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## The Bulhoes in the Conquest of Lisbon from the Moors: The Genealogy of Saint Anthony

by Henrique Pinto Reme, O.F.M.  
for the 22 October, 1977 session of the Portuguese  
Academy of History, commemorative of the 850th  
anniversary of the conquest of Lisbon from the Moors.

Translated by: Rev. Joseph Viveiros  
George Pacheco  
John M. Raposo

This is a word for word translation. However, we are most thankful for the work of the three above so that this information is now available to our members and friends.

### Introduction

At the very hour when this Portuguese Academy of History associates itself with the government of Lisbon in the commemoration of the 850th anniversary of the taking of the city from the Moors, I felt it would be of some interest to refresh the memories

that have yet to obtain the unanimity of the specialists. I intend here today to make an issue concerning the role of the Bulhao or Bulhoes family in the reconquest of Lisbon and its possible or probable connection to our Saint Anthony.

## The Bulhoes family in the 1147 Conquest of Lisbon

We read in the *Chronicas da Ordem dos Frades Menores*, by Father Marcos de Lisboa,(1) upon publishing in 1557, "the life, doctrine and glorious works of the saintly Father Anthony of Padua, a Portuguese native of the city of Lisbon" that:

*"the parents of the Saint lived next to and in front of the main door of the Cathedral  
(...)And Saint Anthony's father was called Martim de Bulhoes, and his mother was called Thareja Taveira, both of noble blood and of not less nobility of virtue." At his baptism he was given the name "Fernando Martins de Bulhoes."*

Brother Antonio Brandao (1584-1637)(2), the second author of *Monarchia Lusitana*(3), in his turn affirms:

*"The surname Bulhao appears foreign, and it is not too far afield to believe that it had been left in this kingdom by some illustrious Frenchman related to the famous Duke of Lorraine, Gotfredo de Bulhao, a position that we can not take with the necessary absolute assurance because we are lacking the documentation that is the absolute guide in these antiquities."*

Antonio Brandao's nephew, Brother Francisco Brandao (1601-1680), who continues the *Monarchia Lusitana*,(3) cites, among other illustrious people who are with King D. Dinis on 28 May 1285, Pero Martins Bolho, regarding whom the text adds: "*Pero Martins dos Bulhoens was a relative of Saint Anthony.*" (4)

In the meanwhile, Jorge Cardoso, in *Agiologio Lusitano*,(5) about 1666, along the lines taken by Brother Antonio Brandao, puts forth the hypothesis:

*Because the surname Bulhoes is without doubt foreign like many others in this Kingdom, perhaps this family took for itself this name, not only of the Duchy called Lorraine which lies between Germany and France, but also of the famous Gotifredo de Bulhao, Duke of Lorraine, first King of Jerusalem,(...) and a name of some illustrious Frenchman that remained among us and found himself at the Conquest of Lisbon, a relative of this illustrious hero. And that of Taveira is derived from King D. Fruela of the Austurias, the father of King D. Afonso Casto".*

Antonio e Villas Boas e Sampayo, in *Nobiliarchia Portugueza*, (6), writes

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concerning the BULHOEMS:

*"The estate Quinta dos Bulhoes, next to the city of Lisbon, whose name comes from some Frenchman of that surname who found themselves with King D. Affonso Henriques at the conquest of that city, and made their abode there, is his. The glorious Saint Anthony of Lisbon was from this family, which was reason enough to make it famous, and in the house, which is in this city, one can see their arms painted throughout, composed of a red cross in a field of silver and at each end three green acorns capped in gold, on the crest a red cross of St. Andrew, and at each end three acorns as in the shield."(7)*

What for Antonio Brandao and Jorge Cardoso did not go beyond a working hypothesis was transformed into almost a certainty for the Jesuit Father Manuel de Azevedo, as he affirms right in the first chapter of his celebrated *Vita del Taumaturgo Portugheze Sain'Antonio di Padova*(8):

*"The Bulhoes family entered Portugal some 50 years before the birth of Saint Anthony during the time of King D. Afonso, coming as knights of the Crusades eventually settling in Portugal while passing through on their return from Palestine".*

The same author in his second edition of 1790, although raising doubts concerning the identity of Saint Anthony's family as being that of Godofredo de Bulhoes, (9), goes on with the statement:

*Among them was a member of this family, the celebrated Gottifredo Buglione (10), Duke of Lorraine, King of Jerusalem."*

We note that Marcos de Lisboa is the first to publish the surname *Bulhoes* without connecting it to a family of French origin except for that of Godfredo de Bulhoes(11), as other writers did after him. The criticisms of Lemp, Lepitre, Leon de Kerval and Chernance, adopted by Vittorino Facchinetti(12) and Gulio Marchetti Ferrante(13), among others, are not valid, as if Marcos de Lisboa had affirmed that Martinho de Bulhoes was "the direct descendant of Godofredo de Bulhao, when it is known that the captain 'who freed the great sepulcher of Christ' died in the year 1100, without issue, leaving the kingdom to his brother Balduino."

"In his native city Father Marcos knew and treated with those who at the time represented the Bolhom family.(...) And so well he knew the topography of the city around the Cathedral, the Pateo dos Bulhoes (...) and the Beco de Antonio Lopes Bolhao.(...)( The tradition (...)is a valid document (...) to transmit the truth and therefore, to build history. And Father Marcos (...) in giving (to the father and son) the surname Bulhom, never dreamed of any foreign origin. Bolhom was, in archaic Portuguese, the name given to a bar of silver blended with other lesser metals, good for coining or sealing, and also the name of a blank shield.(14).

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To be Continued.....

- (1) Fr. Marcos de Lisboa *Chronicas da Ordem dos Frades Menores*. I Parte. 5º Livro. 1º cap., p. 142 ( no exemplar da BAACL (Biblioteca da Academia de Ciencias de Lisboa), sem frontispicio e sem qualquer data).
- (2) Cf. Antonio Brandao, *Monarchia Luzytana*, Lisboa 1609 (?), tomo 4º .p.315.
- (3) Fr. Francisco Brandao, *Quinta Parte da Monarchia Lusitana*, Lisboa, 1752, p. 169.
- (4) No indice desta 5º parte, p. 561, sintetiza assim esta informacao do texto "*Bolhom apelido que se acha em Lisboa no tempo de El Rei D. Diniz, p. 189 (por p. 169) coluna 1*"
- (5) Jorge Cardoso. *Agiologio Lusitano dos Santos e l'aroes illustres em virtude do Reino de Portugal e suas Conquistas*. 3 (Lisboa, 1666) 677-676.
- (6) Antonio de Villas Boas e Sampayo. *Nobiliarchia Portugueza. Tratado da Nobreza Hereditaria e Politica*...agora novamente correcta, emendada e accrescentada com as armas das familias, e cidades principaes do Reyno, e outras cousas curiosas...Lisboa, anno de M.DCC,LIV, p. 251.
- (7) Jorge Cardoso... *Agiologio Lusitano*. Lisboa, 1966, III, p, 675. "Trazem os Bulhoes por armas uma cruz cha vermelha em campo de prata e em cada ponta dela tres garfos com tres bolotas de verde e casulhos de ouro, nove tortaos de vermelho em tres palas."
- (8) P. Emmanuele de Azevedo. *Vita del Taumaturgo Portoghese Sant'Antonio di Padova*...presentata all'Eccellentissimo e Reverendissimo Monsignore D. F. Emmanuele del Cenacolo Villas Boas...Vercovo di Beja, in Venezia. 1788, pp. 1-2.
- (9) Azevedo. *Vita del Taumaturgo Portoghese*...2 ed., Bologna, 1790, Dissertazione, IV, p. 279."...che la Famiglia di Sant'Antonio sia la stessa del celebre Goffredo, o Gottifredo de 'Buglioni...oltre quel de Cornejo, e comune sentimento degli Autori, benche non consti con certezza."
- (10) E de notar que Godofredo de Bulhao nasceu entre 1057 e 1061 e morreu em Jerusalem 18 de Julho de 1100, tendo-o substituido como guarda da Cidade Santa e seu irmao Balduino. Godofredo morreu sem filhos, conforme lemos em Vittotino Fchinetti, O.F.M...*Antonio di Padova - Il Santo, l'Apoistolo, il Taumaturgo*, Milano, 1925, pp. 11.
- (11) Fernando Felix Lopes. *Santo Antonio - Doutor do Igreja*, 5º ed. Braga, 1992, p. 325.
- (12) Vittorino Facchinetti, OFM, *Antonio di Padova - Il Santo , l'Apostolo, il Taumaturgo*, Milano, 1925, pp. 10-11.
- (13) G. M. Ferrante. *Antonio de Lisboa - O Santo de Padua (1195-1231)*, ir. port. de Fernando de Miranda, Coimbra, 1963, p.44.
- (14) Fernando Felix Lopes O.F.M. *S. Antonio de Lisboa - Doutor Evangelico*, 5ºed. Braga, 1992, p. 324-325.

## Azorean Odyssey

Nine Islands June 6 - June 27, 2000

Six Islands June 6 - 20 or June 13, 27

Con Ginney-Al Tours are again offering escorted tours to the Azores. You can contact them at 101 First Street No.123 Los Altos, CA 94022; tel. 650 961 5558 or 800 842 4955, prior to April 7th. Prices range from \$540, single to \$3,975. They will stop at Boston on the way to Terceira.

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# William L. Sylvia

## Civil War Veteran

### 1825-1914



William L. Sylvia native of Fayal, Azores, came to America as a boatsteerer on the whaler Minerva Smith. He was born May 28, 1825, son of Joseph M. Sylvia and Anna L. Perry (death record). His marriage record lists his parents as George and Louisa Sylvia. His marriage to Eliza Wilson took place in 1857.

Mr. Sylvia served as mate on the whaler Junior and the Nimrod, both vessels making New Bedford, MA their home port. On September 12, 1861, he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on the flagship Minnesota, later transferred to the sloop Granite as quartermaster.

He apparently had home leave as their eldest son, George E. Sylvia was born April 29, 1862 in New Bedford.

Mr. Sylvia, it is written, engaged in the battle of Roanoke Island, NC, February 26,-28, 1862 and at Newberne, SC March 14, 1862. He was stationed at Little Washington from March 30 to April 14, 1862 and at Hatteras Inlet, NC the remainder of the time.

From May to June of 1863 he spent time at the Portsmouth General Hospital at Portsmouth, NC. He was honorably discharged September 20, 1864 while with the gunboat Savannah at Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York.

Mr. Sylvia's wife Eliza Wilson was a native of St. Helena. The Sylvias resided at the boarding house of Joseph and Louise Francis at 9 Walnut Street, New Bedford, MA. The two families had a great deal in common. Both Louise and Eliza were born in St. Helena. Joseph Francis and William Sylvia were both born on the island of Fayal. A strong bond existed between the two families.

Four other children were born to William and Eliza: William L. Sylvia, Jr. born February 2, 1868, Eliese A. Sylvia born February 20, 1871, Mary Sylvia born October 21, 1872 and Charles L. Sylvia born May 15, 1874.

In 1884 when William L. Sylvia applied for a pension, a general affidavit was given by Louisa Knipe Francis, age 54, who had moved to Fairhaven, M A, stated, "I have known William Sylvia for 27 years. He had come to board with me in 1857 and he was at our house from then until he enlisted except when he was at sea. For two or three months just before enlisting he was at home at our house and his eyesight was pretty good and always was so far as I knew before he went to war. His wife and child boarded with me while William was in the Navy and when he was discharged in 1864 he came to my house right away and was there some time. When he came home his eyes were looking very badly, being very red and badly swollen for three weeks. I bathed them every day with witch hazel and at night put on a chamonile poultice. I tried to persuade him to have them operated on. At this time he could see only imperfectly. I have seen him frequently ever since he came home and know that he never has recovered his

sight and is now nearly blind. I have no interest in this claim". signed Louisa Knipe Francis.

In several documents, Mr. Sylvia is described as being 5 ft. 7 1/2" tall, dark hair, hazel eyes and light of complexion.

A slightly different version of Mr. Sylvia's service is found in the No. 142 form, a declaration for Pension under the Act of February 6, 1907. It states Mr. Sylvia enrolled September 1861 in the U. S. Navy on the receiving ship Ohio, served on the U.S.S. Frigate Minnesota and the sloop Granite and was discharged at New York on the 20th of September 1864. Mr. Sylvia was asking for a pension of \$20.00 a month. This form was witnessed by Naomi Emelia Wilson Sylvia Swasey, a native of St. Helena, probably related to Eliza Wilson Sylvia. Naomi was to marry the third time.

At that time Mr. Sylvia was described as having a broken thumb on the right hand and a gunshot wound on the right thigh.

When Mr. Sylvia died in 1914 under the provision of the Act of April 19, 1908, Mrs. Eliza Sylvia then residing at 295 Pleasant Street applied for a widow's pension February 14, 1914. She was notified May 11, 1914 that she was to receive twelve dollars a month.

On the 24th day of March 1914, the eldest son of Louisa and Joseph Francis, Edward Devoll Francis, age 58, filled out an affidavit verifying the facts in Mrs. Sylvia's petition for pension.

The following day, Martha A. M. White, age 67, Louisa Francis' daughter of a former marriage, filled out a similar affidavit. In 1916 Eliza's pension was increased to \$20.00 a month commencing September 8, 1916 and would be increased to \$25.00 per month from October 6, 1917. Beginning August 4, 1926, her pension increased to \$50.00 a month.

Eliza Sylvia died October 14, 1927. She was then residing at 4060 Acushnet Avenue. She was the daughter of George and Eliza Wilson. She is interred in Row B 96 in the Soldiers and Sailors Plot at Rural Cemetery, New Bedford, MA.

Charles L. Sylvia married Emma Reed December 22, 1896 in New Bedford. Mr. Sylvia, a gilder, died November 14, 1937. He was survived by his second wife, Lydia Smith and two sons, Charles W. and Floyd Sylvia. Son Charles W. Sylvia married Esther M. Ryanson February 10, 1917. He died November 10, 1966. He was survived by two daughters, Winifred, wife of Frank A. Manley and Barbara, wife of Charles P. Lawrence of Dartmouth, MA.

William L. Sylvia, Jr. moved to Meriden, CT where he was engaged in the painting business. William had become known as Wilson Sylvia. A relative, Woodrow Sylvia of Meriden, CT recorded a great deal of the family history, but it was lost in the depression.

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From Profiles of Azorean Settlers in Southeastern Massachusetts  
by Mrs. Pat Amaral

**Please Note: Correction:**

Robert C. Arruda, DML, President of the Friends of APGHS will be the Guest Speaker at the March 16th Meeting of the Old Colony Historical Society, 66 Church Green, Taunton, MA at 2:00 p.m.



**Brum**

The BRUM Crest is attractive as the color orange appears in the middle of the shield with the fleur-de-lis. The same color appears entwined with the borders. Gold seems to be on the fleur-de-lis and the partridges.

This is the fifth copy of the eighteen crests painted on the ceiling of Nossa Senhora das Angustias, Horta, Faial.

**Azores Islands  
A History  
Azorean Family Names  
by James M. Guill, PhD**

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<u>Family Name</u>	<u>Name Derivation</u>	<u>Family Origin</u>	<u>Family Crest</u>
Pedro			

Pedrosa		Galicia	Yes
Pedroso			Yes
Pegado			Yes
Pegas	Pegues	Flanders	Yes
Peixao	Peixoto		Yes
Peixinho			
Peixoto	Portocarreiro		Yes
Pelaia			
Peligas			
Pena			
Penacho			
Penela			
Pequim	Pickering	England	Yes
Perales			
Peralta		Navarre	Yes
Perangal			Yes
Perdigao			Yes
Perdomo	Bettencourt	France	Yes
Pereira	Palmeiro		Yes
Peres	Pires		Yes
Perestrelo	Pallastrelli	Placencia	Yes
Pernet		Flanders	Yes
Pery	Perry	England	Yes
Pesqueira			
Pessanha	Pessagno	Genoa	Yes
Pessoa			Yes
Petito			
Picanco			Yes
Piedade			
Pignatelli		Naples	Yes
Pilar	Cornejo		Yes
Pilota	Piloto		
Piloto	Pilota		
Pimenta			Yes
Pimentel	Novais	Galicia	Yes
Pina		Aragon	Yes
Pinarreta			
Pinheiro			Yes
Pinho			Yes
Pinhol			
Pinto			Yes
Pio			
Piques		Flanders	Yes
Pires	Peres		Yes
Pisco			



Pita			Yes
Pizarro	Bizarro		Yes
Placido			
Po			Yes
Policarpo			
Pomares			
Pombal			
Pombo			
Ponce de Leao			Yes
Ponciano			
Ponte			Yes
Porras			Yes
Porteiro			
Portela			
Porto			
Portcarreiro			Yes
Portugal			Yes
Povoas			Yes
Poyuzolio			
Prado			Yes
Praet	Van Praet	Flanders	Yes
Praga			Yes
Pratas			
Prazeres			
Predas			
Prego			
Prenda			
Presno			
Prisca			
Preto			
Priest			
Prioste			
Provado			
Proenca			
Puga			
Puim			
Quadros		Castille	Yes
Quaresma	Borba		Yes
Quartilho			
Queimado			
Queiroga	Vilalobos	Galicia	Yes
Queiros	Ramalho	Galicia	Yes
Quixada	Quijada	Castille	Yes

Navarre is part of Spain and France, Galicia is in North West Spain, Aragon and Castille are in Spain.

To be Continued.....

# Genealogical Resources

at the

Taunton Public Library

12 Pleasant Street

Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

508-821-1410

Hours: 9:00 to 8:00, Monday through Friday

9:00 to 6:00, Saturdays, September through June

Susanne Costa-Duquette, Director

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Presently our records can be viewed by stopping at the Main Desk on the first floor and signing for the keys. It is an honor system for the time being. We trust that in the near future volunteers will be available to be there to assist researchers.

Our room is on the second floor directly above the main entrance.

There are many books on genealogy and history given to us by members and friends.

Miss Ethel Fraga, recently retired head librarian at the Taunton High School, has been cataloguing them and getting them ready for the A.B.L.E. Internet System. These should be ready by Christmas, 1999 and will be available on WWW.SAILSINC.ORG or via the Massachusetts Library systems: [HTTP://WWW.MLIN.LIB.MA.US/](http://WWW.MLIN.LIB.MA.US/) They will be in the two large cabinets with glass doors on the right as one enters our room.

The two top drawers of the four drawer wooden file has many shorter genealogies and research materials. Miss Fraga will catalog them and will be putting them on A.B.L.E. during the summer of 2000.

The smaller glass front bookcase has many exchange bulletins, telephone books, etc. to be viewed.

On the left of the room are two large cabinets. Together they house over 80,000 records, including over 11,000 records on the Madeiran folks who left for Trinidad and finally settled in Illinois in the mid 1850s, plus a few thousand on intermarriages from four French parishes in Fall River, MA. There are also 1860 census records for New England and California and many, many gravestone inscriptions of southeastern New England. We are currently preparing approximately 15,000 records of the 1820-1940 marriages of New Bedford, MA to be added to this section, this information given to us by Mrs. Pat Amaral. There is an index in the second lower right hand section giving the titles and another of the geographical locations from where these records came.

On that same side, nearer to the windows, is the Lifetime Collection of our first President and first Chairman of our Board, Anthony S. Catojo, Jr. There are over 32,000 records in the cabinet, many city and town directories and the index on the upper shelf.

In front of the desk is a shorter version of our bookcases that will hold large sized records.

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On the second floor as you leave the elevator, to the left, is the Portuguese section. Most of this area is for Portuguese language books obtained a few years ago through grants by the library.

There are, however, some research materials including a number of encyclopedias. The following is a listing.

VERBO, ENCICLOPEDIA LUSO-BRASILEIRA DE CULTURA-20 volumes (This is a popular reference group with many family crests.)

LELLO UNIVERSAL DICCIONARIO ENCICLOPEDICO LUSO-BRASILEIRO-2 volumes

DICCIONARIO DE HISTORIA DE PORTUGAL-6 volumes

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The New Bedford Free Public Library; 613 Pleasant Street, third floor; New Bedford, MA has an interesting collection in the Melville Whaling Room. It contains over 200,000 cards with indexes of about 7,000 crew lists of whaling vessels sailing from the New Bedford Customs District during that period in history

They have a well stocked genealogy room with materials for all ethnic researchers.

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The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah is the largest repository of genealogical information in the country. There are three local Mormon branch libraries; one in North Dartmouth, MA; another in Foxboro, MA and the third in Warwick, RI.

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From our April 25, 1999 Fundraiser



Madeline Wojcik, Emma Andrade  
Henrietta Mayer, Maria Gaultney  
Dr. John Baxter, Rachel Baxter  
Ida Baptiste, Rose Aleixo



Manuel Mira, Speaker  
Mrs. Mira



Henrietta Mayer, Founder  
Maria Gaultney



Teresa Pike, Frank Demattos



Dr. John Baxter  
Rachel Sousa Baxter



Sylvester Sylvia  
Albert Costa

# Coming Events

Dr. N. Brent Kennedy, author of *The Melungeons*, brings to us on May 7th, an often unheard story about the Portuguese. They apparently were shipwrecked off the southeastern coast of our country.

During the century prior to the arrival of the Pilgrims, they at first settled along the coast but eventually moved into the Appalachian areas.

Dr. Kennedy is a descendant of these pioneers, therefore being able to lend an interesting account of these proud people.

DNA tests have substantiated their origin.

And now from his Curriculum Vitae we present:



N. Brent Kennedy is Vice Chancellor for Development and College Relations at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, in Wise, Virginia, a four-year college serving the Appalachian people.

Prior to returning to his native mountains, Kennedy was chief operating officer and senior managing partner of Jerold Panas Young and Partners, one of the nations largest and most successful fundraising and marketing consulting firms, with offices in San

Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta, Boston and Sydney and Brisbane, Australia.

In his fundraising consulting capacity, Dr. Kennedy has directed campaign efforts for more than 150 institutions, with successful goals in excess of \$650 million. Among those institutions he served are: Georgetown University, the University of Tennessee, Clemson University, the University of New England, Mercer University, the Southern Arts Federation, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, The National Wildlife Federation, The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts, the University of Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital, University Medical Center of the University of Florida, Nashville's Checkwood Museum and Botanical Gardens, the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Alabama Children's Hospital and Discovery Science Center and Blockbuster Imax Theatre of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Kennedy is a native of Wise, Virginia, a graduate of the University of Virginia's College at Wise with a B.A. in English, and holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in mass communications research from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he was a Bickel Fellow. He is a frequent speaker in his professional areas, the author of more than 40 professional articles, as well as four screenplays and two award-winning dramas, one produced for public television. The Melungeons of Appalachia: The Resurrection of a Proud People, his book on the Melungeon people of Appalachia, was published by the Mercer University Press in June, 1994, and is now in its sixth printing. A Turkish edition, Meluncanlar, was published in 1996 by Guncel Publishers of Istanbul. Arabic and Portuguese editions are currently being planned. Dr. Kennedy's work on the Melungeon people has been featured on numerous television broadcast programs, as well as in more than 300 American newspapers, ranging from *The New York Times* to *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* to *The Wall Street Journal* to *The Roanoke Times* to *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* to *The Charlotte Observer* to *The Houston Chronicle*. Television exposes of his work have ranged from Radio Television Portugal, Turkish Radio and TV, and North Carolina Public Television to National Public Radio (NPR), WUSA/Gannett/CBS, *The Heartland Series*, *The Travel Channel*, *The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)*, Australian Public Radio, and other local and regional television stations. A ninety-minute documentary film based on Kennedy's work is nearing completion. The film, *The Melungeons: America's Forgotten People*, is being produced by Emmy-Award-winning Atlanta filmmaker William VanDerKloot (*World of Audubon (WTBS)*, *Portrait of America (WTBS)*, *Time and Dreams*, the official film of the Atlanta Olympic Committee), and has received

grant support from the State Humanities councils of Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina. In 1998, he received The Fitz Turner Award from the Virginia Education Association, a civil rights award presented in recognition of his academic work and social activism on behalf of Appalachia's Melungeon people. In 1998 he also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Assembly of Turkish American Associations in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Kennedy's talk will be given on May 7th, promptly at 1:00 p.m., at the Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, MA 02780.

### **David J. Gouveia, M.D., F.A.C.S.**

Dr. Gouveia, a noted surgeon and also photographer of this city, will be displaying beautifully framed scenes of Portugal at our Fundraiser.

The following is a list of his education and fellowships:

B.S., Magna Cum Laude, Tufts University, 1953  
M.D., Tufts University, School of Medicine, 1957  
Rotating Internship, Ohio State University Hospital, 1957-1958  
Resident in Surgery, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, MA, 1958-1962  
Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery  
Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Various Committees of the Massachusetts Medical Society over the past 14 years include:

Ethics and Discipline Committee, 1996 to present  
Members Insurance Committee, 1987-1996  
Nominating Committee, currently serving and Legislative Committee  
Long Range Planning and Public Relations Committees

Former Member of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Physicians Liaison Committee

Former Member of Baystate Physicians Liaison Committee

Our Winter, 1999 Issue lists more information from his Curriculum Vitae.

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**Yes, we (I) would like to attend this unusual and most interesting event!**

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$35.00 each to our address.

So sorry we (I) cannot attend but we would like to contribute to this valuable program.

Enclosed is a check to cover the following program listing:

Benefactor \$100. \_\_\_\_\_ Promoter \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Supporter \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks should be made and sent to Friends of the APGHS, P.O. Box 644, Taunton, MA 02780.

For further information on reservations, please call Mrs. Ida Baptiste, (508) 824-5112 or Ernest Cardoza (508) 822-5664 or E-mail: nestcard@tmlp.com

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Maybe the first person in North America came from what is now Portugal. According to two prominent archaeologists, (reporting at an archeology conference in Santa Fe, according to the Associated Press) the first inhabitants of this continent may have crossed the Atlantic Ocean some 18,000 years ago from Europe's Iberian Peninsula, rather than the dominant notion that the first settlers came across a land bridge from Asia. Belonging to a group known as the Solutreans, these pre-modern explorers are believed to have originally settled the Eastern Seaboard, according to the researchers, one of whom is anthropology curator at the Smithsonian Institution. They concede, however, that no unequivocal Solutrean settlement remains have been found in North America.

From *O Progresso*  
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## Bridge to America

The National Genealogical Society will present their Conference in the States in Providence, RI at the Convention Center, May 31st to June 4th. The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be the local host. Ernest Cardoza is a board member of this organization.

Our Fall, 1999 Bulletin Board had sixteen pages relating to this event.

On page 53 of that newsletter was the listing of our members who have agreed to volunteer and assist in this activity. We are happy to add the name of another member:

On sight

Total of fifteen hours minimum for the Society:

George Amaral.

They will need over 200 volunteers during the Conference. This averages to about ten from each participating Society. To date we have sent them the names of seven. If there are other members who would like to assist, please let us know.

## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, MA 02780 at 1:00 p.m.

In the past we have had our Annual Meetings at a restaurant, usually White's in Westport. With so many activities this Spring, we thought we would have it locally with less fanfare.

## Workshop

Our Annual Fall Workshop is being planned for October 28th to be held at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Taunton Public Library.

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❖❖❖ *In Memoriam* ❖❖❖

Mrs. Alvera M. (Pedro) Shea, an honorary member of our Society, passed away December 31, 1999, in her ninety-eighth year.

She was a 1921 graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, which is now Bridgewater State College and taught in Taunton Schools prior to her marriage to the late William D. Shea.

She later resumed her teaching career beginning in Rehoboth but spent most of her thirty-five years of teaching in Taunton Schools including Barnum and Cohannet School.

Mrs. Shea was active in various civic groups in the Taunton area, including being a Charter member of the Altrusa Club and the Coimbra Club and in many of them served as a Board Member.

She was instrumental in channeling our Collections to the Taunton Public Library.

Her survivors include two neices, a nephew and a grandneice.  
We shall miss our good friend.

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## *Letters*

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I look forward to the next *Bulletin*.

J. Agapito of Nova Scotia, Canada

The newsletter is so wonderfully done that I can hardly wait for the next issue. I think that everyone who is involved with this, does extraordinary work. It is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Mimi Fernandes-Christy of New York

Always look forward to the Journal.

Mrs. Millicent Craig of California

I have so enjoyed my first issue of the "Bulletin Bd", Fall, 1998.

Mrs. Bernice Detmers of California

I so look forward to your newsletters. They're so informative and interesting. I greatly enjoyed the section about the book, "The Forgotten Portuguese."

Mrs. Manuel (Mary) Oliveira of California

I still marvel at how genealogy pulls people together and they always try to help one another, just as you have always done for me. You always seem to have the information I seem to need and I really appreciate this so much.

Mrs. Alvera Puls of California

I enjoy the *Bulletin Board* and read it carefully and thoroughly.

Mrs. Clarence F. Merriles of Florida

Thank you for your continued assistance in helping us pursue our Portuguese heritage.

Mrs. Barbara L. Gyll of the state of Washington

## Bettencourts

Continued from the Spring, 1999 Issue.....

§ 4.º

5. Jose de Bettencourt de Vasconcellos da Silveira, (§ 2.º, n.º 5), fid. cav. da Casa Real, cav. prof. na ordem de Christo e capitao-mor de Angra, para enjo cargo foi eleito em 11 de dez. de 1706. Casou com D. Magdalena Maria Corte Real do Canto.--Vid. Tit. dos Cantos § 7.º, n.º 6.

Tiveram:

6. Manoel Thomaz de Bettencourt de Vasconcellos Corte Real, que segue.
6. Fr. Antonio Bettencourt, que n. em Angra e foi religioso de Santo Agostinho, para cuja ordem entrou em 1714, professor de science\ias ecclesiasticas e prior de varios con entos dos Acores Escreven e publicou:--Oracao funeraria pregada nas sumptuosas exequias da Senhora D, Maria Ursula Brum Corte Real da Silveira em o Mosteiro de Santo Andre da Cidade de Ponta Delgada da ilha de S. Miguel em 8 d'agosto de 1742, Lisboa, 1750. Em manuscripto deixou:--Breve periodo da famosa vida e virtuosas accoes da Veneravel Maria Francisca do Livramento, Religiosa no Serafico Mosteiro de Nossa Senhora da Esperanca da Ilha de S. Miguel.
6. D. Marianna de Bettencourt Corte Real do Canto, que casou com Antonio Francisco do Rego Botelho de Faria.--Vid. Tit. dos Regos, § 1.º, n.º 10.
6. Manuel Thomaz de Bettencourt de Vasconcellos Corte Real,--fid. cav. da Casa Real. N. na freg. da Angra, e casou duas vezes, a primeira com D. Francisca Marianna Pacheco Machado, filha de Adriano Ferreira Machado e sua mulher D. Joanna Machado Fagundes, e a segunda com D. Maria Josepha do Desterro Borges Coret Real,--Vid. Tit. dos Borges, § 1.º, n.º 8.

Do primeiro matrimonio teve:

7. Matheus Jose de Bettencourt de Vasconcellos Corte Real da Silveira Borges, que segue.
7. D. Catharina Rose de S. Jose )  
D. Benedicia Paula )  
D. Francisca Marianna ) que faileceram solteiras  
D. Thomasia Josepha )  
D. Marianna de Bettencourt,--cas.
- D. Antonia de Bettencourt, que n. a 16 de maio de 1732;--cas.
7. Matheus Jose de Bettencourt de Vasconcellos Corte Real, da Silveira Borges,--casou duas vezes, a primeira, na Egreja da Conceicao de Angra, a 23 de iut. de 1749, com D. Francisca do Rosario Borges Corte Real (Vid. Tit. dos Sieuves, § 1.º, n.º 3), e a segunda com D. Theotonia Victorina do Canto, filha de Jose do Canto Vieira. To be continued..
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We feature a WORKSHOP each Fall at the Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.

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