

Mortuary Files of Valente Marini Perata & Co.



The firm of Valente, Marini, Perata and Co. was established in San Francisco in 1888. 129 years later it has closed its doors and donated the records to the [Colma Historical Association](#). For copies of these records contact the Colma Historical Association.



Most burials are for those living in San Francisco, however, there is a smattering of records for those in the northern parts and coast of San Mateo County as well as other places throughout Northern California. Information in the early records can be sparse, some of the earliest give only a date and the name of the person "purchasing" services. They are included in the **Index**, as the family name might lead to more information.

Other records give a wealth of information. The ledgers for the years around 1910 often include obituaries, many are from Italian, French and other foreign language papers. The index includes name, death date (in some cases this might be a burial date, date plot was purchased, or date of removal from one cemetery to another), birthplace, age, city of residence (or death), cemetery when they are given. Volume and page direct you to the original record. A note column might give a hospital, or other interesting information.

Embalming Table

The index is no substitute for the original record. Contact the Colma Historical Association for a copy of the original entry. Even better, visit and look through the journal's yourself. Not included in the index are the many notations of payments for the burials that were indexed. Payments might be made for months or years after a burial. In the early books, you will find notations of "drinks" being expenses when

