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**From the Aspromonte to Caprera: a short surgical history of bullet removal.**

**Garibaldi Compendium of Caprera – La Maddalena**

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Weapons, bullets, medical reports, surgical instruments and orthopaedic devices tell about thrilling histories made of defeats, dilemmas, solutions and extraordinary inventions. In order to reconstruct one of the most famous episodes in the history of the Italian Unification and one of the most controversial and difficult surgical cases following Garibaldi's wound during the Battle of the Aspromonte, the Garibaldi Compendium has organized a tour within Garibaldi's house called "***Garibaldi was wounded***". **From the Aspromonte to Caprera: a short surgical history of bullet removal.** Visitors will be given a leaflet describing the curious medical case on the bullet removal and containing a map of the house to help visitors identify the relics connected to this famous event. The documents on display refer to the debate of the surgeons who visited Garibaldi and who had divergent opinions on the presence of the bullet in his ankle. About 80 days passed before the bullet was finally removed on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1862. Because of said diagnostic dilemmas, the Hero of the Two Worlds risked amputation of his leg.