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# Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante

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Name

[Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante](#)

Sex

[Male](#)

Birth

[28 May 1847](#)

[Arrifes, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal](#)

Christening

[30 May 1847](#)

[Nossa Senhora de Saude, Arrifes, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal](#)

Death

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2 May 1916  
Fall River, Bristol, Massachusetts

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Alternate Name  
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**Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante**

1847-1916 • LDLL-FC7

Marriage: 23 February 1876  
Relva, Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal



**Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino Cordeir...**

1857-1931 • KHYW-TK2

^ Children (14)



**Manuel Brilhante**

1876-1877 • L6V9-Q6D



**Manuel de Medeiros Brilhante**

1878-1929 • M384-J9F



**Joao Brilhante**

1879-Deceased • L6V9-3L8



**Jose Brilhante**

1881-1882 • L6V9-Q48



**Jose Brilhante**

1883-1885 • L6V9-QSZ



**Bento Medeiros Brilhante**

1884-1940 • KGSH-GVW



**Maria Brilhante**

1886-1890 • L6V9-QJP



**Antonio Brilhante**

1888-1890 • KWVR-9SY



**Jose Medeiros Brilhante**

1891-1959 • K4KR-DYF



**Anna Brilhante**

1895-1895 • L6V9-37J



**Antonio Brilhante**

1896-1896 • KHTC-5XQ



**Francisco Brilhante**

1898-1898 • L6V9-3DF



**Silvano Brilhante**

1899-1900 • L6V9-QTP



**Seraphim Brilhante**

1893-1950 • L6V9-QP9





## PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

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**Joao de Medeiros Brilhante**

1815-1895 • LDLX-JX3

Marriage: 8 Jan 1837  
Saude Arrifes, Sao Miguel, Azores



**Maria de Jesus Machado**

1816-Deceased • LDLX-JY9

### Children (9)



**Manuel de Medeiros Brilhante**

1838-Deceased • LDLX-K72



**Jacintho de Medeiros Brilhante**

1840-Deceased • LDLL-65X



**Maria de Medeiros Brilhante**

1842-1842 • LDLL-X59



**Theresa de Medeiros Brilhante**

1842-1842 • LDLL-XMC



**Maria de Medeiros Brilhante**

1843-1843 • LDLL-FSD



**Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante**

1847-1916 • LDLL-FC7



**Emilia de Medeiros Brilhante**

1851-Deceased • LDLL-FNV



**Antonia de Medeiros Brilhante**

1857-Deceased • LDLL-N9D










**Theresa de Medeiros Brilhante**

1854-1893 • LDLL-FK2



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Bento de MEDEROIS



Lenora BRILHANTE



Joseph BRILHANTE



Deolinda (Lena) BRILHANTE MEDEROIS

# DOCUMENTS





Church Marriage of Antonio Brilhante de Medeiros and Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino

Marginal note: no. 6 Antonio Brilhante de Medeiros e Antonia Ricarda de Amor Divino

*Antônio Brilhante de Medeiros, filho legítimo de João Brilhante de Medeiros e Maria de Jesus, originalmente do povoado de Nossa Senhora das Neves da freguesia de Arrifes, concelho da cidade de Ponta Delgada, Diocese de Angra, e Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, filha legítima de João d'Almeida e Francisca de Jesus, originalmente do povoado de Nossa Senhora da Saúde da freguesia de Arrifes, concelho da cidade de Ponta Delgada, Diocese de Angra, em minha presença compareceram os nubentes Antônio Brilhante de Medeiros e Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, os quais, em nome e por intermédio de mim, prometendo, assumiram o compromisso matrimonial, e eu, o celebrante, escrevi este registro em duplicado, o qual depois de lido e verificado perante os nubentes e testemunhas, o primeiro assinou com mim, e os outros com mim, porque não sabem escrever. Era ut supra.*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the month of February of the year of one thousand eight hundred seventy and six [1876], in this parish church of Nossa Senhora das Neves of the place . . . [called] Relva, concelho of the city of Ponta Delgada, Diocese of Angra, and in my presence appeared the engaged couple Antonio Brilhante de Medeiros, and Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, of whom

I know to be themselves, and in all of the papers of the current state, there were no canonical or civil impediments . . . he being twenty-eight years of age, single, carpenter, legitimate son of João Brilhante de Medeiros, and of Maria de Jesus, originally of the parish of São José of the referred city and the groom of the parish of Nossa Senhora da Saude of Arrifes where he was baptized and resident, and she being of eighteen years of age, single, seamstress, legitimate daughter of . . . João d'Almeida, and of Francisca de Jesus, originally of the mentioned place of Relva, where the bride was baptized and resided, having obtained paternal consent; of which bride groom received each other as husband and wife, . . . this marriage process in this act conforming to the rites . . . of the Apostolic Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses present, whom I know to be themselves, were João Ferreira de Arreida, married, proprietor, and José de Medeiros Brilhante, also married, stonecutter. And to establish it I wrote this record in duplicate, which afterwards was read and verified before the married couple and witnesses, the first witness only signing with me because the others do not know how to write. Era ut supra.

*de Medeiros e de Maria de Jesus, originalmente do povoado de Nossa Senhora das Neves da freguesia de Arrifes, concelho da cidade de Ponta Delgada, Diocese de Angra, e Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, filha legítima de João d'Almeida e Francisca de Jesus, originalmente do povoado de Nossa Senhora da Saúde da freguesia de Arrifes, concelho da cidade de Ponta Delgada, Diocese de Angra, em minha presença compareceram os nubentes Antônio Brilhante de Medeiros e Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, os quais, em nome e por intermédio de mim, prometendo, assumiram o compromisso matrimonial, e eu, o celebrante, escrevi este registro em duplicado, o qual depois de lido e verificado perante os nubentes e testemunhas, o primeiro assinou com mim, e os outros com mim, porque não sabem escrever. Era ut supra.*

João Ferreira Arreida  
Priest, Antonio Jacintho de Gouvear



Civil Marriage of Antonio Brilhante de Medeiros and Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino

Antonio Brilhante de Mideiros, carpenter, single, legitimate son of João Brilhante de Mideiros, stonecutter, and of his wife Maria de Jesus, occupied in the service of the house, originally of the parish of São José of Ponta Delgada, and the groom originally of the parish of Nossa Senhora . . . of the place . . . [called] Arrifes, where they reside, celebrating marriage in this parish of Nossa Senhora das Neves . . . of the twenty-third day of February of one thousand eight hundred

Antonio Brilhante de Mideiros, carpenter, single, legitimate son of João Brilhante de Mideiros, stonecutter, and of his wife Maria de Jesus, occupied in the service of the house, originally of the parish of São José of Ponta Delgada, and the groom originally of the parish of Nossa Senhora . . . of the place . . . [called] Arrifes, where they reside, celebrating marriage in this parish of Nossa Senhora das Neves . . . of the twenty-third day of February of one thousand eight hundred

seventy six [1876], with Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, single, occupied in the service of the house, legitimate daughter of João d'Almeida farmer and of his wife Francisca de Jesus occupied in the service of the house originally of this parish of Nossa Senhora das Neves residents on the street of Guiné of this place

seventy six [1876], with Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, single, occupied in the service of the house, legitimate daughter of João d'Almeida farmer and of his wife Francisca de Jesus occupied in the service of the house originally of this parish of Nossa Senhora das Neves residents on the street of Guiné of this place

Antonio Brilhante de Mideiros . . . Judicial Authority of the parish of this freguesia Antonio Mideiros Martins Furtado before the witnesses Luis da Silva and José Rodrigues, married, farmers, and residents of . . . Relva

Antonio Brilhante de Mideiros . . . Judicial Authority of the parish of this freguesia Antonio Mideiros Martins Furtado before the witnesses Luis da Silva and José Rodrigues, married, farmers, and residents of . . . Relva

of the said Administrative Office

of the said Administrative Office

I João Jacinto de Mideiros scribe of the Judicial Authority . . . of this parish of Relva on the twenty-third of February of 1876.

I João Jacinto de Mideiros scribe of the Judicial Authority . . . of this parish of Relva on the twenty-third of February of 1876.

The scribe João Jacinto de Mideiros

The scribe João Jacinto de Mideiros



N.º 43  
Manuel, 2.  
se nome.

On the tenth day of the month of March of the year one thousand eight hundred seventy and eight  
in this parish church of Nossa Senhora das Neves of the place . . . [called] Relvas,  
concelho da cidade de Ponta Delgada na ilha de São Miguel,  
diocese d'Angra, baptizei solemnmente um individuo do sexo mas-

culino, a quem dei o nome de = Manuel = e que nasceu no dia quatro  
de abril do presente anno, filho legitimo, segundo do nome, de Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante,  
pedreiro, natural da freguesia de Nossa Senhora da Saude do lugar dos Arrifes d'estes mencionados concelho, ilha e diocese, e d'Antonia  
Ricarda do Amor Divino, d'occupacao domestica, natural da  
mesma freguesia de Nossa Senhora das Neves, onde se receberam, e donde

são parochianos, moradores na rua de Guiné, neto paterno de João  
de Medeiros Brilhante e de Maria de Jesus, e materno de João d'Almeida  
e de Francisca de Jesus. Foi padrinho o dito avô materno, camponês,  
e madrinha sua filha, Maria de Jesus, solteira, d'occupacao domestica,  
as quaes todos sei serem os proprios. E para constar lavrei em  
duplicado este assento, que sendo lido e conferido perante os padrinhos,  
comygo e não assinam por não sabrem escrever. Era ut supra.

O Parocho proprio Augusto Carlos de Mello

Baptism of Manuel

source: FHL

marginal note : No. 43 Manuel, the second of the name

On the tenth day of the month of March of the year one thousand eight hundred seventy and eight [1878] in this parish church of Nossa Senhora das Neves of the place . . . [called] Relvas, concelho of the city of Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel, Diocese of Angra; I solemnly baptized an individual of the masculine sex of whom I gave the name of = Manuel = and that was born at 10 o'clock at night on the fourth day of the referred month and year, legitimate son of Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante, stonecutter, originally from the parish of Nossa Senhora da Saude of the place . . . [called] Arrifes of this mentioned concelho, island and diocese and of Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, occupation domestic, originally of this parish of Nossa Senhora das Neves, where they were married and where they are parishioners, residents on the street Guiné, paternal grandson of João de Mideiros Brilhante and of Maria de Jesus, and maternal [grandson] of João d'Almeida and of Francisca de Jesus. The godfather was the said paternal grandfather, farmer, and the godmother his daughter Maria de Jesus, single, occupation domestic; all of whom I know to be themselves. And to establish it I wrote this record in duplicate, which, was read and verified before the godparents, who did not sign with me because they do not know how to write. Era ut supra.

The parish priest himself Augusto Carlos de Mello



Manuel, 2.º de este nome, f.º leg.º, de Antonio de  
Medeiros Brillhante, Pedreiro, e de Antonia  
Ricarda do Amor Divino, d'occupaçã domestica,  
N.ª de N.ª Sen.ª da Saude dos Arrifes, e ella, de  
N.ª Sen.ª das Neves, lugar da Relva, donde são parochia-

rios e foram recebidos, moradores N.ª da rua de Guiné,  
N.ª paterno, de João de Medeiros Brillhante, e de  
Maria de Jesus, decedida, e materna, de João de  
Almeida, e de Francisca de Jesus, nascem ás dez  
horas da noite do dia quatro de Março de mil  
oitocentos setenta e oito; assim o veer declarou  
sem par a foydo Antonio de Medeiros Martins  
Furtado, perante os tes.ºs Antonio Zapozo, e José  
Sard.º, casado, e camp.º moradores desta freg.ª dos  
quais não assignar comigo nem declaran-  
te q' não sabem escrever. O Manuel José  
Tavares, Escrivão do Foydo bancario da dita assen-  
ta assigna na foydo de N.ª da Relva em  
9 de Março de 1878. O Escrivão M.ª J.º Tavares

### Birth of Manuel

Manuel, second of this name, legitimate son of Antonio de Medeiros Brillhante, stonecutter, and of Antonia Ricarda do Amor Divino, occupation domestic, he originally of Nossa Senhora da Saude of Arrifes and she of Nossa Senhora das Neves, place of Relva, where they are parishioners and where they were married, residing on the street of Guiné, paternal grandson of João de Medeiros Brillhante and of Maria de Jesus, deceased, and maternal [grandson] of João de Almeida and of Francisca de Jesus. He was born at 10 o'clock at night on the fourth day of March of one thousand eight hundred seventy and eight [1878]

Judicial Authority Antonio de Medeiros Martins Furtado, before the witnesses Antonio Zapozo, e José Sardº, married, farmers, residing in this parish, who do not sign with me nor the declarant because they do not know how to write. I Manuel José Tavares, scribe of the Administrative Office of the place of Relva.

9 March 1878

The scribe Mª Jº Tavares [Manuel José Tavares]



Nº 11  
Manuel  
1876

No primeiro dia do mês de Outubro do anno de mil oitocentos  
setenta e sete, pelas onze horas da noite, n'uma casa da rua de  
Guiné d'esta freguesia de Nossa Senhora das Neves do lugar das  
Relvas, concelho da cidade de Ponta Delgada, diocese d'Angra,  
palleceu um individuo do sexo masculino de nome = Manuel =  
de idade de nove meses, natural d'esta freguesia, e n'ella moran-  
do, filho legitimo d'Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante, natural  
da freguesia de Nossa Senhora da Saude do lugar dos Arrifes, e pa-  
ter mencionado, concelho e diocese, e d'Antonia Ricarda do Amor  
Divino, natural d'esta de Nossa Senhora das Neves, o qual  
foi sepultado no cemiterio publico. E para constar lavrei em  
duplicado este assento, que assigno. Era ut supra  
Parocho proprio Augusto Carlos de Mello

On the first day of October 1877, during  
the 11<sup>th</sup> hour at night, in the house on  
Guine Street in the parish of Our Lady of  
the Snow, located in Relva, municipality of  
the City of Ponta Delgada, diocese of  
Angra, died an infant male by the name of  
Manuel after a short illness, a native of this  
parish, the legitimate son of Antonio de  
Medeiros Brilhante, a native of the parish  
of Our Lady of Health, Arrifes, married and  
living in this diocese, and Antonia Ricarda  
of the Divine Love, a native of the parish  
of Our Lady of the Snow was buried in the  
public cemetery. And to establish it, I  
wrote this record in duplicate, which was  
read. Era ut Supra. The parish Priest  
himself, Augusto Carlos de Mello.

Registro de Passaportes

Nacionais e estrangeiros

| Ano  | Mes  | Dia | Nº Passaporte | Nº Registro | Nomes                      | Filiação  | Idade | Condição | Frequência | Ocupação    | Local de nascimento | Destinos       | Observação |
|------|------|-----|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|---|-------|----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1958 | Nov. | 11  | 4653          | 4053        | José Rodrigues Carneira    | Jacinto R. Rodrigues e Fran. Jesus              | 25    | Maiores  | P. País    | trabalhador | Brasil              | América do Sul | 6          |
| 1959 |      |     | 4684          |             | João da Costa Silva        | Jacinto Rodrigues e Sr. Sebastião               | 33    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
| 1960 |      |     | 4652          |             | Isabel de Jesus            | Isidoro Francisco e Aquilino de Jesus           | 39    |          |            |             |                     |                | 9          |
|      |      |     | 4686          |             | Maria                      | Isidoro Francisco e Isabel de Jesus             | 3     |          |            |             |                     |                | 7          |
| 1961 |      |     | 4657          |             | Carolina da Silva          | José da Silva e de Sr. do Espírito Santo        | 14    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4658          |             | Margarida de Jesus         | Manoel Nunes e Fran. Julião                     | 50    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4659          |             | Maria de Jesus             |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 45            |             |                            |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 45            |             |                            |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 33            |             |                            |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 44            |             |                            |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 19            |             |                            |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
| 1972 |      |     | 4690          |             | Maria de Jesus             |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4686          |             | Joie                       |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4687          |             | Roberto                    |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4688          |             | Marianna de Jesus          |   |       |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4689          |             | Felomena de Jesus          | Jacinto Francisco de W. Sant                    | 44    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
| 1977 |      |     | 469           |             | Maria de Jesus             | M. de S. da Silva de Jesus e Sr. de S. de Jesus | 19    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
| 1973 |      |     | 4691          |             | Fran. de Jesus de Medeiros | José Maria e Sr. de S. de Jesus                 | 23    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |
|      |      |     | 4692          |             |                            |   | 28    |          |            |             |                     |                |            |



LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

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S. S. *Lancaster* sailing from *St. Michaels, Tex.* 1902 Arriving at Port of *Boston* 1902 273

| 1 | 2                             | 3         | 4 | 5 | 6         | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10                                     | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14         | 15               | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21                |  |
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|   | <i>Jose Terrence Santos</i>   |           |   |   |           |   |   |   |  |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Himself</i>                | <i>40</i> |   |   | <i>No</i> |   |   |   | <i>His son Manuel M. Brilliant</i>     |    |    |    | <i>330</i> | <i>Jerry St.</i> |    |    |    |    |    | <i>Fall River</i> |  |
|   | <i>Himself</i>                |           |   |   | <i>No</i> |   |   |   | <i>His son Manuel M. Brilliant</i>     |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Himself</i>                |           |   |   | <i>No</i> |   |   |   | <i>His brother Manuel M. Brilliant</i> |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Himself</i>                |           |   |   | <i>No</i> |   |   |   | <i>His brother Manuel M. Brilliant</i> |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>His sister</i>             |           |   |   | <i>No</i> |   |   |   | <i>His brother Manuel M. Brilliant</i> |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>His father</i>             |           |   |   | <i>No</i> |   |   |   | <i>His brother Manuel M. Brilliant</i> |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Manuel Antonio</i>         |           |   |   |           |   |   |   | <i>Fall River</i>                      |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Manuel Bonifacio</i>       |           |   |   |           |   |   |   | <i>Himself</i>                         |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Flomena Jesus</i>          |           |   |   |           |   |   |   | <i>Himself</i>                         |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Francis Francisco</i>      |           |   |   |           |   |   |   | <i>Himself</i>                         |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Jose de Torres Sanchez</i> |           |   |   |           |   |   |   | <i>Himself</i>                         |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |
|   | <i>Francis de Torres</i>      |           |   |   |           |   |   |   | <i>Himself</i>                         |    |    |    |            |                  |    |    |    |    |    |                   |  |

ok 19 did not embark

John Victoria

# STORIES





## **WATER FRONT ITEMS.**

### **Four European Steamships Reach Port.**

### **All of Them Experienced the Roughest Kind of Weather.**

### **One of Vancouver's Passengers Buried at Sea.**

Through the heavy fog which enveloped the harbor and bay yesterday four European steamships groped their way into port and were made fast to their respective berths. They were the Vancouver of the Dominion line, Capt McDonald, from Italy via the Azores; Englishman of the same line, temporarily in command of Capt Enoch Maddox of the steamer Canada, from Liverpool; Saxonia of the Cunard fleet, Capt Robert C. Warr, from Liverpool, and the Leyland liner Armentan, Capt A. W. V. Trant, from Liverpool.

The Vancouver was one of the first to reach port and was warped into her berth at pier 6, Hoosac docks, at 10 a m.

A great crowd of the Italian residents of the North End gathered at the entrance of the pier, where they waited patiently for hours to welcome relatives or friends. Many were disappointed, as a large percentage of the steerage passengers were held for further examination and will not be released until today.

The steamer brought one Italian steerage passenger away, who was locked in a room on board the vessel, and will be deported when she leaves on her return trip tomorrow.

The Vancouver brought in a valuable cargo of straw goods, vermouth, olive oil, wine, skins, cheese, lemons, oranges and miscellaneous freight.

It was a more eventful passage than usual. The seas were contrary, and the speed of the ship retarded thereby; and to add to the gloom of the voyage, one passenger who had taken the ship at St Michaels to come home to friends was left in a grave in the great deep. Furthermore the steamer arrived off Boston light at 7.35 Wednesday evening and was obliged to wait until morning. So taking all things into consideration, it was a hard, uncomfortable voyage.

The total number of passengers on board: Cabin 12, second cabin 56, steerage 1104.

On Tuesday last Mrs M. S. Riveira, who was returning to her home in Cambridge, from which she went some time ago in pursuit of health in another climate, died of consumption.

The officers and stewards of the vessel had been unremitting in their care of the sufferer; to such an extent that the other second-cabin passengers, who had known of the sickness of Mrs Riveira, when her death was learned, prepared resolutions, signed by all, which they presented to Capt McDonald, thanking him and his officers for all that had been done for the deceased.

The next day, Wednesday, occurred that sad and impressive service of a burial at sea. The dull clouds hung low from the skies, and constantly dropped their burden of rain; the winds were still pouring out of the northeast, and the waves swept up alongside. The entire ship's company assembled on deck, and such of the passengers as dared the elements. Dr C. T. Ballantyne, the ship's surgeon, read the burial service, and when the moment came, the sick-wearied form passed over the side as silently as the spirit had passed from the body, and only the record of lat 42° 31' N, lon 68° 10' W remained to mark the last resting place.

This sad duty accomplished, the steamer continued on her way and reached the pier with all on board well. The immigration officials were prompt at their duty, and the steerage passengers were attended to with great promptness.

The saloon passengers were Geo. E. Weiler, L. E. Whitney, Capt E. Lauro, Capt F. Trapani, Miss Ellen J. Stoddard, Miss Elizabeth F. Stoddard, Mrs Cutler Haley, C. E. Kahlke and Mrs Kahlke, Nicholas de Cosare, Pietro Alvino, Dr R. Bartoldo, the Italian commissioner in charge of the steerage passengers.



# A Fall River Portuguese Family Story, As Told through the Documents

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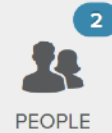
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The various records generated by our ancestors contain many important clues that give us a window into certain periods in their lives. By careful examination we can take note of the subtle clues that the document can give us.

After gathering all possible information about the family from relatives and friends, supporting documents were acquired and examined. A comparison of the United States censuses' for the years 1910 to 1940 showed that the family continued to live and work in Fall River, Massachusetts. Those findings were further supported by comparing all known city directories for Fall River, which verified that the family moved quite often within the Portuguese neighborhood. All possible vital records were acquired and examined for any clues. These in turn were compared to burial and sexton records, and obituaries found in the local Portuguese language newspaper, Diario De Noticias. An examination of the World War I draft cards for all known eligible males provided the needed information about the village in the Azores where the family originated. That information, led to the vital documents for the christenings, marriages, and deaths of various members of the family. These sources of information continue to expand the family line.

## Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante

My immigrant ancestor Antonio de Medeiros Brilhante (great-grandfather on my maternal side) was born 28 May 1847 in Arrifes, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal, to Joao de Medeiros Brilhante (stonecutter, 22 October 1815 - 21 October 1895 ) and Maria de Jesus Machado (20 October 1816 ) both from Arrifes (8 January 1837 ). He was the sixth of 9 children, and the third of 3 sons; Manuel (23 September 1838 ), Jacintho (31 May 1840 ), Theresa (1 November 1842 - 1 November 1842 ), Maria (1 November 1842 - 8 November 1842 ), Maria (20 August 1843 - 20 August 1843 ), Antonio, Emilia (8 June 1851 ), Theresa (9 July 1854 - 30 July 1893 ), and Antonia (8 February 1857 ). Only 6 of the children would live to adulthood. Antonio was christened 2 days later on 30 May 1847 in the Catholic



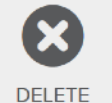
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