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Historical Note

The St. Peter's Fiesta had its origin in Sicilian culture. The late Capt. Salvatore Favazza, having emigrated from Favoratta, Sicily, commissioned a Charlestown sculptor to create a statue of St. Peter in 1892. St. Peter is the patron saint of fishermen. What then began as a local religious celebration in the predominantly Sicilian neighborhoods of the Fort expanded greatly as it grew in popularity. While both the greasy pole contest and seine boat races started in 1931 off

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Pavilion beach, the fiesta now includes concerts, carnival rides, an expanded procession, various religious services and the blessing of the fleet.

Organized by the St. Peter's Fiesta Committee, the funding for the fiesta comes from the tradition of pinning paper money to the statue of St. Peter as well as donations from the fishing fleet and revenue from the carnival.

The procession features the 700-pound statue of St. Peter carried on the shoulders of Gloucester fishermen. It is a great honor to carry the statue. Floats of a religious theme, marching bands, fraternal organizations and politicians compete the parade. The statue is transported from its permanent home in the St. Peter's Club to the outdoor altar especially built to hold it at the start of the five-day event, and carried back to the St. Peter's Club at midnight on Sunday at the close of the festival.

The actual blessing of the fleet, originally a Portuguese custom, had its local origin from the church of Our Lady of Good Voyage. The blessing has at various times been officiated by Cardinal Cushing, Cardinal Medeiros and Cardinal Law.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The 640 photographs of the St. Peter's Fiesta currently held by the Cape Ann Museum represent all of the various components of the festival: the procession, the altar, the novenas, the Blessing of the Fleet, and the Fiesta events. They include the important organizers and participants during the eight decades of its existence.

Container List

Photos with no box #s

#	Subject	Date	IDs	Box#
33	Greasy Pole		Anthony "Matza" Giambanco	
36	Greasy Pole	1985	Tom Favazza	
102	Altar	1984		
103	Altar			
125			Bishop Greco, Father Sullivan, Mayor French	

Numbers in duplicate boxes

#	Subject	Date	IDs	Box#
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73	Workers	1950s	Progressive Fish Co.	2/4
109	Float			20/23
135	Group	1960s	Cardinal Cushing, Father O'Brien	11/23
163	Pie eating contest	1971		22/27
220	Altar		Construction	15/24

Box 1

#	Subject	Date	IDs
9	Novena		
26	Parade		Unknown, Nicole Curcuru, Unknown
27	Float		Salvatore Passittri (sash)
30	Seine Boat Race		Flag winner, Lenny Biondo
50	Seine Boat Race Jrs.		
190	Float	1930s	
197	Altar	1930s	
198	Altar	1930s	
199	Altar	1935	
200	Float	1940s	
201	Altar	1935	

Box 2

#	Subject	Date	IDs
7	Mass at Altar		Knights of Columbus
13	Commercial St.		
18			Peter Favazza (as St. Peter), Steve D'Amico
43	Seine Boat Race		
47	Greasy Pole		Salve Benson
57	Altar		
59	Greasy Pole		
63			Sam Dimitri, Josephine Santuccio
65	Parade		
66			L-R Ambrose Parisi, Larry Billante, Safie Favalora, Carlo Mocerri, Johnny Parisi, Sam Pissimente, Leo Sabbato
67	Event		Front L-R Tommy Ciulla, Tom Randazzo, Benny Frontiero, Peter Asoro, Joe Laiacano. Back L-R Sofie Frontiero, Ambrose Parisi, Sam Randazza, Leo Brancleone, Joe Orlando.
68	Greasy Pole		
69	Seine Boat		
70	Procession		St. Peter at Our Lady of Good Voyage
71	Our Lady of Good		L-R Eddie Tocco, Unknown, Josie Pallazzo, John Parisi

	Voyage		
73	Workers	1950s	Progressive Fish Co.
76	Ma Verga	1990s	Waving to parade on her birthday

Box 3

#	Subject	Date	IDs
4			Bishop Irwin, Father Sullivan, Charles Lindberg
5	Altar		
6	Altar		
8	Novena		Mary Favalora, Giavonina "Jennie" Verga
10	Altar		
17	Altar		L-R Louis Pascucci, Unknown, Peter Favazza, Unknown, Unknown, Benjamin Curcuru, Salvatore Favazzo, Leo Linquta, John Chincola, Unknown, Gaspar Contrino
19	Float		Unknown (dk glasses) L-R Ambrose Parisi, John Parisi, Steve D'Amico, Leo Sabota, Sam Pizzmente (dk glasses)
28	Group		Front of St. Peter's Club
29	Float		
31	Flag		Michael Linquta
32	Greasy Pole		"Red" Curcuru
41	Seine Boat Race		Winners
42	Seine Boat Race		
44	Seine Boat Race		Pavilion Beach
45			Viot Giacalone, Tony Testaverde
46	Greasy Pole		
48	Greasy Pole		Andrew Bertolino
49	Seine Boat Race		Santa Maria - Carlo Palazzola (tiller) Andy Orlando (coxswain)
56			Salvatore & Maria Favazza

Box 4

#	Subject	Date	IDs
51	Greasy Pole		Peter Frontiero
52			L-R Tony Palmisano, Salvatore Favazzo, Unknown, Leo Sabato, Sam Positeri
53			L-R Grace Curcuru, Peter Frontiero, Salvatore Favazza, Eddie Tocco, Lena Saputo
54			L-R Dominic Nicastro, Paula Misuraca, Cathy Roberts, Vita Catonia, Kay Ahearn, Agnes Burnham, Mary Lou Ward, Rosie Verga, Paul Parisi, Mary Gentile. (question on order)
58	Altar		
60	Statue		

61	Altar		
62	St. Peter's Club		Ladies Auxiliary
72	Crowd	1940s	Night
73	Workers	1950s	Progressive Fish Co.
74	Group photo	1947	Fiesta
75			Front L-R Mary Aiello, Grace Filletto, Grace Nicastro

Box 5

#	Subject	Date	IDs
202	Religious	1960s	
203	Altar	1970s	Construction
204	Altar	1940s	
205	Float	1980	
206	Float	1980	
207	Poster	1931	
208	Altar	1970s	
209	Boat donations		
210		1980s	
211	Poster	1931	
212	Altar		
213	Altar	1977	
214	Altar		
215	Statue		

Box 6

#	Subject	Date	IDs
184	Dory Race	1990s	
185	Greasy Pole	1980	
186	Amusements	1980s	
187	Float	1950s	
188	Float	1980s	
189	Float	1960s	
191	Float	1929	
192	Altar	1976	
193	Float	1970s	
194	Children	1970s	
195	Crowd	1970s	
196	Crowd	1980s	
233	Dory Race		

Box 7

#	Subject	Date	IDs
			562 - 584 unidentified

Box 8

#	Subject	Date	IDs
			585 - 607 unidentified

Box 9

#	Subject	Date	IDs
			608 - 620 unidentified

Box 10

#	Subject	Date	IDs
2	Actor		Church
3	Pontif		Cardinal Cushing
11	Altar		Far L. Capt. Cosmos Marcantonio, Mary Interrante, Rosemary Interrante (dau) Groupe 1st row L-R Katherine Foote, Kathleen Giananco, Grace Pasquale. 2nd row L-R Katherine Linquata, Mary Gentiel, Lorenzo Gallo
16			Salvatore Favazza. Front sitting L-R Mary Gentile, Kathleen Giananco. Back L-R Grace Pasquale, Katherine Foote, Rosie Verga, Pimie Biondo
21			L-R Sam Frontiero, Sam Militello (tie), Larry Sabato, Sam Linquata (far R).
22	Group	1970s	
23			L-R Joe Nicastro, Sam Orlando, Nick Novello, Tony Palmisano, John Prisi, Ed Tocco, Sam Favazza
25	Float		Peter Favazza (St. Peter), Sam Favazza (designer)
34	Greasy Pole		
35	Greasy Pole		Winner Joseph Agrosso
37	Seine Boat Race		L-R Leo Branceleone, Joe Laiacano, Sam Randazza (T-shirt), Peter Lazzaro, Benny Frontiero (holding oar), Joe Orlando (behind oar), Unknown (holding flag), Kelly Frontiero

Box 11

#	Subject	Date	IDs
12	Altar		
20			James Frontiero (suspenders)
55			L-R June Curcuru, Mal Orlando, Sam Nicastro, John Parisi, Ambrose Parisi
64	Altar		
130	Parade	1970s	

131	Altar	1930s	
132	Altar	1976	Construction
134	Parade	1972	L-R Joanne Grella, Rosemary Markson, Samantha Scola, Albina Papows
135	Group	1960s	Cardinal Cushing, Father O'Brien
136		1950s	Salvatore Favazzo
147	Altar	1968	
148	Altar	1960s	

Box 12

#	Subject	Date	IDs
133	Float	1970	Pam Azaro
137			L-R Larry Billante, Ambrose Parisi, Sophia Favolora, Joe Orlando, Carlo Mocerri, Joe Cucuru, Jimmy Pissimenti, John Parisi
138	Parade		Band
139	Parade	1940s	
140	Float	1965	Albina Papows
141	Float	1960s	
142	Float	1980s	
143	Altar	1960s	
144	Altar	1930s	
145	Altar	1950	
146	Altar	1940s	
149	Altar	1940s	

Box 13

#	Subject	Date	IDs
234	Seine boats		
235	Greasy Pole		
236	Seine boats		
237	Blessing		St. Peters statue
238	Parade	1940s	
239	Parade	1940s	
240	Parade	1930s	
241	St. Peter Statue		
242	Parade	1980s	
243	Parade	1960s	
244	Parade	1970s	
245	Parade	1930s	
246	Parade	1950s	

247	Float		children
248	Parade		

Box 14

#	Subject	Date	IDs
249	Parade	1970s	St. Peter Statue
250	Parade	1980s	Color Guard
251	Float	1970s	Children
252	Amusements	1940s	
253	Riot	1973	
254	Seine boats	1950s	
255	Greasy Pole	1950s	
256	Blessing the fleet	1950s	
257A	Greasy Pole	1940s	
257B	Greasy Pole	1940s	
258	Greasy Pole	1945	
259	Blessing the fleet	1980s	
260	Parade	1970s	

Box 15

#	Subject	Date	IDs
220	Altar		Construction
261	Parade		Spectators
262	Blessing the fleet	1980s	
263	Parade	1950s	Route
264	Crowd	1980s	
265	St. Peter's Club	1960s	
266	Altar		
267	St. Peter Statue		
268	Altar	1950s	Night
269	St. Peter Statue	1968	

Box 16

#	Subject	Date	IDs
270	St. Peter Statue		
271	St. Peter Statue	1970s	
272	Altar	1955	
273	Altar	1950s	
274	Altar		
275	Altar	1948	
276	Blessing the fleet	1990s	

277	Greasy Pole	1990s	
278	Greasy Pole	1970s	
279	Greasy Pole	1984	
280	Greasy Pole	1970s	

Box 17

#	Subject	Date	IDs
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Box 18

#	Subject	Date	IDs
			292 - 302 unidentified

Box 19

#	Subject	Date	IDs
			303 -327 unidentified

Box 20

#	Subject	Date	IDs
86	Float		
87	Float		
88			L-R Peter Piscitello, Jimmy Sinagra, George Lumbruno, Joe Sinagra
89	Blessing the Fleet		
96	Altar	1950s	
97	Altar	1973	
98	Altar		
104	Blessing the Fleet		Bishop Greco, Father Dan Sullivan
105			Father Sullivan, Bishop Greco
106	Blessing the Fleet		Charley Lumberg, Mayor French
107			Unknown priest
108			Sal Favazzo, Maria Favazzo, Thomas Favazzo
109	Float		
110	Religious		
163	Pie eating contest	1971	

Box 21

#	Subject	Date	IDs
1	Fiesta Committee	1968	L-R Joseph Linquata, Nicholas Novello. Benjamin Favazza, Sam Miletello
14	Float		Philip Curcuru (Jesus)
15	Float		Mother of Grace Club
24			Sam Favazza
38	Seine Boat Race		
39	Greasy Pole		Winner Salvi Benson, L-R Mitch McGillviary, Frank Frontiero, Bobby "Brother" Agostini, Dan Balbo, Mike Mitchell, Sam Frontiero
40	Greasy Pole		Winner Salvi Benson, L-R Mitch McGillviary, Bobby "Brother" Agostini, Frank Frontiero, Dan Balbo, Mike Mitchell.
81	Float		
82	Float		
83	Float		
84	Float		
85	Float		

Box 22

#	Subject	Date	IDs
77	Altar		
79			Joe Palmisario
109	Float		
112			Children in costume
113	Altar		
114			Bishop Erwin, Father Sullivan
115	Novena		
116			Nina Conti, Bishop Erwin, Paul Conti
117	Altar	1955	
126			Cardinal Cushing
127	Religious	1973	
128	Alter	1980	Construction
129	Altar		

Box 23

#	Subject	Date	IDs
99	Altar		
100			Worker at St. Peter's Club
101	Altar	1947	
111	Altar		Father Sullivan

119	Altar	1955	
120			L-R Peter Favazza, Benjamin Cucuru, Father Piscetelli, Leo Linquata
121	Altar	1940s	
122	Float		Newspaper article
123	Religious		
124			Bishop Greco
135	Group	1960s	Cardinal Cushing, Father O'Brien

Box 24

#	Subject	Date	IDs
216	Altar	1970s	Construction
217	Altar	1980	
218	Altar	1948	
219	Altar	1930s	
220	Altar		Construction
221	Statue	1955	
222	Altar	1950	
223	Altar	1979	
224	Altar	1950s	
225	Altar	1980	Construction
226	Crowd	1970	
227	Statue	1981	
228	Crowd	1977	
229	Crowd	1940s	
230			Rose Poma
231	Crowd	1940s	
232	Crowd	1937	

Box 25

#	Subject	Date	IDs
171	Dory Race	1947	
172	Amusements	1969	
173	Greasy Pole	1946	
174	Dory Race	1955	
175	Parade	1950s	Indians
176	Altar	1980	Construction
177	Altar	1979	Construction
178	Float	1981	
179	Parade	1962	Altar boys
180	Float	1970s	

181	Float	1980	
182	Float	1980s	

Box 26

#	Subject	Date	IDs
78	Altar		
80	Altar		
90	St. Peter's Club	1946	Ladies Auxiliary
91			L-R John Parisi, Jimmy Donahue, Salvatore Favazza, Leo Sabato, Catherine Linquata.
92			Salvatore Favazza
93			L-R Ambrose Parisi, Carlo Mocerri, John Parisi, Unknown, Leo Sabato
94	Altar	1946	
95	Altar	1940s	
118	Altar	1940s	
151	Greasy Pole	1950s	
152	Dory Race	1979	
153	Amusements	1972	
154	Blessing the Fleet	1970s	

Box 27

#	Subject	Date	IDs
160	Greasy Pole	1980s	
161	Pie eating contest	1971	
162	Pinata	1989	
163	Pie eating contest	1971	
165	Fishing boats	1955	
166	Pie eating contest	1972	
167	Greasy Pole	1980s	
168	Seine Boat	1960s	
169	Dory Race	1980	
170	Altar	1970	
183	Float	1970s	

Box 28

#	Subject	Date	IDs
150	Greasy Pole	1950s	
155	Amusements	1970	
156	Fireworks	1971	
157	Amusements	1980	

158	Greasy Pole	1978	Benny Interanti
159	Greasy Pole	1980s	
164	Dory Race	1950s	
328	Seine Boat races	1990s	Spectators
329	Greasy Pole	1947	Johnny Boy
330	Greasy Pole	1980s	
331	Greasy Pole	1979	
332	Dory	1950s	

Box 29

#	Subject	Date	IDs
333	Seine Boat	1950s	
334	Seine Boat	1979	
335	Seine Boat	1948	
336	Seine Boat	1970s	
337	Seine Boat	1960s	
338	Greasy Pole	1947	
339	Greasy Pole	1970s	
340	Spectator Boats	1970s	
341	Greasy Pole	1947	Johnny Boy
342	Greasy Pole	1947	Doley
343	Seine Boat	1989	
344	Seine Boat	1970s	

Box 30

#	Subject	Date	IDs
345	Seine Boat	1970s	
346	Float	1960s	St. Peter
347	Greasy Pole	1979	
348	Seine Boat Winners	1970s	
349	Seine Boat Winners	1950s	
350	Seine Boat Winners	1970s	
351	Greasy Pole	1987	
352	Seine Boat	1980	Pinta
353	Seine Boat	1979	
354	Seine Boat	1990s	Nina
355	Seine Boat	1940s	
356	Seine Boat	1970s	

Box 31

#	Subject	Date	IDs
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357	Seine Boat	1970s	
358	Seine Boat Winners	1980s	
359	Seine Boat Winners	1982	
360	St. Ann's Church	1955	
361	St. Peter's Statue	1952	
362	Children's Float	1980s	
363	Children's Float	1976	
364	Children's Float	1961	
365	Parade	1980s	
366	Float	1955	St Ann's Parish
367	Parade	1950s	Children
368	Children's Float	1970s	
369	Float	1962	

Box 32

#	Subject	Date	IDs
370	Children's Float	1970s	
371	Dancers	1980s	
372	Parade	1980s	Crowd
373	Float	1955	
374	Children's Float	1960s	
375	Band	1960s	
376	Amusement Ride	1970s	
377	Crowd	1970s	
378	Parade	1960s	
379	Float	1970	
380	Children's Float	1970	
381	Float	1980s	
382	Float	1950s	St. Peter

Box 33

#	Subject	Date	IDs
383	Children's Float	1980s	
384	Children's Float	1960	
385	Parade	1950	
386	Children's Float	1950s	
387	Marching Band	1950s	
388	Children's Float	1946	
389	St. Peter's Statue	1970s	
390	Float	1962	
391	St. Peter's Float	1955	

392	Choir	1955	
393	St. Peter's Statue	1980	
394	Choir	1973	

Box 34

#	Subject	Date	IDs
395	Marching Band	1950s	
396	St. Peter's Float	1950s	
397	Greasy Pole	1981	
398	Seine Boat Race	1980s	
399	Seine Boat Winners	1970s	
400	Seine Boat Race	1980	
401	Greasy Pole	1972	
402	Seine Boat Winners	1974	
403	Merry Go Round	1980s	
404	Seine Boat	1980	
405	Dance	1980	
406	Pie Eating Contest	1980s	
407	Sack Race	1980	

Box 35

#	Subject	Date	IDs
408	Seine Boat	1961	Cosmo Marcantonio
409	Crowd	1950s	St. Peter's Statue
410	Ted Kennedy	1962	
411	Children's Float	1975	
412	Seine Boat Race	1980	
413	Dory Boat Race	1950s	
414	Seine Boat	1970s	
415	Seine Boat	1960s	
416	Greasy Pole	1972	Sal Scola
417	Dance	1980	
418	Watermelon Eating Contest	1980s	
419		1972	
420	Carnival	1980s	Assembling rides

Box 36

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			421 - 433 unidentified

Box 37

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			435 - 446 unidentified

Box 38

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			447 - 459 unidentified

Box 39

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			460 - 463 unidentified
464	Veterans		Nat Misuraca (center), Peter Favazza (Far R)
			465 - 472 unidentified

Box 40

#	Subject	Date	IDs
			473 - 484 unidentified

Box 41

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			485 - 497 unidentified

Box 42

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Box 43

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Box 46

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			551 - 561 unidentified & Assorted large signs

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