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Research Tip

<u>Missing Individuals</u>

Has a child or a relative disappeared from the records? You aren't finding them in the birth, marriage or death records? Aside from inefficient priests who didn't record every record they should have, don't forget to search the passport records.

In extracting these records, unaccompanied children as young as 12 years old are found to be traveling to Brazil or America.

Once you get the hang of reading them, they become very easy to search!

Passports on The CCA

Angra: 1770 - 1937

Horta: 1836 - 1939

Ponta Delgada: 1875 – 1939

Some years are missing.

Check the files section on our Facebook page for a series of articles called "**In A Nutshell**." These are designed to help newbies jump the pond and learn how to get started on doing family history in the Azores.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- The index for *Misericórdia das Velas* by Frederico Maciel has been completed.   It is arranged alphabetically by first name. This is the first of numerous published books we are working to index. See below for details on how you can help!
- SJMD (São Jorge Marriage Dispensations). After over a year of work, we are proud to announce that completed transcripts were published on April 1st. The book is available for download on our website as an eBook ($5.50) or as a bound paperback volume on Amazon ($10). A huge shout out to Joao Ventura for all of his hard work in extracting the records. The dispensations start in 1683 and are complete through 1830. Jeremy will be adding research tips on how to use this marvelous resource. Don't miss it.
- Festival Time.   The month of April kicked off a series of festivals all over the U.S. and in the Azores. These events are a great way to enjoy our Portuguese heritage with others. Speaking of which, the Sao Jorge Genealogy group hosted a booth at the San Joaquin Valley Portuguese Festival on April 13th. The festival was a blast. Jeremy, Rosemarie, Mike, and I met several of you who stopped by the booth. It was really great to meet everyone and be able to put faces with names. We are hoping that the event is held again next year, and already have some big plans for it.
- Check this site and here for festivals in your area, (*read the comments, too, as people from all over posted about events in their areas.*)
- SJDI (Sao Jorge Death Index). Velas district is almost complete. 5 books need adopting. Contact Jeremy if you'd like to help.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Suzanne and Jeremy are co-authoring a book indexing the passports for Sao Jorgeans leaving the Azores. Details will follow.

There are several published books which need indexing, some of which already have typewritten indexes which need only to be entered into an excel spreadsheet for inclusion in our searchable database. Please contact Jeremy to see which books are on the list, and to offer your help.

Events

May 4-5. Escalon, CA. João Ventura is holding his Azorean research workshops. Mr Ventura will also hold a 4 hour workshop in **Sacramento** on May 7 from 2 pm - 6 pm. Click here for more information.

May 11. Vallejo, CA. The S.C.D.E.S. Hall is holding a Portuguese baking class from 2 pm - 5 pm. The class will teach the students how to make Pasteis de nata, malasadas, bolo de bolacha, and tarte de amendoa. RSVP by May 5. There is an $80 fee to cover the cost of the instructor and ingredients. Contact scdeshall@yahoo.com for more information.

May 18 & 19. Union City, CA. 93rd Annual Festa do Divino Espirito Santo. Begins 6 p.m. Saturday, dancing starts at 8 p.m. Sunday festivities begin at 10 a.m. Click here for more information.

Jun 8. San Jose, CA. *Dia de Portugal* hosted by the Portuguese Heritage Society of California. Americans of Portuguese heritage join together in a worldwide celebration of their Culture. 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. Click here for more information.

See you next month!

Suzanne, Editor