

Azores Genealogical Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah

Wednesday, June 23 – Saturday, June 26, 2010

A genealogical conference focusing on the Azores has been planned to include lectures, computer lab time, as well as allowing time for research in the Family History Library (FHL). Lecture topics include computer databases as well as basic techniques for beginners. The FHL has church and civil records from Portugal and the U.S. Other genealogical records include ship passenger lists, census records, World War I & II draft registrations, birth, marriage, and death records for some cities. If you can, plan additional days before or after the conference for more research time. Do not miss this opportunity to research at the world's greatest genealogical research library.

Family History Library hours are Mondays – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm; Tuesday through Saturday – 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
A basic library orientation of the FHL runs on the hour, every day
Check <http://www.familysearch.org> for more information on the library

Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 22

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Conference check-in (Salt Lake Plaza hotel lobby)

Wednesday, June 23

****All lectures are in the Salt Lake Plaza in the Salt Lake Room unless otherwise noted.****

8:00 – 8:45 am Conference check-in (Salt Lake Plaza hotel lobby)
9:00 – 9:45 am ***DNA and Genealogy*** – Cheri Mello (does not repeat)
10:00 – 11:00 am ***Family History Library Catalog*** – Rosemarie Capodicci (no repeat)
11:00 – 12:30 pm Lunch
12:30 – 2:30 pm ***Getting Started in Genealogy and Software Review*** – Cheri (no repeat)
2:45 – 3:45 pm ***U.S. Vital Records*** – Rosemarie (Salt Lake Plaza – no repeat)
Overview of Portuguese Vitals and Using Microfilm – Cheri (FHL Main Floor classroom # 134-136 – Begins at 3 pm (repeats on Thursday)
4:00 – 5:00 pm ***Census and City Directories*** – Rosemarie (Salt Lake Plaza - no repeat)
“Reading” Portuguese Records – Cheri (FHL Main Floor classroom # 134-136 – (repeats on Thursday)
5:15 – 6:30 pm ***Navigating the NEPS Site*** – Rosemarie and Cheri (FHL Main Floor Computer Lab)
6:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 – 9:00 pm Open research. Either Cheri or Rosemarie will be stationed at the tables outside the International and U.S. Census floors.

Thursday, June 24

8:00 – 9:45 am
10:00 – 12:00 pm
12 – 1:30 pm
1:30 – 2:30 pm

2:45 – 3:45 pm
4 – 5:30 pm

5:30 – 7:00 pm
7:00 – 9:00 pm

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Immigrant Sources – Rosemarie (no repeat)
CCA Web Site – Rosemarie and Cheri - (FHL Main Floor Computer Lab)
Lunch
Overview of Portuguese Vitals and Using Microfilm – Rosemarie (repeat)
“Reading” Portuguese Records – Rosemarie (repeat)
Open research. Either Cheri or Rosemarie will be stationed at the tables outside the International and U.S. Census floors. Or possibly a Q & A?
Dinner
Open research. Either Cheri or Rosemarie will be stationed at the tables outside the International and U.S. Census floors.

Friday, June 25

8:00 – 9:00 am

9:15 – 10:00 am
10:00 – 11:00 am

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“Diario de Noticias” Newspaper Database – Cheri (FHL Main Floor Computer Lab)
Preparing for a Research Trip to the Azores – Cheri (Salt Lake Plaza)
Hawaiian Research – Only by request – See registration form
Remainder of the day is for research.

Saturday, June 26

Open research

Optional Cafeteria Employee Lunch Pass

The FHL has a break room with vending machines where sandwiches and microwaveable meals can be purchased. In addition, JB’s Family Restaurant is located in the Salt Lake Plaza hotel, as well as many nearby restaurants within walking distance. Our group has also been offered a pass to the FHL employee cafeteria across the street. It is a full service cafeteria offering a variety of hot and cold foods. This pass allows entrance to the employee cafeteria only and has no discounts associated with it. If you are interested in having one of these passes, please check the line on the conference registration on page 5.

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the 2010 Azores Genealogical Conference which is being hosted in Salt Lake City at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel and the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). This world-renowned genealogy library is open to the public and access to the fabulous resources in its collection of books, maps, and microfilm from all over the world is free of any charge. We have planned this event to allow for research time in the library and still be able to hear and learn from Azorean genealogical researchers and speakers. The conference includes lecture sessions, computer lab time, conference packet (on CD), and personal assistance.

Coming to the Conference is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3!

- 1)** Complete the registration form and mail to:
Azores Conference
c/o Cheri Mello
23905 Los Codona Ave, # 101
Torrance, CA 90505

- 2)** Reserve a room at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (800) 366-3684 or (801) 521-0130. Mention the Azores Genealogical Group, group number 8285 for our reduced rates of \$82 a night for a single/double occupancy. This rate is guaranteed for reservation made by **Thursday, April 22, 2010.**

- 3)** Book your travel. Airlines serving Salt Lake City (SLC) include American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, SkyWest, Southwest, United, and U.S. Airways. Check the Internet for discounted fares using your favorite finder, such as www.expedia.com, www.priceline.com, and many others.

Upon arrival, check the Hotel Board to call the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, or dial direct (801) 521-0130 for a free courtesy van pickup from the airport or train station to the hotel. Courtesy van hours are 6:30 am to 10:30 pm. Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Earlier arrivals can be checked in if the rooms are ready or you can leave your luggage at the desk to have it stored.

Questions?

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Check Web Sites:

<http://groups.google.com/group/azores/files?hl=en>
<http://homepage.mac.com/kmacardoza/Genealogy/azoresindex.html>

LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS

DNA and Genealogy – A basic overview of how DNA works and how it can be used to further genealogical research.

Family History Library Catalog & Record Search Pilot - How to find if your village has film and “what’s new on Record Search Pilot.”

Getting Started in Genealogy and Software Review – A basic overview on filling out charts and forms, collecting information, how to document and cite sources. A genealogy software review is also included.

U.S. Vital Records – How to obtain birth, marriage, death, and baptism records in the United States and how to assess the information therein.

Overview of Portuguese Vitals and Using Microfilm – How the archives and civil registries house the records, how to find what records where, and how to find your record on the microfilm.

Census and City Directories – An overview on what can be found on which censuses, tips on locating your ancestors on the censuses, how to find city directories and what to expect from them.

“Reading” Portuguese Records – How to bumble your way through the records to extract the information needed as well as figuring out the abbreviations and handwriting.

Navigating the NEPS Site – The good, the bad, and the ugly about NEPS.

Immigrant Sources – An overview of the sources generated by an immigrant: Naturalization, alien registration, Social Security, World War I Draft, American passport records, fraternal societies and lodges/halls, and passenger arrival lists.

CCA Web Site – An overview of what is on the *Centro de Conhecimento dos Açores*, how to access it, and how to locate records on the site.

“Diario de Noticias” Newspaper Database – Tips and tricks to locating items of interest in New England’s “*Diario de Noticias*” newspaper database.

Preparing for a Research Trip to the Azores – From airlines that fly to the Azores to what to expect from the archives and civil registries will be covered in this lecture.

Hawaiian Research – By request only. Tricks and tips for dealing with immigrants to the Kingdom of Hawaii or the U.S. Territory of Hawaii.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES



Rosemarie Capodicci has been researching her Italian and Portuguese genealogy since 1979 and published the quarterly newsletter for Portuguese genealogists called "*Portuguese Ancestry*" for 14 years ending in January 2005. She currently has a column in the Monterey County Genealogical Society newsletter called the "*Portuguese Corner.*" Rosemarie has lectured on Portuguese Research and Ethnic Research 1880 - 1940 at the 1995 National Genealogical Conference in San Diego; at the DAR/FHC Seminars in Seaside, California since 1991; at the San Francisco

History Fair for three years; at the Annual S.H.H.A.R. (Hispanic Conference) in 1993, and 1995, many genealogy societies in California and the Monterey County Genealogical Society's Seminars. Rosemarie has also been a library assistant for the Monterey Branch Family History Center since 1989.



Cheri Mello has been a researcher for over 18 years and has traced many of her ancestral lines (both American and Portuguese) into the 1700s and a few lines beyond that. She has been a member of the American-Portuguese Genealogical and Historical Association and a member of Portuguese Ancestry. She was the lead moderator for America Online's Genealogy Forum – Portuguese chat for nine years. After that, she moderated on Lusaweb before founding her own Azores list on Google Groups which now has over 730 members. She has been a co-

administrator with Family Tree DNA on the Azores project for the past 5 years. She has lectured all over the greater Los Angeles area, San Diego, CA as well as in New Bedford, MA, North Dartmouth, MA, and Providence, RI. In addition to lecturing on Portuguese genealogy, she has also lectured on DNA, GEDCOMs, and Find-A-Grave.

AZORES GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____

AREA OF RESEACH (ISLAND – IF KNOWN or U.S. STATE) _____

Okay to print the above information for attendees only? YES _____ NO _____

Optional Cafeteria Employee Lunch pass? Yes _____ No _____

- Are you researching in Hawaii? Yes _____ No _____
- How did you learn about the conference?
 - Azores Google Group _____ Conference Flyer _____
 - Dick Eastman's Online News _____ Other (please specify) _____
- Is this your first genealogy trip to Salt Lake City? _____
- How long have you been working on your Portuguese Genealogy? _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT FOR CONFERENCE

(bringing a friend/relative who is NOT doing Portuguese research, does NOT attend the conference, does NOT pay the conference fee, but utilizes the FHL on their own and is probably staying in your room)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____

AREA OF RESEACH _____

Optional Cafeteria Employee Lunch pass? Yes _____ No _____

Early Bird Registration – Entitles person to attend all conference events and includes conference packet.
\$50 if mailed by April 22, 2010

Last Chance Registration - **\$60 if mailed between April 23, 2010 and June 1, 2010**

At the Door Registration – The conference materials may have to be mailed to you after the event. **\$75.**

Make check payable to:

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