

Abstract

Angelo Tagliacozzo, born in 1847, the first Jew from Rome to be awarded a degree in engineering at Pisa, fought with Garibaldi and was the founder of the Jewish hospital and its first president. He was a collaborator of Ernesto Nathan and a benefactor of the Jewish infant schools and was portrayed in the sonnets of S. Fornari and C. Del Monte. His life story is reconstructed by reference to documents formerly belonging to him, to family memoirs and to information held at the ASCER archive together with university and masonic archives and the Mauritian records of honours and decorations, as well as at the Jewish museum in Jerusalem. The family's business ventures and investments after 1870 are associated with the extraordinary story of the Tagliacozzo building located in today's Piazza Sant'Andrea della Valle and demolished for new urban renewal projects under Fascism.

Curricula

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