

Largo Vittorio Emanuele II

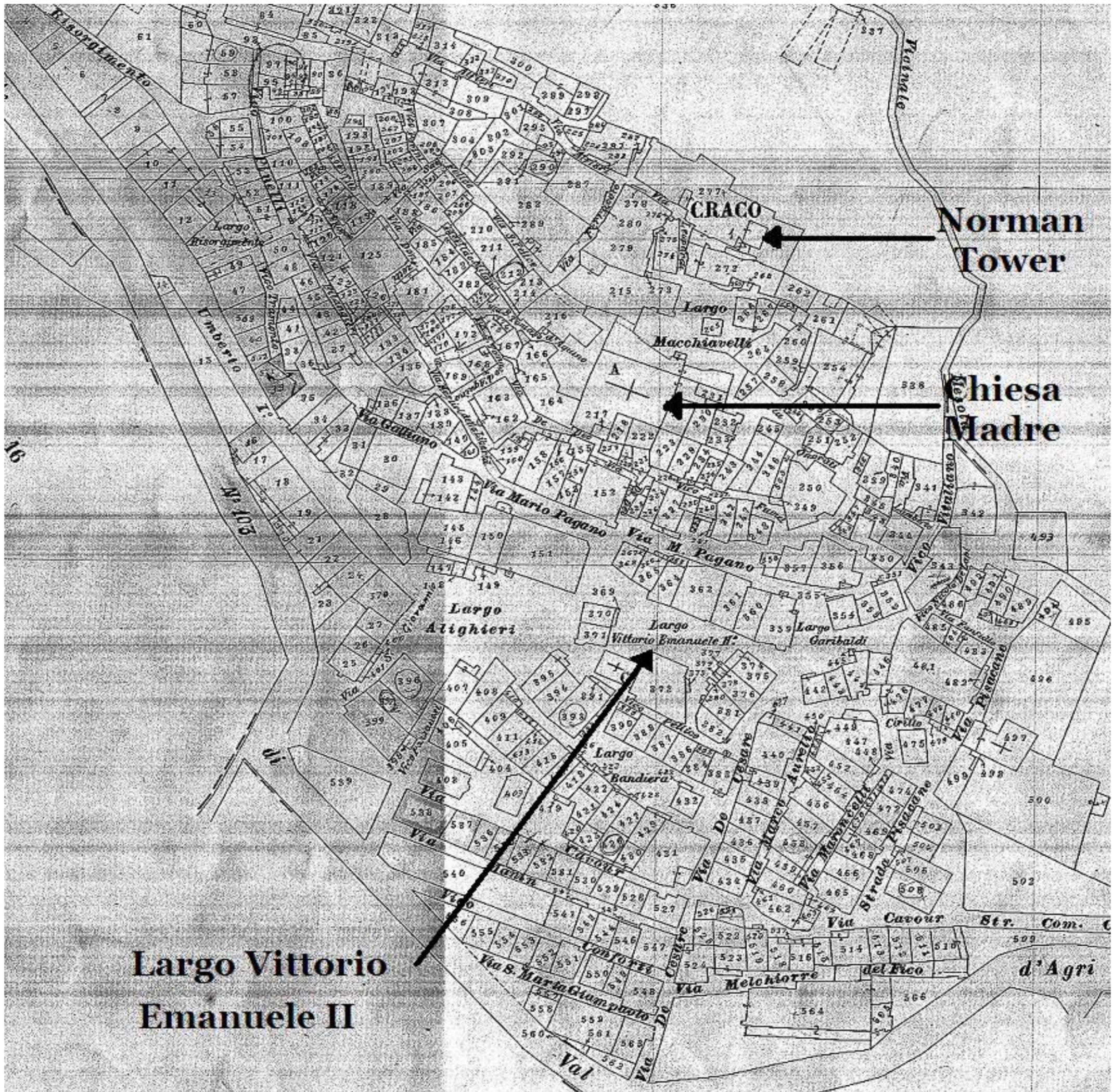


The Rinaldi family did a wonderful job of capturing the identity of the buildings in this photograph of the piazza Vittorio Emanuele II. Roll your cursor over any number for a quick description, or see the chart below for more detailed information about its history.

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| 1 | <p>Depot belonging to Lo Porchio family. During the San Vincenzo and Madonna della Stella celebrations the bandstand would be placed in the open area near this depot.</p> <p>Behind the depot were other shops not visible on this photo, including: a pharmacy run by the Manghise family, an Inn/Tavern belonging to the Mormando family, a fabric shop belonging to Carmine Serra (originally from Bari), and Giuseppe Iannuzziello's butcher shop.</p> <p>Further left was another smaller piazza used as an outdoor market and also the location of the church of the Madonna del Monserrato (see September photo).</p> |
| 2 | Deli shop owned by Carmelina Pucci – she had the best mortadella, cheese, and olives. |
| 3 | Home of the Manghise family of chemists, politicians, and teachers. When the elder Signora Manghise was no longer mobile, she converted the upper room (by the terrace) to a school and ran classes there. One of the Manghise children married Anna Coppola from northern Italy – also a teacher. |
| 4 | <p>Craco also had a Cinema, that was operational from the mid 1950s and screened such Italian classics as “Catene”, “Il fornaretto di Venezia”, and “Marcellino, pane e vino” .</p> <p>To the right of the Cinema was a small street with more homes, and a carpentry shop belonging to Antonio Consoli.</p> |
| 5 | Home of Anna Spera. |
| 6 | Bar belonging to Valerio Santalucia. |
| 7 | Home of Giuseppe Lospinoso. |
| 8 | Tabacchino shop belonging to Marcello Pantaleo – sold cigarettes, salt (which could only be purchased under license by the state), newspapers, and other convenience items. |
| 9 | Home of Angelo L'Episcopia. |
| 10 | Sacristy of the Chiesa Madre. |
| 11 | Shop belonging to Graziella and Vincenzo Vignola who sold fruits, vegetables, especially legumes and cereals. |
| 12 | Home belonging to Dr. DiRiso, later inhabited by Giulia and Pietro D'Elia. |



Two views from Largo Vittorio Emanuele II. From the early 1960's, and today, from where it once stood proudly.



This map (from 1939) showing the relationship of Largo Vittorio Emanuele to other important landmarks in the town.