

Some Websites for Portsmouth Genealogical Research

www.portsmouthhistorical.com Portsmouth Historical Society website. Find information about events; our historical buildings; our collections; then and now images; colonial era document transcriptions; town histories and a timeline; driving tour; trail guide to Glen Farm; and more. Museum open Sundays, 2:00–4:00, Memorial Day through Columbus Day.

www.portsmouthri.com The Town of Portsmouth's official website. Find office hours for Town Clerk.

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb Choose "Newport County." Lots of material relating to the county & towns.

www.portsmouthlibrary.org website of the Portsmouth Free Public Library Clicking "Catalog" takes you to www.oslri.net, the Ocean State Library system site. Search "Subject"; then enter a search term, such as "Portsmouth history" or "Portsmouth genealogy"; then in the window, select "Portsmouth library" to see the holdings in that specific library. If you visit the library in person the reference librarian can help you with local history information. The RI Genealogical Society maintains a collection in the reference section for library use only. The library provides computer access to Heritage Quest, the Library Edition of Ancestry.com, and the RI Historic Cemetery Database. *Sakonnet Times* and *Newport Daily News* newspapers available. **Note:** The library is closed Sundays in July and August; open Saturdays, 9:00–1:00. Visit the website for other hours.

www.rihs.org Rhode Island Historical Society's website

www.newporthistory.org website of Newport Historical Society Call to make an appointment to visit the excellent library and knowledgeable librarian.

www.rigensoc.org home of the RI Genealogical Society. Past issues of its journal "Roots" are available online at NEHGS (See next entry.)

www.americanancestors.org (subscription website; some free databases) New England Historic Genealogical Society's (NEHGS) website NEHGS is the premier organization for New England family history information.

www.ancestry.com (subscription website; some free databases & family trees) This giant in the field of online genealogical databases requires a personal subscription or access through a library to the Library Edition. From the Home page, click the "Search" tab, then scroll down to "Card Catalog"; scroll down the left sidebar and select "USA"; then click on "Rhode Island". This results in a complete list of databases on ancestry.com that relate to Rhode Island. Use other filters to choose a county or a time period or a subject category.

www.familysearch.org a free massive website maintained by the Church-of-Latter-Day-Saints with millions of world-wide records and helpful information Registering, for free, allows you to view images and print and download information and copies of BMD certificates. Click "Search"; click USA on map; under "State" choose "Rhode Island. A list of RI databases will come up, including RI state censuses, naturalizations, BMD. Go to the Wiki for reams of information and tutorials. Available are microfilms of records from all over the world to rent, which then can be viewed at your nearest Family History Center. Find the center nearest you by entering your zip code. Then go to the Library Catalog and select "Microfilms", then enter a place, which brings up a list relating to that place. Order and pay for the films online and designate the Family History Center where you wish to view them. You will be notified when the films are available. Film rental costs are about \$7 as of September 2014.

www.HMdb.org Historical Markers website. In the right sidebar click on "Rhode Island" and scroll down to Portsmouth to see a listing of historical markers in our town with brief descriptions and driving directions.