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**Rhode Island Development Council Type Block Collection**  
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**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 039-04

Title: Rhode Island Development Council Type Block Collection

Creator: Rhode Island Development Council

Dates: 1930s-1950s

Quantity: 10 boxes (total 9.4 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Unknown.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Blocks were found in storage closet of the Providence Public Library in 2015 in boxes labeled "Rhode Island Development Council". No gift records have been located.

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Language: Not applicable.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material	None.
Published descriptions	None.
Location of originals	Not applicable.
Location of copies	Prints of the blocks were made in 2015-2016 as AS220 Industries by Kate Wells.
Publication note	Not applicable.
Subject headings	Architecture—Rhode Island. Recreation—Rhode Island. Recreation areas—Rhode Island. Tourism—Rhode Island. Printing blocks. AAT. Relief prints. AAT.

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015-04-01 Providence Public Library Type Block Collection.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Rhode Island Development Council was created in 1951 as a successor to the Rhode Island Port and Industrial Development Commission. The Council promoted economic development and resources of the State of Rhode Island. The Council was abolished in 1974 with the development of the Department of Economic Development.

While the blocks themselves are not labeled as Rhode Island Development Council, images on many of the blocks can be found printed in various tourism and pamphlets published by the Council. It is, therefore, assumed that the blocks were all created by the Council during the course of their work. The photographer(s) or the individuals pictured in the images are not identified.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

The printing blocks represent images of Rhode Island, circa 1930s-1950s. The images are primarily of leisure and recreation activities.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

The blocks are organized according to the numbers found on their original paper packaging. Relief prints made from the blocks are arranged to correspond with the organization of the blocks.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

<b>Item ID</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size (centimeters)</b>	<b>Box</b>
70	Two images of winter activities: on left is a view of skaters on a frozen pond playing hockey, on right is a woman posted holding skis.	23x13	1
73	Image of boys' summer camp looking towards shore from water. View includes boys in rowboat, beach, tents and flagpole.	16x10	1
75	Two images of summer activities: on left is woman in dress holding a hat sitting on a stone wall under a blossom tree, on right are two men haying in a field with a horse cart.	24x15	1
76	View of Hannah Robinson Tower with drive and flowers beds in South Kingstown, RI.	16x11	1
78	Includes three images of a clam bake: top left - laying out the firepit, top right - steaming the clams, bottom - crowds eating at picnic tables.	12x12	1
79	Includes three agricultural images: left - windmill, top right - Old Homestead in Coventry, bottom right - field with cows.	24x17	1
82	Boys fishing at Horseshoe Falls in Shannock, North Kingstown, RI.	24x16	1
84	Two images: left - young man fishing with wooden pole and playing harmonica, right - man ice fishing on frozen pond. Location unidentified.	24x16	1
95	Boy Scouts walking through gate of Camp Yawgoog.	14x12	1
99	Three young women with dog at camp site.	13x11	1
103	Woman in overalls with straw hat holding pitchfork and standing next to corn.	12x15	2
115A	Woman in riding gear posed with horse, paddock and stable in background.	7x11	2
116	Four men standing on boat with swordfish with harbor in background.	12x11	2
124	Aerial view of airfield. Planes on display in field. Cars surrounding field.	11x9	2
125	Unidentified street view of residential homes.	10x6	2
126	View of Newport Harbor Lighthouse with houses on shore in background.	12x7	2
128	Aerial view of unidentified residential property.	11x7	2
129	Panoramic view of Providence looking towards the south.	22x6	2
130	Fisherman spear fishing off the bow of the "Alice May".	11x14	2
134	Aerial view of airport runways.	12x9	2
136	Two men fishing in the ocean from a rocky coastline.	20x13	2
146	Aerial view of University of Rhode Island campus.	19x11	2

147	View of road and bridge along lake.	12x6	2
150	Two images of boats in harbor. Left image includes view of docks and buildings. Right image shows fishing boat at dock.	24x6	2
153	Collection of images of Roger William Park including the boat house, people canoeing on pond, Roger Williams monument and sheep grazing.	10x12	2
154	Aerial view of unidentified property.	12x7	2
157	Three images of men posed with fish.	12x7	2
159	View of Old Harbor, Block Island.	11x6	2
162	View across water to ferry and sailboat.	12x7	2
164A	Group of small craft sailboats in full sail.	17x12	2
165	Three yachts in full sail.	24x16	2
166	Yacht tacking with two sailboats in background. (not mounted to wood; no print)	8x12	2
169	Sailboat in full sail with two people on board.	8x13	2
170	Man and woman playing golf at the West Shore Golf Club. Club buildings in background.	12x7	2
175	Man and woman playing golf with buildings, cars, trees and other people in background.	12x7	2
177	Group of two men and one woman playing golf.	11x7	2
180	Group of three men and one man playing golf.	12x7	3
181	Group of six people walking across a golf course.	12x7	3
184	Tennis match with spectators on bleachers in background at the Newport Casino.	12x7	3
186	Tennis match with spectators sitting under umbrellas at Newport Casino.	20x11	3
191B	Two images of the beach. On the left, two women in bathing suits stand on the bow of a boat, on the right, a lifeguard leans on a rowboat while watching swimmers.	24x15	3
193	View of beach with group of people sitting under beach umbrella in foreground and view to swimmers in the water.	12x10	3
194	View of Easton's Beach in Newport in summer with groups of sunbathers.	12x7	3
198	View of beach in summer with groups of sunbathers and swimmers. Buildings and houses along the shores.	11x7	3
210	Collage of five images including docks on a river, sailboats in harbor, men standing on rocks getting hit by wave, windmill and polo players mounted on horseback.	18x10	3
222	Crowds of sunbathers at beach during summer day.	13x9	3

223	Group of hunters and dogs standing around tree looking up at trapped raccoon.	17x13	3
224	Three men standing on rocks getting hit by spray of wave. Image also used in collage in #210.	13x9	3
225	Man hitting a golf ball out of a sand trap on golf course.	13x9	3
235	Picnic site with stone fireplace on shore of lake (possibly Lincoln Woods).	10x5	3
239	Two images of equestrians. On left, group of equestrians with horses, on right, harness horse race.	10x5	3
240	Three yachts in full sail.	9x8	3
256A	View of single lane highway with car.	18x6	3
257A	Group of children at play in front of tents.	11x6	3
263	Aerial of Scarborough Beach with beach pavilion and parking lots.	20x12	3
264	Aerial of beach with sunbathers and swimmers along shore and cars parked along grass.	12x12	3
265	Aerial of beach with sunbathers and swimmers along shore, parked cars and residences and buildings.	21x14	3
266	Sunbathers sitting under umbrellas at beach.	19x11	3
269	Aerial view of beach with pavilion and parking.	17x12	4
270	Aerial view of beach with sunbathers, pavilion and parking.	13x10	4
274	Aerial view of causeway with beach, pavilion and buildings.	17x12	4
284	Aerial view of woman playing golf with spectators.	16x9	4
285	Street view of single lane highway with bus.	20x9	4
287	Group of female swimmers standing on dock ready to dive.	10x9	4
293	Sailboat with crew members in Bay.	18x17	4
294	Aerial view of beach with sunbathers, swimmers and parking.	13x9	4
296	Girls in row boats and sailboats in ocean. Group of girls on dock.	12x8	4
300	Fishing boats at dock in harbor with buildings in background.	20x10	4
304	Horse race with spectators in stands.	10x8	4
306	View of train engine with Industrial Trust building in background.	9x8	4
312	Airplane on runway with tower in background. Men and cars on runway.	13x10	4
315	Group of sailboats on water. (plate not mounted, no print)	14x10	4
316	Boy and girl perched on wheelbarrow eating grapes. (plate not mounted, no print)	12x12	4
317	Men in boat at the outlet of the Pawtuxet River at the Pawtuxet Village bridge. (plate not mounted, no print)	12x10	4
318	Street view of residential neighborhood. (plate not mounted, no print)	12x10	4
319	Farmer plowing field with team of oxen. (plate not mounted, no print)	12x9	4
320	Wooden windmill in field (plate not mounted; no print).	12x9	4

321	Fishing boats at dock in harbor. (plate not mounted, no print)	11x8	4
322	Dog show with handlers and dogs on display and spectators in background under tents. (plate not mounted, no print)	11x10	4
323	Group of girls pulling row boat into the water from the shore. (plate not mounted, no print)	14x5	4
328	Two canoes with paddlers on river.	10x8	4
334	Group of small craft sailboats in full sail.	20x12	4
336	Woman in bikini standing on lifeguard platform.	7x9	4
338	Male lifeguard with surfboard wearing Scarborough Beach Patrol swimsuit.	10x15	4
341	Two men fly fishing with dog and basket on shore.	12x9	4
342	Spectators and man with stop watch watching a sailboat race.	20x10	4
344	Groups of sunbathers crowd the beach.	10x7	4
348	Group of equestrians riding on edge of pond.	13x11	5
351	Aerial view of beach with pavilion and sunbathers.	16x9	5
354	Group of women in bathing suits doing archery.	10x7	5
401	Group of girls sitting on cabin steps looking at a horseshoe crab.	10x12	5
406	View of residences along shore line.	20x13	5
407	Three masted schooner at dock.	20x13	5
409	Group of four men playing golf.	18x11	5
413	Man fly fishing in river.	17x14	5
414	Man fishing in ocean.	20x14	5
418	Group of young women picking daisies in a field.	20x14	5
419	Dog show with handlers and dogs on display and spectators in background.	20x10	5
423	View of the deck of a schooner showing mast, rigging and ship's wheel.	20x12	5
424	Group of young people riding bicycles down a dirt road.	10x12	5
427	View of Slater Mill across the Seekonk River.	20x11	5
429	Two women leaning over side of ferry looking out towards a harbor. One women is viewing the scene through binoculars.	20x12	6
430	Motorboat headed towards breakwater.	9x10	6
434	Two sailboats with three women on each off the coast of Block Island.	20x18	6
436	Fishing boats and other vessels at dock in harbor. Sign on building says "Deep Sea Fishing". The boat "Resolute" is prominent.	20x26	6
442	Fishing boats at dock in harbor with buildings in background. The boat "Alice Nellie" is prominent.	16x11	6
456	Man fishing in the ocean with rocks in background.	16x8	6
457	Woman eating steamed clams.	10x12	6

458	Woman in bikini waving.	7x8	6
459	Two women look over the edge of the Purgatory Chasm in Newport.	16x19	6
460	View of the Hannah Robinson Tower in South Kingstown, RI.	15x18	6
464	Fishing boat coming into harbor.	17x10	6
465	Group of women on sail boat. Woman in bikini lowering the sails.	15x11	6
473	Two sailboats on the bay.	11x12	6
480	View across Mount Hope Bay with Mount Hope Bridge in background.	16x8	6
482	Illustrated map of Rhode Island.	19x24	7
486	Two masted sailboat with crew on Bay. Lighthouse in background.	18x12	6
487	Group of sailboats on Bay.	18x10	7
488	View of a crowded beach during summer.	16x8	7
489	Group of men and women in bathing suits and posed with water skis at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club.	18x13	7
503	Entrance to the George Washington State Campground.	18x12	7
507	Group of men and women water skiing on Bay with sailboat in background.	17x14	7
511	Girl in raincoat and hat holding up two fish.	10x13	7
516	Two sailboats pulling up to dock of unidentified yacht club.	17x10	7
518	Motorboat and sailboat at unidentified dock with view of the Bay behind.	17x11	7
600	Young girls going down slide.	13x9	7
601	Man and woman in bathing suits on the beach standing with surfboard. Man in Scarborough Beach patron lifeguard suit.	10x8	7
603	Two girls on bicycles.	10x12	7
604	"Cambridge" ferry in Bay.	13x10	7
605	Aerial view of river.	13x10	7
606	Two boys fishing off rocks in the ocean.	11x8	7
607	Driver in vintage car with group of spectators.	11x8	7
608	Group of men standing in front of helicopter.	11x8	7
609	View of horse track with horses during race. Spectators in background.	10x8	7
610	View of horse track with horses during race. Spectators in background.	11x4	7
611	Three images: on left - church; middle - court house; right - Industrial Trust	22x9	7
612	Illustrated map of Rhode Island.	20x25	8
613	View of Slater Mill across the Seekonk River. Text reads "By the Fall to the waters..."	20x25	8
614	Aerial view of harbor with buildings and parking lots.	20x13	8

615	Two images: left - sailboat; right - Roger Williams Monument in Prospect Park.	20x13	8
616	Group of women waiting their turn to go down a slide.	19x14	8
617	Image unidentifiable.	21x11	8
618	Fishing boat with buoy and buildings in background.	16x7	8
619	Group of teenagers on bicycles in front of a building.	17x11	9
620	Group of people at picnic table at camp site. Stone fireplace in foreground with car in background.	17x11	9
621	Cover illustration for "Southern Gateway to New England".	17x13	9
622	Illustration of "Old Opera House"	15x15	9
623	View of Slater Mill from the Seekonk River.	16x14	9
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