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On a clear April day in 1854, John Henry Tilley climbed to the roof of the Hazard and Caswell Apothecaries' building on Washington Square. From this vantage point he had a sweeping view of Newport Harbor extending along the nearby rooftops and the Brick Market at the bottom of the Square out to Goat Island and across the bay to Jamestown. Tilley recorded the image in this daguerreotype photograph. Thirty years later he presented it and others to the Society as one of the earliest and consequently most important gifts of photography made to the Society. NHS P1
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