invasions, wars, revolutions, and myriad other influences leading to changes in culture and the evolution of political life. Of special interest to those of us who's grandparents and great grandparents left Cuggiono in search of economic opportunity are those sections which explain and describe their common experiences in America and elsewhere.



Naviglio Grande

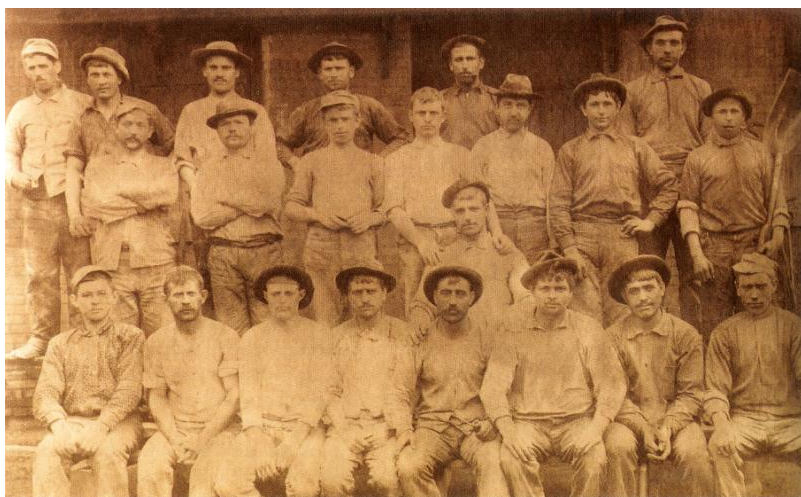
"*Andà in Mèrica*" (to go to America) was the great dream of those years, an almost obligatory way out. America, which the general population pictured as a country with streets paved with gold, exerted an irresistible attraction. That the situation was not so idyllic and that the streets were not only not paved with gold, but that it was the job of our emigrants to pave them, possibly with the bricks produced from the clay miners of St. Louis, was one of the lessons they learned very fast."

While the history provides insight into the life of Cuggiono and its emigrant sons and daughters, it also explains the social, economic, and political upheavals that led to the nightmare of the World Wars.

The history continues through Italy's post war recovery and its transition to a modern representative democracy. This book is a valuable addition to any family library and your descendants will treasure it always. This is a limited printing, so please don't delay. Don't miss an opportunity to own this wonderful book.



Passage to a New Land and New Hope



Cuggionesi Miners – Springfield, IL 1896



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