

# Annual Report

## 2018



Ice pack around Newport Bridge construction,  
photographic negative, January 13, 1968.  
JOHN T. HOPF COLLECTION, NHS 2017.004



# VISITATION



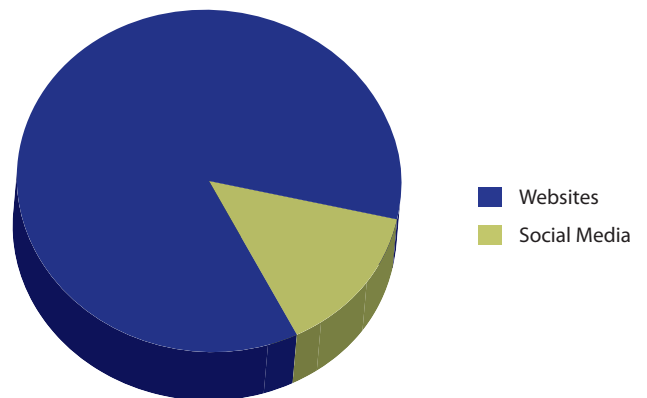
Visitation of all kinds grew at the NHS by over 30% this past year. While the bulk of the growth was in digital attendance, the Museum of Newport History & Shop and the satellite exhibit at the Resource Center together drew significantly higher numbers than in several recent years.

Does this represent a visiting public which is more interested in history today than last year? A change in the way we have marketed ourselves? Or was this just a good weather-year for visiting Newport? We are currently examining data to try to answer that question.

At the same time, the growth in number and quality of our digital offerings has made our website a more visited, more useful tool for people planning a visit to Newport or looking for more information about our history. If you have not recently done so, take a look at [www.newporthistory.org](http://www.newporthistory.org)!

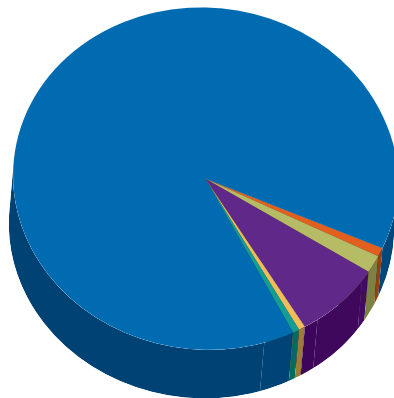
## Websites vs. Social Media

Website .....	173,826
Social .....	28,324



Sarah Long, Molly Bruce Patterson and Ruth Taylor preparing an exhibit.

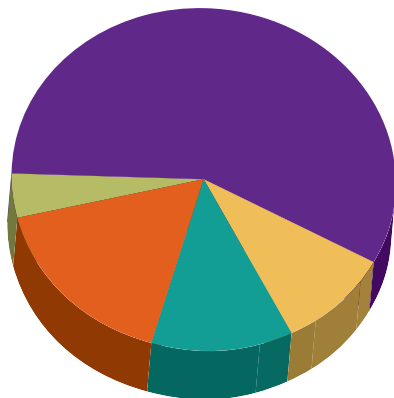
# VISITATION



■ All Digital  
■ Programs  
■ Tours  
■ Museum  
■ Special Events  
■ Academic Services

## Total Visitation

	2018/19	2017/18
All Digital . . . . .	202,150	142,487
Programs . . . . .	2,106	2,704
Tours . . . . .	3,649	3,145
Museum . . . . .	17,111	12,187
Special Events . . . . .	1,480	1,735
Academic Services . . . . .	707	766
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>227,023</b>	<b>163,024</b>



■ Library  
■ Archives  
■ Photographs/Collection  
■ Ready Reference  
■ Image Requests

## Academic Services Visitation

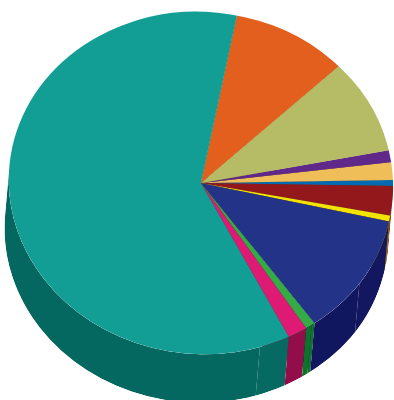
### Appointments

Library . . . . .	86
Archives . . . . .	118
Photographs/Collection . . . . .	28

### Services

Ready Reference . . . . .	407
Image Requests . . . . .	68

**Total . . . . . 707**



■ newporthistory.org  
■ shopnewporthistory.com  
■ newporthistorytours.org  
■ mappingnewport.org  
■ collections.newporthistory.org  
■ revolutionarynewport.com  
■ stampactnewport.org  
■ youtube.com  
■ Facebook  
■ Twitter  
■ Instagram

## Online Visitation

newporthistory.org . . . . .	122,728
shopnewporthistory.com . . . . .	19,717
newporthistorytours.org . . . . .	18,074
mappingnewport.org . . . . .	1,774
collections.newporthistory.org . . . . .	3,587
revolutionarynewport.com . . . . .	982
stampactnewport.org . . . . .	5,795
youtube.com . . . . .	1,169
Facebook . . . . .	23,649
Twitter . . . . .	1,444
Instagram . . . . .	3,231

**Total . . . . . 202,150**

# EDUCATION

## Newport History Tours

### WALKING TOURS

Discover Colonial Newport  
Golden to Gilded  
Holiday Lantern Tour  
Road to Independence  
Rogues & Scoundrels

### SITE TOURS

Colony House  
Great Friends Meeting House  
Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House  
Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House

### SPECIAL TOURS OF THE MONTH

Creative Survival  
Rum and Revolution  
Colonial Jewish Newport  
The French in 18th Century Newport  
Legends and Lore  
The Uncommon Women of the Common Burying Ground

## Group Tours

### SCHOOL GROUPS

Bay Farm Montessori  
Colt Andrews School  
Davisville Middle School  
Glenn Hills Elementary  
Meadowbrook Waldorf School  
North Kingstown Middle School  
North Providence High School  
Providence Country Day School  
Roger Williams University  
Rogers High School  
Salve Regina University  
St. Margaret's School  
St. George's School  
Wickford Middle School

## History Space Events

A Revolutionary Spinning Bee  
Undressing History: Active Pursuits, Women's Sportswear  
c. 1900  
Interpreting Difficult History for the Public  
A Colonists Wardrobe  
18th Century Tailoring  
The Newport Stamp Act Protest & Martin Howard  
Sixth Annual Living History Event:  
The Burning of HMS *Liberty*  
Visit the Apothecarist



Living Historians portraying a Spinning Bee at the Sixth Annual Living History Event.



# EDUCATION

## History Space Partnership Programs

Redcoats at the Redwood, Redwood Library and Athenaeum

Undressing History: Active Pursuits, Women's Sportswear  
c. 1900, Rhode Island Historical Society

Interpreting Difficult History, Boston Freedom  
Trail Foundation

What Cheer Day: Sports and Games from the 18th Century,  
Rhode Island Historical Society

## Special Events

The Newport Show

Fourth Annual Culinary Adventure: Speakeasy Soirée

## Programs

**Colonial Survival & Modern Revival: Newport in the 1960s** - John Tschirch, Mapping Newport- collaboration with Newport Restoration Foundation

**"The Epic History of America's Most Notorious Pirates"** - Eric Jay Dolin

**2018 Annual Meeting** - Website launch and "The Vintner and the Indian" - Dr. Elaine Forman Crane and  
**William Claggett Exhibit Opening:** My small Ability

**Outlander Cast Season Four Finale Party** in partnership with *Outlander* Cast podcast

**John Clarke's World**, guest lecturer Cherry Bamberg

**Theophilus North: Thornton Wilder's Love Letter to Newport**, in partnership with the Thornton Wilder Family

**Colonial Survival & Modern Revival: Newport in the 1960s** - John Tschirch, Mapping Newport - collaboration with Newport Restoration Foundation

**From Saints to Bootleggers: The Struggle for Temperance and Prohibition in Rhode Island**, guest lecturer Robert Geake

**Shoes & Their Secret Stories**, guest lecturer Dr. Kimberly Alexander

**Remembering Slavery, the Rhode Island Slave History Medallions Project**, guest lecturer Joanne Pope Melish



Workers completing pylons on Newport Bridge, photographic negative, February 3, 1967.  
Newport Daily News Collection, NHS 2018.015.

**History Starts Here: Newport Historical Society Annual Meeting & Award Ceremony**

**July 4th Open House at the Colony House**

**First Freedom Open House Tours of the Great Friends Meeting House & Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House**, in collaboration with the Four Faiths program

**"Frère et Concitoyen": A Newporter in Revolutionary France**, guest lecturer William Simpson

**"I am an honest woman": Female Revolutionary Resistance along the Seacoast**, guest lecturer Dr. Emily Murphy

## Exhibits

**Craftsmen and Consumers: Transatlantic Commerce in 18th Century Newport** – Museum of Newport History, February 2019-present

**"My small Ability" The Life and Work of William Claggett** – Newport Historical Society Resource Center, December 2018 to September 2019

**50th Anniversary of the Newport Bridge** – Museum of Newport History, May 2019-present

**History Mystery: The Newport Tower** – Museum of Newport History, July 2019-present

## Newport History Videos (Available Online)

Will Simpson – “Frère et Concitoyen”: A Newporter in Revolutionary France

Museum of Newport History – History Starts Here

Robert A. Geake – From Saints to Bootleggers

Ruth S. Taylor – Interpreting Difficult History for the Public

Theophilus North: Thornton Wilder’s Love Letter to Newport

Cherry Fletcher Bamberg – John Clarke’s World

Quinn Burgess – Undressing History: Active Pursuits, Women’s Sportswear c.1900

## Big Ideas for a Changing World Essay Contest 10th Grade Winners

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Young people do care about history.

Not only do they care, but they also understand that events from the past and how we interpret them can shape our future. And, with a little encouragement (OK, maybe a lot), they can express it in ways that are meaningful and moving.

This is the third year that the Newport Historical Society sponsored a contest that asked Rhode Island high school sophomores to write about something happening in their community that had the capacity to create change – to make history! The winners got a trip to see the award-winning Broadway Show, *Hamilton: An American Musical*.

The students who enter the contest are not much younger than Alexander Hamilton, John Laurens, Lafayette and the Schuyler sisters were on the eve of the American Revolution. And like these young adults from America’s past, today’s youth are equally worried about the world and their nation. They care deeply about how past and current events both big and small will impact the future.

This year, winning essays discussed the nature of work, and how it is affected by technology and inclusivity, how journalism shapes the world we think we know, about struggles with mental illness, and how the diverse American



2019 essay winner selfie.

population can be a source of strength. The essays are contemporary and historical, and they reflect an impressive group of young people thinking hard about their world.

### 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

Fiona Christensen, Middletown High School,  
“College Education”

Emma Darcy, Exeter West Greenwich High School,  
“Medicated Assisted Treatment in Rhode Island”

Esmerelda Flores, Central Falls High School,  
“Reducing the Stigma of Depression”

Nkèke Harris, East Bay MET,  
“Pajeh Osoowemoouk (Till it is, Shall be Changed)”

Grace Haskell, Middletown High School,  
“Anyone Can Work”

Madeline McCarthy, South Kingstown High School,  
“Youth Empowerment”



# EDUCATION

Tara Monastesse, Toll Gate High School,  
*"Journalism in the New Age"*

Kaitlyn Salinas, Middletown High School,  
*"Stability in a New Country"*

Luke Taylor, Classical High School,  
*"Hacking the Future: Access to Coding Education  
Can Help Rhode Island Youth Escape Poverty"*

Emma Ventura, Middletown High School,  
*"A Modern Industrial Revolution"*

## College Interns and Work Study

**Harold Kahane, Summer 2019 collections  
intern** – *Phillips Academy Andover*

**Evan Elichalt, Spring 2019 collections work  
study** – *Salve Regina University*

**Kerry McAuliffe, Winter 2019 archives  
intern** – *Simmons University*

**Madison Schettler, Spring & Fall 2019 collections  
work study** – *Salve Regina University*

**Mathew Shore, Spring & Fall 2019 NHS Resource  
Center volunteer** – *Salve Regina University*

**Kayley Stevenson, Fall 2019 collections work  
study** – *Salve Regina University*

## Buchanan Burnham Visiting Scholars Program

### VISITING CURATOR:

**John Tschirch**, Visiting Curator of Urban History

### BUCHANAN BURNHAM SUMMER SCHOLARS IN PUBLIC HISTORY CLASS OF 2019:

**Joey DeFrancesco** – B.A. in Anthropology, Rhode Island College. Researched abolition and anti-abolition in Newport, 1835-1866

**Sydnee Odei-Ntiri, Salve Regina University McGinty Fellow** – B.A. in History and Culture and Historic Preservation (double major), Salve Regina University. Produced a finding aid for the Free African Union Society records at NHS.

**William Simpson** – B.A. in French with a History minor, Middlebury College. Transcribed, and translated when necessary, a collection of letters in the Vernon family manuscript collection written by William H. Vernon. Public lecture on William H. Vernon's time in France titled *"Frère et Concitoien": A Newporter in Revolutionary France*.

**MaryKate Smolenski** – History and Museum Studies Graduate Student at Tufts University; B.A. Anthropology and History (double major), George Washington University. Researched and produced a



Buchanan Burnham Summer Fellows in Public History and the Salve Regina University McGinty Fellow.

# RESEARCH

## Research by Scholars

God's Little Acre

Confederate voluntary exile to Latin America  
and the slave trade in Brazil

Maritime contacts with the Australian colonies,  
1790-1820

Fife and drumming; Odell Chapman drums

Newport Fire Department

Victorian cemetery art

Newport Gardner

18th century mahogany trade

Richard Morris Hunt

History of early Quaker families in Newport  
and their activities

Yachting

French occupation of Newport

Brenton family genealogy

Colonial furniture trade

Genealogy of Revolutionary War soliders

Griswold House, Newport Art Museum

Mabel Norman Cerio and conservation contributions

Edward King House and garden

Giverny artists, 1887-1888

Elihu Coleman and New England anti-slavery



*Redcoats at the Redwood.*



# MEDIA

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Newport Historical Society received regional and national media coverage. Much of this publicity was obtained through print publications such as newspapers and magazines, but increasingly we receive attention through regional and niche topic bloggers.

## NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

*Forbes*

GoLocalProv.com

*My Backyard News*

*Newport Life Magazine*

NewportNow.com

*Newport This Week*

*Providence Business News*

*RI News Today*

*San Francisco Chronicle*

*South Coast Today*

*The Providence Journal*

*The Newport Daily News*

*Warwick Beacon*

What'sUpNewp.com

What'sUpRI.com

## THE NEWPORT SHOW:

*American Fine Art Magazine*

*Antiques and Fine Arts Magazine*

*Antiques and the Arts Weekly*

Classical 95.5

Delaware Antiques Show Catalogue

*Newport Harbor Guide*

*New England Home*

*Newport Daily News* Special Section

Newport Rotary Club

NewportOut.com

*Providence Business News*

Philadelphia Antiques Show Catalogue

*Providence Monthly*

*South County Life*

*The Magazine Antiques*

*The Westerly Sun*

The Winter Show Catalogue

WADK

Washington Winter Show Catalogue

# COLLECTIONS

## Fiscal Year 2018–2019 Accessions

ACCESSION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE
2018.035	Navy Relief Ball program	Old Lyme Historical Society
2018.036	Old Colony and Newport Railway Co. bond	Sandra Hall
2018.037	Trinity Church materials	Vestry of Trinity Church
2018.038	Old Stone Mill print by Dorothy H. Manuel	Anonymous
2018.039	Framed photographs; “Memorial Day, 1936” and “Mumford School, Class of 1931”	Anonymous
2018.040	Green and black brocade dress, Miss. Edith Wetmore	Joan Breakell
2018.041	2 photographs of James Gardner House being moved to Bridge Street	Daniel Knerr
2018.042	2 postcards, The Newport Waterfront and The Constellation	Liz Pratt
2018.043	6 scrapbook pages from Grace Anthony	Sabine Gibson
2018.044	Photograph of wedding party from Gillespie-Schumacher wedding, 1938	Mazie Livingston Cox
2018.045	2 copperplates for wedding announcement and invitation for Dr. Norman Marras MacLeod and Josphine Stevens Perry	Norman MacLeod
2018.046	3 postcards, Viking Tower, Naval War College, Tunnel	Joan Kachmarik
2018.047	Seaview Terrace Collection	Nan Gartenberg
2019.001	Engagement ring from G.M. Simpson Jeweler	David F. Dence
2019.002	4 photographs of Mrs. Mildred Dick Fish, 1 calling card, 1 evening program	Hope Farrell
2019.003	“View of Newport” engraving from a woodcut	John Palin
2019.004	Two wallpaper samples from Banister House	Richard Fairgrieve
2019.005	11 photographs from Fort Adams during WWI	Kathy Krackowsky
2019.006	25 slides of Newport buildings	Joseph Goldenberg
2019.007	1799 book of nautical tables	Paul Miller
2019.008	2 pharmaceutical ledgers, late 1800s	Robert Weigart
2019.009	Bank records books	Clarissa Uttley
2019.010	Box of materials related to construction of Newport Bridge	Don Alman
2019.011	Floradale Tourist Camp notebook	Nancy Roy
2019.012	2 Chinese export vegetable dishes with lids	Judith Webb
2019.013	13 photogravures, 1 drawing, 1 portrait	John C. Codman
2019.014	2 tops, 1 set of sleeves, 20 assorted lace pieces	Ellen Lynch



# COLLECTIONS

## Fiscal Year 2018–2019 Accessions (cont'd)

ACCESSION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE
2019.015	2 dresses, 2 pillowcases, 2 set pantaloons, sleep shirt and bonnet, white petticoat, nightgown, child's apron	St. Paul's Thrift Shop
2019.016	Channing Memorial Church collection	Channing Memorial Church
2019.017	1932 Rogers High School Yearbook, bridal book, wedding portrait, 21 assorted family photographs	Susan Blanchard
2019.018	Grey lustre pitcher	Norman P. Bailey
2019.019	"Visit Historic Newport" road sign	Gregory Pimentel
2019.020	Newport Bridge 50th Anniversary commemorative medal	Bert Lippincott
2019.021	Wickham family papers	Bill Wickham
2019.022	Postcard, Anchors of the Constellation	Alvin Schaut
2019.023	The Binnacle, 1948	Stephen Updegrove
2019.024	81 slides of the Brick Market	William H. Leys
2019.025	Hurricane of '38 scrapbook, penmanship samples scrapbook, 2 drawings of Old Stone Mill, 6 photographs, 4 publications, 2 pen drawings, 1810 <i>Newport Mercury</i> , certificate of membership to American Association of Pen Artists	George Heald
2019.026	Wilfred Warren photographic collection	Seamen's Church Institute
2019.027	Portrait of Pauline Bridge LeRoy	New Hampshire Historical Society
2019.028	Postcard, US Naval Training Station	Jill DeVito
2019.029	Naval Training School Newport graduating class photograph, 1944	Nancy Martin

# COLLECTIONS

## Current and Fiscal Year Loans

### BORROWER

Rhode Island State Archives (Charter Museum)

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Yale University Art Gallery

Little Compton Historical Society

Salve Regina University

Naval War College Museum

### OBJECTS

90.1; Painting  
01.998; Wallet

2005.12; Fragment

16.5.1; Wardrobe

34.1.7 B; Chair

Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House Archaeological Collection

1885.1; Painting  
2007.6; Painting  
24.1.12; Commemorative Medal  
65.2.3; Painting  
78.8; Painting  
79.3; Painting

## A Selection of Image Requests from the NHS Collection

The Newport Historical Society's extensive photograph collection is used on a daily basis by various researchers. We assist book publishers, authors, filmmakers, scholars, genealogists, architects, builders and local home-owners in locating rare images of Newport's unique historic landscape and former residents. Below you will find a sampling of how our collection has been utilized, and where images have been published, throughout the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

BOOK – *Richard Morris Hunt: The American Architect*, expected pub. 2022 P738; P5601

BOOK – *A Cultural History of Ideas in the Age of Enlightenment*, expected pub. April 2020  
53.3 - Potter family overmantel painting

DOCUMENTARY – *The Lafayette Escadrille*  
by Paul Glenshaw, Darroch Greer, Humanus  
Documentary Films Foundation P9318

DISSERTATION – Preservation Professionals: American Architects and the Transatlantic Origins of Architectural Preservation, 1876-1926 by Anna Nau, expected Dec. 2019 P392

Molly Brown House Museum's 2020 suffrage exhibition glassplate negative of Aime Dupont Studio

PAMPHLET – Slavery in the Making of the Nightingale-Brown House by John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage  
53.3 - Potter family overmantel painting

ARTICLE – "Patrick W. Dwyer" Rhode Island Roots, summer 2019 by Michael F. Dwyer Camp Devens draft photograph

*Newport Harbor Guide* 2019 boathouse of Arthur Curtiss James; 2009.3.125; 99.4.169



## PUBLICATIONS

### *Ardent Advocate: Selected Letters of William Ellery from the Newport Historical Society Collection*

William Ellery was one of the most prominent citizens of Newport and Rhode Island from the mid-1700s until his death in 1820. Ellery was a merchant, attorney, politician, political appointee, and intellectual whose tireless work on behalf of his fellow citizens has not been fully recognized and appreciated.

*Ardent Advocate: Selected Letters of William Ellery from the Newport Historical Society Collection* was an attempt to rectify this using manuscripts and objects from the Newport Historical Society collection (his letters can be found in countless repositories).

The idea for the book can be credited to Dr. John Parillo whose unwavering interest in Ellery led to numerous hours of research in our manuscript

collection where he came upon lots of Ellery letters. These letters confirmed what John already knew, William Ellery was a multi-faceted, connected and dynamic man – and John encouraged everyone he talked to (including the staff here) to learn more about Ellery. Someone who happily shared John's passion for Ellery is longtime member and friend of NHS, John Bagwill (his wife Lee is an Ellery descendent). John enthusiastically took on the task of raising funds to help support the book project. Many thanks to both Johns, and to all of the project supporters.

Like most projects, this book is the product of great collaboration: Bert Lippincott and Ingrid Peters spent hours transcribing original manuscripts and putting the contents into context. Cynthia Johnson, an admirer of Ellery, wrote the introduction. Sarah Long took the photographs, and Gayle Bordlemay was the designer. Elizabeth Stevens provided sage counsel and editorial oversight.



A selection of NHS publications in 2018-2019.

## Library Accessions 2018/19

2018-1-1 **“Exeter Town Council Records 1742/3-1771”**  
Rhode Island Roots Special Bonus Issue, April 2018. Rhode Island Genealogical Society.

2018-2-1 **Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island** by Christian McBurney (History Press 2014) Autographed. Gift of the author.

2018-3-1 **William and Mary Dyer: Quaker Light and Puritan Ambition in Early New England** by Johan Winsser (North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace 2017). \*NHS research. Gift of author.

2018-4-1 **The Poison Plot: A Tale of Adultery and Murder in Colonial Newport** by Elaine Forman Crane (Cornell University Press 2018) \*NHS research, graphics, guest speaker. Gift of author.

2018-5-1 **Love of Freedom: Black Women in Colonial and Revolutionary New England** by Catherine Adams and Elizabeth Pleck (Oxford Univ. Press 2010)

2018-6-1 **Mahogany: The Costs of Luxury in Early America** by Jennifer L. Anderson (Harvard University Press 2012) \*NHS research, Guest Speaker.

2018-7-1 **Pictures and Windows: The Paintings of Christopher W. Benson from 1977 to 2017.**  
(Newport Art Museum: The Fisher Press 2017) Exhibit catalog, Newport Art Museum 2017-2018. Gift of B. Lippincott III.

2018-8-1 **The Palatine Wreck: The Legend of the New England Ghost Ship** by Jill Farinelli (University Press of New England 2017) [Block Island shipwreck 1738]. \*NHS Guest speaker.

2018-9-1 **African American Historic Burial Grounds and Gravesites of New England** by Glenn A. Knoblock (McFarland & Co. 2016) \*NHS Guest Speaker.

2018-10-1 **The Newport Bridge** by James M. Ricci (History Press 2018) \*NHS graphics. NHS Guest speaker.

2018-11-1 **World War II Rhode Island** by Christian McBurney et al. (History Press 2017).

2018-12-1 **Art & Industry in Early America: Rhode Island Furniture 1650-1830** by Patricia E. Kane (New Haven, Yale University Press 2016). Exhibition Catalogue, Yale University Art Gallery 2016-2017. \* NHS Research and Graphics, Museum Loans, Guest Speaker.

2018-13-1 **Claggett: Newport’s Illustrious Clockmakers** by Donald Fennimore and Frank L. Hohmann III. A Winterthur Book, Newport Historical Society, Hohmann Holdings LLC. (New Haven: Yale University Press 2018). \*NHS Partnership, Research, Graphics, Collections.

2018-14-1 **Newport Firsts: A Hundred Claims to Fame** by Brian M. Stinson (History Press 2018).

2018-15-1 **Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America’s Most Notorious Pirates** by Eric Jay Dolin (Leveright Publishing Corp. 2018). \*NHS Research, Guest Speaker.

2018-16-1 **“War of 1812 Manuscripts: A Guide to Rhode Island Depositories”** by John C. Fredriksen, PhD. RI Committee for the Humanities 1999. Typescript.

2018-17-1 **“Greetings from Newport: Postcards, Preservation and Tourism in Newport, RI”** by Nicole Nietzel. MA Thesis, Dept. of Architectural History, University of Virginia 2013. \*Former NHS Buchanan Burnham Fellow and Staff. Gift of the author.

2018-18-1 **“Newport Architectural Guide including Newport, RI, Jamestown, RI, Middletown, RI, Portsmouth, RI. Listing Architects, Addresses, Dates, Original Owners, Place Names.”** By James V. Righter. (Boston 2009/2014). Bound typed spreadsheets. Gift of the author.

2018-19-1 **“West Greenwich Town Council Records 1741-1772”** by Catherine Hey. Rhode Island Roots Special Bonus Issue, April 2015.

2018-20-1 **“Westerleigh to Rhode Island: John Crandall’s Story Begins”** by Judith Crandall Harbold and Cherry Fletcher Bamberg FASG. Rhode Island Roots 44:2 [March 2018] et seq. (Origins and life of Elder John Crandall (1617-1676) of Newport and Westerly, RI, serialized). \*NHS research.



# LIBRARY

2018-21-1 **Rhode Island Historical Resources Archive, Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission Reports:**

US NAVAL HOSPITAL NEWPORT  
HISTORIC DISTRICT.

MELVILLE NAVAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
NAVAL STATION NEWPORT.

Gift of the US Dept. of the Navy, October 2018.

2018-22-2 **Mary Gould Almy's Journal During the Siege at Newport, Rhode Island 29 July to 24 August 1778: A Facsimile, Transcribed, Annotated and Edited by John B. Hattendorf.** (Rhode Island Society Sons of the Revolution 2018) \*NHS research, documents and graphics. 2 copies gifts of the Sons of the Revolution and Bert Lippincott.

2018-23-1 **John Clarke's World by Cherry Fletcher Bamberg FASC and Judith Crandall Harbold** (Rhode Island Genealogical Society 2018) Gift of the authors, autographed \*NHS research, graphics.

2018-24-1 **Virtual House, Virtual Neighborhood: Reconstructing a Lost 17th century House and its Urban District in Newport, Rhode Island by Ronald J. Onorato, Project Coordinator.** University of Rhode Island Department of Art (Kingston, RI 2018). Exhibit brochure. \*NHS research and graphics. Gift of Ronald Onorato.

2018-25-1 **Ardent Advocate: Selected Letters of William Ellery from the Newport Historical Society Collection.** Newport Historical Society 19 December 2018.

2018-26-1 **Rhode Island Memories: The Early Years-A Pictorial History by the Providence Journal.** (Pediment Publishing 2018). \*NHS graphics. Gift of the publisher.

2019-1-1 **The Journal of John Francis October 9-17, 1786.** Recording the Trip of John Francis and James Brown From Providence, Rhode Island to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Back. (East Greenwich, RI: RI Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 2007).

2019-2-1 **"Servant Life At The Breakers: A Room with a View"** by Holly Collins. Preservation Society of Newport County, 7 February 2001. Research Fellow typescript.

2019-3-1 **The Age of Homespun: Objects and Stories in the Creation of an American Myth** by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Vintage Books 2002).

2019-4-1 **Theophilus North** by Thornton Wilder (1973) Reprint by Harper Collins Publishers 2019. Includes biographical notes by Christopher Buckley and Tappan Wilder (nephew of author). \* NHS guest lecturer 2019.

2019-5-1 **Naval Documents of the American Revolution, Volume 13- 1778.** (Washington DC, Naval History and Heritage Command, Department of the Navy 2019). Gift of the Director of Naval History.

2019-6-1 **Arthur Curtiss James: Unsung Titan of the Gilded Age** by Roger Vaughan. (Story Arts Media 2019). Deluxe Edition and DVD of motion picture "Of Rails and Sails; The Life and Times of Arthur Curtiss James." Gift of Commodore Henry Hill Anderson, Jr. \*NHS Research and graphics.

2019-7-1 **Remember Me: A Guide to Little Compton's 46 Historic Cemeteries** by The Little Compton Historical Society (2018). Gift of LCHS.

2019-8-1 **The Claggetts of Newport: Master Clockmakers in Colonial America.** Exhibit Catalog, Redwood Library 2018-2019.

2019-9-1 **"Wildacre Newport, RI".** [FACSIMILE 2019] Photograph Album from Olmsted Associates, Brookline, MA, file 2221 (1901-1916). Gift of the Kahane Family.

2019-10-1 **Exeter Town Council Records (2) 1771-1794** by Linda Mathew. *Rhode Island Roots* April 2019. RI Genealogical Society.

2019-11-5 **History of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations** by Thomas Williams Bicknell (NY: American Historical Society 1920) 5 volumes. Replacement of older degraded volumes. Gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

2019-12-1 **Privateering in King George's War 1739-1748** by Howard M. Chapin (Providence 1928). Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

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2019-13-1 **Privateer Ships and Sailors** by Howard M. Chapin (Toulon, France 1926) Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

2019-14-1 **Rhode Island Privateers in King George's War 1739-1748** by Howard M. Chapin (Providence 1926). Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

2019-15-1 **Revolutionary Defences in Rhode Island by Edward Field** (Providence 1896). Additional copy gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

2019-16-1 **Our French Allies...** by Edwin Martin Stone  
(Providence 1884) Leather bound. Replacement of older  
degraded volume, gift of Jocelyn Sherman.

2019-17-1 **Newport: A Concise History** by C.P.B. Jefferys  
(Newport Historical Society 2008). Extra copy for library.

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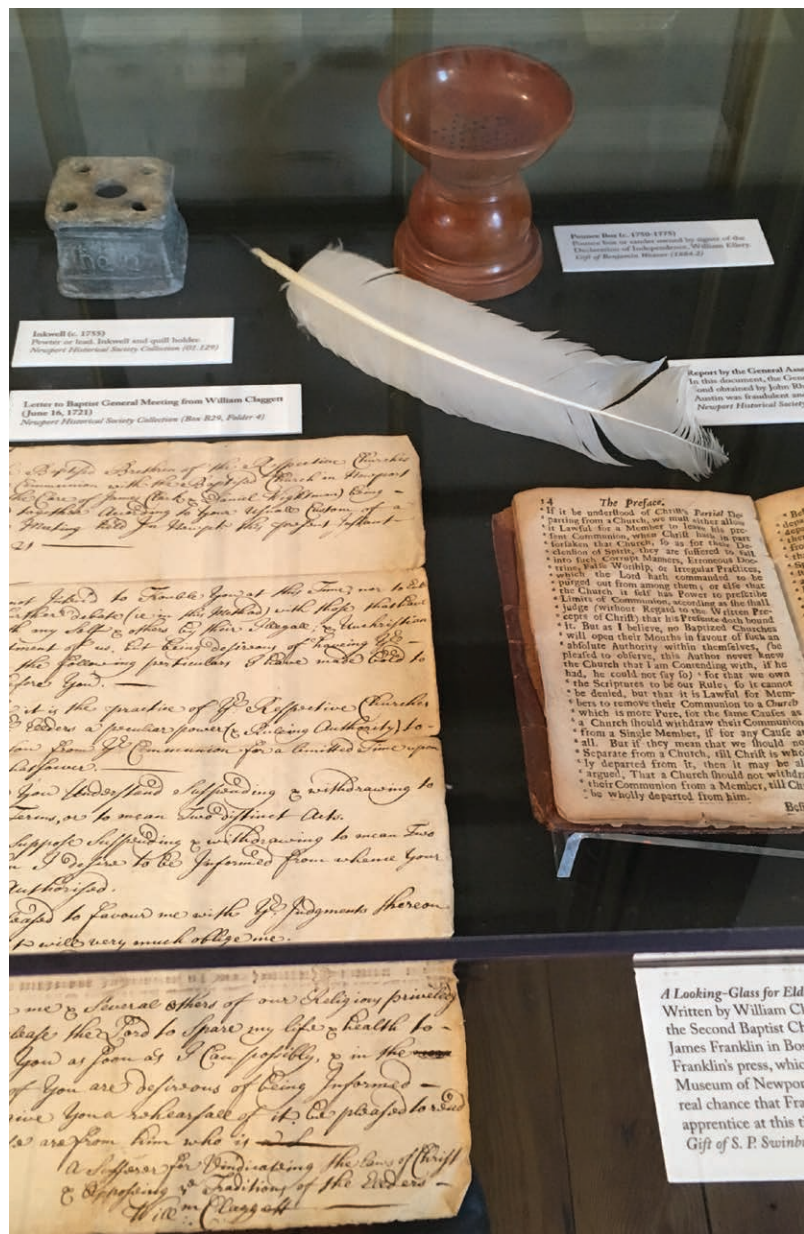
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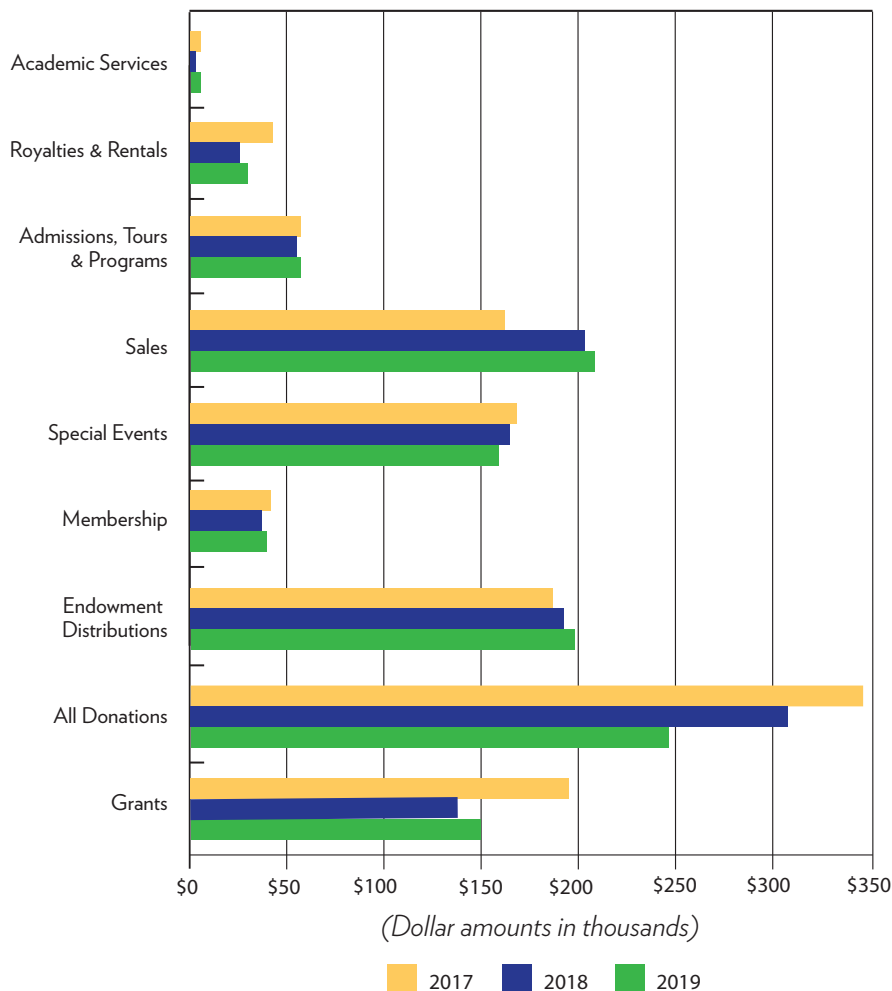


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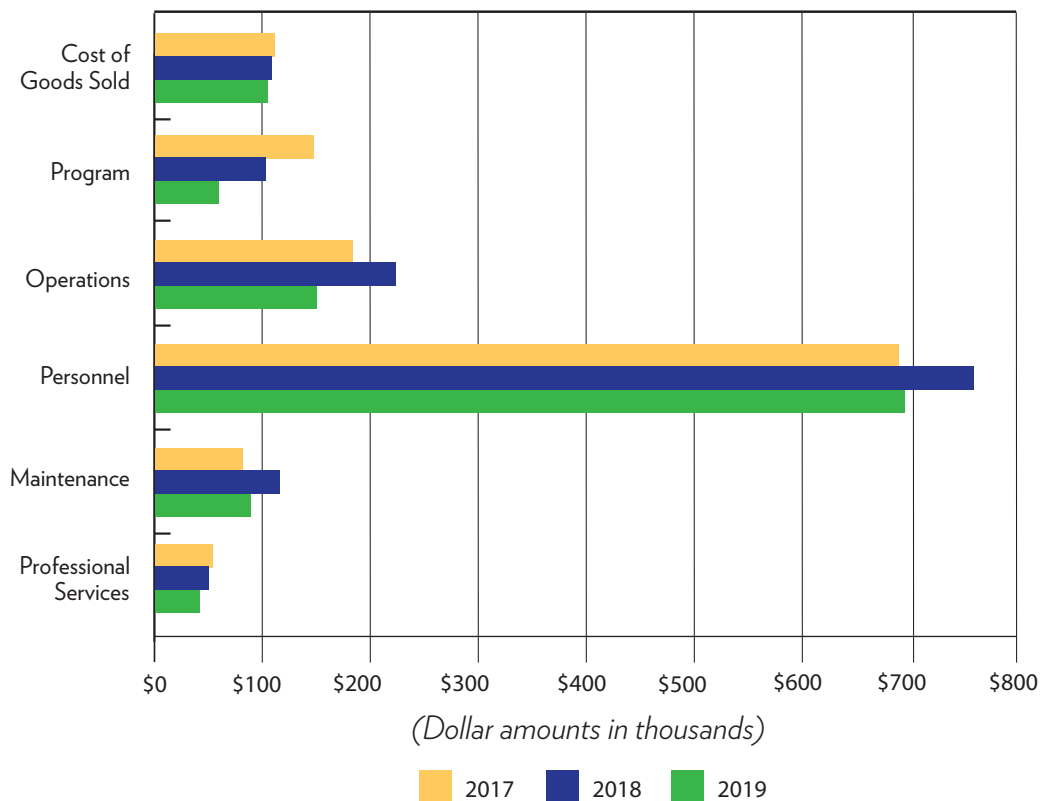
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# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

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