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**Rhode Island Collection**  
**002-02-04**  
**John Hutchins Cady Map Collection**  
**1636-1962**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 002-02-04

Title: John Hutchins Cady Map Collection

Creator: Cady, John Hutchins, 1881 -1967

Dates: 1636-1962

Quantity: 22 folders, 3 drawers

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Gift of John Hutchins Cady, date unknown.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Unknown.

Processed by: The collection was process in 2015 by Crystal Johnson.

Conservation: Fragile maps were encapsulated in mylar.

Language: Majority of materials are in English; one map is in French.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material                      None

Published descriptions                Not applicable.

## Location of originals

“Part of Map of Rhode Island and Virginia.” Series 1 Item 5 is a copy of part of the map “A New Map of New England, New York, New Jersey...”. Original is owned by the New York Public Library.

Original Map of “A Topographical Chart of the Bay of Narragansett...” by Charles Blaskowitz, (Series 2, Items 15, 16, 17) is located in the John Carter Brown Library.

Location of copies                      Not applicable.

Publication note                        Cited in *The Civic and Architectural Development of Providence* (1957) by John Hutchins Cady:

- “Map of the Town of Providence”. By Daniel Anthony p 70. Series 2, Item 40
- “A Map of the Town of Providence”. By Daniel Anthony pg 90, Series 2, Item 41
- A Map of the City of Providence. By Cushing & Walling (copy)p 122 Series 2, Item 58
- Map of the City of Providence Rhode Island. By D.G. Beers & Co. Photostat. p.142 Series 2, Item 65
- Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island by Sampson, Murdock & Co. Unmounted. P 197(original) Series 2 Item 73

Cited in *The Ancient Paths to Pequot* (1936) by William Morris Davis:

- “Map showing the ancient paths to Pequot” by Norman Morrison Isham (can be found in Rhode Island Collection)

## Subject headings

Maps. aat.  
 Blackstone Canal (Mass. and R.I.) – Maps  
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**SEE ALSO**

VM 011 John Hutchins Cady Research Scrapbooks

Rhode Island Historical Society – John Hutchins Cady Collection & Cady Family Papers

Syracuse University Libraries – John Hutchins Cady Papers

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

John Hutchins Cady (1881-1967) was an architect, architectural historian, preservationist, and urban planner. He was the youngest son of John Hamlin Cady of Providence and Mary Tabitha Eddy, of Somerset, Massachusetts. He graduated from Brown University in 1903 and from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1906. Before opening his own architectural firm in 1910, he worked for the Providence firm of Stone, Carpenter and Wilson. He served as the Rhode Island Preservation Officer from 1955-1960 and was a consultant on the Rhode Island State Planning Board Maps. He was an active member of the American Institute of Architect, the Providence City Plan Commission, the Proprietors of Swan Point Cemetery, the National Planning Board, the State Planning Commission and the Providence Housing Association. He was the author of seven books on history of architecture and urban development of Providence and Rhode Island as well as author of numerous articles. Some of his works include *Highroads and Byroads of Providence* (1943) and *Civic and Architectural Development of Providence* (1957).

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection consists of 108 maps collected or created by John Hutchins Cady. The collection consists of plans, plats, plots, topographical, hand drawn and illustrated maps. The collection contains originals and duplicates, including: tracings, blue prints and photostats. All maps are mounted unless noted in description. No original order was followed. Previous item number found on labels [md] which may have indicated previous shelving order is included in Item description.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection is arranged in two series. Series 1 contains maps of the State of Rhode Island. Materials are arranged chronologically by date of original map. Series 2 contains maps at regional, city, and town level. Materials are arranged first alphabetically by location and then chronologically by date of original map.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

**Series 1:** Series I includes 23 maps of the state of Rhode Island.

| Item | Description                                                                                                                           | Date                            | Drawe<br>r | Folde<br>r |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1    | Map of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1636-1740. Created by Eugene E. Wetherill, 1925. [md30]                 | 1636<br>-1740<br><br>pub. 1925  | 32         | 1          |
| 2    | Map of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1636-1740. (with coloring) Created by Eugene E. Wetherill, 1925. [md56] | 1636<br>-1740<br><br>pub. 1925  | 32         | 1          |
| 3    | Map of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1636-1740. Created by Eugene E. Wetherill, 1925 [md29]                  | 1636<br>-1740,<br><br>pub. 1925 | 32         | 1          |
| 4    | Bounds of the King's Province as named by the Council (RI). Reproduction, pencil tracing in Mylar [md134]                             | 1669                            | 32         | 1          |
| 5    | Part of Map of Rhode Island and Virginia. By Philip Lea in Cheap-side London. Reproduction. [md143]                                   | c. 1690                         | 32         | 1          |
| 6    | Map showing Bounds and Limits of the Colony of Rhode Island. By John Mumford. Pencil tracing in mylar [md93]                          | 1720                            | 32         | 1          |
| 7    | Plan of Sea Coast of Rhode Island. By Ja.s Helme and Wm. Chandler. Unmounted tracing in mylar . [md131]                               | 1741                            | 32         | 1          |
| 8    | Eastern Strip Over Which Rhode Island jurisdiction was formally extended. Unmounted tracing in mylar. [md82]                          | 1747                            | 32         | 1          |
| 9    | The state of Rhode Island; compiled from the Surveys and Observations of Caleb Harris (colored). Created by Harding Harris. [md66]    | 1795                            | 32         | 1          |

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| 10 | Map of the State of Rhode Island taken from Surveys by Caleb Harris. By Harding Harris. [md3]                               | 1795 | 32 | 2 |
| 11 | Map of the State of Rhode Island taken from Surveys by Caleb Harris. By Harding Harris. [md6]                               | 1795 | 32 | 2 |
| 12 | Map of the State of Rhode Island by Caleb Harris. Negative facsimile [md38]                                                 | 1795 | 32 | 2 |
| 13 | The State of Rhode Island; compiled from the Surveys and Observations of Caleb Harris. By Harding Harris. Laminated. [md67] | 1814 | 32 | 2 |
| 14 | Map of the State of Rhode Island. By M.M Peabody. Hand drawn copy. [md5]                                                    | 1819 | 32 | 2 |
| 15 | Map of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. By Benoni Lockwood. [md16]                                                  | 1819 | 32 | 2 |
| 16 | Map of Rhode Island. [md61]                                                                                                 | 1824 | 32 | 2 |
| 17 | Map of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. By H.S Tanner. [md64]                                                                | 1833 | 32 | 2 |
| 18 | Rhode Island...exchange in territory with Massachusetts<br>Pencil tracing in mylar. [md87]                                  | 1862 | 32 | 2 |
| 19 | Map of Rhode Island. By T.G Bradford. [md55]                                                                                | 1838 | 32 | 3 |
| 20 | Colony of Rhode Island giving Indian Names of Locations...<br>By Sidney S. Rider. Unmounted tracing in mylar. [md81]        | 1903 | 32 | 3 |
| 21 | Map of the State of Rhode Island Showing Recreation Facilities. By The State Planning Board (original). [md46]              | 1935 | 32 | 3 |

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| 22 | Colony of Rhode Island Providence Plantation. [md104]                                                            | n.d. | 32 | 3 |
| 23 | Map of Part of the State of Rhode Island Showing Original Purchases. By J.J. Ryder. Unmounted photostat. [md147] | n.d. | 32 | 3 |

**Series 2:** Series 2 includes 85 maps of Rhode Island at the regional, city, town level. Organized alphabetically by location, and then by date.

| Item | Title                                                                                                             | Date | Drawer | Folde<br>r |
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| 24   | Blackstone Canal, from Cove to Smithfield Pike. Blueprint. [md146]                                                | 1825 | 32     | 3          |
| 25   | A Map of Blackstone Canal and its appendages as constructed in the year 1828. By Ed. E. Phelps. Photostat. [md94] | 1828 | 32     | 3          |
| 26   | Map of Blackstone Canal "6 mile" Photostat. [md98]                                                                | 1828 | 32     | 3          |
| 27   | Map of Blackstone Canal "North Providence" Photostat. [md101]                                                     | 1828 | 32     | 3          |
| 28   | Map of Blackstone Canal "Providence". Photostat. [md103]                                                          | 1828 | 32     | 4          |
| 29   | Map of Blackstone Canal. "Smithfield". Photostat. [md100]                                                         | 1828 | 32     | 4          |
| 30   | Map of Blackstone Canal "Scott's Pond". Photostat. [md99]                                                         | 1828 | 32     | 4          |
| 31   | Map of Blackstone Canal "Smithfield turnpike". Photostat. [md102]                                                 | 1828 | 32     | 4          |
| 32   | Map of Blackstone Canal "Worcester". Photostat. [md149]                                                           | 1828 | 32     | 4          |

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| 33 | Plat of Blackstone Canal Basin. Unmounted blueprint. [md114]                                                                                                | 1846             | 32 | 4 |
| 34 | Blackstone Canal, from Scott's Pond to Providence River. Blueprint. [md110]                                                                                 | 1896             | 32 | 4 |
| 35 | Map of the Rhode Island State Farm, Cranston by J.A Latham. [md8]                                                                                           | 1887-1889        | 32 | 4 |
| 36 | Map of the town of Cumberland R.I. By Newell Nelson Photostat. [md45]                                                                                       | 1838             | 32 | 4 |
| 37 | Map of King's County. By State Planning Board and W.A. Perry, published 1936. [md51]                                                                        | 1750<br>Pub.1936 | 33 | 5 |
| 38 | A Topographical Chart of the Bay of Narragansett... By Charles Blaskowitz. Collotype copy p. 1956. Unmounted. Original in John Carter Brown Library. [md77] | 1777             | 33 | 5 |
| 39 | A Topographical Chart of the Bay of Narraganset. By Charles Blaskowitz. [md96]                                                                              | 1777             | 33 | 5 |
| 40 | A Topographical Chart of the Bay of Narragansett.. By Charles Blaskowitz. [md49]                                                                            | 1777             | 33 | 5 |
| 41 | Plan de la Baie de Narragansett dans la Nouvelle Angleterre. By Charles Blaskowitz. In French [md97]                                                        | 1780             | 33 | 5 |
| 42 | Balloon View of Narragansett Bay. By C.A. Pabodie & Son. Unmounted. [md15]                                                                                  | 1890-95          | 33 | 5 |
| 43 | Bird's-eye View of Narragansett Bay. By Walker Litho & Pub. Co. Boston. In folder. [md118]                                                                  | 1907             | 33 | 5 |
| 44 | Earliest Narragansett. By Norman Morrison Isham. [md68]                                                                                                     | n.d.             | 33 | 5 |
| 45 | Map showing the ancient paths to Pequot. By Norman Morrison Isham. (copy) Published in 1936 in <i>The Ancient</i>                                           | n.d              | 33 | 5 |

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|    | <i>Paths to Pequot</i> by William Morris Davis. unmounted. [md59]                                                                                                           |                  |    |   |
| 46 | Map of Providence Plantations. By C.S.Brigham in 1903. Unmounted photostat. [md35]                                                                                          | 1636-1700        | 33 | 6 |
| 47 | Draught of the Plain Lots. By Worster Carpenter. Blueprint copied in 1902. Unmounted. [md137]                                                                               | 1645             | 33 | 6 |
| 48 | Original Map of Providence by Henry R. Chace. [md155]                                                                                                                       | 1650             | 33 | 6 |
| 49 | Map of Providence in 1664 showing home lots and Indian Trails. Photostat. [md17]                                                                                            | 1664             | 33 | 6 |
| 50 | Plats of streets and highways. 16 Photostats unmounted in folder. [md129]                                                                                                   | Early 1700's     | 33 | 6 |
| 51 | Providence in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century. Photostat. [md37]                                                                                                               | c.1700           | 33 | 6 |
| 52 | Map of house lotts against Zachariah Mathewson's dwelling. Blueprint copied in 1929. [md4]                                                                                  | 1717-18          | 33 | 6 |
| 53 | Map of the house Lotts in the Towne Street Stampers' Hill. By Andrew Harris. Photostat made in 1886. [md141]                                                                | 1717-18          | 33 | 6 |
| 54 | Plat of lots & streets from the river up Weybosset St. By Philip Crapo in 1824. [md36]                                                                                      | 1717-18          | 33 | 6 |
| 55 | Weybosset St. Draft of a highway from Weybosset Bridge to parting of the paths (New Market Place), & Highway from Ezekiel Woodman's land. Blue print copied in 1881. [md43] | 1737<br>Pub.1758 | 33 | 7 |
| 56 | Plat of Providence Town Street. [md151]                                                                                                                                     | 1746             | 33 | 7 |
| 57 | Plat of land between town bridge and Muddy Dock St. [md23]                                                                                                                  | 1761             | 33 | 7 |



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| 58 | Plat of area between Church St, North Main St, Angell St, & Congdon St, showing Fort. [md145]                                                | 1775      | 33 | 7 |
| 59 | Map - highways in Providence 1765. By Henry R. Chase in 1905. Unmounted negative photocopy. [md19]                                           | 1765      | 33 | 7 |
| 60 | Plat of Muddy Dock St. By D. Anthony. Blueprint copy 1818. [md150]                                                                           | 1796      | 33 | 7 |
| 61 | Plat of part of cove above Weybosset Bridge. By Daniel Anthony. Photostat. [md34]                                                            | 1797      | 33 | 7 |
| 62 | Plat of Benefit St. By D. Anthony. 1881 copy. [md140]                                                                                        | 1801      | 33 | 7 |
| 63 | Map of the Town of Providence. By Daniel Anthony. Engraved by William Hamlin. (in Civic and Architectural Development of Providence). [md74] | 1803      | 33 | 7 |
| 64 | A Map of the Town of Providence. By Daniel Anthony (in Civic and Architectural Development of Providence). [md154]                           | 1823      | 33 | 8 |
| 65 | Map of the Town of Providence. By Daniel Anthony. [md20]                                                                                     | 1823      | 33 | 8 |
| 66 | Fac-simile of the Map of the Town of Providence in 1823. By Daniel Anthony. [md22]                                                           | 1823      | 33 | 8 |
| 67 | Dyer and Dorrance Sts, 1825; Elbow St., 1828. Traced by JHC in 1944. [md8]                                                                   | 1825,1828 | 33 | 8 |
| 68 | Union buildings. By Benoni Lockwood. Traced by JHC in 1944. [md148]                                                                          | 1825      | 33 | 8 |
| 69 | Plat 16. Pencil tracing by John Hutchins Cady in 1944. [md136]                                                                               | 1827      | 33 | 8 |
| 70 | Plat of Dorrance St. Association Lands. Blueprint. [no md]                                                                                   | 1827      | 33 | 8 |

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| 71 | Thomas St. and Cove St. Pencil tracing. [md139]                                                                             | 1830,<br>1836 | 33 | 8  |
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| 73 | Map of City of Providence & Town of North Providence. By B. Lockwood and S. B. Cushing. Facsimile. [md25]                   | 1835          | 34 | 9  |
| 74 | Map of part of Cove. By M.B. Lockwood. Photostat. [md32]                                                                    | 1841          | 34 | 9  |
| 75 | Plan of the city of Providence. Drawn by N.B Schubarth, published by B.F. Moore. [md71]                                     | 1844          | 34 | 9  |
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| 78 | Plat, Providence & Worcester RR. By Atwater and Schubarth. Unmounted blueprint. [md12]                                      | 1846          | 34 | 9  |
| 79 | Plat of Dyer St. extension. By Atwater & Schubarth [md11?]                                                                  | 1848          | 34 | 9  |
| 80 | Plot of Dyer St. Extension. By Atwater & Schubarth. Blueprint [md7]                                                         | 1848          | 34 | 9  |
| 81 | A Map of the City of Providence. By Cushing & Walling (copy) (in Civic and Architectural Development of Providence). [md58] | 1849          | 34 | 9  |
| 82 | Railroad Crossing St. by City Engineer's Office Street Line Dept. Traced by J.H.C 1944. [md167]                             | 1850          | 34 | 10 |
| 83 | Plat of Long Wharf estate. Traced by J.H.C in 1941. [md28]                                                                  | 1851          | 34 | 10 |

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| 84 | Plat, Providence & Worcester RR. Blueprint copy 1896. [md2]                                                                                | 1852  | 34 | 10 |
| 85 | Plat of Dexter Farm belonging to Nicholas Brown. By Cushing & Farnum. Mounted on fabric. [md75]                                            | 1855  | 34 | 10 |
| 86 | Map - ancient residence and burial place of Roger Williams. By S.B Cushing. [md54]                                                         | 1860  | 34 | 10 |
| 87 | Map of the City of Providence Rhode Island. By D.G. Beers & Co. Photostat (negative). [md106]                                              | 1870  | 34 | 10 |
| 88 | Map of the City of Providence Rhode Island. By D.G. Beers & Co. Photostat. (in Civic and Architectural Development of Providence). [md108] | 1870  | 34 | 10 |
| 89 | Tracing of an Ancient Plat by Z. Allen. Unmounted tracing by JHC in 1944. [md132]                                                          | 1875  | 34 | 10 |
| 90 | Bull (Jirah) House in South Kingston. Blueprint. [md142]                                                                                   | 1879  | 34 | 10 |
| 91 | Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island. By Sampson, Davenport & Co. Photostat. [md105]                                                | 1881  | 34 | 11 |
| 92 | First division of home lots, Providence - Towne Street. By C.W. Hopkins. [md69]                                                            | 1886  | 34 | 11 |
| 93 | Home lots of early settlers of Providence along North Main Street by C.W. Hopkins. Photostat. [md153]                                      | 1886  | 34 | 11 |
| 94 | Home lots of early settlers of Providence along South Main Street. By C.W. Hopkins. Photostat. [md152]                                     | 1886  | 34 | 11 |
| 95 | Map of Providence by The Metropolis Map Co. [md109]                                                                                        | 1890  | 34 | 11 |
| 96 | Plat of river lines and street lines between Crawford St Bridge and Weybosset Bridge. Unmounted blueprint copied in 1914. [md76]           | 1897? | 34 | 11 |

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| 97  | Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island by Sampson, Murdock & Co. Unmounted. (original) (in Civic and Architectural Development of Providence) [md130] | 1899 | 34 | 11 |
| 98  | Map of the City of Providence, Rhode Island. By Sampson & Murdock Co. Photostat. [md86]                                                                    | 1899 | 34 | 11 |
| 99  | Map of the City of Providence. By Sampson & Murdock Co. [md107]                                                                                            | 1900 | 34 | 11 |
| 100 | Latest Map of Providence City Rhode Island. By Walker Lith & Pub. Co. Fold out map with cover in mylar. [md124]                                            | 1905 | 34 | 12 |
| 101 | Map of the City of Providence. By Sampson & Murdock Co. Photostat. [md95]                                                                                  | 1927 | 34 | 12 |
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| 103 | Map of the City of Providence Rhode Island by R. L. Polk & Co. [md113]                                                                                     | 1942 | 34 | 12 |
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| 105 | A Prospect of College Hill in the City of Providence. By The Providence Preservation Society. Unmounted illustration. [md92]                               | 1962 | 34 | 12 |
| 106 | South County in Rhode Island. Designed by Phillips D. booth, published by The Utter Company. [md41]                                                        | 1935 | 34 | 12 |
| 107 | South County in Rhode Island. Designed by Phillips D. booth, published by The Utter Company. [md65]                                                        | 1936 | 34 | 12 |
| 108 | Western Warwick RI Tercentenary, The Pawtuxet Valley of R.I. [md48]                                                                                        | 1936 | 34 | 12 |