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**Rhode Island Collection**  
**MSS 033**  
**James N. Arnold Collection**  
Circa 1860-1935

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: MSS 033  
Title: James N. Arnold Collection  
Creator: Arnold, James N. (James Newell), 1844-1927  
Dates: circa 1860-1935  
Quantity: 29 boxes (total 24.8 linear feet), 1 oversized folder and 2 card catalogs

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: The Arnold collection was transferred from Knight Memorial Library in November 2015.

Accruals: No accruals are expected or accruals are expected

Custodial history: James N. Arnold bequeathed his library and archival collection to the Elmwood Public Library Association, later named Knight Memorial Library, upon his death in 1927. During the years when Knight Memorial Library was a branch library of the Providence Public Library, the Arnold library of published materials was broken up and distributed amongst the library system. In 2015, the Knight Memorial Library gifted his archival materials to the Providence Public Library.

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Conservation: Not applicable

Language: English

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**SEE ALSO**

VM 014      James N. Arnold Glass Plate Negative Collection

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Newell Arnold (1844-1927) was a writer, editor, historian and genealogist specializing in Rhode Island history. Arnold was born on August 3, 1844 near the village of Knightsville in Cranston, Rhode Island to Captain James Lincoln Arnold, a farmer, and Amey Underwood. Arnold was a descendent of Thomas Arnold who joined Roger Williams in Providence in 1636, and of Benedict Arnold, Rhode Island colony's first governor. Sometime in his childhood, Arnold contracted an ailment that led him to the use of crutches for mobility throughout his life. In 1868, James Arnold moved the family to a farm in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Following this move, Arnold began his project to inventory historic burial grounds and to document the history of old Narragansett families.

Arnold's professional work as a historian and writer began in earnest in the 1880s. Arnold traveled throughout Rhode Island collecting and transcribing local church records, pension rolls, burial records and town papers. He edited and published *The Narragansett Historical Register*, an 8 volume set on the history of southern Rhode Island, from 1882-1891. During that time, he moved to Providence in 1884 and worked as the assistant to historian Edward B. Hitchcock. From 1891-1912, he compiled and published his seminal work, *Vital Records of Rhode Island*, the first comprehensive set of vital records for the state covering 1636-1850 in 21 volumes.

In addition to his work on Rhode Island history, Arnold researched his Arnold family genealogy extensively, located and transcribed Revolutionary War newspapers, researched the Narragansett Indian tribe, and wrote numerous newspaper articles.. Arnold died at Dexter Asylum on September 27, 1927 and was buried in a family plot in South Kingstown. After his death in 1927, a group of volunteers continued transcribing his records and continuing his cemetery inventory project until 1935.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

This collection consists of material compiled and written by James N. Arnold, between 1860-1927 and of typescripts by volunteers continuing his work until 1935. This collection contains numerous research topics and writings related to the history of Rhode Island.

It includes personal records of James N. Arnold such as Arnold family genealogy records and correspondence, James Arnold's personal writings, weather journals and photographs. Business records include material related to printing and sales of his publications. Research materials include transcriptions of cemetery records, vital records, and probates from Rhode Island towns and cities, topics related to the history of Rhode Island during the colonial period, Revolutionary War, and Civil War. Specific topics include the Narragansett Indians, numerous family genealogies and histories, town histories, deeds and probate records, military records, numerous essays on various subjects. The collection also includes cemetery and vital records from parts of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. There are also two card indexes that relate to numerous material throughout Arnold's collection.

Upon his death in 1927, Arnold bequeathed his library and research materials to the Elmwood Public Library in Providence, Rhode Island (now the Knight Memorial Library). The original bequest included 1500 genealogical works, 2500 bound volumes and over 10,000 pamphlets in addition to his research and manuscript materials and glass plate negatives. The library of published items (genealogical works, bound volumes and pamphlets) was not maintained as a discrete collection. The glass plate negatives were transferred to the Providence Public Library sometime in the 2000s and are organized into VM 014, James N. Arnold Glass Plate Negative Collection.

During processing of this collection, a handwritten transcript copy of "Land Evidence Book, 1648-1696" was discarded due to poor condition since the original work is available in many published copies.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Personal Records & Research
  - 1.1: Arnold family genealogy
  - 1.2: Personal papers
- Series 2: Business Records
- Series 3: Tombstone records
- Series 4: Genealogical research
  - 4.1 Binders
  - 4.2 Notebooks
  - 4.3 Compiled materials & charts
  - 4.4 Vital records
- Series 5: Research materials
- Series 6: Compositions
  - 6.1 Fiction
  - 6.2 Poetry
  - 6.3 Monographs
  - 6.4 Essays
  - 6.5 Articles
  - 6.6 Indexes
- Series 7: Card catalog indexes

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION****Series 1: Personal Records & Research**

Materials are organized into two sub-series including research materials related to James N. Arnold's interest in Arnold family genealogy as well as personal correspondence, photographs and records.

**Sub-series 1.1: Arnold family genealogy research**

Materials contain James Newell Arnold's personal research into the history of the Arnold family. Included are transcriptions of probate, vital records, newspaper clippings, military records, short family histories, and correspondence regarding the Arnold family. No original order was established for Arnold genealogy records so materials have been organized by type and content. Correspondence is in chronological order by year.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
1	Essays about Arnold family history	n.d.	1
2	Genealogical charts	n.d.	1
3 - 4	Wills & probate transcriptions	1667-1836	1
5 -16	Arnold family groups, research notes	n.d.	1
17	Arnolds in Connecticut towns	n.d.	2
18	Arnolds in NH, VT, MA & RI towns	n.d.	2
19	Arnolds in military service, 1663-1849	n.d.	2
20	Arnolds in military service, French & Indian War & Revolution	n.d.	2
21	Arnolds in military service, Civil War	n.d.	2
22 - 30	Research notes	n.d.	2
31	Miscellaneous records, copies	1874-1901	2
32	Miscellaneous records, transcriptions	n.d.	2
33	Clippings	1901-1922	2
34	"The Arnolds of Rhode Island – from records of Welcome Arnold Greene of Providence", transcription	1890	3
35	"The Arnolds of Rhode Island – from records of Welcome Arnold Greene of Providence", typescript	1890	3
36	Transcription of Pearce Arnold's Bible Record	n.d.	3

Folder	Title	Date	Box
37	R.I. Biographical Encyclopedia, transcriptions of Arnold entries	n.d.	3
38	“Descendants of Thomas Arnold”, compiled by Elisha Stephen Arnold, assisted by James N. Arnold. – typescript copy	n.d.	3
39	“Early records of the Arnold Family” by Edwin Hubbard, transcription and typescript	n.d.	3
40 - 41	Compiled research, typescript	n.d.	3
41a	Compiled research, typescript	n.d.	3
42	Correspondence	1883-1889	3
43	Correspondence	1890-1892	3
44	Correspondence	1893-1895	3
45	Correspondence	1896-1899	3
46	Correspondence	1900-1904	3
47	Correspondence	1905-1909	3
48	Correspondence	1910-1926	3
49	Correspondence	n.d.	3
49a	Correspondence of Joseph C. W. Cole regarding descendants of William Colwell & Lucia Arnold	n.d.	4
50	Welsh history and pedigree research materials	n.d.	3
vol.	“A History of Wales” by Jane Williams, heavily annotated by James Oliver Arnold and James Newell Arnold	after 1869	3

**Sub-series 1.2: James Newell Arnold personal papers**

Materials include personal records and correspondence of Arnold related to his family and the Arnold family farm as well as his personal and political concerns unrelated to his historical research.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
51-52	<i>folders not used</i>		
53	North Kingstown Justice of the Peace records	1879-1885	3
54	Estate planning, Probate & Death records	1925-1927	3
55	Personal correspondence	1869-1927	3
56	Political correspondence	1897 & 1919	3
57	Miscellaneous personal records	1883-1920	3
58	Photographs, Nantucket, Massachusetts	1893	3
59	Photographs, James N. Arnold	1860-1927	3
60	Photographs, miscellaneous portraits	n.d.	3
61	Photographs, miscellaneous locations	n.d.	3
62	Ephemera	1882-1886 & n.d.	3
63	Photographs, oversized misc. portraits *Note one photograph of John Arnold (b.1815) family in oversized folder 526, map drawer 40	n.d.	5
vol.	Clippings album	n.d.	5
vol.	Weather journals (22 volumes)	1859-1929	4
vol.	Arnold Farm diary	1870	4
vol.	Arnold Farm account ledge	1870-1874	4
vol.	Clippings and account ledger. Clippings titled "Scraps Scientific &" are affixed to pages of an older business ledger. Legible content of ledger are dated 1849-1853 and reflect the business of a painter & paper hanger.	1849-1853	5

**Series 2: Business Records**

Business records related to his historical publications including cash ledgers, lists of subscribers to publications, correspondence and type blocks used for publications.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
64	Advertisements	1885-1901	6
65	Letters of recommendation	1889-1925	6
66	Copyrights	1882-1908	6
67	Subscriptions	1890-1918	6
68	Subscriptions to "Visitation to the Burial Ground..."	1926	6
69	Miscellaneous records	1903-1926	6
vol.	Cash account ledger	[1882]-1891	6
vol.	Cash Account volume III	1896-1908	6
vol.	Subscribers to volume 1	n.d.	6
vol.	Subscribers to volumes 3-6	n.d.	6
vol.	Publication type blocks	n.d.	7

**Series 3: Tombstone Records**

Includes notes regarding an inventory, done by Arnold in manuscript and later by volunteers in typescript, of tombstones and inscriptions across burial grounds and cemeteries across Rhode Island. Various New England cemeteries in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts are included. The tombstone records are organized alphabetically by location according to their original order.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
70	Barrington, typescript	1932, 1937	8
71	Block Island. typescript	1929	8
72	Bristol, typescript	1900, 1929	8
73	Burrillville, typescript	n.d.	8
74	Burrillville, manuscript	1891	8
75	Charleston, typescript	1882	8
76	Connecticut, town unknown, typescript	n.d.	8
77	Coventry, typescript pgs. 1-199	n.d.	8
78	Coventry, typescript pgs. 200-462	n.d.	8
79	Coventry, typescript pgs. 463-656	n.d.	8
80	Coventry, typescript pgs. 657-886	n.d.	8
81	Coventry, typescript pgs. 877-1035	n.d.	8
82	Coventry, typescript pgs. 1036-1243	n.d.	8
83	Coventry, typescript pgs. 1244-1452	n.d.	8
84	Coventry, manuscript	1893-1894	8
85	Coventry, manuscript	n.d.	8
86	Coventry, manuscript	n.d.	8
87	Coventry, manuscript	n.d.	8

Folder	Title	Date	Box
88	Coventry, manuscript	n.d.	8
89	Cranston, typescript (includes photograph)	n.d.	8
90	Cranston, manuscript	1910	8
90a	Cranston, miscellaneous cemeteries, mss	n.d.	26
91	Cumberland, typescript	1932	8
92	East Greenwich, typescript	n.d.	9
93	East Greenwich, manuscript	1892	9
94	East Greenwich, manuscript	1892-1893	9
95	East Providence/Little Neck Cemetery, typescript pgs. 1-150	n.d.	9
96	East Providence/Little Neck Cemetery, typescript pgs. 151-300	n.d.	9
97	East Providence/Little Neck Cemetery, typescript pgs. 301-450	n.d.	9
98	East Providence/Little Neck Cemetery, typescript pgs. 451-615	n.d.	9
99	East Providence, typescript pg. 1-103	n.d.	9
100	East Providence, typescript pgs. 104-206	n.d.	9
101	East Providence, typescript pgs. 207-309	n.d.	9
102	East Providence Tombstone Records page 310-411	n.d.	9
103	East Providence Tombstone Records page 412-513	n.d.	9
104	East Providence Tombstone Records page 514-615	n.d.	9
105	East Providence Tombstone Records page 616-674	n.d.	9
106	East Providence, Part I, manuscript	n.d.	9
107	East Providence, Part II, manuscript	n.d.	9
109	East Providence, Part III, manuscript	n.d.	9
110	East Providence, Part IV, manuscript	n.d.	9

Folder	Title	Date	Box
111	Exeter, typescript	n.d.	10
112	Exeter, manuscript	1893	10
113	Foster, typescript	n.d.	10
114	Foster, manuscript	1891	10
115	Foster & Scituate, manuscript	n.d.	10
116	Glocester, typescript	1904	10
117	Glocester, manuscript	n.d.	10
118	Hopkinton, typescript	1930	10
119	Johnston, typescript	1910, 1927-1932	10
120	Johnston, manuscript	1910	10
120a	Johnston, miscellaneous cemeteries	n.d.	26
121	Lincoln, typescript	1891-1896	10
122	Lincoln, manuscript	1891-1896	10
123	Little Compton, typescript	1934	10
124	Little Compton, manuscript	1892	10
125	Locust Grove Cemetery, Providence, typescript	n.d.	10
126	Massachusetts (various towns), typescript	n.d.	10
127	Middletown, typescript	n.d.	10
128	Newport, typescript	n.d.	10
129	Newport, manuscript	n.d.	10
130	New York (various towns), typescript & clippings	n.d.	10
131	North Burial Ground, Providence, typescript, A-E	1880	10

Folder	Title	Date	Box
132	North Burial Ground, Providence, typescript, F-N	1880	10
133	North Burial Ground, Providence, typescript, O-Z	1880	10
134	North Kingstown, typescript pgs 1-100	n.d.	10
135	North Kingstown. typescript pgs 101-207	n.d.	10
136	North Kingstown, manuscript	1881-1882, 1892	10
137	North Providence, typescript	1891, 1932	10
138	North Providence, manuscript	1891, 1893	10
138a	North Providence, misc. cemeteries	n.d.	26
139	North Smithfield, manuscript	1891	11
140	Oakland Cemetery, Cranstron, manuscript	1932	11
141	Oneco, Connecticut, transcript pgs. 1-110	n.d.	11
142	Oneco, Connecticut, transcript, pgs. 111-219	n.d.	11
143	Oneco, Connecticut, manuscript	n.d.	11
144	Oneco, Connecticut, manuscript	1905	11
145	Oneco, Connecticut, manuscript	1905	11
146	Pawtucket, typescript	1932	11
147	Pawtucket, manuscript	1932	11
148	Portsmouth, clippings	n.d.	11
149	Providence (Swan Point Cemetery), typescript	1880	11
150	Providence epitaphs, typescript	n.d.	11
151	Providence, manuscript	1891	11
151a	Providence (Locust Grove Cemetery), mss	n.d.	26

Folder	Title	Date	Box
151b-f	Providence (North Burial Ground), mss	n.d.	26
151g	Providence (St. John's Church), mss	n.d.	27
151h-j	Providence (Swan Point Cemetery), mss	n.d.	27
151k	Providence, misc. cemeteries, mss	n.d.	27
152	Rehoboth, Massachusetts, manuscript	1895	11
153	Richmond, typescript	1893	11
154	Richmond, manuscript	1893	11
155	Scituate, typescript pgs. 1-150	n.d.	11
156	Scituate, typescript pgs. 151-300	n.d.	11
157	Scituate, typescript pgs. 301-450	n.d.	11
158	Scituate, typescript pgs. 451-600	n.d.	11
159	Scituate, typescript pgs. 601-750	n.d.	11
160	Scituate, typescript pgs. 751-931	n.d.	11
161	Scituate, manuscript	1891, 1904	12
162	Scituate, manuscript	n.d.	12
163	Scituate, manuscript	n.d.	12
164	Scituate, manuscript	n.d.	12
165	Smithfield, typescript pgs. 1-150	1895, 1932	12
166	Smithfield, typescript pgs. 151-300	n.d.	12
167	Smithfield, typescript pgs. 301-438	n.d.	12
168	Smithfield, typescript epitaphs	n.d.	12
169	Smithfield, manuscript	1895, 1919	12
170	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12

Folder	Title	Date	Box
171	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
172	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
173	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
174	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
175	Smithfield, manuscript	1891	12
176	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
177	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
178	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	12
179	Smithfield, manuscript	1919	13
180	South Kingstown, typescript	1931	13
181	Tiverton, typescript	1936	13
182	Warren, typescript	n.d.	13
183	Warren, manuscript	193?	13
184	Warren, manuscript	n.d.	13
185	Warren, clippings	n.d.	13
186	Warwick, typescript	1890	13
187	Warwick, manuscript	1894	13
188	Warwick & West Greenwich, manuscript	n.d.	13
189	West Greenwich, typescript	1892-93	13
190	West Greenwich, manuscript	1892-93	13
191	Westerly, typescript	1930	13
192	Westerly, manuscript	1930	13
193	Woonsocket, typescript	1891	13

Folder	Title	Date	Box
194	Woonsocket, manuscript	1891	13
195	Vermont, typescript	n.d.	13
196	New England states (excluding R.I.), typescript & clippings	n.d.	13
197	“Some Rhode Island Cemeteries”, typescript	n.d.	13
198	Miscellaneous research notes	n.d.	13
199	Miscellaneous research notes	n.d.	13
200	Miscellaneous research notes	n.d.	13
201	Miscellaneous research notes	n.d.	13
202	Miscellaneous research notes	n.d.	13
202a	Miscellaneous research notes	n.d.	13

**Series 4: Genealogical research**

Includes materials related to Arnold's genealogical research and vital records research. Sub-series are organized according to record types.

**Sub-Series 4.1: Genealogical research, various families - binders**

Includes transcriptions of James N. Arnold's notes regarding various family genealogies compiled by volunteers in the 1930's. Materials are organized alphabetically by family name and include newspaper clippings, typescript copies of Arnold's personal notes of family groups, transcriptions of probate, family trees, family bibles, materials in private collections. Materials have been organized into folders according to how they were organized in binders at the Knight Memorial Library.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
203	Abbott - Ammons	n.d.	14
204	Andrews - Ayrault	n.d.	14
205	Babbit - Beverly	n.d.	14
206	Bicknall - Bowen	n.d.	14
207	Bronson - Browning	n.d.	14
208	Bucklin - Buzzell	n.d.	14
209	Cadman - Caswell	n.d.	14
210	Chadsey - Clothier	n.d.	14
211	Codding - Colvin	n.d.	14
212	Coman - Corey	n.d.	14
213	Cornell - Davis	n.d.	14
214	Dawley - Dyer	n.d.	14
215	Earl - Ellis	n.d.	14
216	Emerson - Furman	n.d.	14
217	Gage - Gray	n.d.	14
218	Green - Hardy	n.d.	14
219	Harker - Hawkins	n.d.	14

Folder	Title	Date	Box
220	Hawkins, cont. - Holroyd	n.d.	14
221	Hopkins – Hutchinson	n.d.	15
222	Ingraham - Joslin	n.d.	15
223	Keech - Knight	n.d.	15
224	Knight, Col. Webster	n.d.	15
225	Knight, Col. Webster	n.d.	15
226	Knowles - Levalley	n.d.	15
227	Lewis - Lyon	n.d.	15
228	Macomber – Merrill	n.d.	15
229	Middleton - McGregor	n.d.	15
230	Nash - Owen	n.d.	15
231	Packard – Perry	n.d.	15
232	Petty / Pettis - Putnam	n.d.	15
233	Quinby - Ritchie	n.d.	15
234	Rhodes	n.d.	15
235	Robbins – Russell	n.d.	15
236	Sabin – Shay	n.d.	15
237	Sheffield - Shute	n.d.	15
238	Simmons - Spooner	n.d.	15
239	Stacy - Swift	n.d.	15
240	Taber – Thurston	n.d.	15
241	Tibbets - Tyler	n.d.	15
242	Uhl - Vose	n.d.	16

Folder	Title	Date	Box
243	Wade - West	n.d	16
244	Westcott - Wilcox	n.d	16
245	Wilkinson - Young	n.d	16

**Sub-Series 4.2: Genealogical research, various families - notebooks**

Includes Arnold's individual writing notebooks devoted to individual family histories. Some notebooks include related correspondence.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
246	Adams, Allen, Armstrong, Allen	n.d.	16
247	Babcock, Barber, Bernon, Bicknell, Briggs, Brown, Brownell, Burlingame	n.d.	16
248	Carpenter, Caswell, Champlain, Choppell, Clarke, Congdon, Douglass, Eldred	n.d.	16
249	Gardiner, Greene, Gould, Hazard, Holland, Holloway, Hoxie, Hull	n.d.	16
250	Kenyon, Knowles, Langford, Larkin, Lawton, Lewis, Nickols, Northup	n.d.	16
251	Peckham, Perry, Phillips, Rathbun, Reynolds, Robinson, Rose	n.d.	16
252	Saunders, Seager, Sheldon, Sherman, Slocum, Smith, Spink, Stanton, Steadman, Sweet	n.d.	16
253	Taylor, Tefft, Thomas, Tourgee, Tucker, Underwood, Watson, Whaley / Whalley, Wilcox, Wills	n.d.	16

**Sub-Series 4.3 Genealogical research, various families – compiled materials & charts**

Includes various research notes, correspondence and family charts related to individual family groups.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
254	Blackstone, Brown, Clarke, Cole, Comstock, Dyer, Harris, Hazard, Keeher	1896-1901 & n.d.	16
255	Leonard, Medbury, Phillips, Perry, Pray, Rhodes, Sheldon, Spencer, Spink	n.d.	16
256	Kendall – genealogical research and correspondence of Oliver Kendall	1882-1884	16
257	Kendall – genealogical research and correspondence of Oliver Kendall	1885-1886	16
258	Kendall – genealogical research and correspondence of Oliver Kendall	1887-1888	16
258a	Langworthy – genealogical publication	1928-1940	16
258b	Mason – genealogical research and correspondence of Frank M. Mason	1898-1901	16
258c	Salisbury (of Swansea, Mass.) – genealogical research and correspondence of Clarence E. Peirce and Mary J. Eddy	1924	16
258d	Peck family charts	n.d.	16
259	Underwood	1882-1886	16
260	Shaw (Frederick Arnold & William Buzzell)	n.d.	27
vol.	Aylesworth – index to births (original material & author unidentified)	n.d.	29
526	Family Charts: Wheeler, Harris, Fish-Bryaton-Straight	n.d.	Map drawer 40
526	Generation charts compiled by Clarence E. Peirce: Warren Downe Kinsman, Frederick Clark Sayles, Belle Simons Chapin, Mahlon Myron Gowdy, Martin Peirce & Kezia Wheeler, Jessie Agnes Smith, Caroline Thomas Rounds, Thomas Francis Peirce	1899-1917	Map drawer 40

**Sub-Series 4.4: Vital Records**

Includes Arnold's manuscript drafts for the published "Vital Records of Rhode Island". Folder represent the original organization of materials.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
261	Marriages - A-Cra	n.d	16
262	Marriages - Cra-Saw	n.d	16
263	Marriages - Sau-We	n.d	16
264	Marriages - A-Dav	n.d	16
265	Marriages - Dav-Mar	n.d	17
266	Marriages - Mar-Thom	n.d	17
267	Marriages - Thom-Y	n.d	17
268	Marriages - A-Bac	n.d	17
269	Marriages - Bat-BI	n.d	17
270	Marriages - BI-Bro	n.d	17
271	Marriages - Bro-Cha	n.d	17
272	Marriages - Cha-Cr	n.d	17
273	Marriages - Cr-Dum	n.d	17
274	Marriages - Dun-Fas	n.d	17
275	Marriages - Fas-Fu	n.d	17
276	Deaths - A-Hol	n.d	17
277	Deaths - Hol-Spra	n.d	17
278	Deaths - Spra-Y	n.d	18
279	Deaths - Part I	n.d	18
280	Deaths - Part II	n.d	18
281	Deaths - Part III	n.d	18

Folder	Title	Date	Box
282	Deaths - Part IV	n.d	18
283	Marriages - The Microcosm	n.d	18
284	Marriages - The Microcosm Part I	n.d	18
285	Marriages - The Microcosm Part II	n.d	18
286	Marriages - The Microcosm	n.d	18
287	Deaths - The Microcosm	n.d.	18
288	Deaths - The Microcosm Part I	n.d	18
289	Deaths - The Microcosm Part II	n.d	18
290	Deaths - The Microcosm	n.d	18
291	Marriages - Pawtuxet Telescope A-Fos	n.d	19
292	Marriages - Pawtuxet Telescope Fos-Shar	n.d	19
293	Marriages - Pawtuxet Telescope Sha-Y	n.d	19
294	Deaths - Pawtuxet Telescope A-Ly	n.d	19
295	Deaths - Pawtuxet Telescope Ly-Y	n.d	19
296	Rhode Island American - T-To	n.d	19
297	Rhode Island American - To-Wa	n.d	19
298	Rhode Island American - Wa-Whi	n.d	19
299	Rhode Island American - Whi-Z	n.d	19
299a	Deaths - Rhode Island American- T-Z	n.d.	19
300	Marriage and Deaths - Warren	n.d	19
301	Marriage and Deaths - Warren	n.d	19
302	Marriage and Deaths - Warren	n.d	19
303	Marriage and Deaths - Warwick	n.d	27

Folder	Title	Date	Box
304	Marriage and Deaths – City Gazette	n.d.	19
305	Marriages – Rouse Helmes'	n.d.	19
306	Birth and deaths of Rhode Island ministers, typescript	1889	19
307	Various records, unpublished	n.d.	19
308	Various records, unpublished	n.d.	19
309	Marriages – The Toilet and Ladies' Cabinet of Literature	1828-1833	19

**Series 5: Research materials**

Includes research materials compiled by James N. Arnold. The majority of materials are transcriptions of original materials found in other collections. It is indicated if the transcription is in manuscript (mss) or typescript.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
310	Town notes: Charlestown – Newport, typescript	n.d.	20
311	Town notes: North Kingstown – West Greenwich, typescript	n.d.	20
312	Town records: East Greenwich, mss	1679	20
313	Town records: Exeter, mss	1743	20
314	Town records: Newport & Prudence Island, mss	1664-1879	20
315	Town records: North Kingstown, mss	1728	20
316	Town records: Portsmouth, mss	1717	20
317	Town records: Smithfield probate, mss	1736-1765	20
318	Town records: Warren church records, mss	1661, 1753	20
319	Town records: Westerly, mss	n.d.	20
319a	Description of Narragansett Bay from the Written Record of the Voyage of 1524 of Giovanni da Verrazano, mss	n.d.	20
320	Niantic and Narragansett tribes, mss	n.d.	20
321	Niantic and Narragansett tribes, mss	n.d.	20
322	“John Clawson: a contemporary of Roger Williams in Rhode Island” by Welcome Arnold Greene	1924	20
323	Essays about the settlement of Providence by L.M. Baker	n.d.	20
324	“A letter of Thomas Mumford”, mss	1666	20
325	Notes regarding purchases of Boston Neck & Quidnesset	n.d.	20
326	Extracts from NJ Colonial Records, mss	1673-1676	20
327	Miscellaneous colonial records, mss	n.d.	20

Folder	Title	Date	Box
328	Samuel Tillinghast diary, transcript & mss	1757-1758	20
329	Hopkins v. Ward, mss	1757	20
330	Sherriff Brown papers, mss	1754-1779	20
331	Gaspee records, mss	1772	20
332	Gaspee records, mss	1772	20
332a	Gaspee records, mss	n.d.	20
333	George Washington correspondence, mss	1777-1778	20
334	George Washington correspondence, mss	1777-1778	20
335	Benedict Arnold materials	n.d.	20
336	Major Ebenezer Adams field book, mss	1778	20
337	Research notes on Revolutionary War, typescript	n.d.	20
338	Daniel Howland diary, typescript & mss copy	1739-1758	21
339	Smith family diary, typescript & mss copy	1776-1880	21
340	Pension rolls, mss	n.d.	21
341	Revolutionary War, miscellaneous resources, mss	n.d.	21
342	Providence Gazette articles related to war, typescript	1769-1777	21
343	Providence Gazette articles related to war, typescript	1777-1790	21
344	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1768-1774	21
345	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1775	21
346	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1776	21
347	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1777	21
348	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1778	21
349	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1779	21

Folder	Title	Date	Box
350	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1780	21
351	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1781	21
352	Providence Gazette articles related to war, mss	1782-1794	21
353	"Burial place and service of R.I. Patriots" by Mrs. Irving K. White	1938	21
354	Name index to Nailor Tom's Diary, typescript	1778-1840	21
355	"Journal of a voyage in brigantine Perseverance of Providence, Rhode Island" by Welcome Arnold Greene, typescript	1817-1818	21
356	"A list of the deaths of sundry persens" – from a diary in possession of Mrs. Williett H. Arnold, Exeter, RI, typescript	1822-1855	21
357	Henry K. Wing diary of the Civil War, typescript	1861-1865	21
358	U.S. & R.I. Census by towns	1850, 1865	21
359	Graves of the Rhode Island Governors, part 1	n.d.	21
360	Graves of the Rhode Island Governors, part 2	n.d.	21
361	"Sketches of the History of the State" by Henry Bull, typescript	1832-1839	21
361a	Correspondence with James Wallace, compiled as part of Bull's Sketches, mss	1775-1776	21
361b	Bull's Annals, mss	n.d.	22
361c	Bull's Annals, mss	n.d.	22
362	Providence Gazette, mss	1819	22
363	Providence Journal articles related to mills, typescript	1820-1839	22
364	Ezra Spencer bible records, mss	1716-1892	22
365	Thomas Dorr letter, mss	1842	22
366	Histories of University Grammar School & Zerviah Mason's school	n.d.	22

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367	“Brief history of neglected old time cemeteries” by John Bonsey	n.d.	22
368	Miscellaneous records, mss	n.d.	22
369	Newspaper clippings	n.d.	22
370	Newspaper clippings	n.d.	22
371	Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings, misc. mss copies	n.d.	22
372	Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings, misc. mss copies	n.d.	22
373	Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings, misc. mss copies	n.d.	22
374	Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, “The War Between Uncas and Miantonomi”, mss copies	n.d.	22
375	Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, “The War Between Uncas and Miantonomi”, mss copies	n.d.	22
376	“Brief History of the Pequot War” by John Mason, mss copy	n.d.	22
vol.	History & genealogical notes, vol. 1	n.d.	28
vol.	History & genealogical notes, vol. 3	n.d.	28
vol.	History & genealogical notes, vol. 4	n.d.	28
vol.	“Rhode Island Statistical History”, vol. 1 by Samuel H. Allen	1883	28
vol.	Rhode Island State Judiciary and Congress [Samuel H. Allen]	1884	28
vol.	Rhode Island State Officers and Continental Congress [Samuel H. Allen]	n.d.	28
vol.	Rhode Island statistical history by Samuel H. Allen	1880	28
vol.	Philosophy by Samuel H. Allen, misc. clippings	1884	28
vol.	Notebook, miscellaneous clippings and notes, vol. 1	n.d.	28
vol.	Notebook, miscellaneous clippings and notes, vol. 2	1885	28

**Series 6: Compositions**

Includes Arnold's writings, both published and unpublished. Some of the manuscripts were typed by volunteers after his death. Sub-series are arranged by genre.

**Sub-series 6.1: Fiction**

Includes works of fiction by James Arnold. Several works, written by him as a young adult, were written under pseudonyms.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
377	Canonchet: the war eagle of the Narragansetts, typescript	n.d.	22
378	Canonchet: the war eagle of the Narragansetts, mss chapters 1-10	n.d.	22
379	Canonchet: the war eagle of the Narragansetts, mss, chapters 11-20	n.d.	22
380	Canonchet: the war eagle of the Narragansetts, mss, chapters 21-30	n.d.	22
381	Canonchet: the war eagle of the Narragansetts, mss, chapters 31-40	n.d.	23
382	Canonchet: the war eagle of the Narragansetts, mss, chapters 41-52	n.d.	23
383	Drifting to Doom, mss	[1830]	23
384	The Fatal Feud, mss. Chpts 1-6	n.d.	23
385	The Fatal Feud, mss. Chpts 7-12	n.d.	23
386	The Fatal Feud, mss. Chpts 13-18	n.d.	23
387	The Fatal Feud, mss. Chpts 19-24	n.d.	23
388	The Fatal Feud, mss. Chpts 25-32	n.d.	23
389	The Hero at Lake Erie, by Henry T. Tuckerman (pseudonym), published in Harper's Magazine (Dec. 1853), mss	1853	23
vol.	Short fiction & poetry (6 volumes written under the pseudonym Herman Mansfield)	1860-1864	4
vol	Miscellaneous short stories, by Henry Mansfield (pseud.), mss	n.d.	29

**Sub-series 6.2: Poetry**

Includes poetry written and collected by Arnold.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
390	Poetry, typescript	n.d.	23
390a	Poetry, mss	n.d.	23
vol	A Meditation Upon Man, mss	n.d.	29
vol	The Present Age, mss	n.d.	29

**Sub-series 6.3: Monographs**

Includes works of long form non-fiction written by Arnold. Materials are arranged alphabetically by title.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
391	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 1-100	n.d.	23
392	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 101-200	n.d.	23
393	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. 201-300	n.d.	23
394	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 301-400	n.d.	23
395	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 401-500	n.d.	23
396	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 501-600	n.d.	23
397	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 601-700	n.d.	23
398	An Age of Cowardice; or the Perils of the Hour: a political study of today, mss. Pages 701-821	n.d.	23
399	Anecdotes, typescript	n.d.	23
400	Anecdotes, mss	n.d.	23
401	Anecdotes, mss	n.d.	23
402	Roger Williams, typescript	n.d.	23
403	History of the Gaspee, typescript, part 1	n.d.	23
404	History of the Gaspee, typescript, part 2	n.d.	23
405	A Statement of the Case of the Narragansett Indians, mss.	n.d.	23

**Sub-series 6.4: Essays**

Includes essays written by Arnold. Essays are organized alphabetically by title.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
406	Miscellaneous essays, pages 1-140, typescript	n.d.	24
407	Miscellaneous essays, pages 141-333, typescript	n.d.	24
408	Albert C. Howard, mss	n.d.	24
409	Another Charge Against Warwick, mss	n.d.	24
410	Arbor & Memorial Days, mss	n.d.	24
411	At the Corner of the Streets; Mary Queen of Scots, mss	n.d.	24
412	The Author of the Declaration, address at public celebration of the 130 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, mss	1906	24
413	The Base Rock of the Economy – the Farm, typescript	n.d.	24
414	Benedict Arnold: a word on his defense, mss	n.d.	24
415	A Canvass for the Patent, mss	n.d.	24
416	Capt. William Henry Dyer, mss	n.d.	24
417	The Coddington Controversy, mss	n.d.	24
418	Col. Angell's Burial Ground, mss	n.d.	24
419	Commencing the War, mss	n.d.	24
420	The Confirmation of the Sachems Deeds, mss	n.d.	24
421	Confirmation of the Treaty of July 1675, mss	n.d.	24
422	The Country Tavern, mss	n.d.	24
423	The Day of Great Expectation, mss	n.d.	24
424	The Deed of 1661 Examined, mss	n.d.	24
425	Dr. Job Sweet's Great Case, mss & typescript	n.d.	24
426	Druids and Triads, mss	n.d.	24

Folder	Title	Date	Box
427	Elmwood in 1856, mss	n.d.	24
428	Expected (address made before American Mechanics), mss	n.d.	24
429	The Family Burial Ground, mss	n.d.	24
430	The Features of the Indian Trails of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Century, mss	n.d.	24
431	The First Commission at Sea from Rhode Island	n.d.	24
432	First Congregational Church of Providence, mss & typescript	n.d.	24
433	First Grist and Fulling Mills in Narragansett, mss	n.d.	24
434	First Huguenot Camp in Narragansett, mss	n.d.	24
435	The First Pawtuxet Purchasers, mss	n.d.	24
436	Fourth of July as Celebrated Sixty Years Ago, mss	n.d.	24
437	Friendship; Rhode Island; Peace & War, mss	1862	24
438	The Genesis of Philip's War, mss	n.d.	24
439	Geology of Cranston, mss	n.d.	24
440	The Graphite Rock, Pettaquamscutt, mss	n.d.	24
441	Greece, the birthplace of liberty and her place in civilization, mss	n.d.	24
442	The Harris Aftermath, mss	n.d.	24
443	Historical Sketches, mss	n.d.	24
444	Indian Corn Fields, mss	n.d.	24
445	Indian Corn Mills, mss	n.d.	24
446	Indian Springs, mss	n.d.	24
447	Joseph A. Budlong, mss	n.d.	24
448	Joseph J. Cooke: the father of Elmwood, mss	n.d.	24

Folder	Title	Date	Box
449	A Lesson on Exemplary Life	n.d.	24
450	The Life and Times of Benedict Arnold: first governor under the charter, mss	n.d.	24
451	Morton's New England Memorial, mss	n.d.	24
452	Narragansett Indians and their Division of Land Among Themselves, mss	n.d.	24
453	Nehemiah Rice Knight, mss	n.d.	24
454	On the Question of Dr. Faunce, Did Roger Williams have any influence in procuracy of the R.I. Charter of 1663?, mss	n.d.	24
455	The Origin of the Continental Navy, mss	n.d.	24
456	Ousamequin's Deed, mss	n.d.	24
457	Postscript, mss	n.d.	24
458	A Primal Question, mss	n.d.	24
459	The Reasons why Rhode Island Declared her Independence of Great Britain, mss	n.d.	24
460	Rhode Island: Birthplace of the American Navy, mss	n.d.	24
461	Richard Smith at Narragansett, mss	n.d.	24
462	Roger Williams, mss	n.d.	24
463	Roger Williams at Bay, mss	n.d.	24
464	The Secret of Spanish Confidence, mss	n.d.	24
465	Seeking a New Field for Trouble, mss	n.d.	24
466	Sovereignty, of its [sp] original terms, mss	n.d.	24
467	A Summer Home in the Country, mss	n.d.	24
468	Surveying the Field, mss	n.d.	24
469	Thomas Harris, mss	n.d.	24

Folder	Title	Date	Box
470	Torture Rock, mss & typescript	n.d.	24
471	The Unpublished History of Rhode Island, mss	n.d.	24
472	A View of the Harris Treason, mss	n.d.	24
473	Watching Harris, mss	n.d.	24
474	What if we organize once more under the Patent?, mss	n.d.	24
475	Who founded Rhode Island?, mss	n.d.	24
476	William Arnold, mss	n.d.	24
477	William Harris, mss	n.d.	24
478	William Sprague, mss	n.d.	24
479	William Vincent Daboll, mss	n.d.	24
480	Williams' Charge Against Warwick, mss	n.d.	24
481	Williams' Letter to Gov. Prince, mss	n.d.	24
482	Williams' Letter to Major Mason, mss	n.d.	24
483	Mr. Williams' Narragansett Letters, mss	n.d.	24
484	Mr. Williams' Story, mss	n.d.	24
485	Williams' Summary of the Commissioners' Sessions, mss	n.d.	24
486	Mr. Williams' Testimony in favor of Smith's Title to the Wickford Lands, mss	n.d.	24
487	Miscellaneous essays, mss	n.d.	24

**Sub-series 6.5: Newspaper articles**

Includes clippings and manuscript copies of articles written for various newspapers. Materials are arranged alphabetically by publication title.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
488	Elmwood Times: Copies of published articles *articles have been photocopied and originals thrown away due to fragility and condition issues	1924	24
489	Elmwood Times: The First Warwick Deed, mss	n.d.	24
490	Elmwood Times: The Sachem's Alarmed, mss	n.d.	24
491	Elmwood Times: The Clerical Claim, mss	n.d.	24
492	Elmwood Times: Pomham & Soconoco's Deeds, mss	n.d.	24
493	Elmwood Times: The Confusion of the Sachems (so called) Deed, mss	n.d.	24
494	Elmwood Times: The Story of Pomham, mss	n.d.	24
495	Elmwood Times: The State Constitution, mss	n.d.	24
496	Elmwood Times: Waiting on Opportunity, mss	n.d.	24
497	Elmwood Times: How the Patent was Judged at the time of its Inauguration, mss	n.d.	24
498	Elmwood Times: A Study of the Patent, mss	n.d.	24
499	Elmwood Times: Planning Another Land Deal, mss	n.d.	24
500	Elmwood Times: The First Attempt at Founding a Church at Providence, mss	n.d.	24
501	Elmwood Times: The Early So Called Deeds of Providence, mss	n.d.	24
502	Elmwood Times: The Liberty of Conscience Question, mss	n.d.	24
503	Elmwood Times: The Cause of the Separation, mss	n.d.	24
504	Elmwood Times: Williams at Narragansett, mss	n.d.	24
505	Elmwood Times: Watchful Waiting, mss	n.d.	24

Folder	Title	Date	Box
506	The Liberator: various anti-Catholic essays & clippings	1896	24
507	The Magazine of History: Clippings from the Providence Gazette	1911-1912	24
508	The Mercury: clippings of various articles	1902-1909	24
509	The Sunday Tribune: Clippings	1906-1913	25
510	The Sunday Tribune: Clippings	1919	25
511	The Sunday Tribune: Clippings	1920-1922	25
512	The Sunday Tribune: Clippings	n.d	25
513	Misc. clippings & Letters to the Editor, various typescript & mss	various	25

**Sub-series 6.6: Indexes**

Includes manuscript copies of indexes to various publications by Arnold.

Folder	Title	Date	Box
514	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 19, mss	1891	25
515	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 19, mss	1891	25
516	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 19, mss	1891	25
517	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 19, mss	1891	25
518	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 19, mss	1891	25
519	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 20, mss	1911	25
520	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 20, mss	1911	25
521	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 20, mss	1911	25
522	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 20, mss	1911	25
523	Index, Vital Records of Rhode Island, Volume 20, mss	1911	25
524	Index, unidentified work, mss	n.d.	25
525	Index, unidentified work, mss	n.d.	27

**Series 7: Card catalog indexes**

Includes two card catalogs, created by volunteers and librarians at Elmwood Public Library, to index the Arnold Collection.

Drawers	Index Description
1-43	<p>Cemetery index: Includes cards for individuals included in the Arnold cemetery inventories; arranged alphabetically by last name. Cards include individual names, birth and death dates if included on gravestone, and reference to town inventory with page number.</p>
44-46	<p>Probate index: Includes cards for individuals included in Arnold's probate inventories; arranged alphabetically by last name. Cards include individual names and reference to location of probate record include town, volume and page number.</p>
47-48	<p>Subject index: Organized alphabetically by subject, cards reference various resources in the Elmwood Public Library including the Arnold Collection as well as various publications, scrapbooks and filing boxes not included in the Arnold Collection.</p>
49-80	<p>Name index: Includes cards for individuals reference in various resources in the Elmwood Public Library arranged alphabetically by last name. Resources point mostly to the Arnold Collection, but also include various publications not included in the collection.</p>