

Title Bridgeport and Stratford Cape Verdean Communities

Date 1999

Primary Maker Carlos de Graça

Basic Detail Report

Medium photographs

Description Photographs from CCHAP's documentation project of the Bridgeport and Stratford Cape Verdean communities. 2015.196.375.1: Image showing Carlos de Graça, musician and owner of the Madison Portuguese Deli in Bridgeport. He trained as a chef on the island of Sal from a young age, then joined family in Bridgeport in 1986. 2015.196.375.2: Image from May 1999 showing Antonia Ignacia Ramalho Sequeira with her brother-in-law's father's mandolin. She is seated in her backyard on Dewey Street in Stratford. Her family of origin, the Ramalhos, were the first Cape Verdeans in the Dewey Street area. 2015.196.375.3: Image showing sign reading "Cape Verdean Assoc. of Bridgeport." The sign has an image of the Cape Verdean flag on one side of the lettering, and on the other side is an ACEB emblem. Bridgeport is home to the largest settlement of Cape Verdeans in Connecticut. 2015.196.375.4: Image showing Lalache (Maria de Rosario Spencer Fonseca) of Bridgeport. Lalache came to the United States in 1985 after living for many years in Italy, where she worked as a housekeeper and earned her doctorate in Cape Verdean literature. She has been a devoted singer of religious and traditional music.