

CHRONOLOGY

- 1854 Peppino Marcantonio, born 1831 (?) in the town of Picerno, in the Basilicata region of Southern Italy, marries Edmia Ismailla Viglongo, also born in Picerno, 1833(?).
- 1855 Peppino and Edmia have a son, Ugo.
- 1860 Peppino and Edmia's second son, GioMaria, is born.
- 1875 Ugo marries Battista Marcias (birthdate & place unknown) and the couple emigrates to America, first to Manhattan, then settling in Cornwall-On-Hudson.
- 1877 GioMaria marries Grazia Sotgiu (born Sardinia, 1863). Their son Nicolao Marcantonio is born six months later, in Picerno.
- 1880 Ugo and Battista's son, Sanario, is born in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York.
- 1892 Nicolao marries Maria Teresa Lusso (born 1872 in Picerna). They emigrate to America, settling in Paterson, NJ. Nicolao works in a textile factory, and joins a choral society of Italian immigrants that's also, secretly, an anarchist circle. Nicolao becomes a fervent anarcho-communist.
- 1900 Ugo and his son Sanario travel back to Picerno where Sanario is engaged to a cousin, Angelina DeDobitis (born Picerno, Italia, 1882). Ugo, Sanario and Angelina return to Cornwall-On-Hudson.
- Gaetano Bresci, a textile worker from Paterson NJ, travels back to Italy, his steerage-class ticket and revolver paid for by Nicolao's anarcho-communist circle, of which Bresci is a member. Upon arrival, Bresci assassinates Umberto I, the King of Italy, as a protest against the Italian army's slaughter of people demonstrating against the unaffordable price of basic foods, and to call the world's attention to the wrongful imprisonment, torture and murder of anarchists in Umberto's dungeons.
- After the assassination, fearing discovery of their part in the plot, the Paterson choral society/anarchist circle dissolves itself, and its members scatter. Nicolao moves his family to Carroll Gardens, a working-class Italian immigrant enclave in Brooklyn. They rent a small room on the second floor of a crowded brownstone, home to several Italian immigrant families.
- 1901 Sanario and Angelina move to East 112th Street, Manhattan.
Nicolao becomes a stevedore on the Brooklyn waterfront, unloading cargo.
- 1902 Sanario and Angelina have a son, (future congressman) Vito Marcantonio
- 1907 Gus's and Clio's father, Matteo, is born to Nicolao and Maria in the brownstone in Carroll Gardens.
- 1920 Sacco and Vanzetti, poor Italian immigrant workers and anarchists, are arrested in Brockton, Massachusetts.
- 1927 After two unfair trials, Sacco and Vanzetti are executed. They become martyrs but their judicial murder convinces many on the Left that anarchism's inherent disorganization and its egoistic romanticism is fatal to its revolutionary political efficacy.
- 1930 Matteo, a teamster now, working on the waterfront and a member of the International Longshoreman's Union, marries a Carroll Gardens woman, Rosa Iginia Torre Franca, a devout Catholic. Matteo has abandoned his father's

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- anarcho-communist politics and since 1929 has been a member of the American Communist Party (CPUSA).
- 1935 Gus (Augusto Giuseppe Garibaldi Marcantonio) is born.
- 1938 Clio (Clio Annunziata Marcantonio) is born.
- 1940 Taking advantage of a bank foreclosure, with money carefully saved and pooled together with another family's savings, Nicolao becomes part-owner, and then owner of the brownstone.
- 1948 Gus works voluntarily in the East Harlem offices of the American Labor Party for the re-election, to his sixth term in the US House of Representatives, of his famous radical cousin, Vito Marcantonio.
- 1950 Korean War breaks out. Vito Marcantonio, targeted for his refusal to vote for America's entry into the Korean War, is finally defeated by a coalition of NY's Democrat and Republican clubs and gerrymandering of his district. Gus works on this campaign and spends time with Vito.
- 1951 Gus finishes high school one year early and becomes an apprentice teamster on the Brooklyn waterfront.
- 1952 Gus becomes a member of ILWU, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 1814. He then applies for membership in the Communist Party USA.
- 1953 Gus marries Claudia Magrini, a young woman from the neighborhood, religious like his mother, though of course more modern, and 5 years older than Gus. She's pregnant when he marries her.
After Eisenhower rescinds the paternity deferment for conscription, Gus receives his draft notice. He refuses to serve. He goes to federal prison at Leavenworth just as the Korean War comes to a close.
- 1954 Pill (PierLuigi Marcantonio) is born while Gus is in prison.
Clio finishes high school and immediately to her mother's delight and her father's and brother's horror becomes a postulant with the Discalced Carmelites in Weehawken.
On his way to a printer's to get posters made announcing his bid to return to Congress, Vito Marcantonio drops dead from a heart attack outside City Hall. Cardinal Spellman refuses to allow him to be given a Catholic burial. W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robeson speak at his funeral; tens of thousands attend.
- 1955 Gus gets out of prison. He returns to the waterfront and his life as a teamster; he becomes deeply involved in union organizing and politics, serving on negotiating committees as a rank-and-file member, always refusing to hold elective office. Clio becomes a novice with the Discalced Carmelites in Mexico City.
- 1956 On Feb 14-26, at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Moscow, Khrushchev denounces Stalin's crimes, causing earthquakes in communist parties around the world. Many leave, disillusioned. Gus doesn't.
- 1958 Empty (Maria Theresa Marcantonio) is born.
- 1959 Clio takes her solemn vows and becomes a Discalced Carmelite nun.
- 1965 Nicolao Marcantonio dies.
- 1968 On June 6, Claudia, who is now 38 years old, gives birth to V (Vito Anthony Marcantonio). The pregnancy is a complicated one; in the third trimester the fetus starts bleeding and Claudia is confined to bed. Then following a long and

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- difficult delivery, Claudia has difficulty releasing the placenta, has a massive obstetric hemorrhage. This results in deep vein thrombosis, which is undiagnosed. Later that night, Claudia dies of a pulmonary embolism.
- 1969 Clio goes to a Carmelite convent in Lima, Peru. She becomes a devotee of St. Teresa of the Andes, inspired by her writings, her life of poverty and devotion to the indigenous poor.
- 1971 Rosa Marcantonio dies
- 1972 Facing containerization of the Brooklyn waterfront and the loss of jobs to automation, the ILWU goes out on strike.
Pill goes to U-Mich at Ann Arbor for his undergraduate studies.
- 1973 After a long and bitter fight, the ILWU wins a Guaranteed Annual Income (GAI) for its members. It succeeds in securing this for its senior members, including Gus, who for the rest of their lives will be paid whether or not there's work to do.
- 1974 The shipping and storage companies on the waterfront begin laying off the junior members of the ILWU. Gus and other men on the GAI, who've been working intermittently, begin to find ways to avoid coming to work, at first to force the companies to employ more men, and then increasingly out of anger and disgust.
- 1975 Maria Theresa Marcantonio dies.
- 1976 Empty starts undergraduate studies at Hunter College.
Pill goes to Harvard for graduate work in US History, specializing in Labor History.
Gus begins doing voluntary or occasionally off-the-books paid work organizing for the ILWU, which is trying now to organize non-waterfront warehouse workers.
- 1978 Pill gets his master's degree, begins work on his doctoral dissertation on the San Francisco ILU strike of 1935.
- 1980 Empty graduates and goes straight to medical school at Cornell
- 1981 Pill meets Paul while Paul is a sophomore at Harvard and Pill is still working on his dissertation.
- 1983 Empty drops out of med school.
- 1984 Empty goes into nursing program for 2 years.
- 1985 V graduates from high school. He enrolls in Brooklyn College.
Clio, still a Carmelite nun but having abandoned the order's charism of contemplation and seclusion, is doing poverty work in an Andean village that's overtaken and held for nearly two years by Maoist guerrillas, either of the Tupac Amaru Army or the more dangerous Sendero Luminoso (the Shining Path).
- 1986 Empty works as a nurse for 6 years, a member of 1199.
V drops out of Brooklyn College. He apprentices with the ILWU for work on the waterfront and waits all year to be hired.
- 1987 V leaves the ILWU and apprentices with the United Brothers of Carpenters, Local 926.
Clio leaves her order and the Church, and begins a shadowy and probably dangerous connection with armed Andean resistance groups, and for a time follows the Maoist line of Sendero Luminoso's chief, Commander Gonzo. She continues to live in various locations in foothills of the Andes; she's an infrequent and, during this period, alarming visitor to Gus's home in Brooklyn.

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- 1989 V becomes a member of the Carpenters' Local 926.
Gus does voluntary organizing work for the Printing Trades Council in preparation for a strike at the Daily News.
- 1990 Gus spends five months supporting the striking Daily News workers. Empty also volunteers extensively through 1199, which supports the strike.
- 1991 Paul graduates from Harvard Divinity with a ThD. Pill is still working on his dissertation and is teaching high school in Boston. Later that year, Paul gets post-doc fellowship at NYU in the Humanities Institute. They move to NY, Pill teaches high school in Washington Heights.
The Daily News strike ends when British billionaire Robert Maxwell makes an offer to buy the paper.
The Cleveland Convention of the CPUSA, where dissenters from the Executive's decision to support the coup attempt against Gorbachev, form the Commie-dissident Committees of Correspondence. Later that year, Gus leaves the CPUSA, joining with the CofC. He does organizing work for them.
Robert Maxwell falls off his yacht and drowns; the deal falls apart and the Daily News enters Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
Matteo Marcantonio dies.
Clio returns to the US, living in various places around NYC. She half-heartedly joins the Maoist Revolutionary Communist Party.
- 1992 Empty, having become interested in labor law through 1199's political activities, leaves nursing.
- 1994 Empty goes to law school at Cardozo in Manhattan.
Clio leaves the RCP and moves to a public housing project in Paterson, NJ
- 1995 Gus becomes inactive in the CofC and begins to teach himself Latin.
- 1996 Paul, now an Asst. Prof in Comparative Religion Dept at NYU, is offered a tenure track Assistant Professorship of Theology at Union Theological Seminary/Columbia University.
- 1997 Empty meets Adam in the spring of their last year of law school. They graduate in May.
Immediately upon graduation, Empty goes to work in the legal department at 1199.
In the fall, Adam becomes licensed real estate lawyer.
- 1998 V meets Sooze, age 24, in the neighborhood. She works as an accountant in a Wall Street firm.
Empty and Adam get married.
- 2000 V and Sooze get married.
- 2001 Maeve begins graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary at age 34.
Paul makes Associate Professor, becomes Maeve's thesis advisor.
V starts his own contracting business. Sooze handles the bookkeeping.
- 2002 Early in the year, Gus rejoins the Communist Party.
Empty goes to work at a foundation that specializes in advancing trade unionism and labor law. She specializes in domestic labor organizing and joins work on the drafting of and legislative campaign for what will become EFCA, the Employee Free Choice Act.

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- Pill makes an effort to re-shape his old dissertation. His extra-marital and expensive sexual activities begin to consume more and more of his time. He deems the dissertation unfixable.
- 2003 Empty meets Maeve. They fall in love.
Empty divorces Adam, Maeve moves in to Empty's (and formerly Adam's) apartment while Adam moves to the garden apartment of the brownstone in Carroll Gardens, invited by Gus.
- 2004 V and Sooze have a baby girl. Sooze stops working on Wall Street after she gives birth, and devotes herself to the baby, Alice, and to helping V run his prospering business, which now employs two crews of men.
Maeve, nearing completion of her class work and preparing to work on her dissertation, tells Empty she wants to have a baby, soon. Empty considers, and refuses. She has no interest in having children. They argue. Maeve wins. They establish a joint bank account to pay for insemination when Maeve completes her dissertation.
Paul publishes a lauded (within academic circles) book on Systematic Theology, Dispensationalism and white and African-American Protestant political trajectories in the American South.
- 2005 Gus retires and begins to receive his small GAI pension, having spent 54 years as a longshoreman, and 32 years not working on the waterfront.
Paul learns he will be up for full tenure in the 05-06 academic year.
In early 2005, Pill, cruising in the internet, finds Eli's ad on Craigslist. By mid-year, Pill starts to borrow money from Empty to pay for the time he's spending with Eli, eventually borrowing over \$30,000.
- 2006 January Maeve completes the first draft of her dissertation, a perhaps-overly ambitious survey of apophatic-docetic Christologies, the hypophatic union, kenosis, Dionysius the Pseudo-Areopagite and the Dialexia de Non-Certitudine of Juan Caramuel y Lobkowitz.
February V and Sooze have a baby boy, Leo.
March Maeve decides that, while she refines her diss in preparation for its defense, she wants to start insemination. She discovers that the insemination fund is empty. She confronts Empty, who tells Maeve what's happened to the money: all given to Pill.
Maeve tells Paul about Pill.
Paul confronts Pill and then, when Pill refuses to give up Eli, Paul threatens Eli.
April-May Maeve and Empty fight about Maeve's telling Paul. Empty refuses to sleep with Maeve. Maeve insists on getting Vito's sperm and using a turkey baster, since clinics are now unaffordable. Empty consents, very reluctantly. Maeve and Empty get donations from V, but without success.
Paul gets Pill to agree to leave NY and Eli, and to enter a program to deal with his sex addiction and compulsive solicitation of hustlers. Paul applies for and is accepted for an Assistant Professorship at U-Minn in Minneapolis, a joint appointment of the

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- African-American Studies, Religious Studies and GLBT departments.
- May After the semester at Columbia ends, Pill and Paul move to Minneapolis
Shortly after arriving, Pill resumes contact, through cellphone and email, with Eli.
- June 6 V's birthday: Gus slashes his wrists in the bathtub. He's found, naked, in the garden, by Adam, who calls 911, then Empty and V. Gus is taken to King's County Hospital, V and Adam accompanying. Empty meets them at the hospital. Gus is put on a locked ward and heavily sedated. Pill and Paul are contacted in Minneapolis. Pill stays put.
Gus spends three weeks on the locked ward.
- July On his doctors' advice, to expedite his release, which Empty is facilitating, Gus asks Clio to move in for a while. She does.
- July Maeve and Empty (mostly Maeve) begin routine visits to V and Sooze's Carroll Gardens apartment to collect V's semen
- November Maeve, who now makes her semen-gathering trips to Brooklyn alone, Empty having dropped out of the process, finds V home, Sooze out for the evening, the kids asleep; Maeve and V have sex.
- December Early December, Maeve learns she's pregnant.
Around Christmas, Eli's increasingly intermittent contact with Pill ceases altogether; he becomes unreachable.
- 2007 March Gus meets Shelle in a bar.
Gus asks Adam to help him find a buyer for the brownstone
Paul returns to New York to take part in Maeve's dissertation defense. In spite of his hostile questioning during her oral defense, the dissertation is accepted by the committee.
- May Gus starts burning his papers. Clio calls Empty. .
Adam has buyer with a 4 mill dollar offer.
- June 10 Gus tells Clio that he's decided to commit suicide. Clio calls the kids.
Pill, whose emails to Eli have gone unanswered for five months, writes telling him, for the first time, that Gus attempted suicide last June, is threatening to try again, and that he (Pill) may soon return to NY. Eli replies in an email full of questions about Gus's suicide attempt and threat.
- June 12 The play begins.