



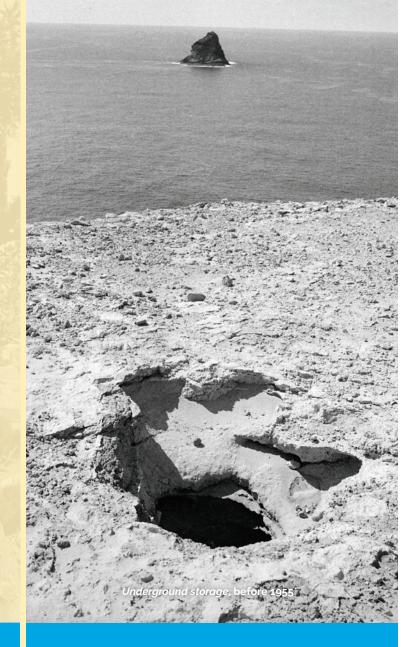


his exhibition aims to show photographs of Porto Santo captured by Father Eduardo C. N. Pereira, from before the 1940s until the 1970s – that is, in a period prior to the emergence of the political and administrative autonomy of Madeira Archipelago and the structural changes of the last quarter of the 20th century.

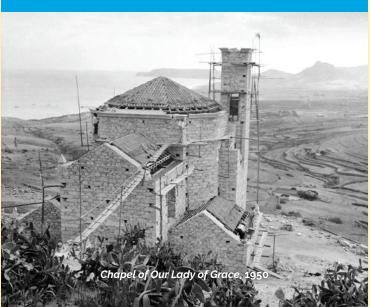
Selected from the vast collection of Father Eduardo Pereira deposited in *Madeira Archives and Library*, the photographs, of ethnographic and sociological scope, represent humanized landscapes, everyday life scenes and elements of material culture – and thus constitute significant documents for the knowledge of the history of Porto Santo.

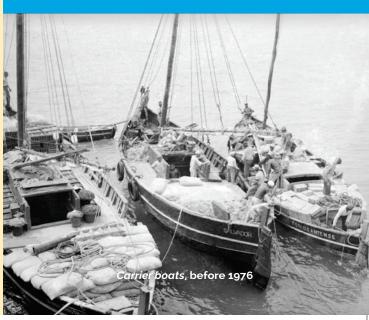
A priest, a musician and singer, a teacher and school director, a researcher and historian, a writer and poet, a journalist and amateur photographer, Father Eduardo Pereira (1887-1976) was a unique figure in the cultural panorama of Madeira in the 20th century; he wrote, among others, the remarkable work Ilhas de Zargo (1st ed. 1940; 4th ed. 1989), an extensive monography still relevant today for scholars and curious minds.

Porto Santo was, for Father Eduardo Pereira, an elected island, his favorite land. The Island was, for him, a special theme for study in various areas of knowledge; against its secular abandonment and poverty and in favor of its material, cultural and social development, Father Eduardo Pereira took measures of reflection, intervention and denunciation; he elected Porto Santo as a vacation destination; he chose, even, to settle here, in the last decades of his life; to its inhabitants he provided pastoral parish service; and here he was, also, a correspondent journalist.



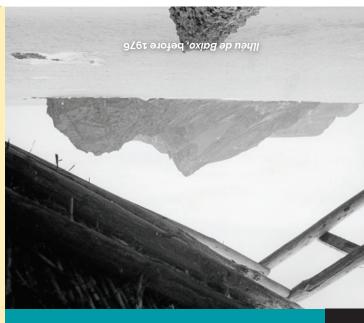
















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