

To the  
Reverend Father of the Parish Church  
Rivottoli, Prov. Avellino Italy

Reverend Father,

I am interested in the family records of one  
Sabatino Rodia

who is said to have come from Rivottoli, Prov. Avellino  
(some say he came from Serena, Prov. Avellino) and who  
came to the United States supposedly in the 1890s,  
approximately 12-16 years of age. All alone and with  
his own hands, Rodia has built the fantastic Towers of  
Watts, a suburb of Los Angeles. These towers are of a  
singular beauty, have been declared an cultural monument  
by the State of California, and people from all over  
the world and the United States come to admire this  
great work. ~~of Sabatino Rodia, a son of Italy.~~

I would be very grateful to you, Rev. Father, if you  
could help me to locate the records of the Rodia family.  
I am sending this letter to find out whether I am on  
the right track. I am coming to Italy next May and  
then hope to find out more about this great son of Italy  
who created such a unique work.

Very sincerely yours

Jack: feel free to translate not literally; main thing  
is that my sense comes through. Thanks for helping me. P.