

From the Stavrosian Library Archives Family Register

A Stavrosian man named Nicholas Papalis relocated to Germany from Greece around 1883. In Germany he changed his name to Nick Hogan at 21 years old. After seven years of difficulty trying to hold onto some type of employment, Nicholas left to find a new life in Brazil 1890 age 28 years old.

His immigration to this strange land again found him struggling to find a way to make a living. Here he changed his name to Neto Hector Santos age 30 years old. In an act of desperation Nick, now known as Neto, turned to the military for a paying job. After his military training Neto was assigned to an artillery battery in 1893. He was stationed on Guanabara Bay naval/army barracks. He had survived the Battle of Guanabara Bay in 1894. He was wounded then and later discharged from active duty. He lived in Rio de Janeiro as a shop keeper dealing in fabric until his death in 1956 at the age of 94. The Stavrosian archives have him buried at Sao Francisco Xavier cemetery in Rio de Janeiro. He was known as the founder of the Brazilian group of Stavrosian Families.

Nicholas Papalis, born 1862, Greece. He died as Neto, with three sons in Brazil. One son took over the family shop. The two older sons went out into the world to find their way. One son came to America to follow his dream of Theater. The older son spent his life as a Doctor in Africa, where it's believed he died.



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The known families want to share with you their journey.

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