

# São Jorge Genealogy

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## Research Tip

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Periodically, you will see 7bro, 8bro, 9bro, and Xbro or 10bro in the records. These will correspond to a month, i.e. 7bro = September, 8bro = October, etc...

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Welcome to our first issue! The São Jorge Genealogy (SJG) group is very excited to launch this e-Newsletter which will inform and inspire you on a monthly basis to provide updates on our projects, to learn research techniques, to share your success stories, and/or post questions on the SJG website. We will keep you posted with events occurring in the United States, and if those of you abroad let us know of events near you, we will post them here as well.

First up, a quick refresher on the two districts on São Jorge: Velas, and Calheta. Velas district comprises six parishes—Manadas, Norte Grande, Rosais, Santo Amaro, Urzelina, and Velas. Calheta district is made up of five parishes—Calheta, Norte Pequeno, Ribeira Seca, Santo Antao, and Topo.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

SJDI (São Jorge Death Index). All parishes in Calheta are complete and the database is online.

SJDI. Velas district—Urzelina is completed, Norte Grande is 90% completed, Manadas is at 80%, Santo Amaro is at 45%, Rosais is at 65%, and Velas is also at about 65%.

SJMD (São Jorge marriage dispensations). This is an ongoing project. We currently have dispensations from the islands earliest records to 1816, and depending on available funding (\$350 still needed) we hope to continue the extractions through 1830. João Ventura is extracting these documents for us, which is a huge endeavor as he has to inspect each “record” which is several pages and then identify and list the relationships between persons within each set of documents.

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

In the planning stages is a database which indexes books and unpublished manuscripts i.e., Notas Historicas, Misericordia das Velas, the Avelar and Azevedo Manuscripts, etc. Also included will be a limited number of publications from nearby islands that contain information on early São Jorge settlers. These may include the Forjaz series on Terceira and Familias Faialenses.

Jeremy would like to add “Nobiliario da ilha Terceira” to our collection of resources. He is also collecting SJ related old pictures, ancient postcards, and other items for inclusion on the website. If you have anything you are able to contribute, please contact him at [jeremy@saojorgegenealogy.org](mailto:jeremy@saojorgegenealogy.org)

Donations: Any amount donated moves us closer to our mission of making resources available that aid São Jorge genealogical research. You can donate to a specific project, or to the overall fund. Please see our Donations page [here](#).

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## Events

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### May 4-5. Escalon, CA.

João Ventura will hold his Azorean research workshops. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Jun 25-28. Salt Lake City, UT.

The annual Azores Genealogical Research trip is being held at the LDS Family History Library. There are ONLY five rooms available from the block of rooms reserved at a huge discounted price. If you aren't attending the conference but headed there for your own research, for \$6 you can join the group for dessert. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Thank you. See you next month!

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