

## **MIGUEL TORGA HOUSE-MUSEUM WILL BE BUILT AT SÃO MARTINHO DA ANTA, SABROSA:**

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Sabrosa, July 21st (Lusa).Miguel Torga's family donated the author's house, located in São Martinho de Anta, to the regional cultural directorate of Northern Portugal (DRCN), in order to install a house-museum devoted to the writer and physician born in Douro.

Miguel Torga, whose baptismal name was Adolfo Correia da Rocha, was born in 1907 (August, 12) in São Martinho de Anta, in the locality of Sabrosa (Vila Real) and died in 1995 (January, 17), at Coimbra.

His daughter Clara Crabbé Rocha concluded today a written public contract stating that her family actually donated the author's little house to DRCN. The latter shall proceed to some works to adjust the structure of the house to the needs of a forecoming public.

The general directorate explained in a press release that, regarding the work to be done, some of the existing divisions will be maintained exactly alike the original model, whereas others will have to be converted into spaces more suitable to put on display the life and works of this author. Scores of documents and original material equally donated by Clara Crabbé Rocha, for this purpose, will be on display in those same areas.

Inspired by his village and Douro's surrounding landscapes, Torga created numerous works (poems, tales, and novels) among which, *The Creation of the World (A Criação do Mundo)*, *Beasts (Os Bichos)*, *Tales from the Mountain (Contos da Montanha)*, and *Grape Harvest (Vindímas)*.

Each year, São Martinho de Anta lures a great number of national and foreign tourists and (college) students. They are looking for the locations where the author was born, grew up and founded his first physician's office.

Next to his small dwelling, Torga's Space is not yet open to the public. It is a project, designed by architect Souto Moura, whose responsibility lies with the City Hall of Sabrosa, and whose construction was actually completed two years ago.

The building, with an investment worth three-million euros worth, consists of a reinforced concrete structure whose exterior walls are clad with Foz Côa schist.

José Socrates gave his personal support to this project. In 2008 (December 20), as Prime-Minister, José Socrates laid the foundation stone. Initially, the time-limit set for execution was of sixteen months.

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