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**Club Ponta Delgada Collection, 1915, 1934 - 1989  
MC 58/PAA**

**Extent:** 4 linear feet (2 oversize boxes)

**Historical Note:** Club Ponta Delgada was incorporated in 1915 in Tiverton, Rhode Island as a social, athletic, and music club. The Club held an Annual meeting, and elected a Board of Directors to terms of one year. The slate of officers consisted of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Trustees. Membership was by application. In 1936, The Ponta Delgada Band Club and The Liberty Boys Club joined together and became known as the Ponta Delgada Holy Ghost and Soccer Club of Tiverton, Rhode Island. In 1946, the men's soccer team reached the finals in the National Open, eventually losing to the Chicago Vikings. In 1947, the team won the National Amateur Cup by beating Pittsburgh. By 1989, the club was called Ponta Delgada Patriot's Club, Inc., membership was reserved for males over the age of 21, and was dedicated to the promotion of social welfare, charity, and the ideals of patriotism. Several members of the soccer team are in the national Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York.

**Scope and contents note:** The collection consists of photographs, photocopies of newspaper articles, a booklet of bylaws, and two plaques.

**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

**Acquisition:** Acquired by gift from the Club through Joe Sousa. May, 2004 Acc# 04-13.

**Access:** Unrestricted

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**Processing note:** Maura McGurk '07, May 2006

Box #	Description
1	Certificate of Corporation, 1915
1	Black and white photographs, mounted on board 1934-1935 All-American Soccer Club team photograph, 15 ½" x 20" 1940 New England All-Stars soccer team photograph, 14" x 17" 1945-1946 Ponta Delgada Soccer Club team photographs, 14" x 17" (3) Unidentified team photo, 16" x 20"
1	Booklet of bylaws, 1989
2	Photocopies of clippings from local newspapers, 1946-1951
2	Wall Plaques 12" x 15", engraved with names of 1936 members 7 ½" x 6", in appreciation of John Souza, 1971