



Additional Resources Related to the Presentation

Thank you for your interest in my Marin's Dairy History presentation made to the Marin History Museum on April 25, 2023. Below you will find a few additional resources related to the subjects covered in my presentation. As I mentioned in my talk, most of my research has focused on the Portuguese community in Marin on behalf of the IDESST Sausalito Portuguese Cultural Center (<https://www.idesst.org/>). As a result, there is a definite Portuguese flavor regarding many of the materials listed below. Needless to say, there were many other groups who contributed to the history of the dairies in Marin, in particular the group which came from the Swiss Canton of Ticino and the adjoining part of northern Italy, and it is well worth seeking out their histories as well.

- The Marin Dairy Project, a collaboration I am engaged in with historian Dewey Livingston that is seeking to identify the locations of every dairy that ever operated in Marin, as well as the individuals who operated those dairies over the years: <https://bit.ly/3qMHNdd>
- Works by Dewey Livingston with substantial content regarding dairy farming in Marin:
 - "Ranching on the Point Reyes Peninsula: a History of the Dairy and Beef Ranches within Point Reyes National Seashore, 1834-1992" (1993): <https://bit.ly/33225Wi>.
 - "A Good Life : Dairy Farming in the Olema Valley" (1995): <https://bit.ly/3D5SKwy>.
 - "Nicasio: The Historic Valley at the Center of Marin" (2008)
 - "In the Heart of Marin: The History of Kentfield and Greenbrae" (2014)
- The Marin-Dell binders, two volumes prepared by the Marin Dairymen's Milk Company (aka Marin-Dell) around 1950 with individual descriptions of the dairies in Marin and Sonoma Counties that were suppliers to the company, as well as the families that operated those dairies, many of whom were Portuguese: <https://bit.ly/3zgfBlh>.
- "Farming on the Edge: Saving Family Farms in Marin County," by John Hart (1991).
- A PowerPoint of my presentation "Dairies of Marin: The ATKR Annex Cluster," given on November 18, 2019 for the Anne T. Kent California Room that focused on a thirteen dairies that had operated in the area just north of San Rafael: <http://contentdm.marinlibrary.org/digital/collection/dairies/id/32/rec/3>
- Numerous posts on the IDESST Facebook page regarding Portuguese dairies and related businesses, including:
 - The extreme concentration of Portuguese on Samuel Throckmorton's tenant dairies in the Marin Headlands in the 1800's (10/21/21): <http://bit.ly/3lyMZbX>

- The Marin Land & Cattle Company (Silva family) Point Dairy at Rodeo Beach, a post which includes links to posts regarding eleven other dairies in and around Sausalito (8/10/18 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3dxjdFG>.
- The Eagle (Lyford) Dairy on Strawberry, a post which includes links to posts regarding three other dairies on the Tiburon peninsula (8/26/21 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3fQILTS>.
- Manuel Fagundes, a Marin odyssey, a description, based on an entry in the Marin Dell binders, of the thirteen different Marin dairies that Manuel Fagundes worked on during his career as a dairy farmer (10/28/21 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3Ad8VqB>.
- Costa Brothers Creamery (2/23/17 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3nrX6Fp>
- The Victorino Family and their establishment at the top of the Dipsea Stairs (2/12/18 Facebook post): <http://bit.ly/3EITnwb>
- Posts on the two dairy sites in southern Marin where significant structures related to dairy operations still remain:
 - ◆ The Golden Gate Dairy (today Ocean Riders of Marin) at Muir Beach -- the Manuel V. Lopes family (8/7/22 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3bGebcA>.
 - ◆ The Cunha/Lopes Dairy (today Miwok Stables) in Tennessee Valley – Manuel Ferreira da Cunha (9/16/21 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3xINH2>, and the Manuel V. Lopes family (7/15/21 Facebook post): <https://bit.ly/3bLQhMJ>.

Note: the two Manuel V. Lopes referred to above were related but different individuals. Manuel V. Lopes from Muir Beach was the uncle of the Manuel V. Lopes from Tennessee Valley.

One of the most valuable resources preserved by any historical organization is oral histories. Here a sample of the oral histories that touch on work on Marin dairies that I have found particularly helpful, and which are available online (written transcripts of many more oral histories are available at the individual historical organizations):

- Avella, Joe (Tiburon): <https://digicoll.lib.berkeley.edu/record/218717?ln=en>
 - Joe was born and raised on the Hilarita Dairy on Tiburon, today the site of Reed Elementary School. The family residence still stands there, currently used by the city.
- Brabo, Mary & Tony (Mill Valley): <https://millvalley.pastperfectonline.com/archive/204E7E17-48CD-4A5A-9A14-631822728408>
 - Mary and Tony, who lived in Tam Valley, met while dancing the Chamarrita at one of the Sausalito Festas. They eloped and ended up being married for 82 years, thought to be the longest marriage in Marin County.
- Brazil, Tony (Muir Beach): <https://digicoll.lib.berkeley.edu/record/218727?ln=en>
 - Tony was born in Sausalito in the building at the corner of Bridgeway and Johnson Street where the Firehouse Coffee Shop is today. His parents had a dairy ranch in Frank Valley next to Muir Woods. He became a successful dairy man and auctioneer, and served as President of the IDESST Sausalito Portuguese Cultural Center (as did his older brother, Manuel).
- Doughty, Sharon Mendoza (Pt. Reyes): <https://digicoll.lib.berkeley.edu/record/218858?ln=en>
 - Sharon was the granddaughter of J.V. Mendoza (Mendonça) who owned the “A” and “B” Ranches at the tip of the Pt. Reyes Peninsula. Today her daughter, Karen Bianchini Taylor, owns the Bivalve Dairy outside of Pt. Reyes Station with her husband, John.
- Filippi, Marie Moraes (Mill Valley): <https://millvalley.pastperfectonline.com/archive/C5086DD8-D075-4342-9D67-432810333146>
 - Marie was the only daughter of Roque Moraes and lived her entire life in Mill Valley.

- Freitas family (Terra Linda): <https://bit.ly/3yHhZDb>
 - Interviews of descendants of Manuel Freitas, one of Marin’s most prominent Portuguese residents and the owner of five ranches in the county. His “home ranch” is today the community of Terra Linda.
- Knudsen, Konrad (Sausalito): <http://contentdm.marinlibrary.org/digital/collection/ohp/id/1626/rec/110>
 - Connie, whose mother was Portuguese (Bettencourt), was born and raised in the Waldo community which, during World War II, was transformed into Marin City. In his youth he worked on dairies in Waldo and Tennessee Valley.
- Larkins, Shirley Dias (Mill Valley): <https://digioll.lib.berkeley.edu/record/218779?ln=en>
 - Both Shirley’s paternal grandfather, Manuel Dias, and her maternal grandfather, Pedro Silveira, were active in southern Marin’s dairy operations. Pedro Silveira was for many years the manager of the Lyford family’s Eagle Dairy on the Strawberry peninsula, where the Club at Harbor Point is today.
- Smith brothers (Smith Ranch Road):
 - Ed: <http://contentdm.marinlibrary.org/digital/collection/ohp/id/1110/>
 - Mike: <http://contentdm.marinlibrary.org/digital/collection/ohp/id/1125/>
 - Ed and Mike Smith were grandsons Sam Smith who, with his brother Zekie, operated a dairy where McGinnis Park is today.

Also, while not available online, I would highly recommend the following interviews which provide particularly helpful insights into Marin’s dairy history:

- Silva, Mary Bernard (Tiburon). An interview appearing in the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmark Society-sponsored “Both Sides of the Track: A Collection of Oral Histories from Belvedere and Tiburon” (pp. 188-201). It includes valuable detail about her life living and working on dairies on the Tiburon peninsula. For a 11/5/15 Facebook post about Mary and this oral history, see <https://bit.ly/3Ms5tMM>.
- Five volumes of oral histories prepared by Dewey Livingston for the Marin Resource Conservation District that focused on the following significant Marin dairy families (available through the Mairn County Library system):
 - Corda
 - Dolcini
 - Grossi
 - McDonald
 - Mendoza

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about these materials, or any suggestions for additional materials which should be added to it. Thank you.

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