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Cape Verdean Oral History Project: Interview with Juanita Maniche by Alberto Torres Pereira

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Mrs. Juanita Maniche  
512 Brook Street  
Providence, R.I.  
Tuesday, September 5, 1972  
Interviewer—Alberto Torres Pereira

000—Tape Running

020—Introduction

028—Birthdate, place of birth, etc. (Santa Antaoa, Cape Verde Islands.)

035—Immigrates to U.S. age 30.

037—Discussion of education on islands; Primary to high school; correspondence course in business. Has worked in department stores both in Cape Verde and U.S.

110—Visits Cape Verde; old friends gone.

130—Drought conditions on islands. Poverty forces Cape Verdeans to migrate.

136—Talks about drought of 1936-1940 on islands. Talks about conditions present and past (re drought). "

145—Is from wealthy family; was not affected personally by drought. Father in export business; had 20 to 30 workers daily picking coffee beans for export to Europe.

175—1936, at age 10, went through drought; government not effective in relieving drought conditions.

301—First impressions of America.

315—Not overwhelmed by size of U.S. Cites Portuguals cosmopolitanism. (in Lisbon.)

325—Compares architecture of U.S. and Lisbon.

350—Impressed by "majesty" of America; housing, parks, employment opportunities, government care, etc.

370—Discusses Americans lack of perception in terms of freedom, etc. 

end interview.