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Cesare Ratti Family

This volume is a reminiscence of the family of Cesare Ratti, master sculptor of the Vermont Marble Company. The family history is related by one of his sons, Gino Ratti, who became Dean at Butler University in Indiana. He wrote these recollections in his late 80's.

The story begins in 1888, with Gino, age three, travelling to reunite with his father in New York; continuing with his “Old Grandma”, Angela Bianchi Bertolott” and on to “Mom”, Luigia Franchini Ratti the center of the family. The tale then focuses on “Dad”, Cesare Augusta Ratti, who ultimately became the “sculptor” of the Vermont Marble Company.

Illustrated with several family pictures and a carved marble by Cesare Ratti of the Last Supper based on Leonardo Da Vinci's painting, this is a fascinating picture of one family's journey from Europe, to become one of the important families of Vermont. A lasting illustration of America's promise.