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This issue of *Newport History* traverses the entire history of Newport. One author focuses on the Great Friends Meeting House, examining its evolution over the course of over three centuries and the complexities of its restoration in the twentieth century. A second author explores the exclusive Hazard's and Gooseberry Beaches, documenting their ownership, usage, destruction, and rebirth amidst the ravages of coastal exposure.

Elaine Robinson graduated in 2003 with a B.A. in Art History from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. An undergraduate research project for Professor Ronald J. Onorato began an analysis of the restoration of the Great Friends Meeting House that resulted in her contribution to this issue of *Newport History*. She went on to graduate work in Library Science at the University of Rhode Island, receiving her Master's degree in 2008. She undertook both of her degrees while working as a data architect for Amica Insurance. Since retiring from there in 2009 after twenty-four years, Ms. Robinson has taken on three positions. She serves as an archivist for the Cocumscussoc Association at Smith's Castle in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. She is a catalog librarian for the Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton, Massachusetts. She is also the Senior Library Assistant in charge of Acquisitions at the Fleet Library of the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence.

Paul Hazard Harpin spent summers at Hazard's Beach while growing up, instilling a love for the rocky south coast. He was also curious about the role that his distant cousins on his mother's side (the Hazards) played in the history of this part of Newport. This culminated in an exhaustive article on the biography and landholdings of John Alfred Hazard for this issue of *Newport History*. Mr. Harpin received his B.A. in History from the University of Rhode Island in 1968. He holds an M.A. in History from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst (1976) and M.B.A. in Business from Long Island University in Brookville, New York (1979). He served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1988, teaching European History at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, from 1976 to 1980. From 1983 to 1986, Mr. Harpin taught History at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

After leaving the military, he was employed from 1991 to 2012 by MSM Security Services Incorporated in Greenbelt, Maryland. He served as Program Manager from 1998 until 2004. From 2005 until retirement in September 2012, he served as a senior executive and telecommuted from his home near Charlottesville, Virginia. He has previously published a chapter on counterintelligence in *Secrets of the Cold War*,

printed in 2010 by Helion & Company Ltd. in West Midlands, England. He also helped to edit a series of four novels about espionage in the American Revolution. The first of these, *The Patriot Spy*, was published in July 2012 by Twilight Times Books in Kingsport, Tennessee. Since 2004, Mr. Harpin has spent summers at Newport in his family home. Hazard's Beach has served as his habitual haunt on sunny days.