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Biography

Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho, Portuguese mariner sailing under the Spanish flag, discovered California, September 28, 1542. He landed at Point Loma, San Diego County, claiming the region for Spain. Cabrilho (as the name is spelled in Spanish) had been with Cortez during the conquest of Mexico (1520) and with Alvarado during the conquest of Guatemala (1530). Viceroy Mendoza ultimately assigned two vessels to Cabrilho for exploration of the north coast of Mexico (1542) and these ships, the San Salvador and the Victoria sailed from Navidad, Mexico,

June 27, 1542. After the landing in San Diego noted above, Cabrillo's expedition again sailed north, stopping at several points, including Santa Catalina Island, Santa Monica Bay, San Buena Ventura, and sighting others, including Point Concepción and Point Reyes. In October 1542 Cabrilho fell and broke his arm. This injury later became infected and, in January 1543, the explorer died and was buried on one of the Channel Islands. The Cabrillo Civic Clubs erected a monument to Cabrilho on San Miguel Island (1935), but later scholarship places the likely burial site on Santa Rosa Island.

The Cabrillo Civic Clubs, Inc. were organized in San Francisco (January 1934; chartered Dec. 19, 1934) by Californians of Portuguese descent who were proud that a Portuguese mariner had discovered their state and concerned that this fact was not widely known. The Clubs' early efforts to promote the fame of Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho resulted in the establishment (1935) of a statewide annual Cabrillo Day (Sept. 28) and the creation of a Cabrillo National Monument at Point Loma (1935). Subsequently, the Clubs succeeded in having State Highway 1 christened the "Cabrillo Highway " (1957) and in fostering the issue of a U.S. postal stamp in the explorer's honor (1989). Since World War II, the Clubs have also been known for many charitable activities, including: blood drives; fund raising for polio and cancer research; assisting candidates for U.S. citizenship; and, providing college scholarships for students of Portuguese descent. The Cabrillo Civic Clubs, Inc. also foster an interest in their communities in Portuguese customs and lore through sponsorship of various special events such as the annual San DiegoCabrillo Festival (last week of September); Portuguese Immigrant Week (first week of March); and, local Festas Portuguesas (generally around May 20).

Scope and Content

Most of these scrapbooks are loosely arranged (within the individual volume) according to the following plan: 1) State organizational materials; 2) Local Chapter materials ordered by Chapter number. Materials include newspaper CLIPPINGS, Chapter and State NEWSLETTERS, event PROGRAMS, ROSTERS, CONVENTION BOOKS, and REPORTS of local Chapters to State organization.

All scrapbooks since 1975 were created by the State Club Historian. From that date books contain materials pertaining to a single year and it was therefore logical to box the collection chronologically. No effort has been made to provide an exhaustive description of the contents of each scrapbook but "highlights" have in each case been noted as an aid to the researcher. Presence of materials on individual Chapters is noted through use of the Chapter's number only. Other materials are denoted by the following abbreviations: Reports = Re. Clippings of more than local interest and other inserted materials not generated by the Clubs themselves are indicated in full. No attempt has been made to list issues of Chapter or State newsletters.

BOX 1: Chiefly 1935-1957

-BOOK #1 (1935-1958) [poor condition]

Convention Books: 1945, 1947-52, 1955-58

Clippings incl.:

1st mention of Women's Division (1944)

1st Cabrillo Day (Sep. 28, 1935)

establishment of Cabrillo Nat'l. Monument (Pt. Loma, San Diego)

-BOOK #2 (1938-1941) [poor condition]

Clippings incl.: [most in Portuguese]

Cabrillo statue at Pt. Loma

Portuguese participation at SF International Exposition (1939)

-BOOK #3 (1957) [poor condition]

Chapter news, incl.: #2, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21

Clippings, incl.: renaming of Hwy 1 as "Cabrillo Hwy."

-BOOK #4 (1949-1970) by Ethel Serpa

Convention Books: (1963)

Chapter news, incl.: #2, 9, 11, 16, 24

Clippings, incl.: Palo Alto Convention (1966)

BOX 2: Book #5 (1959-1963) [oversize] by Ethel Serpa

Monterey #28 Charter (1975)

Chapter news, incl.:

#2 (1959-61, 63); #15 (1963)

#5 (1959-63); #16 (1962)

#9 (1959-63); #17 (1960)

#10 (1960, 62-63); #19 (1959)

#12 (1959-60, 62-63); #21 (1959, 61-63)

#24 (1959-60, 62-63)

Clippings, incl.:
discovery of Cabrillo's anchor (1961)

BOX 3: Chiefly 1968-1971

-BOOK #6 (1968) by Geri Madruga
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26

-BOOK #7 (1969-1972) by Frank Silva, President
State Board Minutes (1971)
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 26, 27
Clippings, incl.:
Concord Convention (1969)
San Diego Convention (1970)
Fresno Convention (1971)
Fresno District Fair 75th Anniversary Program (1970)

-BOOK #8 (1971) [poor condition] by Lila Barros
Convention Book
Roster
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27

BOX 4: 1972-1974

-BOOK #9 (1972) by Adeline Brindos
Convention Book
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 27

-BOOK #10 (1973-1974) by Adeline Brindos
Convention Books: (1973; 1974)
Chapter news, incl.:
1973: #2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 21, 25, 26, 27
1974: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27
Clippings, incl.:
Cabrillo's gravestone from Santa Rosa Is. (rediscovered 1973)

BOX 5: 1971-1976

-BOOK #11 (1971) by Vera Oliveira
Chapter news, incl.: #5(w/ Re), 9(w/ Re), 10(w/ Re), 11(w/ Re), 12(w/ Re), 15(w/ Re), 16(w/ Re), 17(w/ Re), 18(w/ Re), 21(w/ Re), 24(w/ Re), 27(w/ Re)

-BOOK #12 (1975) by Marge Perry
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
Clippings, incl.
Teofla Rosa, the "political gadfly"

-BOOK #13 (1976) by Ray Soares
Convention Book
Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 9, 10(w/ Re), 11(w/ Re), 12, 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 25, 26, 27

BOX 6: 1977-1979

-BOOK #14 (1977) by Ray Soares
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11(w/ Re), 12, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27

-BOOK #15 (1978) by Ray Soares
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27
Clippings, incl.:
frigate Sagres sails to Cabrillo Festival, S. Diego
"Pt. Loma: A place where dreams are fulfilled," S. D. Union (4-30-78)
*Santa Cruz County [lg. booklet, illus. color]

-BOOK #16 (1979) by Ray Soares
Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
Clippings, incl.:
plans for Portuguese Park in Hayward
"Portuguese immigrants thrive in South County [Alameda]," Hayward Daily Review (9-17-79)

***Martinha & Jose Salvador. Portuguese pioneers of So. California**

BOX 7: 1980-1982

- BOOK #17 (1980) by Ray Soares
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - issue on earthquake damage in Azores Portuguese Tribune (1-24-80)
 - *The story of the Cabrillo Highway
- BOOK #18 (1981) by Ray Soares
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - "Portuguese settled County [Tulare] in 1860s," Visalia Times-Delta (10-27-81)
- BOOK #19 (1982) by Dolores Philpot
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 12, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - "Azores: Atlantic's lush islands....," S.D. Tribune (5-13-82)
 - "Portugal: Where joy of life means more....," S.D. Tribune (9-30-82)
 - Sharp Cabrillo Hospital [illus. brochure on San Diego facility]

BOX 8: 1983-1986

- BOOK #20 (1983) by Jo Marie Moura
 - Convention Book [2 copies]
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1, 9, 12, 16, 24, 27
- BOOK #21 (1984) by Jo Marie Moura
 - Convention Book
 - Chapter news, incl.: #9, 12, 16, 26, 27, 29
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - 50th Anniversary Year
- BOOK #22 (1985) by Jo Marie Moura
 - Roster
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 9, 12, 16, 27
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - new Cabrillo statue for Pt. Loma
- BOOK #23 (1986) by Alzira Cardoza
 - Roster
 - State Board agendas
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1, 9, 12, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29
 - *Manuel Dias. "Portuguese have a proud & ancient heritage," Stanislaus Steppingstones 10:2 (Su1986)

BOX 9: 1987-1989

- BOOK #24 (1987) by Alzira Cardoza
 - Convention Book
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9(w/ Re), 10, 12, 15, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27(w/ Re), 29
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - "Bay [S. Diego] has history of difficult choices," S.D. Tribune (8-9-87)
 - "Clint Eastwood's relative is a college computer genius at 10," National Enquirer (1-6-87) [Adragone De Mello]
 - "Graduate of Cabrillo College," S.D. Union (5-31-87) [A. De Mello]
 - "Another site for Cabrillo landing," Fresno Bee (6-26-87)
 - *Winning student essays on Cabrillo
 - Dale Swenson. Recollections of early days in Home Federal Country [S. Diego]
- BOOK #25 (1988) by Alzira Cardoza
 - Convention Book
 - Roster
 - Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
 - Clippings, incl.:
 - "Statue of Portuguese Immigrant now a San Leandran for 24 years," San Leandro Gazette (3-9-88)

"11 year old receives math degree [from UC Sta. Cruz]," Hayward Daily Review (6-13-88) [Adragon De Mello]

new Cabrillo statue at Pt. Loma dedicated (February)

Cabrillo postage stamp proposed by U.S. Rep. Pete Stark (August)

-BOOK #26 (1989) by Alzira Cardoza

Convention Book

Roster

Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Clippings, incl.:

"Explorer to finally get postal stamp," Hayward Daily Review (2-16-89)

BOX 10: 1990-1994

-BOOK #27 (1990) by Alzira Cardoza

Convention Book

Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26(w/ Re), 27(w/ Re), 28, 29

Clippings, incl.:

"Portuguese prime minister makes historic visit to Pt. Loma," The Beacon (9-27-90)

-BOOK #28 (1991) by Alzira Cardoza

Convention Book

Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9 (w/ Re), 10, 11, 12, 15, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

-BOOK #29 (1992) by Alzira Cardoza

Convention Book

Roster

Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12(w/ Re), 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Clippings, incl.

Cabrillo postage stamp

"Decision nears on building replica of Cabrillo's ship," S.D. Union (2-2-92)

-BOOK #30 (1993) by Alzira Cardoza

Convention Book [3 copies; one in Scrapbook #29]

Roster

Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2, 5, 9(w/ Re), 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 26

-BOOK #31 (1994) by Alzira Cardoza

Roster

Chapter news, incl.: #1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 26, 27

*Ministerio de Negocios Estrangeiros. Portugal 92 [booklet on Portuguese history; color illustrations taken from Portuguese tiles]

BOX 11: 1995-

-BOOK #32 (1995) by Joan Dias

Convention Book

Roster

Minutes & other State organization papers

Chapter news, incl.: #1(w/ Re), 2(w/ Re), 5, 9, 10, 11, 12(w/ Re), 15, 16, 21(w/ Re), 24, 26, 27, 28, 30