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## Editor's Note

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The lead article in this issue of Newport History provides a new perspective on the integration of Roman Catholicism into Newport's religious climate. The author, Dr. John F. Quinn, is a Professor of History at Salve Regina University, where he has taught since 1992. He received his B.A. in History from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1986. Two years later, he earned an M.A. in History from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, followed in 1992 by a Ph.D. in History from the same institution. Dr. Quinn has published articles about Ireland, Irish America, and slavery in the *New England Quarterly*, the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, the *U.S. Catholic Historian*, and *The Historian*. He is also the author of the book *Father Mathew's Crusade: Temperance in Nineteenth-Century Ireland and Irish America*, published in 2002 by the University of Massachusetts Press in Amherst.

The second article in this issue is by Sarah Vickery, who in May of 2010 earned a B.A. with a double major in History and English from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. During the summer after her graduation, she served as a Buchanan/Burnham intern at the Newport Historical Society. For her internship project, Ms. Vickery was curator of *Handwritten History: Correspondence of Great Americans*, an exhibition held in the fall of 2010 at the Colony House on Washington Square and in early 2011 at the nearby BankNewport. This article adapts the wall text and images from this exhibition. After finishing the internship, she worked for the Ipswich Museum in Massachusetts to complete the research and writing for a local Women's Heritage Trail. She now works for EBSCO Publishing, a firm specializing in online research databases. Historical letters and documents (including some by the great Americans featured here) continue to be a focus of her research.