

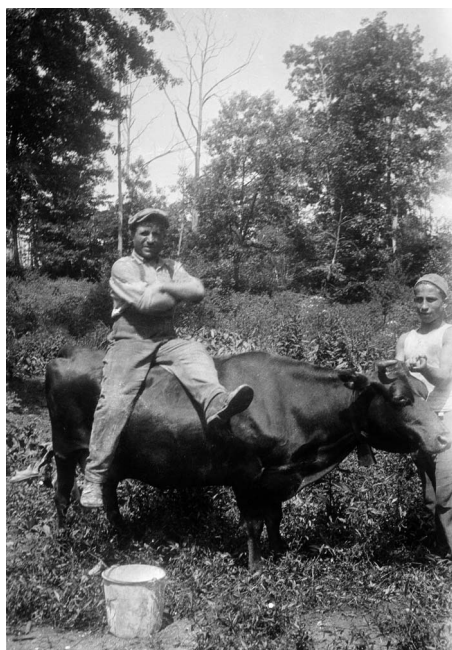
THE ANARCHIST BASTARD

SUNY series in Italian/American Culture
Fred L. Gardaphe, editor

The Anarchist Bastard

Growing Up Italian in America

JOANNA CLAPPS HERMAN



excelsior editions

State University of New York Press
Albany, New York

Photo on previous page: Grandpa Becce sitting on a cow.

Published by State University of New York Press, Albany

© 2011 State University of New York

All rights reserved

Printed in the United States of America

No part of this book may be used or reproduced in any manner whatsoever without written permission. No part of this book may be stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means including electronic, electrostatic, magnetic tape, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise without the prior permission in writing of the publisher.

For information, contact State University of New York Press, Albany, NY
www.sunypress.edu

Excelsior Editions is an imprint of State University of New York Press

Production by Ryan Morris
Marketing by Fran Keneston

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Herman, Joanna Clapps.

The anarchist bastard : growing up Italian in America /

Joanna Clapps.

p. cm.

Includes bibliographical references.

ISBN 978-1-4384-3631-9 (hardcover : alk. paper) 1. Herman, Joanna Clapps—Childhood and youth. 2. Herman, Joanna Clapps—Family.

3. Italian Americans—Connecticut—Waterbury—Biography. 4. Italian Americans—Connecticut—Waterbury—Social life and customs.

5. Waterbury (Conn.)—Biography. I. Title.

F104.W3H47 2011

973'.0451—dc22

2010031915

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

*To every single Claps, Clapps, Becce, Scarpa, Padula,
Semprini, and all those who have joined us. Especially to
my beloved sister Lucia, my wonderful Billy, to delicious
James and Heather and to my Donna*