

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
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**Portuguese American Historical Foundation
of Fall River, Inc.
Records, 1991-2000**

**MC 49 - PAA
Manuscript Collection**

Extent: .6 linear feet (one manuscript box and one small artifact box)

Administrative history: The Portuguese American Historical Foundation was incorporated November 1, 1991 with the following officers – Mary Fonseca as president, Albert S. Domingos as treasurer, and Joseph M. Perreira as clerk. Directors included Alfredo P. Alves, Frances Gracia, Dolores Domingos, Evelyn Almeida, Mary Carvalho, William Dos Reis, Filomena Resendes and Leo Medeiros. The foundation’s purpose was to “represent the Portuguese of greater Fall River, past and present, with an ongoing display of exhibits and artifacts, to keep and record a list of Portuguese Americans in the greater Fall River area, and to recognize and acknowledge achievements of reasonable significance by persons who shall or have expressed a sincere interest in and a respect for people or objects of Portuguese heritage.” The foundation sponsored an exhibit of nativity scenes in 1993/1994, an exhibit on the Flemish connection in the Azores in 1994, and several smaller exhibits at various locations. Members collected recent and historical materials with the intent of documenting the Portuguese in Fall River. These materials were donated to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Archives and Special Collections starting in 1997 and are now part of MC 30-PAA.

Scope and contents note: Collection consists of meeting minutes, membership lists, and other administrative materials relating to the Foundation.

Access: unrestricted

Acquisition: Transferred to the Archives by Frances Gracia, 2004.

Repository: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives, Claire T. Carney Library, 285 Old Westport Road, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747. Telephone: 508-999-8684.

Folder list

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- 1 Articles of incorporation, 1991
- 2 By-Laws, 1993
- 3 Summary of accomplishments upon disbanding, 1999
- 4 Minutes of the meeting of the board of directors, 1993-1997
- 5 Minutes of annual meetings, 1993-1998
- 6 Financial records, 1993-1997
- 7 Tax information, 1993
- 8 Annual report to Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1992-1993
- 9 Membership lists and cards
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- 10a Correspondence, 1992-1994
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- 16 File index and cards, undated
- 17 Card file, undated
- 18 Press release, 1993
- 19 Newsletter notices, 1991-1994
- 20 Newspaper clippings, 1991-1994

Box 2

Seal of the foundation

VHS copy of "Portuguese Around Us" program on nativity scenes, 1993 December 26

VHS copy of "Portuguese Around Us" program on Flemish exhibit, 1994 May 28