



Genealogical research documents from "Achievements of Canterbury" in the UK reveal the noble ancestry of Anna Rosa Massimo, who married Erasmo Antonio D'Aprano on December 5, 1862. Her father was Don (Sir) Alessandro Massimo and her mother was Donna (Lady) Candida Carolina Zonfrillo. The Zonfrillo family were wealthy land owners. But Don Massimo was a (probably distant) relative of the distinguished Roman Massimo family, a number of whose members were princes. (See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massimo>) Many of the Massimo princesses who married into the family were from the most important Royal families of Europe. The family played a considerable part in the history of Rome in the Middle Ages producing numerous cardinals, ambassadors, civil and military leaders. The family were significant patrons of the arts and they brought German printers to Rome in 1467, where the first printed books in Italy were produced in the Palazzo Massimo.