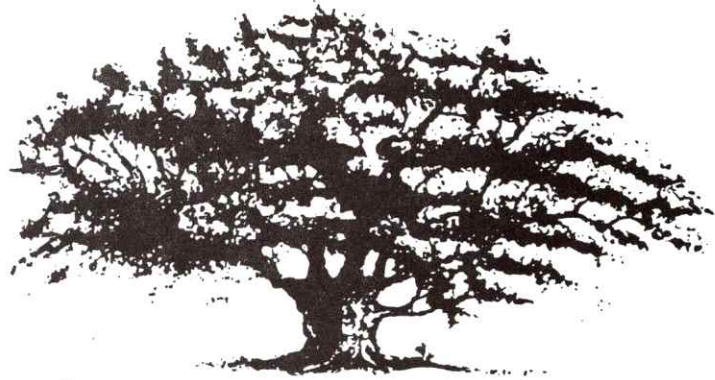


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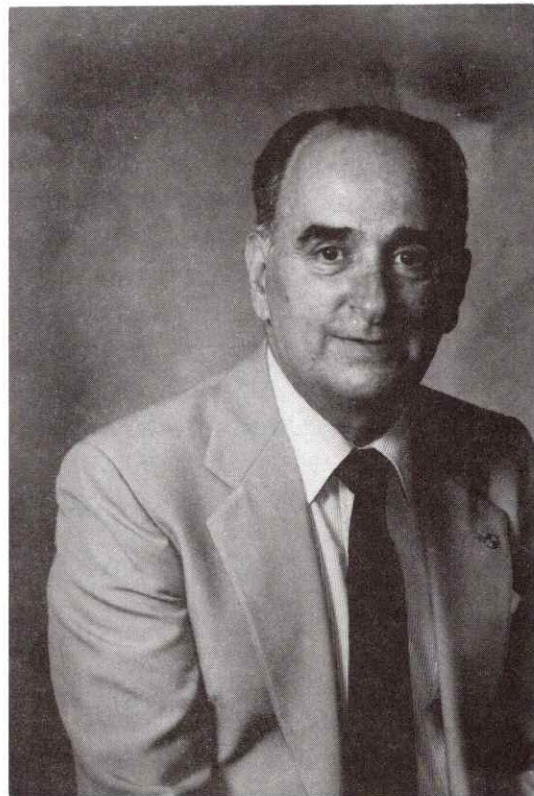
Anthony S. Catojo, Jr. Collection

When our first president and chairman of the board passed away, January 28, 1995, his legacy of a lifetime of research became part of our collections at the Taunton Public Library.

The following is a list, all on 3" x 5" cards.

ROLL #1; World War Veterans: Massachusetts, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington; US Military before 1898, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War for Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Spanish-American War Boxer Rebellion 1900, World War II for United States inc. California Connecticut, Illinois, Hawaii, Attleboro, MA, Cape Cod, MA, Dighton, MA, Fall River, MA, New Bedford, MA, Plymouth, MA, Somerset, MA, Taunton. MA, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island; Korea, Korean War-Rhode Island, Vietnam War. Gulf War, Somalia; Mass WW I Vets- New Bedford; Portuguese Surnames, New Bedford City Veterans' Office, New Bedford Times, various dates; end of Mass WW I;

ROLL #2, Massachusetts WW I Vets, New Bedford, Jurtado, Joseph S.



Portuguese Surnames, New Bedford City Veterans Office, New Bedford Times various dates, Sgt. R. A. Xavier

ROLL #3, Obituaries, 1925 New Bedford, MA, Aguiar Francisca Botelho, Xavier Mary J. 1935, 1867-1899, 1899 Affonce Antones, 1892, Silvia Carocine;

ROLL #4, Obituaries 1867-1899 New Bedford, MA; Silvin, Charles; Xavier, Rita, 1987; Martha's Vineyard MA; Little Compton, RI; 1910-1924 New Bedford, MA; Delphine Silva 1990; Deaths City Directories 1904-1909; Obituaries 1941-1955 New Bedford; Aguia Francisco J 1943; Perry Mary R 1948;

ROLL #5, Obituaries; New Bedford MA 1950; Perry Philcomena S; Zerbone Gerald; California; Connecticut; Hawaii; Massachusetts; New York; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; Vermont; Washington; Acushnet, MA; Dartmouth, MA; Fairhaven, MA; Freetown, MA; Clubs/Societies; Fairhaven;

ROLL #6, Marriages 1867-1895; Naturalized 1884-1905; Marriages Nantucket 1869-1871; Marriages Provincetown 1872-1881;

ROLL #7, New Bedford City Directory 1903 A-Z; Fall River City Directory; Bands; Cemeteries; Churches; Clubs & Societies; Companies; Individuals;

ROLL #8, Fall River City Directory; Individuals; Newspapers; Photographers; Taunton-Club & Societies; New Bedford 1850 Port Arrivals; Nantucket County; US Census 1850; St. Lawrence Church Parish Records 1845-1861; Baptisms 1845-1882; Marriages 1845-1882; Societies-Stonington CT; Halls-Attleboro MA; Photographer-Fall River; Schools-Fall River; Unions-Fall River; Allens Neck Friend Cemetery, South Dartmouth; Bands-New Bedford; Baptisms-Boston; Baptisms-New Bedford; Churches-New Bedford; Clubs & Societies for California, Connecticut, Louisiana, Mass New Bedford, New Jersey, New York, Philly, Rhode Island; Appointed & Elected Officials;

ROLL #9, Appointed & Elected Officials; Misc. Information; Sea Captains; Whaling Ships; Directories New Bedford MA California Massachusetts New Jersey Rhode Island Connecticut; Appointed US Government; Massachusetts Obituaries 1896; New Bedford Even Standard Times; Rhode Island; Companies -New Bedford; Rhode Island; Halls-New Bedford; Portuguese Newspaper; Portuguese Surnames from NB;

ROLL #10, Portuguese Surnames from NB 1851-1876; Crowa Joseph to Silva Joseph D 1856;

ROLL #11, Portuguese Surnames from NB; 1850 Census Long Island NY; 1860 Census Long Island NY; Whaling Captains; New Bedford City Directory

ROLL #12, Portuguese Surnames from NB; Obituaries 1891-1900; 1870 US Census; Individuals with Portuguese Surnames; 1930 NB City Directory; 1930 NB Evening Standard Times; NB Standard Times-Greater NB; Various dates

ROLL #13, NB Standard Times Various Dates; Individuals-Rhode Island;

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Marriages-Boston, New Bedford; Photographers-Massachusetts, New Bedford; Unions-New Bedford; Island Steamers; FR 1932 US Military; WW II Veterans; Crews & Vessels at random; US Census; Gloucester MA 1860 & 1870; Contemporary Portuguese; American Leaders; Nationally Known Portuguese; National Archives; Misc. Files.

His work has been micro-filmed, consisting of 30,591 frames.

Some time soon the board of directors will determine how his Collection will be made available to members.

Last January 31st, the Prince Henry Society of New Bedford, Fall River, Taunton and the State held a cocktail party to raise funds for the work to be done with Tony's Collection. As a result a cabinet is being constructed to house the cards, scores of directories and other items.

The next activity would be to put the frame numbers on the actual cards, hopefully before they are placed into the new cabinet.

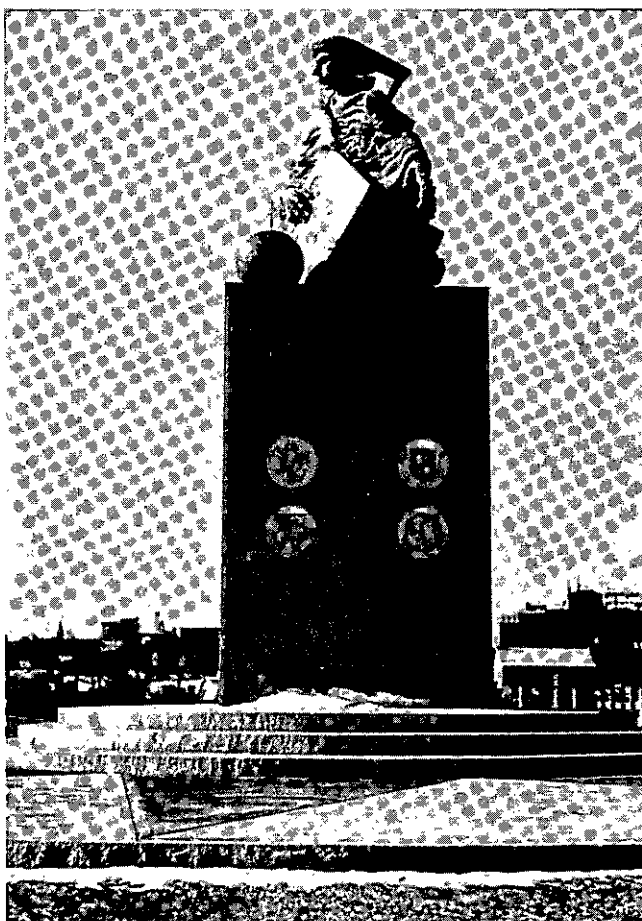
The last operation would be to create an index as the various sections are each alphabetically arranged, but one index is necessary.

Plans for a public reception to be held near the Day of Portugal are expected to be made soon.

Tony was a central figure in the planning and erection of the Prince Henry the Navigator statue (shown above) at Marine Park on Pope Island (between New Bedford and Fairhaven). He served as project chairman and felt that the successful completion of the project was one of his greatest accomplishments.

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Photograph of Tony is courtesy of his widow, Marjorie
Photograph of the statue, courtesy of Ernest Cardoza



JOSEPH PALMER SYLVIA

ca 1792-1862

A three-hour ferry ride from the seaport of New Bedford to the island of Nantucket off the southeast coast of Massachusetts will transport one within walking distance of the Whaling Museum where one will find what appears to be the earliest piece of dated scrimshaw, a whale's tooth identified and dated.

Etched in clear 'old-fashioned script:

"This is a tooth of the last whale
Killed by Joseph P. Sylvia
In the Ship Rambler
In the year of 1821
Capt. Benjamin Worth, Master,"

The treasure 7 1/2 inches long, 8 inches maximum circumference and 2 inches maximum thickness, was donated in 1958 by Miss Mildred Howland Brooks, the granddaughter of Joseph Palmer Sylvia.

One may also view the oil portrait of Mr. Sylvia, son of Joseph and Mary Sylvia, born ca1792 on the island of Fayal, Azores where it was common practice for young aspirants intent on emigrating to American shores, to slip away on whaling vessels anchored at Horta, Fayal where ships took on supplies and augmented their crew members.

Mr. Sylvia's last voyage was on the Ship Rambler which sailed out of the port Nantucket November 21, 1818 and eventually headed for the whaling grounds in the Pacific returning to port October 31, 1821 with 1,890 barrels of sperm oil.

The island became Mr. Sylvia's second home where he retired as a farmer. Sherbourne, Nantucket had advanced rapidly to the front ranking among whaling and had by 1820 made a small shipment of oil to London.

Mr. Sylvia married the widow Mary Lyon, daughter of Seth Russell and Abigail Meader. The marriage took place November 17, 1822. From this issue four children were born: Rebecca, Joseph, Elizabeth, married to J. T. Silvia and Delphina married to John P. Taber.

Following the death of his wife who died of dropsy in 1846, Mr. Sylvia ventured into a second marriage with Mary Fuller, daughter of John and Elizabeth Barber. The offspring of this union included Ferdinand, Ella, Emma T., and Josephine who married Charles Brooks, parents of Miss Mildred Howland Brooks, the donor of the celebrated whale's tooth.

Miss Brooks died in Belmont, Massachusetts at the age of 88. The retired secretary was interred in the family plot at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket.

It is interesting to note that Azorean seamen who made Nantucket their
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home on occasion assumed Nantucketers surnames: Coffin, Gardner, Folger, Hussey and Swain. Fim

Compiled by Mrs. Pat Amaral of Florida

Azores Islands

A History

by James H. Guill

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Family Name	Name Derivation	Family Origin	Family Amorial
Baleeiro	Beliago	Scotland	Yes
Balelo	Baleeiro		Yes
Balesteiro			
Balsemao			
Baltasar			
Bandeira	Jusarte		Yes
Banhos			
Baptista	Espinola	Genoa	Yes
Baracho			Yes
Barahona		Castille	Yes
Barao			
Barata		France	Yes
Barba	Botelho		Yes
Barbarino	Barbarini	Genoa	Yes
Barbata			Yes
Barbato			Yes
Barbearia	Berbereia		Yes
Barbedo			Yes
Barbeiro			
Barbeito			Yes
Barberino	Barberini	Tuscany	Yes
Barbosa			Yes
Barboso			Yes
Barcamonte	Bracamonte	France	Yes
Barcelos	Pinheiro		Yes
Barcia			
Barbuda			Yes
Barbudo			Yes
Barcos	Buarcos		Yes
Bardi	Bardi	France	Yes

Barajola			Yes
Barradas			Yes
Barrancas		Castille	Yes
Barreira			
Barreiros			
Barreto	Barrett	England	Yes
Barriga			
Barroca			
Barros			Yes
Barroso	Bastos		Yes
Barrote			
Barrufo			
Bartolomeu			
Barvanca			Yes
Basilio			
Basterra			
Bastiana			
Bastiao			Yes
Basto	Guedes		Yes
Batalha	Bataille	Picardy	Yes
Batata			
Batista	Baptista		Yes
Bazzi			Yes
Beato			
Beatriz			
Beca	Baeza	Biscaya	Yes
Bedo	Berredo		Yes
Beffa			
Beirao			
Beja			Yes
Belchoir			
Belem	Bellem	Flanders	Yes
Belerique			
Beleza	Belles	France	Yes
Belhem	Belem	Flanders	Yes
Beliago		England	Yes
Bellete	Baillet	France	Yes
Belo			
Beltrao	Beltran	Castille	Yes
Bem			Yes
Bembo	Bembo	Venice	Yes
Bemfeito			

Bemoin		Africa	Yes
Benarus		Jewish	
Bendanha		Jewish	Yes
Ben-David		Jewish	
Bendito	Benedito		
Bendris	Vital	Aragon	Yes
Benevides		Galicia	Yes
Benfeito			
Benito			
Benjamin		Jewish	
Bensaude		Jewish	
Bento			
Berbelleta			
Berbereia			
Beredas			
Berenguer		Aragon	Yes
Berge	van den Berghe	Flanders	Yes
Berman	Bormans	Flanders	Yes
Bermonte			
Bermudes		Castille	Yes
Bernardes			Yes
Bernardino			
Bernardo			
Berquo			
Berredo	Ribeiro		Yes
Bersmacher			
Bertao	Berton	England	Yes
Bessa			
Bessone			
Besteiro			
Bettencourt	Bethencourt	France	Yes
Bexiga			
Bezerra	Becerra	Galicia	Yes
Bicho			
Bicudo			Yes
Biga	Barriga		
Biscaia			
Biscainho		Biscaya	Yes
Bisgard			
Bispo			
Bivar		Asturias	Yes

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The areas of Aragon, Asturias, Castille and Galicia were in Spain.

SURNAME ORIGINS

by Doug da Rocha Holmes

Whatever the surname found in the Azores, it is possible to discover who brought that name to the islands. That person is called the "trunk" for that name.

To learn your connection to a particular surname, it is necessary to use a combination of the church records and history books. If the church records are not old enough for your village, you may be out of luck on that branch of ancestry, unless your recent ancestors are listed in the history books. All of the leading noble families in the islands are listed, of course.

It takes quite a bit of digging in the church records and in history books before one can make a connection to those noble families.

If your ancestors are from Faial, Pico, Sao Jorge or Flores, you will run across names like Silveira, Pereira, Machado, Vieira, Dutra, Terra, etc. and claim them as your own as you trace your ancestors. In the majority of cases, each surname will have what I call a "home region".

The Dutra surname, for instance, is peculiar to the Azores. The name was established there when the Flemish nobleman, Joos van Huerter, a native of Bruges, Flanders (part of present-day Belgium), became the first *Capitao Donatario* of the islands of Faial and Pico in 1468. His name was transliterated to d'Utra and then to Dutra, though one finds both spellings in the old records.

All people with that name are descendants, or of his brothers and sisters, though one may not be able to know the exact connection. It depends on the available church records for the village in question.

Joos van Huerter (aka Joz d'Utra) settled in Faial. The leading families there intermarried, and some settled on Pico, which was under the same jurisdiction as Faial. So, Faial and Pico are the "home region" for the name Dutra.

Another name found in the Azores is Sodre, and springs from John de Sudeley of England, who went to Portugal in 1386 as secretary to Philippa of Lancaster, who became queen of Portugal when she married King John I.

The surname Sudeley was transliterated to Sodre (spelled Xodre in most old documents), a name which didn't exist until Sudeley entered Portugal. There is no question, then, that all people named Sodre are the descendants of Sudeley. The LDS Ancestral File reveals that John de Sudeley is a direct descendant of King Henry I of England (1070-1135), who was himself a descendant of William the Conqueror, Charlemagne, the Anjou Kings of France, 8. APGHS Newsletter, Vol. XVII, No.1. (1996)

and all the Frankish kings of the first century.

Sudeley was the second great-grandfather of Izabel Vaz, who was married to Rodrigo Alvares or Alves, who established the village of Sao Roque do Pico in the 1500s. As for Izabel Vaz's Portuguese ancestors, the famous explorer Vasco da Gama was her first cousin, once removed. Her grandfather, Pedro Correia da Cunha, was the first *Capitao Donatario* (military governor/absolute ruler) of Graciosa. His wife was Izeu Perestrello de Mendonca, daughter of Bartholomeu Perestrello, the first *Capitao Donatario* of Porto Santo, Madeira, and a half-sister of Filipa Moniz, who married Christopher Columbus.

Silveira is so common on Faial, Flores, Corvo, Pico and Sao Jorge islands because of Willem van der Hagen, also a native of Bruges, known to most Azoreans by his translated Portuguese name of Guilherme da Silveira. He brought the first settlers to Faial, later took some to Flores, made his residence on Terceira, and finally died at an advanced age in the first decade of the 16th century in his home in Topo, Sao Jorge.

His children married into all the other leading families, and his grandchildren continued to use the name Silveira in his honor, even though their fathers had some other surnames. Thus was the Silveira name perpetuated. It can be assumed that most people in the Azores with the name Silveira descend from Van der Hagen - probably more than a million people cover the centuries.

Sometimes you can't tell which famous ancestor is being honored by taking his name, as in the case of Maria Silveira Vilalobos, the third wife of *capitao* Domingos Vieira Serpa, married in Ribeiras, Pico in 1699. Her parents were Manoel da Costa de Sao Joao and Izabel d'Azevedo. Which ancestor named Silveira Vilalobos was she honoring? The first *capitao-mor* of Faial, Diogo Gomes da Silveira, grandson of Van der Hagen, had a son who used the name Francisco da Silveira Villa Lobos, who married into the Furtado de Mendonca family. Some sources mention the ancestry of the Vilalobos surname in the mainland.

The surname Terra comes from Josse van Aertrijcke (aka Jorge da Terra), another Flemish nobleman, who was among the first settlers of Faial. He married Margarida da Silveira, daughter of Van der Hagen. Jorge da Terra's third son used the name of Joz da Terra da Silveira, and the latter's eldest son married Izabel Pereira Goulart. A daughter of Joz da Terra da Silveira married Antonio de Brum da Silveira Leite. Other descendants used the names Montojos, Pimentel, Rodrigues, Bettencourt and many more.

Terra leads us also to Peixoto, through Maria da Terra (whose connection to the above Jorge da Terra is still unknown) who married *capitao* Francisco Peixoto da Silveira, born in Santo Amaro, Pico about 1602. The children and grandchildren of Antonio de Brum da Silveira, another descendant

of Van der Hagen, and his wife Brites Evangelho (a noble family of Terceira), used the names Peixoto, Peixoto da Silveira and Silveira Peixoto. Could the above *capitao* Peixoto da Silveira connect here?

To be Continued.....

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With permission

Clara Maria Silveira born April 28, 1707

She was married July 3, 1727 to Matheus da Cunha Toste of Velos, S. Jorge.

Steven Silvia of California writes us, "I managed to put together for one of my clients, her ancestor Clara Maria da Silveira listed in 'Familias Faialenses' and was able to trace her back to four founders of the Azores all of them Flemish noblemen!----Possibly there are others who have traced as far back as Clara Maria, or one of her ancestors. I'm sure they'd be thrilled to see the continuation of their lines back to these distinguished gentlemen."

Her father, Antonio Furtado Mendonca, born October 10, 1685, married Luizia Clara Silveira, July 11, 1759.

His mother, Maria Pereira Bulcao, married Jorge Furtado Mendonca, who was born April 28, 1643.

Maria Pereira Bulcao's father was Manuel Rodrigues Souto, married Margarida Pereira who passed away May 18, 1650.

Margarida Pereira's father was Manuel Pereira Bulcao, married to Isabel d'Andrade.

Isabel d'Andrade's mother was Maria Leal Pereira; whose father was Francisco Pereira Sarmento.

Francisco Pereira Sarmento's paternal grandfather was Jorge da Terra, Flemish nobleman and paternal grandmother was Margarida da Silveira, (also mentioned in the previous article) daughter of Willelm Van der Hagen and Margarida Van Savoia.

Going back to Manuel Pereira Bulcao, his father was Antonio d'Utra da Silveria Bulcao.

Antonio's father was Jeronimo d'Utra Bulcao whose father was Gaspar Silveira Bulcao, Flemish nobleman and first recorded Bulcao on Faial and married to Violante d'Utra.

Viotante's father was Antonio d'Utra Nunes whose mother was Josina or Jorgina d'Utra a sister of Jose D'utra, first captain of Faial. Josina's father was Leo Van Heurtere, a Flemish Lord.

Again going back to Manuel Pereira Bulcao whose father was Antonio d'Utra da Silveria Bulcao and whose paternal grandfather was Jeronimo d'Utra

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Bulcao married to Margarida da Silveira; her mother being Anna da Silveira.

Anna da Silveira's father was Diogo Gomes of Graciosa. Her mother was Catharina da Silveira, ca1568 and daughter of Jorge da Terra the Flemish nobleman.

Please note that there are two Margarida da Silveiras here; one the daughter of Willhelm Van der Hagen and the other the daughter of Anna da Silveira and the maternal granddaughter of Catherina da Silveira, daughter of Jorge da Terra.

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Social Security Records

APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER
 CURRENTLY UNDER CHAPTER 8, SUBCHAPTER A, OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
 (FORMERLY TITLE VII, SOCIAL SECURITY ACT)

019-12-

READ INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK BEFORE FILLING IN FORM

IF THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN APPLICATION, WRITE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON FOR WHOM YOU ARE APPLYING IN THIS SPACE OR USE TYPEWRITER

1. FULL NAME WHEN YOU WORK, IF DIFFERENT FROM NAME LISTED IN ITEM 10: Gordon Alexander Almeida

2. FULL NAME WHEN YOU WORK, IF DIFFERENT FROM NAME LISTED IN ITEM 10: Gordon Alexander Almeida

3. HOME ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP): 67 Gore St. Cambridge, Mass. Mary Jesus Mello

4. BUSINESS ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (STREET AND NUMBER) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP): County Bank & Trust Co., 310 Cambridge St. Cambridge, Mass.

5. AGE OF APPLICANT: 73 DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR): Nov. 23, 1866 PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY) (STATE) (COUNTRY): St. Miguel, Azores Islands

6. FATHER'S FULL NAME (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER LIVING OR DEAD): Leon Alexander Almeida MOTHER'S FULL NAME (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER LIVING OR DEAD): Anna Lucia

7. SEX: MALE FEMALE COLOR OF HAIR: WHITE BLACK OTHER

8. HAVE YOU FILLED OUT A CARD LIKE THIS BEFORE? YES NO (CHECK ONE)

9. DATE FILLED: DEC 8 '39 SIGNATURE: Gordon Alexander Almeida

10. RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO, OR SECURE INFORMATION ON HOW TO FILL OUT APPLICATION FROM, NEAREST SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD FIELD OFFICE. THE ADDRESS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL POST OFFICE.

11. Walter J. Agostino Walter J. Agostino

The above is a sample of what one receives when applying for Social Security information on Form No. SSA-L997.

So many of our members have ancestors with only the information that they came from the Azores or Portugal. This form does begin to help them.

Line 5 gives his age as 73 when he applied for Social Security benefits which is listed on the left side below as being December 8, 1939. Line 5 also gives his birthdate as November 23, 1866 and that he came from St. Miguel, Azores Islands. The next line gives his father as Leon Alexander Almeida, his

mother as Anna Lucia.

The above information was submitted by Alfred L. Dyott of Massachusetts.

Some records might be more specific. What is actually needed before beginning research in the Islands, is the name of the town or freguesia.

However even with this scarce information, one can begin researching. If other documents do not give the needed information, one can search the Mormon records for the Island. Of course it is a long tedious bit of work, requiring much patience. As for St. Miguel, there are over one hundred parishes to search. At least the time frame is lowered. But we usually find it is all worth the effort.

St. Michael is by far the Island with the most parishes. Most of the other Islands have twenty or forty or whatever to search.

We find that Social Security Death Benefit Records, 1937-1991 are available on CD #110 at \$39.99, plus postage and handling from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

And while we are on the subject of researching.....

Ginny & Al Dutra of **Con Ginny-Al Tours**, 101 First Street No. 123, Los Altos, CA 94022 are having tours not only to enjoy the views but also with researching in mind.

The Azorean Adventure is from May 30-June 14, 1996 and covers five islands. The price from either Boston or San Francisco is \$2500.

The Azorean Odyssey is from June 20-July 5, 1996 and covers six islands. The price from Boston is \$3,000; from San Francisco, \$3,300.

Portugal's Treasures II is from September 2-15, 1996 for the mainland. The price is from San Francisco, \$3,200; from New York, \$3,000.

If you wish more information you may contact them at the above address.



the Bookshelf

FREE We have available a few copies of The Diary of a Foreign Service
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Wife, (Assignment to Brazil) by Florence L. d'Eca.

Her husband, Dr. Raul d'Eca, was Consular Attache, in charge of cultural and information affairs at the U. S. Consulate in both Recife and Rio de Janeiro.

It has 333 pages and is hard cover, published in 1977.

We have a limited number and can only send out on a first come, first served basis. If you wish a copy, please send us \$5.00 to cover cost of handling and mailing.

LINCOLN'S FOREIGN LEGION by Michael Bacarella will be available in the Spring, in May. It tells about the 39th New York Infantry, the Garibaldi Guard during the Civil War. It includes Italian, Greek, German and nearly 100 Portuguese men and officers; is hardcover, est. 400 pages, 6" x 9".

It can be ordered from the publisher, White Mane Publishing Co., Inc.; P. O. Box 152; Shippensburg, PA 17257-0152. The price is \$34.95, plus handling and shipping \$3.00.

A Brief History of the Portuguese People in Lawrence, MA from 1853 to World War II.

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Children of early immigrants attended the Amesbury Street School and parents learned English from them. Primarily of Roman Catholic faith, they were communicants at St. Mary's Church. During the late 1800's we wonder where they celebrated their feasts which were so great a part of their life. We know that they paraded the cattle bedecked in ribbons down Common Street prior to preparation for the great meal on the feast day of the Holy Ghost. We wonder whether this meal took place on the third story of a tenement building on Common Street - in a hall which was much later used by the Civic League.

The Portuguese woman and mother played a major role because life evolved around the family. As customary, she stayed at home to rear the children, yet was a significant factor in contributing to the economy of the household. Dressmakers were in high demand as the young immigrant girls earned their first pay envelopes. Other women, who specialized in making certain foods - - linguica, chorica or sweetbread, supplied the early grocers with product and also took weekly orders from relatives and friends for the same. My grandmother ran a boarding house on the site of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Building on Common Street shortly after the turn of the century. This was her contribution to the household's economy. She provided hearty meals for the immigrants who resided in rooming houses. Portuguese women had a passion for growing flowers both inside and outside the home. It was a

common sight to see a struggling orange tree inside the home, a gift from a relative in California.

Wherever there was a small patch of dirt, the Portuguese could make two blades of grass grow where there had only been one. But the Portuguese were interested mainly in the edible varieties of landscaping. Small gardens were crowded in behind tenements, on roof tops and window sills. Fava beans, peppers and tomatoes grew alongside roses and hydrangeas. And of course, there was the ever present grape arbor which covered the walkway. The Portuguese have a penchant for wine and they soon found that elderberries and concord grapes grew profusely along the country roads of Methuen and North Andover. The Portuguese liked other spirits as well. In the community was a coppersmith, who shall remain nameless, and who fashioned paraphernalia which was in particularly high demand during the prohibition.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century began a period of belonging and joining, but mainly to Portuguese organizations. St. Anthony's Benevolent Society had been incorporated in Lowell in 1895. And Mr. Alvaro Gaiolas, prominent in the Portuguese community, founded the Lawrence Agency in 1903. In 1905, Father James T. O'Reilley, sensing the need for a church, gathered the Portuguese people to worship in the old St. Mary's Church. Plans were made and the cornerstone of the new Church was laid one year later in 1906. The trowel used in this ceremony is on display in the exhibit, compliments of one of our elders, Mr. Jeffrey Vasconcelos. In 1907, the Church was dedicated by William Cardinal O'Connell of Boston. Since the parishioners could not agree on a name, Father O'Reilley chose the name St. Peter and Paul. It is located on Chestnut St. and you will find that it is one of the best kept secrets in the City of Lawrence.

After the Portuguese people had a church of their own, they embarked on a round of fund raising events to furnish the Church and to raise money for the celebration of their religious feasts. The Sears Brothers Orchestra, a Portuguese family of talented musicians, performed at dances, minstrel shows and numerous events. We shall never forget Johnny Sears' imitation of Groucho Marx while singing, "Yes, we have no bananas". Later the Manny Sousa Orchestra members were featured performers.

In 1915, "The Light of the World Benevolent Society" was founded in Lawrence. Most of our grandfathers and fathers were founding members. Like a fraternal organization, they dressed in fancy ceremonial uniforms, complete with a sword. By the 1940's, it had outlived its usefulness and was dissolved by Mr. Vasconcelos.

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KALAUPAPA: PALI TRAIL

The Kalaupapa Trail was cut out into the face of a 1,600 foot cliff in 1886 by Manual Joao Farinha, an immigrant from the isle of Madeira. The Moolokai Visitors Association said that Farinha apparently followed a foot trail used by the ancient Hawaiians. Have any of you seen how steep the trail is? It is most challenging to walk on the trail, and the mules that take visitors to Kalaupapa are so unique, they know just how to take step by step down the hill. Major renovations have been done, steel reinforcing bars were put in, concrete blocks and new drains installed and parts of the trail were filled with gravel. The trail now has a smooth surface and steps no higher than nine inches, it's now ready for another decade of use.

From "A Nossa Heranca Portuguesa"
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Seeking parish of birth in Madeira for Frank C. Quintal and for his parents. Frank C. Quintal was born January 4, 1836 in Madeira, Portugal. His father was Antonio (or Joseph) Quintal, born in Madeira, died ca1848 in Trinidad. His mother was Josephine Vieira, born March 16, 1801 in Madeira, died March 3, 1903 in Jacksonville, Illinois. This Quintal family immigrated August 6, 1849 at New York. They were part of a group of Maderian refugees brought from Trinidad by the American Protestant Society.

Robert Brittenham. 84 Hillis Terrace, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Letters:

In reading your Fall, 1995 Issue, records of gravestone inscriptions, page 60, the name of Roccabello appears. Mary was a dear friend who worked with my sister and I many years ago.

By coincidence I had read of her passing in the paper and thought I should pass it on to you for your records.

Mary passed away February 13, 1996. She was born in Warren, RI, the daughter of John M. and Marianna (Taveira) Tavares. She leaves three sons, John J. Jr., Stephen R. and Michael A; a daughter Judith Alves and a brother John Tavares.

Submitted by M. Ida Sousa of Rhode Island
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In the Fall, 1994 Issue, page 51, under "Hands across America", we tell of the work Jeffrey L. Madruga had sent us.

The four computer disks contained the "Marriages of Santa Barbara Church, Ribeiras, Pico, Azores for the years 1774-1875."

He now writes, "I am willing to 'give ' out other copies and/or search my own database for other members who want to contact me. There would be no charge, only send an addressed stamped envelope and/or disk costs and/or paper copy costs. NO PROFIT. That is my only stipulation for myself and anyone else who uses my database."

Jeffrey L. Madruga of California

Coming Events

June 2, 1996

Our Annual Meeting will be held at White's Restaurant, Route 6, Westport, MA at Noon on this date. A Social Hour will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Please see the next page for particulars.

June 8, 1996 - tentative !

Plans for an Open House at the Taunton Public Library, to view our holdings, will be discussed at a meeting of the joint Committee consisting of members from our Society, the Friends of APGHS and the three Prince Henry Societies of this area. The meeting is planned for April 11, to be held at the office of Jose Castelo.

We plan that the Anthony S. Catojo, Jr. Collection will be in place by then.

All our collections should also be in our new room at the Library at that time.

June 23, 1996

The third fundraiser to be held at the home of Joseph E. Fernandes, Cape Cod, MA by the Friends of the APGHS is being scheduled for this date. Please see page 20 for details.

October 26, 1996

Our Annual WORKSHOP at be held at the Taunton Public Library has been scheduled for this date.

There will be more information on this in later newsletters.

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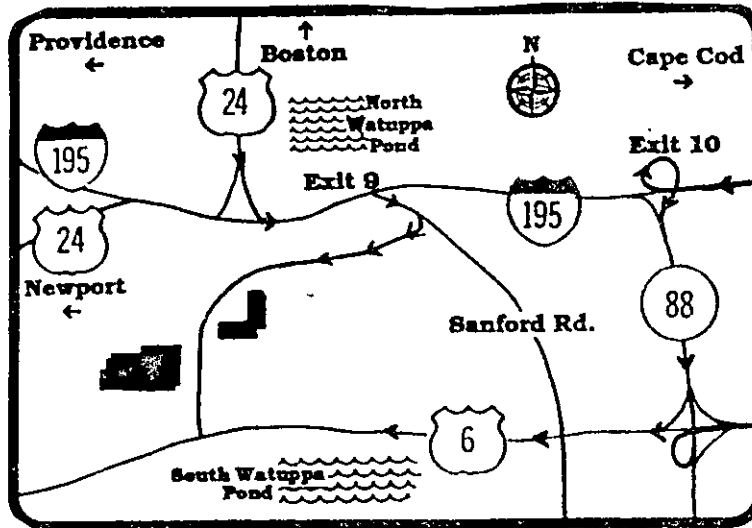
Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting has been scheduled for June 2, 1996 at White's Restaurant, Route 6, Westport, MA with luncheon at Noon and a Social Hour preceding at 11:30 a.m.

We have a choice of Yankee Pot Roast, Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Native Scrod. The meal will include Soup, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. The price is \$16.00.

Reservations would be appreciated by May 25th.

Below is a map which we hope will assist you with directions.



Annual Meeting

June 2, 1996

WHITE'S, Route 6, Westport, MA

Yes, _____ will _____ be able to attend.

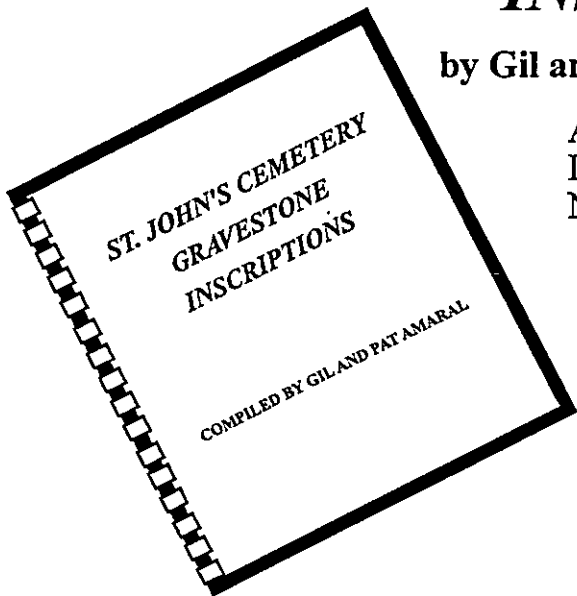
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Anthony S. Catojo, Jr. Fund

The cost of microfilming his Collection was \$ 1,366.69

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It is our hope that each donor will be recognized on a listing or placque placed inside the one cabinet holding his Collection.

The cabinet is now being made and should be in place in our new room shortly.

It is our hope that if this Fund is successful, we will be able to continue microfilming many important historical books which we have in our Acquisitions so our members will have access to the information contained therein.

Although records in the Azores have been microfilmed, they only go back to the mid 1600's. These books contain valuable information enabling researchers to go further back and many, many times connect with families from Europe.

Included in this Collection is Famialias Faialense, Saudades da Terra and many others

Yes, I would like to assist with your microfilming of Anthony S. Catojo, Jr.'s Collection.

Benefactor \$100.....Promotor \$50.....Supporter.....Other.....

Checks may be made payable to the Anthony S. Catojo, Jr. Fund, c/o APGHS

P. O. Box 644. Taunton, MA 02780-0644

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**Friends of the
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AN EVENING OF PORTUGUESE CULTURE
To benefit
Friends of the
American-Portuguese Genealogical and Historical Society
at the Fernandes Summer Residence
22 Maryland Avenue
Monument Beach, Bourne, Massachusetts
on Sunday, the Twenty-third of June, 1996
Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Buffet 6:30 p.m.
Live Portuguese Entertainment
Subscription: \$50.00 per person

Mr. Joseph E. Fernandes of Norton has once more offered his summer home on Cape Cod for our third Fundraiser in order to promote further activity with our Special Collection and Acquisitions at the Taunton Public Library.

Interest from Life Membership Funds are paying for our work at the Library, but they are limited. Valuable items have been accumulating but have not been catalogued since the death of our President George J. Viegas in March, 1993 when additional sources of funding ceased. With last year's Fundraiser we are able to just begin this productivity again.

We have set up a separate entity called the Friends of the APGHS. Approximately sixty percent of the income from the tickets will go toward furthering the additions to our collections.

We also hope that organizations will be interested in contributing toward this valuable community service that will make these records open to all.

It is expected this will be an annual fundraising event to help our library activities.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Steering Committee
Friends of the APGHS

Yes, we (I) would like to attend. Please send _____ tickets to our address:

Sorry we are not able to attend but we would like to contribute to this valuable service you are performing. Enclosed is a check to cover the following.

Benefactor \$100_____. Promotor \$50_____. Supporter \$25_____. Other_____.

Checks should be made out and sent to Friends of the APGHS, address below.

For further information on reservations, please call Mrs. Ida Baptiste, (508) 824-5112.

All donations are tax deductible to the maximum allowed by law.

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The newsletter, the "BULLETIN BOARD", is issued each Fall, Winter and Spring with the Surname Roster coming out late the following Summer.

We feature a WORKSHOP usually held the first Saturday of November at the Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.

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\$ 10.00	Regular, full membership
2.50	Spouse, not partaking in voting or Surname Roster
10.00	Professional membership, not partaking in voting or Surname Roster
15.00	Organizations, Libraries, Societies, etc., not partaking in Surname Roster
150.00	Life membership for a regular member up to the age of fifty-five
100.00	Life membership for a regular member over the age of fifty-five

The dues received for Life Memberships are kept in a separate account. When the balance reaches \$1,000 a CD (certificate of deposit) is bought. Each June, we withdraw the interest and deposit that in our Library Fund. This activity is the beginning of trying to make our goal with our Special collection a lasting one.

Our Society has been ruled a qualified federal income tax-exempt organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction for bequest, legacies, devices, transfers or gifts of money or property to the Society.

We can make space available in any of our regular issues for advertisements at the price of \$2.50 for on-eighth (1/8) of a page, \$5.00 for one-quarter (1/4) page and \$10.00 per one-half (1/2) page.

The following are available for purchase from the APG&HS, Inc.

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