



Today the family barely exists on the Ligurian territory, but is found scattered throughout Italy and the world as a result of emigrations that occurred mainly in the 12th, 17th, and 19th centuries.

Relocation to non-Italian or Latin-speaking areas also resulted in various changes in the surname. In English-speaking areas, the original surname **Shiadepetra** was broken down into **HIDE** or into **PETRIE**. On the Black Sea (modern Romania), it retained the Latin form of **PETREIUS** or **PETRAEUS**. In former Spanish colonies in Mexico and America, it morphed into **CHAPA**, taking the form of **CHAPA**, **CHAPAPRIA**, or **CHAPAPRIETA** in Spanish-speaking areas, while in Portuguese the surname was used either in the compound form **SCHIAPPA-PIETRA** or separated as **SCHIAPPA** or **PIETRA**.

To date, the Foundation has recognized the following branches:

ITALY Main branch of the **SchiappaPietra** family of Albisola, Genoa and Savona. Branch of the **Pietra** or **de Petra** families of Pavia and Naples

ENGLAND **Hide** and **Petrie** branches generated in the 12th century

SPAIN **Chapa**, **Chapapria**, or **Chapaprieta** branches

BELGIUM and GERMANY **de Petra** or **von Stein** branches, who settled in Flanders and Rhineland-Palatinate from the 11th century

ROMANIA and UKRAINE **Petreius** or **Petraus** branches, of which there currently are few records

MEXICO and TEXAS The **Chapa** branch, generated by Giovanni Battista Schiappapietra (b. Albisola, 16/11/162, d. Monterrey, 20/04/1695), who changed his name to Juan Bautista Chapa II and moved to New Spain in 1647 and, later, to the New Kingdom of León

PORTUGAL **Schiappapietra**, **Schiappa** or **Pietra** branches, generated by brothers Giovanni Battista (João Baptista Schiappa Pietra) and Pietro (Pedro Schiappa Pietra), architects who emigrated to Portugal in 1765 invited by the Marquis of Pombal

PERU **Schiappa Pietra** branch generated by Giuseppe Schiappapietra s/o Nicolao (Albisola 04/05/1832), who emigrated first to Argentina and then to Peru.

ARGENTINA **Schiappapietra** branch generated by Antonio s/o Luigi Francesco and Angela Borzi (Savona 04/12/1850), who emigrated on 06/06/1906.

Schiappapietra branch generated by Giovanni Battista (Albisola, 1866)

*Lloyd-Buttler Branch of Ventura, California, generated by the
UNITED STATES adoption of grandchildren by Leopoldo Schiappapietra (b. Albissola
Marina, 03/02/1841, d. Milan 05/03/1908).*