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**Collection of Rhode Island architecture from the National Park Service,**  
**Historic American Buildings Survey records**  
**1934-1970**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 002-03-02

Title: Collection of Rhode Island architecture from the National Park Service, Historic American Buildings Survey records

Creator: National Parks Service, Historic American Buildings Survey

Dates: 1934-1970, bulk 1958-1962

Quantity: 3 boxes plus oversize folders (total 1.2 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Photographs were acquired from Library of Congress in 1962-1963; architectural drawings in 1966, and data sheets in 1975.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from creator.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material	None.
Published descriptions	Electronic finding aid available via the internet at the Library of Congress. <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/</a>
Location of originals	Original materials maintained by the Library of Congress and National Park Service.
Location of copies	Digital copies of materials available via <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/</a>
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**SEE ALSO**

Related materials regarding historic buildings in RI can be found at the Providence Preservation Society, Mary A. Gowdy Library of House Histories. <http://gowdey.ppsri.org/>

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Collection of Rhode Island architecture from the National Park Service Historic American Buildings Survey records contains copies of photographs and records that were created as part of the Library of Congress Historical American Buildings Survey. The Survey began in 1933 through cooperative agreements with the National Park Service, Library of Congress and the private sector. Charles E. Peterson of the National Park Service submitted the proposal in 1933 and HABS became a permanent National Park Service program in July 1934. The photographs in the HABS-RI Collection were taken by Laurence E. Tilley and G.H. Paine. Additionally, photographs taken by Mary A. Gowdy of the Providence Preservation Society are included with the Survey records.

Copies of records and photographs related to Rhode Island residential properties were acquired by the library as part of the Rhode Island Collection in the 1960s and 70s.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The Collection of Rhode Island architecture from the National Park Service Historic American Buildings Survey records contains data sheets, photographs, and architectural drawings related to historical buildings in Rhode Island with the majority located in Providence. The majority of records and images are copies of originals housed at the Library of Congress, however, additional photographic prints by Mary Gowdy of the Providence Preservation Society are included.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is organized into two main series. Series 1 includes HABS building data sheets and photographic prints and is arranged alphabetically by building name with property address and HABS number included. Series 2 includes HABS architectural drawings of residential structures and is arranged alphabetically by building name with property address. Notations indicate which files include Gowdey photographs as well as difference between the PPL records and those on the Library of Congress website.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### Series 1: Data Sheets and Photographs

\*indicates items with photograph(s) not listed on LOC website, nearly all additional photographs were taken by Mary A. Gowdy

\*\*indicates additional photograph(s) available on LOC website

^indicates no photograph(s), please reference LOC website

Name	Address	HABS #	Box	Folder
Adams (Seth) House*	26 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI	RI-168	1	1
Aldrich (Nelson W.) House	110 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI	RI-227	1	1
	Alt. Name: Robert S. Burroughs House or Dr. S. B. Tobey House			
Allen (Amos) House**	62 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-148	1	1
Allen (Candace Crawford) House*	12 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI	RI-169	1	2
Allendale Mill^	494 Woonasquatucket Avenue, Centerdale, RI	RI-302	1	3
Arcade	130 Westminster Street, Providence, RI	RI-206	1	3
Arnold Christopher) House	7 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-171	1	3

Ashton (William, Jr.) House**	368 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-26	1	3
Babcock (Joshua) House^	124 Granite Street, Westerly, RI	RI-142	1	3
Baker (Josiah) House	23 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-190	1	4
Ballou (Elder Abner) Meetinghouse^	Ballou Meetinghouse Road & Wrentham Road, Cumberland, RI	RI-14	1	4
Bannister (John) House^	One Mile Corner, Middletown, RI	RI-141	1	4
Barker (William C.) Business Building**	266-268 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-209	1	4
Barnes (Joanna) House*	49 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-144	1	4
Barney (Cromwell) House**	91 Williams Street, Providence, RI	RI-252	1	5
Beckwith (Truman) House**	42 College Street, Providence, RI	RI-21	1	5
Bell (Isaac) House**	70 Perry Street, Newport, RI	RI-308	1	5
	Alt. Name: Edna Villa			
Beneficent Congregational Church**	300 Weybosset Street, Providence, RI	RI-210	1	5
Benson (George) House	64 Angell Street, Providence, RI	RI-172	1	6
Binney (William) House	72 Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-224	1	7
Blanding (Shubael) House*	20 Cooke Street, Providence, RI	RI-211	1	7
Bowen (Isaac, Jr.) House*	312 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-161	1	7
Bowen (Jabez) House*	39 Bowen Street, Providence, RI	RI-173	1	8
Bowen (Tully) House	389 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-167	1	8
Brick Schoolhouse	24 Meeting Street, Providence, RI	RI-191	1	8
Brown (Governor Elisha) House^	537 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-9	1	8
Brown (James) Warehouse^	142-152 South Water Street, Providence, RI	RI-246	1	8

Brown (John) House <sup>^</sup>	52 Power Street, Providence, RI	RI-75	1	8
Brown (Joseph) House <sup>**</sup>	50 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-53	1	9
Brown (Riley) House <sup>*</sup>	2 Thayer Street, Providence, RI	RI-174	1	9
Brown (William) House <sup>*</sup>	23 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-225	1	9
Brown University Library <sup>*</sup>	Waterman and Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-185	1	9
Brown University Manning Hall <sup>**</sup>	East Side of Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-181	1	9
Bucklin-Eddy Building <sup>*</sup>	283-297 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-254	1	10
Bucklin (George) House <sup>*</sup>	10 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-175	1	10
Bullock (Richmond) House <sup>**</sup>	278-282 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-248	1	10
Burnside (General Ambrose) House <sup>* **</sup>	314 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-162	1	10
Burrough (James) House	160 Power Street, Providence, RI	RI-226	1	11
Burroughs (Robert S.) House <sup>*</sup>	6 Cooke Street, Providence, RI	RI-212	1	11
Carlile (Samuel) House <sup>* **</sup>	87 Williams Street, Providence, RI	RI-251	1	11
Carpenter (Zachariah) House <sup>**</sup>	20 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-176	1	11
Carrington (Edward) House <sup>**</sup>	66 Williams Street, Providence, RI	RI-19	1	12
Carter (John) House <sup>**</sup>	21 Meeting Street, Providence, RI	RI-1	1	12
	Alt. Name: Shakespeare's Head			
Chruch (William) House <sup>*</sup>	22 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-177	1	12
Church-Levi Pearce (John) House <sup>*</sup>	25-27 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-240	1	12

Clark and Nightingale Block^	247-259 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-253	1	13
Clemence (Thomas) House^	38 George Waterman Road, Johnston, RI	RI-6	1	13
Clinton Mill^	93 Clinton Street, Woonsocket, RI	RI-299	1	13
Comstock Block* **	265-277 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-228	1	13
Cooke (Benoni) House*	110 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-213	1	13
Corliss (George H.) House**	45 Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-229	1	13
Cushing (Benjamin) House**	38 1/2 North Court Street, Providence, RI	RI-193	1	13
DeWolf-Middleton House**	Poppasquash Road, Bristol, RI	RI-3-12	2	14
Dexter Asylum**	Hope Street and Lloyd Avenue, Providence, RI	RI-231	2	14
Dexter (Ebenezer Knight) House	300 Angell Street, Providence, RI	RI-178	2	14
Dexter (Edward) House^	72 Waterman Street, Providence, RI	RI-15	2	14
Dexter (Jeremiah) House^	957 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-5	2	14
Dike (Henry A.) House	101 Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-250	2	14
Dodge (Seril) House**	10 Thomas Street, Providence, RI	RI-3-7	2	14
	Alt. Name: Dodge-Brown House			
Dyer (Elisha) House	150 Power Street, Providence, RI	RI-196	2	15
	Alt. Name: John Holden Greene House			
Ellis (Cyrus) House	31 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-232	2	15
Fenner (Governor James) House^	41 Waterman Street, Providence, RI	RI-55	2	15
First Baptist Meetinghouse**	75 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-38	2	15
First Congregational Church**	301 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-159	2	15
Fort Adams^	Newport, RI	RI-347	2	16

Friends Meetinghouse^	Great Road, Lincoln, RI	RI-17	2	16
Gale (Levi) House**	89 Touro Street, Newport, RI	RI-328	2	16
Gardiner House	41 Main Street, Wickford, RI	RI-3-13	2	16
	Alt. Name: Immanuel Case House			
Goddard (Francis) House	71 George Street, Providence, RI	RI-194	2	16
Goddard (William) House	38 Brown Street, Providence, RI	RI-195	2	17
Gorham (Jabez) House*	56 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-146	2	17
Greene (John) House^	Spring Green Road, Warwick, RI	RI-54	2	17
Greene (Job) House^	West Shore Road, Warwick, RI	RI-20	2	17
Greenman (William) House	24 Thayer Street, Providence, RI	RI-179	2	17
Guild (Samuel) House*	53 Transit Street, Providence, RI	RI-258	2	17
Hale (Joseph) House* **	106 George Street, Providence, RI	RI-197	2	18
Hall (Abner) House	116 Hope Street, Providence, RI	RI-198	2	18
Halsey (Thomas) House	140 Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-233	2	18
Hammond (Benjamin) Grist Mill^	Hammond Hill Road, North Kingston, RI	RI-2	2	18
Harding (William) House	278-282 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-234	2	18
Harris (Stephen) House	135 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-151	2	19
Holroyd (William) House	106 Angell Street, Providence, RI	RI-180	2	19
Hopkins Mill^	State Route 3 and Nooseneck River, West Greenwich, RI	RI-303	2	19
Hopkins (Stephen) House* **	12 Hopkins Street, Providence, RI	RI-155	2	19
Hoppin (Thomas F.) House	383 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-166	2	20

Holden (Thomas R.) House	118 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-150	2	20
Ives (Moses B.) House	10 Brown Street, Providence, RI	RI-199	2	20
Ives (Thomas P.) Block* **	270-276 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-158	2	20
Ives (Thomas P.) Stable and Coach House	66 Power Street, Providence, RI	RI-236	2	20
Ives (Thomas P.) House**	66 Power Street, Providence, RI	RI-235	2	21
Jastram (Mawney) House*	61 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-147	2	21
Jenckes (John) House**	43 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-12	2	21
	Alt. Name: Joseph Jenckes House			
Jenckes (Thomas A.) House*	2 Angell Street, Providence, RI	RI-214	2	21
Kilton-Wilkinson House*	201 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-230	2	22
Kimball (James M.) House*	108 Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-237	2	22
King (Dr. William J.) House	48 College Street, Providence, RI	RI-200	2	22
Larchar (John) House* **	282 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-32	2	22
Lippitt (Governor Henry) House**	199 Hope Street, Providence, RI	RI-239	2	23/24
Lippitt Mill^	825 Main Street, West Warwick, RI	RI-338	2	25
Lippitt-Green House**	14 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-223	2	25
	Alt. Name Theodore Francis Green House			
Market House^	Market Square, Providence, RI	RI-74	3	25
Mason (Nathan) House*	33 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-182	3	25
Mason (Nathan) House* **	34 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-215	3	25



Metcalfe (Stephen) House*	132 Bowen Street, Providence, RI	RI-216	3	25
Moses Brown School	257 Hope Street, Providence, RI	RI-255	3	26
	Alt. Name: Friends School		3	
Nichols-Wanton-Hunter-House^	54 Washington Street, Newport, RI	RI-7	3	26
	Alt. Name: Wanton-Hunter House			
Nightingale (Colonel Joseph) House**	Hammond Hill Road, North Kingston, RI	RI-164	3	26
Owen (George and Smith) Building*	9 Steeple Street, Providence, RI	RI-256	3	26
Pearce (Earle D.) House	225-227 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-154	3	26
Pearce (Edward) House	2 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI	RI-201	3	27
Pearce (Nathaniel) House	305 Brook Street, Providence, RI	RI-184	3	27
Pearson (Luther) House*	6 Thayer Street, Providence, RI	RI-183	3	27
Pioneer Fire Company Building*	296-302 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-247	3	27
Pope (West) House*	97 Williams Street, Providence, RI	RI-249	3	27
Porter (Mary T.) House^	25 Greenough Place, Newport, RI	RI-341	3	28
Potter (Charles) House	154 Waterman Street, Providence, RI	RI-217	3	28
Potter (Russel) House	26 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-241	3	28
Powel (James C.) House^	28 Greenough Place, Newport, RI	RI-320	3	28
Providence Athenaeum	251 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-156	3	29
Providence Marine Corps Arsenal	176 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-152	3	29
Purkis (Robert) House	37 Charles Field Street, Providence, RI	RI-202	3	29
Redwood Library^	50 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI	RI-100	3	29

Reynolds (Benjamin and John) House	86 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-149	3	29
Reynolds-Lawrence House	Forge Road, North Kingston, RI	RI-3-8	3	30
Rhode Island State House	155 North Main Street, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-18	3	30
Rhodes (James T.) House*	367 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-165	3	30
Richards-Blatchford House^	37 Catherine Street, Newport, RI	RI-316	3	30
Richmond (Samuel) House	36 Bowen Street, Providence, RI	RI-203	3	30
Roffee (Caleb) House* **	92 Williams Street, Providence, RI	RI-257	3	31
Russell (Joseph) House	118 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-242	3	31
St. John's Church	271 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-204	3	31
	Alt. Name Cathedral of St. John			
St. Stephen's Church	114 George Street, Providence, RI	RI-189	3	31
Seamans (Nathan) House*	15 Arnold Street, Providence, RI	RI-186	3	31
Searle (Edward) House^	109 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, RI	RI-11	3	32
Sheldon House*	336 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-163	3	32
Sheldon (Christopher) House**	369-371 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-218	3	32
Sheldon (Remington) House	379-381 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-219	3	32
Smith (C. Morris) House*	112 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI	RI-187	3	32
Smith (Franklin) House*	9 Hidden Street, Providence, RI	RI-220	3	32
Smith (Martha) House* **	35 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-143	3	33
Snow (Peter W.) House*	104 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI	RI-188	3	33

Spencer (Micah) House^	87 Thames Street, Providence, RI	RI-3	3	33
Staples (Samuel) House*	52 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-145	3	33
Swinburne (Daniel) House^	6 Greenough Place, Newport, RI	RI-312	3	33
Taft (Robert W.) House	154 Hope Street, Providence, RI	RI-205	3	34
Taylor (Deacon Edward) House	9 Thomas Street, Providence, RI	RI-243	3	34
Tillinghast (Captain Joseph) House**	403 Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-4	3	34
Tilton (Samuel) House**	12 Sunnyside Place, Newport, RI	RI-309	3	34
Townsend (Solomon) House	35 Charles Field Street, Providence, RI	RI-221	3	34
Tripp (John) House^	957 1/2 Manton Avenue, Providence, RI	RI-23	3	35
Underwood (Edward S.) House*	28 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-244	3	35
Vaucluse^	Wapping Road, Portsmouth, RI	RI-16	3	35
	Alt. Name: Gervais Elam House			
Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House^	17 Broadway, Newport, RI	RI-13	3	35
Ward (Eliza) House* **	2 George Street, Providence, RI	RI-207	3	36/37
Warner (Samuel) House^	362 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-10	3	38
Waterman (Richard) House^	219 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-153	3	38
Watson (William) House^	69 College Street, Providence, RI	RI-24	3	38
	Alt. Name: William Wilkinson House			
Wells (Elisha) House*	30 John Street, Providence, RI	RI-245	3	38
Whipple (John) House	54 College Street, Providence, RI	RI-208	3	38
Whitehorne (Samuel) House^	414 Thames Street, Providence, RI	RI-323	3	39

Whitman (Valentine, Jr.) House <sup>^</sup>	Great Road, Lime Rock, RI	RI-8	3	39
Woods (Marshall) House	62 Prospect Street, Providence, RI	RI-222	3	39
Woodward (William) House**	22 James Street, Providence, RI	RI-27	3	39
Woonsocket Company's No. 1 Mill**	110 Front Street, Woonsocket, RI	RI-300	3	39
Woonsocket Company's No. 2 Mill**	115 Front Street, Woonsocket, RI	RI-301	3	39

## Series 2: Architectural Drawings

Located in Map Drawer #5

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>HABS #</i>	<i>Folder</i>
Ballou (Edler Abner) Meetinghouse	Ballou Meetinghouse Road & Wrentham Road, Cumberland, RI	RI-14	1
Brown (Governor Elisha) House	537 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-9	2
Carter (John) House	21 Meeting Street, Providence, RI	RI-1	3
	Alt. Name: Shakespeare's Head		
DeWolf-Middleton House	Poppasquash Road, Bristol, RI	RI-3-12	4
Dexter (Jeremiah) House	957 North Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-5	5
Dodge (Seril) House	10 Thomas Street, Providence, RI	RI-3-7	6
	Alt. Name: Dodge-Brown House		
Friends Meetinghouse	Great Road, Lincoln, RI	RI-17	7
Gardiner House	41 Main Street, Wickford, RI	RI-3-13	8
Hammond (Benjamin) Grist Mill	Hammond Hill Road, North Kingston, RI	RI-2	9
Jenckes (John) House	43 Benefit Street, Providence, RI	RI-12	10
	Alt. Name: Joseph Jenckes House		
Nichols-Wanton-Hunter-House	54 Washington Street, Newport, RI	RI-7	11
	Alt. Name: Wanton-Hunter House		
Reynolds-Lawrence House	Forge Road, North Kingston, RI	RI-3-8	12

Searle (Edward) House	109 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, RI	RI-11	13
Spencer (Micah) House	87 Thames Street, Providence, RI	RI-3	14
Tillinghast (Captain Joseph) House	403 Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-4	15
Warner (Samuel) House	362 South Main Street, Providence, RI	RI-10	16
Whitman (Valentine, Jr.) House	Great Road, Lime Rock, RI	RI-8	17