



MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL
FOLK & TRADITIONAL ARTS PROGRAM

FIELDNOTES

Fieldworker(s) [(Initials) Name]: (K) Kathleen, (C) Condon

Accession Numbers:

KC-02-7-FN

Fieldnotes

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Audio recordings

KC-02-7-CS

Photographic documentation

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Additional materials

Initial Contact: 7/2002 Contact Date: 7/25/2002

Related Accession Numbers: - - - - -

Individual/Group/Event: Interview with Alice Morais

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

Zip: [REDACTED]

County: [REDACTED]

Phone: Daytime: [REDACTED]

Evening: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Contact person: Alice Morais

Title: makes Portuguese crochet

Location of Interview: Alice's home

Street Address: same as above

City: _____

Zip: _____

County: _____

Special Needs (including translation): _____

Traditions documented on visit (traditional art/skills, occupational experience, ethnic or religious community): Portuguese crochet

Traditions noted for follow-up: Preciosa Pinto [REDACTED] is from Tras-os Montes, also does crochet, needs translation as well. Lives with Anna Wedge (daughter) and Sara Wedge (granddaughter, who I spoke with at the senior center). Call Muriel Simmons [REDACTED], the director of the Bellingham Senior Center, about a group of quilters who meet at the Center (used to meet in homes until

Center opened). They quilt on Mondays 9am-11:30am. Landa _____, very friendly, has worked with seniors, currently working on a Portuguese cookbook.

Other Possible Contacts: Ruth Anne Bleakney, Senior Center Director, Milford Council on Aging, _____ email: mcs@worldband.net. Alice's daughter: Ana Marques, _____ Son and daughter-in-law Mauricio and Lisa Morais

Summary Description:

Alice lives on the edge of the Milford neighborhood of Prospect Height (colloquially referred to as "The Heights") Milford's large Portuguese population has been settling in this area since the early 1900s. Like most of Milford Portuguese community, Morais is from the Northern part of Portugal. She is from the town of Morais, which is the in the area of Chaves in Villa Real.. She is the mother of Mauricio Morais (see KC-02-2-FN).

It makes sense that Portuguese began immigrating to the U.S. in the early 1900s, as a republic was declared there in 1910 and there were economic and political difficulties in the years before and after this.] [For a good map, go to <http://www.portugal-live.net/UK/maps.html>.] The later wave of Portuguese immigrants came in the 50s-70s, but the immigration has continued on a smaller scale even up to today. It is not surprising that many are still coming from Portugal's mountainous north, as one internet source I consulted noted that "half of the working population in mountainous areas have jobs overseas."

[Directions to Morais home: Main road through Milford, bear left at Dunkin Donuts and then take the first left at the Milford Library, the house is a couple of houses up on the left.]