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CAPE VERDEAN ORAL HISTORY
Tape # 8
August 22, 1972
Maria DaLuz Pereira
Woodward Ave., East Providence, R.I.
Alberto Torres Pereira, interviewer

Birthdate - April 22, 1897 - St. Vincent Island
005- name, birthdate, place of birth
008- education: high school, graduated at 18 years old
023- curriculum: science, agriculture, language, history, geography...
029- Portuguese first language in school; embroidery, sewing, taught at school
040- born and lived in St. Vincent
045- describes St. Vincent as a commercial port
051- weather
060- best educated got best jobs
063- mode of travel (mostly walking)
067- to St. Antão after marriage; 2½ years later, back to St. Vincente remarried, to America at age 28 (1925)
080- husband lived in America (citizen) when married native of St. Vincente also
096- to America in Italian steamship "Britannia" voyage took 11 days (from St. Vincent to Madeira to Lisbon to U.S.)
116- docked (port of entry) State Pier in R.I. met by mother-in-law and brother-in-law
129- papers shown, doctor's examination, and gained entry to U.S.
136- impressed by number of cars, people on streets, over-all business of Providence first house in U.S. - 25 Williams St., Providence other Cape Verdeans in the area helped her to get settled was "nice house"
156- no hot water - coal and wood fuel comfortable

162- started to study English with children and husband
5 children, 4 sons, one daughter

173- relatives got along easily, loved U.S.

180- clubs, organizations, associations

185- would like to visit Cape Verde Islands
recapitulation on different races on the Islands

197- drought on Islands (not St. Vincente)

205- other island supplied food for St. Vincente (for export)

213- summary; happy in the U.S.

227- Portuguese influence (culture) in Cape Verde Islands

235- main (staple dish) "cachupa"; describes cooking process
discusses raising of livestock

266- music of the Islands -"mornas"; two brothers musicians

300- discusses radio and T.V., modern appliances and conveniences, technology, business