

**Portuguese American Archives
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Pereira Garcia Family Papers, 1899-1960s**

Manuscript Collection – MC 19

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Biographical note: The Pereira Garcia family originated from Capelo, Faial, Azores. Francisco Pereira Garcia (known as Frank P. Garcia), son of Jose and Maria da Gloria Pereira Garcia was born in Faial in 1882. He followed his brother Jose to the United States, returning five years later for his cousin Rosa Emilia do Coracao de Jesus Pereira Garcia, whom he married in 1908 in Taunton, Massachusetts. Rosa Emilia, also from Capelo, Faial, Azores, daughter of Francisco and Maria Emilia Pereira Garcia, was born in 1887. 2 of Rosa's sisters and a brother also emigrated to the United States (her brother Joseph Perry owned a café in California). Francisco and Emilia first settled in Taunton and then went to Hayward, California where their 2 sons Frank and Joseph were born. They returned to the East Coast with the intention of returning to Faial, but World War I, then in progress, prevented them. The family settled in Taunton for awhile, then in 1926 established a dairy farm in Little Compton, Rhode Island. Frank, known as Frank P. Gracie, married Isabelle Rego of Middletown, Rhode Island, and Joseph married Alice Sylvia of Little Compton (see MC 18 for records of the Sylvia family). Rosa's uncle, Jose Pereira Garcia (b. 1853) had a son, Jose Pereira Garcia (born 1881; known as Joseph P. Grace), who, with his siblings Francisco and Anna, emigrated to the United States. Joseph married and settled in Lexington, Massachusetts and had one daughter, Mary P. Grace. Many of the records in the collection, including the baptismal clothing, are from this branch of the family. There are also photographs of Rosa's sister, Filomena, who remained in Faial (she married Jose Inacio Dutra). Their children (as well as Jose, when he was widowed) later emigrated to the United States and Canada.

Scope and Contents Note: Collection consists mostly of family photographs, with some documents and a set of baptismal clothing. Of note are several photographs showing Pereira Garcia farms in the Azores and in Little Compton, Rhode Island.

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Acquisition: Gift of Frances Sylvia Gracia, 1996 and 1997.

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	4	Joseph Perry family of Lexington, MA, documents, 1899-1936; copy of the statutes of the Supreme Lodge of the Portuguese Fraternity of the U.S., 1899-1911.
	5	Joseph Perry family, photographs, 1891-1932
	6	Mary Perry Grace, Lexington, MA, diploma, 1928
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Map case		Mary Perry Grace, Lexington High School and Burdette College diplomas, 1931-1932
	8	Frances Sylvia Gracia of Little Compton, Rhode Island, hotel bill and bio
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2		Baptismal garments, 1913 (belonged to Mary Perry Grace)