1887  *born Giovanni Giudici, March 4, 1887 in or near Castellanza, Italy

1911  *married Ernesta Luigia Ceriotti, November 20, 1911 at Castellanza, Italy

1912  *came to America (possibly direct to Alameda, CA)

1914  *first of six children born in America

Josephine 6/15/14 in Alameda
Joe 2/10/18 in Alameda
Mary 11/19/21 in Mayfield
Sylvia 6/9/25 in Palo Alto
Frank 6/22/30 in Menlo Park
Carlo 1/20/33 in Menlo Park

worked on the San Francisco Exposition, in a brick yard, made cornices for buildings and worked in the ship yards

1928  *Traded property in Palo Alto for Menlo Park property, lot size is approx 50 by 150 During this period he worked as a janitor and a gardener, including taking care of President Hoover's garden at Stanford

1932  started landscaping his house (from National Register nomination form)

1936?  his son Carlo fell into a two foot deep fish pond in the backyard of the house. John panicked and filled the pool with cement and started doing some construction which was embellished with items from the 5 and 10 cent store as well as other donated gifts from family and friends.

1960-70's  small articles in local newspapers (from Mary) and visits by local school children, and others brought by Tony May from San Jose State University

1976-77  *prominently included in the exhibition "In Celebration of Ourselves" at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art newspaper articles in........
*California Living Magazine - San Francisco Examiner - December 12, 1976
Palo Alto Times - December 16, 1976
*Menlo Park Atherton Recorder - June 2, 1976
John dies - after seeing exhibition

1977  *Nominated to the National Register of Historic Places by the California State Office of Historic Preservation

1979  *Capedro is prominently included in "In Celebration of Ourselves" the book, which includes 34 other CA folk art environments

1981  *Nominated and accepted as California State Landmark #939 by the State Office of Historic preservation. (this designation was given to 10 California sites all under the 939 number)

1987  *exhibition - "Documenting Capedro" at San Jose State University

1988  Mary dies