

## How to Research Your House On The Point

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### *The Point Association*

- History and Archives <https://thepointassociation.org/history-archives/>
- The Green Light Archives <https://thepointassociation.org/the-green-light/#gsc.tab=0>

### *City of Newport*

- Chain of Title Cards <https://www.usdpw.com/PublicSearch/PublicChainofTitleList>
- Property Records <http://i2f.uslandrecords.com/RI/Newport/D/Default.aspx>
- City of Newport Historic Preservation Department <https://www.cityofnewport.com/en-us/living-in-newport/historic-preservation/historic-preservation>

*State of Rhode Island Historic Property Search* <https://www.ri.gov/preservation/search/>

*Newport Directories from 1856-1921:* <http://www.pieroth.org/scwhite/NewportDirectories.html>

*United States Department of the Interior National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places Newport National Historic Landmark District* [https://preservation.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur406/files/pdfs\\_zips\\_downloads/national\\_pdfs/newport/newp\\_newport-hd.pdf](https://preservation.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur406/files/pdfs_zips_downloads/national_pdfs/newport/newp_newport-hd.pdf)

*Providence Public Library Digital Collection* <https://provlibdigital.org/islandora/object/islandora%3Aroot>

*Newport Historical Society Collections Online* <https://collections.newporthistory.org>

*Newportal* <http://www.newportalri.org>

*National Archives* [https://www.archives.gov/?fbclid=IwAR3uoX\\_ZjCUlac348wqv9YV0mnWV38PL2fThR0fBAuf-PU\\_UapUg0ERccQU](https://www.archives.gov/?fbclid=IwAR3uoX_ZjCUlac348wqv9YV0mnWV38PL2fThR0fBAuf-PU_UapUg0ERccQU)

*Digital Commons NHS Journals* <https://digitalcommons.salve.edu>

[newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com) subscription or free to those with a Newport Public Library Card

*The Point Of Newport, Rhode Island* by Eileen Nimmo, J&E Publishing, 2001 This book is available through the Point Association

### MAPS

- Quaker Map of Eastern's Point NHS Collection <https://collections.newporthistory.org/Detail/objects/10850>
- *The Map Project* <http://newportmapproject.weebly.com>
- Blaskowitz map: <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/0714d260-df46-0134-a4a7-39f2476beb20>

- 1850 map: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3773n.la000827/?r=0.087,0.12,0.253,0.161,0>
- 1860 map: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3774n.la000829/?r=0.071,0.507,0.692,0.389,0>
- 1870 map: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3774n.la000828/?r=0.292,0.871,0.142,0.09,0>
- 1876 map: <http://www.historicmapworks.com/Atlas/US/6859/Newport+1876/>
- 1883 map: <http://www.pieroth.org/scwhite/NewportMaps/Newport1883Atlas/Newport1883AtlasPlates3.html#17>
- 1884 [https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092\\_001/](https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092_001/)
- 1891 [https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092\\_002/](https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092_002/)
- 1893 map: <http://www.historicmapworks.com/Atlas/US/7090/>
- 1896 [https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092\\_003/](https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092_003/)
- 1903 [https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092\\_006/](https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn08092_006/)
- 1907 map: <http://www.historicmapworks.com/Atlas/US/7175/>
- 1921 map: [https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3774nm.g3774nm\\_g080921921/?st=gallery](https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3774nm.g3774nm_g080921921/?st=gallery)

### City Hall

- Recorder of Deeds Office on First Floor: Land records
- Probate records: If the property was willed to an heir at some point, there may not be a deed. If you run into a hole in the chain of ownership, it may have passed from person to person via a bequest.
- Tax Assessor's office on Second Floor: documents show the chain of ownership from 1910, by plat and lot numbers.
- Sanborn Maps

### The Newport Historical Society, 82 Touro Street

Research can be conducted on your own The librarian is available for help (limited to questions that can be answered briefly). *Please make an appointment in advance.*  
<https://newporthistory.org/resource-center/research/>

Resources include:

- Sanborn Maps
- Historic Property Dad Sheet Rhode Island Statewide Survey conducted in 1971 and 1988
- Photos from Operation Clapboard Files (see list of houses)
- Photos of Houses by Street
- Directories
- Books

#### *Property Research by NHS Staff and NHS Plaque*

NHS staff can be hired to complete property research, and compile a report on relevant findings. The report will include the history of the evolution of the property, any significant details about the dwelling and occupants, and any historical images of the property in our collection, of which there is no guarantee. The final report is emailed as a PDF document. For an example of a completed house history report, please click [here](#).

Contact [research@newporthistory.org](mailto:research@newporthistory.org) to arrange a consultation. Due to limited staff availability, it may take up to 7 business days to receive an initial reply to your request. Requests will be answered in the order in which they are received.