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[...] This book began three years ago as a question: Who were the first Italians to settle in Boston, and did any of them write about Boston?

The first Italians to settle in Boston came in the late 1790s and early nineteenth century, often at the invitation of the city's intellectual and social leaders, the Brahmins. Early Italian settlers included such remarkable characters as Filippo Traetta, a Venetian conductor and composer; Luigi Ostinelli, a musician of high reputation; Count Lorenzo Papanti, a Tuscan nobleman, who presided over the city's principal dancing studio; and Pietro Bachi and Luigi Monti, both instructors of Romance languages at Harvard College.

The literature about this small Italian enclave is rich, but wrongly overlooks Antonio Gallenga who, before becoming a critic, journalist and politician, first came to Boston in 1836 and eventually chose England as his permanent home. [...]

