

In Salemi

The RISORGIMENTO is the movement that led to the Unification of Italy.

The period stretching from the early nineteenth century to 1861 and the proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy, saw considerable upheavals and changes.

Political and personal freedom took on new importance with the desire for political and personal freedom being stimulated by the example of the French Revolution.

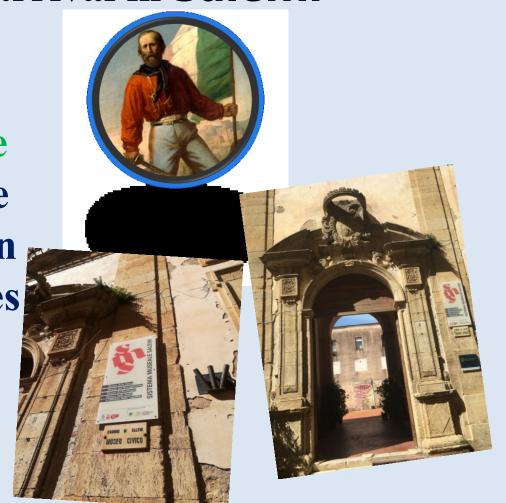
The Risorgimento paved the way for the Unification of Italy in 1871

Our city, Salemi, had an important role in this historical period because GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI at the head of the military forces assumed the dictatorship in the name of the King Vittorio Emanuele II in 1860.

The Museum was established on the occasion of the centenary of GIUSEPPE

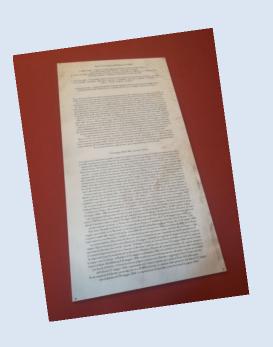
GARIBALDI's arrival in Salemi

On the occasion of the 150° anniversary of the unification of Italy, the museum reopens within the prestigious premises of the former Gesuiti college, with new installations.



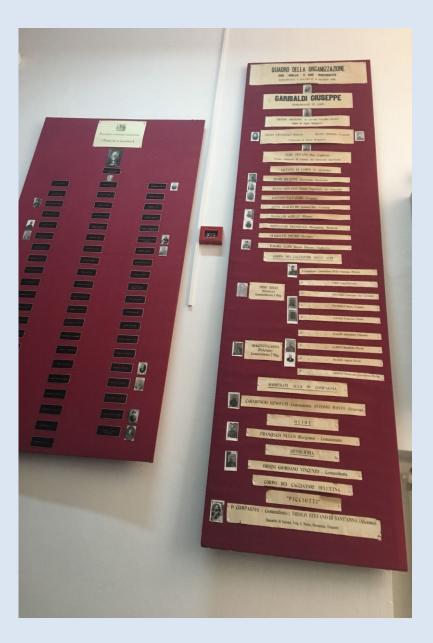
The museum is divided into two sections:

The FIRST SECTION of 1848 where it is exhibited the fundamental role of Salemi and his fellow citizens who partecipated in the Risorgimento Contitution.







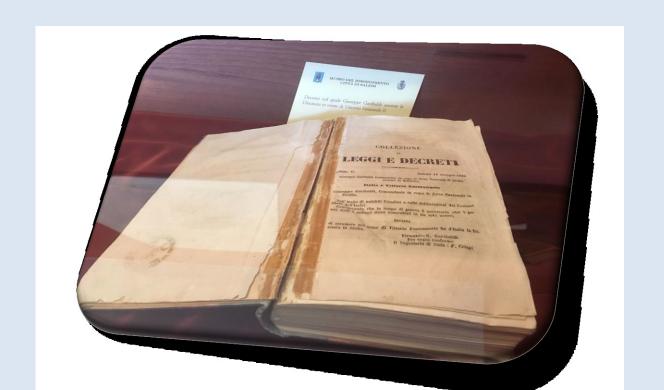




In the SECOND SECTION of 1860 we find some paintings about the arrival of Giuseppe Garibaldi and his "PICCIOTTI" in Marsala.

In the second room we can find the Royal ACT in which we read that:

"Giuseppe Garibaldi at the head of his military forces assumes the dictatorship in Italy in the name of King Vittorio Emanuele II"

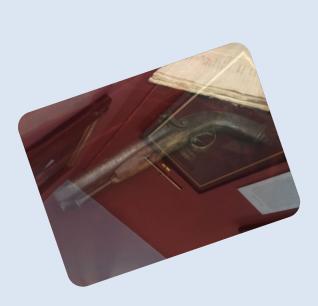


The Museum is enriched by a collection of sabers, rifles, bayonets of that

period ...









...and it is enriched by paintings that depict some of the "picciotti" of Salemi that accompanied Garibaldi in his military ventures.





This is one of the researches done by our students into our local museum of Risorgimento in March 2018.

This could be a way to do some good practices on how our local museum can help organizing workshops at school during the history hours and to introduce educational elements to integrate the secondary school curricula for the students in the fourth year of their high school.