



emigrant museum - house giannini

Legend says that Amadeo Pietro Giannini, son of emigrants from Favale, started working after the earthquake that destroyed San Francisco in 1906 with a safe fixed to a cart. He asked for money and said that he would use it well. He was so convincing and capable that he founded the Bank of America and the Bank of Italy, and became one of the most powerful men in the world.

His origins can still be found at his two-story family home, now a museum, which can also be reached on foot by walking up a trail. The museum displays some furnishings from the era and a series of panels that illustrate the life and successes of this famous Ligurian. The rooms still have original furniture and items that testify to daily life in the 19th century. Documents are on display that trace the events that led to the creation of Giannini's financial empire. Unfortunately, not all emigrants found their fortune, and between 1905 and 1925, many of them returned to their homeland. There are however many Ligurian communities scattered throughout the world that every year come to Favale di Malvaro to celebrate the "Emigrant Day", which was held on the last Sunday of June