A New England Chair

Kate Field
OFFICERS
Kenneth H. Lyons, President
Dominic C. Varisco, 1st Vice President
Hope P. Alexander, 2nd Vice President
Phillip L. Eiker, Secretary
Paul Steinbrenner, Treasurer
Bradford A. Becken, President Emeritus

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Barbara A. Bohan
Richard I. Burnham
Evelyn M. Cherpak
Paul L. Gaines
James R. Hogg and Anne Hogg
Jack Jefferies and Karen Jefferies
Curtis W. Magee
Mark P. Malkovich III
Dennis McCoy
Jeanne Muller Ryan
John J. Salesses
Harold W. Sands
Rounselle W. Schaum and Shirley Schaum
Keith W. Stokes
John G. Winslow
Thomas Sturtevant
Dominic C. Varisco
John G. Winslow

STAFF
Daniel Snydacker, Jr., Ph.D.
Executive Director of the Society
Janet W. Boyes
Financial Advisor
Lisa Jane Conners
Education Coordinator
Cheryl Carvalhal
Receptionist/Office Manager
Jessica Files
Director of Education
Kimberly A. Hanrahan
Registrar
Judy Kelley
Receptionist/Membership Secretary
Leslie Lindeman
Director of Marketing
Bertram Lippincott III, C.G.
Reference Librarian & Genealogist
Adams Taylor
Archaeological Collection Manager
James L. Yarnall, Ph.D.
Editor, Newport History
M. Joan Youngken
Associate Director & Curator

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
John B. Hattendorf, Co-Chair
Curtis Magee, Co-Chair
Hugh Auchincloss
Jane E. Carey
Evelyn M. Cherpa
Theodore L. Gatchell
Curtis LaFrance
Sue Maden
Ted Spargo
John G. Winslow

Membership in the Newport Historical Society is renewed annually. Current membership fees: Individual, $30; Family, $40; Business/Professional, $50; Supporting, $60; Contributing, $100; Corporate, $175; Sponsor, $250; and Life, $1,000. Those interested in becoming members are cordially invited to do so. A membership form can be found on the back pages. Newport History is published twice a year. $10 of the membership fee is for a subscription to Newport History for one year. Contributions and membership dues are deductible to the extent allowed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. All correspondence regarding membership including subscriptions to Newport History, should be addressed to the Society. Newport History is published by the Newport Historical Society, Museum and Library with the assistance of a grant from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Donald Carcieri, Governor. All classes of membership include a subscription to Newport History. Institutions may subscribe to this journal at the rate of $10 annually. Articles appearing in Newport History are abstracted and indexed in Historical Abstracts and/or America: History and Life published by the American Bibliographical Center. Newport History solicits original articles on any aspect of Newport County history. All submissions will be considered by the Publications Committee for publication. Obtain information from the editor at Society headquarters.

Cover: see Fig. 1.
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Director's Note ........................................ iv

Editor's Note ........................................... v

A New England Chair Design of 1730-1760 and Attributions to the
Job Townsends of Newport, Rhode Island ...................... 1

*Milo M. Naeve*

Kate Field in Newport ..................................... 19

*Gary Scharnhorst*

The Milton H. Sanford House .............................. 33

*Editor*

---

*Kate Field with a flower in her Hair. Boston Public Library/Rare Books Department, Courtesy of The Trustees.*
The Newport Historical Society
Museum and Library

The Newport Historical Society has maintained a library and museum of Newport and Rhode Island history since its incorporation in 1854. For almost 150 years the Society has continued to grow in membership and in the extent and diversity of its collection.

Society activities include lectures, walking tours, and educational outreach programs and special events. The Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House, built in 1730, now attached to the main building, is a treasure of colonial architecture. The library and manuscript collections contain a wealth of information for researchers.

HOURS: The Society’s research facilities are open to the public
Tuesday through Friday 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Saturday 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon

For information on current exhibits and programs please call (401) 846-0813 or visit the Society’s website at www.newporthistorical.org.

The Museum of Newport History at the Brick Market is an entertaining, multidimensional exhibit of over 350 years of Newport history told through objects, images, and paintings, as well as state-of-the-art interactive computers and videos. On display are examples of Newport’s finest colonial furniture and manuscripts, as well as artifacts representing all walks of life from Newport’s colorful past.

The Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House, 17 Broadway, illustrates the history of Colonial America through the daily life of individual Newporters. Open Seasonally.

The Great Friends Meeting House, built in 1699 and the oldest religious structure in Newport, is open seasonally.
Become a Member of the Newport Historical Society

Membership Benefits

- Unlimited free admission to the award-winning Museum of Newport History at the Brick Market.
- Free copy of Newport: A Short History, a lively history of the area from its settlement by Native Americans.
- Subscription to the quarterly journal Newport History, which contains a variety of articles on Newport County's past, and a periodic newsletter with information about the Society's activities.
- Free admission to Walking Tours of Historic Newport.

- Reduced rates for all educational programs, special events, and activities.
- Reduced rates on all services (photographic, genealogical research, etc.)
- Discount on all items sold by the Society.

Membership Form

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Membership Category</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Life Membership</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sponsor</td>
<td>250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corporate</td>
<td>175</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contributing</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supporting</td>
<td>$60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business / Professional</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Complete and mail this form with check for appropriate amount to: The Newport Historical Society, 82 Touro Street, Newport, RI 02840

Name __________________________________________________________

Street ___________________________ Phone _______________________

City ___________________________ State _____ Zip Code __________