

PRESS RELEASE

EXHIBITION OF WILLS OF GREAT ITALIANS

Rome 13 February 2012 – From 16 February the ‘Wills of Great Italians’ will go on show at the Archivio Storico Capitolino [Historical Capitoline Archives]. The exhibition, which is part of the 150th celebrations of the Unification of Italy, has been curated by the National Council of Notaries and the Italian Notarial Foundation and has been arranged with the collaboration of the “Mission 150” Technical Unit of the Prime Minister's Office and the Department of Cultural Policies and Historical Centre of Roma Capitale.

This first public showing of a collection of original wills is intended to enhance the human dimension of great figures who are mainly known for their public attainments. The show leads the visitor through the Capitoline Archives so that the curious can delve deeper into the more human aspects of historic personages like Cavour, Verdi or Caruso.

For this occasion, the National Council of Notaries has had restoration work done on the codicil to Giuseppe Garibaldi's will, handwritten by him the day before he died on Caprera. Thus, it is dated 1 June 1882: an extraordinary document that will be on show during the exhibition.

The Italian Notarial Foundation has also made available a ten thousand euro scholarship for the indexing of 62 volumes containing notarial documents from the sixteenth century which are kept at the Historical Capitoline Archives in the Urban Notarial Archive, with a view to creating a computerised tool for more rapid access to them.

The exhibition, under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic and sponsored by the “Mission 150” Technical Unit of the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Culture of Roma Capitale, will be open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until 17 March at the Archivio Storico Capitolino in 4 Piazza dell’Orologio, Rome.

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