

Gabriel

→ only Gabriel in town.   
 → knew Rolandelli's parents.   
 Rolandelli's father   
 → Come over to wk in woods. Mother came over   
 → they got married in SF.

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Came thru SF to wk in woods & on rail roads.   
 good pay - + money was there   
 Then went into gardening. <sup>did it for yrs</sup> ~~then~~ - did big shots.

25 then started w rapple boxes - kept add,

Rolandelli ~~met~~ b. 1914 met him when 7 or 8.

Built houses. lived in them. Built another. -   
 Moved to fine Sr 50's.   
 Build, & sell - did own   
 plumb, w/ing.

Came to shoe repair shop every day & talk. + assistant   
 & wife.

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many trips, ~ every yr 2-3 months to Switz, Italy.   
 Built a lot of homes w willow creek - as a carpenter.   
 Had a girlfriend ~~was~~ who died.   
 <sup>Build them & sell.</sup>   
 <sup>so did his own plumb, w/ing.</sup>   
 ~~never~~ was same after that.

Got idea Grant Flowers - wanted to copy them

71-50 - did he do   
 anything pre 50's?

Started when he retired - was bored. Pass time, early 50's.

Italian - signs.   
 abused + pope in Italian   
 had + pope's pic up -   
 spoke pretty good English.

could be v. easy or v. difficult.   
 Int hospital pulled a knife on + police.

98 in hospital



149 Carried ~~away~~ around \$5,000 of travellers cheques w/m.

164 wrote to his relatives all time in Italian  
but didn't keep a diary

Portraits -

182 House on Sunnyside that he did up.

199 he was very neat.

202 SR. What was inside  
- Just plain.

210 wked up to end.  
bought a newspaper - in 70's

40 yrs 55-75.

220 started in garden.

begin to brace them as they got higher  
kids used to throw rocks cos were afraid of him  
he hated kids

232 toni buses started

237 Vellutini's saved it.

tore it down

made a map - Vellutini's home.

Rumour that army took it shell to Cup (was the USIA in 75)

272 It relatives never came over here

≈ 15 people claimed to be related  
≈ 3 actually were.

290 when SR took sculpture to ~~hospital~~ hospital.

300 Always said he was going to be famous — Allover + word.

310 how come wasn't recognized when alive

ends 350

side?

45 Police dept took away + 410

71 Motors. He was proud  
had switches hooked up. Made his own belts & rollers.  
Put them in operation when buses came  
Wd go out buses.

104 — town he was born in.

162 SR an army pensioner. Small.

179 Didn't belong to any of clubs.

190 SR took ≈ property to 36A  
1924 500 on Alhard  
↳ 1st house he built.



221 SR - try to find out if there are Pure pre or post 57

230 Never hired anybody.  
he was a loner.

250 travelled to Alaska  
Mexico

270 Never wrote checks

275 SR - did to keep stuff - boxes

277 When Haystack house over all that stuff disapp.

280 belongs to Fei.

292 Randal: used to take care of his stuff, then when he got sick Stan Dixon = appointed.

LR - has a sig. Doesn't

300 - Don't know what happened to + papers

310 Vince lived there as caretaker for ~ a yr.

325 he was a "dirty old man"

373 Not buddy when he started gardening

388 Willow Creek

398 bld, 20's - 50's -

403 Martha Roscoe In her 90's. History.

425 National early pieces.

456 what he would have liked to have happened to + place talked = leaving it to city of Eureka as it was. Was his dream.



1952 SR saint WMS laws.

~~SR~~  
490 Many people started in their <sup>50's into</sup> 1950's

338 Bought all his paints in + dime store.  
Never used patterns.

SJS Benedicci's. (wife born in same town)

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U  
sometime bet 1888 and 1897.

~~in 1888~~ Romano Gabriel was born in Mera Italy. He worked  
w/ his father as a furniture maker. ~~In 1913~~, Romano  
Emmigrated to the US. He <sup>in 1913, Romano went</sup> ~~came from~~ SF, (as did many  
before mov, up to rem Cal  
~~immigrants~~) to ~~San~~ Cal to work in the woods on the  
(as did many other immigrants).  
railroads. ~~But for WW~~ Romano served in the U.S army

in 1918

On his return to Eureka he worked as a carpenter, lumberyard  
worker & gardener.

Between 19

and 19

Romano bought

pieces of property in Eureka, build dwellings,

develop,



Caricatures of Pope & neighborhood grocer  
from newspaper article. Much less than more  
A geograph that Lam Sorenson (friend of Velluhini's) did of garden when it was perhaps  
predominantly  
plug for cartography of pieces recorded while they may still be common  
known in Eureka - art here to Pope -

5 yr community effort. Eureka Heritage Soc.

Remans began build a wooden garden because Eureka  
was such a bad place for grow flowers.  
30x60' yard behind picket fence

discarded fruit & veg boxes Remans created  
from ↑ carousels, whimsical animals  
a wooden garden w gigantic towers, fantastic trees  
+ ashtrays, lawn, swigets & Haize

Remans people / exotic tablea.  
Gabriel used gardens for public <sup>agave</sup> people, pin up gulls.  
Comments on politics & relig

He stopped may c 1970 when ed no longer get boxes.

Risking

takes > money to make smeth out of nothing,  
P reman hrs.



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~~1975~~ Romano Gabriel, Eureka

[ October, 1975 75-206 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  75-401-1  
7 pages of proofs, 1 single print

[ May, 1976

3 pages of proofs.

~~ROMANO~~ 76-201-3, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$   
full set of masters

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