



A Visit  
to the



# Portsmouth Historical Society



With Richard and  
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# What Does an Historical Society Do?

- ◆ Take care of buildings where we can store and display our collection of historic artifacts and documents,
- ◆ Host programs
- ◆ Provide research assistance to the public
- ◆ Encourage the study of our town's history for future generations.





# Taking Care of Buildings



Old Town Hall 1848  
Southernmost School 1725  
Christian Union Church 1865



Work and costs for the School house

2000 feet of boards cost	08-15-6
to painting 2 days	00-10-6
to carting and going after the boards	02-00-
1000 of board & nails	01-00-
to ten sleepers a most thirty foot long and	
timber for the porch and carting	01-10-
to 32 bushels of lime at 16¢ bushel	02-2-
To Carting & Lime and buying	0-18-
To 3 Empty hhd to put of lime in	0-6-
To 200 of Ningle nails 1/3,200 Clabod nails	5-
To 8 Days work my self & negro at 9/day	3-12-
To Getting hearth Stones	0-5-
To Carting of Stones & sand and water	0-18-
To 200 of Brick for of Oven	0-10-
To making of oven and Digging of foundation	1-0-
and Carting of Bricks	23-12-
By Cash Recd of Cap & sons	
By 100 of Boards 40	16-2-
Balance Due to me	

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1724/5 Errors Excepted



Documents, clothing,  
furniture, maps, photos,  
tools, vehicles.

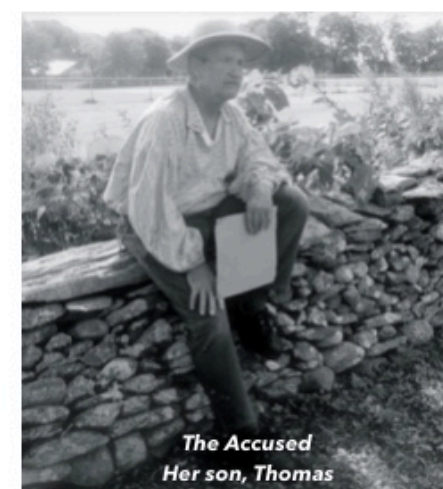




Host Programs - like talks,  
Living History Days, plays  
Family days,  
Celebrations of  
Portsmouth Women.



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*The Accused  
Her son, Thomas*

## THE GHOSTLY WITNESS

The Portsmouth Community Theater  
presents an historical courtroom drama  
about the untimely and uncertain death  
of Rebecca Cornell in 1673.

Sept. 8th 4-5 PM at the  
Portsmouth Historical Society  
870 E. Main Road  
(Corner of Union St. and E. Main Rd)  
Portsmouth, RI





# Help Researchers, Encourage study of Portsmouth History



The Women of the Newport County  
Woman Suffrage League

Gloria Schmidt - 2020





# Objects Come With Stories

- ◆ Julia Ward Howe's Desk
- ◆ Julia in Portsmouth
- ◆ Battle Hymn of the Republic
- ◆ Preached at Christian Union Church





Glen Farm horse  
drawn mower

Gentlemen's Farms  
Missy of the Glen





# Musket and Cannon Balls Barton's Wallet Barton's Raid





# Sunbonnet Girl

Sarah Eddy's Causes  
Treatment of Animals  
Art for Children  
Votes for Women  
Art at Bristol Ferry





# Battle of Rhode Island

Early Skirmish





# Southernmost School 1725

First Schoolmaster

